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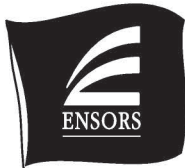
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This month's cover shows a picture of St Mary's Church in springtime, taken by Alan Powell.

Take a look this month and enjoy the lovely daffodils.

In this month's edition, look out for the Suffolk Orchid Society's show which takes place in St Michaels Church centre each year.

There will also be a talk by Andy Peachy on the 11 March where you can discover all about the recent archaeological finds on the electricity cable route. It was recently featured in an episode of Digging Britain on BBC4.

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1ST MARTLESHAM SCOUTS

For all enquiries regarding joining the groups please contact Timandra Howell martleshamscouts.thowell@yahoo.com.

Becoming a helper or hiring of the Scout HQ please contact Rachel Pennick 01473 610437

GIRLGUIDING MARTLESHAM

Currently we have

1 Rainbow Unit (ages 5-7), 4 Brownie Packs (ages 7-10), 2 Guide Companies (ages 10-14) & 1 Ranger Unit (ages 14-18) meeting around the Parish.

If you are interested in joining as a member or helping as a volunteer, please contact chris.s.cooper@btinternet.com (Martlesham) or www.girlguiding.org.uk/interested (HQ).

Come join the fun & start your Guiding adventure today!

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Redwold Close: 1.55–2.10pm

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Douglas Bader: 3.00–4.30pm

19 March, 16 April,

Thursdays:

Douglas Bader: 10.15–11.45am 7 March, 4 April,

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MARTLESHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Saturday 06 April 2019 – Annual Parish Spring Clean – Litter Pick

A bit earlier in the year than usual!

Please meet at 10am in the Parish Room, Felixstowe Road. We normally clear litter until 12noon but feel free to join in for as long or as little as you can.

Please wear appropriate footwear and clothing.

Refreshments and equipment provided.

All ages welcome.

MAKE A CHANGE, BECOME A LOCAL COUNCILLOR

Martlesham Parish Council is calling on residents passionate about their community to stand in the local elections in May 2019.

What do councillors do?

Councillors are the champions of their community and give residents a voice on the decisions the council makes. Becoming a councillor will allow you to make a real difference in Martlesham. Your Parish Council looks after such things as public open spaces, like the Common and the Recreation Ground, play equipment and street furniture including notice boards for the use of community groups. We work with other groups to carry out projects to enhance the area, such as litter picks and the Village Fete. We also provide support for local organisations through financial contributions and assisting with land maintenance, such as maintaining The Green. Furthermore, we represent the Parish on planning matters (although final decisions are made by Suffolk Coastal District Council) and by responding to public consultations. This involves meetings with planners, developers and key commercial landowners and responding to planning applications plus associated appeals, referrals and inquiries.

How much time must I commit?

The National Association of Local Councils (NALC) Local Councillor Census Survey found that councillors put aside, on average, three hours a week for council work. This often includes attending meetings, engaging with residents and speaking on behalf of the council to other bodies.

Can I stand?

There are only a few rules to stand for election. You must be:

- A British citizen, or a citizen of the Commonwealth, or the European Union
 - 18 years of age or older
- Be an elector; or in the past 12 months occupied land or other premises in the area the local council serves (as owner or tenant); or work in the area the local council serves (as your principal or only place of work); or live within three miles of the local council boundary

How can I get involved?

Contact the Clerk as below to find out more or visit www.nalc.gov.uk/elections.

Nomination papers will be available from March and each candidate is responsible for submitting their papers to the Suffolk Coastal Returning Officer by 03 April 2019. Full details on the elections are available at <https://www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk/>.

Please note that the new East Suffolk Authority is also holding elections for district councillors on the same day as parish council elections.

Annual Parish Meeting/Parish Council Grants

The Annual Parish Meeting will take place this year on 24 April 2019, at 7.30pm in the Parish Room. Come along to find out what is happening locally; put the date in your diary now! There will be more news about this next month.

The Council will present its grants for 2019/20 which have been awarded to the

Citizens Advice Felixstowe & District, Greenways Countryside Project, Martlesham Conservation Group, Martlesham in Bloom, The Saplings and Suffolk Accident Rescue Service (SARS). The Council is supporting Citizens Advice because it regrets that Suffolk County Council is withdrawing its funding from local offices in the County by 50% from April 2019 and completely from April 2020. The Felixstowe & District office serves Martlesham.

Sizewell C Have Your Say

EDF Energy's third stage public consultation for a new nuclear power station on the Suffolk coast is open until 29 March 2019. Full details of the proposals and how to respond can be found at www.sizewellc.co.uk.

Suffolk Coastal Final Draft Local Plan

By the time you read this, the deadline for this consultation will have passed and the Parish Council will have agreed its response. Please refer to our website <http://martlesham.onesuffolk.net> for information.

Important Information: Suffolk School Travel Changes from September 2019

Suffolk County Council is implementing changes to its School Travel Policy taking effect from September 2019.

Full details about SCC funded school travel, including additional arrangements for low income families and those with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND), can be found at www.suffolkonboard.com/schooltravel.

Please remember:

All parents with children eligible for funded travel need to opt in between 1 March and 31 May 2019 to receive or continue to receive transport.

Forthcoming meetings:

Parish Council – Wednesday 06 March 2019
Recreation & Amenities Committee –
Wednesday 13 March 2019

Parish Council – Wednesday 03 April 2019

All meetings start at 7.30pm in the Parish Room, Felixstowe Road, and are open to the public, who are welcome to ask questions or make comments to the council during a public forum.

Contacting the Council

Clerk to Martlesham Parish Council, Parish Room, Felixstowe Road, Martlesham, Woodbridge IP12 4PB

Telephone: 01473 612632

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CHRIS BLUNDELL'S DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORT FOR MARCH 2019

The End of an Era.

At the end of March 2019 Suffolk Coastal and Waveney District Councils will cease to exist. Starting on the 1st April 2019 East Suffolk District Council will come into existence and I will if elected have to cover a much wider area of electors that will include all of Martlesham, Brightwell, Foxhall and Purdis Farm.

As it develops, the major part of Brightwell Lakes will also be part of the Martlesham with Purdis Farm Ward. I have been asked and selected to continue as your Conservative District Councillor for the new ward. Elections will take place on the 2nd May 2019 and the results of the election will be announced on 3rd May 2019. Whether you have a Postal, Proxy or vote in person at the ballot box, I would like to believe that all our electors will exercise their right to vote in this precious democratic process.

The new East Suffolk District Council will begin its formal duties on the 1st April 2019. However most of that month will see the existing councillors in Purdah as canvassing and leaflet delivery takes place for the potential new ward members.

Meetings of the Planning Committee, of which I am member, will continue to take place during the period of Purdah and officers of the Council will continue to be available to answer questions as also will I.

It has been an honour and a privilege to have served Martlesham for the last twelve years where I have met and made so many new and sincere friends. It would give me great pleasure to be able to continue in that role.

If you would like to discuss these or any other matters with me I can be contacted on 01473 622716 or by email at www.chris.blundell@eastsuffolk.gov.uk

Chris Blundell. SCDC District Councillor (Martlesham Ward)

Martlesham Village Fete

Save the date – Saturday 20th July 2019

Work has started on organising this year's fete, which we hope will be blessed with the same fine weather and success we had last year

We plan to have a range of entertainment for all, with stalls representing the local organisations which make Martlesham such a great place to live. In addition, we will have a multi-sport competition for young people to demonstrate their skills.

By the time you read this we plan to have approached everyone who took part last year and some new groups as well, but if we have missed you out and wish to take part please email as below.

We are always looking for volunteers to join our working group to plan the day and for people to help out on the day itself.

Please consider joining us, and send your details to the email address

Contact email: mvfete@gmail.com

Planning Applications DC/17/3143/FUL & DC/18/1134/FUL

- 11 Birch Grove

The Planning Appeals for the above, infill planning applications in Birch Grove, were dismissed by the Planning Inspector on 10th January 2019.

This is good news for those of us who are interested in and concerned about the future of Martlesham Heath.

A big thank you to the Parish Council, John Kelso, Chris Blundell and Stephen Denton who gave up their time over these matters, as well as all those who lodged objections for the general good of Martlesham Heath.

MARTLESHAM CONSERVATION GROUP

March is a month of transition in which migrating birds that arrived for the winter may depart and summer migrants such as the Chiff Chaff may begin to occupy our local woodlands and heath, particularly in the second half of the month or later especially if there is a cold spell.

The Chiff Chaff is a small bird that has a cheerful repetitive song usually sung from fairly high up on a tree. Even this bird can over-winter in these days, with generally milder weather. This past winter has been milder than the previous one may be as a consequence we have not had so much variety and quantity of over wintering birds, for example I have only seen a few Redwings on the heath this year. Looking forward into April, other migrants with more varied song such as the Nightingale and Whitethroat should arrive. The Willow Warblers and Turtle Dove were absent last spring and summer. May be their long term significant decline has reached here. Please listen out for these birds on our heaths and woodlands this year, and enjoy the rich soundscape of their birdsong.

More wildflowers should emerge to colour our heath and woodland during March. Lesser Celandines will turn their bright yellow petals to the sun like miniature suns themselves, carpeting the grassy ground in some places. The gorse sporadically flowers through all times of the year but in spring should surge into a profusion of yellow flowers perhaps reaching its peak of brightness in April, providing an attractive source of nectar to early insects. Reptiles may also emerge to bask in brightly lit spots building up their bodily energy through the sun's radiation.

On the heath work has been done to retain open areas, which hopefully will be colonised by heather. We also hope to keep a greater proportion of bare ground, which should be to the benefit of reptiles, butterflies and birds. The bare ground provides hotspots for reptiles and butterflies, and a bank of seeds on the surface to the advantage of some species of bird.

Following on from last month when we had the Megabash on Saturday 16th February with the Greenways project team, our regular work party will be on Sunday 3rd March when we will clear up the site around the bonfire. Please join us at the bonfire site at the northern end of the heath SSSI at 10 am.

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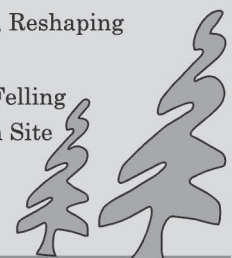


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Hedgehogs enjoy weekly woodland activities in our own special forest. They explore the woodland with their senses and join in with a wide variety of activities. These include making treasure strings, story strips, swinging in the hammock, spinning on the rope swing, climbing trees, looking for wildlife with magnifying glasses, weaving and lashing sticks together, making bird feeders and making their own binoculars, to mention just a few!

We warmly welcome families from our community to come and visit and we have the following two open events in April:

Thursday 25th April from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Tuesday 30th April from 1.30 p.m. to 2.30 p.m.



Please do not hesitate to get in touch with the School Office to arrange a visit.

Mrs. T. Haig
Nursery Lead Teacher

Hedgehog Nursery is open Monday-Friday, 07.30-18.00 for 3 and 4 year olds. If you would like more information please visit www.gorseland.net or contact the School Office on 01473 623790.

KESGRAVE LIBRARY NEWS

Sunday Crafts (10 – 12 noon) – The following craft activities will be taking place during March:

Sunday 3rd – Zoom! Zoom! Zoom! We're going to the moon! Pop along and create a rocket bookmark, so you never lose your page again;

Sunday 10th – It's 30 years since We're Going on a Bear Hunt by Michael Rosen and Helen Oxenbury was published. Make a teddy bear decoration to celebrate the anniversary of this amazing book!

Sunday 17th – It's St Patrick's Day today. Create a Leprechaun to celebrate;

Sunday 24th – Next Sunday is Mother's Day. Design a card to give to someone special;

Sunday 31st – It's nearly April. Make an April showers picture. What colour will your umbrella be?

Activities are free. Parents must stay with under eights. There's no need to book – just turn up and have a go.

Free BookStart Sessions – every Thursday including Holidays.

Tot Rock - 9.45am – 10.15 am.

BabyBounce - 10.30am – 11.00am - Tea & Coffee

Free Story Time Sessions – every Friday 9.45 – 10.15a.m. This session combines stories and rhymes. All welcome. Why not pop along?

Other Library Events for March 2019

Every Tuesday afternoon (Term Time) 3.45 – 4.45 p.m. Lego Club. Parents must stay with under 8s. The themes this month are 05/03 – Pets, 12/03 – Birds, 19/03 – Rockets, 26/03 – Vehicles. No need to book. Just pop along! This is a free activity.

06/03 and 20/03/2019 – Knit and Natter - 2.30 p.m. £1.00 - tea, coffee provided. Welcome to all new members.

07/03/2019 – Afternoon Book Group - 2.45 p.m. They are currently reading The Keeper of Lost Things by Ruth Hogan.

28/03/2019– Evening Book Group – 7.00 p.m. The Little Paris Book Shop by Nina George.

If you are interested in joining any of the groups, please ring or speak to a member of staff

New for March 2019

Second Monday morning of the month – 11/03 – Sofa Storytime 10.00-11.00 a.m. – Do you enjoy sharing stories? These sessions are designed for parents and carers to pop along to, to read a variety of books and afterwards, allow children to interact and play while you have a coffee and a chat.

Third Monday morning of the month – 18/03 – IT Drop In sessions 9.30 – 12.00 noon – Are you having problems getting your CV sorted or do you need some help with setting up an email address to be able to apply for jobs online? The library staff are holding an IT drop in session to help. Just pop along on this date and speak to the staff.

Fourth Monday morning of the month – 25/03– MacMillan Cancer Support Coffee Mornings 10.00 onwards – Once a month the library is holding a group for those suffering with cancer and their carers. This group is an opportunity to meet others, chat and offer each other support. Leaflets offering advice will be available. Coffee, tea and biscuits will also be provided. Just pop along, if you would like to attend.

Donating Books – Having a Spring clean and have too many books at home? We are currently looking for good condition books to be donated to the library. We have two shelves in Tesco's that we sell our donated books on to raise money for the library. Please speak to staff if have some books you would like to donate.

Coming in April – Every Tuesday morning 9.00 – 12.00 noon - Adult Colouring – all materials provided. Just pop along and relax. £1.00 Tea, coffee and biscuits provided. No need to book, just pop along.

Elmer the Elephant Afternoon - Tuesday 9th April 2.30 – 4.30 p.m. We will be having a visit from Elmer the Elephant! Look out for posters advertising this event.



BRIGHT STARS

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Our fun half hour sessions are free and usually include singing, activities and making crafts to take home based around stories or themes from the Bible.

We started the spring term with the wise men and made colourful crowns to wear. Other sessions included creating pictures of ourselves and doing songs and stories with lots of actions to join in with. After each session we have refreshments, when the adults can chat and the children can play, until approximately 12noon.

You are welcome to come along to any of our mornings, just turn up, no need to let us know in advance.

The next session dates, for the
Spring Term 2019, are:

11th March

25th March

If you would like one of our Bright Stars leaflets with the session dates on it give us a ring on the number below and we will be happy to send it to you.

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QUIZNIGHT

Birchwood PTFA have organised an exciting quiz night to be held on Friday 15th March 2019 at Birchwood Primary School, Valiant Road, Martlesham Heath, IP5 3SP.

The fun will start at 7pm with the opportunity to buy charity raffle tickets. The quiz will begin at 7.30pm. The quiz fee is £5 per person and teams can have up to 6 players. Please bring your own drinks, nibbles (no nuts please) and expert brains!!

YOUTH GROUP

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Our youth club meets every Thursday during school term at St Michael's church, next to the Douglas Bader pub.

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Many thanks to all volunteers who helped clear the perimeter track at January's work morning. It's a job that never ends but is certainly well appreciated by users of the woods. Looking back and seeing the progress we've made is incredibly satisfying (even when you consider that before too long the leaves and mulch will have returned and the whole process will need doing again!) Keeping the track clear has always been a priority, to ensure the most used part of the woods remains accessible and safe to use, but also to ensure a tangible remnant of the area's wartime history remains visible to those coming through the woods to observe and reflect on.

The Nature Explorers were this weekend progressing our project to create a bat habitat from an underground bunker used as an air raid shelter for those who served on the airfield. It should be noted though that there is No Unauthorised Access to the area that surrounds the bunker (the Education Area) and so unfortunately it can only be observed from the adjacent path.

Dates for the Diary

Volunteer Work Morning (all ages) Saturday
16th March, 10:00am - Noon.

Meet at the Education Area. Tools, training and light refreshments provided. All welcome - no need to book.

Nature Explorers (11-18 year olds)

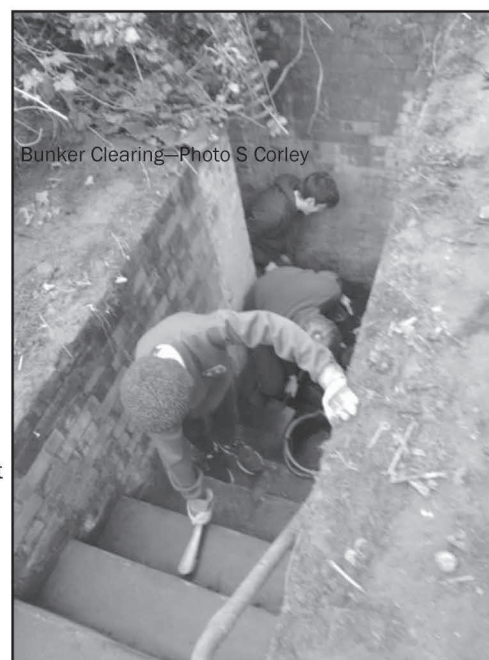
Saturday 16th March, 9:00am - 11:00am.
Please book a place via our email below.

Nature Watch Club (5-11 year olds)

2019 dates to be confirmed.

New volunteers of all ages and abilities are always welcome. No experience needed. For further information, please contact us at pwcg.martlesham@gmail.com, phone: 01473 612632 or visit our website: pwcg.onesuffolk.net or join our members' Facebook Group by messaging Duncan Sweeting.

George Pennick, Volunteer



Bunker Clearing—Photo S Corley

MARTLESHAM BRASS

'Making Music Fun in East Anglia'

Everyone is welcome at our Annual General Meeting on Friday 8th March at 7.45 pm at St Michael's Church Centre Martlesham Heath IP5 3SL. We will be reviewing the past year, and electing our new committee.

We will holding our Spring Concert on Sunday 28th April 2019 at 3.00p.m., also in St Michael's Church Centre - there will be more details about this next month, but please put the date in your diary.

We would love to hear from new players, young and old, with or without experience. Our aim is to encourage anyone who feels they would like to play in a brass band to come and have a go! If you would like to join us, or if you already play or have previously played a brass instrument and would like to come along and meet us, please contact us via the website or use the contact details below.

Liz Howard. (Publicity Officer)
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VOLUNTEERING WITH HOME-START

Home-Start met Mum Lauren and her family shortly after their new baby was diagnosed with brain damage. Lauren and her husband were completely overwhelmed with the emotional and practical demands of caring for a baby suffering with multiple seizures and being unsettled day and night, whilst also trying juggle the needs of their other children.

Life was turned upside down for the family with hospital appointments, admissions and the worry of an unknown future. Their Health Visitor referred them to Home-Start Suffolk, who introduced them to Ruth, a trained Home-Start volunteer. Ruth visits Lauren and the children once a week, providing support when Lauren's husband works late.

Having Ruth there to "share the load" enables all of the children to get vital one on one attention: reading, playing or doing school work. Mum or Ruth cook dinner and they all sit together whilst Ruth holds or sings to the baby. Lauren's evenings are less chaotic and easier to manage with Ruth's help.

Lauren says she felt 'immediately at ease' with Ruth and found it easy to talk to her when she was having a difficult week. Although the family's situation is the same, her visits have allowed the family time to adjust and explore what ongoing support is needed and available to them.

Home-Start in Suffolk have family support volunteering opportunities all across Suffolk. Although we value parenting experience, you don't have to have children or grandchildren of your own to help. You just need a little time and a willingness to make a difference.

By joining our team, you will receive accredited training, ongoing support and friendship.

Our volunteers support a family on a weekly basis for between two and four hours.

If you think you could give some of your time to support a Suffolk family, please contact Fiona on:

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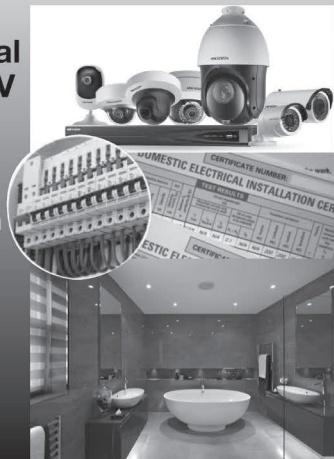


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MARTLESHAM HEATH AVIATION SOCIETY

February 1st and to another excellent attendance at our monthly meeting, Chris Turland gave an illustrated talk, "World War One Aircraft Production in Ipswich".

Christ described how Ransomes, Sims and Jeffries, as it was known in those days, played their part in producing aircraft and armaments during WW1. Some 790 aeroplanes were manufactured here. Mostly Royal Aircraft Factory BE2's. Armaments manufactured here included many shells and other ordnance. Other factories in East Anglia produced aircraft and parts for aircraft. These included Boulton and Paul at Norwich and Mann Egerton, both at Norwich and Ipswich. Tibbenhams in Ipswich produced mahogany propellers that all aircraft of that era used.

After the break Chris gave another illustrated talk featuring the aviation history of Felixstowe, which became home to the Marine Experimental Establishment.

Another fascinating talk and a vote of thanks was given by our President, Richard Barker.

Our meeting next month will be on Friday 1st March at the Community Centre, Felixstowe Rd, IP12 4PE. It will feature one of our own members who served 14 years as an armourer on F4 Phantoms. He has many interesting experiences to relate.

Meetings start at 7.30pm with a tea/coffee break. Non-members are welcome for a payment of just £4 at the door.]

Alan Powell 01473 622458 WWW.MHAS.ORG.UK

MARTLESHAM CARPET BOWLS

We have made an excellent start to 2019, winning our first three matches, but we are still second in our Division, with Bramford retaining the top spot. However, we have three games in hand, so hope to be back on top by the time you read this. The rest of the season promises to be much tougher, as all of our remaining fixtures are away.

In the Club Singles competitions we now know who most of the semi-finalists are, and most of the semi-finals should be played by the end of February..

The Cub Triples competition will be held on Sunday 17th February, with six teams entered. The results will be in next month's magazine.

We still have a few vacancies at the club, and would welcome new members. We meet on Tuesday and Friday afternoons from 1:30 to 4:30 pm., and Tuesday evening from 7:30 to 10 pm., at the Community Hall in Old Felixstowe Road, behind Tesco. Just turn up or you can ring our secretary, Ian Hunt, on 01473 611947, especially if you plan to come along on a Tuesday evening, as there may be a League match. The club provides all of the necessary equipment. Why not give us a try.

Doug Bengier

BAWDSEY RADAR TRUST (CHARITY NO. 1125600) runs the award winning Suffolk radar museum on the site of the world's first operational radar station.

We are seeking to recruit three volunteer trustees for the next stage in our ambitious plans for the future. Knowledge of radar is not essential as the Trust is seeking new trustees who have experience in any of the following areas:

- Creating and developing new partnerships
- Marketing and communications
- Fundraising

These are exciting times for the Trust as it builds on a very successful 2018 season which saw the museum re-open after a £1.8m refurbishment project thanks to grants from the Heritage Lottery Fund, Historic England and many other sponsors.

We are looking for candidates with enthusiasm, time and an interest in heritage. The Trust currently consists of nine trustees and an employed Visitor Services Manager, supported by a fantastic team of volunteers.

Board meetings are held in the evening every six weeks. Attendance at sub-committee meetings and duty at the Museum will also be required.

Please send expressions of interest and a CV to

secretary@bawdseyradar.org.uk by 29th March.

An information pack is available by contacting the same email address.



THE ROGER DAVID BURROWS MUSIC FUND

Amazing archaeological discoveries

**'A new view down the River Deben valley
Prehistoric, Roman
and Saxon archaeology along the
East Anglia One cable route'**

by archaeologist Andy Peachey

Monday 11th March 2019

7.30 pm.

St Michael's Church Centre,
The Drift, Martlesham Heath,
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Admission is £5.00 at the door

Light refreshments and a raffle.

The venue is fully accessible and there is adjacent free parking.

Andy is an archaeologist who has been working across East Anglia for the last 15 years and, over the last two years, on a major project; the East Anglia One cable route.

He will be talking about the amazing and unexpected finds discovered during this work, some close to Martlesham, including an exciting array of new settlement evidence, including Roman and Saxon buildings and an exceptional prehistoric monument, trackway and artefacts that may coincide with the earliest settlements and agriculture in the region approximately 4000 years BC.

Some of these were featured on BBC4's Digging for Britain in December last year and earlier in the local press.

Further information about the above event and the Music Fund can be obtained from

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How long you will need to wait for non-urgent appointments will depend on who you want to see as two of our doctors only work one day per week (Monday & Friday). If you are happy to see one of the other doctors, advance appointments should normally be available within 1-2 weeks. In order for this system to work for everyone, please let the reception staff know if your appointment can wait a few days.

If you are interested in joining the PPG or would like to know more about what we do, please email: MartPPG@gmx.com or leave your contact details with reception marked 'FAO PPG'.

A LITTLE BIT OF LOVE...

Generosity, kindness, a delight in bringing a bit of light into other's lives: is it catching? I took part in a FareShare fill-a-shopping-trolley scheme in a local supermarket before Christmas. People told me heart-warming stories about being part of their church's cooking programme and about adventures delivering meals to people at home. One person put an armful of tins and packets into the trolley saying, "I needed this last year and I want to give back." Of course there were a few who hadn't time or didn't want to know but others filled the trolley in just a few hours and it went to those in need. A little bit goes a long way and kindness is free.

After Valentine's Day, there's Mother's Day, 31 March, then the inevitable choc-fest that's Easter, 21 April: hot cross buns are in the shops and chocolate eggs and bunnies have been there since Christmas, it seems. Simple delights like traditional simnel cakes, little nests of fluffy knitted chicks and jolly spring flowers remind me of my primary school projects. Our bakers and crafters have much higher standards than the six-year-old me and their produce can tingle just as many memories. Why not think about a special commission for your Mum, a card, cake or lovely wooden bowl, beaded necklace or warm scarf? And why not get our bakers to cater for your Easter party or have little hand-made goodies in party bags for guests large and small to take the pressure off you. Come and browse! We happily take commissions.

Our popular weekly Country Market is in the Martlesham Heath Pavilion, 9-11:15, every Tuesday morning. Hand made, home-grown, artisan-baked... all locally produced, and now we offer card payments too. It couldn't be simpler.

(Want to join us? We need more cooks and craftspeople. Call in or phone Margaret Gayfer, 01473 623849.)

GOLDEN GIRLS

We are a group of ladies who live on their own and we meet for friendship and mutual support. Our coffee mornings are held on the second Thursday morning of each month at 11.00am at St. Michael's Church Centre. We frequently go out for lunch and shopping after the coffee morning and visit theatres, cinemas etc.

Our next meeting will be on Thursday 14th. March.

For more information contact Ann Price on 01473 620832

HEADWAY SUFFOLK MARTLESHAM DEMENTIA GROUP

Headway Suffolk runs a monthly social support group for people with dementia in Martlesham.

It takes place every fourth Thursday of the month at St Michael's Church Centre, The Drift in Martlesham from 11.45am – 3.15pm. The person with dementia must be accompanied by a carer.

The group partake in a variety of stimulating and engaging games and activities. It costs £6.00, which includes a fish and chips lunch and refreshments.

The next date the group meet is on Thursday 28 March 2019.

Find out more at: www.headwaysuffolk.org.uk/dementiamartlesham.

MARTLESHAM HISTORY SOCIETY

Monday 8th April 2019

Sutton Hoo - Sally Sibley

Sarah is a volunteer at Sutton Hoo, using a combination of slides, commentary and replica objects she will cover information about the site, some of the more influential characters in its history, its links with neighbouring sites and the specifics of the excavations carried out during the 20th Century, revealing previously unknown details about the Anglo-Saxon period.

There will also be an opportunity to hear about the Project to develop the site during the winter of 2018-9 to further the visitors' knowledge and understanding of this extraordinary necropolis.

Meetings are held in the Pavilion, Martlesham Heath, Ipswich IP5 and commence at 7.30 pm.

Admission fee is £2.50 and meetings are open to all.

MARTLESHAM LADIES CLUB

Fifteen ladies braved the ice and snow in January and enjoyed an interesting and moving talk by Rev. Mandy Reynolds who works as a Chaplain at Ipswich Hospital. Hopefully the weather will have improved for our next meetings.

On 14th March June Eaton will demonstrate how to make Hats and Fascinators and members will be able to try for themselves under her expert tuition.

On 28th March Nick Barber will describe his work as an Auctioneer and bring some items to value.

Looking forward to next month – on 11th April we are having an Easter Quiz and Fish and Chip Supper.

All ladies are very welcome at our meetings which are held on alternate Thursday evenings at 7.15pm in the Richards Room.

To find out more ring Doreen Boar on 01473 622768.

WOOLLY WONDERS

Martlesham's Premier knitters can be found every Thursday knitting and chatting between 10 & 12 at The Runway Cafe next to St Michael's Church.

We've recently featured in the 'Ipswich Star' and are expecting a visit from an M.E.P and Suffolk AgeUK this month.

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Tuesday 19th March, 12.45-1.30pm –

Lunchtime concert by Gillian Barella and Friends – Songs Through The Ages

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From Saturday 2nd March throughout the month - Sale of donated stock

We're having a spring clean of our donated stock so come and help us declutter by buying something! All proceeds go to the Friends of Woodbridge Library.

Tuesday 12th March, 10am-12 noon – Realise Futures Walk-In Advice & Guidance Session for People with a Learning Disability and/or Autism

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SUFFOLK WILDLIFE TRUST

The decline of insects and invertebrates worldwide has been highlighted again recently. To gain an insight into things more locally join us in March with Peter Maddison, Chairman of the Suffolk Branch of Butterfly Conservation, who will give a talk on Thursday 21st March at 7.30 pm in the Woodbridge Community Hall entitled "Suffolk's Butterflies". Admission is £3.00.

On Thursday 18th April at 7.30pm we have a talk, which will give us an insight into an age old practice and its benefits for Wildlife entitled "Treemendous Coppicing- How to Manage an 800 year old Woodland" by Giles Cawston, Suffolk Wildlife Trust Woodlands Warden, in the Woodbridge Community Hall. Admission is £3.00.

All are welcome to any of our talks, you do not need to be a member

YOU'RE WELCOME - AT ANY OF OUR MEETINGS!

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For further details or queries – please call our VP Membership on 07968 372563 or get in touch via our website speak-easy.org.uk (select Contact Us on the Main Menu). If you can't make the Open Evening, you're very welcome at any club meeting. You can check directions and club meeting dates at: speak-easy.org.uk/directions.html.

Speak Easy at Martlesham is all about learning to speak in a friendly, encouraging and enjoyable environment. We look forward to meeting you.

Sizewell C Nuclear power station consultation Public consultation stage 3 (4th January to 29th March 2019)

Dear Sir/Madam,

May I through your pages draw your readers attention to the inadequate road infrastructure proposed to serve the Sizewell C nuclear power station.

The roads have been designed for motor vehicles, and many minor roads used by Cyclist and others have been cut by the proposals. In some instances cyclists are being expected to use the new roads amongst heavy goods vehicles where they are extremely vulnerable. The few crossings proposed will concentrate traffic and lead to queuing delays and increase the chances of accidents when people get impatient and misjudge opportunities to pull out. Cars and cyclists alike, once on the road, are being expected to sit and wait for gaps in oncoming traffic to complete a crossing, and this is a dangerous proposal given the traffic flows predicted.

Our club is calling for proper consideration to be given to the impact the proposals will have on cycling, health, safety, tourism, and the economy of the area. The points we are making are as follows.

All existing roads to be crossed by the proposed new road and Bypasses should be maintained open for use in the interest of amenity so that leisure and tourism are not adversely affected, and to ensure the safety of all road users.

If it is not possible to construct underpasses then crossing points should be constructed with central refuge points to allow safe crossing in stages.

On no account should cyclists be expected to cycle with the traffic on the major road, for even the shortest of distance before entering a refuge.

On no account should cyclist be expected to cycle with the traffic on the major road, as shown on the Theberton Bypass proposal. A single lane road of this nature with the traffic flows predicted is not conducive to the "Safe Passing" initiative promoted by the Police and Cycling UK, such a proposal is inherently dangerous and takes no account of cyclists vulnerability.

On no account should a single crossing point be considered as this will (A) concentrates traffic,

pollution, wear and erosion and queuing which will lead to frustration, impatience, misjudgements and accidents, and (B) make the road unusable for cyclists.

In the interest of the amenity, Leisure, Tourism and Health your proposals need to consider the wider impact on Cycling, around the park and ride sites and the freight handling sites. Particularly with regard to mixing vehicles associated with these sites on roads used regularly by cyclist.

In the interest of the amenity, Leisure, Tourism and Health your proposals need to consider the wider impact on Cycling, with regard to existing patterns of movement of cyclist, and ensure that your planned infrastructure changes do not reduce accessibility. Specifically how your proposals impact on the national cycle route that crosses the A 12 very close to the southern end of the Stratford and Farnham bypass and to the lane to the north of the "North park and ride".

Whilst after the construction of the Stratford and Farnham bypass is complete the village will be safe to cycle through, this will only be accessible if a satisfactory safe crossing is included on the new Bypass for the minor road which it crosses, which is in turn a national cycle route.

These points obviously relate to cycling, but are equally applicable to Walking and Horse riding in the area. If you are a car driver these minimum provisions also help you continue to enjoy our wonderful county in the way you always have. In our view it is important to maintain unlimited access for residents and visitors, as many businesses linked to leisure and tourism depend these.

Further information and the questionnaire can be obtained at www.sizewellc.co.uk

Please help put pressure on EDF Energy to build infrastructure fit for purpose and the future, not just so they can build their power station. You can do this by completing a consultation questionnaire and making your views known. You can do this where ever you live, it is not just restricted to the local area.

Yours Sincerely

Maurie Parish

President, CTC Suffolk group. (Part of Cycling UK)

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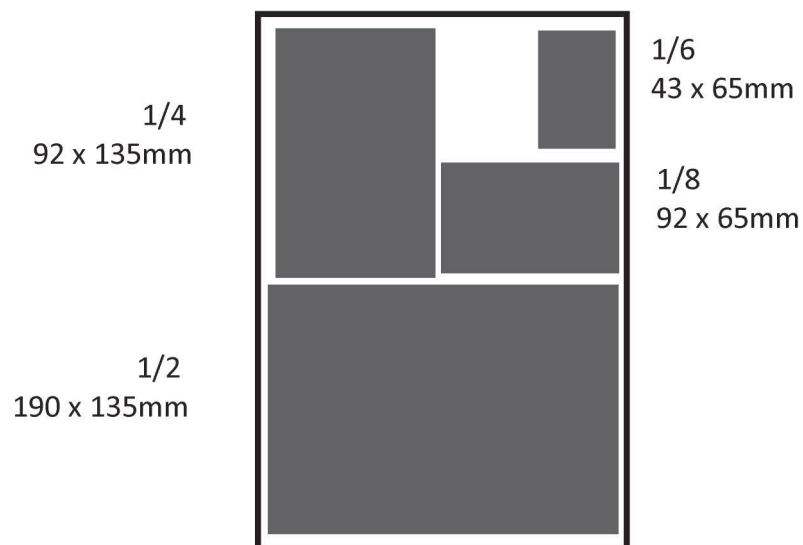
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Both Halls are managed by nominated people from the Parish; Regular Hirers and a Representative from the Martlesham Parish Council <MPC> all are elected at the Annual General Meeting held in April to form the Martlesham Community Hall Management Committee <MCHMC>. The small number of volunteers, limit the officers to Chairman and Treasurer, with the minutes of meetings taken by the Booking secretary. All officers and members of the committee are non-paid volunteers however the Booking secretary is paid a nominal fee and a fuel allowance is paid for travel costs associated with Banking and Maintenance works. The majority of people who serve on the MCHMC are also Trustees to the Charity, registered with the Charity Commission on the Annual Charity return.

The committee meets four times a year in the Parish Council Meeting Room, to discuss Matters arising from previous minutes; reports from the Chairman, Treasurer, Booking secretary, Hall Maintenance, Health and Safety, and any other business.

The principles/ethos the committee adopt, is that the halls are a resource for the Community and a Service provider for meetings and functions. We are conscious the kitchen in the Community Hall is not up to a commercial standard and only tables and hard chairs are provided. We do not employ a caretaker, to clean up

between hire sessions, assemble the table and chairs for meetings, or meet our hirers to open the hall up.

If we were to employ a caretaker to help with the above, this would adversely reflect in the hire fees and put an additional administrative load on the small committee, we therefore ask our hirers to leave the halls as found, which from the positive feedback is encouraging.

Our main expenditure, is to service the cleaning contract for both Halls five days a week, costing over 50% of our annual income, other significant costs are associated with insurance; statutory testing of the electrical installation and fire safety inspections/certification, while maintaining the interior and external fabric of both buildings in good repair.

Our income and expenditure this year, will balance out at just over £36,000 however we are conscious our capital balance must be sufficient to sustain a reserve for our Building sinking fund and any fluctuations in our income.

Charity Status

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Charity Status requires an Independent Examination of our accounts <Income over £25,000> which is discharged by Ballams Chartered Accountants. Public scrutiny of our accounts and the annual report to the Charity Commission and MPC is available on request or via the Charity Commission website.

Next month, I will write an article giving more information about hiring the halls; our regular hirers and to mention a few names from the past, who made a considerable contribution to the building and running of the halls.

*DWA Embery
Chairman/Treasurer
February 2019*



MOTHERS UNION

On Wednesday March 6th at 2.30pm
Clare Thomas will intrigue us with her adventures on a motor bike in Mongolia.

Clare decided to buy a motor bike when she retired to do some travelling.

On Wednesday April 3rd at 2.30pm. "With Easter in Mind" led by Jeremy and Cynthia Walsh.

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*The Snowdrop – Consolation by Bishop Keble 1792-1886*

One of the joys of my job is to work in beautiful surroundings. St Mary's church, Martlesham, is a great building and has been standing above Martlesham Creek for hundreds of years. If you want a peaceful walk, then do stroll through the churchyard – visit the church – and then on into Woodbridge alongside the river, if you are feeling energetic.

Sadly, over the past months I have spent a little too much time in the churchyard, gathering with people to say goodbye to their loved ones. But I am always struck by the beauty of the place, especially at this time of year when the ground is carpeted by snowdrops. Despite the cold weather, despite the sad occasions – and especially on the rare times when the sun shines – there is a peace there, and a reminder of hope as you gaze over the sea of white flowers.

Jesus spoke of hope and reminded us that God cares for us, even when life is a challenge. He reminded us that the beauty of the natural world is a sign of God caring for us.

Walk into the fields and look at the wildflowers. They don't fuss with their appearance—but have you ever seen colour and design quite like it? The ten best-dressed men and women in the country look shabby alongside them. If God gives such attention to the wildflowers, most of them never even seen, don't you think he'll attend to you, take pride in you, do his best for you? Luke 12:27 – 28

Snowdrops remind us that winter will end, that spring is coming. Hope still exists, and God loves us all, even when times are dark and hard. May you find peace today in the love of God, beauty in the natural world, and maybe even some exercise as you stroll around the churchyard.

Revd. Toby Tate toby@martleshamcofe.org.uk

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|-----------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| <b>Sunday 3rd March</b>                             | 9.45am All Age Service<br>Holy Communion                                                                        | 11am Holy Communion<br>(Prayer Book) | 8am Holy Communion      |
| <b>Sunday 10th March</b>                            | 9.45am Holy Communion<br>with Junior Church                                                                     | 11am Morning Worship                 | 6.30pm Evensong         |
| <b>Sunday 17th March</b>                            | 9am Breakfast@9<br>6.30pm Service of Healing<br>And Wholeness                                                   | 11am Holy Communion                  | 8am Holy Communion      |
| <b>Sunday 24th March</b>                            | 9.45am Holy Communion<br>with Junior Church                                                                     | 11am Morning Prayer                  | 6.30pm Evensong         |
| <b>Sunday 31st March</b><br><b>Mothering Sunday</b> | 10.30am Benefice Service<br>Holy Communion                                                                      |                                      |                         |
| <b>Midweek Services</b>                             | Holy Communion each Wednesday at 10am in St. Michael's.<br><b>A warm welcome awaits you at all our services</b> |                                      |                         |

**Prayer Diary** Please include the following as an addition to your daily prayers:

### March

- 5 Pray for residents of Bealings Road
- 6 Ash Wednesday - pray for forgiveness of sins
- 7 Pray for all youth clubs
- 8 Pray for all those involved in the Wind Farms
- 9 Pray for the homeless
- 10 Pray for Christians worldwide
- 11 Gift of all books
- 12 Pray for librarians
- 13 Residents of Birch Grove
- 14 All sick and suffering
- 15 For all conservationists
- 16 All worshipping God today
- 17 St Patrick's day - for all couples planning marriage
- 18 Pray for our Government
- 19 Residents of Blacktiles Lane
- 20 Pray for the Mothers' Union

- 21 All abused women and children
- 22 Wisdom for all bishops and deacons
- 23 For Martlesham and Brightwell Church Away Day
- 24 For St Mary's organ restoration fund concert today
- 25 Thank God for Mary, Jesus' mother
- 26 For all Housegroups
- 27 Residents of Borrett Place
- 28 All County and Parish Councillors
- 29 For Friends on Friday and its members
- 30 All staff at Martlesham Doctors surgery
- 31 For all mothers

### April

- 1 All entertainers
- 2 That all may come to know Christ
- 3 Residents of Bradford Court
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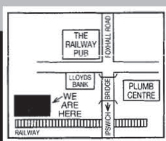
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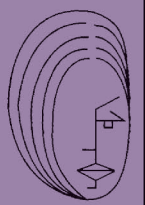
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