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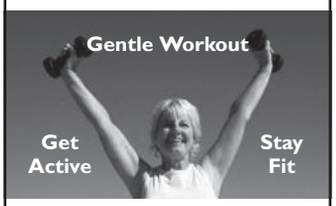

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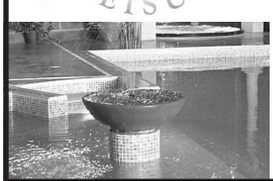

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See inside for feature article on Deben Rotary.

MOBILE LIBRARY TIMES

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becoming a helper or hiring of the Scout HQ please contact Rachel Pennick

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For further details contact Johnny Dixon 01473 622160 (johnny.dixon@btinternet.com)

ST ELIZABETH HOSPICE USED STAMPS/COINS APPEAL

A very big THANK YOU to everyone who saved their used stamps over Christmas and posted them through my letter box. I recently took a bulging car-boot-full of bags of stamps to the hospice. The stamps will be sorted by volunteers and sold online to raise money, with any special stamps and collectors albums being auctioned separately. Old British and foreign notes/coins can also be sold to raise funds.

Please continue to support the hospice throughout the year by posting used stamps and old British/foreign coins through my door. Or if it's more convenient they can be taken to our nearest library on Grange Farm, or the new hospice shop over on Gloster Road.

Thank you all and keep up the great work!

Bev Read

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MARTLESHAM PARISH COUNCIL

BECOME A COUNCILLOR

A vacancy for a councillor exists in the Martlesham West ward, which can now be filled by co-option as no electors have called for a bye-election. This means that existing council members can appoint a new councillor at the meeting of the full Council on 07 February 2018. You do not have to live in the Martlesham West ward. This is your opportunity to help improve your community and lend your voice and life experiences to help protect your community in these challenging times. No matter what your background or employment status everyone has valuable views that count and would add to the community's voice.

How much work will it be?

The more time and energy you put in the greater the rewards but it is up to you how active you are. Every council is unique. 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 and local organisations. We continue to face major challenges regarding development in our parish.

You will be expected to attend regular decision-making meetings: the full Council meets 10 times a year on the 1st Wednesday of all months except August & December; and also to join at least one of our committees which meet usually at most 6 times a year.

Please look at our website to find out more.

Will I be paid?

Councillors cannot be paid and do not receive any allowances but they may claim reasonable expenses.

What do I do next?

Please contact the Clerk for more information and also to check whether you are eligible to become a councillor. Please come along to a meeting and find out what we're like – we encourage everyone to do this before standing as a councillor!

2018/2019 Budget/Precept (Parish Council element of Council Tax)

In January the Council agreed a budget (planned expenditure) of £142,522 for the financial year 2018/19 which commences on 01 April 2018. Most of our income comes through the council tax (the precept). Therefore we are submitting a request to Suffolk Coastal District Council for £143,000 (precept for 2018/19) to cover the budget and to keep our general reserves at a reasonable level.

The Parish Council element of the council tax bill will increase from £59.18 to £62.41 per annum for a Band D equivalent property, so by £3.23 for the year 2018/19. The amount will vary according to your housing band.

The decision to increase the tax bill is not taken lightly. Ongoing proposals of housing and retail development within our parish increase the workload as we seek to respond to consultations and represent parishioners' views with the planning authority. In recent years we have witnessed increased use of the open spaces, such as The Common and Recreation Ground, and the play areas we manage which means more expenditure to protect, maintain and enhance these facilities. The Council continues to build earmarked reserves for projects on play & sport provision.

Reduction in services from the principal authorities and police have also led to pressure on the Council to plug the gaps, such as tackling anti-social behaviour at the Community Centre car park through the introduction of CCTV & an automatic barrier.

The current work load exceeds resources and so in the next financial year the Council has budgeted for additional staff resource to help it meet the challenges it is facing.

Full details of the budget setting process and the Council's risk assessment on the level of general reserves are available in the minutes, which are published on our website.

Website Changes

Please be aware that on 30th January our website is being moved by Community Action Suffolk to a new upgraded system & it will have a new design. We hope there will be a trouble-free transition but please bear with us if there are any teething problems.

Reporting Highways Issues to Suffolk County Council (SCC)

The Parish Council has received the following guidance from SCC on how to report highways issues:

1. Initial faults/repairs/reporting

The first point of contact for standard defect reports should be the Suffolk Highway reporting tool via https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/highway-maintenance/report-a-highways-issue/

or over the telephone on 0345 606 6171. A log reference number will be given.

2. Follow up on a fault/repair/report

Please telephone the 0345 606 6171 number and have the log reference number to hand. That way the operator can track progress on the case.

3. If no resolution contact your county councillor:

Martlesham ward – Patricia O'Brien – tel. 01394 448228, mobile 07999 481369 or 07545 423789, patricia.obrien@suffolk.gov.uk

Martlesham North ward – Caroline Page - mobile 07545 423837, caroline.page@suffolk.gov.uk

Martlesham West ward –

Robert Whiting - mobile 07714 598155, robert.whiting@suffolk.gov.uk

Stuart Lawson – mobile 07590 627683 or 07463 256476, stuart.lawson@suffolk.gov.uk

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

At the time of writing, the long awaited decision on the Adastral Park development is due to take place on **15 January 2018** at an all-day meeting of the Suffolk Coastal District Council's Planning Committee. The Council has continued to have concerns that the plans for traffic management are not robust enough to cope with the increased traffic that will be generated from the development. No doubt the result will have been published in the press when you read this but you can also check the SCDC website for updates, search for 'Adastral Park': http://www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk/

Planning Update

Evans Cycles and Topp Tiles (moving from Beardmore Park) wish to occupy the two units adjacent to Wickes.

Forthcoming meetings:

Parish Council – Wednesday 07 February 2018

Development Plans Committee – Wednesday 14 February 2018

Finance & General Purposes Committee – Wednesday 28 February 2018

Parish Council – Wednesday 07 March 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 the adjournment.

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.

CHRIS BLUNDELL'S DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORT FOR FEBRUARY 2018

Planning. By the time you read this the determination for the Planning Application (DC/17/1435/FUL) for 2000 homes south and east of Adastral Park will have been made.

This determination will in effect be the first but the most important decision in the process. There will be quite a number of further meetings between all the parties involved to iron out the details that relate to both construction and finance. Practically all the Section 106 money will be used up by the infrastructure demands and I sincerely hope that there will be some noticeable improvements with the outcomes but, like many of our readers, I fear that there is going to be some difficult highway problems ahead.

This Month I have introduced something a little different in that I have created a letter to all our readers that I hope, when you have read it, will give some idea of the work that SCDC is currently engaged in and to some extent what engages my time in addition to detail planning and other matters. I would love to learn from our readers if the letter was worth producing.

The Revision of the Local Plan for SCDC is still forging ahead despite difficulties currently being experienced because our local partners of Mid Suffolk, Babergh with whom we have a duty to co-operate are not as up to date as SCDC.

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)

EAST ANGLIA ONE OFFSHORE WINDFARM PUBLIC INFORMATION DAYS: HORIZONTAL DIRECTIONAL DRILLING

The East Anglia ONE offshore windfarm developer, ScottishPower Renewables, is inviting local communities to attend a series of public information days in Suffolk to find out more about its upcoming programme of work to install cabling under railways, roads and rivers to connect the windfarm to the national grid.

In the early stages of planning the East Anglia ONE project, ScottishPower Renewables took the decision to connect the offshore windfarm to the national grid at Bramford using underground cables, rather than constructing pylons. Along the 37km route between Bawdsey and Bramford there are approximately 20 locations where Horizontal Directional Drilling (HDD) is required for crossing under waterways and important infrastructure. HDD is an advanced drilling technique, which will help to minimise disruption and reduce environmental impacts.

Residents are invited to find out more about ScottishPower Renewables' plans by attending public information days in Bawdsey, Martlesham and Claydon. The full list of locations and dates are:

- **Tuesday 16th January 2018Bawdsey Village Hall, The Street, Bawdsey, IP12 3AH 4.00pm – 7.30pm**
- **Tuesday 13th February 2018Martlesham Heath Pavilion, The Drift, Martlesham Heath, Ipswich, IP5 3PL 4.00pm – 7.30pm**
- **Tuesday 20th February 2018Claydon & Barham Village Hall, 8 Norwich Road, Claydon, Ipswich, IP6 0DF 4.00pm – 7.30pm**

Joanna Young, Stakeholder Manager for ScottishPower Renewables, said: "East Anglia ONE is progressing well, with construction underway at the onshore substation in Bramford. To help connect the cables we have planned a Horizontal Directional Drilling programme of work.

"This involves innovative engineering practices and ensures that we won't impact on train timetables and minimises road works. The largest drilling operation will allow us to install 700 metres of cable underneath the Deben. We would welcome anyone who wants find out more to come and speak to our project team at the public information days."

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We are seeing an increase in fly tipping, which results in additional cost to MHHL for removal of the rubbish, if you see anyone fly tipping please report it immediately to the police.

We have repaired the gate into the Control Tower car park for the second time, it's ok to make a mistake but not to cause damage and not report it. The gate posts are substantial so it would be impossible not to notice you have hit them.

We are preparing the notice to the AGM and you will receive them shortly. If you are not the house owner and are renting could you please let us know who the Agent is or the House Owners address so we can update our records.

There are still members that have not yet paid their membership fee and you will have received your second reminder by the time this is published. Your co-operation in paying the outstanding balance promptly would be appreciated. if you are in a rented accommodation would you kindly pass these reminder s onto the landlord(s) or their Agent.

Gorse clearance will be taking place on the SSSI and also to the rear of Broomfield where it has got out of control. We have hired a rotary flail for this work and request that you keep clear of it whilst it is in operation. Work will only commence once the temperature has dropped in order to protect wildlife.

The AGM will take place on the 13th March 2018 in the Pavilion, starting at 8:00pm. Note only paid up members are entitled to vote.

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We have learnt about Hibernation and what this means. We have read some stories about animals that hibernate and thought about how we could support animals in our forest school. The children made 'homes' for animals and are eager to see if any animals find shelter in them.

We are going to be celebrating the Chinese New Year and comparing it to how we might have celebrated. We will be tasting foods, making lanterns, dancing and setting up a Chinese restaurant.

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

Happy New Year! A great time was had by all at the Christmas shows and parties – thank you to our parents and families for your continued support. We raised around £350 from all our Christmas fundraising events – cards, hamper raffles, Christmas star sales. A big welcome to our new friends who joined us this term, we are looking forward to getting to know you! We also welcome 2 new members of staff – Jasmine and Sarah – and wish them every success in their new roles with us.

Martlesham Playschool is bidding to bag a massive cash boost from the Tesco Bags of Help initiative. Tesco teamed up with Groundwork to launch its community funding scheme, which sees grants of up to £4,000, up to £2,000 and £1,000 raised from carrier bag sales in Tesco stores awarded to local community projects. Voting is open in all Tesco stores throughout January and February. Customers will cast their vote using a token given to them at the check-out in store each time they shop. Look out for our name and vote for us!

We have a few very limited spaces available at Martlesham Playschool, pop along and take a look at what fun we get up to, chat about how we offer 15 or 30 hours funded childcare term time or all year round, or contact us. We are on Facebook (Martlesham and Kesgrave playschools) or call 01473 625986.

KESGRAVE LIBRARY NEWS

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

Sunday 4th – Do you believe in unicorns? Make a unicorn out of lolly sticks to take home;

Sunday 11th – On the 14th it is Valentine's Day. Pop along and make a valentine snail;

Sunday 18th – The 16th of February is Chinese New Year and the year of the dog. Using a plastic cup, create your own dog;

Sunday 25th – The 27th of February is National Polar Bear Day. Make a 3D polar bear out of a cardboard tube.

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 (no session Thursday 15th February)

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. (No session Friday 16th February) 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.

22/02/2018 – Evening Book Group – 7.00 p.m. They are currently reading Dissolution by C J Sansom.

23/02/2018 – Baking Club – 7.00 p.m. £2.00. If you enjoy baking, why not pop along?

If you are interested in joining any of the groups, please ring or speak to a member of staff

Volunteer Needed: We are still looking for a volunteer to help us run Lego Club. Ideal if currently enrolled on Duke of Edinburgh. Please speak to staff if interested.

Kesgrave Library, Kinsey House, Kays Close, Kesgrave will be open:

Tuesday 9am to 12 noon & 2.30pm to 5pm
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During January we each decorated our own star and picture of wise men which we then took on a journey round the room while we sang; we also enjoyed making lots of noise with percussion instruments!

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:

Half Term

February 26th

March 12th

March 26th

If you would like further information please contact:

Sonya & Maureen Burrows Tel.01473 625196

MARTLESHAM IN BLOOM

Bulb planting

We were hoping to plant more bulbs in roadside verges for this spring but unfortunately were not able to do so, instead we will be providing containers in The Square filled with spring flowering bulbs.

Martlesham Common – Wildlife survey of flora and fauna

Now it is winter it is good time to visit Martlesham Common and see what birds and other flora and fauna are there, possibly some winter visitors (eg. Fieldfares, Redwings) 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.

MARTLESHAM CONSERVATION GROUP

Our next work party in the New Year will be on Sunday 11th February at 10 am. Please meet on the heath SSSI next to the bank that runs east-west across the site.

We will be aiming to cut down more scrubby vegetation in order to recover some areas of heather and grassland. All tools and instruction provided. The removal of the shade caused by the scrubby vegetation should raise the ground temperature and encourage more heathland invertebrates, including ants, which we hope will also help butterflies such as Silver Studded Blues and Small Heath. It should also provide better conditions for reptiles.

Please note also the Martlesham Heath **Megabash** will take place on **Saturday 17th February** in conjunction with the Greenways project team on the heath SSSI from 10.00 am to 3.30 pm approx.

Please come along for as long as you can. Tea, coffee and biscuits will be available, and hopefully baked potatoes later in the day. We aim to have a bonfire to burn up the cut material generated at the Megabash and on earlier work parties.

As in previous years it is advisable for local residents to keep their windows closed and avoid putting out any washing for the day.

All tools and instruction provided on the day.

The weather this winter has been significantly colder than in recent years, gardens can make a real difference to wildlife. Please continue to provide food and water for birds in your gardens during the colder weather as this can make a significant difference to their survival.

Phil Smith 01473 625630

PORTAL WOODLANDS CONSERVATION GROUP

In December, the Nature Watch Club – assisted by the Nature Explorers – crafted reindeer out of pre-cut pieces of wood, pine cones and sticks found in the woodlands. The children from Nature Watch used drills and secateurs to make dowels for the legs and neck as well as to prune the antlers and drill a hole for the tail. Pine cones were fitted for ears, eyes were drawn on and Rudolph was then finished off with a red pom-pom nose!

While the Nature Watch group were enjoying the festive fun, the Working Party volunteers spent their morning clearing the main path of fallen debris and overgrown vegetation. This needs to be done regularly as nature would very quickly take over causing the paths to eventually disappear. Scraping off the dead leaves using shovels and brooms at least produced some much-needed warmth on a cold day. After their exertions, the Working Party joined with the Nature Explorers in decorating the area of woodland surrounding Katie's tree with tinsel and a small herd of reindeer, whilst setting up a festive food and drink buffet accompanied by some lovely Christmas carols! Thanks to the Group volunteers who contributed such a wonderful spread that was enjoyed by all.

As the new year rolls on, with a hint of spring in the air, we welcome you to join us for the opportunity to get some fresh air, exercise and help the local community at one of our working parties.

Dates for the diary

Volunteer Work Mornings (all ages) Sunday 18th February, 10am – Noon. 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 – 11am.

Nature Watch Club (5-11 year olds) 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.

Sam Cork, Nature Explorer and Young Volunteer

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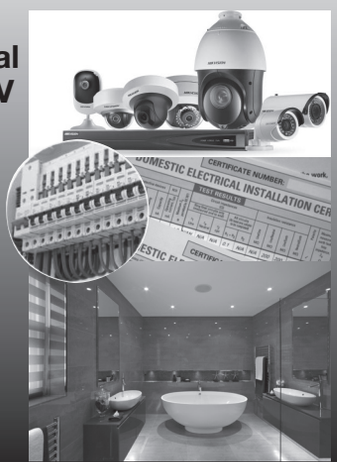

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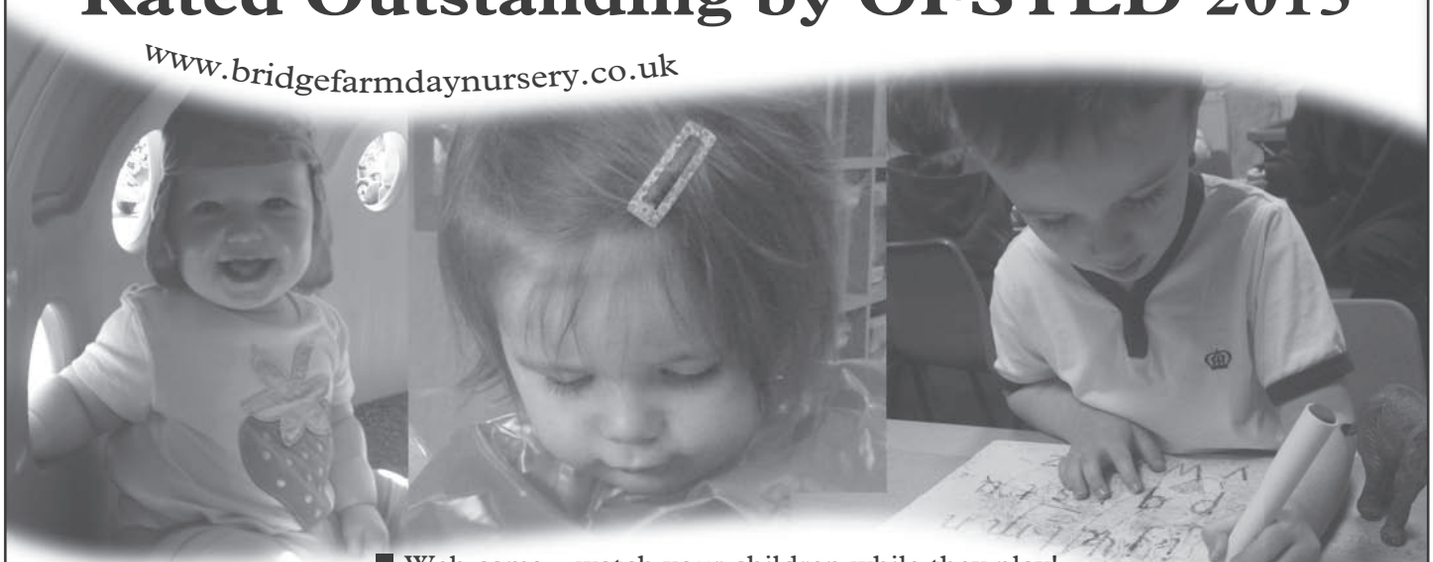

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WOOLLY WONDERS

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Hopefully this will have inspired more of the knitters amongst you ,to join us on Thursday mornings in 2018, whenever you can.

You'll find us at The Runway Cafe, next to St Michael's church centre between 10 and 12.

We look forward to seeing you.

Rachel 01473 610437 for more details

MARTLESHAM HISTORY SOCIETY - MONDAY 12TH FEBRUARY 2018

Andrew Beal - Ipswich War Memorial Project

The project started in 2014, recording and identifying over 2000 people on the Ipswich War Memorial who died during, WW1, WW2 and up to 2007. Creating a database for families to discover more about their ancestors who made the ultimate sacrifice. The talk features unseen family pictures and stories and please do bring any relevant images that you may have.

All meetings are held in the Pavilion, Martlesham Heath, Ipswich IP5 and commence at 7.30 pm. Admission fee is £2.50 and meetings are open to all.

The Members of the Deben Rotary Club of *Woodbridge would like to thank all those who donated to our Trust Charity Fund in December 2017.*

We collected with the Santa Sleigh on the whole of Martlesham Heath over four evenings and on a Saturday Morning the Thorofare in Woodbridge we collected £ 1,5138.46p. which will be used to help causes Locally, Nationally and on an International front.

We hope you all have a successful and Happy New Year.

Yours, M. Ian O'B. Baker.

MARTLESHAM CARPET BOWLS. JANUARY REPORT

It is with great sadness that I have to report the passing of our Chairman Oscar Banthorp. He has been our Chairman since 2006 and relinquished his position earlier in the year for reasons of ill health. He was a true servant of the Club and we send our condolences to his widow Maureen and all the family.

Our Charity collection in lieu of Christmas Cards will go to the Motor Neurone Disease at the request of the Family.

We are nearly halfway through the Winter League fixtures with very mixed results, 3 losses 3 wins and a draw. The losses severe and the wins apart from one only marginal. We definitely need to pull our socks up in the New Year !

Advance Notice we have provisionally booked Thursday 5th.April for our Annual Dinner, so put this date in your diary. Details on the Notice Board.

MARTLESHAM CARPET BOWLS FEBRUARY REPORT

My report did not get in last months edition - gremlins in the system - see above !!

Sadly at the beginning of the year Oscar's widow Maureen went to join him. She had been ill for many years, so really a happy release.

Her Memorial Service will be held on 1st. February at St. Andrew's Church in Rushmere at 3.15pm Donations to St. Elizabeth's Hospice if required.

She and Oscar were both servants of the Club for many years and contributed mightily to its ongoing success as a thriving and well supported Club.

As I write we are still struggling in the League We managed to take 4 points off Bramford when we visited them and achieved a 6 - 4 win against Rivers at home. At the time of going to press we have added another Home win, this time 8 - 2 against East Bergholt still 2 more matches to go in January.

We are planning to run a Fun Day on Sunday 4th. March which we hope will be well attended, a full report next month.

We entered a team in the Charity Competition at Needham Market at the beginning of January when over £1200 was raised for Prostate Cancer, a sterling effort for a really worthy cause. With some good bowling all day.

Judith Longman

MARTLESHAM BRASS

'MAKING MUSIC FUN IN EAST ANGLIA'

Thank you to everyone who gave so generously to our Christmas carolling collections.The grand total raised was £2086.55 , which will be divided between our three chosen charities - FIND - Families in Need, Ipswich Holiday Help for Children & SERV Suffolk & Cambridgeshire.

On 24th February at 7.00pm the Main band will be performing in a concert at Waldringfield Baptist Church, Newbourne Road Waldringfield. Admission is free, but there will be a retiring collection for FIND - Families in Need.

On Saturday 3rd March please join our Preliminary and Beginners Bands for 'Tea & Tunes' at St Michael's Church Centre, Martlesham Heath, 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 & a raffle.

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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SUFFOLK ORCHID SOCIETY

The Suffolk Orchid Society will be holding its Spring Show on Saturday 10th March 2018 at St Michael's Church Centre, (near Douglas Bader Public House), Martlesham Heath, IP5 3PL, between 10 am and 4 pm.

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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. You can join the Society on the night if you wish.

To find out more on either of the above call Howard on 01473 274300. Look on the Society web-site www.mhas.org. -

MARTLESHAM LADIES CLUB

Our first meeting of 2018 was well attended and we were delighted to welcome two new members. Paula Baker gave an interesting talk on hedgehog conservation.

There are two meetings planned for February. On 1st February Dr Heather will talk about the highlights of her trip to New Zealand and her experiences of flying in an Auster light aircraft.

Then on 15th February we will hold our annual Bring and Buy sale in aid of our chosen charity.

Looking further ahead, on 1st March Max Pemberton will give a talk entitled Cruising down the Irrawadi River in Burma.

Meetings are held on alternate Thursday evenings at 7 15pm in the Richards Room.
For more information and to find out how to join this friendly group contact Doreen Boar 01473 622768

U3A IN EAST SUFFOLK WONDERS HOW 2018 IS GOING FOR YOU?

Did you make a resolution to join U3A or, if already a member, to try a new subject by getting fitter with a walking or gardening group. The weather has been rather changeable so you might have decided on a music or reading group or to play Mah Jong or Scrabble. Whatever you are up to we hope you will be able to attend a monthly talk in one of our Campuses and 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.

Campus talk dates for your 2018 diaries

FELIXSTOWE

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The Life and Films of Sophia Loren by Simon Frampton Sophia's career from humble beginnings to international stardom - with clips from her films.

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SAXMUNDHAM

Thursday 8th February 2018 - 2.00 pm at Market Hall, 29 High Street, Saxmundham, IP17 1AF.

Chocolate by Tony Diamond Amazing facts, myths and ignorance surrounding chocolate – sadly no free samples!

Thursday 08 March 2018 - 2.00 pm

Plants with Mettle by Professor Alan Baker The world of super plants that can colonise soils contaminated with toxic heavy metals.

Refreshments follow the meetings

KESGRAVE

Monday 26th February 2018 - 2.00 pm at Kesgrave Community Centre, Twelve Acres Approach, Bell Lane, Kesgrave, IP5 1JF.

The Icklingham Treasure by John Browning An account of the theft of first century temple bronzes and the speaker's fight for their return.

Refreshments follow the meeting.

WOODBRIDGE

There are no U3A talks planned for Woodbridge in February or March 2018.

Please remember that visitors are welcome at one of our talks before becoming U3A members. Campus co-ordinators will be glad to give you joining details on the day.

MARTLESHAM VILLAGE FETE

Saturday 14th July 2018

We are pleased to announce that a veteran bus from the Ipswich Transport Museum will provide a shuttle service on the day linking residents to the Martlesham Heath Village Green and St. Michael's church which will be the focal point of activities.

This will make sure we have an "all Martlesham" event and we can leave the car at home. This facility is kindly being sponsored by the "Martlesham Service Centre" which provides complete automotive repair specialising in vehicle servicing, car repairs and MOT testing. Please show your gratitude by remembering them next time you need work doing on your car

Activities in January concentrated on contacting groups who can provide music and entertainment. If you are a musician, music teacher, member of a group, choir or entertainer and would like to showcase your skills, and we missed you out, apologies, please register your interest at mvfete@gmail.com when you will be contacted by one of our volunteers

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SUFFOLK WILDLIFE TRUST

Much has changed in the British countryside over the last 50 years including our contact with and appreciation of wild flowers, to learn more about "Conserving British Wild Flowers" please join us for a talk by Anne and Dennis Kell in the Woodbridge Community Hall on Thursday 22nd February at 7.30pm. Admission £3. On Thursday 15th March we have a talk about one of the iconic wildlife species of this season " Hares" with Sue Alderman at 7.30pm in the Woodbridge Community Hall. Admission £3.

All are welcome you do not need to be a member. *Phil Smith 01473 625630*

DEBEN ROTARY

Deben Rotary was formed in 1989 and has been extremely active in the areas of Kesgrave, Martlesham Melton and Woodbridge for over 28 years. Currently we have over 35 members with ten of those living in the Martlesham or Bealings areas.

The Club focuses on working within the local communities as well as nationally and internationally, and this article looks at some of the community activities supporting the Martlesham Community

Local Community activities are central to service in the community, last Spring we helped plant crocus bulbs in Martlesham near St Michaels and Birchwood School and 8 other locations in and around our patch, as part of the international "Purple for Polio campaign" to eradicate polio from the world.

The Martlesham Branch of the Mother's Union and The Rev Toby Tate planting crocus bulbs outside St Michaels Church as part of raising funds and awareness for the eradication of Polio throughout the world. Bulbs were also planted outside Birchwood School and 8 other locations .

Helping in the community

The Memory Cafe, run in conjunction with Woodbridge Rotary Club and Woodbridge Inner Wheel, is run in the parish of Martlesham at Woodbridge Football Club and continues to flourish. We have been pleased to receive a grant from District Councillor, John Kelso's-Enabling Fund for our outreach work.

We often have entertainment, for example Scottish Country Dancing. We also recently took 21 of our visitors and carers to a dementia friendly production of The Importance of Being Earnest by the Red Rose Theatre in Ipswich. The theatre group entertained the guests with a cucumber sandwich and cake tea before a highly entertaining and very funny play. Refreshments are available at the café and there is no charge. For further details of the Memory Cafe please contact Rotarian Deirdre Griffin on 01473 612049.

Last summer, we helped transport people with sight impairment and their friends to the 40th anniversary of Celebrations of Sound On, the Ipswich and District talking newspaper.

The club was also pleased to be able to assist at the MH 100 celebrations by acting as bucket collectors and manning a stall. Our stall was always busy as the prizes for the mini-golf attracted an audience as well as promoting the club's activities.

Fund raising is an important part of our activities, partly to support our direct work, but also to support other organisations in their fund raising activities. However we like to have fun when raising money, so whether it's running our 18th Charity Quiz night at St Michaels, entertaining shoppers in Woodbridge Thoroughfare with our 30th annual busk or organising the Christmas Sleigh runs. Directly we ran the sleigh for four nights around Martlesham, one day outside Tesco and one Saturday in the Woodbridge Thoroughfare, but also facilitated 15 nights for other organisations to raise money for their chosen causes. A long established Christmas Carol Concert not only gets December off to a festive start but also adds to our charitable funds. In 2017, we ran a new venture with a St Audreys Golf Club to raise money for the new Riding for the Disabled premises at Clopton.

Local donations We love to combine our service activities with donations, but sometimes organisations just need cash, so we were pleased to have supported Gorseland Primary School with specialist toys for their Specialist Support Centre, also helping to create a Nurture Base, which will cater for children who need extra care in a calm, quiet environment and we recently donated £500 to help to fund soft furnishings for the unit.

Birchwood School was the 1st recipient of our now annual community service award, presented to the organisation that has offered great service to our local community. They put their prize of £450 to continue to develop their environmentally friendly and award-winning chicken coop

Dictionaries for Life were presented to children at five schools within our patch, these are used as class sets for use in the curriculum and in some cases are given to leavers for reference during the next stage of their education. Each of the five schools was visited and presented with the dictionaries, representing all corners of our area, Gorseland's, Melton Primary, Kyson, Bawdsey, and Rushmere Hall.

Our Social life. All work and no play... so we also enjoy ourselves, whether listening to visiting speakers, the golf society, trips to the theatre, summer BBQ or the Christmas Party, but mainly our fun comes from working in the community whether in our own teams or joining other teams.

Donating Dictionaries for Life at Gorseland School

2018 brings an exciting year ahead for Deben Rotary in Martlesham.

We will continue to support many local projects and have some new ideas to develop and we have already offered to take part in the revitalised Martlesham Village day.

David Embery, Deben's President, and a resident of Martlesham Heath, said that "we enjoy working in our local community and we are always looking at new local initiatives specifically in working within the local community and are always looking for both ideas and help!"

If you should be interested in finding out more about Deben Rotary, look us up on our website www.debenrotary.org.uk from which we can also be contacted. Alternatively you can phone Rotarian Martin Kenyon on 01394 386933.

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On a snowy day close to Christmas, our children were excited by the snow and performing nativity shows to their families - Gorseland was visited by Ofsted. They paid close attention to everything the school does and they found the children’s experiences to be Outstanding.

The Staff and Governors are especially pleased with this report, because it reflects the care and attention that is given to every child in our school.

Parents appreciate teachers treating each child as a unique individual, for example telling Inspectors, ‘They seem to cater for the children's individual needs making my child feel important and not just one of hundreds of children.’

The Inspectors talk in glowing terms about every aspect of the school. Their main findings are: outstanding attainment and progress; excellent behaviour and personal care in the school and special unit; highly inclusive approaches to supporting children so pupils make very strong progress; leaders have led continuous improvement over the last four years including an innovative approach to professional development. Finally, parents are exceptionally positive about all aspects of the school.

Inspectors found that our children enjoy the opportunities that our well designed and broad curriculum offers. ‘Pupils love problem solving in mathematics and work well together to arrive at solutions.’ In lessons, they saw our pupils’ ‘passion for learning shining through.’ Around school, they found the children’s behaviour to be outstanding. Children are able to debate complex issues well and enjoy coming to school. ‘Pupils were keen to tell Inspectors that the school offers lots of activities to help pupils enjoy their learning and playtime together. Classrooms are exciting and vibrant, yet calm and purposeful.’

As the Headteacher, I am so very grateful to our committed team of staff. This Ofsted report publicly acknowledges their outstanding professional skill, care and passion that continues to make Gorseland a happy and fun place for each child to learn.

Mr. Darron Jackson - Headteacher

THE MOTHERS UNION.

On Wednesday February 7th

at 2.30pm

John Hammond will tell us about his work at the St Elizabeth Hospice shop on Martlesham Heath.

On Wednesday March 7th at 2.30pm. Mick Lowe will tell about his work as a Fire Prevention Officer.

Both meetings will take place in St Michaels and All Angels Church Centre.

Everyone most welcome

Be the change that you would wish to see in the world

These words are a quote from Mahatma Ghandi. A remarkable person who lived his mantra. I'm often asked where God is in the world when we hear continually depressing news of disasters, murders, breakdown of relationships and breakdown of community. Well, perhaps we could look to ourselves for part of that answer. St Paul, when he wrote to the people of Corinth, reminded them that the Spirit of God lives in us, so what we do reflects God in the world.

It's easy to see the problems of the whole world and feel the issues are too big for us to do anything about, but perhaps our little drop in the ocean can make a big difference even for one person.

Eileen Butler, who died on Christmas Eve, was a good example of how one person can make a difference. She had a vision for building up the community and spiritual atmosphere of Martlesham and set about raising money for a church/ community centre on the Heath. The result is St Michael's, which is used for so many community and church events, with the more recent addition of a local coffee shop, The Runway.

One person had the vision, others caught the vision, the result was a community working together on a project which improved quality of life for hundreds, not just for the present but for future generations as well.

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For further details or queries – please call our VP Membership on 07968 372563 or select Contact Us from the main menu on our website—speak-easy.org.uk.

If you just want turn up at any club meeting, that's fine. We meet every Thursday fortnight at the Richards Room in Martlesham (alongside Felixstowe Road, behind the Tesco superstore). Select Club Calendar on the website main menu for meeting dates and Meeting Information / Directions for how to find us.

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Sunday 4th February	9.45am All Age Service Holy Communion	11am Holy Communion (Prayer Book)	8am Holy Communion
Sunday 11th February	9.45am Holy Communion with Junior Church	11am Morning Worship	6.30pm Evensong
Sunday 18th February	9am Breakfast@9	11am Holy Communion	8am Holy Communion
Sunday 25th February	9.45 Holy Communion with Junior Church	11am Morning Prayer	6.30pm Evensong

Midweek Services Holy Communion each Wednesday at 10am in St. Michael's.
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Prayer Diary Please include the following as an addition to your daily prayers

February

5 Give thanks for the spring flowers at St. Mary's
6 Those struggling to pay for Christmas spending
7 For the residents in Mill Heath
8 Give thanks for new innovations and technologies
9 Guests and volunteers at night shelters
10 St. Scholastica's Day, pray for our schools
11 Lord, let your light shine in our lives
12 May national leaders recognise international needs
13 For friends and family who we do not see very often
14 Ash Wednesday, may we prepare for the meaning of Easter
15 For the residents in Mill Lane
16 NHS staff struggling to cope under pressure
17 For those whose homes have been burgled
18 Lord, be our strength in times of weakness
19 For those who do the 'dirty' jobs that others don't want
20 Those who work through the night to keep us safe
21 For those who are hungry
22 For the residents in Netherwood Court
23 People who are moving
24 For all those with an addiction
25 Lord, may we serve you in love and peace
26 Those working to protect the environment
27 Our armed forces throughout the world
28 People who live alone

March

1 For the residents in Newbourne Road
2 Pray for those overwhelmed by life
3 Pray for situations where there is inequality
4 Lord, may we use your gifts wisely

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