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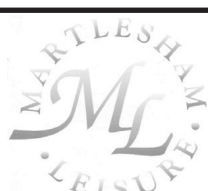
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# MARTLESHAM PARISH COUNCIL

## Our best wishes for the New Year to all our parishioners.

### BECOME A COUNCILLOR

It was with regret that the Council accepted the resignation of Andy Gartan in early December 2017. We thank him for his contribution whilst on the Council. We are therefore seeking a new councillor.

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 face major challenges regarding development in our parish. 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!

### Martlesham Dog Waste Campaign

The Parish Council is working in partnership with Martlesham Heath Householders Ltd (MHHL), Martlesham Youth Football Club, Suffolk Coastal District Council (SCDC), and SCL Ltd on a campaign to encourage dog walkers to pick up after their dogs and reduce dog fouling in the parish. Hopefully you will have spotted new signs on some litter bins and lampposts on dog walking routes. Many thanks to the volunteers who carefully put these up. Please support this campaign to clean up our parish.

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

The planning application for 2,000 homes has still not gone before the SCDC Planning Committee for a decision. November and December 2017 saw further consultations on transport assessments and habitats regulations, to which we responded & highlighted omissions regarding Martlesham. A decision is now expected in January 2018. Please check the SCDC website for updates, search for 'Adastral Park': <http://www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk/>

### Planning Update

- Planning application for land to the East and South of The Square, Martlesham Heath, for 10 dwellings withdrawn at the end of November 2017. Parish Council in support of having trees on the landscaped area protected by Tree Preservation Orders (TPO). SCDC has confirmed that they will place a TPO on the Norway Maples although they expect to see an amended planning application in due course.
- Home Bargains due to open on 13 January.
- Wickes store should have opened before Christmas.
- SCDC will determine the planning applications for a Costa drive-thru on land adjacent to Wickes and for ALDI at the BT roundabout once the decision on the Adastral Park development has been made.

### What have we been doing recently?

- Setting our budget and precept for 2018/19 – more news next month once agreed
- Responding to questions from the Independent Inspector regarding the

### Neighbourhood Plan

- Walking tour of the retail/business area with representatives from the principal authorities, i.e. SCDC & Suffolk County Council, and CEG to demonstrate existing problems for pedestrians & cyclists, and to consider the connectivity between the proposed Adastral Park development and this area of Martlesham
- Volunteers walked all our public rights of way to identify where work might be needed. Many thanks to them – a report will be considered in January.
- Unfortunately we had to deal with a spate of anti-social behaviour, in particular a fire on the Common and in a bus shelter on Main Road, as well as some minor vandalism. If you witness anything that might help catch culprits, please report it to the Police by phoning 101.

### The General Data Protection Regulation

(GDPR) will apply from 25.05.18. All councils will have to comply with the new government regulation & the Council is beginning to consider what it needs to do now. This affects our budget because of the demands it makes on staff time & the possible need for the appointment of an independent Data Protection Officer, according to current guidance.

### Forthcoming meetings:

Parish Council – Wednesday 03 January 2018

Recreation & Amenities Committee – Wednesday 10 January 2018

Parish Council – Wednesday 07 February 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

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## JOHN KELSO'S DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORT

### **Urgent Information regarding the planning application to build ten houses on the carpark near doctor's surgery at the village centre.**

At the end of November the applicant withdrew the planning application to build ten houses on the carpark near the doctor's surgery and to create a new carpark on the old runway. No reason was given by the applicant as to why they had come to this decision.

It is probable that this will not be an end to the matter of developing this area and that a new application will possibly come forward sometime in the new year.

I will of course keep residents informed as; when or if any new planning application is received.

### **Latest regarding plans to build 2,000 houses adjacent to Adastral Park**

Delays had been caused by the need for further consultations to take place regarding proposed highway and environmental issues. At the time of writing I have been advised these consultations and reports have now been completed and that a report is in the process of being prepared for a Planning Committee to be held sometime in January. Probably the 15th but please check out the District Council website [www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk](http://www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk) and local press for confirmation.

### **New Local Plan Issues and Options consultation**

The consultation into the new Suffolk Coastal Local Plan Issues and Options finished on the 30th of October. Over 4,000 responses were received from 450 individuals and groups. Officers are now studying these responses in order to create a draft Local Plan with further consultations to take place in the spring.

### **Merger between Suffolk Coastal and Waveney District Councils**

The Government Minister responsible for Local Government has now agreed to proceed to the next stage of the process in order for all interested parties to make their views known on the suggestion to create a new council. Once this has been completed and if the Minister is satisfied the matter will be sent to the Electoral Commission to decide how to set up a warding system for the new council which will allow for input from local residents.

If you wish to discuss any of the above issues or any other District Council matters please email [john.kelso@suffolkcoastal.gov.uk](mailto:john.kelso@suffolkcoastal.gov.uk) or give me a call on 01473 631682

Happy New Year John Kelso District Councillor Martlesham Ward

## CHRIS BLUNDELL'S DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORT FOR JANUARY 2018

**Planning.** I can now confirm that the date for determination of the Planning Application (DC/17/1435/FUL) for 2000 new homes South and East of Adastral Park is to be 15th January 2018 at East Suffolk House, Riduna Park, Station Road, Melton, Woodbridge. IP12 1RT. The hearing is expected to last most of the day.

**Homeless Reduction Act 2017.** The act that is due to come into force on 3rd April 2018 will require all councils to: (a) Provide or secure the provision of a service, available free of charge, to any person in the district providing information and advice on: (i) preventing homelessness, (ii) securing accommodation when homeless,

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**Universal Credit. (UC)** In my last report to the community I stated, from advice received, that the UC would be rolled out through the job centres in Woodbridge and Felixstowe Jobcentres in June 2018. In the Chancellor's Budget in the middle of November and after my report for December was issued this was changed to October 2018.

For a full breakdown of dates of when it will be introduced across the sites of the Anglia Revenues Partnership visit [www.anglarevenues.gov.uk/](http://www.anglarevenues.gov.uk/) and look under 'Universal Credit'. For more information regarding what would initiate a new claim visit [www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk/benefits/universalcredit](http://www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk/benefits/universalcredit).

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.chrls.blundell@eastsuffolk.gov.uk](mailto:www.chrls.blundell@eastsuffolk.gov.uk)

Chris Blundell. SCDC District Councillor (Martlesham Ward)

## MARTLESHAM CONSERVATION GROUP

**Many thanks to all those who came along to our AGM on Tuesday 21st November.**

The Chairman reviewed the activities of the group over the last year and its aspirations for the forthcoming year. The treasurer reviewed the finances of the group, which are in a good position. The existing committee was re-elected for the forthcoming year.

Some of the wildlife surveys that had been undertaken by the group were discussed in more detail, including vegetation (via photography), butterflies, and birds. Concern was expressed about the low number of Silver Studded Blue butterflies that were recorded this year.

Our thanks go again to Martlesham Parish Council for continuing to support our work.

Our first work party of the New Year will take place on Sunday 14th January at 10 am on the heath SSSI.

Please meet on the bank that runs east-west. We will continue our heathland conservation by removing more saplings, small trees and encroaching gorse from areas of heather.

Looking ahead a little further, we will have a work party on Sunday 11th February at 10 am, followed by the Megabash on Saturday 17th February with the Greenways project team.

*Phil Smith 01473 625630*

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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.

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The Spring Term 2018 session dates are:

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January 22nd

*Half Term*

February 26th

March 12th

March 26th

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Sonya & Maureen Burrows

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## HEDGEHOG NURSERY AT GORSELAND PRIMARY SCHOOL



We hope you all had a magical Christmas!

A big 'welcome' to our new families – we are now full so, unfortunately, there is no availability for new children to start at Easter, however please add your name to our waiting list for September 2018.

This half term, our topic will be Winter. We will be learning about water and how it changes. We love icy mornings and discovering frozen water in the garden. We will rescue toys that have been frozen and enjoy experimenting with liquids and solids.

In P.E., the children will continue with their yoga sessions (Mondays) and also learn about travelling safely in gymnastics (Thursdays).

We are also looking forward to finding out about other cultures - especially those of children in our setting.

We wish you all a very Happy New Year!

Mrs. J. Florey, Nursery Lead Teacher

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

Sunday 7th – Today we are making snowy tree pictures using bubble wrap and white paint. Why not pop along and have a go?

Sunday 14th – Will it snow this Winter? Create a snowman bookmark;

Sunday 21st – The 18th of January was A A Milne's birthday. Make a Winnie the Pooh hat to wear home;

Sunday 28th – We're making snow globes today. Design a snowman picture to go inside;

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

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?

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A very big thank you to all who supported us over the Christmas season by donating towards our chosen charities, which were FIND - Families in Need, Ipswich Holiday Help for Children & SERV Suffolk & Cambridgeshire. In next month's article we will report back on the final amount raised.

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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## WOOLLY WONDERS

Woolly Wonders would be pleased to see anyone who wants to knit in a sociable, friendly group.

We meet every Thursday 10-12 in the Runway Cafe, next to St Michael's Church, Martlesham Heath.

## RIVER DEBEN COASTAL PATH

Natural England has now started to review footpath access along banks of the River Deben. This is part of a national project to create a footpath along the entire coast of England. The project is called the Coastal Access Scheme.

As part of this task Natural England will be deciding whether to reinstate the public footpath along the River Deben sea wall from Martlesham Creek to Waldringfield. It will be a fair engineering task to complete needing the reinstatement of sea walls and an interconnecting footbridge or walkway, but I have seen examples of similar projects completed by Natural England elsewhere. It will make a spectacular scenic walkway which will benefit us all.

If you are also in favour of this project then please email your support to [Claire.Cadman@naturalengland.org.uk](mailto:Claire.Cadman@naturalengland.org.uk) or else to [eastcoastaccess@naturalengland.org.uk](mailto:eastcoastaccess@naturalengland.org.uk)

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Thomas O'Brien  
Martlesham Heath

## PORTAL WOODLANDS CONSERVATION GROUP

*Happy New Year to you all! During November's (rather chilly) meeting the Nature Explorers conducted their yearly survey into the health of the bird population through looking at each of the 37 bird boxes dotted around the woodland, identifying whether each had been used and, if they had, by which species. This year the results were a small improvement on last year's, with 75% of the tit boxes having been used, maintaining an upward trend in recent years. Interestingly, we found a wasp nest in the same box as a nest! The group also painted the boxes to preserve them and took note of the damage done to the boxes by various other inhabitants of the woods such as squirrels and woodpeckers so that they could be repaired. Everybody's hard work was greatly appreciated and we completed the job in record time.*

*The main working party task was to clear the pond of pondweeds and plants that had become overgrown since last year. This was made all the more easy by the work of last month's volunteers in clearing the access to and undergrowth around the pond. Again thanks to all who attended, many hands made light work!*

*Additionally, during November we were very grateful to a group from BT who cleared the area and paths around the Fuel Dump. Conservation is a very rewarding and fulfilling teambuilding activity. If your business would like to do some volunteering in the woods we would certainly be very appreciative, so please don't hesitate to contact us.*

### Dates for the Diary

**Volunteer Work Morning (all ages)** Saturday 20th January

Sunday 18th February 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 20th January, 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.

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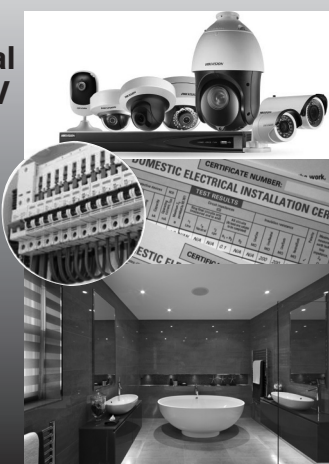
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Firstly the team and myself hope you are all well, and again we thank you sincerely for your continued custom and support. So we have some news we would like to share with you this month. September saw the introduction of our new Autumn drinks menu including some new malt whiskys added to our range, along with some craft beers and ciders. We hope you can pop in to sample one or two of these, and we still have our extensive range of Gins with Fever Tree tonics too. October 4th will see some changes to our current menu, including a new nibble, a new starter & sandwich, three new main dishes, a new burger, and four new desserts. For details you just have to pop in and see. We also now have our Christmas Fayre and Christmas Day menus available to take away. Book early to take advantage of our free bottle of Prosecco offer.

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## MARTLESHAM HEATH AVIATION SOCIETY NEWS

### 2017 Armistice Day

### 2018 Remembrance Service

Our annual Armistice Day Remembrance Parade was held on Sunday, 12th November. A cold northerly wind and frequent showers drove us to hold the ceremony in the church of St Michael's And All Angels, a wise decision given the age of some of those attending!

The church was quite full and I am sure that all those who attended were grateful to be in the warm. This is the first time for many years that we have not been able to hold the service on the Barrack square in front of the three war memorials.

Our Society Chairman, Martyn Cook was the Parade Marshall and Rev. Toby Tate took the service. Our excellent Martlesham Brass provided the music. The Royal British Legion were, of course, in attendance. A contingent from the first Martlesham Scouts, 356th ATC, and the Aircrew Association, were present. Andrew Hunt represented Logikor, (our landlords on the Heath), who once again gave us a generous donation towards the cost of the Service. Martlesham Guides and Rangers and Suffolk Army Cadet Force, 356th Air Cadets, and Suffolk Constabulary were also represented. The Black Shucks, a group of motor cyclists who attend many similar remembrance services, were also in attendance.

An address was given by our President, Mr Richard Barker and also by Wg Cdr Phil Nicholson, representing the Royal Air Force. The church was full and Martlesham Heath Aviation Society are grateful for all those who attended. The Poppy Wreathes, laid in the Church at the foot of the Cabinet containing the names of American Dead, who died whilst serving at Martlesham Heath – were later taken and laid at the Foot of the Memorials On Barrack Square.

We are sincerely grateful to Rev. Toby Tate, and members of the Church, for allowing us to use the Church at such short notice.

**On Friday 2nd December**, we had another good turnout for our Monthly Meeting when we listened to a fascinating talk: "Airships – Technological dead end, or the future?" given by Geoffrey Kaye. The Story of the Airship, from very early days, through the Great War, and then concentrating on the R34, R100, and R101.

The R34 was discussed, being perhaps the most successful British built Airship – leaving Scotland on 2nd July 1919 becoming the first manmade vehicle to fly East to West across the Atlantic, against the prevailing wind – just a short time after Alcock and Brown had flown the other way in a Vickers Vimy (Great War Bomber).

The R100 was a Private Venture Project, built at Howden in Yorkshire, with the hallmarks of being the better Airship, crossing the Atlantic to Montreal in under 79 hours. The R101 was a Government Venture Project, built in massive Airship Hangars at Cardington, Bedfordshire. However the portents were not good. When completed it was grossly over its design weight, and was never awarded a Certificate of Airworthiness; barely having enough lift to cross the Dover Straits on the way, to its intended destination, India, on 5 October 1930

Hardly surprising, therefore, that it flopped on the Ground in a rain storm, 40 miles north of Paris. Whilst survivable, the fact that the Airship was now leaking highly inflammable hydrogen gas meant it burst into flames, and only 6 of the 48 on board came through.

The death knell of the Airship, was sealed by the Inferno of The German Hindenburg Airship at Lakehurst, New Jersey, on 6th May 1937. It was filmed and then seen around the world.

Geoffrey finished his talk by looking at the modern Airlander, also built at Cardington. Would this be a success? Geoffrey is unconvinced, as recent issues during its testing seem to indicate there are still many problems to overcome. Not least coping with British Weather!.

## THE NEXT MEETING OF THE SOCIETY

Martlesham Heath Aviation Society Meeting:  
The Community Centre, Felixstowe Road,  
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Friday 5th January Starts at 7:30pm. and finishes 10:00pm.

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To find out more call Howard on

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Look on the Society web-site  
[www.mhas.org.uk](http://www.mhas.org.uk)

## NEW HORIZONS

December was a busy but very happy month for New Horizons, the club for older people in the Woodbridge area. Along with the special festive lunches, the members also enjoyed live entertainment sessions. And we welcomed the mayor, Clare Perkins, and other supporters from the local councils to share meals with us as well.

New Horizons meets twice weekly on Mondays and Thursdays from 10am – 2.30pm at St. Mary's Church Hall, 11 Market Hill, Woodbridge, IP12 4LP. People over the age of 55 who live in Woodbridge and the surrounding villages are invited to come along and join us for companionship as well as a range of activities including art, crafts, entertainment, and slide shows. Refreshments and a two course home-cooked meal are also included in the cost of £8 per session. Transport may be available for a small additional fee.

Thanks to the kind people who have joined us as volunteers recently. We couldn't provide an affordable day for our members without their help. Additional drivers willing to transport people to and from the sessions are still needed. You would be on a rota with other drivers to suit your schedule and be reimbursed for your expenses.

*For more information about any aspect of the club, please phone 07514 364752 and speak to one of our leaders. Alternatively, you can email us at [newhorizons912@gmail.com](mailto:newhorizons912@gmail.com).*

## MARTLESHAM HISTORY SOCIETY - Monday 12th February 2018

### Andrew Beal - Ipswich War Memorial Project

The project started in 2014, recording and indentifying 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.

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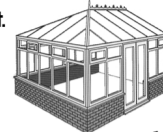
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### MARTLESHAM LADIES CLUB

A Happy New Year to all our members!

We have 2 meetings planned for January. On 4th January Paula Baker will talk about Hedgehogs and on 18th January Marianne Brame will demonstrate Jewellery Making. Then on 1st February Dr Heather will give a talk entitled 'Highlights of New Zealand and flying in an Auster.

Make a New Year Resolution for 2018 – make Thursday evenings different and join our friendly club.

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

To find out more contact Doreen Boar 01473 622768

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### U3A IN EAST SUFFOLK HOPES 2018 WILL BE A GOOD YEAR FOR ALL

Whether you are Members of Groups or just attend our monthly talks in one of our four Campuses we hope you will be with us in celebrating that the University of the Third Age in East Suffolk has its 30th Birthday in 2018. If you haven't yet joined U3A maybe it could be your New Year resolution to see what we are all about. Full details and how to become a member are available on our website [www.u3aeastsuffolk.org.uk](http://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 to put in your new 2018 diaries

#### WOODBIDGE

Friday 26th January 2018 - 10.30 am at Woodbridge Community Hall, Station Road, Woodbridge, IP12 4AU.

The Story of a Suffolk Bevin Boy by Barbara McElroy The tale of a rural boy conscripted down the mines during and after the war.

Refreshments available from 10.00 the talks commencing at 10.30.

#### FELIXSTOWE

Thursday 01 February 2018 - 10.30am at the Salvation Army Hall, Junction of Ranelagh Road and Cobbold Road, Felixstowe, IP11 7EL.

The Black Death by Jonathan Belsey The personal and social impact of village life at the time of the Black Death of 1349.

Refreshments follow the meeting.

#### SAXMUNDHAM

Thursday 11th January 2018 - 2.00 pm at Market Hall, 29 High Street, Saxmundham, IP17 1AF

The Art and Mystery of Maltings by Ivor Murrell A talk by Suffolk's last working maltster, looking at the skills used and how maltings worked.

Refreshments follow the meeting.

Thursday 8th February 2018 - 2.00 pm

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

#### KESGRAVE

Monday 29th January 2018 - 2.00 pm at Kesgrave Community Centre, Twelve Acres Approach, Bell Lane, Kesgrave, IP5 1JF.

How to Recycle a Car in 60 Seconds by Nigel Slinn A talk about metal and waste recycling and how the different materials of a car are stripped down – in 60 seconds.

Refreshments follow the meeting.

Visitors are welcome to come to one of our talks before becoming U3A members. Campus co-ordinators will be glad to give you details on the day.

### WOODBIDGE LIBRARY

**From Saturday 6th January throughout the month – January sale! Sale of donated books.**

Come and pick up a bargain! All proceeds go to the Friends of Woodbridge Library.

**Friday 26th January, 2-3pm - FOWL (Friends of Woodbridge Library) Events Group**

If anyone would like to help at events organised by the Friends of Woodbridge Library please contact Kellie Dimmock ([kellie.dimmock@suffolklibraries.co.uk](mailto:kellie.dimmock@suffolklibraries.co.uk)) or phone the library on 01394 446510.

**Book Group (Meets the first Thursday of the month at 2pm)**

On 4th January we will be discussing "Salt to the Sea" by Ruta Sepetys. Please come along if you have read this title and would like to join in the discussion.

### WOODBIDGE MEMORY CAFE - IS THE REEL THING!

At the November meeting of the Memory Cafe guests and helpers were entertained by a local Scottish country dancing group. The group, which includes our own Rotarian Deirdre Griffin, performed a selection of dances, and the performance was warmly received by all.

The Memory Cafe, which is run by the Rotary Clubs of Woodbridge and Woodbridge Deben and Woodbridge Inner Wheel, is free to all sufferers of memory loss and their carers.

We meet at Woodbridge Football Club on the last Wednesday of the month from 10.30 to 12.00. The next one is on Wednesday January 31st, when we look forward to greeting friends old and new.

### THE MOTHERS UNION.

On Wednesday January 3rd at 2,30pm  
The Annual General Meeting will be held followed by a Service of Holy Communion .

On Wednesday February 7th at 2.30pm  
John Hammond will tell us about his work at the St Elizabeth Hospice Shop on Martlesham Heath.

All are welcome to these meetings.  
which will be held in St Michael's Church centre."

### HOME-START IN SUFFOLK ANNUAL SNOWFLAKE BALL

Following the huge success of our Ball last year, when an excellent time was had by all, Home-Start in Suffolk will be hosting their 3rd annual "Snowflake" Ball at Kesgrave Hall, Milsoms on Friday 18th May 2018.

Guests will enjoy an arrival drink, a sumptuous three course dinner and coffee, followed by an energetic evening of dancing to local band "The Beavers", as well as a variety of other entertainment.

During the evening there will be several chances to win some amazing prizes and to bid in our grand auction for some superb lots, such as a holiday break in a beautiful home in Scotland and a 'Learn to dance like the Strictly stars' package.

There is also be the opportunity to be involved with a variety of sponsorship packages available to local businesses and to donate prizes for the evening's activities.

For Home-Start, the snowflake represents "the unique, fragile and vulnerable nature of the children and families we support."

These are families for whom the pressures of family life have become too great to cope with alone; this can be for many differing reasons, such as bereavement, illness, multiple births, loneliness or a variety of physical and mental health problems.

Families are matched with a trained volunteer who supports them on a weekly basis, enabling them to grow in confidence, strengthen their relationships with their children, improve their health and wellbeing and widen their links locally.

If you would like to find out more, be a sponsor or purchase tickets (priced at £58 per person), please contact Home-Start: email [headoffice@homestartinsuffolk.org](mailto:headoffice@homestartinsuffolk.org), or call 01473 621104, or visit our website [www.homestartinsuffolk.org.uk](http://www.homestartinsuffolk.org.uk)

### OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Thank you so much to everyone who contributed to the recent shoebox appeal. We had a tremendous response collecting 124 shoeboxes altogether, which is amazing. It's heart warming to know how many generous and warm-hearted folk there are in our village. Some people contributed items towards a shoebox, while others gathered their friends together to make several complete boxes. I don't know what the collective term for shoeboxes is, but I think perhaps in our case it should be a cafe-full! It's wonderful to see what we can achieve when we all work together.

I've been told our boxes are going to Asia but I don't know any more details than that at the moment. Hopefully they will let us know which country they went to in the New Year, so I will put the details up in the Runway coffee shop and in the church newsletter.

Many thanks again  
Christine Pinder

### NEW YEAR NEW YOU Get Active and Stay Fit

Would you like to feel more energetic, regain strength in your muscles and suppleness in your joints? Perhaps you would like to improve your posture and balance to reduce the risk of falls? If so there are two fitness classes at St.Michael's Church Centre on Tuesday mornings. Each of the sessions start with a gentle warm up, finish with stretching and relaxation and are easy to follow. You may be pleased to know you would not need to get down onto the floor during the classes!

At 9.30 am the Stay fit class focuses on muscular strengthening and balance exercises. The Keep Fit class at 10.45 is designed to build cardio vascular fitness as well as strengthen the muscles. Both classes are low impact so there is no jumping and exercises can be modified to accommodate any conditions like arthritis, frozen shoulder etc.

As well as the physical benefits, exercise is a great way to lift mood as our bodies release chemicals into the blood stream which give us the "feel good factor." Research shows that keeping active is crucial in maintaining good memory and our ability to reason as we age.

The classes are an ideal way to get fit in a relaxed, friendly atmosphere and run throughout the year on a pay on the day basis. We will recommence on Tuesday 2nd January after the Christmas break. If you would like further information or have a chat about which session would be best for you please call Julia Drewell on 01473 620511.

### SUFFOLK WILDLIFE TRUST

Our first meeting of the year will be on Thursday 18th January at 7.30pm in the Woodbridge Community Hall when Steve Piotrowski will be talking to us about "Gulls Need Friends". Admission is £3.00.

In February we will hear from Anne and Dennis Kell about "Conserving British Wild Flowers " on Thursday 22nd February at 7.30 pm 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

### TUESDAY 16TH JANUARY, 12.45PM-1.30PM – FRIENDS OF WOODBRIDGE LIBRARY (FOWL) MUSIC AT LUNCHTIME CONCERT

'Mr Tim', jazz saxophonist 'Timbo' Sadler will be playing for us again today in our series of popular lunchtime concerts. Tim has been playing the saxophone for 47 years and can often be seen busking in the local area.

Free entry but any donations for the Friends of Woodbridge Library gratefully received.

### THE KESGRAVE ART CLUB are trying to increase our membership.

We are a group of very friendly amateur artists of varying abilities, ages and styles. We meet every Tuesday morning at the Kesgrave War Memorial Community Centre, Twelve Acre Approach, Kesgrave, IP5 1JF.

We are there from 09.30 - 12.30 so if you are an artist or would like to have a go we are only too willing to help, why not drop in and give us a look or ring Mick Sumner on 01473 902834 or 07709614795 for more details

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# WOOLLY WONDERS



**We raised over £300 in donations for MacMillan on our stall.**

**We've knitted 3000 hats for Innocent Smoothie bottles at 25p each for Suffolk Age UK.**

**We've been meeting for over three years, have made new friends and chatted to neighbours. It's an informal group with no rules, subscriptions or hierarchy. We've even been interviewed for a feature on the local talking newspaper.**

**Our own individual projects continue amongst the joint ventures.**

**We always appreciate any spare wool that has been left for us at The Runway. It has been put to good use.**

**We plan to join St Elizabeth Hospice's 'Elmer's Big Parade Suffolk' project in 2019, knitting as many elephants as we can for them to sell for their funds.**





**Title of Course:** Martlesham Alpha Course

**Date:** Open event **10<sup>th</sup> Jan 2018**  
(registration); course starts 17<sup>th</sup> Jan 2018

**Time:** Wednesday evenings, 7.00pm-9.30pm

**Location:** St Michael's, The Drift,  
Martlesham Heath, Suffolk, IP5 3PL

**Further Info:** email:  
alpha@martleshamcofe.org.uk / phone:  
Toby 01473 612659

**What is Alpha?** Alpha is a series of interactive sessions that freely explore the basics of the Christian faith

**Who's it for?** Alpha is for anyone who's curious. The talks are designed to encourage conversation and explore the basics of the Christian faith in a friendly, open and informal environment. No questions are out of bounds and you are free to discuss as much or as little as you wish.

**How does it work?** Alpha is eleven sessions with the option of a day away in the middle. Each session includes food, a short talk, and a discussion at the end where you can share your thoughts. At any point, if you think that Alpha isn't for you, that's not a problem. There's no pressure, no follow-up, and no charge.

**How much does it cost?** There's no charge for Alpha.

## A Blank Page

Most of us have favourite stories, poems and bible readings that we have read and re-read. Our favourite passages in the book become a bit more worn than the rest. It has been said that our lives are like a book. The older we become the more pages and chapters have been written. And there are parts of our life's book that we reread more frequently, while in fact most of the pages and chapters are simply forgotten.

I wonder what page(s) of our life most dominates our thinking, emotions, reflection, horizons of hope and perspective? Many of us are tempted to live in a past chapter or the endless retelling of a certain page without any idea of the power and grace of God that offers a life based on the freedom of the unwritten.

*"Forget the former things;  
do not dwell on the past.  
See, I am doing a new thing!  
Now it springs up; do you not perceive it?  
I am making a way in the wilderness  
and streams in the wasteland."* Isaiah 43: 18,19

I find it amazing the numbers of people I come into contact with (including myself) who have so much trouble letting a 'page' go. Couples can find themselves continually agitated and conflicted by a page long gone that they simply chose to keep replaying. Nations can doggedly keep turning back history to events or mythologies that define them sometimes for the good and sometimes to retell ancient grievances.

All human groups (including churches) can be tempted to either ignore some pages or force their eyes back to re-read a golden age (that was probably never really all that golden). The human heart can often find it easier to frame the future with all the baggage of yesterday's pages.

And yet what we find in the bible is that God is the God of the past, the present and the future. That although our past is written, the future is still open to new possibilities. That God can generate a new page, a fresh pen, and the opportunity to live without the weight of past issues or regrets that can so easily hold us back.

As we begin a new year and perhaps look hopefully for a new start, why not turn to the God who holds the future and who offers to walk with us through the new?

*See, I am doing a new thing!  
Now it springs up; do you not perceive it?*

I pray that you will have a blessed and happy new year.

Revd. Toby Tate  
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phone: 07732 199712

### MARTLESHAM COMMUNITY HALL AND RICHARDS ROOM

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Services for the Month	Martlesham Heath St Michael's	Martlesham St Mary's	Brightwell St John's
<b>Sunday 7th January</b>	9.45am All Age Service	11am Holy Communion (Prayer Book)	8am Holy Communion
<b>Sunday 14th January</b>	9.45am Holy Communion with Junior Church	11am Morning Worship	6.30pm Evensong
<b>Sunday 21st January</b>	9am Breakfast@9	11am Holy Communion	8am Holy Communion
<b>Sunday 28th January</b>	9.45am Holy Communion with Junior Church	11am Morning Prayer	6.30pm Evensong
<b>Midweek Services</b>	Holy Communion each Wednesday at 10am in St. Michael's. <b>A warm welcome awaits you at all our services</b>		

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

### January

- 5 Pray for the Spring Term in schools
- 6 Pray for all who care for our countryside
- 7 Remember the visit of the Wise Men to Jesus**
- 8 Give thanks for music in all its forms
- 9 Pray for prisoners and prison staff
- 10 Pray for the residents of Manor Road
- 11 Pray for the work of the Mothers' Union
- 12 Pray for all nursery education
- 13 Pray for all who visit the Runway Coffee Shop
- 14 Pray for everyone involved in the Alpha Course**
- 15 Pray for all who grieve for the loss of a loved one
- 16 Pray for all involved in terrorist activity
- 17 Pray for the residents of Mayfields
- 18 Give thanks for the natural wonders of our world
- 19 Give thanks for good neighbours
- 20 Pray for everyone who is sleeping rough

- 21 Give thanks for the work of Christian Aid**
- 22 Pray for our government and politicians
- 23 Pray for all hospice nurses and carers
- 24 Pray for the residents of Mayfield Lane
- 25 Help us to be generous in giving time and money
- 26 Pray for all who have mental health problems
- 27 Thank you for the ability to be happy and positive
- 28 Give thanks for Christian fellowship**
- 29 Pray for all who care for sick children
- 30 Give thanks for good friends
- 31 Pray for the residents of Mill Field

### February

- 1 Pray for safety on our roads
- 2 Give thanks for happy and secure marriage
- 3 Pray for the elderly and their carers
- 4 Give thanks for freedom to worship**



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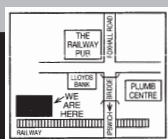
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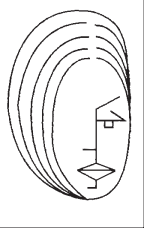
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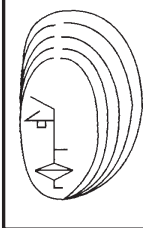
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