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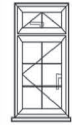


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Front cover photo

Birchwood Primary School, for the first time ever, are holding their Summer Fete on the village green on Saturday 17th June from 11 am to 3 pm.

There will be many stalls and lots of entertainment going on. Fun for all the family. It is Free Entry and all the Community are welcome.

There will be a massive raffle, we shall be announcing the raffle prizes soon on social media. Here is the list at the moment but it is still growing-

Hampers from many of the local food suppliers, Family Days out in Ipswich and Suffolk, Farm Visits, Zoo Tickets, Fish and Chip Vouchers, Museum Vouchers, Football Tickets, Ice Cream Voucher, Voucher to visit Owls, Hippodrome Voucher, etc, etc.

All the proceeds from this year's Summer Fete is going towards a Mental Well-being hub which we hope to build within the grounds of Birchwood Primary School.

Please come along and support this great cause and have a great day out.

Birchwood PTFA



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GIRLGUIDING

Currently we have 2 Brownie Packs (ages 7-10), 2 Guide Units (ages 10-14) & 1 Ranger Unit (ages 14-18) meeting around the Parish. If you are interested in joining as a young member, or helping as a volunteer, please contact Jo on martleshamguides@gmail.com or www.girlguiding.org.uk/get-involved (HQ). Come and join the fun & start your Guiding adventure today!

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Tree of the Month

Native Black Poplar (Populus nigra subsp. betulifolia)

This black poplar can be found near the water's edge at Martlesham Recreation Ground.

The leaves are shiny, green and heart-shaped with a mild scent of balsam.

The tree takes its name from its grey-brown bark, which, as it ages, often appears black, fissured, gnarled and covered with distinctive burrs.

According to the Woodland Trust, the native black poplar is now officially rarer in numbers than the giant panda.

The black poplar has separate male and female trees. It is estimated that there are only 7,000 black poplars left in the UK, of which 600 are female.

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Martlesham Council

Brightwell Lakes Update

Members of Martlesham Council attended a Brightwell Lakes Community Forum meeting on 6th April. The Forum gives councillors from nearby parishes the opportunity to meet with the developers Taylor Wimpey, Concilio Communications, and members of the East Suffolk Council planning team to discuss the latest developments on site.

The April Community Forum considered a short list of 23 names compiled by the ESC officer who deals with place names. ESC has a list of street naming and numbering procedures, and naming protocols, available to view online at eastsoffolk.gov.uk. A decision was taken to call the main spine road, 'Auster', after the aircraft manufacturer. Auster aircraft has a long distinguished history starting with its formation as British Taylorcraft in 1938 and ending with its absorption into Beagle Aircraft in 1960.

Other names selected for phase one of the development were Armstrong, Blackburn, Siddeley, Tizard, Sherren, Morse, Hey, Philips, Stevens, Paterson, Hammond, Jones, Faraday and Babbage.

Housing phase E1 will consist of 122 dwellings in total, 36 being affordable. Building is expected to start in June 2023 with the first show home opening in November 2023 and the first legal completion taking place in May 2024.

Housing phase W1 will consist of 195 dwellings in total, 80 being affordable. The show open is expected to open in March 2024, with the first legal completion in November 2024.

Discussions at the next Forum in September are expected to centre round the provision of sports pitches, the school and the allotments.

We now have details from the developer regarding the expected delivery of new homes. By 2030, 647 homes are expected to have been completed and by 2040, 1647 homes. The full number of dwellings, (2000) will not be delivered until 2044.

Updates on the A12 junction works and further information can be found at: <https://brightwelllakes.co.uk/updates/>

Policies and procedures

An important and often interesting part of the Council's work is regularly reviewing our policies and procedures to ensure that the Council runs smoothly. We have recently reviewed our Equality and Diversity Policy which sets out how the Council creates a safe and inclusive environment for all those who work here. There are many and varied opportunities for our councillors to get involved with similar writing and reviewing tasks throughout the Council year.

Blooming June!

June is a month full of wonderful opportunities to see and hear nature in Martlesham. If you're walking through Martlesham Common Local Nature Reserve watch out for some of our African visitors such as nightingales, whitethroats, house martins, swallows and swifts.

The large central patch of heathland plants, which is expanding each year due to the efforts of the Greenways Project volunteers, will be looking at its best with ling and bell heather in bloom creating a pinky-purple wild carpet loved by insects.

Please don't forget if you have a dog to keep it on a lead and under close control when in the Local Nature Reserve. This is to ensure wildlife is not disturbed during this sensitive time of year.

Forthcoming meetings

Parish Council -

Wednesday 7th June 2023

Development, Environment & Transport Committee

Wednesday 14th June 2023

Please note that Parish Council meetings will be held in the

Parish Room, Felixstowe Road, Martlesham, IP12 4PB.

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

Before attending, we strongly recommend you check our website or noticeboards in case of changes.


Contacting the Council

Clerk to Martlesham Parish Council, Parish Room, Felixstowe Road, Martlesham, Woodbridge IP12 4PB Telephone: 01473 612632 – please leave a message if no reply and we will get back to you as necessary

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Village Fete 15 July 2023 Reminder

The annual village fete is booked for 15 July 2023 – please come along and enjoy.

Annual General Meeting

The Martlesham Heath Householders Limited AGM will take place on **Wednesday 7th June 2023** at the Martlesham Heath Pavilion starting at 7.30pm. The Annual Report and Notice of the Annual General Meeting has been sent to members. All members are welcome.

Contact and further information

If there are any issues that you feel that need attention please do not hesitate to contact Martlesham Heath Householders Ltd by leaving a voicemail on 01473 612207 or by email to mailto:martleshamheathhouseholders@gmail.com or by post to Martlesham Heath Householders Ltd, PO Box 897, Martlesham Heath, Ipswich, Suffolk, IP1 9PB.

MHHL Website

A reminder that lots more information about Martlesham Heath Householders Limited can be obtained on our website at www.mhhl.co.uk

Martlesham Village Fete Saturday 15th July 2023

Not long to go now!

We plan a full programme of entertainment throughout the day from 11.00 to 4.00 which will include choirs, Jazz, hits from the Elvis songbook, karate demonstrations and a rousing finale from Martlesham Brass.

Local organisations, businesses and charities alike will have their stalls, telling us about their work and fundraising for their very worthwhile activities, so please be generous and have fun participating in the activities they organise. We look forward to hosting a variety of environmental groups to advise and encourage us to combat the climate emergency on a personal level

A special new attraction this year will be a visit from "Our Animal World" giving an opportunity for all, young and old to enjoy a close-up experience with a wide range of animals. For more details visit: <https://ouranimalworld.com/>

We also hope you will enjoy the physical activities for all ages we have arranged.

You will also be able to see the entries we have received for the "Postcard from Martlesham" photography competition and prizes for the best entries will be awarded at 2.00pm.

Entries should be submitted by 23.59 hours on Sunday 18th June, so if you are quick there is still time to take part.

Entry details are available from Martlesham Parish Council Website

There will be a wide range of refreshments available from local businesses and the runway café.

And of course no fete would be complete without ice creams and a funfair.

There will be plenty of room for you all to come and enjoy yourselves and why not bring a picnic while you listen to the entertainment, enjoy the stalls, and get active.

As with last year the ongoing building works near the Square please observe all signs and guidance regarding health and safety and particularly traffic flows.

Organised by a working group of Martlesham Council

District Council Election results

At the election Edward Thompson and Mark Packard (both Lib Dems) were duly elected.

A big thank you to everyone who voted for us, we will do our best to represent all of you to the best of our ability. We will keep you updated on a regular basis about what is happening at the District Council.

Currently we do not have our council emails or telephone numbers but will let you have them as soon as possible. In the meantime watch this space.

Ed and Mark



A final message from Chris Blundell

It has been a wonderful experience to have represented both Martlesham and lately, Pudis Farm with Brightwell and Foxhall, for the last twenty years. I have made many friends and have been able to help many groups and organisations to make life in the local community an even better place to live. I shall be for ever grateful for the support that I have received during those years and cannot thank you enough.

It is a sad reflection that help schemes that were introduced by the Conservatives may now be changed because of the passions and policies of the four different parties that now make up the new East Suffolk District Council.

I wish them well in their new roles. Thank you.

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Hedgehog Nursery

It always seems to be this time of year when 'Giants' are gallivanting about our local area. This year is no exception! The Hedgehogs discovered a giant foot print in the garden and wondered what on earth it was. This sparked a lot of talk around size and measuring. Later, a beanstalk was found to be growing. Where did it come from? and where was it growing to? We all become gardeners to find out about how seeds grow and even set up our own experiments to watch a bean seed germinate.

We all made flags and crowns for the King's Coronation and we listened to the choir singing some lovely songs.

Here at Hedgehog Nursery, we provide a learning atmosphere where children can explore and investigate in a safe, stimulating and challenging environment. We capitalise on the children's interests to springboard them into learning experiences that extend what they can already do. Developing the 'Thinkers and doers' of the future.

If you are curious and would like more information, please visit www.gorseland.net or alternatively contact the School Office on 01473 623790.

Gorseland Primary School

We greatly enjoyed celebrating the King's Coronation through various activities including making bunting, portraits in art and learning about the monarchy past and present. Some pupils were even interviewed on the radio!

Year 4 recently attended their residential visit to Thorpe Woodlands and our Year 5 pupils have completed their Bikeability training.

We have been extremely fortunate to have had Home Farm Nacton kindly assist us in levelling and reseeding our top field to make it usable again. We are most grateful to them for their help.

Midday Supervisors

We have positions available for Midday Supervisors. If you are interested and would like further details, please contact the School Office on 01473 623790.

KESGRAVE LIBRARY NEWS – June 2023

Sunday Crafts 10.00 – 12.00 noon – the following crafts are running during June:

Sunday 4th – Pop along and create a beautiful Spring flower of your own design.

Sunday 11th – We are designing an alien moon collage this week. How many aliens will you add to your recreation.

Sunday 18th – Today is Father's Day. Pop along and design a cupcake for someone special.

Sunday 25th – Have you ever seen a sea horse? This week we are making beautiful sea horses from a paper plate.

Activities are free. Parents must stay with under eights.

Word Play Sessions – These free sessions are run by trained staff every **Thursday morning**.

Tot Rock – 9.45 – 10.15 a.m. – active songs and rhymes for pre-school children.

Baby Bounce – 10.45 – 11.45 a.m. – Gentle songs for you and your baby to enjoy.

No need to book. Please just pop along. We look forward to seeing you soon.

Story Time – 9.45 – 10.15 a.m. Fun stories, rhymes, and songs every Friday in the library. No need to book – just pop along.

Lego Club – every Tuesday 3.30 – 4.30 p.m. Free play with each child given a basket of Lego bricks to create designs of their choice. We hope to see you soon.

Morning Book Group – **Tuesday 6th June at 10.00 a.m.** They will be reading *The Guest List* by Lucy Foley.

Afternoon Book Club – **Thursday 1st June** 2.45 – 4.30 p.m. They are currently reading *Moonflower Murders* by Anthony Horowitz.

Evening Book Group – **Thursday 29th June** 7.00 – 8.00 p.m. The group are currently reading *Miss Benson's Beetle* by Rachel Joyce.

If you are interested in joining, please contact staff. The library supplies copies of the titles being read.

Summer Reading Challenge – **volunteers needed.** Are you interested in helping staff to run this year's challenge? If so, please phone on 01473 626103 and ask to speak to Maggie. To volunteer you need to be over 12 years of age.

Knit and Natter – every second and fourth Thursday 2.30 – 4.30 p.m. These sessions are restarting following a long break due to Covid. Why not pop along and meet some new people? Don't knit – just pop along for a natter. Tea/coffee and biscuits are provided. Donations towards the cost would be welcomed.

Cancer Support Group 10.30 – 11.30 a.m. – we have restarted these sessions on the third Monday morning each month (**Monday 19th June**). Our volunteer who helps run these sessions, is available to help on any aspect that may be worrying you, whether you are currently suffering from cancer or a carer in need of advice.

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The activity sheets usually include a story, song and a craft or game about a theme or story from the Bible. Recently *The Lost Sheep*, a story which Jesus told, was our theme and the activities included a puzzle to see if you could help the shepherd find his lost sheep.

If you have or look after a child/children of pre-school age and would like to receive our sheets, please give us a call on the telephone number below; we look forward to hearing from you.

If you would like further information, please contact:

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Book Donations – We are still looking for good quality book donations, mainly fiction – adult or children. Please speak to staff if you are interested in donating some items to us.

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MARTLESHAM IN BLOOM

Gardening for Pollinators and People

Early June is an ideal time to plant out tender flowering plants that you have bought or grown, such as cosmos, sunflowers, and fuchsia, to create a colourful display for summer in borders and containers. There are numerous different pollinators in the UK, from bees to beetles, moths, and flies. Whether you have a garden or just space for one container on your doorstep we can all help these declining creatures by providing some single flower forms in our displays, from which they can forage pollen and nectar. These are flowers where you can see the centre of the flower, the opposite to double flowers which are a mass of petals.

If you have been leaving some or all of your lawn long to allow flowers to bloom for pollinators during 'No More May', the campaign run by charity Plantlife, why not help them further by leaving part or all of it long for the rest of the summer.

All these areas, whether wildflowers in grass, or summer flowering plants in borders, window boxes or containers, link together into vital wildlife corridors, joining up with other pollinator and wildlife friendly areas, helping pollinators and other wildlife move from place to place.

Beautiful flowers also give us so much enjoyment, and if they are at the front of your property passers by can enjoy them too!

Enjoy a June full of blooms!

For further information about Martlesham in Bloom please contact:

martleshaminbloom@gmail.com or
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Join Suffolk's premier youth ensembles for quality music making – applications open on 17th May 2023 for the 2023-24 season.

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MARTLESHAM CONSERVATION GROUP

We have a good number of Nightingales out on the heath SSSI this year. They like the thicker more bushy vegetation, with the males giving vent to their complex and varied song from deep in a bush, which makes them difficult to see. They can get very loud especially if adjacent males are competing against each other to defend their territory. They will often sing through the night and large parts of the day too and can usually be heard singing through into early June but then go quiet. So listen out before the first week of June as this could be your last chance to experience this wonderful birdsong until next year.

Other migrant birds that have been making themselves heard include the Whitethroat, Lesser Whitethroat, Garden Warbler and Blackcap. The Blackcap also has a rather varied and beautiful song, not as rich and varied as the Nightingale, and with less harsh notes. We have also had a few interludes locally from that other celebrated migrant, the Cuckoo.

The colder wetter spring means that butterflies have been less evident, only being obvious on the warmer days. The bright yellow Brimstone, Orange Tip, multi-coloured Peacock, Holly Blue, Small Copper and Green Hairstreak have appeared fleetingly on some of those warm days. By June, these earlier spring species disappear then late spring and summer species appear. Look out for Common Blue, Meadow Brown, Gatekeeper, three types of Skipper, Silver Studded Blue, and Purple Hairstreak. June can be an especially good month for butterflies and in some years it may be possible to see about 18 species on a single day out on the heath if conditions are favourable.

June should also see the emergence of the adult Silver Studded Blue butterflies on the heath; the caterpillars of these small blue butterflies use heather (and some other heathland plants) as their food plant but also involve small black ants in their life-cycle. Both need to be present for a successful colony. Later in the month or early in July we will attempt to count these butterflies on the heath SSSI and Common, please get in touch if you would like to be involved.

Our practical work party for June will be on **Sunday 4th June at 10am**. Please meet on the Martlesham Heath SSSI by the bank that runs east-west. We will begin work on controlling invasive bracken that threatens to choke out the heather and acid grassland that is more beneficial for a wide range of wildlife.

Please contact me if you are interested in taking part in any of our work parties or wildlife surveys and please let us know if you have any interesting wildlife observations.

Phil Smith 01473 625630
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Portal Woodlands Conservation Group

In April our Volunteers cleared the path along the back of Deben Avenue gardens. This is important to keep clear for fire service access and to keep the woods from growing into people's gardens. It was disappointing to find rubbish had been dumped by residents. We respectfully ask residents to properly dispose of their waste.

The volunteers also created a dead hedge from dismantled dens, and enjoyed seeing lovely displays of bluebells (*Hyacinthoides*) and examples of the unusual crown imperial (*Fritillaria imperialis*).

Our next Volunteer work morning is Sunday 18th June from 10:00 to Noon, meeting at the Education Area. 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.

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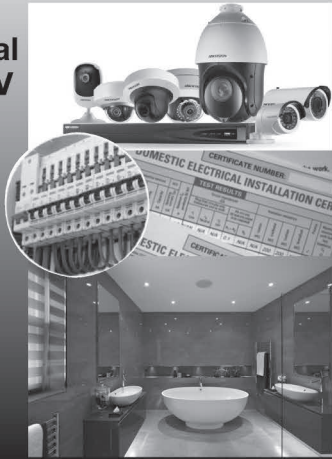


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Martlesham Repair and Climate Advice Hub – Now at the Parish room (next to the Community Centre)

The next Repair Hub will be on Saturday 10th June from 10-12. The Climate Advice hub will be there as usual with advice on how you can do your bit to reduce your own carbon emissions and reduce your energy bills.

Since starting in November 2021, the Martlesham Repair Hub has developed into a regular and valued contributor to the work of the Martlesham Climate Action Group. We are looking for someone to help organise the monthly events. It is a voluntary job which involves getting the word out to the public, keeping in touch with the volunteer repairers, and being present on the day. You don't have to be a repairer to undertake the role; being organised is the key.

It is a very rewarding task, involving perhaps 10 hours a month for the 10

months when the Hub takes place (it misses August and December).

If you would like more details, either come along to the next Repair Hub on 10th June or get in touch via email at martleshamrepairhub@gmail.com.

E-coli in Martlesham Creek - Update

Following on from my letter to Dr Coffey detailed in last month's magazine, I went to a meeting (at her request) with her, Anglian Water and the Environment Agency down at Martlesham Creek. She agreed to write to Suffolk County Council Public Health on the need for warning signs. In discussion with Anglian Water, they told me that following the successful bid by the 'Save the Deben' group for bathing water status at Waldringfield, this should help unlock investment to treat the sewage discharged at both Martlesham Creek and Melton for pathogens like e-coli. Both sewage works don't do this currently as they are not required to (no nearby bathing water areas). They undertook to keep me updated so watch this space!

Martlesham Village Fete

We hope to see you at the fete (Saturday 15th July), where we will be available to talk to anyone concerned about the increasingly alarming climate emergency and what you can personally do to reduce your own carbon emissions. We will also have residents who have experience of investing in solar panels, battery systems or heat pumps if you are thinking of doing the same. Free general advice sheets will also be available.

Dave Green, co-chair Martlesham Climate Action (a Parish Council working group)

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Brights Orchard

Progress Update June 2023

Community Orchard Working Group

Fruit for the local community:

Brights Orchard is a community orchard which has been established on the old Western Corridor football pitch (leased to the orchard free of charge by Martlesham Heath Householders Ltd) that is between the Control Tower and Gorseland CP School, by the Community Orchard Working Group (A Working Group of Martlesham Parish Council) and volunteers. A mixture of fruit trees have been planted since 2020, many varieties of which are not commonly found in shops. They include heritage varieties and some from East Anglia. The area is open access for the local community to pick the fruit when ready, for their personal use, with plaques by each tree giving information on use and harvest times.

Leisure, recreation and contemplation:

The site layout has been designed with areas of open space between groups of trees, and mown paths through and around the site, for people to be able to

continue to enjoy the location in different ways.

Wildlife:

The orchard is being managed to increase the wildlife on site, both in abundance and diversity, through not using chemicals and by managing the grass around the trees as a wildflower meadow; it is left long with an appropriate cutting regime to encourage native flowers and grasses indigenous to the local conditions to grow, helping not just the flora but fauna as well. This is especially important as the site is close to the Western Corridor SSSI and adds to the wildlife corridor. Since the maintenance plan began an increase in flora and fauna has been noticed.

Education:

The local volunteers, both adults and children, are learning about and furthering their understanding of orchards, trees, wildlife and related subjects through activities such as planting and watering. The plaques beside each tree give information about them and articles with information about the area are put in local magazines which reach the whole parish.

The orchard is named after Mr Frank Bright MBE, a Holocaust survivor who lives in Martlesham and received his MBE for services to Holocaust education - a connection which has and will continue to provide educational benefits.

Community involvement:

Volunteers, which includes the working group, individuals and Eco Warriors from Gorseland County Primary School, have and are helping with many aspects of the orchard, including planning, planting and watering and without the volunteers the orchard would not be here for everyone to enjoy so thank you to everyone who has helped and is continuing to help.

Would you like to be involved with Brights Orchard? At the moment volunteers are taking turns watering the most recently planted trees - would you like to help?

If you would like to help, or would like any other information please contact the Community Orchard Working Group: martleshaminbloom@gmail.com (members of Martlesham in Bloom are part of the working group)



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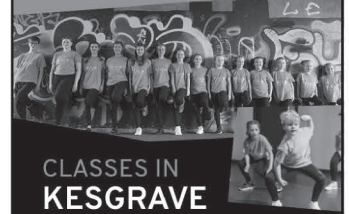
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Our Main band will be taking part in 'Suffolk Remembers', which takes place on Suffolk Day, Wednesday 21st June from 9.00pm. This event, in Felixstowe, is held in conjunction with St Elizabeth Hospice.

The main band are also playing in a joint concert with St Andrew's Church Choir to be held at St Andrew's Church Melton at 3.00pm on Sunday 25th June.

If you feel you would like to learn to play a brass instrument, or if you already play and would be interested in joining us, please email join@martleshambrass.co.uk -please note we operate a waiting list for new members.

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Music at Rushmere

We are delighted to announce that Blackwood Clarinet Choir from Nottinghamshire will be paying a visit to St Andrew's, Rushmere, IP5 1DH on 3rd June as part of a mini tour of Suffolk. The choir comprises a range of clarinet sizes from the diminutive E flat clarinet to the booming contrabass.

Formed in 2010 from members of the clarinet section of Nottingham Symphony Wind Orchestra, Blackwood's repertoire is wide ranging, including orchestral classics, jazz, musicals, film music and more, much of it arranged by members of the band.

The concert begins at 3pm and lasts for an hour, to be followed by tea and home-made cakes in true Music at Rushmere tradition. Admission is free, with a retiring collection to be shared between Blackwood and St Andrew's. You can also catch them at St Mary's, Bacton near Stowmarket the previous evening or Wesley Hall in Elmswell on the Sunday afternoon.

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Feel the Spirit

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We have recently changed our rehearsal venue to St. Michael and All Angels Church, Martlesham Heath, where we rehearse every Monday evening. New members are welcome to join our friendly choir.

Our next open singing day will be on **Saturday 30th September** at Martlesham Heath. Please come along and join us to rehearse a selection of accompanied and unaccompanied Christmas music.

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MARTLESHAM HEATH AVIATION SOCIETY

The Annual Associate Members Report to the Society Members took place on Friday, 5th May, the 42nd such event.

Some key points follow.....

Our long serving Chairman, Martyn Cook, went over the events of the year. He mentioned the sad death last October of our President, Richard Barker, who had been a staunch supporter of the Society for many years. He is sadly missed – and will be hard to replace.

Martyn then mentioned two other members of the team who are standing down.

Alan Powell has been Secretary and Website Manager for many years – and also Editor of our regular “Runway 22” members newsletter since before 1997. He has also been a useful contact point for people for around the world to contact the Society with questions and information – some of which ended up in our newsletter. The hunt is on to find a successor – which will be difficult..... Alan was thanked for the hard work he has done for the Society and we wished him well for the future.

Peter Morris, catering manager for our monthly meetings – has stepped down and will also be much missed.

However, we have been delighted to welcome new members onto our team over the past year...

Paul Calver has taken over the role of Museum Building Manager, and a friend Ian Fosker has injected fresh ideas into the look of our posters and leaflets, both play these key roles with enthusiasm.

Another Martlesham Heath resident, John Howarth, has taken on the role of Trustee Meeting Minutes Secretary (previously carried out by Alan Powell), and Peter White is helping out at the Tower, and is also proving very useful.

All this new blood, working alongside other key members of the Society, means that the last year has been very successful. The number of people coming to our monthly meetings continues to climb, helped by the high quality of our speakers.

Last year we went on a fascinating coach trip to The Bletchley Park “Codebreakers” site – this proved to be the last event financially guaranteed by Richard Barker.

Our Annual September Classic Car and Military Vehicle Event was as popular as ever – with a large crowd attending – the hard work and money made swelling our coffers.

Due to Martyn and the hard work of others – our Annual November Remembrance Service at The Barrack Square was well attended. Reverend Toby Tate took the service, and the singing was accompanied by *Martlesham Brass* under the leadership of Adam Cable.

The Control Tower, since re-opening on Sunday afternoons for the Summer has attracted lots of visitors – who have really appreciated the hard work done over the winter break. We are also welcoming more School, Scout and Adult Groups on pre-arranged visits.

If you have not visited the tower recently – come along and see what we have been up to.

We also welcome people to come along on Wednesday mornings on a casual basis – from 9:30 to 12 noon for people to just come along and say “hello”.

Some of the cash we have generated over the year has been ploughed into improvements at the Tower – as well as on continuing erection of information boards at various points around The Heath – reinforcing that: “Yes, there once was a very important airfield here for 46 years”.

Following the above – we were treated to a talk by John Howarth on his role on the design team of the final versions of the Hawker Nimrod Maritime Reconnaissance Aircraft.

The *Nimrod* evolved from the De Havilland *Comet* Airliner, to become for many years the backbone of the RAF’s work over the seas around the UK and elsewhere.

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Much of this hard work came to nought in 2010 when all development work and all *Nimrods* were scrapped. This meant

that for some years all the RAF had for Maritime Surveillance and submarine tracking were 2 modified *Hercules* transports and a couple of modified *Merlin* Helicopters – none of which were much cop!

However a lot of the good ideas and development ended up in the current RC-135 *Rivet Joint* electronic Surveillance aircraft currently in use by the RAF and the American Air Force.

Much has also been used in the new RAF P9 *Poseidon* Maritime Reconnaissance and anti-submarine aircraft, a modified Boeing 737 Airliner. Nine were ordered for the RAF and some are already in service.

Looking to the future our next monthly Meeting is on Friday 2nd June at 7:30 p.m. – when Paul Ross will tell “The Silver City Story” – all about an independent airline that set up just after World War 2, initially using aircraft like the “*Lancastrian*” (a version of the *Lancaster*), and the Douglas DC3 (better known to many as the *Dakota*) on short flights.

This at a time where flying was more of an exciting adventure – with no queues to board – but perhaps less safe than today.

Lastly – we are taking Bookings on a Sunday 6th August Coach Trip to *An Air Carnival*, at the fascinating *Shuttleworth Collection* in Bedfordshire.

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MARTLESHAM LADIES CLUB

We have three meetings arranged for June before we take our summer break. On 1st June 2023 Wendy from 'Home Instead' will give a talk on recognising and avoiding scams. This will prove extremely useful as scams are becoming more and more sophisticated every day. On 15th June Honey Hawk is paying a return visit and will be talking about wasps. Although they are a pest at picnics they also do a lot of good. The last meeting of the season is planned for 29th June when we will hold our AGM and review the events of a very successful year.

Meetings are held on alternate Thursday afternoons at 2.30pm in the Richards Room. For more details contact June Peck 01473 790126.

MARTLESHAM WI

The sun was out and the April meeting of Martlesham WI saw a great turnout, and welcomed speaker Dave Steward. Dave knowledgeably told us all about 'The Other Boleyn Girl' (Mary) and surprised us announcing that he is distantly related to both Boleyn girls. Mary Boleyn was a mistress to two kings and what made the talk even more interesting was the many links Mary had to Suffolk.

Our competition this month, judged as always by our visiting speaker, was for "A toy from childhood" and the winner was a well loved teddy bear

Martlesham WI meet on the third Friday of the Month at the Pavilion by the Green, doors open at 1:45 for a 2.00pm start and the meeting ends at 4pm.

19th May: Speaker Maureen Simpson "History of Typewriters" – competition A ribbon creation – any medium

16th June: Speaker Wendy Smith "Wimbledon" - competition Something with strawberries.

If you would like any further information, please contact Valerie Jones on valeriejones53@hotmail.co.uk



FOOTSTEPS -Walking with you

Multicultural Banquet

Tickets are still available for our Multicultural Banquet on Saturday June 24th in St Michaels church and on the Green.

This event is always a lot of fun and is a great opportunity to meet other people and to hear about the work that Footsteps has been doing in supporting young people with their mental health.

Come and hear about our work in local colleges, about the development of Walk and Talk Therapy and about our work with primary school children which has just started this year.

Tickets are £10 (no charge for under 16s) and are available from Christine Pinder, Lynne James and Timandra Howells at St Michaels church or from Jo Ashton at Quay Church (the church with the hands) in Woodbridge, or simply send us an email and we will get tickets to you.

Everyone is welcome. We start at 4.30pm and we will finish by 7pm.

Please email us at info@footstepswy.org.uk or phone us on 07955 898151 for more details.

U3A EAST SUFFOLK: making more of later life

As the summer approaches, u3a East Suffolk's speaker programme takes a break until September. But for members of this thriving local member's organisation, there's still plenty to enjoy!

East Suffolk u3a welcomes new participants, and that includes anyone retired or semi-retired who is seeking something new and/or interesting. Our motto is LIVE, LEARN, LAUGH, and that pretty much sums up what this lively group is all about.

East Suffolk u3a has a strong local following and offers the chance to participate in more than 150 activity groups, including discussing the arts, history, science, learning a new foreign language, walking, quizzing, dining out, short breaks and more.

In a typical year there are up to 30 speaker meetings held at venues including Woodbridge, Felixstowe, Kesgrave and Saxmundham. These are free of charge, run between September and May each year, and are open to all members.

The next date for the diary is the Annual General Meeting, which takes place on Monday 12th June at 2.00 at Kesgrave Community Centre, Twelve Acre Approach, Bell Lane, Kesgrave IP5 1JF.

The organisation's Open Day – a chance for everyone to come along and find out what's going on, what groups are seeking new members and to get involved – is in the morning of Friday 1st September.

Please check the website before setting out as last-minute changes are sometimes necessary.

See the website: www.u3aeastsuffolk.org.uk for more information or call the secretary on 0300 123 3913.

INNER WHEEL CLUB OF WOODBRIDGE

June Kenyon, Memory Café co-ordinator, advised that the popularity of the café run in conjunction with Rotary in Woodbridge was ever growing and encouraged members to supply even more home-baked cakes. The café takes place from 10.30 am on the last Wednesday of each month at Woodbridge Football Club.

Woodbridge IW members meet at Ufford Park Hotel at 6.30 pm on the first Thursday of each month. Find out more about the club and its aims and objectives at District 8 <https://innerwheel.co.uk>

One of the good things about being a vicar is that I live in the community in which I work. This means that there is not a lot of travel involved in my job and so I can walk to a lot of my meetings. And this is good for me because I have decided that the bane of modern existence is road works.

Recently I have had a few things to sort and so I have had to drive up and down the A14 quite a few times. With the works on the A12 as a warmup as I leave the Heath, added to the carriageway replacement around Stowmarket and, on good days, wind making the Orwell Bridge unsafe so reduced speeds as we cross, journeys have got longer and more frustrating. I know the saying is 'you're not in traffic, you are traffic' but I'm sure you would join me in thinking that it would be good if everyone else wasn't being traffic when you want to get somewhere.

Perhaps this is just the frustrations of modern life and I need to calm down. Perhaps these delays can help me to learn patience. Perhaps this is a chance to be thankful for those who work on our roads, making things safer and better as I travel. After all, a longer journey gives me more time to think and to be grateful for all the good in my life. It's not easy, but whether we call it mindfulness, or prayer, sitting in traffic jams does give us the space to reflect.

So may your journeys be easy, and may you have the space to meet with God as you travel.

Let your hope keep you joyful, be patient in your troubles, and pray at all times.
Romans 12:12

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Quiet Garden Days at Dairy Farm Brightwell

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Thursday June 29th,
Thursday July 27th,
Thursday August 24th
and Thursday September 21st 2023

A light lunch is provided with the day running from 10am to 3pm. Booking is essential as numbers are very limited.

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steps and slopes, but plenty of seats.

To book: email
dairyfarmquietgarden@gmail.com
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Christian Aid Week May 2023

This year Christian Aid week ran from 14-20th May and many volunteers throughout the country held events and collections to raise funds for people living in poverty throughout the world.

Here in Martlesham we had a display in The Runway, we invited people to donate by having donation envelopes available in our churches, and we delivered donation envelopes in a limited number of roads.

We also held a fun online quiz and set up an online e-envelope for donations.

These activities were publicised in our church weekly newsletter, but many apologies for not getting an article in last month's Martlesham Monthly.

However, it is not too late to donate to this important work!

Donations may still be made via our online e-envelope by scanning the QR code shown, or visiting <https://envelope.christianaid.org.uk/martlesham-benefice>

Call 08080 006 006 to donate over the phone, or send postal donations (cheques) to: Christian Aid, 35-41 Lower Marsh, London, SE1 7RL.

Thank you!

Carolyn Smith



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Services for the Month	Martlesham Heath St Michael's Martlesham St Mary's Brightwell St John's	Online on Facebook and YouTube. Search for 'Martlesham Benefice'
Sunday 4th June	St Michael's 9.30am Coffee and pastries	
	10am Breakfast Church St Mary's 11am Holy Communion	5pm Zoom After Hours
Sunday 11th June	St Michael's 10am Holy Communion with Junior Church	10am Holy Communion
	St John's 6.30pm BCP Evening Prayer	
Sunday 18th June	St Michael's 10am Morning Worship	10am Morning Worship
	St Mary's 11am Holy Communion	7pm Zoom Reflecting with God
Sunday 25th June	St Michael's 10am Holy Communion	10am Holy Communion
	St John's 6.30pm BCP Evening Prayer	

**A warm welcome awaits you at all our services in our church buildings and online.
It would be helpful if you could contact Toby by the Saturday before for Zoom codes.**

Midweek Services Wednesday 7th and 21st June: 10am Holy Communion at St Michael's

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

June

- 5 those who care for our environment
- 6 victims of war, past and present; pray for peace
- 7 the residents of Bealings Road
- 8 those organising and donating to foodbanks
- 9 students worried about their future
- 10 our local youth football teams, coaches and players
- 11 St Barnabas: give thanks for all who encourage us in our faith
- 12 an end to child labour everywhere
- 13 give thanks for friends and family
- 14 the residents of Birch Grove
- 15 those who do not feel safe in their homes
- 16 social workers and probation officers
- 17 farmers and food producers
- 18 Fathers' Day: give thanks to God, loving Father to all
- 19 first time parents and those who support them

- 20 those running our local shops and businesses
- 21 the residents of Blacktiles Lane
- 22 give thanks for the beauty of Suffolk
- 23 all at Friends on Friday today
- 24 all who serve in the armed forces and their families
- 25 that we may joyfully share our faith today
- 26 all refugees and those fleeing violence
- 27 seafarers and those who work at sea
- 28 the residents of Borrett Place
- 29 St Peter & St Paul: give thanks for their lives and witness
- 30 those feeling lost and lonely

July

- 1 give thanks for times of rest and leisure
- 2 that we may show the love of Jesus today
- 3 St Thomas: pray for all who struggle to believe
- 4 give thanks for sunshine and flowers

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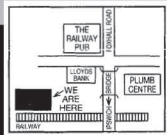
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