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PC Ian Rafferty

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E-mail—ian.rafferty@suffolk.pnn.police.uk

MARTLESHAM MONTHLY

Martlesham Monthly are pleased to tell you that we have hired a garage in the Village for Community storage. This is available to all groups and organisations for storage of small equipment. There will be no charge for this service.

Please contact Paul Firman 01473 622874.

MARTLESHAM HEATH PAVILION

To book The Martlesham Heath Pavilion please call 01473 621406, not the telephone number shown in the advert. Also the Management Committee now have some tables and chairs which can be hired at a very reasonable rate.

Please contact Paul Firman 01473 622874.

CHRISTMAS TREE IN THE SQUARE

This year Martlesham Monthly will again be sponsoring the Christmas Tree in the Square. We hope it will not be vandalised as it was last

year.

THE WINDSOCK

We hope that during December the Windsock will be back in action. Martlesham Monthly has organised and paid to have the top mechanism renewed, as you may have seen it was not turning. Many thanks to Will and the team at H.F.Bond, Betts Avenue for all their help, advice and precision engineering.

MUSIC ON THE GREEN

Saturday 9th July 2005 will see the fifth annual "Music on the Green" event. This is a free live music event and the proceeds are donated to charity. The 2004 event was hugely successful, with continuous music from 10.00 am until 10:30 pm. The committee are now meeting and getting together a varied programme of music for 2005.

We are also indebted to our sponsors for 2005 which at the moment include **Howard Plant, Douglas Bader, Chalk & Cheese, GMA Warehousing & Transport Ltd, The Property Gallery, Universal Control System and The Martlesham Monthly.**

Visit our web site for the latest news - www.musiconthegreen.com

Paul Firman, Chairman

MARTLESHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Odours from Foxhall Tip

Many residents have complained for some time about the odours from Foxhall Tip. We have just been told that the tip needs to obtain an Integrated Pollution Prevention & Control permit and that it may be issued within the next two months. Any complaints regarding odours from the site or health related issues should therefore be sent soon to:- Mr J Gladwin, Environment Agency-Lower Trent Area Office, Trentside Offices, Scarrington Road, West Bridgeford, Nottingham, NG2 5FA.

Once the permit has been issued any complaints should be directed to the Environment Agency whose hotline number is 08708 506 506.

The Common

We are preparing a new plan for managing the Common with which we aim to maintain and enhance the variety of wildlife, maintain and manage the Sandlings heathland to ensure its long term survival and to encourage careful use by residents for quiet recreation. This plan will replace the Countryside Stewardship Scheme that has now come to an end after 10 years and is being written by James Baker of the Greenways Project. A draft of the plan is available in the parish council office for anybody to see and we would welcome any comments or suggestions. Please contact the Clerk for further details.

Play Areas

The Parish Council looks after all four playgrounds in the parish - Recreation Ground, Jubilee Play-space (behind Beacon Hill School), Centenary Playspace (near Gorse-land School) and the Harry Higgins Play Area (behind the Pavilion); they are there for all youngsters to enjoy. They are regularly inspected by councillors and there are two inspections a year by qualified inspectors; any repairs are arranged as soon as we are aware of them. If you do see anything damaged or broken please contact the Clerk as soon as you can.

Cycling

Now that the evenings are getting darker would cyclists please make sure that they have lights on so that they can be seen by vehicle drivers and pedestrians.

Possible alcohol ban

There are suggestions that this should be considered as a way of helping to combat anti-social behaviour. This had been considered before though we were advised then that it would have been inappropriate. The Parish Council is finding out more information about reducing anti-social behaviour and would appreciate any help to identify any particular problems. We are hoping that Inspector Cook of the police and Suffolk Coastal's Anti-social behaviour officer will come to a meeting in the near future - please check the notice boards or the clerk.

Meetings

* Parish Council - Wednesday 1st December and 5th January.

* Development Plans Committee - Wednesday 8th December.

All meetings are at 7:30 pm in the Parish Room, Felixstowe Road but please check the notice boards for further details of the above and other meetings.

All meetings are open to the public and there is an opportunity at Council meetings for residents to ask questions or make comments to the council.

Contacting the Council

In writing to the Clerk, Martlesham Parish Council Office, Felixstowe Road, Martlesham, Woodbridge, IP12 4PB. Telephone or fax 01473 612632 via any councillor. E-mail: martleshampc@btclick.com

Laurence Burrows - Chairman

MARTLESHAM PARISH PLAN

*** YOUR FUTURE ***

Your chance to have your say to improve life in Martlesham

Since mid-September questionnaires have been delivered to every household in the parish of Martlesham. Collectors will have called, sometimes twice, to collect the completed questionnaires but some people may have been missed because they may have been out at the time. If you have not received a questionnaire please contact the clerk (details below).

There has been a very good response but if you have not completed the questionnaire there is still time. The closing date for entering the prize draw is 31st December 2004 and the winners will be drawn at the Parish Council meeting on Wednesday 5th January 2005, 7:30 pm in the Parish Room, Felixstowe Road.

Please drop your questionnaire at one of the collection points:-

The Post Office Stores in Black
Tiles Lane

or

The Video and Hardware Store in
the Square

by 31st December

We are very grateful to Mr & Mrs Hollman and Mr & Mrs Godbold for their help.

Analysis of the questionnaires is under way looking at the many comments on all of the topics covered. It is clear that many people have concerns over law and order, especially anti-social behaviour. This ranges from litter and vandalism through to drunken behaviour and noisy and intimidating groups of young people. There were also a lot of ideas for dealing with these problems.

A software package is being obtained that will enable the group to record all of the responses in the questionnaires and analyse them. This will take some time to complete but the group intends to keep you informed of what the survey produces.

The Martlesham Parish Plan is being prepared by the Parish Plan Steering Group - a group of people from all walks of life who want to help you improve and influence the future of Martlesham.

If you would like to help in any way please leave your name and contact details with Mrs Lynne Lodge, Parish Council Office, Felixstowe Road, Martlesham, Woodbridge, IP12 4PB, tel: 01473 612632 or e-mail: martleshampc@btclick.com.

MARTLESHAM IN BLOOM

Come and enjoy:-

Martlesham in Bloom's CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

Thursday 9th December

7:30 pm

St Michael's Church Centre

Including games, music and light refreshments.

All welcome.

Martlesham in Bloom 2005 Calendars will be on sale at Merchem Pharmacy, The Square, Martlesham

Heath and at other locations in the village. They are £1 each and feature various Martlesham scenes and flowers.

If you would like information on the above or any Martlesham in Bloom activity please contact:- J. Maureen Burrows (Secretary), 17 Squires Lane, Martlesham Heath, tel. 01473 625196.

REPORTING NTL CABLE TELEVISION FAULTS

Correction!!

NTL have altered their system for reporting faults to the standard cable TV system which is installed in most homes on the Heath.

The procedure now is as follows:

Have your Account Number ready!
Dial 0800 052 2000

You will be told to enter your telephone number. Do not do this but enter 01582123456.

When prompted, enter "2" for "faults" followed by "4" for "Analogue". Be very patient!!!

BUY NOW FOR CHRISTMAS

A book entitled -

"Martlesham—The Good and Bad Old Days"

A collection of historical facts: Murder in Martlesham, 1881 Census, the Romans in Martlesham, the Martlesham Beetle, The Red Lion, the Aerodrome, St Mary's Church, the School and much much more...

Price **£4.99**

Available from - Martlesham Video and Hardware, Martlesham Post Office, The Red Lion, Duncan Butchery and Baker.

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MARTLESHAM COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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NEW VILLAGE HALL**

As part of the planning for the proposed new Village Hall next to Martlesham Recreation Ground, we would like to hear from any individual/associations and other similar

organisations who would like to use the Village hall in the future. All queries should go to Jackie Bear, "Jaydene" Main Road, Martlesham, IP12 4SN, tel no 01473-623007 or e-mail jacque.bear@btopenworld.com.

MARTLESHAM CIRCULAR SPONSORED WALK

Thanks to everyone who came on the sponsored walk around the Martlesham Circular route and a big thanks to the Red Lion for making us welcome again with hot soup at the end of the walk. We raised over £200 for MCC projects and the walkers raised the same amount for their own charities. The Shaws won the 'where was the photo taken' quiz – if anyone would like to know exactly where the photos were taken, please e-mail dave.green@btinternet.com.

Jackie Bear

MARTLESHAM CONSULTANTS LIMITED

Looking After Our Village

The recruitment campaign for new directors/volunteers continues. We have had a positive response to our requests for more help but a few more volunteers would be appreciated, bearing in mind that three directors are due to retire in February 2005. A strong board of directors is essential in securing the future of the company which in turn will ensure the well being of the village; even a few hours' help now and again is invaluable. The contact number and address is as usual at the end of these notes.

For reasons of administration the date of the AGM has been changed from November to 10th February 2005. Members will be sent the Agenda and Reports as usual prior to the meeting.

MCL owned car parking spaces have from time to time given some problems and the company has decided to review its policy on these. Briefly the spaces will be available for use by residents as well as visitors and details of the new rules for their use will be placed on the notice board in The Square and on the MCL website.

The collections for the

maintenance charge held at the Pavilion on 23rd and 30th October were well attended and some residents took the opportunity to raise queries or voice opinions on a range of items which was very helpful. A gentle reminder to those who have not yet paid that the charge is now due.

The web site address is: www.martlesham.org.uk/mcl.
Voicemail 01473 612207. E-mail: mcl.mh@btinternet.com Post: 6 The Square.

MARTLESHAM & DISTRICT FLOWER CLUB

For our November Christmas meeting we were fortunate to have Mr Alan Smith for our demonstration entitled "Christmas Crackers".

His first was three placements on a piece of driftwood using Aucuba, pittosporum, mauve liatris and pink roses—very striking colours.

He then produced a golden picnic hamper and used a variety of foliage with a focal point of orange lilies, yellow roses and orange gerberas.

On one of the useful frames which held oasis trays he did a delightful white design using roses, freesias and oriental lilies.

Then came a very large circular table arrangement centred round a cerise candle using holly, yew and Aucuba with cerise carnations grouped together and pink roses "flashback" and white lilies.

Then into a tall golden container he placed curled phormium leaves, greenery, golden fatsia leaves, orange roses, gerberas and added mauve baubles. It was a lovely design.

Finally in a golden urn he placed mixed greenery, red lilies, and pink roses and gerberas with golden fern leaves.

Mr Smith also showed us lots of beautifully covered boxes. He also gave us useful comments on our competition entries for a table centre which was won by Mrs Liz Copeland.

After the raffle of the arrangements and boxes, tea and biscuits were served.

There is no meeting in December—Happy Christmas! The next meeting is January 19th with a dem-

onstration by Mrs Christine Hurst, called "Looking Forward to Spring". The competition is "Greenpeace" - all foliage arrangement.
Margaret Forbes 01394 382209

COUNTRY MARKET AT MARTLESHAM HEATH

Tuesdays 9:00-10:30 am

Martlesham Heath Pavilion

Orders are now being taken for Christmas items ready for collection at the last market of the year on December 20th or they may be delivered locally nearer the time.

Visit the website for the full range of food and craft items available. Full details of reopening dates will be in next month's magazine. www.marketonthegreen.org.

Don't forget we are also open for home made goods and refreshments every Saturday morning from 10:00 to 12:00 at the new Scout Headquarters in Kesgrave. For further information please contact marie@whinney89.freemove.co.uk

MARTLESHAM HEATH BABY & TODDLER GROUP

We're still carrying on with our Christmas crafts. Alongside this we have a large range of toys the children can play with. We also have a small music and sing along session whilst we have our drinks and biscuit.

We're all looking forward to the Christmas party on Wednesday December 15th at 1 pm. If you'd like to join us there's still time to get a ticket. They'll be a disco, buffet, raffle and also a special visit from you know who with one or two presents!!

We'll be recruiting for volunteers for our 2005 committee soon. A number of committee members are coming to the end of their time with us on the committee as the maximum time is 4 years. The playgroup has been running for 25 years and it's essential that we have a committee, so, if you fancy helping us out, the meetings are held once a month and it's a chance to "do your bit" so the children can have the benefits and fun of a playgroup. It's also a chance to get

to know other mums better. We're all very sociable!

The last normal toddler session before Christmas is Friday December 10th. Sessions resume in the New Year on Friday 7th January.

We'd like to wish everyone a "MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A VERY HAPPY NEW YEAR".

Joanne Warren

Tel: 01473 611958

THREE BEARS PLAYGROUP

This half term we are using the theme of toys to introduce the children to the six areas of learning. The children have brought in a favourite toy from home and told us why it is special and investigated the different materials toys are made from. We are sure dinosaur week will be a particular favourite when we will be learning many things about dinosaurs including operating a remote-controlled dinosaur, making playdoh/clay dinosaurs and sorting them by sizes. As we head towards Christmas we will also be learning about bath toys, robots and bubbles and we will hopefully find time to slip in some Christmas activities in what is a very busy time of year for us. We will finish the term with our Christmas Party.

To boost our fundraising, we have recently set up a community webshop containing many high-street retailers and playgroup will receive commission on any purchases you make with them. You simply enter the site via www.buy.at/kesgravethreebearsplaygroup. There are no additional charges to the purchaser and it is easy to use. Please help us to raise additional funds for Three Bears Playgroup.

During the Christmas break we hope to move into our new building and we very much look forward to starting the Spring term there on Thursday 6th January, 2005. If you would like to receive a copy of our prospectus and a registration form, please contact me on 01473 635944.

Finally, we would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.
Elizabeth Leonard, Vice-Chair

MARTLESHAM PRE-SCHOOL PLAYGROUP

This half-term the children are enjoying various activities and crafts on the theme of toys and Christmas.

The playschool has recently had its AGM where a new committee was elected, so thank you to all retiring committee members and good luck to the new!

Just to remind you of our Internet shopping site, which is a fundraising initiative that you can help us generate significant funds towards our playgroup. Simply visit the site www.buy.at/martleshampreschool and then you can shop at high street shops such as ELC, Marks and Spencer, Index, Comet, MFI and many more and the playschool earns commission. Please use this shop and recommend your friends and family to use it as well.

At the moment the playschool is over run with toys. If any one is doing a car boot sale in the near future and would like to sell some on our behalf we would be most grateful. If you are interested please speak to a play leader.

Thank you to all of you who collected the Cash for Schools tokens recently.

Of course, visitors are always welcome to come and see us. If you would like more information about the playgroup please contact Nikki Smith, our bookings secretary, on 01473 614055. Alternatively visit our website at www.btinternet.com/~martlesham.playgroup/index.htm

Louisa Smith, Secretary

CREATIVE KIDS

Creative Kids is an arts, crafts and music group set up by two local mums. It is aimed at pre-school children from 1 year old and offers lots of activities including, painting, drawing, gluing, play dough, cookery, music and singing. Due to its popularity and many requests we have started running a second session at the **Scout Hall in Martlesham** on Fridays from 9:45 - 11:15 [term time only]. The group has been running successfully at the New Scout Hall at Kesgrave on Thursday mornings from 9:30 -

11:00 [term time only] since Easter. A session is £3.50 per child with a reduction available for siblings.

For lots of messy fun [we clear up!] come along and give us a try, aprons provided! It is a great way for the adults to make new friends, as you join in and help your children.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS

CRAFTS

Martlesham Heath pavilion

Thursday 9th December

2-5 pm

Fun activities for under 5's

£2 per child

**Seasonal refreshments,
cards, decorations and gifts for
sale**

CALLING ALL MUMS...

The next meeting of the Mums' Club will be held at St Michael's Church Centre on Tuesday 7th December from 12:45 to 2:30 pm. This will be a bring and share Christmas party and all mums, babies and toddlers are invited to join us. Just bring along a small quantity of food to share. After we have eaten, Bev Dann from Felixstowe Library will entertain the children with a Christmas storytime.

For more details of the Mums' Club please 'phone Sue on 01473 624130 or Kay on 01473 626169.

MARTLESHAM MOTHERS' UNION

Congratulations were the order of the day at our November meeting. Elizabeth reported that our 'Count Your Blessings' sheets, which we were asked to use in July, donating a small sum for all the little things we take for granted but make our lives so much easier than those of people living in the third world, had raised £236 towards the cost of organising the MU AGM at Ipswich Football Ground in June next year, and the Archdeaconry coffee morning held at St. Michael's had raised £748. Two new members, Margaret and Lynne were then enrolled and welcomed into our branch.

Our speaker was one of our

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own members, Margaret Cotton, telling us about her experiences as a voluntary kitchen assistant with the Iona Community.

We are still collecting hats and copies of Readers Digest for seafarers, toiletries for the women's refuge and we now have an outlet for knitted blankets.

Our Christmas party takes place on December 1st and there will be a Corporate Communion before our AGM on January 5th 2005.

Please remember Betty Dickinson, Olive Smith, Lillian French, Nesta, Doreen, Peg and the family of Ena Lake, who died recently, in your prayers, together with any others you feel need our support.

A thought for the month; Christmas comes but once a year - make it SPECIAL rather than spectacular.

GOD BLESS, Sheila Smith

CHILDCARE

Ofsted approved Registered Childminders of Martlesham/Martlesham Heath are now able to offer early education grant funded sessions for three and four year olds.

During these sessions we will be able to implement the curriculum for the 'Foundation Stage' - the main emphasis being on the children learning through play.

For further information about grant funded places, please contact me on 01473 610411 or e-mail childminding@fiona-jackson.com.

Look forward to hearing from you.

Fiona Jackson

MARTLESHAM LADIES CLUB

Our Harvest Supper on October 14th was a great success, with an array of appetizing food, all washed down with members' own drinks. There was a special raffle in aid of this year's charity and the evening was enjoyed by all those that attended. Our thanks go to Sheila Swanwick and Vera Pawsey for organizing the food and to Joyce Moore for the raffle.

Due to the Richards Rooms being decorated, we were unable to hold a meeting on October 28th.

Martlesham Ladies Club would like to take this opportunity

to wish you all a very Happy Christmas.

After our Christmas Party, which will be held on December 9th, we do not meet again until January 6th. Why not come and join us at 7:30 pm?

Rita Smith

MARTLESHAM HEATH AVIATION SOCIETY

Our meeting on November 5th featured an illustrated talk by Mr Terry Gates-Grimwood. The title of the talk was "The R101 - Suffolk Connection". Terry should have delivered this talk a few months ago but his wife was taken ill and he was obliged to postpone it. Terry kindly stepped in at the last moment when our advertised speaker had to cancel. This was to have been a talk entitled "Hawker Aviation in the 50's" and will now take place at a later date.

After the talk, a vote of thanks was given by Gordon Kinsey.

Our next meeting promises to be a light-hearted affair. Our own member, Stan Ward will be giving us a talk entitled "Humour in Aviation". Stan was a flying instructor of immense experience and a great sense of humour. It's not to be missed. The talk takes place at the Community Hall at 7:30 pm on December 3rd. Non-members are very welcome for payment of just £2 at the door.

Alan Powell 01473 622458

REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE

We were blessed with very good weather for the annual Remembrance Day Parade and Service on the Barrack Square. There was quite a good turn out and the parade marshal was our own Chairman, Martyn Cook. The Felixtowe Salvation Army Band played the Royal Air Force march as 356th Squadron Felixtowe ATC marched on to the parade ground. Rev. Ian Naylor was with us for the first time and took the service. Addresses were given by our President, Gordon Kinsey, Lt Col Skaja, (USAF Mildenhall), Lt DeBree, CO 494th Panthers (USAF Lakenheath), Wg Cdr. Bone, (RAF Liaison officer, Mildenhall) and Lt Nichelle Brokering,

(USAF Mildenhall). The Suffolk Army Cadet Force and 1st Martlesham Scout Group were also on parade and the cubs. Suffolk Aircrew Association were represented and many wreaths were laid.

Alan Powell 01473 622458

ST ELIZABETH HOSPICE CHRISTMAS APPEAL FOR STAMPS

It's that time of year again when I remind you to please save the used stamps from your Christmas post for the hospice in Foxhall Road, Ipswich, who can make money from them. The norm I know is to open a letter and put the envelope straight in the bin, but wait - those stamps are worth money - please tear them off (leaving a margin of roughly 1cm of paper around each stamp) and save them for the hospice. Christmas is the best time of year for collecting those used stamps - let's face it, most letters are franked these days. So please, once you've enjoyed your Christmas greetings cards spare a thought for the hospice, tear off those stamps, and pop them through my letter box. If everyone in the area did that this Christmas, what a wonderful gift that would be for the hospice.

Thank you everyone and a merry Christmas.

Bev Read, 15 Demesne Gardens, Martlesham Heath, tel. 01473 622721.

MUSIC QUIZ

at
THE DOUGLAS BADER
on **Sunday 13th March 2005**

7 pm for 7:30 pm
£4 per person includes a light
supper

Up to 6 per team

Book your table now as this quiz evening is very popular.
Please call **Karen 01473 625394**

**Presented by Geoff and Simon
Lambert**

In aid of "MUSIC ON THE GREEN"

PORTAL AVENUE WOODLANDS MANAGEMENT/ CONSERVATION GROUP

Well, the nights have really closed in and the trees in the woodland have taken on their delightful Autumn colour. However, this also heralds a tremendous build up of leaves on the paths which, if left, mulch down into a soggy mess. This makes it particularly difficult for users with prams and wheelchairs and will eventually destroy the hopefully user friendly path surfaces we have been developing. To counter this, one of our first purchases along with the chipper/shredder was a vacuum/shredder. We have been using this to clear the paths of leaves for the past week and will continue to do this until leaf fall has finished. From comments we have had from users this is much appreciated. However, inevitably it brings out our phantom path destroyer! Since we have been trying to improve the path surfaces and clear them of leaves over the past few years, our phantom, who obviously is against prams, wheelchairs, cyclists or pedestrians using maintained paths, has struck. New chippings or sand is kicked back into the woodland edge and when we clear leaves, within 24 hours of us doing this, areas have leaves piled up or kicked on to the paths. If any one sees this occurring we would be grateful if they could inform a committee member so that action can be taken.

However, on to good news for some, the next month's workday is Sunday 19th December, meeting at 10 am at the Force HQ Sports field gate and all are welcome.

Contacts: Chairman - Duncan Sweeting 01473 622859,
Secretary - Peter Izzard 01473 611291, Martlesham Parish Council 01473 612632.

DOUGLAS BADER RAFFLE

Recently the Douglas Bader celebrated its opening twenty five years ago. This took the form of a very lively day. Martlesham Brass entertained both customers and passing walkers with their music that suited many tastes, and even the weather was good.

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BARN DANCE

During the course of the day a very successful raffle was held by the organizers, Margaret Barrett and managers, Karen and Tony. They wanted a local charity to benefit from the raffle. Robert Dunett, who is not a member of RAFA, suggested the Woodbridge branch of the Royal Air Force Association (RAFA), who collect for the national "Wings Week" and are locally able to use money collected to help ex-RAF members who have fallen on hard times.

In October there was a celebration evening held at the Douglas Bader to witness the handing over of £200 being the profit from the raffle, as well as a further £110 from the "Wings" box that customers had kindly contributed to over the year.

On behalf of the association, Jack Jay, chairman, received the cheque from Karen and Tony. Jack then presented them with a framed "Thank You" to be installed in the Douglas Bader bar to show customers that their donations are appreciated.

Afterwards Margaret, Karen and Tony, along with association members, sat around the table enjoying the buffet kindly supplied by the Douglas Bader.

Patrick Shannon

NATIONAL OSTEOPOROSIS SOCIETY Local Group

Our final function of the year will be a lunch on Thursday, December 9th at 12:30 pm. It will be held at St Felix Church Hall, Gainsborough Road, Felixstowe.

There will be a raffle, cake stall, cards, etc., and a light lunch. Tickets cost £3.50. There are still a few available so claim quickly if you would like to come. Telephone **D i a n a T h o m a s** on 01394 277337.

A Happy Christmas to you all!

BROADBAND INTERNET

Confused, concerned—need help?
Suffolk Online is a community focused internet service provider managed by Suffolk ACRE (Action with Communities in Rural England), a registered charity with over 60

at St. Michaels Church Centre

years of service to rural communities on a not-for-profit basis for the benefit of all in Suffolk.

Now that BT has enabled your telephone exchange you may want to consider fast Broadband Internet access but are daunted by the array of different suppliers or are concerned about the risks associated with using the internet - viruses, etc.

Suffolk Online customers get the benefits of local support and advice from our helpful staff based in Suffolk but also the reliability and performance of Nildram who are widely regarded as one of the top three providers in the country. Any profits from the service are re-invested in local community projects.

Suffolk Online offers a choice of competitively priced Broadband and Dial-Up packages and in many instances there is no need to change your existing e-mail address. Our Anytime dial up packages start at £8.75 per month whilst our Broadband packages start at £22.75 per month.

You can find out more online at: www.isp.suffolkonline.net or by calling the helpdesk on 01473 242505.

THANK YOU

Connie Beynon would like to thank all those who have sent messages of sympathy and comfort to her on Mansel's death. Connie would also like to thank all who helped him so much during the last few years.

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

Elaine, Mike, Laura and Helen Everitt wish all their friends and neighbours a Happy Christmas and Peaceful New Year. We shall again be giving a donation to charity instead of sending local Christmas cards.

The Carruthers family from 26 Saddlers Place send their best wishes for Christmas and the New Year to all their friends and neighbours in Martlesham Heath. A charitable donation has been made instead of local card delivery.

Cathy and Kevin Moore and family wish all in Martlesham a peaceful
on Saturday September 25th

Christmas. Once again, to make a stand against commercialism, instead of cards we have bought a brood of chickens on your behalf to help in the fight against poverty and suffering in Africa.

VILLAGE VIEWS

The chance for you to write in and have your say...

NTL CABLE SERVICE

Following a recent outage of the NTL Cable Service, we had considerable problems in contacting the correct NTL Service Centre.

In short, by entering the Ipswich (01473) number the routing software took us (myself and John Tyler at 1 Gresswell Court) to a call centre that would not recognise us as valid customers based on our current account numbers! After much frustration I discovered that the "fix" is to put in the prefix 01582 followed by any six digit number to reach the right call centre, which I believe is Luton.

Whilst I have written to NTL to complain about this it may be useful for other people to understand this fix and avoid future frustration!

Regards,
Tony Mahoney

THANKS CUBS!

I would like to express my appreciation to the Cub Pack who have undertaken to keep the subway nearest to Tesco (and the approaches to it) clear of litter. It is not a very pleasant task but it is worthwhile, so many thanks indeed. From a grateful walking and cycling resident of Martlesham

MARTLESHAM BRASS

Thank you again Martlesham Brass for another splendid Tea and Tunes concert by the Preliminary Band - a most enjoyable Saturday morning. Jennifer Beynon

SPEAK EASY @ MARTLESHAM

It is now official - after three meetings Speak Easy @ Martlesham has

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4 pm until 7:30 pm

attracted the minimum number of members to charter with Toastmasters International. We are so thrilled to officially be up and running that we wanted to shout it from the roof tops! We will continue to look for people wanting to improve their speaking skills and to learn how to communicate their message in a more effective manner. So, please tell everyone you know about the new club.

We all are presented with opportunities to express our opinions, so why not do so in a confident and effective manner? Joining a Speakers Club is the best way to improve your communication skills. Lose your fears of public speaking and learn skills that will help you be more successful in whatever path you've chosen in life. The club meets at the Martlesham Community Hall, Richard's Room (behind Tescos) on alternate Thursdays from 7:15 pm to 9:30 pm. Bring a friend and check us out! The next few meetings will be held on 2nd and 16th December, and 13th and 27th January 2005. For more information please visit our website: www.speakeasyatmartlesham.co.uk
Teresa Dukes, Acting President
Tel: 01473 607283

1ST MARTLESHAM SCOUT GROUP

The Group managed a good turnout at a chilly Remembrance service held at Barrack Square and laid a "home-made" wreath at the memorial. The wreath consisted of a dedicated (named) "poppy" for each person scribed on the memorial.

Orwell cubs have been following a variety of themes including recycling (cans and paper), fire making and cooking, through to community challenges. In particular, we have pledged to try to keep the pedestrian underpass to Tesco (and environs) tidier and cleaner. We have had two litter picks and path sweep so far - so we hope everyone is noticing a difference.

Deben Pack will be staging a mini gang show on Wednesday 8th December with old favourites and new sketches, songs and magic from the highly talented cubs. All welcome at 6:30 pm. This will be a

poignant occasion, as Dave Green and Peter White will be hanging up their uniforms after many years' dedicated service, although no doubt we will continue to see plenty of them (including a short visit to the Douglas Bader after the gang show). Well done to both of you.

Don't forget Christmas post runs from 25th November to 13th December, with collection boxes at Duncan's in the Square, Adastral Park, and the Scout HQ. The cost is, once again, just 10p per card and we will deliver to anywhere in the IP1 to IP5 postcode areas (but no-where else!).

You can find more information on the Martlesham Community website under 'Youth Groups' at <http://www.martlesham.org.uk/>.

THE ORWELL SINGERS
PRESENT
"CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS"
At 7:30 pm on Saturday 11th December at St Michael and All Angels Church, Martlesham Heath
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Tickets £5 on the door
Accompanied children 50p
*
CHARITY NO. 274587-R
GRANT AIDED BY IPSWICH BOROUGH COUNCIL

MARTLESHAM BOWLS CLUB

Once again a party of members was lead by Peter Gorham to Potters, to play indoor bowls. There was a bonus this year, in as much as several members were able play outdoors, Potters having installed an all weather playing surface.

Several of our teams did very well in the competition. Susan, George, Ernie and Vi played themselves into the last 16 - but Martlesham failed to win the booby this year.

The green looks desolate now. All grass has been cut, furniture put away and the surrounding hedge has been rimmed. Brian and his helpers still go down to keep an

eye on things.

The Officers and Committee wish all players a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year for 2005.

Looking forward to the New Year, do not forget it will soon be January, when subs have to be paid by the last day of the month.

The next committee meeting is on 9th February 2005, 7:00 pm.

Our Secretary Linda Brown at 01394 384698 can help with any questions.

Jack Cot

MARTLESHAM CARPET BOWLS

On the 15th October we played Bramford at home, winning the match 6-4 on shots. Also in October we entered three teams in the Suffolk Triples Championships, held at Hadleigh Leisure Centre, which was very enjoyable but without success amongst 35 team entries.

Regarding the Joe Rice Cup, we had a good win at home against Great Blakenham but unfortunately we were knocked out of this competition in our return away match. This means we will be playing for the Chairman's Plate, but not until the New Year.

The league match against Hintlesham and Chattisham away was a good result with a 6-4 win.

We lost the away match at Great Blakenham 4-6. Nevertheless a satisfactory result for an away match in the 1st Division.

In accordance with the family's wishes, the club has sent a donation to the East Suffolk Association for the Blind in memory of Mansel Beynon.

The next committee meeting is at 7:30 pm on Monday 6th December.

Chris Chamberlain

LADIES BADMINTON

A group of ladies have played badminton for a number of years. We started in the hanger which no longer exists. We have been fortunate to continue our club at the Rushmere sports centre. We play on Thursday afternoons from 2:15 for an hour. It is non-competitive, and we play for fun and fitness.

If you would like to join us, or

have more details, call Cathy Moore on 01473 622724.

KESGRAVE TENNIS CLUB

Established 1947

www.kesgrave.org.uk/tennisclub

Encouraging tennis at all levels - adults, beginners, children, improvers and wheelchair.

Any one wishing to join the Tennis Club please phone Sally Bovey on 01473 253287 or come along to club night on Wednesday 7:10 pm and collect an application form.

Winners of the Halloween Tournament were Alison Leech and Chris Dickson, with runners-up Ann Brunning and Baz Parker. Thanks to Jenny Ware and Dick McDonald for organising it. 16 players took part on a very blustery, windy evening.

Visit our website

Please visit our website - **www.kesgrave.org.uk/tennisclub** for up to date information on club activities.

We have a very busy coaching programme. Please phone Dick McDonald for more details and to book your place on 01394 384791.

Debbie Stebbings 01473 626919

HOME-START

Enjoying our children is easier when the going is good but when things get rough and pressures and worries intervene then most parents can find themselves struggling and in need of some support. A few hours of help each week from a friendly Home-Start volunteer who knows what it's like being a parent and who can be there to listen and to play with the children can give mum and dad a real lift, and help them get back on their feet again. A few hours' support a week doesn't sound very much but it has made a difference to lots of families in the area who like the friendly and informal visits from their Home-Start volunteer. 'She's part of the family now', said one mum recently, 'she's like a breath of fresh air, we all feel better when she comes'. Volunteers, too, get a lot out of the visits, enjoying doing something useful and being with young children. So once

again Home-Start Suffolk Coastal is on the look-out for warm, caring and reliable men and women who would like to give a morning or afternoon a week to another family. The next course for volunteers starts in late January 2005. To find out more please contact Home-Start Suffolk Coastal on 01394 389402.

AGE CONCERN SUFFOLK

Free Legal Advice Mornings re-launched

Age Concern Suffolk will be re-launching their popular weekly free legal advice mornings for senior citizens in Ipswich and Felixstowe in November 2004.

Any senior citizen who wants to take advantage of the legal advice sessions should call at Age Concern's Felixstowe shop, 19 Orwell Road, on a Tuesday between 10 am and 12 noon or Age Concern's Ipswich Office, 8 Northgate Street, on a Thursday between 10 am and 12 noon. People who are unable to come to our office should ring our Ipswich office 01473 257039 between 10 am and 12 noon on Thursday mornings, and the Solicitor will offer advice over the telephone.

All advice sessions are conducted in a private interview room and no appointment is necessary, although customers may have to wait for a short time to see the Solicitor.

Heath Primary School Parents & Friends Association
Registered Charity No. 1038241
CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAYRE
Saturday 4th December 2004
11am 'til 4pm

Face Painting * Competitions
Games & Stalls * Raffle
Refreshments
Fantastic Christmas gifts from our Craft Exhibits
Make a special present in our Kids Craft Room
COME & MEET FATHER CHRISTMAS

Admission 50p
OAPs & children free

KESGRAVE AND DISTRICT YOUTH FORUM

The Youth Forum hosted an event on 23rd November to canvas public opinion on the idea of setting up a young persons' drop-in centre in the Kesgrave area.

The main points of this will be discussed at the next meeting on Tuesday December 7th at Kesgrave Town Council Offices from 7:30 pm.

Updates will also be given on the progress of other projects such as Skatepark provision and teen shelters.

Comments on all of these matters would be appreciated.

For more information contact Joyce Beale on 01374 387496 or e-mail joyce@bealej.fsnet.co.uk.

3RD KESGRAVE GUIDES

3rd Kesgrave Guides will begin to meet again from January 2005 at Gorseland School from 7:30 pm until 9 pm on a Monday Evening.

I have attempted to contact those Guides who belonged to 3rd Kesgrave Guides prior to it being closed about eighteen months ago but due to house moves, etc., there are some whom I have not been able to get in touch with. If you were one of those Guides and would like to rejoin us either as a Guide or as a Young Leader please contact Zoë Booth on 07749456850.

If you are interested in joining us in the future, again please contact Zoë on the number shown above or e-mail your details to KesgraveG3@aol.com in order that your name may be added to the waiting list.

Sue Griss

CONCERT

On Saturday 11th December at the Kesgrave Community Centre the Ipswich Gilbert & Sullivan Society are presenting a concert in the Main Hall.

For several years the final concert of the season has been held at St Michael's Church Centre, so to all those Martlesham residents who enjoyed those evenings, there is an opportunity for you to venture over

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the border into Kesgrave, to spend another evening being entertained by the Ipswich Gilbert & Sullivan Choir. The invitation is of course open to anyone, whether or not you have experienced a Gilbert & Sullivan concert before. The type of music is mixed and varied...anything from popular to classical and opera, in fact, anything with a good tune.

All proceeds from the concert will be going to All Saints' Church. The concert starts at 7:30 pm. Tickets are priced £6.50 and can be obtained from Christine's Pantry, Penzance Road Post Office, Kesgrave or by telephoning 01473 623486.

Michael Rayment

**SUFFOLK SINGERS
PRESENT
A**

**CHRISTMAS MUSIC
CELEBRATION**

**AT
OTLEY PARISH CHURCH
SATURDAY 11TH DECEMBER**

Tickets £6
Wine and Mince Pies
Tel 01473 625061 for more details

£400,000 CELEBRATION FOR CHARITY CARD SHOP

Local charity supporters recently celebrated their success in raising £400,000 over the past 12 years at the Woodbridge Round Table Charity Card Shop.

Situated in Gobbitts Yard, Thoroughfare, Woodbridge – the card shop sells the most extensive range of charity cards in Suffolk, specialising in support for charities local to Woodbridge and Suffolk.

The shop is managed by Woodbridge Round Table and staffed by supporters from several local charities. All proceeds go directly to the charities.

Tony Baker from the

Somersham Ward Support Group said "Thanks must go to Round Table for the opportunity to sell cards for the Somersham Ward Support Group. In addition to raising funds it is great way of increasing peoples awareness of the Somersham Ward".

These comments were echoed by Anne Barratt of St. Elizabeth Hospice who said "The card shop is a brilliant source of income for the hospice. We are extremely grateful to all the people who buy the cards and help run the shop".

Beryl Dyer of the Suffolk RNLI Support Group said "We are delighted to help staff the card shop on Fridays. A couple of our supporters are so enthusiastic that they would like to help 'anytime!'".

The card shop organiser, Roger Parker commented "It is hard to believe how much we have raised in such a short period. With continued support from the charities and the people of Woodbridge we will soon have raised half a million pounds – what a result that would be!".

The shop is open Monday to Saturday from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm, (9:30 am to 5:00 pm on Saturday). Please do visit – you won't find a better selection!

Roger Parker

www.jillroger.parker.btinternet.co.uk

FYNN VALLEY PAINTING GROUP EXHIBITION

A new and exciting group of painters under the leadership of Peter Burman has recently been formed called the Fynn Valley Painting Group. This group, many of them experienced painters, painting in oils, watercolours and pastels, are planning an exhibition and sale of their work. There will also be sale of pottery.

The Exhibition is called **Painting and Pots** and is at the Playford Village Hall on Saturday and Sunday, 4th and 5th December from 10 am - 5 pm.

The Revd Margaret Blackall
01728 747326

mgblack@globalnet.co.uk

SPEAKERS OF FELIXSTOWE

How did you first meet Shakespeare?

"Smell the smell of blood on the dagger, taste the poisoned wine that Lady Macbeth gave to King Duncan".

Fiona Wood explained that school Shakespeare is like looking at Shakespeare through a stained glass window.

This is because the Victorians invented the 'tragic hero' which turns the complex contradictory living person into a dead stereotype and completely loses the exciting bits.

They also invented the 'tragic flaw' which is where the hero has some defect that determines his ultimate downfall. All this presupposes that Shakespeare's plays are founded on justice but they are not. They are just littered with corpses and meaningless gratuitous deaths.

Shakespeare was a man writing in the early 17th century - he had never heard of the Victorians, the tragic hero, the tragic flaw. He lived in a world where science was the new kid on the block that was colliding with the indigenous beliefs of alchemy and astrology. Suddenly the old rules were out and new rules were in. It was now possible for a man to improve his station in life. Feudalism was being replaced by capitalism and a peasant no longer had to follow in his fathers footsteps. Othello is a black man with the power of a white man. Black becomes white, the categories are melting into one another.

This was a new era of exciting unpredictable change.

Did you once see the eye of newt and tongue of dog brewing in the witches cauldron? Or were you gazing out the school room window? Yes, study the tragic flaw to pass your exams, but remember - there is another Shakespeare out there and he's big and wild and messy. Try it!

If you would like to make a start at being more confident at any level of speaking, be it a wedding speech, chairing a meeting or an interview situation, then contact

Mike on 01473 623918, Elaine on 01473 729867 or check out the website at www.felixstowespeakers.org.uk

Our next regular meeting is Thursday 9th December.

WOODBIDGE PROBUS CLUB

Forty two members of Woodbridge Probus Club enjoyed an interesting account of the Past, Present and possible Future of Felixstowe Docks, given by Paul Davey at the November meeting.

At the next meeting, on 6th December at 1 pm in the Martlesham Leisure Centre, it's the Club's Christmas Lunch, to be followed by an illustrated talk on "A Voyage to the Antipodes" by Max Pemberton.

Any retired, or semi-retired, men would be welcome to attend as guests. Please contact Ron Fisher, Secretary, on 01473 631347.

MARTLESHAM CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

Black Tiles Lane

"THE GIFT IS MORE IMPORTANT THAN THE WRAPPING"

It would be very strange indeed, if on opening a present, we paid more attention to the wrapping than the gift itself! We can't conceive that someone would enthuse and drool over the sticky sellotape bound cellophane whilst disposing of the gift in the waste bin!

So often this is the reality of Christmas. The "wrappings" take up our time and attention - the eating and drinking, the parties and tinsel bedecked shops, Christmas trees and Father Christmas! The real gift gets consigned to the "waste bin" of our thoughts and time.

Let this be for you a different Christmas! - Let the gift of Christ in his Incarnation take an important place in your thinking and praise because, "God so loved the world, that He gave his only begotten Son..."

FELLOWSHIP ACTIVITIES IN DECEMBER

SUNDAY

Family Service - 10:30 am
Communion - 6:30 pm

TUESDAY CIRCLE - 14th December

(Christmas Lunch)

WEDNESDAY

Fun-Fit - 9:30 am

Ladies Bible Study - 11 am

House Groups - 7:45 pm

THURSDAY

Toddler Group - 10 am

Youth Club - 7 pm

SPECIAL CHRISTMAS ACTIVITIES

**Senior Citizens Tea -
12th December**

Carol Service - 19th December

Christmas Day Service - 10:30 am

Boxing Day Service - 10:30 am

Contact Ruth Mellen for details of the Senior Citizens Tea.

For other information about the Fellowship contact Julia Faulkner (01473 625482) or John Mellen (01473 624401).

BRIGHTWELL CHURCH

On Saturday 13th November a social evening, with a cheese and wine buffet, at the Church Hall was appreciated by all who attended. We enjoyed a delightful and relaxed evening with good company and the tasty buffet provided by our ladies. In December we will be holding our traditional Carol Service of nine lessons and carols where we light a candle on the Christmas tree after each lesson (real tree and real candles!) This year we are aiming to serve mulled wine and mince pies after the service to round off the evening. A warm welcome is extended to all.

CAROL SERVICE, BRIGHTWELL CHURCH - SUNDAY 19TH DECEMBER 6:30 PM.

Geoff Lambert,
PCC Secretary

BRIGHT STARS

We will be celebrating the Christmas Story in our service on **Monday 13th December** at 10:30 am in St Michael's Church Centre. This is our last meeting before Christmas. We next meet on 10th January 2005!

Bright Stars is a short service designed to make children's worship fun and exciting. We welcome all pre-school children and their carers to our services which are held on the second and fourth Mondays of each month, during term time. We meet at 10:30 am in St Michael's Church Centre.

For more details call Pauline (01473 6250610) or Liz (01473 625617).

NOTES FOR YOUR DIARY

Make a Note in your diary of all the special and traditional Christmas Services at St. Marys, Martlesham, St. Michaels, Martlesham Heath and St. John the Baptist, Brightwell:

*Sunday 5/12/04 St. Michaels at 6:30 pm - Celebrating Christmas

*Sunday 12/12/04 St. Michaels at 9:45 am - Nativity Play

*Thursday 16/12/04 St. Marys at 7 pm - Nine Lessons and Carols

*Sunday 19/12/04 St. Michaels at 3:30pm - Christingle

*Sunday 19/12/04 St. John the Baptist at 6:30 pm - Nine Lessons and Carols

* Monday 20/12/04 - Carols in the Square with Martlesham Brass followed by refreshments in the Church Centre

*Friday 24/12/04 - St. Marys at 11:30 pm - Midnight Communion

*Friday 24/12/04 St. Michaels at 11:30 pm - Midnight Communion.

This service will be followed by refreshments of mulled wine and mince pies

*Saturday 25/12/04 St. John the Baptist at 8 am - Holy Communion
St. Michaels at 9:45 am - Family Service

St. Marys at 11 am - Holy Communion

Make Christmas special this year by joining with us to celebrate the true meaning of Christmas. You are guaranteed a warm welcome at all or any of the above services.

NEWS FROM YOUR PARISH

Would the real Father Christmas please stand up!

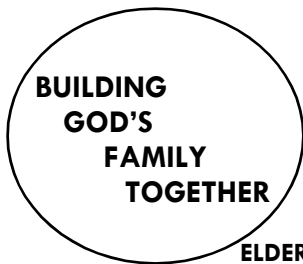
One of the images of the modern Christmas is that of Santa Claus or St. Nicholas. Was he a real person? What has he got to do with the Christian festival of Christmas?

St. Nicholas was a fourth century bishop of Myra, that is modern day southern Turkey. He is reputed to be a man who cared about those around him. Nicholas' reputation for generosity and kindness gave rise to legends of miracles he performed for the poor and unhappy. He was reputed to have given marriage dowries of gold to three girls whom poverty would otherwise have forced into lives of prostitution

The Christian Church in Holland remembered him as Sinterklaas (a Dutch variant of the name Saint Nicholas). Dutch colonists took this tradition with them to New Amsterdam (now New York City) in the American colonies in the 17th century. Sinterklaas was adopted by the country's English-speaking majority under the name Santa Claus, and his legend of a kindly old man was united with old Nordic folktales of a magician who punished naughty children and rewarded good children with presents. But he was really propelled into the modern Christmas by Clement Moore in his poem "The Night Before Christmas" in 1822. Moore names the reindeer, invents the sleigh, comes up with the chimney and the bag of toys, etc. Interestingly the red and white suit came, actually, from the original Saint Nicholas. Those colours were the colours of the traditional bishop's robes.

So what has Santa Claus to do with Christmas? He was a Christian who celebrated Christmas as the birth of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. He followed the teachings of Christ and was therefore passionately concerned for the well being of his fellow man. So the next image you see of a jolly old man with a white beard dressed in red, remember that he was a man who loved the God of love and therefore cared for those around him.

Revd Ian Naylor



THE CHURCH IN MARTLESHAM & BRIGHTWELL

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Services for the Month	Brightwell St. John's	Martlesham St. Mary's	Martlesham Heath St. Michael's
Sunday 5th December Advent 2	8am Holy Communion	11am Holy Communion BCP	9:45am Family Holy Communion 6:30pm Celebration of Christmas
Sunday 12th December Advent 3	3pm Evensong	8am Holy Communion 11am Matins	9:45am Worship Nativity Play
Thursday 16th December		7pm Carol Service	
Sunday 19th December Advent 4	8am Holy Communion 6:30pm Carol Service	11am Family Holy Communion	3:30pm Christingle
Monday 20th December		7pm Carols in the Square	
Friday 24th December Christmas Eve		11:30pm Holy Communion	11:30pm Holy Communion
Saturday 25th Dec Christmas Day	8am Holy Communion	11am Holy Communion	9:45am All Age Worship
Sunday 26th December Christmas 1	3pm Evesong	8am Holy Communion 11am Matins	9:45am Family Holy Communion
Sunday 2nd January Christmas 2	8am Holy Communion	11am Holy Communion BCP	9:45am All Age Worship

MIDWEEK SERVICES: Holy Communion each Wednesday at 10am in St Michael's Church Centre. Bright Stars only on Monday 13th December at St Michaels at 10:30am.

PRAYER DIARY FOR DECEMBER

Pray daily for peace throughout the world and:
 6 for all children going to Bright Stars and those who help
 7 for the Lunch Club project, a time of fellowship and fun
 8 for residents of Warren Lane
 9 for all Bible Study groups
 10 for our families and friends
 11 for the homeless and all those who live alone
 12 for leaders and children in the Sunday School
 13 for Fair Trade to help third world countries
 14 for the cold and hungry
 15 for the residents of Westlands
 16 for the Carol Service at St Mary's Church today
 17 for our Diocesan Bishops, Richard and Clive
 18 for the Christmas Tree festival at St Michael's
 19 for all those attending the Christingle at St Michael's today
 20 for all the young people in the Benefice

21 for all divided families
 22 for the residents of Whinfield Court
 23 for all travelers, that they may have safe journeys
 24 for all on holiday
 25 give thanks for the birth of Jesus Christ
 26 give thanks for the apostle St Stephen and his example
 27 St John, the evangelist. Share the good news of the apostles
 28 Holy Innocents Day—pray for all children
 29 for all working away from home
 30 for all residents of Whinfield
 31 to make resolutions to read the Bible and pray regularly
JANUARY 1 to love one another as God loves us
 2 for all church leaders
 3 for St Michael's Church Centre and all who enter
 4 for peace and reconciliation throughout the whole world
 5 for the residents of York Road