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#### THIS MONTH'S PHOTOGRAPH: A Rainbow by Sam Cleverley.

Sadly, after all the frantic updating, we were pipped at the post by government advice, and last month's issue could not be put through the doors. It is still available online for anyone who wishes to read it. PDFs can also be printed out for anyone who does not have access to the internet, or finds it hard to read.

This month is a little quieter, with all the clubs and societies in lockdown. SpeakEasy have managed to continued online—see inside for details.

This month, we have a fascinating old article for you about the old bridge in Martlesham. The bridge was replaced in 1929 with one more suitable for motor vehicles—you can hardly tell it is there!

#### **1ST MARTLESHAM SCOUTS**

For all enquiries regarding joining the groups please contact

Timandra Howell

martleshamscouts.thowell@yahoo.com.

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#### MARTLESHAM PARISH COUNCIL

#### CORONAVIRUS AND PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

Due to the Coronavirus outbreak, the Parish Council is suspending meetings until further notice. Please avoid visiting the office unless absolutely necessary. Business will continue to be conducted via phone and email as far as possible. Thank you for your understanding.

#### 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

#### **Contacting the Council**

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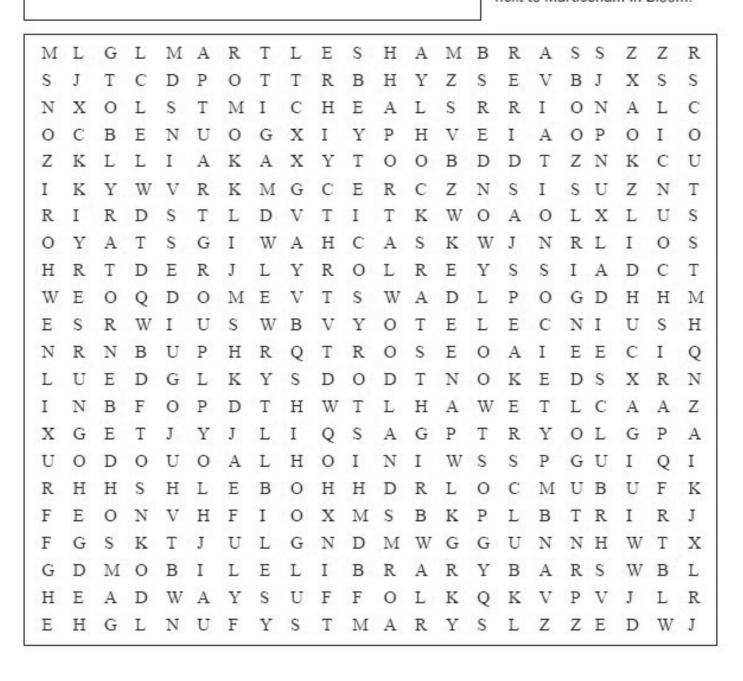
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#### WORDSEARCH

For a bit of fun, I have put together a word search containing some of the groups who normally feature in Martlesham Monthly.

Since most of them start with the word "Martlesham" I have missed it off most of the names. If you want to know the words to find, there is a list on "page 7", next to Martlesham In Bloom.



#### **Martlesham Heath Householders Ltd**



Planting trees. Picture: Ms L Calver

#### **A Special Place**

At times like this we are reminded that Martlesham Heath is a special place to live with open spaces and a selection of local shops. We are particularly fortunate to have so much open space which is now being used by so many more people including dog walkers, joggers, cyclists and families who are all out for their daily exercise. During this time, we especially ask you to respect other people, maintain your social distancing even if you are travelling faster than others when cycling or jogging. As always, ensure your dog is under control and please clear up after your dog. Our volunteer members who own dogs have noticed an increase in dog poo and this is unacceptable. And finally, please keep to footpaths to protect the heathland.

#### **Tree Planting Project**

As gorse is an invasive species and can be a fire risk, MHHL is starting a programme to cut back the gorse on our open spaces. It is acknowledged that gorse does like full sun and that tree planting provides shade, inhibiting the re-growth of gorse. As a pilot, the area behind Broomfield has been planted with a selection of tree saplings: blackthorn, hawthorn, common dogwood and goat willow. Recently a group of MHHL volunteers planted some 50 saplings and we are hopeful they will grow to be an attractive area for the Martlesham Heath residents to enjoy. The trees were donated as part of the OVO Energy, "I Dig Trees Programme".

#### Historical Background to the Development of the Martlesham Heath Village

The following lines are adapted from an article written by Christopher Parker for the Architects' Journal of September 1979:

A sharp distinction had to be drawn between the concept of a village and such nomenclature as 'housing estate' or 'neighbourhood'. It was important to define what we understood by a village and to avoid designing and creating anything else.

As a village comprises both buildings and people, we were in some difficulty, but three distinguishing features were identified:

- mixed age and income groups across a wide spectrum
- the architecture is incoherent, being in both different styles and materials; roof pitches at variance with one another and the buildings themselves angled to produce interesting and intimate groupings
- a general lack of uniformity.

The most pleasing villages have accordingly been developed slowly over several hundred years, generally using local material, but with the individual taste of the owner or architect harmonising with existing buildings or complementing them.

It was equally important to identify what was not a village and broadly we adopted the housing estate with its stupefying monotony as typifying what we would not accept. For example, large houses in minute gardens and small bungalows in large gardens would be incorporated in our overall design.

The brief to the architects was summed up as IP1 9PB. a direction to create coherent chaos.

#### Wild flower areas around Eagle Way

MHHL have been listening to our members regarding the grass around Eagle Way. There are two schools of thought, the first being a desire to keep the grass very well cut and tidy and the second being that we should let the grass grow so it flowers.

We feel there is a happy medium we can take and that is to set aside some areas that we can seed with wild flower seeds and thereby provide a good habitat to support bees etc. Unfortunately, this won't just happen by not cutting the grass. We do have to seed. We are planning to seed an area near Parkers Place but to do that we need to perform some gorse removal. This has proved difficult to achieve over the winter for one reason or another and now we are well and truly in Bird Nesting season and the lockdown. So, we will be looking to seed in September, the next meadow sowing time.

#### Public access defibrillator.

We have been fortunate to have been granted a sum of money by Councillor Thompson from the Enabling Communities Budget to install a public access defibrillator onto the Control Tower. This will provide coverage for the open land on the western side of Martlesham Heath and the local streets to the West, for example Deben Avenue, Dobbs Lane etc. Coverage for the Village Green and Martlesham Heath to the East is supported by a Defibrillator mounted on the Church.

We have the equipment but due to the lockdown we cannot install it. When the lockdown is lifted it will be installed and registered with the Ambulance Service who will issue the code to unlock the cabinet when it is needed.

We do want to thank Councillor Thompson for his support.

#### **Contact and further Information**

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Gorseland's staff have been busy supporting the children of key workers and continued to do so over the Easter break, when lots of Easter themed crafts and games were planned for them. The children in school have enjoyed many exciting activities and opportunities. Forest school activities have provided the children with the opportunity to work outside and get creative. Lots of PE has taken place too with the help of Joe Wicks.

The children have also created their own Gorseland rainbow, which can be seen on the Deben Avenue cycle path.



For those children and families accessing school from home, we have created 'The GorseHub' https://sites.google.com/a/gorseland.net/landing-page/Learning-Zone/gorsehub\_The activities are updated weekly and we are enjoying seeing the work you have been sending us via email learning@gorseland.net. For our smaller learners, https://hungrylittleminds.campaign.gov.uk/\_has a great range of activities for the under 5s. Our staff have also been busy perfecting their dancing skills with a weekly 'GorseTok' challenge! We have loved seeing your own videos, which you have sent us. You can access 'GorseTok' from the 'GorseHub' link above.

In other news, the school has been awarded the 'Eco-School' Green Flag, which recognises the hard work our Eco-Warriors, children and staff have done to develop environmental awareness in the school.



#### Fun Activity Sessions for Pre-school aged Children

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#### Martiesham Brass 'Making Music Fun in East Anglia'

Unfortunately we have had to take the decision to cancel our Spring Concert that was due to take place on 16th May. All band activities are currently suspended and will only resume when we are told that it is safe to do so.

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

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Portal Woodlands Conservation Group

In March, before stricter measures concerning the Coronavirus were introduced, volunteers (making sure to remain at least two metres apart from one another, to maintain social distancing) worked to widen a couple of path sections by clearing debris, cutting back vegetation and sweeping away decomposing leaves.

In wildlife news, bats should be emerging from hibernation as the weather warms during April. Several species of bat use our woods as their roosting and foraging ground, including the smallest species in the UK, the common pipistrelle, which can have a weight of just 3 to 8 grams.

While stuck at home, there are plenty of things you could do to encourage wildlife in your garden. We can highly recommend making a bug hotel, which doubles up as a good way of passing the time with your children and can be of varying levels of difficulty. There are many resources online, for example https://cdn.buglife.org.uk/2019/07/Build-a-bug-hotel.pdf

We hope to see you in the woods once this challenging time has passed, and in the meantime we wish you all to stay safe and healthy.

#### **Dates for the Diary**

Unfortunately, all scheduled events have been cancelled due to the Coronavirus.

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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From the second half of March we have been holding our fortnightly meetings online, it has been a great way to keep our meetings going, see/hear everyone and learn new skills. Many thanks go to Mike and Fiona, two of our long-standing members, for setting up these online meetings. We very much welcome guests to join us online, see what we do and enjoy the meetings with us.

If you would like to attend one of our online meetings please contact our President, Margaret Stanway, via the email address at the bottom of this article and she will organise for you to receive an invite to enable you to join the meeting.

- Speak easy is a friendly group of differing ages and lifestyles. Join us at a meeting online, you will be assured of a warm welcome.
- Speak Easy meetings are held on alternate Thursdays 7:00pm for a 7:15pm start and finishing at 9:30pm
- Speak Easy is a community club, open to anyone 18 years or over.

The next Speak Easy at Martlesham meetings in 2020 are:

14th May, 28th May, 11th June, 25th June, 9th July - subsequent dates continue fortnightly. Guests are always welcome to attend, we look forward to seeing you.

If you would like any further information please contact:

Margaret Stanway (President), Tel.07979 373934 president@speak-easy.org.uk

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#### MARTLESHAM COMMUNITY HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

The Community Hall and Richards Room closed for hire on Monday morning 30th March and the AGM scheduled for Thursday 9th April was cancelled. The vice chairman and I will keep the situation constantly under review, watching Government guidance, to trigger the announcement when to re-open both Halls and fix a new date for the AGM.

The booking secretary has invoice up to the last hire date, retained all Regular Bookings ready for the halls to re-open and individual bookings up to the end of May were cancelled by agreement.

Prior to the shut-down, the Richard Room/Parish Building front entrance doors were modified to overcome the auto locking when the door closed and the threshold height was reduced for better wheelchair access.

I must say, the co-operation from "Homestyle Windows" to overcome the technical problems associated with the doors was exemplary and generous with the provision of the many replacement keys.

Please keep yourselves, safe and well, contract the booking secretary if you have concerns about hiring the halls, she is available on E-mail or telephone.

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#### **MARTLESHAM LADIES CLUB**

As I am writing this for the online version of the magazine; the lovely sunshine and beauties of nature help us through these strange and worrying times. Instead of our friendly meetings with lots of catch-up chat we have to keep in touch by phone and email.

One piece of good news - at our Bring and Buy sale held just before the lock down, we raised £115.00 for our charity. It was a very successful and enjoyable evening.

We do hope we will be able to recommence our meetings in September; 'Wait and See' is the order of the day. Hoping all our members avoid the virus and stay strong and healthy.

For more news contact Doreen Boar 01473 622768.



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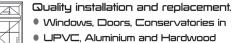
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#### 10th February

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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 Iune

#### 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 Ânglia 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 Turland

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.

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The Martlesham Heath Pavilion, Martlesham Heath at 7:30pm. Admission fee is £2:50 and meetings are open to all.



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Some plants or seeds could probably still be bought online or by telephone. Most plants and seeds planted later than the recommended time will still grow and give a long flowering time probably into the autumn if there are no frosts. Garden compost can be used for growing your bought seeds and plants.

If you have a lawn why not leave an area unmown and see how many wild flowers come up as a result. We did this on our lawn several years ago and approximately sixteen different types of wildflowers grew and flourished, we did mow later on!

You could also fill an empty flowerpot or make holes in a plastic container, fill with garden soil, water and see how many wild plants grow.

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# HOME-START IN SUFFOLK RECEIVES £390,000 FROM THE NATIONAL LOTTERY FOR THE CONTINUATION OF THE BUILDING RESILIENT FAMILIES PROJECT IN THE WAVENEY AREA.

Local family support charity, Home-Start in Suffolk, is delighted to have been awarded more than £390,000 in National Lottery funding to continue their work with vulnerable families in the Waveney area. The project launched in 2017 as a direct response to the many support enquiries the organisation received relating to families in this location which at the time had no support service in place. After 3 successful years in operation in this locality with the Home-Start team and their amazing volunteers providing the much-needed support services to more than 200 families in the area, this funding will ensure that the service can continue and develop.

Home-Start in Suffolk has been supporting families across the county for over 20 years and has an army of over 225 fully trained volunteers that provide vital practical and emotional support through their home visiting services. As a result of the current COVID-19 pandemic, the organisation has adapted its service model to adhere to the current social distancing regulations. The home visiting service is temporarily suspended but a regular telephone or video call support service has been introduced to help vulnerable supported families during this unprecedented time.

A further response in recognition of the huge number of families in need during the current pandemic sees Home-Start in Suffolk launching the new 'Families Connected Suffolk' support line this month. This will give even more families access to the support they need from our team of amazing experienced and fully trained volunteers. As the support line is an additional service to the support already offered by Home-Start, the team are now working hard to source funding for this new project through donations.

To make a donation or to find out more about Home-Start in Suffolk visit www.homestartinsuffolk.org. Tel 01473 621104



#### **MARTLESHAM BRIDGE**

By H.R.Lingwood

This is an article written by Mr Lingwood in the January 1950 edition of the East Anglian Magazine.

An Extract from "Martlesham – The Good and Bad Old Days"

For generations men and their beasts crossed the river Finn at Martlesham by a ford, a little westward of the present bridge. Floods and considerations of convenience led in due time to the provision of a footbridge. Doubtless this was supplemented by a pack-horse bridge.

Eventually the watercourse was spanned by a structure more substantial, called for centuries Seckford Bridge. Arental of the manor of Martlesham Hall for the year 1460has a reference to the land abutting upon a stream of water flowing from Bealings Parva towards Seckford Bridge, and the Court Rolls of Seckford Hall, 1488-89,contain entries relating to the stream running from "Sekeford Bridge" towards Bungaye Mill and to the Miller's Acre lying "near Seckford Bridge." At a court baron held as late as 1824 the name still persisted; probably only because the scribe was copying the wording of the ancient document.

By mid-Tudor times the bridge had become known as Martlesham Bridge, as appears from a bequest in the will, dated 11 April, 1543, and proved 14 December, 1543, of Agnes King "of Martelysham," widow of John King. The testator left "to the reparcon of Martelysham bridge, 6s 8d."

From Cromwellian times there survives a record to the effect that the "pons vocat Martlesham bridge" was in a ruinous state and the parties responsible for its repair had not been ascertained. (Account of ye County Bridge in Suffolk, 1651, Ipswich Borough Library, Reference Dept.)

At this period the older inhabitants still talked of a June day in 1628 when the bridge was the centre of a skirmish that must have sent villagers and moorhens alike scuttling for cover. This affray was the outcome of a dispute at Swaffham Crown in the early spring of 1628, when one Timperley, acting as second to Henry Withipoll, was wounded by Francis Maddison, Lieutenant of a band of soldiers billeted at Woodbridge, whose principal was Robert Wright, ensign of the same band of soldiers.

One day in the following June the papistical Sir William Withipoll, of Ipswich, "came with his brother (Henry) and all his company of trained men to Martlesham Heath, not far from Woodbridge, where Wright and Maddison, with their company of twenty-eight men or thereabouts, met them, the soldiers being left on the other side of the bridge, and they, Wright and Maddison, going over to Sir William and his brother, who were gone aside from their men, the conclusion was Sir William and his brother did cowardly pistol both Wright and Maddison" –

fatally.

Upon this, the supporters at the bridge exchanged shots, "and one of the Ipswich side had his brains shot out behind the hedge, by one of his own company which stood behind him.

"Sir William and his company marched to Ipswich, and there caused all the bells (where they could prevail) to be rung. . ." (Diary of John Rous, Incumbent of Santon Downham, Suffolk, 1625 to 1642 – Cambden Series, 1856).

Plate 54 in John Ogilby's Britannia, Volume 1., 1675, undertaken by the express desire of King Charles II., shows the river at the foot of the Red Lion hill as then spanned by a bridge marked "Martlesham Stone bridge."

By the middle of the next century the traffic using this bridge had been augmented by a stage-coach plying between London and Yarmouth via Ipswich, taking three days for the single journey in winter, two days in the summer. Coachmen, encountering carriages and curricles, wagons and timwhiskeys, and even flocks of sheep, must often have cursed the awkwardness of the hump-backed bridge.

But one such driver had occasion to be grateful for this narrowness when, on 3 December, 1793, "the horsekeeper belonging to the Mail-coach office of this town(Ipswich) being called away . . . the horses in the Yarmouth coach set off at their usual steady pace, without the coachman on the box. In this manner they proceeded for six miles, till they were obstructed by the narrow bridge at Martlesham, where they were overtaken. It was dark at the time, and the circumstance was not observed at Rushmere turnpike-gate, which had just been thrown open to let a wagon pass." (Ipswich Journal). Soon after this the old bridge stood condemned, and in July, 1795, tenders were invited "for the building of a NEW BRIDGE at Martlesham." The New bridge, consisting of three brick arches, the main one segmental, the side arches semicircular, with brick parapets and coping, and long wing walls at each end, had a roadway width of 14ft. 4ins. It appears in a drawing by Henry Davy, the Ipswich Topographical artist, dated "August 25, 1836, half past one p.m." (Add. MS.19178)

From it was shot a hen Great Bustard, believed to be the last one seen in the neighbourhood. (Zoologist, 1870, p.2024). That was in 1815, the year that put paid to "Boney." The bridge had witnessed various alarums and excursions occasioned by the threats of a Napoleonic landing. On 3 May, 1798, the whole of the troops quartered in Ipswich marched out to take part in manoeuvres, when, "The passage of Martlesham Bridge was hotly disputed, and to the brisk discharge of two cannon and small arms, the mock "enemy" was at last foiled! Five months later Martlesham witnessed another great field day. A detachment of the King's Dragoon Guards, after a well supported fire of cannon and musketry, made a charge to carry Martlesham Bridge, but were forced back by fire from the Flying Artillery, the "battle" moving on to Little Bealings.



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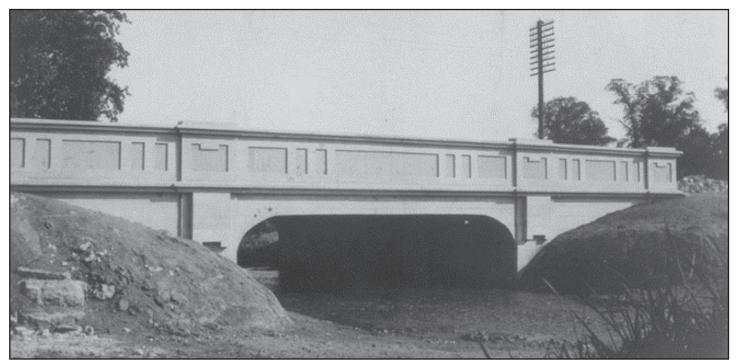
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#### Martlesham Bridge after it was rebuilt in 1929

A hundred years after the shooting of the Bustard the old bridge re-echoed with the tramp of men and boys in khaki, chorusing "Down Foxhall way in the morning" and "When we wind up the Watch on the Rhine." The bridge's successor carried the traffic of tanks and jeeps and lorry-borne young men intent on hanging their washing on the Siegfried Line.

About this time the first motor car began fouling the air. In 1895 the parapets of the 1795 bridge were rebuilt from ground level. A generation later, it was recognised that the Georgian bridge with its "hump" was unsuited to the age of speed. The western parapet was taken down and a new bridge built alongside, the old bridge being retained during the building operations.

The "ironing out" was so thorough that present-day travellers, feeling no change of level, hardly realise that they are crossing a stream dignified, like many other Suffolk waterways, with the title "river." The bridge was opened for traffic at Whitsuntide, 1929. A contemporary account states: "With its realigned approaches, the new bridge gives increased visibility, and it is really the starting point for any improvement scheme which incorporates the elimination of the awkward Martlesham Hill by means of a by-pass road"

Mr.A.W.Freeman informs me that the flood of January, 1939, washed holes in the bed of the stream. Above the bridge there were revealed remains of a timber bridge running close beside the ford.

Who among the many road-users speeding over the modern bridge gives a thought to those who traversed, or lingered awhile on, its predecessors when the world was younger? . . .

The men of Martlesham went to teach the men of Woodbridge archery: Master Noone (Foxe's "bloody tyrant"), hot on the trail of two Marian martyrs-to-be: the train bands and the ill-fated Maddison and Wright: swarthy James Fuller on his way to 'list in Marlborough's army: Margaret Catchpole escaping from gaol: the boy William Light, who in the fullness of time was to found the city of Adelaide, Stumpy Brown with murder in his heart: the two Searles, Valentine Woods from Beacon Hill House, discussing geology: Bernard Barton, Thomas Wade, Edward FitzGerald, poets all, treading where in 1941, Alun Lewis mused.......

Editors note: Mr H.R.Lingwood was the literary editor for The East Anglian Daily Times and was a direct descendant of Edward II.

The river Finn was renamed Fynn, I have not found anyone able to tell me when and why this happened.

With regard to the last paragraph. Most of the people are self explanatory with the exception of the two Searles. It is known that Searle Valentine Wood lived at Beacon Hill House in the 1881 Census and wrote many books on Geology, but another Searle, remains elusive. Alun Lewis (1915 – 1944) was a prolific writer born in Wales. There are many of his books available from libraries. He joined the Army and was posted to Woodbridge and Aldeburgh in 1942. He committed suicide in Burma

#### Relying on others

As I write this we are all subject to a lock down and social distancing for our own health and the health of others. This initial period extended through Lent and I'm sure many people continued to deny themselves a particular luxury for this season. When we give something up for Lent, we appreciate it so much more when Easter comes and we can celebrate with a special treat!

So what about those of us who didn't make Lent sacrifices but were forced to give up socialising? How have we benefitted? I have to say, that although my husband and I have had very little physical contact with outsiders, we have actually made contact with people we haven't seen for ages. We've got into the habit of inviting friends for a Virtual coffee! We contact a friend or family member and arrange to have coffee whilst chatting through one of the online face to face media. As a church we've held services online and been thrilled at the response. We've got into the habit of regularly keeping contact by text, phone, letter and email. Infact, we've been able to work at being community .... As so many others have in their neighbourhoods.

This time of denial has become a time of growing community. The writer of the letter to the Hebrews (10:24,25) agrees - Let us be concerned for one another, to help one another to show love and to do good. Let us not give up the habit of meeting together, as some are doing. Instead, let us encourage one another all the more, since you see that the Day of the Lord is coming nearer.

Rev Margaret Rittman Martlesham with Brightwell.

#### Christian Aid Week 10-16 May 2020 - with a difference. It's all online or by phone! But it's more urgent than ever...

At this time of year, I usually write an article inviting everyone to support the valuable work Christian Aid does in the poorer communities in the world by asking you to responding generously when a volunteer posts a red envelope through your door. However, with the current Coronavirus emergency measures things are very different this year. Very sadly, under the current circumstances house-to-house collections cannot take place and we will be unable to collect from this community the nearly 2.5 thousand pounds we raised together last year.

I say very sadly because the communities Christian Aid works with around the world are the very places where Coronavirus will hit people hardest. These are the places which do not have the healthcare infrastructures needed to combat widespread disease. They are also the places where many people are already living with reduced health resilience because of extreme poverty, or they are in overcrowded humanitarian camps. If infection rates start to develop there as they have done in Europe, then people in these poorer places will be hit even harder than we have been here.

This is an appalling thought and it means these communities will need every penny in donations even more urgently than usual. So, although we cannot come to your door and invite you to make a donation, I am still making a personal appeal to you. Because Coronavirus impacts us all, but love unites us all.

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Carolyn Smith

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We also invite you to join us for worship on Facebook as we stream services live every Sunday and Wednesday at 10am. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all at this difficult time.

#### A prayer for all those affected by coronavirus

Keep us, good Lord,
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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
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#### Prayer Dlary Please include the following as an addition to your daily prayers

#### May

- 5 For all involved in producing this magazine
- 6 Residents of Parker's Place
- 7 For all anxious about the coronavirus outbreak
- 8 For all who mourn
- 9 For the unemployed and their loved ones

#### 10 Thank you for our Christian family

- 11 For a loving response to Christian Aid Week this week
- 12 For Street Pastors at this difficult time
- 13 Residents of Peel Yard
- 14 For all staff at our hospitals at this anxious time
- 15 For the police force as they cope to keep order
- 16 For all shopkeepers in this difficult time

#### 17 Thank you for being our rock in tough times

- 18 For the Mothers' Union worldwide
- 19 For all who are lonely
- 20 Residents of Pine Bank

- 21 Ascension Day may we seek & serve the Risen Lord
- 22 For night shelters and the homeless
- 23 For all farmers and gardeners
- 24 Thank you for many acts of kindness and love
- 25 For all who work in health centres
- 26 For all who are caring for others
- 27 Residents of Portal Avenue
- 28 For those living with the challenges of ageing
- 29 For Food banks and all they help
- 30 For children in difficult situations
- 31 Pentecost give thanks for the gift of the Holy Spirit

#### June

- 1 For those suffering domestic abuse
- 2 For all charities in need of donations
- 3 Residents of Post Office Lane
- 4 For those affected by coronavirus worldwide



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