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If you, or someone you know, might benefit by receiving a copy please contact John Tyler on 01473 612736.

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**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](mailto: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](mailto:Andy.Oxborrow@suffolk.sja.org.uk)), or see our web pages on [www.martlesham.org.uk](http://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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## **THE MARTLESHAM MONTHLY**

As we have mentioned in previous issues of the Monthly, a large number of volunteers are involved in the preparation, assembly and distribution of a publication which is rightly considered to be one of the best in Suffolk. It is worth remembering that the entire publication is dependent on the efforts of David and Jo Goldsmith who print all of the pages for 2850 copies of the magazine. The Editorial Committee would like to place on record their deep appreciation of this magnificent contribution.

## **MARTLESHAM PARISH COUNCIL**

HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL  
PARISHIONERS

### **Annual Report 2005-2006**

This is enclosed as a separate sheet for your information. A draft report was issued at the Annual Parish meeting in April 2006 but our external audit is now complete. Please contact the Clerk if you wish to inspect the accounts. Your councillors as of December 2006 are listed.

### **Review of sponsored bus service**

Service 164, operated through the parish by Gemini Travel & Goldline Minicoaches, from Ipswich – Aldeburgh on Sundays, is due to be re-tendered. Suffolk County Council would welcome any views on this service in writing to Suffolk County Council Passenger Transport, Endeavour House, 8 Russell Road, Ipswich IP1 2BX, or by e-mail to [review.feedback@et.suffolkcc.gov.uk](mailto:review.feedback@et.suffolkcc.gov.uk), by **10th January 2007**.

### **Forthcoming Meetings**

- \*Parish Council - Wednesdays 3rd January and 7th February
- \*Recreation & Amenities committee - Wednesday 10th January
- \*Development Plans committee – Wednesday 17th January
- \*Finance & General Purposes committee - Wednesday 24th January

All meetings start at 7:30 pm in the Parish Room, Felixstowe Road

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](mailto:clerk@martleshamcouncil.org.uk)

### **A 'TWIN BINS' THANK YOU**

A big thank you comes from Councillor Andrew Nunn, Cabinet Member of Suffolk Coastal District Council for Environment Natural & Built, to all residents served by the Twin Bin refuse collection service.

The service, which began in June, now has over 9000 households contributing to a very successful and well-received service.

Due to the efforts of all residents using the Twin Bins together with their Brown Bin for composting, an average of 54% of waste collected from these households is now being diverted away from Landfill.

This has exceeded all of our expectations, so once again, thank you, and please keep up the good work.

For any further advice and guidance please ring our Customer hotline on 01394 444050.

### **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](mailto: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 IN BLOOM**

#### **Forthcoming events**

We are holding two events jointly

with Martlesham Community Council:-

### **Jumble, Plant & Book Sale 10 am to 12 noon Saturday 17th February in The Pavilion, Martlesham Heath**

If you have any jumble/bric-a-brac please contact Jackie Bear on 01473 623007

### **Family Barn Dance with Melton Folk 7 pm ~ 10:30 pm Saturday 3rd March in St Michael's Church Centre, Martlesham Heath Tickets £8 adults & £6 children 16 or under including buffet**

Tickets from Burrows (01473 625196) or Jackie Bear (01473 623007)

We wish everyone a Happy New Year and good gardening seasons!

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**

#### **EVENTS FOR 2007**

Martlesham Community Council are holding the following fundraising events:

\*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 - details later

\*Gilbert & Sullivan on 28th April in Martlesham Community Hall

\*Craft Fair on 24th November in St Michael's Church Hall - details later

Any jumble or bric-a-brac is still required. Please contact Jackie Bear on 01473 623007.

Jackie Bear, Secretary MCC

### **MARTLESHAM CONSULTANTS LIMITED**

We wish everybody a Happy New Year and would like to remind folks that the Martlesham Consultants AGM is on Thursday 8th February in the Church Centre at 8 pm.

Contact us on voicemail – 01473 612207

E-mail – [mcl@martlesham.org.uk](mailto:mcl@martlesham.org.uk)

By letter – C/O 6, The Square, Martlesham Heath, Ipswich, IP5 3SL

### **MARTLESHAM & DISTRICT FLOWER CLUB**

Our open meeting was a great success with over 60 members and visitors enjoying a lovely lunch prepared by committee members. Ann Berg thanked everyone involved and in particular Mrs Dorothy Willett who made the delicious apple pies.

Our demonstrator was Mrs Wendy Munnion whose arrangements depicted six Christmas cards. She started with a 'traditional' card using a wrought iron frame with a hanging lantern and talked of the origins of carol singing. A modern arrangement using a silvered candle stick and cup and silver, mauve, pink, white and cerise plant material was her second design, followed by a religious card in which she created the nativity scene and talked of the customs of the crib. A children's card was next with a fabric stocking filled with toys as her base and she told us of Santa Claus and Rudolph. A continental card including gold and silver baubles, apples, gilded seed heads and ribbon became her fifth design and finally she produced a family card depicting a 'fireside glow' while telling us some Christmas customs of other countries.

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.

The next meeting is on 17th January when Alan Smith will be giving us 'Pot Luck'. The competition will be an arrangement in a kitchen container. ALL ARE VERY

WELCOME.

Barbara Bown – 01394 383033

### **MESSAGE FROM EASTERN AREA POLICE COMMANDER**

The recent and ongoing events within Ipswich and the surrounding area have been a shock, I am sure, to all our communities in Suffolk and a stark reminder that, whilst we live in one of the safest counties in the country, we are not immune on occasions to the most serious of crimes.

Murders such as these are, fortunately, very rare and I can assure you that Suffolk Constabulary and all its staff are doing everything within our power to protect the public and to catch the person, or persons, responsible.

Increased high-visibility patrols are being carried out within Ipswich, and in Suffolk Coastal we will be providing additional patrols to provide reassurance to those who live, work or visit the area.

With regard to personal safety, we are at this time advising women to take additional safety precautions when going out at night, particularly to avoid being on their own if at all possible. Whilst this applies particularly to Ipswich and the red-light district it is at this extraordinary time good advice for anyone living in Suffolk Coastal.

On a separate but related note I would like to take the opportunity to remind you of a new service being offered by Suffolk Constabulary. Police Direct is free and allows the Police to communicate directly with the public via text, e-mail or voice messaging, in order to give immediate information. Whilst this service may be of some use during this difficult time, being signed up will have longer-term benefits in keeping you updated on what is happening in your area in relation to crime. You can join Police Direct by:

- Visiting [www.suffolk.police.uk](http://www.suffolk.police.uk) and following the links for Police Direct (for messages in any

88588 (for text service only).

- Contact Police Direct on 01473 613997.

If you have any further information regarding these events please call Suffolk Police on 0800 096 1011 or Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111, thank you.

Martin Jelley  
Eastern Area Commander  
Suffolk Constabulary

### **MARTLESHAM W.I.**

It was lovely to have a number of visitors to our recent social evening - some new faces and some familiar friends too. Our President Anne Bennett welcomed us all and then asked Audrey Burnell to present three certificates. Audrey is a long standing member of our group and it was therefore fitting for her to be able to give these framed certificates to Betty Darke, Joan Locke and Sylvia Harris in appreciation of their outstanding and loyal long-service on the Committee. We are all aware of the commitment they have given over the years and hope they will enjoy many more happy times with us without having to worry about chores!

We were then introduced to Helen Burrows and her Cantilena choir. The choir gave us a rendition of songs depicting the seasons throughout the year starting with spring through to winter. The music was interspersed with light-hearted poetry. After a delicious buffet supper brought along by everyone the choir led us through some traditional carol singing when we all enjoyed exercising our voices and getting into the spirit of Christmas. Everyone agreed it was a really happy evening.

We are a small group but very friendly and always pleased to welcome new members and visitors. Our next meeting is 19th January in the Richards Room at Martlesham when we shall have a talk entitled 'After the Great Fire of London of 1666'. Do come and join us.

Contact can be made to Audrey Burnell on 01394 386738.

### **MARTLESHAM MOTHERS' UNION**

During 2007 the Mothers' Union

would like to 'make a difference'. Let me tell you how a group of members in the Coventry Diocese are making a difference.

The 'Granny Wagon' is an outreach to local young people. Every Friday at 8 pm Mothers' Union members take out refreshments - tea, hot chocolate and biscuits, to the local recreation ground where youngsters gather.

After 18 months the 'Granny Wagon' is going strong and reaches over 50 youngsters each night. The young people have come to trust, confide in and rely on these volunteers who provide support, advice and kindness.

Comments include...'Why do you want to help us?' and 'Please pray for me, I am going into the army', and 'My father kicked me out - what shall I do?'

Would YOU like to make a difference in your local community, not necessarily on a 'Granny Wagon' but in some other way?

Come to St Michael's Church Centre the first Wednesday of each month at 2:30 pm and be sure of a welcome or phone Elizabeth 01394 210793.

### **CALLING ALL MUMS...**

The Mums Club meets for its first meeting of 2007 on Tuesday 9th January at St Michael's Church Centre, Martlesham Heath from 12:45 to 2:30 pm. A sandwich lunch will be served at 1 pm followed by a talk from members of the Mick Blackwell School of Martial Arts on 'Self Defence and Personal Safety' - a very important subject, we are sure you will agree.

All mums with toddlers and babies will be most welcome.

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

### **MARTLESHAM HEATH BABY & TODDLER GROUP**

A very Happy New Year to all our members and children! We hope that everyone had a great Christmas and that all the children who came to our Christmas Party on 15th December had a good time. Congratulations and many thanks go to Scarlett Butcher who raised a fantastic

£65 for our sponsored toddle last year and who received her prize for most sponsorship raised at our Christmas Party.

In addition to the companies listed in last month's edition, we would like to thank the following businesses for their kind donations to our Christmas raffle: Notcutts Garden Centre, Crown Pools, Sainsburys Supermarket, Deben Pool, Riverside Theatre and Global Trading. Many thanks also to Duncan's Bakery & Butchers on the Square, who kindly donated lots of delicious mince pies which were very much appreciated by everyone at the party.

With the start of the new school term, our play sessions resume again.

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 term-time. Please note that our play sessions are unsupervised and the children do remain in the full care of the accompanying adult at all times.

If you would like any further information, please call Dawn on 01473 610188.

### **MARTLESHAM PLAYSCHOOL**

#### **The Control Tower**

We hope you all had a lovely Christmas and wish everyone a Happy New Year. We look forward to welcoming the children joining us this term and hope they settle in and enjoy their time with us at playschool.

The children all performed in the Christmas concert on the 12th December and done a marvellous job with a little help from the staff! It was very much enjoyed by everyone who attended. The children will have also had their Christmas parties on the 19th December which I'm sure will have been fun for all those involved.

If you would like to purchase anything from our buysite the address is **[www.buy.at/mplayschool](http://www.buy.at/mplayschool)**

If you are interested in sending your child to the playschool

please contact Nikki Smith on 07857 309365 or visit

**[www.controltower.org.uk](http://www.controltower.org.uk)**

Kate Burrell - Secretary

### **THREE BEARS PLAYGROUP**

It is lovely to welcome back all of the children after the Christmas break and we hope that everyone got the presents they wished for! In addition, we would like to extend a warm welcome to the new children and their families who have joined our Playgroup.

Our topic this half term is 'All About Me'. During 'Faces' week the children will be able to develop their awareness of symmetry, investigate each other's facial features and describe them, create faces from clay and talk about a range of facial expressions, relating them to emotions. During 'Hands' week the children will be able to find out why adults shake hands, investigate their thumb prints, develop their awareness of hygiene by talking about when and why we need to wash our hands and sequencing hand sizes. During 'Looking' week children will play aiming games, write eye charts and visit the role play opticians. During 'Listening' week children will be able to record and listen to their own voices, go on a sound detecting walk and play Chinese whispers.

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](mailto:threebearsplaygroup@hotmail.co.uk)** or contact me on 07842 193727 (mobile).

Elizabeth Leonard, Administrator

### **ST MICHAEL'S PRE-SCHOOL**

#### **Martlesham Heath**

**[www.stmichaelspreschool.org.uk](http://www.stmichaelspreschool.org.uk)**

**Happy New Year** to everyone - we hope you all had a wonderful Christmas. A big welcome to all the new children who have joined us this term - we hope you enjoy your time at St Michael's Pre-School. This half terms' theme is 'shapes'. We will be making wheels out of different materials and making

some delicious triangle toast and sandwiches for our friends.

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We mustn't forget Valentine's in February when the children will be using lots of heart shaped objects to make different things. The children will be looking forward to hearing about the Chinese New Year when we will be learning all about Chinese celebrations.

We hope to start our Friday afternoon Rising 5's session at the beginning of the year. This session is designated to all our children who will be joining Birchwood Primary School in the 2007/2008 school year, either part or full time. After the half term we hope to hold this session at Birchwood School. If you feel your child would benefit from this session, you are more than welcome to call our Bookings Clerk to discuss. If you would like to become involved in the running of the pre-school via our committee then why not come along to one of our monthly meetings and find out more. Details of monthly meetings are available from the pre-school. If you would like general information about the pre-school why not visit our website at **[www.stmichaelspreschool.org.uk](http://www.stmichaelspreschool.org.uk)** or if you are interested in a place at St Michael's Pre-School and would like to come and visit us, please contact Sarah Tait on 01473 614174.

### **GORSELAND SCHOOL P.F.A.**

We had a tremendously successful Autumn Term of fundraising and would like to thank all of the parents, children and staff for their support. We hope that you have enjoyed the events that we have held. It was fantastic to see so many people at the Christmas Fayre and, although it was a bit of a squash at times, it was well worth it! Our fundraising has enabled us to buy a substantial amount of equipment to benefit children across all year groups from the Nursery to Year 6.

We are planning various events, including some new ideas, for the Spring and Summer Terms which we hope you will continue to enjoy and support. Amongst these

will be a second-hand book sale which will take place after school in February; a Race Night in March as well as a children's art exhibition.

Wishing you and your families a happy and prosperous 2007.

Elizabeth Leonard

### **MATLESHAM BEACON HILL PRIMARY SCHOOL**

At the end of last term the children held some fundraising events. They raised £100 for Children In Need and their Christmas Disco raised £240 for school funds. They are now looking forward to the new term, which starts on 4th January 2007. If you would like your child to join our school, please come along and see us. To make an appointment, please telephone Alan Murray, Head teacher, on 01473 624409. We look forward to seeing you. All the children, staff and parents at Martlesham Beacon Hill School wish you a very happy and healthy New Year. Martlesham Beacon Hill Parents Association

### **HEATH PRIMARY SCHOOL PFA Bell Lane, Kesgrave**

A huge **THANK YOU** to everyone who supported our Christmas Fayre. We raised in excess of £1600. Fantastic. Thank you to the people who helped set up, man stalls and cleared away. It wouldn't have happened without you. Thank you to Barry Sharman Caravans for sponsoring the grand draw and to all the companies who provided draw prizes. Your support is very much appreciated.

We were delighted to be presented with a cheque for £500 from Hamilton Smith Estate Agents in Beech Road. For every house that is sold by them in our catchment area they have promised to donate £100 to the school. This money will be put towards ongoing projects in the school. Thank you very much!

All the children had an opportunity to make Christmas presents in the craft room during the run up to Christmas, something that I'm sure they all enjoyed. Thank you to the parents who helped run the sessions and wrap the presents.

The Christmas performances were again up to a very high standard. The children and teachers put in a lot of hard work rehearsing and perfecting each performance.

Well done to everyone involved.

Year 6 pupils have had their poems published in a booklet. These are being sold to raise money for the children we sponsor in Africa. The pupils would like to thank the person who gave a generous donation to the fund at the Christmas Fayre.

Look out for details of our fundraising activities that will be starting again in the New Year. Any help anyone can provide by the way of sponsoring events or providing draw prizes would be greatly appreciated.

Nikki Snell - 01473 623872

### **NEW SIXTH FORM FACILITIES AT KESGRAVE HIGH SCHOOL**

Many readers of the local community magazines are probably unaware that places for Sixth Form pupils at Kesgrave are at a premium. The expansion of the 11 to 16 school, there are now 280 in each year group, will inevitably mean that there will be increased demand for places, exceeding the number of spaces available. This would have the effect of reducing post-16 opportunities in the locality.

Over the last eight months the school has been in consultation with the LSC (Learning & Skills Council). The school's objective has been to secure funding for a further building programme to ensure post-16 access to school-based education could be maintained for an increased number of pupils in the school's catchment area.

We have now received the exciting news that a grant directly from the Learning Skills Council to the school is to be made in the new financial year. This is believed to be the first grant the Council has made specifically to a school. The Local Authority has been very supportive of our plans and is currently working with the school in the design and building of the new facility. Subject to consultations, and the due planning process, it is

hoped to begin initial work on the site in April next year.

Further information about the project will be shared with the local community and the parent body through the community magazines and the school's HIGHLIGHTS publication.

NB Extra car parking will be provided as part of the scheme.

Brian Hawkins, Deputy Headteacher

### **MARTLESHAM WIVES GROUP**

Next meeting:

Monday 15th January, 7:45 pm

**Delightful Deli!**

Talk (with samples) by Sarah-Jane of "Drizzle", Specialist Food Shop, St Nicholas Street. Selected items may also be purchased.

Venue: Jenny's, 43 Westland  
01473 626253

For further information phone Elaine (01473 622269) or Maureen (01473 622670).

### **MARTLESHAM HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

Our final meeting of 2006 was held in The Pavilion on Monday December 18th when our speaker, Mr Roy Tricker, gave a talk with slides entitled "Notable Churches of East Suffolk". Included among these were some of the most majestic internal and external architecture in England. Did you know that there are more churches with round bell towers in Norfolk, Suffolk and Essex than in all the rest of England? You would have done if you had heard this amazing speaker!!

It has been necessary to change the date of our first meeting of 2007. It will now be held on Thursday February 15th when Mr Gwyn Thomas of the Suffolk Records Office, Bury St Edmunds will speak on "The Suffolk Regt. in the Reign of Queen Victoria".

The meeting will still take place at 8 pm in The Pavilion and all are welcome at an admission fee of £1.50.

John Tyler - 01473 612736

### **MARTLESHAM HEATH AVIATION SOCIETY**

Our monthly meeting on December 1st featured one of our own

members. Mr Harry Watson joined the RAF in 1952 and retired as a Flight Lieutenant in 1977 after an eventful career.

Harry was a navigator and his illustrated talk was mainly about his time in Borneo and Malaya flying the Scottish Aviation Twin Pioneer. A video of the Twin Pioneer was shown and this was followed by a slide show of images taken by Harry Watson at the time.

The Twin Pioneer was an interesting aeroplane which was designed for both civil and military use. It had an extremely short take off and landing capability making it particularly useful on the type of temporary, short runways encountered in wartime conditions. It had a crew of two, consisting of pilot and navigator and could carry up to 13 troops. It was powered by two Alvis Leonides radial engines.

Harry's time in Borneo and Malaya was during the communist bid for supremacy in that region and the stories of his experiences under battle conditions were most interesting.

A vote of thanks was given by Alan Smith.

Our next meeting will be on Friday 5th January and the talk will be given by Alan Smith. His illustrated talk is entitled, 'The Development of the Air Sea Rescue Service in World War 2', tracing the development from the earliest days to the end of World War 2, with special reference to the part played by RAF Martlesham Heath. Some fascinating stories will be told on the way!

Meetings start at 7:30 pm and non-members are welcome for a payment of just £2 at the door.

Alan Powell 01473 622458

### **PORTAL WOODLANDS CONSERVATION GROUP**

The next PWCG work morning is Saturday 20th January. Come and meet us at the Wildlife Pond, at 10 am. Work mornings last for two hours. All volunteers are very welcome and all equipment is supplied. There are one or two thank yous – thank you to Elite Tree Services for donating a huge pile of wood chippings to the project. Also

thank you to Howard Plant for the loan and use of a digger and driver.

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](http://www.martlesham.org.uk/portalwoodlandsgroup) (now over 2500 hits). PWCG would like to wish you a happy New Year and we look forward to seeing you in the woodland.

### **MARTLESHAM CONSERVATION GROUP**

Following on from last month's feature on garden bird recording, did you notice fewer birds in your garden last autumn? Well, as you may have surmised, this was due to good crops of fruit and certain seeds in the wider countryside. Whilst such "natural" food availability normally creates an autumn dip in the reporting rates for many species, the BTO has said that autumn 2006 rates were particularly notable, demonstrating a greater harvest than usual. Of course, this larder won't last forever and with cold weather most likely this month, we should see an increased reliance on garden feeding stations.

Having written last month about the BTO/CJ Garden Birdwatch Project which operates all year round, this month on 27th-28th January, you can take part in the 28th annual RSPB Big Garden Birdwatch. If you have not been involved before, all you have to do is put aside one hour that weekend and write down the highest number of each species that you see at one time. Then go online at <http://www.rspb.org.uk/birdwatch> and record your sightings. Don't forget to tell us about any interesting sightings.

Our next working party will be on Sunday 14th January when we will be working in the Martlesham Heath woodland. 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, clearing out more gorse and bracken.

Phil Smith 01473 625630 and Steve Goddard  
[steve@goddard98.freeserve.co.uk](mailto:steve@goddard98.freeserve.co.uk)

### **SUFFOLK WILDLIFE TRUST**

#### **Woodbridge Group**

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

### **1ST MARTLESHAM SCOUT GROUP**

Happy New Year!

Thank you very much to those of you who helped in any way with the Scout Post this year, to Duncan's Butchers, Black Tiles Post Office and BT for allowing us to put our boxes on your premises, to the Beavers, Cubs and Scouts, their parents and leaders for helping to sort and deliver, and to everyone who used the service. Year on year this service grows in popularity and this year we collected 1700 cards and delivered 1600 giving a total of 3300 cards handled. After having paid for the postage of 'miss sorts' we should manage to make a good profit to boost our funds. I hope that those of you who used the Post were happy with it. Our apologies to anyone who received an odd 'stray' card - we do our best but, as with the 'real' post, cards do sometimes go astray! We are currently working on improving our web page, so until then if you need any information about the group, find us on [www.martlesham.org.uk](http://www.martlesham.org.uk)

### **VILLAGE VIEWS**

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

### **DRIVING TOO FAST ROUND EAGLE WAY**

**To the person who ran over my dog on Eagle Way around 6:10 pm on Thursday 30th November.**

I do not in any way blame you for running over my dog. He was a puppy, and I take full responsibility for him being off the lead. He ran off from the woods where we were walking, shot into the road and it was dark.

I do, however, think you were travelling too fast. The car behind you stopped with no problem but you could not. I also think it was cruel to simply drive off. The dog was badly injured - I am so grateful to the two ladies who did stop and provide not only comfort but a lift to the vet.

You must have known you had hit something.

I am just very grateful that it was my much loved puppy you hit and not my beloved child. My dog died.

Tracey Steward

**MARTLESHAM KICKBOXING CLASS**

Starts Sunday February 4th at Martlesham Pavillion, 5:30 pm – 6:30 pm, £5 per session (discounts available for families).

Learn with Blackwell Academy Instructors Sonia Beattie and Lucy Macmillan. Kickboxing is a great way to get in shape, build confidence and have fun. We welcome children and adults – a great activity for the whole family.

For more information please call 07765 371764.

**SAFER NEIGHBOURHOOD TEAM, KESGRAVE**

**Physical Graffiti - Led Zeppelin - Swansong - 1975**

We have a number of artists in the Kesgrave and Martlesham areas. There are different types of artists - some professional and some not. It's the non-professionals I'm referring to today - they are usually aged between about 10 and 17 - and their work is sprayed onto walls of the underpasses, road signs and sometimes on walls. If the paintwork is done without the owners consent then it's not art - it's criminal damage. Graffiti. Some of these

people leave their tag behind - the little bit that can identify them as the artist. If you go about and see these tags, and then see the same tag on kids bedroom walls or books, then it's a fair guess that they are the public artist we want to get hold of. We need to know who these youngsters are - because we have a plan.

The 3 Parishes Together team have reached agreement with Highways that we can use the underpasses to mount some formal graffiti - sensible acceptable stuff - not the personal unacceptable abuse we currently have to read as we walk around.

The underpasses will be cleaned back to bare fresh paint - prepared for structured graffiti. Once done, they will be sealed professionally so they cannot be destroyed by a mindless jealous few.

This won't happen overnight - it may take a year or two - but it's a plan!

If you know who our graffiti artists are who have caused the damage so far, please tell us! If it's your kids - get them to stop please. Why are they going out with a tin of spray paint anyway???

If you have a strong view of this planned project, we need to hear from you too!

Have a good 2007 folks.

Mick Richardson, Ps 535, Kesgrave Safer Neighbourhood Team  
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**ST ELIZABETH HOSPICE USED STAMPS APPEAL**

A great big THANK YOU to all who saved their used stamps this Christmas time and posted them through my letter box. I've been able to take four carrier bags full of stamps to the Hospice in Foxhall Road, Ipswich, which is a brilliant response to my appeal.

Please continue to support your local Hospice by collecting stamps during the coming year. Even if you only manage to collect a few they soon make a difference when added together. Every penny

earned from the sale of these stamps will help the Hospice.

Thank you all for your continued support.

Bev Read

15 Demesne Gardens  
Martlesham Heath  
01473 622721

**POPPY APPEAL COLLECTION KESGRAVE & DISTRICT BRANCH**

I wish to thank everyone who took part in this year's Poppy Appeal. The Kesgrave and District Branch of The Royal British Legion covers the areas of Kesgrave, Martlesham, Rushmere and Playford.

After the sad passing of Ken Wilding in September I took over the organisation of the Martlesham collection from him having been the Poppy Appeal Organiser for the Kesgrave and District Branch for the past ten years or so. Over those ten years the amount raised in our area has increased enormously thanks to the continued contribution of so many volunteers during those two weeks in November.

At the moment, the amount collected stands at **£15,722.38**. This is well up on last year!

Some of the collection point totals are as follows: Kesgrave Tesco - £4,197; Martlesham Tesco - £1,691; Sainsburys - £5,722; Schools - £462; Martlesham businesses (inc BT) - £1,336; Kesgrave businesses - £655.

I would like to thank everyone who took part in the Appeal, whether it was to help construct (or take apart) the collecting boxes, collecting, counting the money or simply donating to the Appeal – well done to you all, a truly wonderful result!

Don Whinney

PAO Kesgrave and District Branch  
The Royal British Legion

**Communion Services - 11:45 am  
(7th, 14th and 21st)**

**Sunday 28th - 10 am**

All-age worship service combined with communion

**WOODBIDGE PROBUS CLUB**

Nearly one hundred members and their ladies met for an early Christmas lunch at Waldringfield Heath Golf Club on Monday 4th December. After the meal Roy Tricker drew on his memories of parish churches since he began visiting them at the age of four, and his amazing knowledge of their exteriors as well as their interiors to entertain and inform his audience...

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

**LADIES EXERCISE CLASS**

Would you like to get fit after Christmas? Why not join us on Tuesday evenings between 7:45 pm and 9 pm at Farlingaye High School Gym in Woodbridge. The class is suitable for all levels of fitness, as you can work at your own level. We are joined this term by Cara, a fully qualified fitness instructor, who will lead the class. Classes cost just £3 per week, and start again on January 9th. For more details contact Liz on 01473 625617.

**MARTLESHAM CHRISTIAN**

**FELLOWSHIP**

**Black Tiles Lane**

**[www.m-c-f.org](http://www.m-c-f.org)**

A New Year - a new opportunity to respond to God's offer of forgiveness and reconciliation, and find real happiness in 2007.

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

**SUNDAY SERVICES: 10 am**

An opportunity to worship God and learn more about our relationship with him (with **Sunspot/Respect** for young people, followed by refreshments).

**Weekday activities**

**TUESDAY CIRCLE**

January 9th at 2 pm

**"Underwater Adventures"**

A slide presentation

**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).

**For more information about our Church or what we believe, please contact:**

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*

**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.

We hope you all had a joyful and peaceful Christmas and are looking forward to the New Year. Our new year begins with the solemnity of "Mary, Mother of God" on 1st January. This winter we are asked to pray especially for: peace on earth; Christian unity, the sick and their carers; students and teachers and the unemployed.

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.

**BRIGHTWELL CHURCH**

A Happy New year to all our parishioners and congregation! The PCC meets on Monday 15th January and no doubt will face 2007 with its own brand of enthusiasm to tackle the tasks that lay before them in this new year. We have already made a note of some of the practical tasks that we want to take on as well as continuing to support the community of Brightwell in as many ways as possible. We are encouraged by the special support we have received from Jessica and Jamie Niblock, Jane and John Bailey and Charles Minchen during 2006 and we look forward to sharing some happy events with them during 2007, namely the Parish Walk on May 19th, Family BBQ on June 23rd, Bingo Evening on September 15th and Craft and Coffee Morning



November 17th.

We are extremely grateful also to Mr and Mrs Nicholls for the help we have received from them in creating the vehicle approach to the Churchyard, something we could not have easily achieved on our own.

We hope that they and their family will enjoy a long and happy stay in Brightwell.

Bring on 2007!

Geoff Lambert, PCC Secretary

### **BRIGHT STARS**

Our services this month are on **Monday 8th January** and **Monday 22nd January** at 10:30 am in St Michael's Church Centre.

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.

## **BEETLE DRIVE and AFTERNOON TEA**

at

St Michael's Church Centre  
Wednesday 24th January  
at 2:30 pm  
Entrance £2.50

Tickets from St Michael's  
or Sheila on 625320 or  
Monica on 623194

### **SUFFOLK HANDYPERSON SERVICE**

**Is your home in need of repairs?  
Are you aged over 65?**

A safe scheme has been launched by Suffolk County Council to subsidise repairs for Suffolk residents in most districts.

**\* If you are over 75 and on means-tested benefits, the labour will be free.**

\* Charges at cost for people over 65.

\* You can provide your own materials or they can be purchased at cost if required.

\* Available in Babergh, Ipswich, Mid Suffolk, St Edmundsbury and Waveney areas.

**If you need someone you can trust for small repairs or just and extra pair of hands for that awkward job, ring 01473 228678 to discuss how we might be able to help.**

Example of work we can do:

- securing carpet
- fitting curtain track
- replacing taps or washers
- fitting locks
- plumbing in a washing machine
- easing windows and doors
- small areas of decorating
- putting up shelves

Although we cannot do all home tasks - ask us if we can help!

**St. Michael's Church  
Centre is open daily on  
weekdays from 10  
am—12 noon for tea ,  
coffee, information, etc.**

## **Why not drop in to meet friends old and new?**

### **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**



## THE CHURCH IN MARTLESHAM & BRIGHTWELL

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The Revd. Heather Cooke, 9 Swan Close, Martlesham Heath, Tel: 623770

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Lewis Currie, 18 Parkers Place, Martlesham Heath, Tel: 01473 625320

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

Services for the Month	Brightwell St. John's	Martlesham St. Mary's	Martlesham Heath St. Michael's
Sunday 7th January Baptism of Christ	8am Holy Communion	11am Holy Communion BCP	9:45am All Age Worship 6:30pm Informal Worship
Sunday 14th January Epiphany 2	6:30pm Evensong	8am Holy Communion 11am All Age Worship	9:45am Family Holy Communion & Junior Church
Sunday 21st January Epiphany 3	8am Holy Communion	11am Family Holy Communion	9:45am Worship & Junior Church: Special speaker Mike Griffin from The Leprosy Mission 6:30pm Informal Worship
Sunday 28th January Epiphany 4	6:30pm Evensong	8am Holy Communion 11am Matins	9:45am Family Holy Communion & Junior Church
Sunday 3rd February 3rd before Lent	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 8th January and Monday 22nd January at 10:30am in St Michael's. A warm welcome awaits you at all the above services.

### PRAYER DIARY FOR JANUARY

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

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| 8 that we may encourage young people in their Christian witness                 | 29 for the Parish Council                                     |
| 9 for all who find life difficult in the winter                                 | 30 for the work of the Scout and Guide Movement in Martlesham |
| 10 for those living in Acorn Way  | 31 for those living in Avocet Lane                            |
| 11 for the Suffolk Police Force   | <b>FEB</b> 1 give thanks for signs of spring in our gardens   |
| 12 give thanks for the Community Responders                                     | 2 Candlemas: that we may shine as lights in the world         |
| 13 for peace in Darfur  | 3 for the Board of Martlesham Consultants                     |
| <b>14</b> give thanks that Jesus enriches our lives                             | <b>4</b> that we may obey Jesus' call to follow Him           |
| 15 for Council workers making our roads safe                                    |   |
| 16 for those waiting for hospital treatment                                     |   |
| 17 for those living in Alban Square   |   |
| 18 for the unity of the Church  |   |
| 19 for our friends in other branches of the Church                              |   |
| 20 for Martlesham Brass competing in Skegness                                   |   |
| <b>21</b> that we may share with others the difference Jesus makes in our lives |   |
| 22 for the work and witness of the Christian Fellowship                         |   |
| 23 for Market Stalls, including the W.I.  |   |
| 24 for those living in Angela Close   |   |
| 25 give thanks for the life and teaching of St Paul                             |   |
| 26 for parents and children in separated families                               |   |
| 27 for those suffering from famine in East Africa                               |   |
| <b>28</b> give thanks for the faithful lives of prayer of older people          |   |