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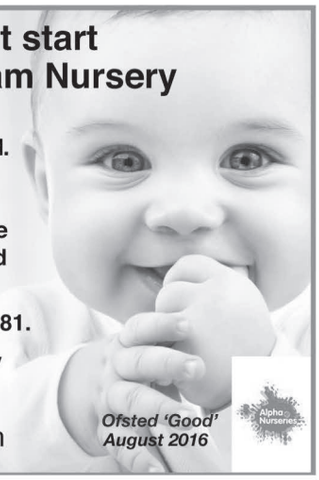

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THIS MONTH'S PHOTOGRAPH

Hospice shop celebrates a successful first year of trading thanks to the support of the local community.

It is now a full year since the St Elizabeth Hospice Shop opened on the Industrial Estate on Martlesham Heath. They are currently looking for more donations of furniture. Have a look at their page for information about how to donate and when to buy!

If any local voluntary groups and organisations would like to feature in Martlesham Monthly, please contact us at martmonthly@btinternet.com. Months are allocated on a first come first served basis. We still have space from September onwards

A visiting Goldcrest

1ST MARTLESHAM SCOUTS

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

Enquries on becoming a helper or hiring of the Scout HQ please contact Rachel Pennick 01473 610437

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For general enquiries about Guiding in Martlesham, please contact Hannah Panting (hannahpanting@hotmail.com) Martlesham District Commisioner Or Chris Cooper Martlesham District Wait List Coordinator 01473 626024,

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Wanted – Parish Councillor!

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Are you interested in helping to improve the quality of life of your community?

Do you want to be involved in making important decisions in your community?

If you answer yes to these questions, your parish needs YOU!

Martlesham Parish Council has many functions and powers which can affect the quality of life of your community. We look after open spaces, footpaths, play areas, bus shelters, litter and dog dirt bins; organise practical working parties; respond to planning applications and consultations; liaise with the principal authorities to raise matters of local concern, and work with local organisations.

If you think you could be a councillor, please contact the Clerk for more information and also to check whether you are eligible. Please come along to a meeting and find out what we're like – we'd love to meet you!

Register for Garden Waste Collection – Now!

People can now sign up to register an interest in joining Suffolk Coastal's Garden Waste Collection Service.

At its Cabinet meeting in December 2017, Suffolk Coastal decided to introduce a charge for collecting garden waste from homes during next financial year (2018/19).

People in Suffolk Coastal will be given the option of paying an annual charge of £43 per garden waste bin (the equivalent of paying about £1.65 per fortnightly collection).

This is a completely voluntary scheme, which people will have to opt to join (rather than residents automatically becoming part of the scheme).

Money to Play With – What Do You Want?

Martlesham Parish Council, Martlesham Heath Householders and Suffolk Coastal District Council are working together on a project for sports facilities in Martlesham. We have some funding available for use within Martlesham and following an earlier consultation and some initial research three possible proposals are being considered: a trim trail within Martlesham, a Multi-Use Games Area (MUGA) at the Recreation Ground, and a Bike Trails Pump Track at the Diamond Jubilee Bike Trails site. We believe we have enough to fund one or more of these projects and our decisions will be based on your responses. If response is good, other sources of funding may also be available to us so that we can provide more, so do let us know what you think by completing the survey at https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/martlesham.

Closing date is Friday 6th April 2018. A leaflet is also enclosed with this newsletter which provides more information and the opportunity to complete a paper questionnaire, if you prefer. There is information on our website too. We're hoping for an overwhelming response so we can be sure we are providing what you want!

Designation of Martlesham Common as a Local Nature Reserve

Martlesham Common is the parish's first Local Nature Reserve. The new designation recognises the importance of the habitats and species on this remaining pocket of heathland that the Parish Council in partnership with the Greenways Project has been managing for wildlife. The site is a mosaic of woodland, acid grassland and expanding areas of heather which is a marvellous place for people to get close to and enjoy nature on their doorstep.

Thanks go to Suffolk Coastal District Council's legal department for transferring the legal power to the Parish Council enabling it to go ahead with the designation which was done in liaison with Natural England.

This new designation for the common will be celebrated later on this year at the site's Open Day on Saturday 1st September. More details on the celebrations to come...

Major development to the land south and east of Adastral Park – 2,000 new homes

On 15 January 2018 Suffolk Coastal District Council's Planning Committee unanimously granted planning permission for this development. Detailed planning applications will gradually come forward as each area of the site is developed. Discussions on traffic, health, education, recreation etc. will be ongoing. The Parish Council is likely to be involved through a Community Liaison Working Group. For full information on the Adastral Park development see: http://www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk/.

East Anglia ONE Windfarm – Important Message

ScottishPower Renewables has asked us to draw your attention to a recent incident at one of their Horizontal Direct Drilling (HDD) sites. Two members of the public made their way on foot through the easement area, which is effectively a live construction site. They walked to the location of an HDD compound where they were met by security staff. HDD sites are hazardous to those not specifically trained in HDD techniques and therefore an unauthorised site visit is potentially very dangerous. Please keep away.

MH100 nomination for Suffolk Coastal Business and Communities Awards

The Parish Council nominated MH100 committee for an award in the Great Idea category in recognition of the special event the team put together last year which celebrated 100 years of Martlesham Heath. They have been shortlisted and the winners will be announced at the Awards Dinner on 15th March at The Hangar, Milsoms Kesgrave Hall.

Forthcoming meetings:

Parish Council – Wednesday 07 March 2018

Recreation & Amenities Committee – Wednesday 14 March 2018

Parish Council – Wednesday 04 April 2018

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 first paid-for collections are scheduled to start from the beginning of May 2018, with local residents able to subscribe for the new service from 1 March 2018 and we will email them when the subscription service is live.

However, in the meantime, people can register their interest by completing a simple online form.

"The reality is that Suffolk Coastal District Council protected the 'free' collection of garden waste for as long as it could," explained Cllr Carol Poulter, Suffolk Coastal's Cabinet Member for the Green Environment.

"In 2015, when most of the councils across Suffolk and Norfolk introduced charging, we decided to maintain the 'free' garden waste collection service and to bear the cost of reduced Recycling Performance Payment support, despite the financial pressures on the Council."

"However, at the time, we did recognise that this is a discretionary service that we provide and we always said we would have to keep this decision under review."

Suffolk Coastal District Council is under increasing pressure financially, with dwindling support from central Government. Next year (2018/19), we are faced with a budget gap of over £2.8 million.

Providing the organic waste collection and composting service currently costs Suffolk Coastal over £1.2 million a year. This cost has been exacerbated by the £200,000 per year reduction in support for recycling organic waste previously provided by Suffolk County Council.

The East Suffolk Business Plan identifies the need for us to become increasingly financially-self-sufficient in the future.

"The key thing that people need to realise is that this is about us protecting local services and being able to keep Council Tax increases down to a minimum. Any funds raised from the garden waste collection service will be re-invested in providing services to local people and reducing our budget gap," said Cllr Poulter.

"Suffolk Coastal remains committed to an ambitious programme of community-based and major capital investments, such as the current leisure redevelopment, in the coming years. So we need to continue to identify strong income streams, now and in the future."

Later in the year, subscribers to the scheme will also be given the option of receiving a free, larger (240 litre) green bin for their garden waste (240 litres is the most common wheeled bin size, but the current brown organic waste bins in Suffolk Coastal are 140 litres).

The new, larger green bins are expected to be delivered during the autumn (2018) to those residents who request one and have subscribed to the garden waste service.

CHRIS BLUNDELL'S DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORT FOR MARCH 2018

Council Tax for 2018/19 The growth in the number of properties in the tax base means that overall the estimated tax base (to be confirmed) has increased by 672.55 from 48,726.71 Band D equivalents in 2017/18 to 49,399.26 Band D equivalents for 2018/19. this equates to around £106k additional Council Tax income to the Council based on the current (2017/18) District band D Council Tax of £157.32. The proposed Suffolk Coastal Council Tax for 2018/19 is £162.27. The total amount required from each household will be published once the requirements of SCC, Police and adult care are known.

Brown Bins for Green Waste. As you may already have learned from the press and other places that for this coming financial year (2018/19) SCDC are having to charge for the emptying of Brown Bins. The initial charge is £43 for a 240 litre bin. This has to be paid at the beginning of the financial year to SCDC. Most households were issued originally with a 140 litre bin, householders will be able to upgrade the size of their bins from 140 litres to 240 litres upon request to SCDC at no extra cost. Application has to be made direct at any time direct to SCDC for the personal collection to begin.

Bin Contents. Naturally normal garden waste can be placed in the brown bin along with normal food waste. However since this material will be going to compost there must be no material either made from plastic or containing plastic in their manufacture, these type of items must be placed in either the blue or grey lidded bins.

Something for Martlesham to be proud of. It is nice to report, if you are not already aware that MH100 has been short listed for an award under the Business and Community Awards that will take place on March 15th 2018 at the Hanger at Milsoms, Kesgrave Hall. If they win it will be my personal honour as Chairman to present the awards.

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)

JOHN KELSO'S DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORT

Latest information on the planning application for 2,000 houses adjacent to Adastral Park Most of you will have already heard that the Suffolk Coastal Planning committee that was held on the 15th January decided unanimously to support the CEG planning application to build 2,000 houses adjacent to Adastral Park.

You will not be surprised to hear that I am still opposed to the proposal as I believe it will result in traffic congestion problems for existing residents and users of the A12 as well as having a detrimental effect on the protected Deben estuary and its wildlife.

It is envisaged that a more detailed application will be received by the Council during the next twelve months.

Suffolk Coastal Community Enabling Budget (CEB) Since the introduction of the CEB in 2013 over one million pound has been donated to schemes within the District. If you are involved with any Martlesham organisation and are considering any new projects that are in need of some funding please check out the CEB information on www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk to see if your scheme meets the necessary requirements if it does please get in touch with me.

Introduction of the brown bin collection charge The Council has decided to introduce an annual voluntary charge of £43 to be introduced in April for the use and collection of the brown recycling bins. If you wish to continue using the brown bin scheme you will need to opt into it . Further information is to be provided by the Council nearer the change date .

Broadband Survey Suffolk Coastal are conducting a survey to establish broadband performance throughout the District if you wish to take part please fill out the survey form which is available at www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk/community/enabling-better-broadband-in-suffolk-coastal.

Sports fund survey Funds have been made available from the developers of Mill Heath to provide sports facilities within Martlesham.

A survey is being conducted by Martlesham Parish Council and Suffolk Coastal Council to discover what sports facilities residents would prefer to be provided. More information and a paper questionnaire is available as a separate leaflet within this months Martlesham Monthly and an on line survey is available at **https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/martlesham** please take part in this survey so that both Councils can take your opinions on board when making any decisions.

If you wish to discuss any of the above issues or any other District Council matters please email john.kelso@suffolkcoastal.gov.uk or telephone 01473 631682

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Our topic now is Traditional Stories where we will be encouraging children to learn different tales and act them out. We will also be taking part in World Book Day celebrations where children can share their favourite stories from home.

Mrs. J. Florey
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.

Martlesham Playschool

What an exciting start to the year! We have been exploring and learning about the local community, creating cards, letters and parcels to post in our post box, shopping with real food and making tasty soup. We had a special visitor to learn about and try out brass instruments. Later this month we shall be getting bouncy with our sponsored bounce!

We are focused on making sure your children get the best start in life educationally as well as developing important social skills that create and drive future success. We continue to broaden experiences and value the input of our families and friends.

The future will bring further growth to the playschool and to your children, so please come along to our TWO OPEN MORNINGS on Tues 6th March 930-1130 and Thurs 22nd March 930-1130am and have a look around. We will have craft activities and cake decorating. You will be able to meet our dedicated staff who will be on hand to answer any questions. Please come and join us, light refreshments available.

We have a few very limited spaces available at Martlesham Playschool, join us at our open days at the playschool at the end of Deben Avenue or contact us. We are on Facebook (Martlesham and Kesgrave playschools). Call us for a chat about how we can offer 15/30 hours funded childcare on 01473 625986 where we offer term time and all year spaces.

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If so, come along to Bright Stars with your parents, grandparents, friends, family and/or carers. These mornings are free and usually involve singing, games, making crafts to take home and telling stories from the Bible for the first half hour. We then have refreshments when the adults can chat and the children can play until approximately 12noon.

You are welcome to come along to any of our mornings, just turn up, no need to let us know in advance. We look forward to seeing you!

The Spring Term 2018 session dates are:

March 12th

March 26th

If you would like further information please contact:

Sonya & Maureen Burrows Tel.01473 625196

KESGRAVE LIBRARY NEWS

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

Sunday 4th – Next Sunday is Mothering Sunday. Why not pop along and make a special owl card? Please bring a small photograph of yourself to complete this craft;

Sunday 11th – Saturday 17th March is St Patrick's Day. To celebrate we are making Shamrock Man!

Sunday 18th – Today is Paddington and Friend's Day and we are making 3D Paddington Bears with a suitcase for his marmalade sandwiches;

Sunday 25th – Next Sunday is Easter Day. Create an Easter egg and chick card for someone special.

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

Free BookStart Sessions – every Thursday including all School Holidays.

These are free activities for pre-school children and their parents or carers. Why not come along and join Maggie every Thursday for songs, rhymes and stories?

Tot Rock - action rhymes, songs and stories for toddlers - 9.45am – 10.15 am.

BabyBounce – songs and rhymes for babies – 10.30am – 11.00am.

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

Other Library Events for February 2018

Every Tuesday afternoon (Term Time) 3.45 – 4.45 p.m. Lego Club. Each week will be a different theme. What will you design? Parents must stay with under 8s.

We are holding an event on Sunday 18th March and are looking for donations of good condition soft toys for our children's Tombola stall. Please speak to a member of staff if you are able to donate anything to us – thank you.

Sunday 18th March: 10.00 a.m. – 12.00 noon Paddington and Friends Morning. Why not pop along and meet the Book Start Bear? Bring your own teddy or Paddington Bear to join in the fun. There will be a free Paddington craft, find the secret word, refreshments and bear biscuits, a raffle, a cuddly toy tombola as well as the results of our 'Draw Paddington' competition. You may even come across a marmalade sandwich or two! During this event we will also be officially opening our newly refurbished comfy corner. This was made possible by a grant from Rushmere Parish Council and local firm Anglia Research.

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MARTLESHAM IN BLOOM

Martlesham Common – Wildlife survey of flora and fauna

Now is good time to visit Martlesham Common and see what birds and other flora and fauna are there, possibly still some winter visitors (eg. Fieldfares, Redwings) and maybe some early spring visitors, as well as resident species; if there is snow the tracks of many birds or mammals may be visible.

Whatever you see on the Common we would be interested to know as part of the ongoing survey of its flora and fauna. This survey has been under way since March and already the results so far show that Martlesham Common has a wide diversity of flora and fauna and is therefore an important place for wildlife as well as being an attractive and interesting area for residents.

Martlesham Common is the area of land between the A12, Mill Heath, Felixstowe Road and Tesco and is designated as a County Wildlife Site.

If you or anyone you know is interested in helping with this survey by recording what you see when you visit the area, which can be daily, weekly, monthly or whenever you are walking across the Common, or would like to let us know what you have already seen, please contact the Secretary below.

Thank you to all those who have been involved so far and sent us records of what they have seen.

If you would like to help in any way or for further information please contact:

Email – martleshaminbloom@gmail.com or J *Maureen Burrows (Secretary) on 01473 625196.*

SUFFOLK WILDLIFE TRUST

In March we turn our attention to one of the iconic species associated with spring when we will have a talk on Thursday 15th March at 7.30 pm in the Woodbridge Community Hall simply entitled "Hares" with Sue Alderman. Admission is £3.00.

On Thursday 19th April at 7.30pm we have a talk, which poses an intriguing question entitled "Can Fish Suffer ? Pain Stress and Fear in Fish and Aquatic Invertebrates" by Peter Southgate, in the Woodbridge Community Hall. Admission is £3.00.

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

Phil Smith 01473 625630

MARTLESHAM CONSERVATION GROUP

March is a month of transition in which migrating birds that arrived for the winter may depart and summer migrants such as the Chiff Chaff may begin to occupy our local woodlands particularly in the second half of the month or later especially if there is a cold spell. We have enjoyed the company of flocks of Redwing and Linnets as well as mixed flocks of birds over the course of the winter; Sometimes these flocks have performed amazing aerobatics in the fading light of dusk. The Chiff Chaff is a small bird that has a cheerful repetitive song usually sung from fairly high up on a tree. These days, with generally milder weather, even this bird can over-winter. Looking forward into April, other migrants with more varied song such as the Willow Warbler, Nightingale and Whitethroat should arrive. Please listen out for these birds on our heaths and woodlands this year, and enjoy the rich soundscape of their birdsong.

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

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

Following on from last month when we had the Megabash on Saturday 17th February with the Greenways project team, our regular work party will be on Sunday 11th March when we will clear up the site around the bonfire.

Please join us at the bonfire site at the northern end of the heath SSSI at 10 am.

Phil Smith 01473 625630

PORTAL WOODLANDS CONSERVATION GROUP

During January's meeting of the Group the Nature Explorers (11-18 year olds) learnt about the management of trees in the woodland, how they are graded according to their risk to users of the woodland, and what can be done to ensure that vital habitats for wildlife remain whilst not posing a danger to the tracks through the woods. The trees in the wood are regularly surveyed for any that need attention and after this most recent inspection, it was the job of the Nature Explorers to help with the recommendations of the survey. This involved cutting back branches and felling trees that threatened to fall on the paths.

The working party focussed their efforts on widening a narrow section of the old perimeter track that now forms the main path through the woodland, clearing it of mud, fallen leaves, brambles and overhanging branches to allow easier access for cyclists and walkers alike.

Dates for the Diary

Volunteer Work Morning (all ages) Saturday 17th March, 10am – Noon.
Meet at the Education Area. Tools, training and light refreshments provided. All ages welcome - no need to book.
Nature Explorers (11-18 year olds)
Saturday 17th March, 9am – 11:00am. Please book a place via our email below.

Nature Watch Club (5-11 year olds)
2018 dates to be confirmed.

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

For further information, please contact us at pwcg.martlesham@gmail.com, phone: 01473 612632 or go over to our website: pwcg.onesuffolk.net or join our members' Facebook Group by messaging Duncan Sweeting.

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MARTLESHAM CARPET BOWLS

Since the last report we have had a couple of Home wins,6 - 4 and 8 - 2 but lost away at Harkastead 2 - 8. We are currently in 3rd position in the League but there are several other clubs in contention on points so still all to play for by the end of the month.

Sadly we have had to cancel the proposed Fun Day through lack of support,a clash of dates for several club members, however we hope to run one later in the year,perhaps before the start of next Winter League.

The Club competitions are progressing satisfactorilly and the Pairs competition will be run on a Tuesday eveningat the end of February so results will be in next months edition.

Judith Longman

MARTLESHAM LADIES CLUB

2018 has begun with some extremely interesting talks and a Bring and Buy Sale to raise money for charity. This year our proceeds are for Global Development Delay. This is a condition which affects the normal development of children and the great-granddaughter of one of our members is affected.

We have three meetings planned for March. On 1st March Max Pemberton will tell us about his cruise down the Irrawadi River in Burma. Then on 15th March Paul Norris will bring his Search and Rescue dog and describe how they find missing persons. Finally on 29th March Brian Russell will give a talk entitled 'Amusing Anecdotes of an After Dinner Speaker'

Looking ahead to April, on 12th April Sheila Dix will tell us about her Working Life as a Shepherdess.

Meetings are held on alternate Thursday evenings in the Richards Room at 7 15pm.

To find out more contact Doreen Boar 01473 622768.

MARTLESHAM VILLAGE FETE —SATURDAY 14TH JULY 2018

The amount of interest being shown in the Fete is fantastic, we have musicians, artists, charities, youth groups and local organisations all lined up to participate, not forgetting the ice cream van of course.

There is still room for others to join in, so if you haven't yet been approached contact us at **mvfete@gmail.com**

We are also organising games and sports events for all ages and abilities to participate in. Start thinking about forming your family, group or street teams now, we aren't telling you what sort of games yet, but you won't want to miss out!

Young people have not been forgotten about as the stalls will include suitable entertainments and the sports and games will encourage them to take part. Youth organisations like the Scouts and Guides will also have an important presence on the day. If there are any groups or schools of budding musicians, dancers, athletes, martial artists practitioners which wish to put on a display please contact us at the email address above

Through the generosity of Martlesham Monthly we will be able to publish a full guide to the day in the July edition

Remember the great opportunities the village fete will give us:

- Community groups will be able to showcase activities, raise funds and generate more members
- Local artists and craftspeople can display and sell their work
- Charities will be able to publicise work, attract volunteers and raise funds
- Businesses with local connections can exhibit and reach customers and thank them by sponsoring aspects of the event
- Local groups of musicians or entertainers can have the opportunity to perform
- An opportunity for all residents to volunteer and make the event a success

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The service will be held at St. Michaels Church, Martlesham Heath on Friday March 2nd at 2pm.

Everyone is welcome.

Refreshments will be served afterwards.

WOOLLY WONDERS

It looks as though we're going to be very busy this year.

We've already delivered hats for premature babies to the neonatal unit.

Having had a visit from the Retail events Co-ordinator from St Elizabeth Hospice , we'll be knitting anything that can be sold to boost their funds. E.g farm animals for the Hadleigh Show, seaside creatures for the Aldeburgh carnival and flowers for festival goers.

If you fancy joining us we'll be at The Runway Cafe every Thursday 10-12 . Do drop in for a spot of social knitting.

MARTLESHAM BRASS

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On Saturday 3rd March please join our Preliminary and Beginners Bands for 'Tea & Tunes' at St Michael's Church Centre, Martlesham Heath IP5 3PL, between 10.00 am and 12.00 noon. Admission to this event is free, and refreshments will be available. There will also be a cake stall, book stall & a raffle.
Everyone is welcome at our AGM on Friday 9th March at 7.30 pm also at St Michael's Church Centre Martlesham Heath. We will be reviewing the past year, and electing our new committee.

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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MARTLESHAM OUTDOOR BOWLS.

Another season will soon be upon us with our Opening Drive taking place 21st April 2018. The Green is in very good condition thanks to the dedicated team of members who have worked throughout the year to get it ready. Hopefully the weather will be kind to us!

Work has gone on over the winter months to install our own electricity supply to the Clubhouse and renew the pipes supplying the water. We have only been able to do this with the support of Councillor Chris Blundell with grants from his Enabling Communities Budget, from Suffolk Coastal's Exemplar Grant and from Councillor Patricia O' Brien from Suffolk County Council. The electricity is up and running but there is a slight delay with the completion of the water supply as we are still waiting on the water board to chlorinate the pipe before completion can take place.

We are an active club playing in four different Leagues as well as playing friendly matches with other clubs. We have rollups and social bowling during the week and on a Saturday, where there is opportunity to get to know other members in a friendly, relaxed setting, learn the game and practise bowling skills.

For those who are not sure where the bowls club is, we are situated in the Recreation Ground which is located in The Street, Martlesham. The address and a map can be found on the website: martleshambowlsclub.com

We welcome new members with or without experience of bowls so if you are interested, information can be found on our website or you can contact the Secretary on 01473 622598 or email mary.drake@talktalk.net.

MARTLESHAM HEATH AVIATION SOCIETY

On 2nd February Martlesham Heath Aviation Society welcomed speakers Peter McGee and Graham Mack, and members of The Elmswell Airfield History Group team, to hear the fascinating story of how they uncovered "The Lost Airfield of Elmswell".

This Great War Airfield, in the village of Elswell, not far from Bury St. Edmunds, is now partly covered by Farm and other buildings. The probably Airfield site, was the subject of persistent excavations – and also intensive records searches, to reveal the story of the Airfield and many of those that served there. The airfield was one of three, one near Hadleigh (Hintlesham),another near Thetford who working in all tasked to try and destroy the Zeppelin Airships that were targeting London and the south east.

It is sobering to remember that the flimsy planes the Royal Flying Corps used were having to fly at night, with very basic instruments, often encountering fog, and if they found the enemy would have to climb above 18,000 feet, without oxygen, and temperatures far below zero, to have any hope of a "kill". Unsurprisingly accidents were common.... many of these brave pilots of 75 Squadron (many from across the Commonwealth, particularly New Zealand and an American later in the war) died in this way.

We were fascinated to see a display, showing lots of the artefacts recovered from the site, along with with relating documents found in the National Archives and elsewhere..

An evening which will be remembered for a long time.

The March meeting of The Martlesham Heath Aviation Society takes place at:
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Friday 2nd March. Starts at 7:30 p.m. – finishes at 10:00 p.m.

Entry to this Meeting £3 for members, £4 for non-members – Pay on arrival on the night.

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His many adventures will be revealed!

Howard 01473 274300. Look on the Society web-site www.mhas.org.uk

SUFFOLK ORCHID SOCIETY

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U3A IN EAST SUFFOLK HOPES MARCH WILL BRING SUNSHINE

The U3A Outdoor Groups have not all been hiding indoors during the earlier colder months of 2018. The Walkers and Gardeners have been busy. The Architecture and Church Visiting Groups have still been out and about and this month I know at least one of the Petanque Groups will be tidying up their piste and getting ready for the new season. March and April have some really great talks planned so Members and visitors will have plenty to interest them.

Even if you have been hibernating during the winter (and I don't blame you) please get ready to help us celebrate our 30th Anniversary later this year.

All details plus how to become a member are available on our website www.u3aeastsuffolk.org.uk. If you don't have internet access our Secretary can answer any questions you may have by telephoning 03001233913.

MARTLESHAM MATCH REPORTS

6th January - Martlesham Gunners Vs Needham Phoenix Red

The Gunners entered January still leading league 1 and remaining unbeaten in all competitions. The first game of the New Year saw The gunners playing host to title rivals Needham Phoenix Red. On 10 minutes a shot cum cross from Ethan Westaway found the forward run of George Taylor just outside and to the right of the 6 yard box and he duly scored, shooting across the Needham keeper. The Gunner's centre back paring of Ryan Good and Josh Emmerson had their hands full with the Needham No 9 who was both tall and quick. However, their attacking play only resulted in a couple of corners. After t 18 minutes the game was settled when Jimmy Williams played in Taylor to finish coolly just inside the right post. The Gunner saw out the rest of the first half at 2-0. The second half saw Needham with a lot of the ball but they failed to really trouble the Martlesham keeper. The Gunner created a couple of good chances but there was no further scoring and Martlesham had beaten their closest league revivals.

13th January – AFC Kesgrave Blue Vs Martlesham Gunners

The boys were looking forward to the local derby game with Kesgrave but school bragging rights at stake there were some nerves showing at the start of the match. These seemed to settle when on 8 mins, Max Johns ran onto a ball rolled across the middle of the park about 20 yards out. The ball was on Max's left and the coaches feared the worse, but Max surprised everyone including the Kesgrave keeper when he hit a thunderbolt of a shot straight over the keeper and into the top of the net. 1-0 Gunners. However that was a good as it got in the first half despite some goof football the Gunner found themselves going into the break 2-1 down. Kesgrave's first goal on 15 mins, owed a bit to luck when the ball was hit hard from the by-line and the Gunner's Matthew Webber keep in trying to get down to stop the cross deflected the ball into his own net. Webber bounced back 3 mins later with a superb diving save high his left but on 30 mins Kegrave got their second after the Gunners failed to clear their lines. The halftime team talk was fairly straightforward, the message was to keep believing in their ability and to keep passing and the ball. This obviously stuck because the boys played some excellent football and goals from Ivan Perez, Logan Boyd and Jimmy Williams saw the Gunner run out 2-4 winners at the end. The boys were looking forward to school on Monday morning!!!!

20th January Chantry Grasshoppers Vs Martlesham Gunners

The game pitted old rivals Chantry against the Gunners. Chantry needed to win this being 6 points behind in the table at the start of play. The first half turned out to be quite a shock for the boys as Chantry were far quicker out of the blocks and the usually tight Gunner's defence found themselves conceding 3 goals in quick succession. Ethan Westaway unfortunately scored an own goal after 10 minutes and Chantry scored again on 13 and 15 minutes leaving the boys reeling. However, there is a belief in the boys this year and they worked hard and were rewarded 4 minutes later. A lovely passage of play between Jimmy Williams and Logan Boyd resulted in Boyd scoring from a tight angle. Scoring so quickly after Chantry's 3rd gave the boys the positive reinforcement they needed and just before the break Williams was put through by Lewis Hudson Grey and his second attempt found the net. Going in only 1 goal down after such a poor start was an excellent tonic. The half-time message was to keep playing the pass and move football that we are so good at. The Gunners started the second half in much better fashion but conceded again after 48 mins. Again the boys came back and Williams added his second 5 mins later. Things got a lot better when on 55 mins fine work from Owen Cameron and Ivan Perez Sanchez gave Boyd a chance on the Chantry left and his scuffed shot beat the keeper at his near post. 4-4 and the boys had deserved it. However, the excitement was over as Chantry pushed forward looking for the winner, they created 3 excellent chances and the Gunners keeper Matthew Webber pulled off 3 excellent saves to break Chantry hearts. This was a great advert for U13s football and took the Gunner's unbeaten run to 13 matches.

27th January Kesgrave Kestrels v Martlesham Gunners. Cup Quarter Final

Another local derby, this time in the cup so more school pride at stake. The game was tense and nervy on a tight narrow pitch and there was little between the two teams during the opening quarter. With Kestrels playing in the division below the unbeaten Gunners, they were the happier of the two teams and grew in confidence as the half panned out. The first goal was a rare moment of skill in the half with a very well struck shot finding the back of the Martlesham net. 1-0 to Kestrels was the half time score. A change in formation from Martlesham wasn't really bringing the improvement required, but we found ourselves rather fortunately level after a penalty was awarded for handball. Ivan Perez Sanchez confidently slotting it home. It didn't take Kestrels long to regain the lead though, with another penalty, another harsh handball decision. Growing in confidence the home side struck again to lead 3-1 halfway through the half. The Gunners hadn't gone 10 months without losing by luck though and finally we started to show a bit more quality going forwards. Logan Boyd was causing problems down the left but was unable to find the finish or pass to get reward. With 6 minutes left another Martlesham attack found Williams unmarked in the box and he slotted home to make it 3-2. Kestrels continued to play with fight and determination and ran out worthy winners. So a bit of a cup upset and our long unbeaten run was over. No complaints- the better team won on the day. Time to start a new run!

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Both above meetings will be held in St Michael's and All Angel's Church Centre.

Everyone will be most welcome.

For when the One Great Scorer comes to mark against your name,
He writes - not that you won or lost - but how you played the Game.

Alumnus Football by Grantland Rice

I like winning. When I am playing games, I play to win. In some ways I am too competitive, and have to reign in the desire to win. But I can cope if I don't win. I remember playing family board games as a child and seeing the board upturned, the playing pieces scattered, just because one of my siblings had lost. But the enjoyment of games is not just in the winning – it's the social aspect, the chat, the strategy and so on – that also make games fun.

Grantland Rice in the poem Alumnus Football is talking about life in the context of a game. How we have to keep going when we are not winning. How in the end it is not the winning or losing, but how we played.

So how can we live well? How can we end our 'game' and say that we played well. Perhaps the words from the bible from the book of proverbs might be of use.

Trust in the Lord with all your heart. Never rely on what you think you know. Remember the Lord in everything you do, and he will show you the right way. (Proverbs 3:5-6).

I hope that your games are enjoyable, your life guided well, and that God will show you the right way.

Revd. Toby Tate
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The concert in aid of East Anglia's Children's Hospices, is on Saturday 14th April at St John The Baptist Church, Cauldwell Hall Road, Ipswich, commencing at 7.30pm.

Choir Secretary, Stephen Wade said, "Choir members are all looking forward to this concert. We are delighted that Rachel Sloane has agreed to be our compere and very grateful to Jeffries of Bacton (Sales) for sponsoring this event. It is going to be a wonderful evening of music making with over 100 singers participating".

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Sunday 11th March ***Mothering Sunday***	9.45am Holy Communion with Junior Church	11am Morning Worship	6.30pm Evensong
Sunday 18th March	9am Breakfast@9	11am Holy Communion	8am Holy Communion
Sunday 25th March ***Palm Sunday***	9.45am Holy Communion with Junior Church	11am Morning Prayer	6.30pm Evensong
Thursday 29th March ***Maundy Thursday***	6pm Maundy Thursday Supper		
Friday 30th March ***Good Friday***	11am Messy Easter	11am Good Friday Meditation	3pm Good Friday Meditation
Saturday 31st March ***Holy Saturday***		7pm Easter Vigil	
Sunday 1st April ***Easter Sunday***	9.45am All Age Holy Communion	11am Holy Communion (Prayer Book)	8am 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:

March

5 For our Parish Councillors
6 For leaders of Beavers, Cubs and Scouts
7 For residents of Nunn Close
8 For volunteers at St Elizabeth Hospice Depot
9 For those caring for relatives
10 For the work of Christians Against Poverty
11 Mothering Sunday - For all Mothers
12 For workers amongst Drug addicts
13 For wise decisions re. Adastral Park
14 For residents of Milano Avenue
15 For the elderly and the lonely
16 For Ambulance drivers and Medics
17 For Martlesham Brass and activities
18 For persecuted Christians worldwide
19 For leaders of Rainbows, Brownies, Guides and Rangers
20 For the children at "Experience Easter"
21 For residents of Park Close
22 For wise decisions by Parliament
23 For the work of our Police
24 For Martlesham Conservation Group
25 For those working in Relief Camps
26 For the leaders of Bright Stars
27 For the work of FIND (Families in Need) in Ipswich
28 For the residents of Parkers Place
29 For our First Responders
30 Understanding of the Cross of Christ
31 Appreciation of the joy of springtime

April

1 Christ is risen Hallelujah!
2 For our N.H.S.
3 For our Fire Service
4 For the residents of Peel Yard

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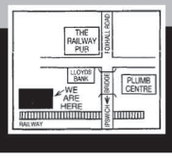

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