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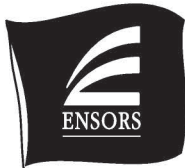
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THIS MONTH'S PHOTOGRAPH

The Green, Martlesham Heath,
taken on a snowy day.

Thanks to Maureen Reed

The Martlesham Monthly Team
would like to wish everyone a Merry
Christmas and a Happy New Year.

1ST MARTLESHAM SCOUTS

For all enquiries regarding joining the
groups please contact Timandra Howell
martleshamscoutswaitinglist@outlook.com

Becoming a helper or hiring of the Scout
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Douglas Bader: 3.00–4.30pm
no visit in December
2019: 22 January
Thursdays:
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13 December
2019: 10 January

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MARTLESHAM PARISH COUNCIL

The Council wishes all parishioners a happy Christmas and best wishes for the New Year.

Thanks to those who have helped us during the year

At this festive time of year we would like to express our grateful thanks to the following:

Our many volunteers & volunteer groups who carry out practical work looking after our open spaces, woodlands, play areas, notice boards etc.

We would particularly like to highlight the amazing work done and many many hours given up by the Project Plan Team to take us through a referendum this year to finally achieve recognition for our Neighbourhood Plan, which now forms part of the Local Plan for the District.

The Village Fete Working Group who achieved a successful Village Day this year with the help of lovely weather!

Tesco – for their enthusiastic support of our annual litter pick and for continuing to litter pick at the Community Centre car park.

County Cllr Patricia O'Brien for grant funding for framed entrances on the Common (work is ongoing) & District Cllr John Kelso for grant funding for the Village Day

Sorry if we have forgotten anybody!

New Parish Councillor

We are very pleased to welcome a new face to the team of councillors, Jane Drummond, who has lived in the parish for about 37 years and is keen to keep Martlesham a lovely place to live despite pressures from ongoing development. We look forward to working with her.

Parish Council elections May 2019

Nobody cares more about your community than you and your local council do! The next election of Parish Councillors takes place on

Thursday 02 May 2019. Martlesham has 3 wards with 15 seats to fill. Please start to consider whether you might become a councillor. Take a look at our website; come along to meetings to see what is involved; talk to councillors and staff to find out more.

Brightwell Lakes development

Commencement of work on the new development has rolled over to the New Year. We understand that discussions are ongoing with regard to the management of the A12 roundabouts with traffic lights. It is anticipated that first residents will move in early 2020. The Parish Council is now represented on the "Brightwell Lakes Community Forum" the aims of which include "To provide a positive contribution to the design and development of the site with the interests of both new residents and existing surrounding residents in mind".

Budget/Precept 2019/2020

At its January meeting the full Council will be agreeing its budget and precept (Parish Council element of Council Tax) for the financial year commencing 01 April 2019.

New Pedestrian Crossings

The Parish Council is pleased that as part of the planning permission for the Costa Drive Thru the owner of the site is providing 2 pedestrian crossings, one on Felixstowe Road and the other on Anson Road. When planning applications have come forward, the Council has repeatedly asked that developers, Suffolk Highways & Suffolk Coastal District Council (SCDC) consider the impact on pedestrians, cyclists or people with disabilities but little or no action has been taken. We are therefore pleased to announce this success.

Rollout of Universal Credit

The rollout of Universal Credit is continuing in the District. SCDC is reassuring people that support is in place to help them & they

should not hesitate to seek help if they are at all worried.

For support please ring the SCDC customer service line, 01394 383789, and you will be put in touch with dedicated staff. You can also just visit the local customer service centres in Woodbridge & Felixstowe Libraries. Citizens Advice is also offering free personalised financial advice.

Forthcoming meetings:

Please note that our full Council meeting in December is replaced by:

Finance & General Purposes Committee – Wednesday 05 December 2018

Development Plans Committee – Wednesday 12 December 2018

Parish Council – Wednesday 09 January 2019

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

Contacting the Council

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

Telephone: 01473 612632

e-mail: clerk@martleshamcouncil.org.uk

website: <http://martlesham.onesuffolk.net> for latest news & events

Parish Office opening times: 9am – 12noon, Mon – Fri, excluding public holidays, but please book an appointment in advance.

The office will also be closed on 27 & 28 December 2018 over the Christmas period.

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AGM

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JOHN KELSO'S DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORT

Possible housing development at Police Headquarters

At the time of writing this report no further information has been made available and no planning application has been received by the Suffolk Coastal Planning Department. I will of course keep you updated as soon as any information is received.

Brightwell Lakes (Adastral Park) development

The latest information that I have received regarding this development is that work is envisaged to commence in the spring of 2019, with the first houses being available for occupation in 2020.

My Enabling Communities Budget

So far this year I have provided grant aid to the following Martlesham organisations: - Martlesham Brass £500, Martlesham Village fete £925 and Martlesham Heath Aviation Society £1,000.

If you belong to a Martlesham organisation and are looking for help to fund a project please contact me. The closing date for applications is February.

If you wish to discuss any of the above matters or any other District Council matter please email me at john.kelso@suffolkcoastal.gov.uk or telephone 01473 612632

Wishing you all a very merry Christmas and a happy New Year

John Kelso District Councillor Martlesham Ward

CHRIS BLUNDELL'S DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORT FOR DECEMBER 2018

First a Correction. In my news letter with the November edition of the MM, I stated that the recommendations for the proposed new Martlesham and Purdis Farm ward for East Suffolk would include Waldringfield. The Local Government Boundary Commission for England accepted an argument from Waldringfield that the nature of their parish was more suited to being retained as a more rural area and therefore allocated Waldringfield to the Orwell Villages Ward and not Martlesham. The new Martlesham & Purdis Farm Ward will now consist of: Martlesham, Martlesham Heath, Brightwell, Foxhall and Purdis Farm.

Some Good News. Suffolk Coastal District Council, on behalf of all the Suffolk Authorities has been awarded a grant of £87,500 to deliver a pilot scheme supporting patients with housing needs when they are discharged from hospital, as well as reducing the chance of them being admitted to hospital.

Based on the successful Warm Homes Healthy People model, the funding will pay for a housing co-ordinator to work in Ipswich Hospital and the local community to resolve complex housing-related patient issues.

The project includes the lease of two "halfway home hubs" to provide temporary accommodation for patients who are medically fit for discharge but cannot return home until a housing issue is resolved. The project will give practical assistance to resolve problems that prevent patients from returning to or remaining in their homes.

May I wish a Happy New Year and successful 2019 to all our residents.

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

Chris Blundell. SCDC District Councillor (Martlesham Ward)

MARTLESHAM CONSERVATION GROUP

The autumn and winter period is a time of increased practical conservation work as all the nesting activities of birds has been completed and it is possible to remove vegetation whilst minimising the impact on wildlife. The Conservation group intends to be active on a number of tasks. Over the same period contractors are likely to be working on the heath SSSI for periods of a few days at a time. Several of these work tasks may involve the use of mechanised equipment. Please watch out for them and us and take care for your own safety as you walk around the heath.

Please join us for our next work party on Sunday 9th December at 10 am on the heath SSSI (western corridor) by the bank that runs east-west across the site. We will be working to cut back the scrubby vegetation for the benefit of the wildlife and public. All tools and instructions will be provided on the day.

You may attract more wildlife into your garden over autumn and winter by being a little less tidy. For example you could help a hedgehog to endure the winter months by leaving some vegetation to provide shelter. Please let autumn leaves rot where they fall or rake them in to piles. Please leave areas uncut over winter and always check for hedgehogs whenever you cut long grass or bramble. Also a number of bird species will join us from colder climates to the north over the winter period; the heath had several visitors over the winter period last year such as Stonechat, Dartford Warblers, Redwings and Fieldfares; even familiar species such as Blackbirds could have migrated from a considerable distance. Please spare a thought for our wild birds and remember to put out food and water in your gardens to help them through the cold spells.

Phil Smith 01473 625630

USED STAMPS AND COINS APPEAL FOR ST ELIZABETH HOSPICE

Christmas is fast approaching and we will soon be receiving Christmas cards and letters. When you have opened the envelopes please don't just throw them away, the used stamps on there can make money for our local charity - just remember please to leave a 1cm border around the stamps to avoid damage to the perforated edge. The St Elizabeth Hospice in Foxhall Road Ipswich is able to sell used stamps in bulk - the stamps are sorted and sold by weight, ending up in stamp collections around the world.

The Hospice can also sell your unwanted coins; foreign currency left over from your travels, British pre-decimal money, and the more recently phased out coinage.

So if you can save these and drop them through my door you will be really helping the hospice. Don't worry that you don't have many stamps - all the used stamps pushed through my letterbox very soon add up to a great deal for the Hospice.

The hospice shop in Gloster Road are happy to accept your donations if that is easier for you, or if you are passing the library at Grange Farm they will also take in your stamps and coins (and you can buy some of their lovely charity Christmas cards while you're there).

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We exploded, popped, whizzed and banged our way through November the fifth and then changed gear to become peaceful and learn about how important the poppy is.

We are looking forward to getting underway with our nativity and inviting our families for Christmas fun. We are also catching the walking 'Polar Express' to Martlesham Square to post our special letters to a special someone in the North Pole.

If you would like to come and visit and see us in action, please contact the School Office on 01473 623790 and you will be warmly welcomed!

Mrs. T. Haig
Nursery Lead Teacher

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

KESGRAVE LIBRARY NEWS

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

Sunday 2nd – It's our Christmas Fayre today. We are making 3D elves out of cardboard tubes. What colour hat will you chose for your elf?

Sunday 9th – Why not pop along and make a Christmas tree card for someone special this Christmas?

Sunday 16th – Make a snowman decoration out of an old CD disc for your Christmas tree at home;

Sunday 23rd – Have you ever seen a Christmas polar bear? Make a polar bear picture out of newspaper;

Sunday 30th – It's nearly 2019. Design a calendar for the New Year showing the seasons, to brighten up your room.

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

Free BookStart Sessions – every Thursday.

Tot Rock - 9.45am – 10.15 am.

BabyBounce - 10.30am – 11.00am.

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

Every Tuesday afternoon (Term Time) 3.45 – 4.45 p.m. Lego Club. Parents must stay with under 8s. The themes this month are 04/12 – Santa's Sleigh, 11/12 – Elves Workshop, 18/12 – Christmas Wonderland. No need to book. Just pop along! This is a free activity.

06/12/2018 – Afternoon Book Group - 2.45 p.m. They are currently reading *Exposure* by Helen Dunmore.

Christmas Opening Times at the library:-

Sunday 23rd December: 10.00 a.m. – 3.00 p.m.

Monday 24th December: CLOSED

Tuesday 25th December: CLOSED

Wednesday 26th December: CLOSED

Thursday 27th December: 2.30 – 8.00 p.m.

Friday 28th December: 9.00 a.m. – 12.00 noon & 2.30 – 6.00 p.m.

Saturday 29th December: 10.00 a.m. – 5.00 p.m.

Sunday 30th December: 10.00 a.m. – 3.00 p.m.

Monday 31st December: 9.00 a.m. – 12.00 noon

Tuesday 1st January: CLOSED

Wednesday 2nd January: Normal hours resume



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You are welcome to come along to any of our mornings, just turn up, no need to let us know in advance. We look forward to seeing you during this festive season and 'Happy Christmas' to everyone from all at Bright Stars!

Last dates for the Autumn Term 2018:

Monday 26th November

Monday 10th December

The first two sessions of the Spring Term 2019 will be:

Monday 14th January 2019

Monday 28th January 2019

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

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PORTAL WOODLANDS CONSERVATION GROUP

The latest volunteer working party met on a gorgeous morning in mid-October. The group of volunteers were split into two halves, with one continuing to clear the southern tumulus of vegetation and the other half adding more bark chippings to the paths to keep them from getting overly muddy. It was fantastic to see so many people spending time in Portal Woodlands - families, dog walkers, cyclists and runners were all enjoying the sunny but still crisp and chilly autumn morning.

The Portal Woodlands Conservation Group was formed as a working group of Martlesham Parish Council in November 1999 to conserve the woodlands which lie west of the Suffolk Police HQ and alongside the A1214. Volunteers meet each month to work on a variety of projects to encourage wildlife, preserve historic features and keep the woods accessible to people. If you can spare an hour or two do feel free to come along, details below.

Further to our recent theft, one item of particular note that was taken is a model of a small child. This is quite distinctive and unique, so if you happen to see it turn up anywhere please let us know so that we can advise the police to help them track down the perpetrators.

All that's left to say is we wish you all a very Happy Christmas!

Dates for the Diary

Volunteer Work Morning (all ages)

Sunday 16th December, 10:00am – Noon.

Meet at the Education Area. Tools, training and light refreshments provided.

All welcome - no need to book.

Nature Explorers (11-18 year olds)

Saturday 19th January, 9:00am – 11:00am.

Please send an email to book a place.

Nature Watch Club (5-11 year olds)

Sunday 16th December, 9:30am – 11:00am - Christmas creative activity.

Please send an email to book a place.

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.

Sam Cork, Young Volunteer and Nature Explorer



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Please join us for 'Coffee and Carols' on Saturday 1st December at 10am at St Michael's Church Centre, Martlesham Heath, when you can hear our Intermediate Band playing your favourite Christmas music. There will be refreshments, various stalls & a raffle - admission is free.

Our Christmas Concert is on Saturday 15th December at 7pm, also at St Michael's Church Centre. Tickets are £3.50 (Primary School children free). You can get your tickets by phoning 07544 962205, visiting our website www.martleshambrass.co.uk or they will be available on the door. This concert is often a sell-out, so please get your tickets early.

On Wednesday 19th December we will be playing for 'Carols in the Square', Martlesham Heath at 7pm.

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

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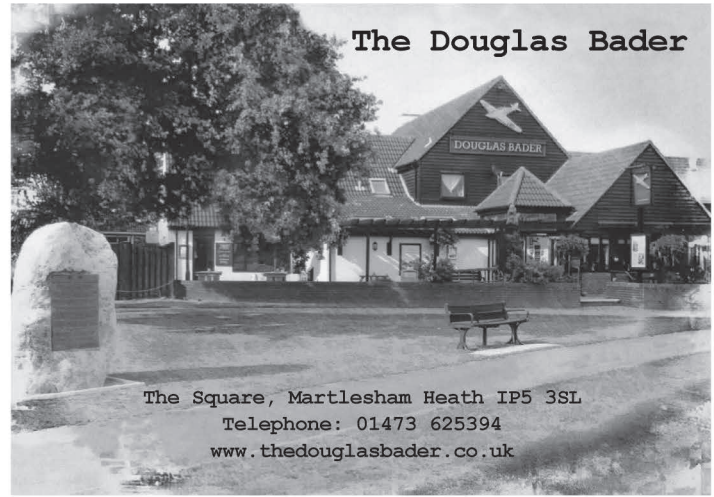
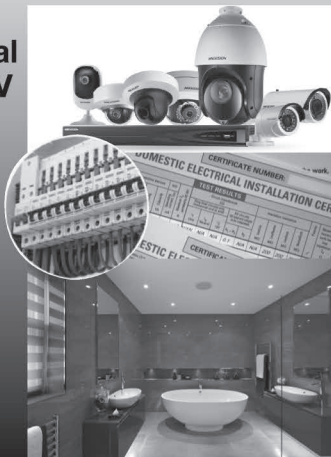


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We are pleased to let you know that the Martlesham surgery now has two doctors on duty every day, Monday-Friday. These are:

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Dr Robert James (1 day)

Dr Hubert Lilliveld (4 days)

Dr Paul Bethell (1 day)

In addition, Jan Hinton, our nurse practitioner, is available on three days per week. We have two practice nurses, Helen and Angela, who cover the five days between them, plus two health care assistants, Lorraine and Donna, who do the same.

After a long period of uncertainty, this is welcome news. But before we all get too excited, it should be noted that the practice is still under-resourced compared with national standards. This is becoming the norm due to a national shortage of GPs and doctors in general. We are very grateful for the time and effort our doctors put in on our behalf. If you have an appointment you can't make, it will help others if you can let the surgery know as soon as possible, so your appointment slot can be released for someone else. If you are registered for online access, you can cancel and make appointments online.

HEADWAY SUFFOLK MONTHLY DEMENTIA GROUPS

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

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

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

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

The groups rely on the goodwill of volunteers to help in the kitchen, with preparations and tidying away, as well as engaging clients in discussion and with various activities, such as indoor games, cognitive exercises and singing.

If you would like to make a referral or want to volunteer, contact Maureen Howes on 01473 712225 or email: maureenhowes@headwaysuffolk.org.uk.

The Deben Rotary Club of Woodbridge will be bring Santa on his sleigh again this year. Listed below the routes that he will be coming round. Note that some of the routes will be starting where they ended before and ending where they started. All money collected is for the Charity Trust fund of the Club from which we support Local, District, National and Inter National Charities. Charity No.1151275. For more information regarding the Rotary one million plus members in the Rotary movement both Locally, Nationally or Internationally please Contact Rotarian Ian O'Brien Baker on 01394 382419, 07747 610 894, ianmeadhome@btconnect.com.

All the Rotary movement hope you have a very happy Christmas and marvellous New Year.

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SLEIGH ROUTE 2018 '4' Friday 14th. DECEMBER 2018

Farriers Close, Stable Court, Hunters Ride, The Chase, DeBrink on the green, Valiant Way, Saddlers Place, Carlford Close, Manor Road.

DEBEN ROTARY NEWS

Our Annual Charity Quiz took place at Martlesham Heath on November 5th. 1

5 teams took part with the winners, "Off Rolling", scoring 102 out of a possible 110 points. Only two points separated them from the second and third placed teams, The Flying Fischotters and Serendipitous.

A total of £934 was raised, £518 being donated by the first and second placed teams to the Colchester and Ipswich Hospital Woolverstone Ward, and £104 being donated by the third placed team to Just 42. £311 went to our charitable trust which supports a range of local, national and international charities.

We were also pleased at a recent meeting to be able to present a cheque for half the proceeds of our Summer Golf Day to David Gould on behalf of EACH.

Look out for Father Christmas and his sleigh on Martlesham Heath and also in the Thoroughfare. Our annual Carol Concert at Woodbridge School takes place on December 6th. For more information please see our website www.debenrotary.org.uk

SUFFOLK WILDLIFE TRUST

In December we return to our regular series of talks. Please join us for a pre-Christmas talk on for more insight into a significant range of wildlife.

John Baker will be talking about "Amphibians and Reptiles" with special reference to Suffolk on Thursday 20th December at 7:30pm in the Woodbridge Community Hall.

Admission is £3.00 Everyone welcome - no need to be a member to attend our talks.

In the New Year Steve Piotrowski will talk to us about the natural history and conservation of Peregrines with the title "The Fall and Rise of Reginald Peregrine". To gain a greater insight into these magnificent birds please join us on Thursday 17th January at 7:30 pm in the Woodbridge Community Hall. Admission is £3.00.

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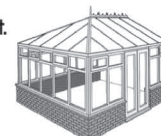
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MARTLESHAM CARPET BOWLS

Very little to report this month Since I last wrote we have only played 3 more matches all with an 8 - 2 result 1 home win and 2 away defeats This means we are in the middle of the League Table, listed as 6 out of 10 but Stutton, just above us have more games in hand.

The Club Competitions are progressing well and so far all matches have been played within the prescribed time . Once we get into January we will be thinking about our Annual Dinner to take place in April this I can thoroughly recommend , The change of venue was successful and I would urge as many of you as possible to join us. It is a good opportunity not only to have a good night out but a chance to catch up with news apart from bowls. Partners and friends can be included and are very welcome.

I will just take this opportunity to wish you all a very Happy Christmas and healthy and prosperous New Year

Judith Longman

MARTLESHAM LADIES CLUB

We have one meeting planned for December before our Christmas break. On 6th December we are holding our Christmas Party with entertainment by Brightwell Ukuleles. There will be festive food and we will play our version of Pass the Parcel.

A Happy Christmas to all members!

The first meeting of 2019 will be on 3rd January when Mr Westren will tell us about Tools with a Mission. This charity collects new and used tools. They are refurbished and sent abroad, mainly to Africa.

All ladies are very welcome at these friendly meetings which are held on alternate Thursday evenings at 7 15pm in the Richards Room.

To find out more contact Doreen Boar 01473 622768.

MARTLESHAM HEATH AVIATION SOCIETY

Our meeting on Friday 2nd November was a joint illustrated talk. In the first half our chairman, Martyn Cook, explained the aviation history of Martlesham. How, during the Great War until the outbreak of the second world war RAF Martlesham was second in importance only to the Royal Aircraft Establishment at Farnborough. This was because it was home to the Aeroplane and Armament Experimental Establishment, where all aircraft, both military and civil were evaluated.

Martyn went on to describe the part RAF Martlesham played during WW2. It was one of 11 Group. the ring of airfields surrounding London that played such an enormous role in the Battle of Britain. The arrival of the Americans in late 1943 and the various post war roles in Blind Landing development and other lanes of aviation development were all explained by Martyn.

In the second half, our Publicity secretary, Howard King talked about the development of gliders and the last years of Martlesham airfield, when it was used by the ATC for gliding and before it closed, in 1963..

A popular evening of much interest to many Martlesham residents who attended. A vote of thanks was given by our president, Richard Barker.

Our next meeting is on December, 7th and will be held, as usual, in the Community Hall, Felixstowe Road, IP12 4PB. It will start at 7.30pm with a tea/coffee break. The talk is entitled, "A Passion For Speed. The daring life of Mildred, the Hon. Mrs Victor Bruce. One of several early women aviation pioneers and will be given by Paul Smiddy.

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MARTLESHAM HISTORY SOCIETY

Monday 11th February 2019

The history of the Catholic Church in Kesgrave ~ Rev Chris Brighten

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THE ROGER DAVID BURROWS MUSIC FUND

Our next event – Monday 11th March 2019
Archaeologist Andy Peachey will be talking about the amazing finds discovered during work for the wind farm cables which are going through the northern part of Martlesham. Earlier in the year there was a lot in the press about the interesting and unexpected things unearthed by archaeologists, especially on a site close to Martlesham and Andy will be telling us more about what was discovered here and elsewhere on the cable route.

This talk will be held at 7.30 pm in St Michael's Church Centre and there will be more details in the January edition.

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On Saturday 3 November, St Michael's Church, Martlesham Heath, was the venue for a rare concert, where 10 cellists from the Ipswich Symphony Orchestra, performing as StrictlyCelli, played to an audience of approaching 80 people. Ian France, a well-known tenor in the area, also sang a variety of songs accompanied by Graham Elliston on the piano.

This was a free concert, with a retiring collection in aid of the Prison Fellowship's "Angel Tree" project. Monies raised will be used to purchase, and post, Christmas presents (along with a card from the absent parent), to children all over the country whose parents will be serving prison terms during the Christmas period. Graham Eldridge, a member of the local branch of Prison Fellowship, gave a brief but deep insight into the charity.

Whether it was the brilliance of the performers, the talk about the sadness of the families of prisoners at Christmas, or the home made biscuits, just over £700 was raised by the audience and friends.

For more information about Prison Fellowship click on www.prisonfellowship.org.uk

TASTING TUESDAY AND OTHER TREATS

Mmm, hand-made, home-baked, home-grown – our watchwords. Your Country Market is fully operational right up to – and including - 18 December.

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Find a warm welcome in the Martlesham Heath Pavilion every Tuesday morning, 9-11:15, although we're taking a break after 18 December and re-opening 7 January. Enjoy a cuppa after some productive browsing? We have a card payment system now -

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Friday 7th December, - Meet local author Pauline Manders.

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latest is "Utterly Roasted": buy a copy and get it signed.

This is the eighth novel in the Utterly Crime series. It stands alone, but we see the return of many characters met before.

Mince pies will also be available!

Friday 7th December, 7.30pm – A performance of Charles Dickens' "A Christmas Carol"

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Tickets cost £10 and include mulled wine and a mince pie during the interval. Book

your seat now in person at the Library or by phoning 01394 330855. Proceeds are in aid of the work of the Friends of Woodbridge Library.

Wednesday 12th & 19th December, 4-5.15pm – Free dance taster session for 11-25 year olds Led by Lynette King, an experienced dance artist from DanceEast. Welcome from 3.45pm, it is fun, creative and open to all.

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THE MOTHERS UNION

On December 5th at 2.30pm

Christmas Party for members and invited guests.

On January 2nd at 2.30pm

In St Michael's Church Centre

The Annual General Meeting followed by service of Holy Communion.

All welcome



THE ORWELL SINGERS CHRISTMAS CONCERT

The Orwell Singers will be holding their Christmas Concert on

**Saturday December 1st at
7.30pm**

at St Michael and All Angel's Church
Martlesham Heath, IP5 3PL

Admission at the door will be £8.00 for adults and free for accompanied children

and will include sherry and mince pies.

**The choir's guest this year will be
tenor, Ian France.**

For more details please telephone
01473 635955 or email
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Christmas is coming

Well it's that time of the year again. December and Christmas is almost upon us. The shops are full of glitter and sparkle, blasting out 'White Christmas' and 'Little Donkey'; the shopping list grows and the bank balance shrinks. For some it's a time of joy as friends and family get together and there are parties in abundance. For others it's a time of loneliness or sadness as lost soul mates are remembered.

For a young Jewish family, 2000 years ago, it was a time of new beginnings. A new beginning which began with the birth of a child.

Now I am well aware that the birth of a child does not generate a time of peace and quiet as a proliferation of sleepless nights, smelly nappies endless demands for food is generated. But what about those moments inbetween?

If you get the chance over the next month, take time to find a picture of a sleeping child, or look at one as you are out, or even better, if you are able, hold one in your arms and feel what God gave to us that first Christmas. Peace of heart, mind and soul; total dependence on Him; a chance to stop and be loved.

That's what Christmas is about - as the hymn writer put it - 'the hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.'

May God's peace and blessing be with you this Christmas season and throughout the coming year.

*Rev Margaret Rittman.
Martlesham with Brightwell.*

CEREMONY OF CAROLS - GIPPESWYK SINGERS NEW YEAR CONCERT WITH MARTLESHAM BRASS

Gippeswyk Singers are welcoming in the New Year with special guests Martlesham Brass in a concert at St Michael & All Angels Church Centre, Martlesham Heath IP5 3PL on Sunday 6th January at 7:30pm.

Come and enjoy an uplifting evening of beautiful music conducted by Geoff Lavery including Benjamin Britten's "A Ceremony of Carols" and Brian Latchem's "An Abundance of Blessings" both with a magical accompaniment on harp by the talented young professional harpist, Anna Wynne.

Martlesham Brass are featured performing on their own as well as joining the Singers for a wonderful medley from "The Sound of Music" which will have the whole audience singing along!

Tickets £5 - at the door and in advance from choir members or paulgalley@btinternet.com. Refreshments will be available.

Gippeswyk Singers are supporting local charities FIND (Families in Need/ Food Bank Ipswich) and ICSRE (Suffolk Law Centre).

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Services for the Month	Martlesham Heath St Michael's	Martlesham St Mary's	Brightwell St John's
Sunday 2nd December	9.45am All Age Service	11am Holy Communion (Prayer Book)	8am Holy Communion
Sunday 9th December	9.45am Holy Communion with Junior Church	11am Morning Worship	6.30pm Evensong
Sunday 16th December	9am Breakfast@9 Nativity	11am Holy Communion 6.30pm 9 Lessons & Carols	8am Holy Communion
Sunday 23rd December	3pm All Age Carol Service	11am Morning Prayer	6.30pm 9 Lessons & Carols
Monday 24th December Christmas Eve		11.30pm Christmas Eve Holy Communion	
Tuesday 25th December Christmas Day	9.45am All Age Celebration Holy Communion	11am Holy Communion	8am Christmas Holy Communion
Sunday 30th December	10.30am Benefice Holy Communion		
Midweek Services	Holy Communion each Wednesday at 10am in St. Michael's. A warm welcome awaits you at all our services		

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

December

- 5 Pray for the residents of Viking Heights
- 6 Pray for foster parents
- 7 Give thanks for church music
- 8 Pray for our local councillors
- 9 Pray for the homeless
- 10 Pray for all charity workers
- 11 Pray for all delivery drivers
- 12 Pray for the residents of Viking Close
- 13 Give thanks for our friends
- 14 Pray for priests & religious leaders
- 15 Pray for teachers & support staff
- 16 Pray for those who are lonely
- 17 Pray for all hospice workers
- 18 Pray for careful driving on our roads
- 19 Pray for the residents of Waldringfield Road
- 20 Pray for all Carol Services

- 21 Give thanks for the joy of Christmas
- 22 Pray for anyone who is homesick
- 23 Pray for the mentally ill
- 24 Pray for all shop workers
- 25 Rejoice as we remember Christ's birth
- 26 Pray for the residents of Warren Lane
- 27 Pray for broken relationships
- 28 Pray for unwanted pets
- 29 Pray for all supermarket workers
- 30 Give thanks for our children
- 31 Pray for help to keep our resolutions

January 2019

- 1 Pray for peace in 2019
- 2 Pray for the residents of Westland
- 3 Pray for agricultural workers
- 4 Pray for children returning to school



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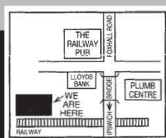
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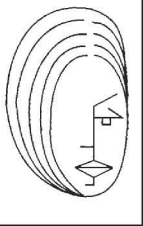
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