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Community Police Officer
PC Ian Rafferty

In case of emergencies please always call 999. In non-emergency situations call the main switchboard on 01473 613500; you can also contact PC Rafferty on the following numbers for non-urgent matters: Office—01473 334980
E-mail—ian.rafferty@suffolk.pnn.police.uk

Police Surgeries

This is your opportunity to have an informal chat with your local policeman at the following dates and times (all surgeries will be held in **Martlesham Heath Pavilion**):

Monday 12:30-2:00 pm

19th December

Thursday 4:45-5:45 pm

1st December

MUSIC ON THE GREEN

Saturday 8th July 2006 will see the sixth annual "Music on the Green" event. This is a free live music event and the proceeds are donated to charity. The 2005 event was hugely successful, with continuous music from 10 am until 10:30 pm. The committee are now meeting and getting together a varied programme of music for 2006.

Although we have a great number of willing helpers, we are always looking for more help during the day. If you could give us an hour's help during the morning and or after the event we would be very grateful. We would like to build a register of helpers. If you can help with next year's event please e-mail: paul.firmanhair@ntlworld.com or call me on 01473 622874

We are also indebted to our sponsors for 2006 which at the moment include **Howard Plant, Douglas Bader, GMA Warehousing & Transport Ltd, PJ Print and The Martlesham Monthly.**

This years chosen charities are The Ipswich Children's Hospice and The Martlesham Responders.

Visit our website for the latest news www.musiconthegreen.com

Paul Firman, Chairman

MARTLESHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Foxhall Landfill and Composting site

There is still some concern being expressed regarding odours from this site. Viridor, who managed the site, have written separately in this magazine. If you suffer from these odours at any time, the Environment Agency would like to you ring and report the matter. There is a free-phone number for this: 0800 807060

Parish Council working day

The next working day will take place on Sunday 4th December, meeting at the Parish Room at 10 am. We will be planting trees and shrubs in Felixstowe Road.

Play areas

Consultation is continuing on the type of activities and equipment that people would like to see. Your comments are welcomed. In the next few weeks a new goal post will be installed at the Jubilee Playspace.

Forthcoming meetings

*Parish Council – Wednesday 7th December and 4th January

*Development Plans committee – Wednesday 14th December

All meetings are at 7:30 pm 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

In writing to the Mrs L Lodge, Clerk to the Council, Parish Room, Felixstowe Road, Martlesham, Woodbridge, IP12 4PB.

Telephone or fax 01473 612632.

e-mail: martleshampc@btclick.com

MARTLESHAM IN BLOOM'S "CHRISTMAS CRACKER EVENING"

Monday 5th December 7:30 pm
St Michael's Church Centre

Including games, music, raffle, mince pies and light refreshments. All welcome. Admission free.

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.

MARTLESHAM COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Registered Charity no. 273769

Make a note in your diary for the following events, which the Community council is putting on in the New Year.

* Saturday 28th January - a concert by the "SUFFOLK CONSTABULARY MALE VOICE CHOIR"

* Saturday 4th February - a **VALENTINE'S DANCE** with music by Norman Rose

Details and where to get the tickets will be available next month.

There is also a...

JUMBLE SALE

on
SATURDAY 3RD DECEMBER

at
10 AM – 12 NOON

in the
**PAVILION,
MARTLESHAM HEATH**

**REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE
30P ENTRANCE**

MARTLESHAM CONSULTANTS LIMITED

The vast majority of garden owners make use of the excellent fortnightly collection of garden waste by Suffolk Coastal District Council. However, we still need to remind the remaining few that MCL cannot and will not permit the disposal of waste, green or otherwise on land managed on behalf of the residents of Martlesham Heath.

Similarly, parking in areas which have not been designated for that purpose has never been permitted. This is particularly the case in situations where parked vehicles could restrict the free access of emergency services, such as alongside the access roads serving the control tower.

Though we recognise that in this case it is not necessarily residents of Martlesham Heath that are to blame, we feel it necessary to reiterate the policy to the wider community.

6 The Square, Martlesham Heath, Ipswich, IP5 3SL
tel: 01473 612207
e-mail : mcl.mh@btinternet.com

MARTLESHAM COMMUNITY HALL

We are looking for one or two people to take over the cleaning/caretaking of the Community Hall and Richards Room. Our present cleaner/caretaker has moved on and we thank Cora for all the time she has spent keeping everything spick and span.

The work involves checking round each morning, tidying up, replacing loo rolls, etc. The hirers have to clean after they leave, etc. You will not have to hand out keys to hirers to open up or close down before or after hires - that is taken care of by others.

The work usually takes about one and a half hours each morning. If the Hall or Room have been left in a poor condition the caretaker would phone me and I will come up straight away and agree to extra work and the hirer loses this off their returnable deposit. The Hall/Room are let from 9 am most mornings so the clean/check needs to be at 7 am-ish. For full details of what the job is about, pay, etc., please phone me, the Chairman, Ian O'B. Baker on 07747 610 894.

To contact Martlesham Community Hall or Richards Room for details of booking them, or any other reason, please use any of the following methods:

- phone and leave a message on the answer phone. The number is 01473 623203.

- e-mail martleshamcommunityhall@btinternet.com

- send post to Martlesham Community Hall Management Committee, Martlesham Community Hall, Felixstowe Road, Martlesham, Woodbridge, IP12 4PB.

(Martlesham Community Hall is a registered charity - no. 1009602)

VIRIDOR WASTE MANAGEMENT

Dear Residents,

Firstly I would like to take this opportunity to apologise to anyone who has been affected by odours from our compost facility.

Compost facilities like this provide an essential service to the

community by reducing the amount of waste going to landfill thus helping Suffolk comply with the government targets under the landfill directive.

I am sure people are aware that by its very nature composting of green waste emits a certain amount of odour, although we do appreciate that this odour should not affect people's amenity.

Viridor Waste Management has recently reviewed the current operation of the facility at Foxhall in light of recent feedback from residents and a liaison meeting with all relevant parties has identified two key areas of improvement.

1, The current portable odour suppression system is ineffective.

2, The shredding of stockpiled green waste means we are shredding material that has already started to compost and therefore generates odours.

Viridor Waste Management are proposing to spend around £40,000 on a new odour suppression system that will be permanently installed around the compost area boundary and £150,000 on a green waste shredder to enable us to shred 'fresh' green waste on a daily basis.

I am confident that these measures will significantly reduce odours from our operation and enable us to continue to provide an essential and valuable service to the community.

Regards,

Colin Marriage, Site Manager
Foxhall Compost site

HARRY HIGGINS PLAY AREA

The new fencing has been installed by H.F. Bond Ltd. and the Pavilion Management Committee are grateful to them and to the following organisations which contributed to the funding of the project:

Martlesham Parish Council
Suffolk Coastal District Council
SCC Cllr O'Brien's Localities Budget
Martlesham Consultants Ltd

MARTLESHAM VILLAGE WEBSITE -VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED

The Martlesham village website continues to attract more visitors. More

than 6000 people now view the site each month, and download an average of ten pages on each visit.

However, there is so much more that could be supported on the website if we have more people to help out with the editorial functions on a regular basis. Plans include information on local schools, churches, and services such as late-night pharmacies, etc. The calendar has been maintained by the same person now for nearly three years, and it would be nice to be able to share this responsibility amongst a wider team.

I would therefore like to invite anybody in the community who has an interest in developing the facilities on the website to get in touch to find out how they might participate. There is no necessity whatever to have any technical knowledge about web design or computers as appropriate training will be arranged. What is important though is that you have an interest and enthusiasm for our local community and are willing to encourage new organisations to join the increasingly important medium of the Internet. Ideally I would like to have enough people to form an editorial committee who would share responsibility for the continued development of the site. This would also allow an opportunity to develop and refresh the site during 2006, which is a major goal I have set.

To find out more about how you could contribute to this exciting project please get in touch by phone (01473 610073), e-mail to webmaster@martlesham.org.uk or visit www.martlesham.org.uk/volunteer

Malcolm Bell

Volunteer website manager

MARTLESHAM & DISTRICT FLOWER CLUB

Our November meeting was a 'workshop' when Mrs C Hewson taught us how to make 'A Welcome Christmas Ring'. Over twenty members took part while many others listened and watched.

We started by mossing a metal ring and then added five

bunches of foliage. Then several Christmas things were added such as orange slices, cones, etc. Finally a bow of ribbon was attached. All the rings were different and gave a lovely display. Everyone enjoyed the afternoon.

The club meets at St Michaels Church Centre, Martlesham Heath on the third Wednesday of each month at 2:30 pm. The annual subscription is £10 with visitors welcome at £2 per session.

There is no meeting in December so we wish all members and friends a Happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year.

The next meeting is Wednesday 18th January when Mrs Nicholls will be putting on a 'Winter Wonderland'. The competition will be arrangement using white flowers with artificial material if desired. All are welcome.

Mrs Margaret Forbes
01394 382209

MARTLESHAM W.I.

At the October meeting the Richard Room was completely transformed to a colourful venue when the speaker, Mr Parfitt, displayed many beautiful crafts which he had collected on his holidays in remote places overseas. He showed slides of bazaars in various countries, in China, Tibet and Ecuador to name but a few. Mrs Audrey Burnell was pleased to give an appreciative vote of thanks.

The President was also pleased to welcome a new member, Mrs Ann Chisem.

18th November marked the 60th A.G.M. of Martlesham W.I. and Jenny Pearson, W.I. Adviser, was present at the meeting. Mrs Burnell retired after her three years as President. She was thanked for her helpful and friendly leadership and was presented with a gift voucher and a posie of flowers in appreciation.

Mrs Ada Newman retired from Committee after several years and was given a beautiful flower arrangement in recognition of her services. The new Committee is as follows:- President—Joan Locke, Secretary—Betty Darke, Treasurer—Pat Brown. Other Committee members

are Ann Bennett, Pauline Fisher, Margaret Forbes, Sylvia Harris, Margaret Hoey, Heather Richards and Margaret Sturman.

After the serious part of the evening Jenny produced a light-hearted quiz called 'Sweets Galore' which was great fun and enjoyed by all.

The December meeting is on Friday 9th and will be a social evening.

Sylvia Harris - 01473 623427

MARTLESHAM HEATH W.I.

November is the month of our A.G.M. and we also celebrated our 25th birthday. Kay Hall, our President, welcomed very nearly a 100% turnout of members. Our special guest was Linda Leigh, Federation Chairman of Suffolk East W.I.

Kay was very pleased to welcome three new members, Barbara Bascombe, Vi White and Shirley Watson. They were each presented with their new members packs by Linda. The competition shield was won for this year by Florence Fisher.

We heard Annual Reports from Secretary Gilian Maylin and President Kay Hall.

It's been a good year with excellent speakers and outings. Thanks to Sue Fountain and Jackie Read for their work in finding such a variety of speakers. We also had the Financial statement from Treasurer Ann Whelan. Thankfully we are in good hands and a very sound state financially.

Linda took over the meeting at this point and we voted for a President. We learned our popular President Kay had been elected for another year in office. After Linda Leigh had spoken on various W.I. related topics it was time for light refreshments. Our celebration cake was made by Lis Copeland and iced by Mary Bloomfield. The fruit punch was prepared by Angela Dack. All very delicious!

This has been another very successful and happy year for Martlesham Heath W.I. We look forward to see what's in store for 2006. The December meeting is a party to mark our 25 years on the Heath.

Jean Penny - 01473 626627

COUNTRY MARKET OPEN ON CHRISTMAS EVE

at Kesgrave Scout HQ, 10-11 am for orders only

Orders may still be placed for a range of Christmas items during December. These will include crafts and plants as well as the usual selection of baked goods. Orders are now being taken for Christmas at either market or via the website - www.marketonthegreen.org

Please note that the markets will close to give the producers a well-earned rest. The Kesgrave market will re-open on 14th January 10 am to 12 noon at the Kesgrave Scout HQ and the Martlesham Heath Market will re-open on 17th January 9 am to 10:30 am at the Pavillion. There is a wide selection of sweet and savoury baked goods on offer every week including ready meals, jams and pickles. Good quality craft items and plants are also on sale. Homemade refreshments are available at each market. For further information please contact marie@whinney89.freeserve.co.uk

MARTLESHAM LADIES CLUB

The last meeting for 2005 will be held on Thursday 8th December in the Richards Rooms at 7:30 pm. It is our annual Christmas party and this year we are going to be entertained by a group from the well-known local Company of Four with light refreshments and the usual raffle. It should be fun.

Details for January are:

*05.01 - 'Frolic, Fervour & Fornication in Suffolk Parishes'!!! The speaker will be Mr Pip Wright

*19.01 - Quiz, followed by Bring & Buy

We wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a healthy and Happy New Year. If you would like to come along to any of our meetings to see if you would like to join, please contact me on 01394 380393.

Margaret Green

THE MOTHERS' UNION

At the November meeting Elizabeth Moore, Lay Education Adviser for the Diocese, presented the story of the nativity from Advent to Christ-

mas with chosen paintings of the nativity scene painted by famous artists in traditional and contemporary style.

It was interesting to see the way each artist chose to emphasise a different aspect of the nativity.

One of the projects that M.U. funds nationally is the holiday scheme A.F.I.A. Away from it all. This year in this diocese we have helped five families to have a holiday.

The M.U. meets every month at St Michael's Church Centre. The next meeting is the Christmas Tea Party with entertainment from "The Quavers".

Margaret Cotton

CALLING ALL MUMS...

The next meeting of the Mums' Club will be held at St Michael's Church Centre on Tuesday 6th December from 12:45 to 2:30 pm. This meeting will take the form of a Bring-and-Share Christmas Party - just bring along a small quantity of food to share. After lunch, Carol Dolan, a local music teacher, will entertain us all with some musical activities. All mums, babies and toddlers will be most welcome.

For more details please 'phone Sue on 01473 624130 or Kay on 01473 626169.

MARTLESHAM HEATH BABY & TODDLER GROUP

By now you should have received the latest issue of 'Tots News', which is full of news and recent updates and dates for the diary.

Thank you to those of you who supported us with some fundraising and had photographs taken. These should be ready in time for Christmas!

We have got some Christmas craft activities planned for the run up to Christmas. There is also a Christmas themed draw.

The Special General Meeting was held on Friday November 18th - thanks to everyone who attended!

Orchard Toys are visiting on 2nd December - please support them if you can.

Christmas party tickets are selling very fast! If you'd like to come and still need a ticket for the party on Monday 12th December from 1-3 pm, please be quick as numbers are limited. Tickets are on sale at the toddler sessions - tickets will not be on sale at the door!

The Martlesham Heath Baby and Toddler group and Committee would like to wish a very Happy Christmas and New Year to everyone who has supported the group over the past year. Cheers!!

Sessions resume after the Christmas break on 6th January in the Martlesham Pavilion from 9:30 am until 11:30 am and 1:30 pm until 3:30 pm. Please come along...

If you require any further information please contact me on 01473 611958.

Joanne Warren

ROUNDABOUT DAY NURSERY

The Roundabout Day Nursery is looking forward to it's first Christmas since opening in June. These few months have just flown by with more children starting with us month by month.

There are lots of things happening at the Nursery at the moment with the build up of the festive season. There is plenty going on with the topic of Christmas, along with fun filled sessions which will include a Children's Christmas Party with entertainer, and not forgetting a special visit from Father Christmas.

A new addition for the children's learning starting in January 2006 are regular music sessions on a weekly basis with a music teacher. This will encourage the children to experiment with many instruments and sounds. You never know, even the staff may learn something...

We would like to take this opportunity to wish all the families a very Happy Christmas and New Year.

The nursery is open 7:45 am to 6 pm Monday to Friday. If you would like more information about the Roundabout Day Nursery, please contact Lavone on 01473 333733. Visitors are always welcome to come and see us.

THREE BEARS PLAYGROUP

Our topic this half term is Nursery Rhymes. Here are just some of the activities we have carried out so far ... With Humpty Dumpty we have learnt about materials which break and those which don't; we have built a big wall using a range of construction equipment and made a word bank of words which rhyme with wall. With Little Miss Muffet we have created a range of spiders using a varied selection of materials, we have discussed the things that we are scared of; we have played a mathematical spider game and written letters to Little Miss Muffet. For the remainder of this half term we will cover the six areas of learning using Jack and Jill, The Grand Old Duke of York, Hickory Dickory Dock and Little Bo Peep before beginning our preparations for Christmas.

We held our Christmas Fayre last month and raised a fantastic £230. We would like to thank everyone who helped by donating cakes and items for the tombola and raffle, the stall holders for attending, the Playgroup mums who helped on the day, everyone who came along and supported us and especially Angela and Nikki for organising the event. **Thank you all very much.**

If you wish to receive a copy of our Prospectus and Registration Form, or require further details about our Playgroup, please contact me on 01473 635944.

Wishing everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Elizabeth Leonard, Chairperson

MARTLESHAM PLAYSCHOOL

Congratulations to our former secretary Louisa Smith on the birth of her son, Ryan.

I have taken her place as the children look forward to all their Christmas activities later this month - a very special and magical time of year. The staff (and children) will take a well earned rest from 21st December to 4th January.

We are very grateful for the cheque for £200 received from the Douglas Bader following their successful casino night.

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.

I look forward to writing again in the New Year with more news from the playschool.

A very Happy Christmas to you all.

Rachel Pennick, Secretary

ST MICHAEL'S PRE-SCHOOL

Martlesham Heath

Our Ladies' evening was a huge success last month. The event was very well attended and helped us to raise over £560 towards pre-school funds. A big thank you to Rachael Lockwood for all her hard work involved in making it a very successful evening, not forgetting the help from the rest of the committee. We would also like to thank King Pin, Solar bowl, All Fired Up, Martlesham Leisure, McColls, Karen Fawcett and Becky Le Saint for the donation of raffle prizes. We cannot forget to mention Jean Burgess who also donated raffle prizes, the cake for "Guess the Weight of the Cake" and the children's presents to be given out at the Christmas Party.

We are planning our Christmas Party on Monday 19th December, from 12 - 2 pm. As with previous years, we will be holding a Christmas Raffle to win a super hamper full of festive goodies. We are also hoping for a visit from someone very special! Parents are invited to join their children for carols at 1:15 pm.

Pre-school closes on Friday 9th December and re-opens in the New Year on Monday 9th January. Half term will be 13th - 20th February.

We currently have spaces available for children from 2 ½ years old. If you are interested in sending your child to our pre-school and would like more information, please contact our booking secretary Christie Drake on 07720 708562 or e-mail christie.drake@tiscali.co.uk

Nicola Buck

Is your child due to start school in September 2006?

COME TO AN OPEN AFTERNOON AT BIRCHWOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL

on Thursday 1st December from 1:30 pm to 3 pm

For further information please don't hesitate to contact the school:
Birchwood Primary School
Valiant Road, Martlesham Heath
Ipswich - 01473 610701

CHRISTMAS FAYRE BIRCHWOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL

8th December, 3:30 pm - 5:30 pm

CRAFTS, GIFTS, GROTTOS, GAMES, REFRESHMENTS & MUCH MORE

ALL WELCOME

GORSELAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

The new Nursery Unit at Gorseland Primary School will open in September 2006 and should be fully operational within two to three weeks of the start of the September term.

The nursery will be a 52-place unit, serving 26 children in the morning and 26 in the afternoon. It will be a community nursery in as much as it will take children from this area and not just from the Gorseland catchment area. This means that children may choose to use our nursery but not necessarily apply for a place at our school for full-time education. Children from the age of three years are eligible for places and a Nursery Admissions Panel places children in the term preceding the child's entry. The admissions panel is run by the Local Education Authority and not the school.

If you have a child whose birthday falls between 1st January 2002 and 31st August 2003, you may be eligible for a place. There are set criteria for nursery admissions and these can be found in the Schools in Suffolk booklet 2006-7 (pages 18 and 19).

If you have a child whom you

think may be eligible for a place, please contact the school for an application form (telephone number 01473 623790). We will do our best to explain how the system works and to copy any appropriate information you may need. **Please be aware that a place granted at the nursery DOES NOT GUARANTEE a full-time place at Gorseland School or any other and that you MUST complete a separate application form for entry to your choice of school.**

GORSELAND SCHOOL P.F.A.

Now that the extension is complete, the building programme is underway in the existing part of the school and at the end of November we lost the use of our hall. However, not to be deterred, our fundraising events are continuing! We recently held a Presents and Pampering Evening which proved an ideal opportunity for some Christmas shopping. We will also be holding a Christmas Draw with cash prizes. We would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Elizabeth Leonard

MARTLESHAM WIVES GROUP

Next meeting:

Thursday 15th December, 7:30 pm
Christmas Meal at The Fox, Newbourne

There are still a few places left; if you have not already booked ring Alison on 01473 622586.

ST ELIZABETH HOSPICE USED STAMPS APPEAL

Hello everyone. Just a quick reminder for you all to tear off your used stamps from your Christmas post. I collect used stamps for the Hospice in Foxhall Road, Ipswich and of course this time of year is very important for all those stamps which we receive on our Christmas cards.

Please spare a moment to save your stamps and post them through my door.

It means a great deal to the Hospice. Thank you all and a very merry Christmas.

Bev Read, 15 Demesne Gardens,
Martlesham Heath 01473 622721

MARTLESHAM HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Our next meeting will be held on Monday 19th December in The Pavilion commencing at 8 pm.

The speaker will be Mr Paddy Heazell who will give an illustrated talk, "Bombs, Beams & Boffins" - a history of the military uses of Orfordness.

Admission is open to all at a charge of £1.50.

John Tyler 01473 612736

MARTLESHAM HEATH AVIATION SOCIETY

Our monthly meeting in the Community Hall on Friday 4th November was very well attended. Mr Jock Whitehouse from Haverhill Aviation Society gave an illustrated talk entitled, "East Anglian Air Shows of the 1950's and 60's". The vote of thanks was given by our President, Gordon Kinsey.

Our annual Remembrance Service on the Barrack Square, in front of the twin war memorials, was held on Sunday 13th November. The Parade was taken by our Chairman, Martyn Cook, and the service was conducted by Rev. Ian Naylor. A contingent from Suffolk Army Cadets was present, also 356 Felixtowe ATC. Lt Col. Debree from RAF Mildenhall represented the USAF and Sergeant Robert Drake from the Army Air Corps, (Wattisham) was also present. The Royal Air Force was represented by Wg Cdr. Alan Bone. Suffolk Police were represented by Chief Inspector Clive Joseph. The 1st Martlesham Scout Group, The Royal British Legion and The Suffolk Aircrew Association were also represented. Ms Lucy Taylor, Customer Services Manager for B-SERV, represented the owners of the Martlesham site. Music was provided once again by Felixtowe Salvation Army Band.

We are grateful to all those representatives and to all the folk who turned out for our Remembrance Service.

Our next monthly meeting will

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be at the Community Hall as usual and will start at 7:30 pm on Friday 2nd December. The speaker will be Mr Rex Garrod and the illustrated talk will be entitled, "Rex Garrod, Creative Engineer".

Non-members are welcome for a payment of £2 at the door.

Alan Powell 01473 622458

MARTLESHAM BRASS

Christmas is an absolutely vital time for Martlesham Brass to collect money desperately needed throughout the year for buying instruments, renting our band hall, buying uniform, etc., etc. However, we take great pride in giving a large percentage of the money raised in this time away to charity, three charities in fact, nominated by members of the Band.

All four Martlesham Brass Bands - Main, Intermediate, Preliminary and Beginner - get involved in playing carols out and about all over Suffolk. This year you can see us at:

* **26/11** - Aldeburgh Christmas Lights

* **26/11** - Ipswich Co-op: Arrival of Santa!

* **03/12** - Coffee and Carols: This is the Intermediate bands very own chance to shine - with Carols played by both the Band, solo artists and small groups, and coffee and cakes to keep you warm!! Coffee and Carols is held at St Michaels Church in Martlesham from 10 - 12.

* **04/12, 11/12, 18/12** - Felixstowe Market

* **8/12, 10/12, 14/12, 21/12, 22/12** - Sainsburys, Warren Heath

* **17/12** - Band Christmas Concert : Most prestigious event of the Christmas Calendar - all four Bands of Martlesham Brass playing all your favourite Christmas tunes, from traditional carols to modern chart songs. Held at Kesgrave High School from 7 - 9:30 pm

* **19/12** - Carols in Martlesham Square

If you have any questions about any of these events, or for any other information about the Band, please log onto www.martleshambrass.co.uk or telephone Matthew Ellis on (01728) 830009 (eve), or 07779 308156

during the day.

THE ORWELL SINGERS
celebrate
**'CHRISTMAS IN SONG &
VERSE'**
at 7:30 pm
on Saturday 10th December
at St Michael and All Angels
Church, Martlesham Heath

Tickets £5 on the door
Accompanied children 50p
Proceeds in aid of the Laura
Crane Trust 'Sound Out Cancer'
Campaign
CHARITY NO. 274587-R
GRANT AIDED BY IPSWICH BOROUGH
COUNCIL

PORTAL AVENUE
WOODLANDS MANAGEMENT/
CONSERVATION GROUP

At least our new wildlife pond has benefited from the wet weather and has filled over the past three weeks, and the banks seeded with grass seed may soon need cutting! We now need to let nature take its course before we start planting, although we will press ahead with the necessary signs and the requested seating.

The next project is raising additional funds to purchase equipment for the Nature Watch Club for 5 to 11 year olds. The first fund raising event is a second hand book sale in the Martlesham Parish Rooms on the 10th December between 10 am and 4 pm. All will be welcome. We would still welcome any books you have that you wish to get rid of, and by a phone call to the Secretary or contact with a Group member we hopefully can arrange collection for this good cause.

A quick apology, I got the date of our November workday wrong - I am sorry!!! This next one is correct and on a more cheerful note, we wish you all a Merry Christmas.

Our next workday is Saturday the 17th December, meeting at 10 am at the Force HQ Sports field gate on the perimeter track near to Portal Avenue, and as always all volunteers are welcome.

Contacts: Chairman – Duncan Sweeting 01473 620856, Secretary – Peter Izzard 01473 611291, Martlesham Parish Council 01473 612632

MARTLESHAM
CONSERVATION GROUP

Around this time last year regular visitors to the Square were enjoying Waxwings feeding on the rowan berries. Let's hope the same happens again although reports indicate that there are not the large numbers in the country yet, unlike a year ago. There is still plenty of time, so be sure to keep a lookout for these sub-arctic beauties. There are more Siskins about this year. Keep an eye on your birdfeeders for these dapper black, green and yellow finches, which will probably be fenno-scandian migrants.

Whilst you would be lucky to see a butterfly this month, there are a dozen or so larger moth species which choose to fly, mate and lay their eggs during the coldest months. It may seem rather illogical for moths to fly in winter but they have one particularly good reason - their main nocturnal predators are bats and what are bats doing in winter? Hibernating!

Our AGM took place on 7th November. The committee remains unchanged - Ron Manning (Chairman), Phil Smith (secretary), Carolyn Smith (Treasurer), and Mike Hall (events). Please could any one wishing to join or rejoin pay their subscription, £2.50 for individuals or £3 per family.

Our next working party will be on Sunday 11th December. Please meet outside the Douglas Bader at 10 am or call Phil Smith to find out the location. Everyone is welcome, no previous experience is necessary, all tools and equipment will be provided. Please come along and help our local wildlife.

Phil Smith 01473 625630 and Steve Goddard - steve@goddard98.freeserve.co.uk

SUFFOLK WILDLIFE TRUST

Our next meeting will be Thursday 8th December at 7:30 pm in the Woodbridge Community Hall when

we will have our Christmas Quiz evening with mince pies and mulled wine.

In the New Year on Thursday 19th January at 7:30 pm we have a talk from Richard Stewart on "The World of Butterflies".

Please come along and join us. Everyone is welcome. Entrance is only £1.50.

Phil Smith 01473 625630

MARTLESHAM BOWLS CLUB

Brian Davy reports on the Club's annual pilgrimage: The first week in November saw the annual visit to Potters Leisure Centre for a week's indoor bowling holiday. Eight teams were competing from the Club. Two of them reached the semi-final, consisting of Vi Simkin, George Gould, Russell Aldis and skipped by Paul Summers. The other team was Mary Marsh, Marlene and Peter Milbourne, skipped by Peter Gorham. Congratulations to both teams, and a good time was had by all. Many thanks must go to Peter for organizing the trip.

Colin Thurkettle attended the Ipswich and District AGM as a stand-in for George Golding, who was sunning himself at Potters (only joking, George). The main talking point was footwear. The colour brown is now obsolete. Scotland is phasing out brown shoes in favour of black. The meeting passed a resolution that any colour footwear was acceptable, but no high heels! One member spoke against as he had just bought brown polish at the favourable Tesco price of 2 for 1!!

Next year's bowling is a long wait to the green opening, but it will come. Brian and his regular workers will prepare a good green for next year, as they did last year.

The officers and committee wish all members a very Happy Christmas and a Happy New Year. Writing of the New Year, do not forget that subs are due at the end of January 2006.

Our Secretary Linda is still at 01394 384698 and able to help potential new members.

Jack Cot

MARTLESHAM CARPET BOWLS CLUB

First the bad news! We lost our away league match against Bramford 1-7.

But the good news is we won our away match against Rivers 7-3. Then to our delight, and surprise, we also won our away match against Claydon on 1st November 9-1. A very satisfactory result so well done to the teams playing that night.

Committee member Maureen Banthorp ran a successful drive on 21st October with 24 players taking part. This event was won by Ray Lyon.

On the 28th October we entertained 18 players from the United Reform Church, Felixstowe, to a return friendly occasion when we won all four games. A raffle was held and a good variety of refreshments was laid on by Susan Golding and her band of helpers.

Perhaps a little early but here's wishing all our members a happy and healthy Christmas.

Chris Chamberlain

VILLAGE VIEWS

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

WHY ARE WE KEPT IN THE DARK?

The recent comments in the October and November Martlesham Monthly prompt me to question why residents accept being without two street lamps at the junction of Eagle Way and Valiant Road for over **two years**.

Of recent date there are **three unlit lamps** at this junction.

I understand that deciding on ownership of a damaged cable is the cause for delay but surely two years is more than enough time to determine ownership and effect repair.

Should those responsible for restoring lighting not be taken to task over this matter and their ability to fulfil their duties in a professional matter brought into question?

With Health & Safety much in the news does Suffolk County Envi-

ronment and Transport Department not lay itself open to a charge of negligence in significantly failing in its duty to restore lighting at this busy junction?

Are residents to go through yet another winter without action being taken?

Bill Copeland

1ST MARTLESHAM SCOUT GROUP – CHRISTMAS POST

Once again we will be providing the annual Christmas Scout Post service. Last year, Scout groups in the Ipswich area handled nearly 100,000 cards, which may be tiny compared to the Royal Mail – but this is a major exercise for us!

As in previous years, we will have collection boxes at Duncan's in the Square (to whom we are once again very grateful), the Scout HQ, and two on site at Adastral Park. Boxes will be in situ on 25th November, and the last date for posting will be 12th December. Cards are to be delivered to their destinations in our area on Sunday 18th December (after which we will draw the winners in our first ever Christmas raffle at the Scout HQ). The price this year is 12p per card – please remember to post your money with your cards.

We do have one plea. Please, please, please only use this service for cards in the IP1 to IP5 postcode areas, and make sure your cards are fully and properly addressed. Examples of last year's problems (of which there were thankfully relatively few) included 'Mrs Smith, Felixstowe Road, Ipswich', and addresses as far away as Berkshire!

You can find more information on the Scouts on the Martlesham Community website under 'Youth Groups' at www.martlesham.org.uk

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

The **Bell family** (Angela, Malcolm, Rachel, Jon and Jess) of Heather Close would like to wish all their friends and neighbours in Martlesham a happy Christmas and best wishes for 2006.

The **Moore family**, Avocet Lane, wish friends in Martlesham a peaceful Christmas. Instead of cards we shall use *oxfamunwrapped* as a way of celebrating the season with you all.

The **Everitt family** at 4 Mayfields would like, via the Martlesham Monthly, to wish all friends and neighbours a peaceful and happy Christmas and New Year. The money normally spent on sending local cards will help *St Elizabeth Hospice*, which is to lose Lottery funding next year.

The **Carruthers family** from Saddlers Place would like to send their best wishes for Christmas to all friends and neighbours in Martlesham. Instead of cards we have made a donation to *East Anglia's Children's Hospice*.

HELP SAVE THE SUFFOLK PUNCH STUD AT HOLLESLEY

Readers of Martlesham Monthly will be aware of the Suffolk Punch Trust efforts to buy the stud and 188 acres of surrounding land at Hollesley from the Prison Service. The initial amount required to buy the land, buildings, horses and essential equipment is about £577,000.

The Stud currently has 25 horses and has been at Hollesley for 108 years. Keeping it intact and at Hollesley where it can continue to play its part in prisoner rehabilitation is important. It is the largest and oldest Suffolk Punch stud and for many years has provided breeding facilities to other mare owners throughout the UK.

These glorious horses which once dominated the fields of East Anglia now grace the show rings and demonstration events, flaunting their rugged splendour. They are also renowned for their loyalty, docile temperament, industry and dignity. As an icon of Suffolk they must be preserved.

It is a tragedy that the Stud at Hollesley has not been accessible to the public, or indeed been used as a catalyst for a wide range of heritage, conservation, and environmental programmes. Currently 500 children from deprived inner city

areas do visit the stud each year. Their experience gives them lasting memories and a greater appreciation of the countryside, culture and heritage.

Local people can help the Suffolk Punch Trust to deliver some very challenging objectives by making modest donations or becoming Friends of the Suffolk Punch Trust by paying an Annual Membership subscription of £20.

More information is contained in the leaflet enclosed with this magazine. Please also visit the Trust website – www.suffolkpunchtrust.org or telephone John Marsh on 01473 612639.

KESGRAVE LAWN CEMETERY TENDER 2006

Kesgrave Town Council invites tenders for the maintenance of Kesgrave Lawn Cemetery and the green areas surrounding the Town Council Office. Work to be carried out in the Lawn Cemetery includes grass cutting and hedge trimming, levelling of graves and general weekly clearance. The closing date for applications is 12 noon on the 14th January 2006. For full details and terms of tender, contact Mrs V Read, Clerk to Kesgrave Town Council, Ferguson Way, Kesgrave, Ipswich, Suffolk IP5 2FZ or telephone 01473 625179.

Kesgrave Town Council

HEATH SCHOOL CHRISTMAS FAYRE

Heath School PFA will be holding their Christmas Fayre on Friday 2nd December from 3:15 pm to early evening. A small admission fee is payable. Children will have the chance to meet Santa in his Grotto and receive an early Christmas present. There will be many stalls, games, prize draws, refreshments and lots more to make this a special evening for all the family.

Throughout the year we have held many events such as school discos, a quiz evening, an art exhibition, a summer fete, ladies night, a jumble sale and many more. We have been able to run these events successfully with the help of the Kesgrave people who have supported us and given generously through

this year. We are already planning a number of events for next year and each one will be equally as fun and enjoyable as this year.

We would also like to take this opportunity to thank our local businesses, parent volunteers, staff members and event organisers for their contributions and hard work this year in raising funds towards the purchasing of valuable and worthwhile school equipment for our children. We wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy 2006.

Paula Lye on behalf of Heath School PFA

WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU ARE DOING?

I expect you'll say "I am reading the Martlesham Monthly".

Of course you are, so just keep going...

Do you think young people moan a lot about having nothing to do?

Did you know, and do they know, that there is a new social venue for young people aged between 11 and 19?

It's at Kesgrave Youth Centre, on Tuesday evenings between 7 pm and 9:15 pm

It is part of the work of Kesgrave and District Youth Forum. We want to see more young people from Martlesham and I am sure they will enjoy playing pool, table tennis, cooking and other seasonal activities as well as events and outings.

Are you under 18?

Come along with some friends and listen to music. You never know, you might meet some very interesting new friends. It will be Christmas soon and time for celebrations. Entrance is 50p per evening which is a bargain.

If anyone, of any age, feels they would like to share a hobby or skill, please get in touch. The drop-in is at the stage of being a pilot project. If the community makes an effort we could have more sessions and expand activities.

For further information please contact Joyce Beale on 01394 3874946 or e-mail joyce@bealej.fsnet.co.uk

CHORAL MUSIC LOVERS

As we approach the Christmas season, those of you who enjoy classical music may like to come along and hear Haydn's "Creation". Ipswich Bach Choir will be singing this work at the Ipswich Corn Exchange on December 3rd at 7:30 pm. Tickets cost £10 (balcony), £8 (floor) or just £3 for full-time students and can be purchased from the Corn Exchange Box Office. Jessica Ridley will be leading the Ipswich Chamber Orchestra, with Patrick McCarthy conducting.

NEWS FROM WOODBRIDGE LIONS

We recently celebrated the 23rd Anniversary of the Charter, or founding, of the Club, with a dinner and dance at Waldringfield Golf Club. Attended by over fifty members and friends, we were joined by the Deputy mayor of Woodbridge, Cllr Jim Bidwell, as our guest speaker. Lion President Peter Button spoke of the Club's achievements over the past year and looked forward to the opportunities that another year brings. We now enter a busy time, with collections to raise funds for our Christmas parcels appeal and assisting other organisations in their fundraising to help those in the community less fortunate than ourselves.

The Club's November business meeting approved a number of donations to local causes. Sometimes the sheer scale of events in other parts of the world cannot be ignored and we have made a donation in support of the victims of the Pakistan earthquake. Lions Clubs worldwide support the Lions Clubs International Foundation, LCIF, a unique disaster and emergency fund that makes money available through Lions Clubs close to the scene of events such as floods and earthquakes. This means that supplies can be obtained close to where they are required – saving some of the costs that can be associated with international aid distribution and making the most of local knowledge. Through LCIF, we made a donation to a long-term programme to build schools and orphanages in areas affected by the

tsunami, work which will be going on for some years yet.

Our social events are open to guests, so if you are interested in what the Lions do and would like to meet us informally or simply talk about the things we do, please contact Lion President Peter Button 011394 386023 or Lion Peter See 01473 625318.
Peter See, for The Lions Club of Woodbridge & District

GERRY LOCKE

Gerry Locke of Chandos Court passed away in hospital on 8th November. He had lived in Martlesham for 46 years and had been involved in many activities locally, V.P.A. Meals on Wheels, Martlesham Monthly delivery, etc., and did a lot of useful work when the Community Hall was built. He will be greatly missed by his family and many friends.

CHRISTMAS ART AND DESIGN FAIR

Come along to the art and design Christmas Fair, where you will find diverse art by local artists, original gifts and a festive atmosphere! The exhibition includes paintings, photography, ceramics, glass design, wood craft, jewellery, art books, illuminated wall panels, cards, prints, children's gifts, and more! The venue is Hall Farm Dairy on Hall Farm, Church Lane, Martlesham (past St. Mary's Church, old Martlesham). The dairy has been recently restored and provides a beautiful setting for the exhibition, and is surrounded by stunning countryside. The Fair is open from Friday December 9th through to Sunday December 11th, from 9:30 am to 5 pm daily. Coffee and mince pies! Children's play space! For further details please contact Samantha Olink on 01394 388336.

BRIGHTWELL CHURCH

At the time of writing we are getting excited about the 70th anniversary Supper in the village Clubroom. We are expecting about 45 guests and looking forward to a good evening together.

In December we are staging our Nativity Play in the Church Hall on Saturday 10th December at 3 pm followed by a tea for the cast and friends. Please make the effort to attend. Our traditional Carol Service will be in the Church on Sunday 18th December at 6:30 pm. Tread our lantern lit way from the car park to the Church door and enjoy the Service followed by mulled wine and good company.

Sidney Grapes thought for Christmas. "If you don't git what you want, think of all the things you don't want and don't git."

Geoff Lambert
PCC Secretary

MARTLESHAM CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

Black Tiles Lane

Don't let the Christmas hassle get you down - Jesus Christ invites all who are weary and care-worn to find real happiness and peace. The Child in the manger grows up into the Man on the cross, turning the Angels' Christmas message into a reality we can all share.

NEW ACTIVITY FRIENDS ON FRIDAY

Every Friday
Drop in any time between 10 am-12 for coffee, chat (and games if you wish). Especially for those in "the third age".

Sunday Services
10 am - Family Worship
11:45 am - Communion

Sunday 11th December, 5 pm AFTERNOON TEA and SEASONAL SERVICE

For our older friends and neighbours - transport available.

Sunday 18th December, 10 am CAROL SERVICE

Christmas Day, 10 am FAMILY SERVICE

As well as these services there are various weekday activities including:

TUESDAY CIRCLE **13th December, 12:45 pm** **CHRISTMAS LUNCH**

HOUSEGROUPS for prayer, bible study and fellowship take place weekly on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings.

TODDLER GROUP
10 am every Thursday.

YOUTH GROUP
7 pm every Thursday.

MUNCH BUNCH:
6:30 pm Sundays - a chance for the 14+ age group to explore the Christian faith.

In addition to the meetings listed above there are other opportunities for prayer, Bible study or simply exploring what Christianity means.

You can find out more details about what we believe and our monthly programme in various ways:

- * Visit us at a service or activity
- * Visit the website at www.m-c-f.org
- * Telephone Julia Faulkner on 01473 625482 or John Mellen on 01473 624401

COMMUNITY RESPONDERS

Martlesham Community Responders provide a first response to most 999 calls received by the East Anglian Ambulance Trust within Martlesham, Martlesham Heath, Waldringfield, Newbourne and Brightwell.

We are a group of volunteers (funded entirely by donations) who are trained to provide first aid and resuscitation skills until the arrival of an emergency ambulance.

For further details, contact Andy Oxborrow 01473 620432 (E-mail Andy.Oxborrow@suffolk.sia.org.uk)

MARTLESHAM HEATH PAVILION

Did you know that there are regular meetings and activities going on in the pavilion for at least 24 hours each week?

Each week there are –

- Bader Court coffee mornings
- Weightwatchers meetings
- WI market
- Tuesday Games Club
- Brownies
- 4 Parent and Toddler sessions
- Yoga classes
- Youth Club

Every two weeks there are –

- Cross-Stitch classes

Every month there are -

- WI meetings
- Police surgeries

Occasionally there are -

- Woodbridge Model Boat Club meetings
- National Childbirth Trust classes
- Childminding Group meetings
- Martlesham in Bloom meetings
- Conservation Group meetings
- Village Produce Association meetings

During the summer there are –

- cricket matches

Did you know that there is some time available if you want to start a new club or society? For more information on any of these, please contact Paul Firman on 01473 622874

TALKING MARTLESHAM MONTHLY

The Talking Martlesham Monthly is an audio tape version of the text of the printed 'Monthly' and is available free of charge.

If you or someone you know has impaired vision and would like to receive a copy of the tape, please contact John Tyler on 01473 612736.

The Talking Martlesham Monthly can also be accessed online via the Martlesham Community Web Portal at

www.martlesham.org.uk.

MARTLESHAM IS NOW READ WORLDWIDE

The Martlesham Web Site (www.martlesham.org.uk) is now getting about 100 downloads per edition of the Martlesham Monthly and we get visitors from more than 50 countries each month!. Tell your friends and family who do not live locally to either download, read it or have read to them online.

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.

BRIGHT STARS

Our service this month is on **Monday 12th December** at 10:30 am in St Michael's Church Centre, when we will be celebrating Christmas. We meet again after Christmas on January 9th 2006.

Bright Stars is a short service designed to make children's worship fun and exciting. We welcome all pre-school children and babies 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. There is a chance to meet for refreshments and a chat after the service, which lasts about half an hour.

For more details please call Pauline (01473 625061) or Liz (01473 625617).

THOUGHTS FROM YOUR PARISH CHURCH

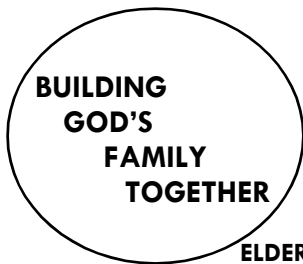
We are in the Christmas season again, but what does this mean? Is it all about being a consumer, all about spending money? Total UK personal debt broke through the £1.1 trillion barrier (£1,100,000,000,000) in June 2005. This is 11 months since it broke through the £1 trillion barrier in July 2004. Britain's personal debt is increasing by £1 million every four minutes.

According to Switch during the 2004 festive we planned to spend £813 overall on presents, wrapping paper, cards, decorations, going out, food and drink. A survey carried out by Payplan found that almost 80% of people worry about the financial side of Christmas. A recent poll by the Moneyfacts price comparison website found that more than 25% of us intend to borrow to pay for Christmas this year. According to the British Retail Consortium the average family accumulates 18% of their annual borrowing in December by spending twice as much than in any other month of the year.

Is Christmas all about being a consumer, all about spending money? I believe that the true message of Christmas is the priceless love of God, freely given. The true message of Christmas is the priceless Son of God, Jesus Christ, coming into the world as a human to restore our broken relationship with God the Father. I would encourage you to come along to a church service this Christmas time and find out more about the authentic message of Christmas.

Rev. Ian Naylor

**St. Michael's Church
Centre is open daily on week-
days from 10 am—12 noon for
tea , coffee, information, etc.
Why not drop in to meet friends
old and new?**



THE CHURCH IN MARTLESHAM & BRIGHTWELL

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Tel: 01473 623194

Services for the Month	Brightwell St. John's	Martlesham St. Mary's	Martlesham Heath St. Michael's
Sunday 4th December Advent 2	8am Holy Communion	11am Holy Communion BCP	9:45am All Age Worship & Nativity Play 6:30pm Celebration of Christmas
Sunday 11th December Advent 3	6:30pm Evensong	8am Holy Communion 11am Matins	9:45am Family Holy Communion & Junior Church
Sunday 18th December Advent 4	8am Holy Communion 6:30pm Carol Service	11am Family Holy Communion	3:30pm Christingle with refreshments to follow
Thurs 22nd December		7pm Carol Service	
Sat 24th December Christmas Eve		11:30pm Holy Communion BCP	11:30pm Holy Communion followed by mulled wine and mince pies
Sunday 25th December Christmas Day	8am Holy Communion	11am Holy Communion	9:45am Family Worship
Sunday 1st January Epiphany	8am Holy Communion	11am Holy Communion BCP	9:45am All Age Worship

MIDWEEK SERVICES: There will be Carols in the Square on Monday 19th December. Holy Communion each Wednesday at 10am in St Michael's. Bright Stars will meet on Monday 12th December at 10:30am in St Michael's. Mums' Club will meet on Tuesday 6th December at 12:30pm to 2:30pm in St Michael's. A warm welcome awaits you at all the above services.

PRAYER DIARY FOR DECEMBER

Pray daily for the world, for peace, for the church, our parishes, and:

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| 7 for the residents of Main Road | 24 for all seeking a purpose in life |
| 8 for all victims of bad weather | 25 Christmas Day—may we never forget the true meaning of this time |
| 9 for the ministry of prison chaplains | 26 St Stephen's Day—pray for all who suffer for their faith |
| 10 for people working in stressful situations | 27 for the residents of Mayfield Lane |
| 11 that all children may be welcome in our churches | 28 Holy Innocents Day—pray for children everywhere |
| 12 for courage to take risks to serve God | 29 for the homeless |
| 13 for the unemployed | 30 for the lonely |
| 14 for the residents of Manor Road | 31 for ourselves |
| 15 that we may know peace and forgiveness | JAN 1 for a happy and peaceful New Year |
| 16 for those who suffer from natural disasters | 2 for those separated from their families |
| 17 for the Queen and all members of the royal family | 3 for the victims of violence |
| 18 for all who attend the Christingle Service today | 4 for the Mothers' Union members everywhere |
| 19 for the recently bereaved | 5 for those who help us with our faith |
| 20 for the visitors to our parishes | 6 for the residents of Milano Drive |
| 21 for the residents of Mayfield | |
| 22 for those travelling this holiday time | |
| 23 for all those at work during Christmas time | |