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Community Police Officer
PC 651 Richard Wright

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

COMMUNITY RESPONDERS

Martlesham Community Responders are a group of 7 volunteers (funded entirely by donations) who are trained to provide first aid and resuscitation skills.

We provide a first response to most 999 calls received by the East Anglian Ambulance Trust within Martlesham, Martlesham Heath, Waldringfield, Newbourne and Brightwell, in support of and until the arrival of an emergency ambulance.

For further details, contact Andy Oxborrow 01473 620432 (e-mail Andy.Oxborrow@suffolk.sja.org.uk), or see our web pages on www.martlesham.org.uk.

NTL PHONE NUMBER

We are still trying to establish a telephone number that we can call for all enquiries about the NTL Cable service here at Martlesham Heath.

For the time being can you call Paul Keane on 01206 507473. Paul is a manager with NTL and is trying his best to help us. He is based at Colchester is as frustrated as we are. So please call him for all your problems and hopefully he

will sort them out.

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MUSIC ON THE GREEN

Saturday 14th July 2007 will see the seventh annual "Music on the Green". This event is completely free with a varied range of music, from both local and more established bands. This year's celebration was hugely successful, with stalls, attractions and continuous music from 10 am until 10:30 pm. Chairman Paul Firman and the rest of the committee have started the ball rolling for 2007; with the committee already starting to collaborate, bringing together another exciting and varied programme of Music and attractions.

Paul and the committee have a great number of willing helpers, but say they are always looking for more help on the day. They are currently trying to build a register of helpers and if you could give them even an hour's help during the morning and/or after the event, it would be greatly appreciated. If you are willing to help with next year's event please e-mail: paulfirman@talktalk.net or call on 01473 622874.

We are also indebted to our sponsors for 2007, which at the moment include **Howard Plant, Douglas Bader, PJ Print, Blue Star Skips and The Martlesham Monthly.**

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

Please visit the website for the latest news and announcements at: www.musiconthegreen.com

Jackie Grimsey, PR Officer

MARTLESHAM PARISH COUNCIL

The Council wishes all parishioners a happy Christmas and best wishes for the New Year.

Last month the Council welcomed Mrs Lucy Evans as Assistant Clerk.

Martlesham Parish Plan

By now all households should have received a copy of the Plan which is the result of the questionnaire

Working Group would welcome any feedback – forward comments to the Clerk (details below). If you haven't received a Plan and would like one, please contact the Clerk.

New route for Felixstowe bus service

A reminder that the service from Martlesham Heath to Felixstowe has been altered so that the bus now goes round Eagle Way the same way as the 66 route. You can therefore use the existing bus stops/shelters for this service.

Traffic speed in Martlesham

Concern remains about speeding, particularly in Main Road and Eagle Way. The Council has been advised that the police are carrying out regular enforcement. It urges all drivers to adhere to speed limits.

Forthcoming Meetings

*Parish Council - Wednesday 6th December and Wednesday 3rd January

*Recreation & Amenities committee - Wednesday 13th December (7 pm start)

*Development Plans committee – Wednesday 13th December to follow the Recreation & Amenities committee meeting, only if planning applications are received)

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 Clerk to the Council, Parish Room, Felixstowe Road, Martlesham, Woodbridge, IP12 4PB.

Telephone or fax: 01473 612632
e-mail: clerk@martleshamcouncil.org.uk

GLASSES FOUND

Pair of tortoiseshell glasses found intact on the road at the junction of Eagle Way/Valiant Road - please contact the Martlesham Parish Council office on 01473 612632 to claim them or for further information.

MARTLESHAM IN BLOOM

Forthcoming events

We are holding two events jointly

with Martlesham Community Council:-

*Jumble and Plant Sale - Saturday 17th February in the Pavilion, Martlesham Heath.

*Family Barn Dance - Saturday 3rd March in St Michael's Church Centre.

Anglia in Bloom

Several committee members attended the recent annual Anglia in Bloom Seminar at Bury St Edmunds. As well as getting some helpful feedback from the judges we also heard what other groups do for their entry, about community projects and recycling.

Tree planting

During this month we will be planting some trees and hedging on Kronji's Piece and the Recreation Ground. The trees and hedge plants have been provided from Suffolk Coastal District Council's Parish Tree Planting Scheme.

If you would like any further details on the above or any other Martlesham in Bloom activity please contact J Maureen Burrows (Secretary) on 01473 625196.

MARTLESHAM COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Please make a note of the following events which Martlesham Community Council is arranging:

*Jumble/Plant/Book Sale on 17th February in the Pavilion

*Holiday Travel Exhibition on Thursday 22nd February in St Michael's Church Hall

*Family Barn Dance on 3rd March in St Michael's Church Hall

*Gilbert & Sullivan on 28th April in Martlesham Community Centre, Felixstowe Road

If you have any jumble or bric-a-brac please let Jackie Bear know on 01473 623007 who will arrange collection.

MCC are always looking for people to join MCC who are interested in helping to provide amenities for the parish of Martlesham. We meet once a month on the second Monday of the month in the Parish Rooms, Felixstowe Road. For further information please contact Jackie Bear on the above telephone number.

MCC SCRIBE

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MARTLESHAM COMMUNITY HALL

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)

MARTLESHAM & DISTRICT FLOWER CLUB

'Imagination' was the title chosen by this month's demonstrator Kevin Bernhardt and he certainly proved just how much of this he had when he produced six wonderful hand-tied arrangements. Kevin has his own florist shop in Ipswich and specialises in creating unusual designs. His first was an all-round style containing lilies, gerbera, chrysanthemums and sunflowers. A red front facing modern upright design with gladioli as the main feature was the second design followed by a simplistic two stem arrangement in a square clear glass container. Just three bird of paradise flowers formed the basis of his fourth arrangement which he placed in a tall fluted vase adding red food colouring to the water. A design suitable for either a tall or short vase was next and Kevin finished by showing us how he made a bridal bouquet. We all agreed his ideas and arrangements were stunning. The competition was won by Ann Fraser.

The club meets at St Michael's Church Centre, Martlesham Heath on the third Wednesday of each month at 2:30 pm. The annual subscription is £12.50 with visitors welcome at £2.50 per session. There is a plant and flower arrangers stall at each meeting.

There is no meeting in

meeting will be 17th January when Alan Smith will give us 'Pot Luck'. The competition is an arrangement in a kitchen container. ALL WELCOME.
Mrs Barbara Bown - 01394 383033

MARTLESHAM W.I.

At our recent Annual Meeting a new committee was formed with Mrs Anne Bennett being elected as our President. Miss Ann Berg thanked the present committee for all their work, especially Mrs Joan Locke and Mrs Betty Darke, our retiring President and Secretary, who have both been so supportive and enthusiastic during their period of office. Their contribution has been greatly appreciated by us all.

Our next meeting is in the Richards Room in Martlesham on 8th December. This will be a Social Evening when we will be welcoming the Martlesham Cantilena Choir. Our members are being encouraged to bring friends along so we are hoping to see some new faces. Do come and join us as we will be delighted to see you.

Audrey Burnell – 01394 386738

MARTLESHAM LADIES CLUB

We are now coming to the last meeting for this year, which will be our annual Christmas Party held on 7th December in the Richard Rooms. It is always enjoyable and well attended.

I would like to wish our members and readers a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year.

Why not start the New Year by joining our Ladies Club and bring a friend as well? We meet alternate Thursdays at 7:30 pm in the Richard Rooms, Martlesham Community Centre.

Our programme for January and February:

*4th January - 'Trees, Woods & Forests' by Mike Stagg.

*18th January - 'History of Playing Cards' by Colin Hopper.

*1st February - 'Marines in Tights' by Mervyn Lemon.

*15th February - Quiz/Games

evening, plus Bring & Buy.

Margaret Green

MARTLESHAM MOTHERS' UNION

As we approach Christmas and remember the birth of Jesus Christ who came to bring Good News to the poor and to set the oppressed free, we remind ourselves and our readers that the Mothers' Union continues to follow Christ's teaching as we support the Debt Campaign to Make Poverty History, we continue to send Relief Funds to those in desperate need and to support Literacy and Development projects in third world countries. We meet in faith and enjoy fellowship together as we support this work. Why not come and meet with us at St Michael's Church Centre on Wednesday 2nd January at 2:30 pm and find out more, or phone Elizabeth on 01394 210793? A happy and blessed Christmas to you all.

CALLING ALL MUMS...

The Mums' Club meets on Tuesday 5th December from 12:45 pm to 2:30 pm at St Michael's Church Centre, Martlesham Heath when we will hold our 'Bring and Share' Christmas party. This will be an informal occasion to which all mums, babies and toddlers are invited. Just bring along a small quantity of food to share and join in the fun.

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

MARTLESHAM HEATH BABY & TODDLER GROUP

Coming up in December is the draw for our Christmas Hampers. The one hundred squares grid is now on display at the sessions at a cost of £1 per square. The draw will be held on 8th December.

The main event for December is our Christmas Party on Friday 15th December at St Michaels Church Hall with disco, refreshments, raffle and a special visit from Santa with a gift for every child! Tickets are still available at the sessions at a cost of £

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though spaces are limited.

We would like to take this

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opportunity to acknowledge and thank the following businesses who have already kindly donated wonderful prizes for our raffle at the party:- Amanda Atkins Swedish Massage at Walnut House, Barclays Bank, Black Tiles, Douglas Bader, Eastern Farm Park, Ipswich Transport Museum, John Banks Ipswich Ltd, Kidz Kingdom, Martlesham Pharmacy, Memories, S & I Beauty, Tesco Martlesham Heath and Windmills Florist.

Please could all remaining toddler sponsorship money be returned by 8th December. We'll then be able to announce the winner of the prize for most money raised at the Christmas Party. We would like to thank the members who kindly donated money for the toddler when they were not able to attend.

We would like to remind our members that there are NO sessions held during the Christmas holidays, with normal sessions resuming in the new term in January.

If you would like to join us, our play sessions are held at the Martlesham Heath Pavilion on Wednesdays and Fridays during term time from 9:30 am until 11:30 am and 1:30 pm until 3:30 pm. During school holidays, we hold just one session on Wednesdays from 1:30 pm until 3:30 pm. Parents, grandparents, carers, childminders... everyone is welcome and we offer excellent toys, a craft table, a music session and refreshments. If you would like any further information, please call Dawn on 01473 610188.

MARTLESHAM PLAYSCHOOL

The Control Tower

This term the children have continued with the theme of 'colours', going on a forest walk to look at the Autumn habitat, increasing their understanding of the natural environment and using the materials they have gathered in many activities. We have also had a visit from the hedgehog rescue centre, who kindly brought in two baby hedgehogs for the children to see. This was much enjoyed by everyone.

The playschool staff have undergone "Birth to Three Matters"

training to increase their knowledge and understanding of integrating the younger children into the sessions. We have also had students from Farlingaye High School and Suffolk College visit us as part of their coursework.

The children are having a Christmas Concert at 2 pm on 12th December at St Michaels Church and a Christmas Party on 18th December.

With Christmas approaching, if you would like to use our buy site the address is www.buy.at/mplayschool. You can order from companies such as ELC, M & S, Currys and the playschool gets a commission.

We still require additional people to assist with fundraising. You don't have to be a parent or carer, just someone who can commit to this shared role on an occasional basis. If you are able to help or know someone who may be interested please contact the playschool.

If you are interested in sending your child to playschool please contact Nikki Smith (Booking Secretary) on 07857 309365 or visit www.controltower.org.uk

Wishing everyone a very Merry Christmas.

THREE BEARS PLAYGROUP

Our topic, 'Toys', continues this month with robot week. The children will be able to design their own robot, think and talk about the jobs they would give to their own personal robots, investigate a range of programmable toys and develop their physical skills by moving like robots. This topic finishes with special toys; the children will be able to show and talk about their own special toys and talk about the need to treat precious toys carefully. There will also be opportunities to explore a range of toys from around the world and play traditional circle games. Our last week of term finishes with various Christmas activities and, of course, our Christmas Party on Friday 15th December.

If you would like to receive a copy of our Prospectus and

Registration Form, or require further information about our Playgroup, please e-mail your contact details to me at threebearsplaygroup@hotmail.co.uk or contact me on 07842 193727 (mobile).

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

The new term starts on Thursday 4th January and we look forward to seeing you all again then.

Elizabeth Leonard, Administrator

ST MICHAEL'S PRE-SCHOOL

Martlesham Heath

www.stmichaelspreschool.org.uk

Thank you for everyone's support at our Ladies Pamper Evening held at the end of November.

The Pre-School is pleased to announce that on Tuesday December 5th from 1-3 pm we will be holding a Parents afternoon which will enable parents/carers to come along and have an informal chat with the staff about their child's progress at the Pre-School. Staff will also be doing a presentation about how the "Key Worker" and "Birth to Three Matters" systems operate within the Pre-School. December at the Pre-School will also see our children busy practising their Christmas songs for the end of term party which will be held on Monday 18th. We are expecting a visit from a very busy Father Christmas!

We will be very sad to be saying goodbye to a few children who are leaving us after Christmas to join Gorseland's new nursery but we wish them all the very best.

St Michael's Pre-School is run by a committee which is made up of parents. If you have ever thought about joining the committee but do not know what is involved then why not come along and see for yourself at one of our monthly meetings? You can become involved in the committee as little or as much as you like because any extra help is always appreciated. Details of monthly meetings are available from the Pre-School. If you would

like general information about the Pre-School or would like to come and visit us, please contact Christie Drake on 07720 708562 or e-mail her on admin@stmichaelspreschool.org.uk

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GORSELAND SCHOOL P.F.A.

The new Nursery and Key Stage 1 extension was officially opened on Friday 24th November by Mrs Alison Davies. The guests enjoyed a special celebratory assembly, followed by refreshments.

Early fundraising next year will, hopefully, include a second-hand Book Sale in January and a Race Night in February. Further details will be issued next term.

We would like to take this opportunity to wish all of the children, staff and their families a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Elizabeth Leonard

MATLESHAM BEACON HILL PRIMARY SCHOOL

For Children in Need, the children had a 'spotty' non-uniform day in honour of Pudsey Bear! All the children wore something spotty and they covered a drawing of Pudsey with coins to raise money for Children in Need. We are yet to discover how much was raised, but all the children had fun and contributed to this very worthy cause. The children have been working hard all term and they are all looking forward to the coming festivities. They have many things to enjoy this month including the Pantomime, 'Hansel & Gretel' on 6th December, their Christmas Lunch on 12th December and the Christmas Play, 'Ralph the Reindeer' on 14th December. The children are also holding a fund-raising Christmas Disco on 15th December and a Carol Service on Monday 18th December. If you would like your child to join our school, please come along and see us. To make an appointment, please telephone Alan Murray, Headteacher, on 01473 624409. We look forward to seeing you. All the children, staff and parents at Martlesham Beacon Hill School would like to wish you a

very Happy Christmas and a Safe and Healthy New Year.

Martlesham Beacon Hill Parents Association

HEATH PRIMARY SCHOOL PFA

Bell Lane, Kesgrave

Our Christmas Fayre is just around the corner. It is being held on Friday 8th December from 3:15 pm. There will be games, tombollas, face painting, craft stalls, refreshments, grand draw and loads more. There may even be a visit from The Big Man himself! Admission is 50p for adults, children and OAPs free.

Year 1 pupils, and the parent helpers, had great fun at the Toy Day that was held at school recently. It was an action packed day learning and playing with lots of old and new toys. The children even got the chance to become professors and museum curators! We were also lucky to have an astronomy road show visit the school. The children were able to learn more about the planets and stars.

A huge thank you to the group of parents who ran the Children In Need cake stall on Friday 17th November, a very worthwhile cause for us to support.

We would also like to take this opportunity to thank all the local companies who have supported us over the year. Your contributions have been most appreciated and helped us to raise valuable funds for the school.

Have a fun packed Christmas and best wishes for 2007!

Nikki Snell - 01473 623872

MARTLESHAM WIVES GROUP

Next meeting:

Monday 11th December, 7:15 pm (for 7:30)

Christmas Meal at The Fox, Newbourne

There may still be a few places left; if you have not already booked ring Maureen.

For those not coming to the meal Happy Christmas. See you on 15th January at Jenny's.

New members always welcome. For further information phone Elaine (01473 62269) or

Maureen (01473 622670).

MARTLESHAM HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Our next meeting will be held in The Pavilion on Monday December 18th. The speaker will be Mr Roy Tricker and his subject will be "Some Notable Churches in East Suffolk". Mr. Tricker is an acknowledged expert on local churches and their history and we look forward to an interesting evening.

The meeting will commence at 8 pm and is open to all with an admission fee of £1.50.

The first meeting of the 2007 season will be held on Monday February 19th when Mr Gwyn Thomas of the Suffolk Records Office, Bury St Edmunds will speak on "The Suffolk Regt. in the Reign of Queen Victoria".

John Tyler - 01473 612736

MARTLESHAM HEATH AVIATION SOCIETY

A big thank you to all the folks who were present at our annual Remembrance Service at the Barrack Square. The parade was taken by our chairman, Martyn Cook, who paid tribute to Ken Wilding MBE who had taken the parade for many years and who sadly died during the past twelve months. The service was taken by the Revd Ian Naylor. Our thanks are also due to Felixtowe Salvation Army Band, the 356 Felixtowe ATC, a contingent from the Suffolk Army Cadets, and the 1st Martlesham Scout Group. Representatives from the RAF, the USAF, and the police were present. Also the Royal British Legion and Suffolk Aircrew Association laid wreaths.

Particular thanks are due to Richard Barker of Barker Gotelee Solicitors, for refurbishing the twin war memorials at his own expense.

In another packed meeting on Friday 3rd November, we were entertained to an illustrated talk by Group Captain Tom Eeles, (retd), entitled "Cat Shots and Deck Landings – Flying Buccaneers Off Aircraft Carriers."

Tom Eeles came from his

home at Bury St Edmunds to deliver a fascinating account of much of his flying career. With the help of our digital projector and numerous images taken by him, he related his service career in the Far East with the aircraft carrier Victorious.

A fascinating talk delivered by a very good speaker and a vote of thanks was given by one of our

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members, Ralph Rutherford, who was a Vampire pilot.

Our next meeting will be on Friday 1st December and should feature Mr Harry Watson who will give a talk about Scottish Aviation Twin Pioneer aeroplane.

All meetings are held in the Community Hall, Felixtowe Road and start at 7:30 pm. Non-members are welcome at a cost of £2 at the door.

Alan Powell 01473 622458

PORTAL WOODLANDS CONSERVATION GROUP

One more workday before Christmas! Come and join us on Sunday 17th December at the Wildlife Pond, from 10 am until 12. All volunteers are very welcome. All equipment is supplied. News this month includes PWCG recently being given an Anglia in Bloom Silver Gilt Award in the category of 'conservation' which is very encouraging. We would like to thank Councillor Steve Hudson who gave the Group a grant towards Nature Watch. Nature Watch has been a great success this year. The Heritage Lottery Fund are also to be thanked for financial support.

The contact for the Group is Duncan Sweeting (01473 620856). Duncan can also be contacted via Martlesham Parish Council (01473 612632). More information about PWCG and its activities are available on our website www.martlesham.org.uk/portalwoodlandsgroup and the hits continue to rise! Lastly, PWCG would like to wish everybody a very happy Christmas and we look forward to seeing you in the New Year – look out for future monthly work dates on the website.

MARTLESHAM

CONSERVATION GROUP

With the shorter days of December, the heath quiets down and our attentions may turn to the increasing birds in our gardens.

Many of us record our weekly sightings with some going a stage further by sending this information to the BTO/CJ Garden Birdwatch Project.

Nationally, some 16,500 participants currently take part and send in simple weekly records of the bird species using their gardens. This information is either submitted on paper count forms or online. Each participant also supports the project financially through an annual contribution of £12. In return, they receive the quarterly colour magazine 'Bird Table' and all new joiners receive a **free 128-page colour book on garden birds normally retailing at £9.99. Details on joining can be obtained by phoning: 01842-750050** or online at <http://www.bto.org/gbw>

Our next working party will be on Sunday 10th December when we will be working on the Martlesham Heath SSSI. Please meet outside the Douglas Bader at 10 am or contact Phil Smith to find out where we will be working. We intend to follow on from the work of last year and earlier this year with more heather cutting to encourage new growth, as well as clearing out more gorse and bracken.

Our AGM took place on Monday 6th November at 7:45 pm in the Pavilion, Martlesham Heath. Your committee is Ron Manning (Chairman), Phil Smith (Secretary), Carolyn Smith (Treasurer), Mike Hall (Events), Steve Goddard (Wildlife Recorder). Subscriptions are still the same £2.50 per individual and £3.00 per family. Please provide subscriptions to any committee member.

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

SUFFOLK WILDLIFE TRUST

Woodbridge Group

Coming up in December we have our "Christmas Quiz" on Thursday 21st December at 7:30 pm in the Woodbridge Community Hall, with

mince pies and mulled wine. The quiz will feature a mix of activities including wildlife and general knowledge questions. All are welcome to attend for a fun evening. Admission is £1.50 as usual.

Our first indoor meeting of 2007 will be on Thursday 18th January at 7:30 pm in the Woodbridge Community Hall when we have "Wildlife Films from the Archives" with Jim Cecil from the East Anglian Film Archive. Admission is as usual £1.50. Everyone is welcome.

Phil Smith 01473 625630

MARTLESHAM BRASS

The Christmas season is upon us and Martlesham Brass band has a full programme of events starting in Aldeburgh on 25th November. We will be out and about raising funds which will be shared between the band and charities nominated by band members.

All sections of the band will be playing throughout December at local festive events and supermarkets. We would like to say thank you for the support local people have given to our band throughout the last year. If you see us out and about with our big green buckets please give generously and know that your money will help not only help to ensure the continued success of our band but will also help other nominated charities.

Martlesham Brass Diary Dates:

*Saturday 2nd December - Martlesham Brass Intermediate Band Coffee and Carols Morning Concert at St Michael's Church Centre from 10 - 12 noon. FREE ENTRY. All welcome.

*Saturday 16th December - Martlesham Brass Christmas Concert at Kesgrave Community Centre Concert starts at 7 pm. All welcome. Tickets £2.50 (free entry to accompanied children aged 11 and under). Tickets available from band members or ring 01473 611578.

*Monday 18th December - St Michael and All Angels Annual Carols in the Square at Martlesham Heath will be accompanied by Martlesham Brass.

*Saturday 20th January -

Martlesham Brass Main Band are competing in the Butlins Mineworkers Open National Brass Band Festival in Skegness.

*Saturday 17th February - Beetle Drive.

If you would like to find out more about Martlesham Brass Band please visit our website at www.martleshambrass.co.uk Alison Eyley, Martlesham Brass Publicity Officer

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MARTLESHAM CANTILENA CHOIR

On Sunday 25th March at 3 pm in St Michael's Church Centre, the next "In Concert" will be featuring the Martlesham Cantilena Choir along with the soprano, Alexandra Conner, Lyn Rajah on classical guitar and Helen Patricia Burrows at the piano.

If you are interested in joining the choir or would like more information please contact Helen Patricia Burrows on 01473 625196.

SUFFOLK SINGERS CHRISTMAS CONCERT

For carols old and new look no further than Suffolk Singers Christmas Concert on Saturday 9th December, 7:30 pm at St Andrew's Church, Rushmere St Andrew. All your old favourites and an inspiring choice of new and contemporary carols. A full evening's entertainment featuring Lucy Clouting on flute, soprano soloist Bethany Burgoyne and a selection of festive readings.

Tickets are £7 (£5 concessions), with profits going towards supporting a youth worker for the parishes of Rushmere St Andrew, Kesgrave and Martlesham Heath and to the choir funds. Call 01473 625061 for tickets now! Visit our website - www.suffolksingers.org.uk

SUPER SINGING FOR NON-SINGERS, 2007

Why confine your singing to the shower?

Come and sing along with us in an informal, relaxed atmosphere. Help given to beginners who are

most welcome. You don't have to be able to read music.

First meeting in the Pavilion at **7:30 pm on Tuesday January 9th**. Please ring Richard Staines on 01473 610394 for further details.

MARTLESHAM CARPET BOWLS CLUB

During the past month we have been competing for the club ladies and gentlemens singles cups - the finalists now being Susan Golding vs. Judith Longman and Colin Jones vs. Vic Harrup. The finals day will be arranged at a later date. The names have now been drawn for the mixed doubles and these will be played off in the next few weeks. There has only been one league match during the month, this being against Gt. Blakenham when we were successful in winning 8:2.

Maureen Banthorpe

THE MOB

Apologies for the lack of reports for the past couple of months - a computer problem says it all.

Results have been going very well this year so far with the team in fourth place in the division with 11 points after 6 games. That is good when you consider that we haven't been able to put out the same team two weeks in a row so far. Cup competitions are our strong point so far with some great results including one very exciting match that eventually went to penalties, thanks to some excellent goalkeeping by Darren Thomas. We are next drawn against Tostock in the county competition.

A mention here is deserved by the hardy souls who have become our regular supporters. They will need to be even harder to see the winter through given the weather we expect.

Mobster

1ST MARTLESHAM SCOUT GROUP

As in previous years, the Scouts will be taking part in the Scout Post, which involves collecting and delivering Christmas Cards to addresses in the IP1 to IP5 areas, plus Martlesham Village. If you

would like to take advantage of this postal system, please post your cards, along with 12p per card, into one of the posting boxes which will be at Duncan's Butchers, Black Tiles Post Office Stores, BT and the Scout HQ from 25th November until 12th December. Delivery will take place on 17th December.

The Group will also be holding a Christmas Raffle, to be drawn on 17th December. If you have any queries about Scout related issues please contact Christina Bowskill on 01473 624516.

MARTLESHAM WEB PORTAL

I am pleased to report that the upgrade to the Martlesham web portal is now complete and the site is working smoothly. For operational reasons I did not automatically copy all registration details to the new site, so if you have not contributed to the forum discussion for some months you will need to re-register. This should only take a few minutes.

I would like to put on record my thanks to Rachel Pennick for her work over the past three years keeping the website calendar up to date each month. Rachel has decided it's time to hand the job over and I'm pleased to welcome Lin Morph to the role. She has made a great start! Please make sure that you send any diary dates which you want to add to the site to calendar@martlesham.org.uk

If there are any other groups or organisations in the area who would like their own web pages on the portal please don't hesitate to get in touch. There is no charge for community-based groups and you will have full control of the editorial content after a short training session. Get in touch with webmanager@martlesham.org.uk if you wish to find out more about how to get online in 2007. Also, we are always keen to hear from local companies who wish to be added to the business directory on the site. The contact details for this are business@martlesham.org.uk

Finally may I wish all our readers both here and online a very merry Christmas and a peaceful New Year.

Malcolm Bell, volunteer web manager for www.martlesham.org.uk

BLACK CAT IN SQUIRES LANE

We are concerned about a black cat that frequents the area of Squires Lane. We wondered if it is a stray or similar and maybe needs attention, as it has unfortunately been attacking our cats and others leading to several visits to the vets. It has also attacked people, a dog and even a car!

Do you know anything about this cat? We have been advised

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that the best answer is to ask the Cats Protection League what to do about this problem, as this has now been going on for far too long.

Burrows - 01473 625196

POPPY COLLECTION 2006

I would like to thank the faithful poppy collectors who never fail, year after year, to collect at Tesco's.

We were very grateful to welcome six new collectors who joined us, as two of our regular collectors were unable to be with us. One was on duty and the other was recovering from an accident. Both were very much missed, so we were delighted to have six new collectors, as so few people are now coming forward to help.

We were all very grateful to the generous way the customers shopping at Tesco Extra helped to fill the British Legion collecting boxes on Friday and Saturday November 9th and 10th this year. It made the long periods spent standing in the cold so very worthwhile.

Thanks also to other collectors who work so hard in our area to help add to the money collected for the British Legion Poppy Appeal.

Our thanks to the management of Tesco who allowed us, once again, to collect for two days on behalf of the Poppy Appeal.

Mrs Pat Harris (just one of the faithful)

AGE CONCERN SAYS...HELP US

TO SPREAD SOME CHRISTMAS CHEER

With Christmas approaching, Age Concern Suffolk is appealing for organisations and groups in the county, who are arranging a meal, tea or social event over the Christmas period, to contact them now.

“At this time of year we begin to get enquiries from senior citizens, or their friends or carers, who are looking for an alternative to spending Christmas at home alone” said Helen Taylor, Information Service Manager from Age Concern Suffolk. “Requests come from all over the county. We seek to put older people in touch with local churches or community groups who are running events such as Christmas or Boxing Day lunches or teas.”

“We would like to hear as soon as possible from any groups that are organising events,” added Miss Taylor, “as we may then have a choice of options to offer when senior citizens contact us. By working together to make these links, we hope to do something to alleviate the feelings of loneliness which may be more intense for some senior citizens during the Christmas period.”

Age Concern Suffolk can be contacted at their County Office, 8 Northgate Street, Ipswich, telephone 01473 257039 or 01473 288050.

WARMING NEWS FOR HOUSEHOLDS

Government funded grants of up to £2,700 (this goes up to £4,000 if oil fired heating is fitted) are available to homeowners and private tenants receiving certain income related or disability related benefits or credits, to provide heating and insulation measures to improve their homes.

Warm Front will organise and pay for all work up to the value of the grant. This scheme is funded by the government and managed by Eaga Group Ltd. All you have to do is call free on 0800 316 2814 (between 8 am and 6 pm Monday to Friday or 9 am and 5 pm on Saturdays) to find out if

you're eligible. If you're not eligible we offer a Benefit Entitlement Check to see if you're eligible for any benefits. You will be guided through the process by a trained advisor.

VILLAGE VIEWS

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

SAFER NEIGHBOURHOOD TEAM, KESGRAVE

Again - Jimmie Williams - MGM K12498 - June 24th, 1957

For the third month running, crime in the Kesgrave district Safer Neighbourhood Team is down by double digits. It's 21.5% down and that's no mean feat given that we now have to live up to previous months figures showing reductions of 39% and 31%. The challenge is to keep the trend going.

Now that we have darkness by 4:30(ish), we run the risk of a different kind of crime catching us out. Theft from cars tends to rise as we get closer to Christmas simply because people leave more items in the cars as they go about their shopping - anything left on display is a target. Anything left underneath anything else is a target. The only place to keep anything with any degree of safety is in the boot - out of sight and secure. Leave a mobile phone on display and risk the chance of it being stolen and the vehicle being damaged in the process.

And ** don't leave anything in your car overnight - anywhere.

As for personal safety, we would suggest you use well-lit, well-populated pavements if you are walking - sticking to main routes if walking or cycling. Keep your mobile phone in credit so you can use it if needs be (though I think all mobiles allow 999 calls, credit or not). Keep a small torch with you. Keep a personal attack alarm in your pocket. (We sell the alarms if you want one).

Above all, remember that you are living in a very safe part of Suffolk - and in an area of crime reducing in big chunks - so be safe

and feel safe [because you can] - but be wise and be aware of your surroundings.

Mick Richardson, Ps 535, Kesgrave Safer Neighbourhood Team
mick.richardson@suffolk.pnn.police.uk - 01473 334980

ROTARY CLUB OF WOODBRIDGE CHRISTMAS EVENTS

Reg. Charity No. 276111

The Rotary Club of Woodbridge has helped organise events for 60 years and at the same time raised money for good causes both local and international helping people less fortunate than us.

Why not join in our celebrations and have some fun plus benefit others?

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Father Christmas

Father Christmas will travel from Shire Hall on Saturday 18th November at 10 am going down New Street and Cumberland Street to his Grotto at Notcutts, arriving 11 am.

The procession will include a street collection.

Father Christmas will be resident at Notcutts on six weekends before Christmas - see below for details!

Visit Father Christmas in his Notcutts Grotto

Saturdays & Sundays: 11 am - 1:30 pm & 2 - 4:30 pm

18th & 19th, 25th & 26th November, 2nd & 3rd, 9th & 10th, 16th & 17th December, Saturday 23rd December, Sunday 24th December (11 am - 1:30 pm only)

All donations will go to the East Anglian Children's Hospice (EACH) Ipswich.

Woodbridge Christmas Town Fayre

Sunday 3rd December, 10 am-3 pm in The Thoroughfare.

Try your luck at the Rotary Bottle Stall and benefit the Cystic Fibrosis Society.

Tea with Father Christmas

Wednesday 6th and Thursday 14th December, afternoons.

Tickets from Notcutts Garden Centre.

Giant Christmas Trees

Need a Christmas Tree for your School, Village Hall, business, shop or home?

We have lots donated to us to sell to help our charities. Contact John Pearson on 01384 380466.

Sizes 15' to 20' (larger if needed) for a £90 donation and delivery within 10 miles of Woodbridge for just £10.

Father Christmas' Sleigh

Father Christmas will be visiting Woodbridge, Melton, Martlesham, Martlesham Heath and Kesgrave in November and December.

Collectors will be visiting door-to-door raising money for many good causes.

Woodbridge Rotary Club is supporting Woodbridge Round Table's Christmas Sleigh Round on one of those nights visiting Seckford Hall Road, Fynn Road (and roads off), Crane Close, Oxford Road (and roads off), Magdalen Drive and Old Barrack Road (as far as Warren Hill junction).

The evening's collection will be donated to local charities

Rotary's Market Hill Christmas Tree Presentation & Carol Service (with visit from Father Christmas!)
Thursday 21st December, 6:30 pm

This has become one of the highlights of the Woodbridge Calendar and is a great occasion of fun and celebration for young and old.

Each year Father Christmas arrives in a different way – be the first to spot him and his helpers then join the crowds to receive a special gift from him.

Festive Lanterns available from the Violin Shop.

Money collected will aid East Anglian Children's Hospice and local charities.

Advance Notice:

The Annual Notcutt Lecture, 22nd March 2007 (evening)

"A-roamin' around the Rockies" - Woodbridge Community Hall

Tickets from David Houchell at "The Building Design Centre".

WOODBRIDGE & DISTRICT LIONS CLUB

Completing our accounts recently for the year to 30th June 2006 it was remarkable to look back at the

range of activities that we have supported. They range from assisting with holidays for children and the elderly; education projects in Africa and an orphanage in Sri Lanka; community responders and the Suffolk Air Ambulance; improved facilities at a kidney dialysis unit and the Tall Ships adventure training project.

We can only assist in these cases by fundraising and extend our thanks to all who have supported us over the year. Thanks too to the Woodbridge Horse Show Society for their generous recognition of the help we contributed at their Horse Show. As we concentrate our fundraising efforts on the Christmas Parcels project, this is a welcome contribution.

Figures tell only part of the story of what we do: the Christmas Parcels project reaches many people who may otherwise feel forgotten; with other volunteers, we provide drivers to a transport rota for the Gateway social clubs – and help at a swimming gala for them. Some activities cost little, are simple in concept, but could make a profound difference to someone's life. Watch for more details of the Emergency Door Hanger and "Message in a Bottle" projects which are being promoted nationally through the network of Lions' Clubs.

Never overlooking the importance of the social side of the Club, we were recently entertained by Charlie Haylock, with an evening of anecdotes, Suffolk tales and insight into the richness of Suffolk and other dialects. As we enter one the busiest periods of our calendar we look forward to retaining that balance, contributing to the community and enjoying what we do.

Peter See

WOODBRIDGE PROBUS CLUB

The club met for lunch at Waldringfield Heath Golf Club on 6th November and heard an interesting and amusing account by Keith Andrew of Postwatch and its monitoring of postal services. Members were left wondering about the millions of items which go

astray as well as the much greater number which arrive safely. Prolonged comments and questions followed this most successful talk.

Retired or semi-retired men over fifty interested in membership should contact Dick Bason (01473 720995) or Ron Fisher (01473 631347).

FELIXSTOWE CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAU

Just to remind everyone that Felixstowe & District Citizens Advice Bureau holds an advice session in the Martlesham Parish Room on the first Thursday in every month.

Advice can be given on debt, family and personal issues, benefits, tax, education, consumer issues, employment, health, housing, immigration, legal matters, etc.

Our adviser can assist with the completion of benefit forms and other complex paperwork. No

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appointment is necessary.

I would also like to promote our Christmas Concert Spectacular on Saturday 16th December at 7:30 pm. This will feature music from the Ipswich Hospital Band and The Glenmoriston Pipe Band who will be setting the mood for the festive season. All the proceeds will go to help the Bureau continue to provide its much needed service. Tickets are £8 and can be obtained from the Spa Pavilion Box Office.

Further information from Barbara Rose, Bureau Manager - 01394 275958

VILLAGE VIEWS

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

WELL-BEHAVED TRICK OR TREATERS

After listening to the local news on the television about groups of young people causing trouble on Halloween, I would like to say that all the Trick or Treaters who called at our door in Martlesham Heath were very well behaved and extremely good mannered. I, for one, cannot wait until next year.

Nicole Harris

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

David and Dianne Carruthers from Saddlers Place send their best wishes for Christmas and the New Year to all friends and neighbours in the local area. Instead of sending cards this year we have made a donation to E.A.C.H. (the local children's hospice).

Elaine and Mike Everitt wish all friends and neighbours a happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year. As in past years, we shall give a donation to St Elizabeth's Hospice instead of sending local cards.

Kevin and Cathy Moore would like to wish all our friends in Martlesham a very peaceful Christmas. An 'unwrapped' gift will be sent in thanks for friendships instead of cards.

EDITORIAL

I would like to wish all our readers, contributors and advertisers a very happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year.

CHRISTMAS ART & DESIGN

FAIR

Come along to this year's artisanat 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, floral art, jewellery, 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 8th through to Sunday December 10th, from 9:30 to 5 pm daily. Coffee and mince pies! Parking and toilet facilities. For further details please contact Samantha Olink on 01394 388336.

MARTLESHAM CHRISTIAN

FELLOWSHIP

Black Tiles Lane

www.m-c-f.org

Are you looking for something more than chocolates behind the windows of an Advent Calendar; or perhaps something less than the excesses of the consumer-driven fest that Christmas has become?

You could discover a whole new perspective on life by finding out just why Christians make so much fuss about a baby born 2000 years ago.

We invite you to join us this month at any of our services or events.

SUNDAY SERVICES: 10 am

(with **Sunspot/Respect** for young people, followed by refreshments) featuring:

***3rd December** - "Prophecy about the coming of Jesus"

***10th December** - "Light in the Darkness"

***17th December** - "CAROL SERVICE"

***24th December** - (CHRISTMAS EVE) Family service with Communion

***Communion Services - 11:45 am (3rd, 17th)**

Special events

AFTERNOON TEA AND SEASONAL SERVICE

for our older friends and neighbours.

Sunday 10th - 5 pm

Transport available.

If you would like an invitation, please ring one of the numbers below.

CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE AT 10 AM

Weekday activities

TUESDAY CIRCLE

December 12th at 1 pm

Christmas Lunch

HOUSEGROUPS - Tuesday and Wednesday evenings for prayer, bible study and fellowship

TODDLER GROUP

Thursdays, 10 am

FRIENDS ON FRIDAY

Drop in any time between 10 am-12 noon for coffee and chat (and

games).

Christmas Choir

If you would like to get involved with some of our events, including an evening at The Ramsholt Arms, ring Julia.

John Mellen on 01473 624401

Julia Faulkner on 01473 625482

The HUB Cafe

at Martlesham Christian Fellowship Centre

A social venue for 16+, 20s, 30s

Thursday Nites

8-10 pm

Good coffee, great events

Arrive early at 7 pm for

The Sanctuary

Discussion, music, prayer

Further information from Hannah and Grant Abbitt on 01473 620513

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HOLY FAMILY & ST MICHAEL

Holy Family & Saint Michael on the main A1214 is the Catholic Chapel serving Martlesham and Kesgrave. It is part of the parish of Saint Mary in Ipswich.

During December we prepare for Christmas by observing the season of Advent. A feature this year is encouraging the use of short bible readings each day, which come from those used at community prayers in Taize. Other events will include Christmas lunch for senior parishioners, carol services and special services for children. We are also being encouraged to send Christmas cards to our twin parish in Battambang, Cambodia.

We wish you all a joyful and peaceful Christmas

If you would like to be kept informed of services and activities ask to receive a regular copy of the weekly parish newsletter and monthly parish magazine by telephoning the Presbytery on 01473 728115.

Regular 'Sunday' Masses at the Holy Family are celebrated at 6 pm on Saturdays and 9:15 am on Sundays. Weekday masses are normally on Wednesdays and

Fridays at 10 am. Special arrangements will apply over Christmas.

BRIGHTWELL CHURCH

Thank you to all who supported our Craft and Coffee Morning on the 18th November. A successful and enjoyable morning was had by all. As we look forward to Christmas we hope you will be able to join us at one or all of our events over the Festive Season.

Firstly the Nativity Play will be held at the Church Hall on Saturday 16th December at 11 am followed by coffee and biscuits after the performance. Building on last year's initial success we look for greater things from our now more experienced cast. We follow this by our Traditional Service of nine lessons and carols on Christmas Eve at 6:30 pm followed by mulled wine and mince pies in the pews. On Christmas Day we have a Service of Holy Communion at 8 am. As a close to the year the quarterly Family Service will be held in the Church Hall at 3:30 pm on Sunday 31st December followed by afternoon tea.

As we come to the end of another year it seems fitting to offer our thanks to Revd Ian Naylor and all of the Ministry Team for their continuing pastoral care and the hard work that they put into our Services week by week.

Our small social committee has already made an outline plan for 2007 so watch this space!
Geoff Lambert, PCC Secretary

BRIGHT STARS

Our only service this month is on **Monday 11th December** at 10:30 am in St Michael's Church Centre, when we will be celebrating Christmas.

We would like to wish all our 'Bright Stars' a very Happy Christmas, and we hope to see you all when we start our services again on 8th January 2007!

We welcome all pre-school children and babies and their carers to our fun, child-friendly 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 Liz on 01473 625617 or Pauline on 01473 625061.

TABLE TOP SALE AT ST MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS CHURCH

On 9th December in St Michael and All Angels Church centre there is a Table Top Sale from 10 am to 12 noon.

See what you could pick up for Christmas! Raffle and refreshments available.

MARTLESHAM & BRIGHTWELL BENEFACTORS SPECIAL SERVICES IN DECEMBER

Sunday December 3rd

***6:30 pm: St Michaels - Advent carols**

Saturday December 16th

***11 am: Church Hall, Brightwell - Nativity Play**

Sunday December 17th

***9:45 am: St Michaels - Nativity Play**

Monday December 19th

***7 pm: Carols in The Square with Martlesham Brass**

Tuesday December 20th

***7 pm: St Mary's Carol Service**

Sunday December 24th

***3:30 pm: St Michaels - Christingle Service**

***6:30 pm: St John's, Brightwell - Carol Service**

***11:30 pm: St. Marys, Holy Communion**

***11:30 pm: St. Michaels - Holy Communion**

Monday December 25th

***8 am: St Johns, Brightwell - Holy Communion**

***9:45 am: St Michaels - Family Service**

***11 am: St Marys - Holy Communion**

Sunday December 31st

***11:30 am: United Parish Service St Michaels - Holy Communion followed by Pot Luck Lunch**

***3:30 pm: Church Hall, Brightwell, Family service followed by Tea Party with Seasonal refreshments**

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PARISH NEWS

A new service for St Mary's Church

As from 10th December St Mary's Church Martlesham (that is the church by Martlesham Creek) will be holding a service for all the family every second Sunday in the month at 11 am. This All Age worship service will be designed, as the name suggests, for all ages.

This will replace a Matins service that was held at this time each month. While St Mary's Church is still committed to Book of Common Prayer services, it was felt by the PCC that it was time to introduce this new service. Our hope is to reach out to families who want to come to St Mary's, as a traditional Church of England church. In fact there has been a church there for 1000 years.

If you would like to know more, please contact Revd. Ian Naylor 01473 622424. Please come along - it would be great to see you.

Revd. Ian Naylor



THE CHURCH IN MARTLESHAM & BRIGHTWELL

PARISH MINISTER: The Revd. Ian Naylor, 17 Lark Rise, Martlesham Heath, IP5 3SA,
Tel: 01473 622424 and e-mail address: inaylor17@aol.com

CLERGY: The Revd. Elizabeth Corker, 12 Fairfield Avenue, Felixstowe, Tel: 01394 210793
The Revd. Heather Cooke, 9 Swan Close, Martlesham Heath, Tel: 623770

READERS: Carolyn Smith, 74 Heathfield, Martlesham Heath, Tel: 01473 625630
Lewis Currie, 18 Parkers Place, Martlesham Heath, Tel: 01473 625320

ELDERS: Margaret Rollins, 9 Angela Close, Tel: 01473 623868; Monica Twaitts, 39 Angela Close,
Tel: 01473 623194

Services for the Month	Brightwell St. John's	Martlesham St. Mary's	Martlesham Heath St. Michael's
Sunday 3rd December Advent 1	8am Holy Communion	11am Holy Communion BCP	9:45am All Age Worship 6:30pm Christmas Celebration
Sunday 10th December Advent 2	6:30pm Evensong	8am Holy Communion 11am Matins	9:45am Family Holy Communion & Junior Church
Sunday 17th December Advent 3	8am Holy Communion	11am Family Holy Communion & Baptism	9:45am Nativity Play 6:30pm Informal Worship
Tuesday 19th December		7pm Carol Service	
Sunday 24th December Advent 4	6:30pm Carol Service	8am Holy Communion 11am Matins 11:30pm Holy Communion BCP	3:30pm Christingle 11:30pm Holy Communion followed by refreshments
Monday 25th December	8am Holy Communion	11am Family Holy	9:45am Worship
Sunday 31st December	3:30pm Service in Church Hall followed by a Tea party	No service	11:30am United Parish Service of Holy Communion followed by Pot Luck Lunch
Sunday 7th January Baptism of Jesus	8am Holy Communion	11am Holy Communion BCP	9:45am All Age Worship 6:30pm Informal Worship

MIDWEEK SERVICES: Holy Communion each Wednesday at 10am in St Michael's. Bright Stars will meet on Monday 11th December at 10:30am in St Michael's and will resume on Monday 8th January 2007. A warm welcome awaits you at all the above services.

PRAYER DIARY FOR DECEMBER

Please pray daily for the world, the church, the parishes and:

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| 7 for countries experiencing famine | 21 for those who will spend Christmas in hospital |
| 8 for pre-school children and their leaders | 22 for peace in the Holy Land |
| 9 for a happy and successful Table Top Sale | 23 for Brightwell's Carol Service tomorrow |
| 10 that we may prepare for the coming of Jesus | 24 as families gather, may they support one another |
| 11 for students returning home | 25 give thanks for the wonder of Jesus' birth |
| 12 for our postal service workers | 26 St Stephen: for all persecuted for their faith |
| 13 for those feeling anxious about Christmas | 27 St John: give thanks for his Gospel |
| 14 for the families of our armed forces | 28 Holy Innocents: for all bereaved families |
| 15 for teachers and pupils in our local schools | 29 for those who feel alone at this time |
| 16 for those who will be homeless at Christmas | 30 give thanks for the fun of this season |
| 17 that we may work for justice in our world | 31 New Year's Eve: give thanks for the blessings of the past |
| 18 for Carols in the Square | year; JAN 1 ask for God's blessing for 2007; 2 for those facing new |
| 19 for the Carol Service at St Mary's | beginnings this year; 3 for our Surgery and Dental practice; 4 for our |
| 19 for those unable to get to church today | fellow Christians in Kagera in Tanzania; 5 for our Parish Council; |
| 20 for those who work in our shops | 6 Epiphany: give thanks that Jesus was born for the whole world; |
| | 7 give thanks for Jesus, revealed at his baptism as God's Son |