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THIS MONTH'S COVER features the offers of help from our local shops to those in the community who find themselves unable to leave the house because of coronavirus/COVID19 in the coming weeks.

It has been an extraordinary week. Following the deadline, I started off with a full magazine, wondering if a few of the larger events might need to be cancelled. First came a few e-mails informing me that clubs were closing for a month, then came the rapidly changing government advice, and within a couple of days, it appeared that

everything would be closing down. I would like to thank everyone who has rallied round at the last minute to help me put together a magazine that, hopefully, still has some up to date information for you and something to read and enjoy.

Like many other organisations and clubs, Martlesham Monthly relies on many volunteers who fall into the 'over 70 category' Because we need them to stay safe, and also had to make an early decision in a rapidly changing situation, the editorial committee have decided that it would be wise not print next month's issue.

The May edition will be collated as usual by our printer, then it will be available online on our website **MartleshamMonthly.com**

We also have accounts on Facebook and Twitter for you to follow.

This arrangement will continue until about September, when hopefully we will have a much better idea of the situation and can reassess.

As most of the clubs are now closed, if anyone has some interesting copy they would like to submit, please e-mail it to the address below. The deadline has been extended to 19th April. Keep Safe

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), 3 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).

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MARTLESHAM PARISH COUNCIL

John Burges

CORONAVIRUS UPDATE

We have been following developments, government advice and specialised advice from the National Association of Local Councils, which has led to the following steps being taken

All meetings are currently cancelled. In the short term these are:

1. The special meetings we were planning hear parishioners views to inform our responses to the planning applications at the Square and the Police Headquarters (see below)
2. Parish Council – Wednesday 01 April 2020
3. Development Plans Committee – Wednesday 08 April 2020
4. Annual Parish Meeting – Wednesday 22 April 2020 (see separate note)
5. The Annual Meeting of the Parish Council – Wednesday 06 May 2020

We also request that you do not visit the parish office, other ways of contacting us are below

Annual Parish Spring Clean – Litter Pick Saturday 04 April 2020 is also cancelled

At the moment of writing the projection is that the peak period of infection will start in May and continue into the summer so please check notice boards and our social media for updates about when we can recommence meetings and our normal activities

We are reviewing our wider response to the emergency and hope to continue with our activities, but realistically this may not be possible. Over half the council is in the vulnerable over 70 group or live in households which can be considered vulnerable. We are also dependent on a wide circle of volunteers of all ages and circumstances to support our work, not to mention a team of four part time staff and a small firm of contractors. Any of whom may have to self isolate or worse at any time.

We will therefore have to concentrate resources on what we are obliged or able to do, with less room for the many initiatives we undertake.

We ask for your understanding in this

Significant planning applications affecting the parish:

1. Suffolk Constabulary Force

Headquarters site – Outline Application (some matters reserved) Demolition & removal of all necessary existing buildings and structures to enable the residential development of up to 300 new dwellings

On 03/03/20 the application was published by East Suffolk Council (ESC) and will be solely available on-line. Go to <https://publicaccess.eastsuffolk.gov.uk/online-applications/> and enter DC/20/0902/OUT into the Search for this application

2. Land East & West of The Square –

Construction of retirement apartments for the elderly, a new public car park, access, landscaping & ancillary development

This application was published on 06/03/20 with a deadline for comments of 27 March. As above, please enter DC/20/1036/FUL into the Search for this application. Similarly, we will be seeking an extension and will consider this application

As with all planning applications East Suffolk Council will make the decisions on these two applications. We encourage you to send your comments to them direct by emailing planning@eastsuffolk.gov.uk, please copy us in, or using the ESC Public Access System, please go to <https://www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk/planning/planning-applications/public-access/>.

Parish Council Response to these applications

We will be sending in our comments to be considered by ESC. Please rest assured that the councillors preparing these live locally as do all members so they are fully aware of local issues and share the same concerns as parishioners. Comments received from residents will also inform our response, as will our understanding of the policies of the Neighbourhood Plan and planning procedures. Like all responses these will be for all to see on the ESC planning web pages

What have we been doing?

- Planting phase one and naming of the Community Orchard, "Bright's Orchard", - a successful event despite the weather
- Information display boards for The Common, part funded by Tesco Bags of Help, will be on view soon!
- Appointing a new volunteer Tree Warden,

- Training new play area inspectors
- Climate Emergency plans ongoing - taking forward a wildflower project for our verges, support for the new Start! Campaign which is in favour of improving public transport & cycle schemes
- Successful completion of a lease with Martlesham Primary School for part of the Jubilee Playspace land to be used as a Forest School

Participation in East Suffolk Council's Community Partnership Scheme which will be tackling social isolation

Two Councillor vacancies

We have 2 vacancies to fill by co-option when we are next able to meet

If you are interested in becoming a parish councillor, we would very much like to hear from you

Resignation of Chris Prime

It was with regret that we accepted the resignation of Chris Prime after a short period as a councillor. He played an active part in the meetings and work of the Council. We are pleased to say that he is continuing as a play area inspector.

Contacting the Council

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

Telephone: 01473 612632

e-mail: clerk@martleshamcouncil.org.uk

website: <http://martlesham.onesuffolk.net>

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Martlesham Circular Walk

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Trim Trail



The nights will soon be lighter, so with a bit of luck we may well see the sun popping through the clouds on a regular basis.

Whether you're a regular walker or runner, here are three great reasons why, over the coming months you should feel inspired to dust off those trainers and get moving:

A Brighter Outlook - After all, who wants to remain cooped inside on a lovely evening when the air is warm and sky is bright? Look forward to enjoying a beautiful sunset on your route.

Your Body will Thank you - Well lit, paved footpaths may have been your friend in winter, but now that the days are getting longer it's much more feasible to hit the trails and grassy paths. Your joints and muscles will simply love the softer, less harsh more forgiving surfaces such as grass and woodchips.

Variety is still the Spice of Life - With the warmer, dryer weather those muddy trails should be drying up, and longer light hours make it easier to head off road without fear of dark. With that in mind now is the time to spice up your exercise regime with the free to use trim trail equipment.

New Website and Email Address

A new website has been launched at mhh.co.uk This is a modern website that will make adding and finding information much easier.

We will add events to the website but still rely on Facebook for day to day news.

An added benefit of the new website is that it has a version that is optimised for mobile device usage. This will be displayed automatically when using a mobile device. New Email address, you can either contact us via the website form on the home page or Email directly to martleshamheathhouseholders@gmail.com

AGM 10 March 2020

A big thank you to all the attendees of the AGM, your support is much appreciated by all the volunteers.

Martlesham Heath - An Unorthodox Development

Over the last three decades much has been written about Martlesham Heath and the unorthodox approach taken in its development. The following lines are taken from an article written by Christopher Parker for the Architects' Journal of September 1979:

"Who can be proud of post-war housing in Britain? The ribbon development of early council houses in the late '40s gave way to the private developer's housing estates of the '50s: by the early '60s a pattern had been set for the repetitive rows of near identical houses with the occasional 'setback' being introduced to relieve monotony."

"I was fortunate at that time to be the lessor's land agent responsible for Martlesham Heath when the Air Ministry surrendered its lease of the aerodrome in 1960. I was even more fortunate in having as a client The Bradford Property Trust Ltd with its long-established interests in housing."

A new development, rather than the spoliation of existing village communities, seemed a possible way of breaking out from the orthodoxy of the now traditional housing estate. The Bradford Property Trust Ltd was attracted by such an idea and decided to pursue the venture in 1963."

Other Issues

The western corridor path has now been extended which should make it more useable for everyone especially after it has rained. It is however disappointing that people have been removing the barriers used to protect the path while it dried and this has resulted in some damage. The daffodils planted by volunteers at the two entrances to Eagle Way are looking good and make a good welcome for everyone. We have many areas of grass which can easily be damaged by vehicles. It would be to everyone's benefit if everyone could refrain from parking, vehicles on the grass areas.

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 martleshamheathhouseholders@gmail.com or by post to Martlesham Heath Householders Ltd, PO Box 897, Martlesham Heath, Ipswich, Suffolk, IP1 9PB.

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE PARISH

**Wednesday 22nd April 2020,
7.30pm, Parish Room, Felixstowe
Road, Martlesham**

Cancelled due to Coronavirus

The Council is currently legally obliged to hold this meeting on or before the First of June. Please check notice boards, Facebook etc for any update on this, discussions are ongoing at a national level as to how to deal with this situation

This normally gives parishioners an opportunity to hear about and discuss what is going on in Martlesham. There are annual reports on the activities of the Council and its committees and also on village organisations. The parish extends from the southern edge of Martlesham Heath right up to Seckford Hall Road and California and east to Martlesham Creek & the River Deben.

The Council will still pay grants for 2020/21 to the Disability Advice Service (East Suffolk), Greenways Countryside Project, Martlesham Conservation Group, Martlesham in Bloom, Martlesham Brass and The Saplings. Normally these would have been presented at the meeting



THANK YOU FOR THE MUSIC.

Over the past year, the organ at St. Mary's Church, Martlesham has been undergoing restoration at a cost of £31,000, and we are very grateful to all those who contributed towards the cost. Sadly, the Flower Festival and Organ Recital that was planned for the weekend 2/3 May has had to be cancelled, due to the current coronavirus situation.



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Martlesham History Society 2020 Programme

10th February

The Treasures of Ipswich – John Field

Did you know that Ipswich that is full of architectural treasures of historical importance. No, then come along and find out about the town's Mediaeval Churches, Mansions and Halls, its important legacy of Victorian buildings, Nationally and Locally Listed Buildings and the many features and artefacts of local, national (and even some of International) importance.

6th April

Life in a Foundling Hospital, My Experience – Ruth Miller

From 1741 when the first babies were admitted, to 1954 when the last pupil was placed in foster care, the Foundling Hospital cared for and educated around 25,000 children. Ruth Miller arrived at the Foundling Hospital in April 1942, just a few weeks shy of her fifth birthday and she will tell us all about what it was like to be one of these children.

8th June

Burston School Strike – Bryan Thurlow

Did you know that the longest strike in history was not staged by miners but by minors – the children of a small village in Norfolk. On 1 April, 1914, pupils of the Burston village school, supported by their parents, took to the streets in protest at the dismissal of their teachers, Tom and Kitty Higdon. The strike lasted for over 25 years!

10th August

Over paid, over sexed and over here: The American Air Force in East Anglia 1942-1944 – Geoffrey Kay

In May 1942 the first aeroplanes of the Eighth US Army Air Force arrived in East Anglia. With them came air and ground crew of American GIs who, by 1944, outnumbered the local population, sometimes by fifty to one. How was this 'friendly invasion' received by local people in East Anglia? What was the experience of those young Americans who found themselves at war in our region.

12th October

Sisters in Adversity: The Womens Institutes and the 1953 East Coast Floods – Linda Sexton

Linda will tell us how the Women's Institute helped communities cope in the aftermath of the devastating 1953 East Coast Floods. Looking back now, its hard now to understand the scale of the disaster, but with 307 people killed, from drowning or exposure, in the four counties of Lincolnshire, Norfolk, Suffolk and Essex, and with more than 2,500 fatalities across Europe, mainly the Netherlands, the scale tragically becomes clear.

23rd November

The History of the Suffolk Fire Service – Chris Tuzland

An illustrated talk on the history of fire fighting in Suffolk from early beginnings, hand pumped "engines, horse-drawn "Steamers" and Fire Floats, to the formation of the national fire service during WW 2 and the immediate post-war history.

All meetings are held in

The Martlesham Heath Pavilion, Martlesham Heath at 7:30pm.

Admission fee is £2:50 and meetings are open to all.

THANK YOU

To all our emergency services
and everyone who are keeping us
safe during these difficult times.

Martlesham Monthly and all
our community salute you.
We wish all our Community a
Happy Easter



MARTLESHAM'S COMMUNITY ORCHARD

Much Needed Good News

On 13th February a great time was had by pupils from Gorselands School planting the trees of phase one, a mixture of apples and plums.

Thanks to them and to the school for arranging to help with the ongoing watering (not that that has been necessary at the time of writing)

The 20th February saw the official opening and naming ceremony by Mr. Bright. The day started early for the team with an interview on Radio Suffolk. This time we were joined by the pupils of Martlesham Pre-School who had prepared pictures of trees, and sang a song for us and after the ribbon cutting and concluded the event with the presentation of a plaque to Mr. Bright.

We would also like to thank all residents those who came along to show their support for this project. Special thanks to Pat and Ian Lisseman who opened the control tower for us, giving us shelter on a cold, wet and windy morning.

For photographs and more about the event please visit the FaceBook page or website of Martlesham Parish Council.

We hope that all individuals, schools and groups in the parish will find a way of using the orchard for recreation and learning. We can now add this to the other spaces available which are supported by the parish council; Martlesham Common Local Nature Reserve, Portal Woodlands, the Recreation Ground, and the Centenary, Harry Higgins and Jubilee Play Spaces and Bike Trails

Thanks to all those who have volunteered for the watering rota, and If you would like to be involved, either watering or in any other way please contact the parish council.

We can get this done while maintaining social distancing. Although at the time of writing we may be asking you to dig drainage ditches rather than watering

A working Group of Martlesham Parish Council



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If you would like further information please contact Sonya & Maureen Burrows
Tel.01473 625196

KESGRAVE LIBRARY NEWS

Closures

All library buildings will close indefinitely on Friday 20 March at their normal closing time. The mobile and home library services are also suspended.

Renewals, reservations and charges

All overdue charges incurred from 17 March onwards have been suspended
All books have been automatically renewed.

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Reservation collection dates for existing reservations will be extended indefinitely so they should be available when libraries reopen

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HEDGEHOG NURSERY AT GORSELAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

Gorseland Primary School

We celebrated World Book Day by inviting the children (and staff) to come in to school dressed as their favourite book characters – we had a wonderful day with lots of reading for pleasure taking place. We also supported Sport Relief on Friday 13th March with extra sporting activities taking place.

Hedgehog Nursery

The Hedgehogs have had a great time planting bulbs and seeds in the kitchen garden we are developing. We discovered how plants have a drink and how they stand up strong. We hope to grow a variety of vegetables that we can eat! The story of Jasper's beanstalk captured our imagination; there was even a mysterious beanstalk growing in the garden, with a castle at the top!

We also enjoyed celebrating World Book Day with our favourite books and dressing up as characters. Our special books were laid out on a table, just like a blanket, so everyone could have a good look and talk about them with friends. We are continuing our book vote each morning, this is being very popular.

We warmly welcome families from our community to come to see us in practice.

If you are 'curious' and have a three or four-year-old, please don't hesitate to get in touch with the school office

Mrs. T. Haig
Nursery Lead Teacher

Hedgehog Nursery is open from 0830-1515 Monday to Friday for 3 and 4 year olds; in addition, we offer wrap-around care from 0730-1800 every week day. If you would like more information, please visit www.gorseland.net or contact the School Office on 01473 623790



MARTLESHAM CARPET BOWLS

The Club lost both matches by 8-2 against two of the top teams, away from home at Copdock and Barking in February. However we are the only team to take any points off the latter club this season on their mats. A very close home match against the bottom club, Bentley, resulted in a 6-4 win, giving us an eight point cushion over them for the remaining few games, 42 points to 34

The AGM is scheduled for 5 May.
Vic Harrup

MARTLESHAM BRASS
'Making Music Fun in East Anglia'

Following recent Government and Brass Bands England advice, we have decided to suspend all Martlesham Brass band activities until further notice. We hope to be making music fun again in the not-too-distant future.

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 email join@martleshambrass.co.uk or use the contact details below.

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Inevitably, the recent storms Ciara and Dennis caused some disruption to the woods and the Group's normal operations. One tree was badly split causing a path to be closed until we could make it safe. We had to abort our February volunteer work morning due to safety concerns. Fortunately the weather was fine and sunny on the rearranged date, 1st March, and the woods were showing all the signs of spring – with a good display of violets, snowdrops and suitably for St David's Day, Daffodils.

The volunteers did a great job trimming back the hedge along the A1214, to encourage the hedge to thicken at the lower levels and to let more light into the woods over the top. The hedge makes great bird foraging and nesting habitat, and great care was taken to ensure that we did not disturb any nesting activities.

Dates for the Diary

Volunteer Work Morning (all ages) Sunday 19th April, 10:00am – Noon. Meet at the Education Area. Tools, training and light refreshments provided. All welcome. **Nature Explorers (11-18 year olds)** Saturday 16th May, 9:00am – 11:00am. Please book a place via our email address below.



New volunteers of all ages and abilities are always welcome. No experience needed.

Please check with organisers in case of cancellation

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.

Stephen Corley, Chairman

Photos: Hedging by S Corley, Split tree by P Davies

FOOD POP UP SHOP

It has been great to welcome people to St Michael's to make use of the Pop Up Shop. The next one will be held at St Michael's, Martlesham Heath, next to the Green, on Sunday 12 April from 1-2pm.

I know this is Easter Sunday but we will still be open with tea and coffee available so you don't have to rush away.

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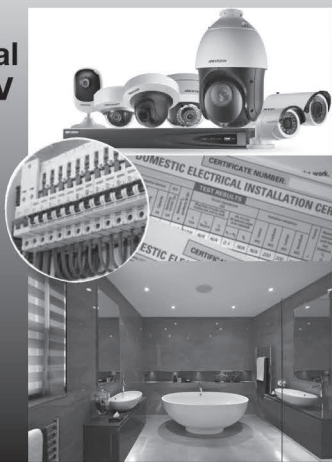


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MARTLESHAM CONSERVATION GROUP

Our heath on the western side of the village is an example of dry lowland heath (a rare type of habitat across Europe and the world), which should ideally be dominated by heathers with a mix of other low growing plants including fine grasses. Over this last winter a considerable amount of work has taken place on the heath to restore several areas to more favourable conditions. This work will allow the heath to provide a better habitat for the many animal and plant species characteristic of lowland heath. The heavier work involving mechanised equipment was undertaken by contractors through the Greenways project with smaller areas being cleared more selectively by volunteers. The major work on scrub clearance on the SSSI was organised to avoid disturbing nesting birds and other wildlife such as reptiles as much as possible given the constraints of time and weather.

Members of the public, especially dog walkers can make a valuable contribution to the recovery of our heathland and its associated wildlife by sticking to the main paths. It may be tempting to wander freely across the open areas, particularly the ones that have been recently cleared, however these are just the areas that could be colonised by ground nesting birds and reptiles especially if the disturbance level could be kept low. So if you walk across the heath please stick to the main paths, and if you are a dog walker we strongly advise you to walk your dog on a lead and stick to the main paths. This is partly for the benefit of our local wildlife but also for the protection of your dog as we seem to have a good population of adders present on the heath based on the numbers seen in early March this year and reports from members of the public over last summer. Please don't be tempted to take short cuts across the open areas, especially the newly created ones and please remember all our British snakes and lizards are protected by law. If you want to know more about reptiles (and amphibians) try the website <https://www.arc-trust.org>.

The group has also filled in some holes along the main pathways on the heath. Please can dog owners deter their dogs from re-digging or making new holes so as to avoid creating further trip hazards for all members of the public.

Many thanks go to all those volunteers who participated in the Megabash that took place in February and in recent work parties. More scrub was cleared from areas of heather and gorse scrub was also cleared to the south of The Oaks, which should prove beneficial for a range of wildlife and help reduce the fire risk.

In April, we should see the major influx of migrant birds with more varied song such as the Nightingale, Whitethroat, Garden Warbler and Lesser Whitethroat. Please listen out for these birds on our heaths and woodlands this year, and enjoy the rich soundscape of their birdsong.

Our work party in April will be on Sunday 5th April at 10 am. Please meet on the heath SSSI on the bank that runs east-west. We will aim to create areas of bare ground which may help to enhance the ant population, and provide hotspots for reptiles, butterflies and other insects.

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Picture Martlesham Heath SSSI by D Johnson



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If you would like any further information please contact:

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If you don't have access to the internet, the key message is to avoid visiting the surgery if at all possible. If you need an on-the-day appointment, please phone the surgery and a clinician will decide whether you need to attend in person.

If you experience coronavirus symptoms, stay at home. Only contact NHS 111 (online preferred as the call centre is overloaded) if your conditions get worse and you cannot cope at home or your symptoms do not get better after 7 days. Please do not go to the surgery, a pharmacy or hospital unless advised to do so.

We were very sorry to say farewell to Lynne Marsh (Practice Manager) at the end of February – she has supported our PPG since its inception in 2011. The surgery now has a new Practice Operations Manager, Rachel Wilson, who is joining the surgery team on 1st April. She will be assisted by a Deputy Operations Manager, Julie Cracknell who started in March. We look forward to working with both of them.

PPG Chair

ROTARY MEMORY CAFE SUSPENSION

The Rotary Clubs of Woodbridge and Woodbridge Deben and Woodbridge Inner Wheel regret to announce that due to the coronavirus situation the Memory Cafe at Woodbridge Football Club is suspended until further notice. We hope to resume our meetings once the situation resolves itself and will advise our guests once the Cafe re-opens.

HEADWAY SUFFOLK DEMENTIA GROUP - MARTLESHAM

All Headway Suffolk Dementia Groups are closed until further notice

U3A EAST SUFFOLK SUSPENDS ALL ACTIVITIES TILL FURTHER NOTICE

U3A East Suffolk has suspended all activities and meetings until further notice, in light of the spread of the Coronavirus.

The Committee has taken the decision in order to safeguard the health, safety and welfare of its members, many of whom are elderly, and thus at greater risk.

All speaker meetings and interest group activities are suspended with effect from Monday 16 March. The Committee will review the decision in four weeks' time.

This decision has not been taken lightly but the Committee wishes to protect its members as far as it is able

MARTLESHAM HISTORY SOCIETY -

Meeting Monday 6th April 2020 Life in a Foundling Hospital, My Experience - Ruth Miller is cancelled.

GOLDEN GIRLS

Due to circumstances all meetings at the Church are cancelled until further notice

MARTLESHAM BOWLS CLUB

Due to the developing situation concerning coronavirus, Martlesham Bowls club is very unlikely to be opening on 18th April as previously stated. It is very much a case of wait and see. In the meantime we send best wishes to all our members and Martlesham Monthly readers in these uncertain times.

To contact the bowls club email mary.drake@talktalk.net or tel 01473 622598

LADIES CLUB

Ladies Club meetings are cancelled until September

THE MOTHERS UNION.

The April and May meetings of the Mothers Union have been cancelled

WOOLLY WONDERS

Recently, we've all benefited from some very generous donations of wool, patterns and needles. Thanks very much to all those who have kindly donated these items.

We're using them to make cannula covers for babies in the neo natal unit at Addenbrookes hospital, little hats for Innocent smoothie bottles to benefit SuffolkAgeUk and seaside themed items for Martlesham fete ,with proceeds going to The Eve Appeal ,which researches into ovarian cancer. Rest assured anything donated to us is well used and much appreciated.

Woolly Wonders will meet when the Runway Café is open.

MARTLESHAM VILLAGE FETE

SATURDAY 18TH JULY *Cancelled*

It is with great regret that we have felt this necessary, but each day is bringing more and worse news with the peak expected to start in May and continue over the summer. (At least that is it at the time of writing)

It's appropriate to say thank you to all those who were working with the team to make the day a success. MHHL, the owners of the Green and The Pavilion Management Committee who allow us the use of their facilities. The Church, which provide another hall for us as well as refreshments, but less obviously also the disposal of litter, loo facilities and supply of electricity.

The Douglas Bader and other businesses in The Square which normally do something special on the day, and also the wider businesses in Martlesham which sponsor and support us.

Vital to the success we have the Army Cadets who make the day with their hard work, the St. John's Ambulance and the Saplings Nursery who provide essential support for our lost children procedures.

Last year Copleston High School organised the sports skill tournaments and this year they would have been joined by Kesgrave High School

Thanks also to the entertainers, we already had a full line up arranged, the thirty odd stall holders we were expecting, the fairground and ice cream van

Hope I haven't missed anyone out!

All together a real team effort which shows the best side of Martlesham.

See you all in 2021

A Working Group of Martlesham Parish Council

Time in the Garden

Spring brings a massive explosion of new growth, new life and new colour into our gardens after the winter months. It's a time to really enjoy our outdoor space and while a lot of us are going to have a bit more time around our homes, the garden may give us a refuge from the worried world around us.

Well, what can you do to brighten your day and get some exercise?

The pruning should all be done and the shrubs already leafing up. This is the strongest growth the plants will make in the year. During this time the sap is high and the plants are drawing up the water that the winter has provided.... a bit too much in some areas! The nutrients from the soil give the energy for the growth and if you are on poor soil the plants will need an organic top layer to keep them in good health and feed them throughout the year. A mulch, bark or feed can help the soil condition and when plants are healthy, they are less prone to pest and disease problems. So, if your soil is poor, then apply quickly; the health of your plants requires it and it might stop a virus attack!

Keeping on top of the Weeds

While the trees, shrubs and herbaceous plants are growing, so are the weeds! This is the best time to knock them on the head before they get established. Little and often will see them never get to the point of seeding and spreading. Usually we don't bother until they are a problem, but it will keep your overall maintenance down if you tackle them early.

As soon as the leaves are beginning to appear on roses then spray with Roseclear. It can be used fortnightly up to 4 times and this will see them through the year, preventing the usual pests and diseases they normally get. Tackle the problem before it occurs.



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The veg plot



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Fruit and Veg

April is a good month to get the fruit and veg garden going. Seeds can be sown straight into the ground if the ground temperature is ok and frosts have gone. Pots can be planted up with the colourful summer bedding, though protect from a sneaky frost if the weather changes. Greenhouses are good for giving the bedding plants a little head start, especially your hanging baskets.

The Lawn...or is it a bit of a grass area with extras?

Keeping a decent lawn on sandy soil is challenging, but you can't change your underlay! So, it is probably in need of tender loving care and attention...and maybe a bit of hard work too. Autumn feeds that improve the root growth are the best to use as they will support the grass during dry periods when it goes dormant, rejuvenating when it rains. In spring you can scarify to remove the winter moss and reseed areas; or feed with a weed, moss killer and fertilizer.

Remember to edge your lawn with a half-moon spade to give that extra neatness around paths and borders.

Enjoy your garden this year, working on it will help your body and soul.

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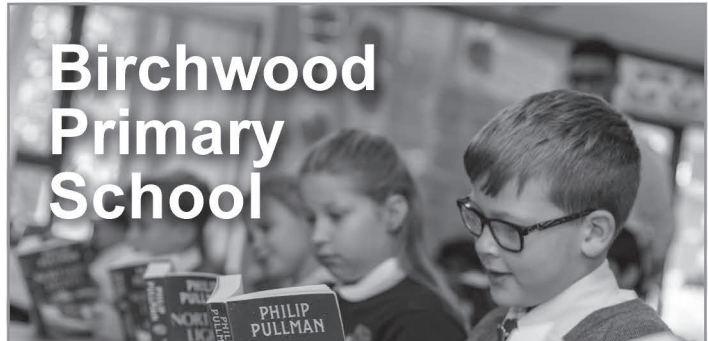
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RAF MARTLESHAM DURING WORLD WAR TWO

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Hurricanes would fly up from North Weald and Debden to patrol the North Sea in search of enemy shipping. For a short while American pilots from "71" squadron who had been seconded into the RAF, were based here. They were one of three "Eagle Squadrons" squadrons that were formed for Americans to fly with the RAF long before the US entered the war.



On 11th November 1940 Hurricanes from Martlesham and North Weald were vectored by radar to intercept 10 BR20 Italian bombers escorted by 40 BR42 biplane fighters of the Italian air force. They were intending to attack Harwich. Many were shot down without loss. On 23rd November Italian aircraft attempted to attack shipping in the North Sea. Seven were shot down also without loss. No further Italian sorties were logged.

Sqdn Ldr Stanford Tuck commanding 257 squadron at Martlesham seen here with pilots and their trophies. One is wearing an Italian tin hat and holding a cheese retrieved from a bomber shot down at Bromeswell.

Bob Stanford Tuck was a distinguished air ace. He was credited with 29 aircraft shot down and several shared victories until he was eventually shot down and taken prisoner.

Wing Commander, (later Group Captain), Douglas Bader was here for a while in 1940 commanding 242 squadron. In 1931 he crashed his 'plane and lost both legs. He was allowed to fly again and was credited with 20 aerial victories before being shot down and held as a POW. The Douglas Bader pub is a permanent tribute to Douglas Bader.

Martlesham was an obvious choice to establish an Air, Sea Rescue service. In the "Battle of Britain" Hurricanes would depart from Martlesham in a desperate attempt to locate "ditched" airmen. It was not until May 1941 that an Air, sea rescue service began in earnest with the arrival of Westland Lysander reconnaissance aircraft. These were soon joined by Supermarine Walrus amphibian biplanes. The Walrus was a very old design but had a very low stalling speed and the capability of landing on a rough sea. In the days before helicopters they proved invaluable. "Customers," as the rescued airmen were invariably called, could at least receive medical attention even if the Walrus could not take off again and had to wait for a high speed rescue launch. There are stories of Walrus amphibians taxiing all the way back to Gt Yarmouth and Harwich.

The USAAF 356th Fighter Group arrived in the autumn of 1943 and for a while shared the airfield with an RAF squadron of Hawker Typhoons. The three squadrons of the 356th Fighter Group consisted of the P.47 "Thunderbolt" and were later replaced by Rolls Royce Merlin powered P.51 "Mustangs." As with the British night bombing offensive, American losses were heavy and it was not until the Mustang arrived that they could escort the bombers as far as Berlin. As the American aircraft became more plentiful the fighters were often deployed attacking enemy activity on the ground. Such as aircraft parked on airfields and barges etc. In it's day the aviation history of Martlesham was second only to the Royal Aircraft Establishment at Farnborough.

IN LINE WITH GOVERNMENT ADVICE OUR MUSEUM IS NOT CURRENTLY OPEN ON THE DAYS ADVERTISED.

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MARTLESHAM HEATH AVIATION SOCIETY

Sadly, in line with government advice we have had to postpone future monthly meetings with immediate effect.

We are also unable to open the Control Tower museum until further notice.

Please look out for further information in Martlesham Monthly and on our web site, www.mhas.org.uk and on our Facebook page.

Our monthly meeting on Friday 6th March featured an illustrated talk by an aviation historian and author and an old friend of the society. He also presents the TV series, "Plane Resurrection". Ian McLachlan was accompanied by his wife, Susan and the title of his talk was "1920's - Flappers n' Flyers".

Ian gave a fascinating account of what is sometimes referred to as "the golden age of flying". The 1920's and 30's was an era of fast aviation progress and of intense interest to the public at large. Invariably attractive and wealthy young women vied with men to perform daring aviation stunts. One American girl looped her 'plane 199 times without pause. They could be filmed wing walking and other equally risky aerial "crowd pleasers". A few female adventurers attempted to be the first woman to cross the Atlantic and sadly some lost their lives in the attempt. It was not achieved until Amelia Earhart succeeded in 1928. She was lost without trace in the Pacific aged 39.

A fascinating talk by someone who really know his stuff! A vote of thanks was given by our President, Richard Barker.

Martlesham Heath Aviation Society wish to apologise for any inconvenience caused by the partial collapse of the historic revetments wall in the Control Tower museum car park. It has not been possible to rebuild it during the winter but it will shortly be repaired and the fenced off area will be available again.

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For God, for Others, for Ourselves?

It seems that times of crisis have the potential to bring out the best or the worst in people. I spoke to a couple today who were telling me about how they were looking for the good in the Corona virus situation. They said 'at least now we know our neighbours'.

I have seen such kindness in people offering to help out others, do their shopping, checking on their elderly neighbours. Jesus tells us in Matthew 25 that doing things for others is as if we were doing it for God. 'Whenever you did it for any of my people, no matter how unimportant they seemed, you did it for me.' (Matthew 25:40). So, keep going. Stand against the profiteering, the selfishness of hoarding. Give to others and it will be noticed by them and by God. And it will be good for you too. As shops empty and foodbanks struggle, even the little you do can make a huge difference to other people.

And be aware of the challenges to your own mental health. If you need to contact someone, then despite not holding services, the church is still there for you. Don't give in to worry. Take the peace that Jesus offers.

Jesus said: Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. (John 14:27)

Please note:

- Regular services are not being held at the moment, but we are live streaming services on our Facebook page, and offering other help and support.
- The Runway Café has sadly closed to enable social distancing.
- Our pop-up shop will still run. Easter Sunday, April 12th. 1pm. Low cost food available.
- If you can spare food or other items for FIND then, as the church is closed, you are welcome to leave donations on the porch of the Rectory, and I will make sure they get to the foodbank.

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For up to date news and support, follow us on our Facebook page (search for 'Martlesham Benefice Facebook page' for a link) or contact a member of the ministry team (details above).

Our thoughts and prayers are with you all at this difficult time.

A prayer for all those affected by coronavirus:

Keep us, good Lord, under the shadow of your mercy.

Sustain and support the anxious,
be with those who care for the sick,
and lift up all who are brought low;
that we may find comfort

knowing that nothing can separate us from your love in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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

April

- 5 *Palm Sunday; that we may welcome the Lord Jesus into our lives*
- 6 People in the Holy Land observing Holy Week
- 7 The children of Yemen and Syria
- 8 All who live in Newbourne Road
- 9 Maundy Thursday; that we may serve others with love
- 10 Good Friday; all persecuted for their faith
- 11 All who have been bereaved during the past year
- 12 *Easter Day; give thanks for the victory of life over death*
- 13 Give thanks for signs of new life
- 14 Give thanks for the Mobile Library & the pleasure of books
- 15 All who live in Nunn Close
- 16 For countries most affected by climate change
- 17 For all who are affected by the coronavirus
- 18 For Martlesham Brass and all who make music
- 19 *That we may live with the joy and hope of Easter*

- 20 For this new term especially those preparing for exams
- 21 For the Queen celebrating her birthday
- 22 All who live in Milano Avenue
- 23 St George's Day; pray for our country
- 24 Give thanks and pray for the staff at our surgeries
- 25 St Mark's Day; give thanks for his Gospel
- 26 *That we may rejoice with Jesus as he walks with us*
- 27 Give thanks for those who care for our open spaces
- 28 For all living with dementia and their carers
- 29 All who live in Park Close
- 30 All who enjoy fellowship at the Runway Cafe

May

- 1 For all who come to Friends on Friday
- 2 For the Flower Festival at St Mary's
- 3 *That our worship may be filled with joy*
- 4 For our Parish, District and County Councillors



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