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PC 651 Richard Wright

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Office—01473 334980

E-mail—richard.wright@suffolk.pnn.police.uk

COMMUNITY RESPONDERS

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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.

Martlesham Monthly

HISTORICAL MARVEL ON YOUR DOORSTEP

It is good to remember the history of Martlesham, to remember the gallant men and women who lost their lives in the last two world wars. But our history goes back considerably longer than that. In fact we have a building in Martlesham that has stood through some of the most important times in England's history, St. Mary's Church.

There has been a place of worship in Martlesham for over 1000 years. It has stood as a testament to the worship of God in good times and bad. In fact there has been a centre of Christian worship at Martlesham since at least 1086, and quite likely well before that. The Domesday Survey of 1086 noted that in 'Merlsham' there was one church benefice with 36 acres. valued at 3 shillings. The earliest recorded Rector was Roger de Milkelegh in 1285. As a matter of interest, the Domesday or 'Domesday' Book was commissioned in December 1085 by William the Conqueror, who invaded England in 1066. The first draft was completed in August 1086 and contained records for 13,418 settlements in the English counties south of the rivers Ribble and Tees (the border with Scotland at the time).

Let me just briefly describe some of the treasure that is St. Mary's Church. The square tower is built of cut flints intermixed with stone and bricks. It has stood there for over 500 years. It is 59' high, built in three stages. The ground stage walls are 4' 9" thick. In the Royal commission of 1553, three bells are mentioned in the tower, two of these medieval bells remain. The Porch, like the nave, is some 600 years old. The outer arch is of a later date than the inner doorway with its original oak door. This was restored in 2005. The nave is 54' long and 21' wide. The heptagonal wagon roof of Austrian Oak was installed in 1902 and rests on 15th century cornices. Opposite the south door is a wall painting of St. Christopher - a favourite subject for this

position. This fine work was painted around 1400. Having been white washed over at the Reformation it was uncovered in 1902. The painting was cleaned and conserved in 1989.

Let me just take you through a few important dates in the early life of St. Mary's Church, from 1086 to 1189. **1086** Completion of Domesday Book - **1096** First crusade begins - **1100** First record of football in England - Stephen seizes the throne of England - **1138** Aug 22: 'Battle of The Standard' near Northallerton – English forces repelled a Scottish army - **1153** Henry Plantagenet inherits the throne of England (becoming Henry II) - **1154** Dec 4: Nicholas Breakspear (Adrian IV) becomes only English pope - **1166** Establishment of trial by jury- **1170** Dec 29: Murder of Thomas à Becket in Canterbury Cathedral - **1172** Pope decrees that Henry II of England is feudal lord of Ireland - **1175** Treaty of Falaise signed – William the Lion surrenders Scottish crown to King Henry II of England - **1176** London Bridge construction in stone started (from tax on wool) – completed 1209 - **1189** Richard I 'Lionheart' becomes king of England (d. 1199) – acknowledges the independence of Scotland.

What of St. Mary's today? St. Mary's Church is still very much alive being part of the Benefice of Martlesham, Martlesham Heath and Brightwell. Regular services are held every Sunday and are well attended. Being a very active church, it is blessed with many wonderful volunteers who clean, polish, arrange flowers, etc., on a regular basis so, compared with many churches, St Mary's is very well cared for. There are several small building works that should and will be tackled during the next few years. The really big repair, that we are undertaking now, is stonework on the fine tower, which is beginning to show signs of weathering. We are launching a 'Tower Appeal' this month, with various fundraising activities. If you want more information about becoming a 'Friend of St. Mary's Church' please contact Revd. Ian Naylor.

MUSIC ON THE GREEN

**in association with BBC Radio
Suffolk**

Saturday 14th July 2007

Music On The Green is the annual free live music day, which brings together the community with its exciting range of non-stop music. Starting at 10:15 am and running on for a whole 12 hours, Music on the Green is fun for all the family. It also offers a great opportunity for young and upcoming bands to experience the buzz of playing in front of a live crowd with use of a professional sound system.

Each month we are now featuring a '**Band of the Month**' from our extensive line up, and this month's band is **The Ballistics**. Forming in November 2002, The Ballistics have sky rocketed with their Punk and Reggae spiked Ska style, gaining huge recognition and creating a large fan base, especially at home in Ipswich. With influences from such bands as Madness, The Clash and The Specials, special they certainly are. They have even played with big bands such as The Beat, The Selector and The Big, so make sure you're there on the day to go '**Ballistic**' for **The Ballistics!**

Other great bands to perform throughout the day include: **UB4T, Whiskey Chaser, Suspect Device, Koopa, Cool Remedy, Just Blues** and plenty more...

This year, in addition to the local charity and community stands, the overall proceeds will allow the committee to donate to two dedicated charities this year - The Ipswich Children's Hospice and Martlesham Responders.

Although Music On The Green has a large number of willing helpers, we are always more than grateful for any extra help you can offer during the day. We are currently trying to build a register of helpers, so if you could give us a few hours during the morning and/or after the event, please don't hesitate to send us an e-mail to paulfirman@talktalk.net or call Paul on 01473 622874.

Stands are available to hire for both fund-raising and also commercial organisations. To hire a

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stand please contact Sue at sue@motg.com for further details.

We continue to be indebted to our sponsors for 2007, which currently include: **BBC Radio Suffolk, Howard Plant, Douglas Bader, GMA Warehousing & Transport Ltd, PJ Print, Duncan's Butchery and Bakery, Property Gallery, Martlesham Body Repair Centre, Booth (Tarmacadam) Limited, Garnett Electrical, Blue Star Skips, Universal PA Hire, Compass Heating, RDP Partnership, McColls and The Martlesham Monthly.**

Plans for this year's event are progressing well, so we can't wait to see you there!

Visit our **NEW** website for the latest news at: www.musiconthegreen.com

Jackie Grimsey, PR Officer

MARTLESHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Graffiti

Unfortunately an increasing amount of graffiti is appearing around the parish. Police advice is, if you see the criminal damage **in progress**, to call 999, otherwise call the Community Intelligence Hotline on 0800 783 9112 to report any information. You may also contact the Clerk as below. Please have precise details available.

Working party

The next working 'day' will be held on **Saturday 31st March** when the group will be clearing footpaths on the Common. Volunteers welcomed! Please meet at the Parish Room, Felixstowe Road, at 10 am. The group usually works until lunchtime but feel free to come for as long or as little time as you can spare. Tools available. For further information, please contact the Clerk.

Forthcoming Meetings

*Parish Council - Wednesdays 7th March and 14th April

*Recreation & Amenities committee - Wednesday 14th March

*Development Plans committee – Wednesday 21st March

*Finance & General Purposes committee - Wednesday 28th March

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

PETER IZZARD

The Parish Council were saddened to hear of the loss of Peter Izzard. In the past Peter had been the Chairman of our Development Plans Committee for a number of years and was a leading contributor to the objections to the Park and Ride facility in Martlesham. He left the council but continued to take a significant interest in local planning matters and to provide comments and views to the Council which were a great help to Councillors. We were pleased when, more recently, he was able to find time to become a Councillor once again.

He gave a great deal to Portal Woodlands Conservation Group since it was formed and the group have paid their tribute elsewhere in this issue.

Peter will be sadly missed and we extend our deepest sympathies to wife Beryl and the rest of his family.

Wally Welch (Chairman,
Martlesham Parish Council)

ALCOHOL DESIGNATION ZONES

Criminal Justice & Police Act 2001, The Local Authorities (Alcohol Consumption in Public Places) Regulations 2001, Proposed Designation Orders for parts of Framlingham, Kesgrave, Martlesham & Rushmere St Andrew

Suffolk Coastal District Council proposes to make an order in respect of the above areas. If this order is made the effect will be that, within the designated area, a police officer who reasonably believes that a person has consumed or intends to consume alcohol may a) require that person

surrender anything which the police officer reasonably believes to be alcohol; c) dispose of any item which has been surrendered. A person failing to comply with these requirements may be arrested and charged with an offence for which the maximum penalty is a fine not exceeding level 2 on the standard scale (currently £500).

These proposed orders have been advertised in the press. For full details of the designated areas or to make a representation, please contact The Community Safety Officer, Suffolk Coastal District Council, Melton Hill, Woodbridge, Suffolk IP12 1AU, e-mail: communitysafety@suffolkcoastal.gov.uk

Representations must be received **by 19th March**.

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 IN BLOOM

The Jumble, Plant and Book Sale held on 17th February was very successful. Thank you to all who contributed, came to the sale or helped in any way.

SPRING COMPETITION

For the 'Most Attractive Garden Spring Display'

Send a photograph of your spring garden.

It can be of the whole or part of your garden, either the front or the back.

Certificates will be awarded by Martlesham in Bloom and the competition will be displayed and judged at the Martlesham in Bloom

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Launch on May 8th.

If you would like to enter (closing date is Sunday 29th April) please contact the secretary.

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.

Why doesn't the council do something about it?

Do you ever say this?

If so, have you ever thought of standing for election to your local parish council?

It's a great opportunity to get involved in making real decisions affecting your local community.

The next election of Parish and Town councillors takes place on Thursday 3rd May. The timetable for these elections is as follows:

- Nomination papers will be available from Suffolk Coastal District Council or your Parish Clerk, from the beginning of March.

- Completed nomination papers cannot be submitted until Monday, 26th March. The latest time for delivery to the District Council is 12 noon on 4th April. This date and time are fixed by law.

- If the number of candidates does not exceed the number of seats available, an election is not contested, and the result will be declared before polling day.

- If an election is contested, polling will take place on Thursday 3rd May.

A booklet – "How To Become a Parish or Town Councillor" is available from your local District Council, and from your Parish Clerk: Mrs Susan Robertson, Martlesham Parish Council, Parish Room, Felixstowe Road, Martlesham, Woodbridge, IP12 4PB. Tel: 01473 612632 or e-mail: clerk@martleshamcouncil.org.uk

MARTLESHAM VILLAGE PRODUCE ASSOCIATION

Our winter programme is almost coming to an end but not before we contest the annual quiz against Woodbridge Horticulture Society on

9th March in the Community Hall.

This will be the final year of our quiz master Matthew Tanton Brown who has been excellent at keeping both teams in order and will be sorely missed. Looking forward to a good turnout for this evening as it is one of the highlights of the year.

If you are interested in what we do you are welcome to join us on the second and fourth Friday of each month in the Richards Room 7:30 pm. A varied programme of speakers are booked. New members are always welcome. The fee is £5 a family per year.

The next evening event will be a gardening fun quiz run by one of our members.

The next main event on our calendar will be the annual spring show. The event is open to all residents of Martlesham and all V.P. A. members.

Entries are free with schedules and further information is obtainable from the show secretary Brian Davey 01473 624789.

**MARTLESHAM VILLAGE
PRODUCE ASSOCIATION
SPRING SHOW**

OPEN TO ALL RESIDENTS IN THE
PARISH OF MARTLESHAM
AND ALL V.P.A. MEMBERS

SATURDAY 31st MARCH

TO BE HELD AT

**ST MICHAEL'S
CHURCH CENTRE,
MARTLESHAM HEATH**

OPEN FOR VIEWING 2 PM

**All communication and entry forms to
the Show secretary B Davey
Phone 01473 624789**

**MARTLESHAM & DISTRICT
FLOWER CLUB**

Our demonstrator this month was Alan Smith who is well known to many of us and who is always full of fun. He is part of the Suffolk group team of eight who will be exhibiting at Chelsea this year and we were delighted to see him again. Having judged our competition he said how good it was to see so many entries. He then started his demonstration with a Dutch style arrangement using different foliage with mauve,

purple and lime green flowers. He included a large chunky log and three large ornamental robins as features for his next design followed by a traditional design containing peach carnations, pink hyacinths and artificial oranges. Torched willow, larch cones and wired fir cones featured in his fourth design and a large Ali Baba type container was the base for his next design. He finished by producing a wonderful tier of four similar arrangements incorporating red gerberas and carnations.

The competition was won by Miss Ann Berg with Liz Copeland second and Jean Smith third.

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 21st March when we have our AGM followed by a talk on trees and shrubs by Graham Proctor from Crown Nurseries of Ufford. ALL ARE VERY WELCOME.
Barbara Bown - 01394 383033

SUFFOLK ORCHID SOCIETY

The Suffolk Orchid Society will be holding its Spring Show on Saturday 17th March at St Michael's Church Centre, (near The Douglas Bader Public House), Martlesham Heath, between 10 am and 4 pm. In addition to our own magnificent display of orchids there will be first class orchids for sale, repotting demonstrations, advice on the cultivation of orchids and problem solving. Refreshments including light lunches will be available.

MARTLESHAM W.I.

At our recent meeting we welcomed Mr Heudebourck-Burford who talked about what happened after the Great Fire of London in 1666. He told us the fire started on 2nd September and lasted for three days causing enormous damage. It was agreed by parliament that the city should be rebuilt using stone or

brick and it was Christopher Wren who produced plans and presented these to King Charles II on 11th

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September – less than a week after the fire. We were amazed at the speed in which this was done and compared it to our own present day practices and legalities. 13,200 buildings were lost in the fire and 8,000 were rebuilt. All this was done by 1672 – again with such speed. Wren was given the sole right to rebuild 51 churches and also of course St. Paul's Cathedral. Not surprisingly Newgate Prison was the first to be rebuilt! Mr Heudebourck-Burford succeeded in transporting us back in time with his talk and we were pleased to hear that amazingly only one person died in the fire.

Our next meeting will be in the Richards Room, Martlesham on 16th March when 'Hooked on Quilting' is the subject of Mrs Doreen Loran's talk. We have also recently set up Craft and Play Reading Groups. Do come and join us – we are small but very friendly.

Contact can be made to Audrey Burnell on 01394 386738.

MARTLESHAM LADIES CLUB

We were well and truly entertained by Mervyn Lemon on 1st February with a talk on 'Marines in Tights', he even wore the appropriate colourful uniform of its time. It was extremely interesting.

Unfortunately we had to cancel the talk by Colin Hopper on 'History of Playing Cards' on 18th January due to extreme weather conditions. It was a sensible decision to make, it would have been too dangerous for us all to travel including Colin – hopefully we will be able to hear him another time.

Our March and April Meetings are:

- *1st March - 'Sutton Hoo', speaker: Tony Culham
- *15th March - 'Another Way of Getting There', speaker: Janet Lock
- *29th March - Quiz or games evening
- *12th April - Easter supple and raffle
- *26th April - 'The Plastic Ketchup

Bottle', speaker: Wendy Robison

All new members are most welcome. We hold our meetings at the Richard Rooms, Martlesham Community Centre alternate Thursday evenings at 7:30 pm and finish the evening with tea/coffee and biscuits.

Margaret Green

MARTLESHAM MOTHERS' UNION

We have an excellent Parenting Course led by a trained facilitator, meeting in Martlesham at the moment and being greatly enjoyed by those participating. If you are interested please contact the number at the bottom of this column for more details.

Further afield - the UN Millennium Development Goals aim to reduce mortality drastically among women and young children throughout the world. The Mothers' Union is taking practical action within communities to reach targets and assist vulnerable women and children through offering support and advice in pre- and post-natal care.

The MU in Kitui diocese Kenya, launched a Healthy Home Child Delivery Training programme last year and a grant has been sent from our Overseas Fund. It has two main objectives: to train traditional birth attendants in the community, and to raise awareness of general health issues such as HIV/AIDS and nutrition.

It may not make the headlines of our national newspapers, but it makes a REAL difference to the lives of those women and children that receive help and education.

Why not come to St Michael's Church Centre on Wednesday March 7th at 2:30 pm and learn more of our wonderful organisation and share in our faith, fellowship and fun or phone Elizabeth on 01394 210793.

CALLING ALL MUMS...

The next meeting of the Mums' Club will be held at St. Michael's Church Centre, Martlesham Heath on Tuesday 6th March from 12:45 to 2:30 pm. Lunch will be served

around 1 pm and then Jacqui Hardie, Early Education Co-ordinator from Suffolk County Council, will give us information about Early Education provision (such as nurseries, playgroups, etc.). All mums with babies and toddlers are welcome to join us.

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

MARTLESHAM HEATH BABY & TODDLER GROUP

We have a busy couple of months coming up with a Bring & Buy sale scheduled for 21st April (please speak to a committee member if you are interested in holding a stand), our Annual General Meeting on 21st May and a visit from the Photographer on 8th June.

All our members are invited to attend the AGM. We are also looking for people to stand for the new committee in May - our group obviously depends upon the voluntary help given by the committee and others and if you would be interested in becoming involved, we would love to hear from you.

We have recently had a very kind and very welcome donation of toys and other items for our Bring & Buy sale from Mr & Mrs Peter Phillips of Ipswich and we would like to express our sincere gratitude for their kind generosity.

If you are a mum, a dad, a carer, a grandparent or anyone with babies or toddlers to entertain, then our group is a friendly, fun place to meet with lots of toys, a sing-a-long music session and a great craft activity for the children as well as providing the adults with an opportunity to meet other local people in similar circumstances. Refreshments are included for the children together with a much needed cup of tea or coffee for the accompanying adult! The first visit is ABSOLUTELY FREE and you are assured of a warm welcome.

If you would like to join us, our play sessions are held at the Martlesham Heath Pavilion on Wednesdays and Fridays from

9:30 am until 11:30 am and 1:30 pm until 3:30 pm during term-time. During the school holidays, we run just one session a week on the Wednesday afternoon. Our members pay just £2 per session for the first child and only £1 for each additional child attending (subject

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to a small £6 annual membership fee). 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 do not hesitate to call Dawn on 01473 610188.

MARTLESHAM PLAYSCHOOL

The Control Tower

This term the children have been looking at two themes - 'Me and My Family' and 'Where We Live.' They have enjoyed bringing pictures of their families to display at playschool, talking about family members and any pets they have. There has also been a lot of role play in the Home corner, which the children have enjoyed. Whilst looking at 'Where We Live' the children have had the opportunity to learn about different communities where people live. The Playleaders also have visits planned in the local area. This is to include trips out to the Post Office, Bakers, and the School within their communities. The children will also be busy with activities in preparation for Easter.

We would like to wish our congratulations to the following staff who have recently completed further qualifications:- Nikki Smith, Sue Spicer and Jocelyn Cook have achieved NVQ Level 3 and Lucia Sapsed and Liz Johnson have achieved NVQ Level 2.

If you would like to purchase anything from our buysite the address is www.buy.at/mplayschool

Commission will go to playschool funds from all purchases from the site.

If you would like more information about the playschool or are interested in sending your child to our setting please contact Nikki Smith (Bookings Secretary) on

07857 309365 or visit
www.controltower.org.uk

THREE BEARS PLAYGROUP

Our topic this term is My Neighbourhood/Shopping. In Shopping week, the children will investigate bags and other forms of packaging, discuss safety awareness when out and about and focus on a range of shopping type role play activities concentrating on appropriate manners. The children will also find out about internet shopping, design and make their own shopping bags and write their own shopping lists. We will also find out about other facilities in their neighbourhood when we look at parks and local places that children like to visit, as well as make their own park pictures and investigate suitable materials to make a slide. During home week, the children will design a room and a house and investigate a range of building materials.

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 tom@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

This half terms' theme is spring when we shall be doing lots of exciting activities linked to spring. We will be making pancakes, baking bread, doing blow painting, making chocolate nests, duck puppets, growing our own beans and lots, lots more. We mustn't forget Mother's Day when the children will be making their own cards for mums. Some of the children will be visiting Notcutts at the beginning of March, when they can see all the new spring flowers and plants.

Don't forget, if your child will be 2 ½ from September and you are interested in sending your child to St Michael's, now is the time to register with us ready for the new school year. We don't ask for the

child to be potty trained – so you don't have to spend the summer desperately worrying about successfully completing that dreaded mission!! Just a reminder that on Friday afternoons and Monday afternoons our sessions are aimed at the older children 4+, children that will be starting school in September 2007. These sessions aim to encourage independence (putting on, taking off shoes); we encourage the children to talk more about family/home life, etc. Friday afternoons are specifically for children that will be starting at Birchwood School from September 2007 as we will be holding the session at the School in the near future.

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 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 PRIMARY SCHOOL P.F.A.

Despite the snow, our second hand book sale took place and there were plenty of titles to choose from. Thank you to everyone who donated books and we raised a fantastic £137. Our next event will be our Race Night on Saturday 3rd March, when we will be under starter's orders. This event is to raise money for Kudawella, our twinned school in Sri Lanka.

We are most grateful for the grants from Councillor Steve Hudson of Suffolk County Council and Martlesham Parish Council. These funds will enable us to undertake work on improving our wildlife pond. A big thank you also to all of the volunteers who are giving their time for this project and to Duncan Sweeting, of Martlesham Preservation Society, for his advice and assistance.

Elizabeth Leonard

NEWS FROM BIRCHWOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL

It is hard to believe that we are already half way through the school year. This year we have been fortunate to have a number of families join our school from around the world, from Goa to Poland. This increase in culture is a real bonus for us as a school community. This term we are planning a number of events

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that will celebrate this richness, raising our awareness and understanding about our cultural differences.

We have a new member of staff joining us in September 2007. Mr Stephen Cloke will be joining us from Hertfordshire. He will bring new experiences and expertise that will support us in our strive to become an even better school.

Finally, our new playground markings have gone down and have proven very popular with the children. We have great plans for our outdoor learning environment and hopefully with the onset of spring we shall be able to utilise it to the full.

Jacqui Frost, Headteacher,
Birchwood Primary School
01473 601701

HEATH PRIMARY SCHOOL PFA

Bell Lane, Kesgrave

The pupils and teachers had great fun in the snow before half term. They were allowed extra play time to create their snowmen and make the most of the white stuff before it disappeared.

Tickets will soon be available for our Pamper and Food evening on Thursday 17th May. There will be lots of beauty treatments available and some culinary delights to try. If you would like a table at the event then please contact me on the number below. Some of the braver mums amongst us will be taking part in the Ladies Driving Challenge at Bentwaters Park, Rendlesham on Sunday 10th June. If you would like to join us raising loads of money for the school and, so I'm led to believe,

having loads of fun then let us know.
Nikki Snell - 01473 623872

You asked them to comeback...

EVENING OF CLAIRVOYANCE

Friday 27th April
with Well-Known International
Mediums
Fiona Nichols
and Steve Treadaway

Martlesham Community Centre

7:30 pm start
Tickets £7 in advance, including
refreshments
(£8 on door - if availability)

**Contact - Lisa 01473 631087, Sue
01394 386940 (evening)**

**All Proceeds to Martlesham
Beacon Hill Pool and Gymnastics
in Ipswich**

MARTLESHAM HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Our rescheduled February meeting was held on Thursday 15th and took the form of an illustrated talk by Mr Gwyn Thomas of the Bury Records Office. His subject was "The Suffolk Regiment in the Reign of Queen Victoria". The material for the talk was derived from the archives of the Regiment and consisted largely of autobiographies of serving officers and private letters from those members of the ranks who were sufficiently literate. These memories recorded the regiment's service in India – including lengthy spells in Afghanistan, South Africa, Australia and New Zealand. It seems incredible in this day and age that some of these overseas postings lasted for ten years and more. It was very moving to hear that, during the Victorian era, the regiment lost more men due to disease than were killed by enemy action.

Our next meeting, on Monday April 16th, will be a talk by Mark Mitchels about Elizabeth Garrett Anderson, a Suffolk lady who was the first woman to qualify

as a doctor and in whose memory the new Maternity Wing at Ipswich hospital is to be named. The meeting will be held in the Pavilion and all are welcome.

John Tyler - 01473 612736

MARTLESHAM HEATH AVIATION SOCIETY

Well in excess of 100 people were present at our monthly meeting on Friday 2nd February. Col Mervyn Lemon, (Retd), from Felixtowe, delivered a talk entitled, "The BLEU at Martlesham Heath".

Col Lemon is married to the daughter of the man responsible for the Blind Landing Experimental Unit at Martlesham in the early post-war period. The operation was led by a team at the Royal Aircraft Establishment at Farnborough and it was decided to base the practical experimental unit here. An Avro Lancaster was the first aircraft used at Martlesham for BLEU experiments. This was replaced by an RAF Valetta and eventually by a De Havilland Devon. Col Lemon related the details of some of the work and said that the Devon windscreen was blacked out and the actual landing was performed by a couple of boffins in the back!

An American system of blind approach was the final choice by the Federation of Aeronautical Administration, (the FAA). As so often happens, the British work was innovative and sound but by this time civil aviation was dominated by the Americans and this was the reason, rather than any inferiority of British work on this vital science. When you next land at Stansted in poor weather condition remember the boffins whose work ensures your safety! A vote of thanks was given by Gordon Kinsey.

Our next meeting will be on Friday 2nd March at the Community Hall, Felixtowe Road, as usual. Group Captain Nigel Walpole, (retd), will give a talk entitled, "Voodooos at Bentwaters and Woodbridge."

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

Peter Izzard

Shortly before this issue went to press, we heard of the passing of one of our staunchest supporters, Wing Commander Peter Izzard, MBE. Peter was one of those who fought so hard and so successfully to overturn the building of the Park & Ride in the Portal Woods and was a founder member and driving force behind the creation of the Wood's conservation group. He did much of the work involved in maintaining our connections with the County Council's conservation organisations and obtaining the Parish Council's financial support for our work. In addition to this he also found time to be a Parish Councillor and grow trees and plants in his extensive garden, which have subsequently been transferred to the Woods or sold on behalf of the Group on Village Day. Peter became a more-or-less permanent fixture in the Woods and as such will be greatly missed by everyone in the community who knew him. The Committee, on behalf of its friends and volunteers, extends our deepest sympathy to Beryl, Rachael and Katie, Peter's wife and daughters, at this time.

PWCG

Congratulations to Luke Horsfield who was successful in passing both parts of his chain saw course. Well done Luke! The next PWCG work morning is Saturday 17th March. If you would like to come, meet us at the back entrance of the Police Head Quarters at 10 am. Work mornings last for two hours. All volunteers are very welcome and all equipment is supplied.

Nature Watch Club (for children aged 5-11)

If you would like to contact the Nature Watch Club the address is naturewatch.pwcc@martlesham.org.uk The first Club meeting this year is on Saturday 28th April. You will need to book a space for this meeting which will be about small mammals.

The contact for the Group is Duncan Sweeting who is contactable via Martlesham Parish Council (01473 612632). More information

about PWCG and its activities are available on our website www.martlesham.org.uk/portalwoodlandsgroup (now over 3350 hits). The group can be contacted via the e-mail address which is pwcg@martlesham.org.uk PWCG look forward to seeing you in the woodland!

We would be glad if people could report via the contacts above if they see anybody removing logs from the wood. Some of the logs are habitats to wild creatures, some are sold to recoup the groups running costs and some are used in our restoration projects. We would be very pleased to receive information about the theft of any logs.

MARTLESHAM CONSERVATION GROUP

Many of us may have already seen our first butterfly of the year but have you thought about what they were doing during the winter months? Regular garden visitors such as the Small Tortoiseshell, Peacock, Comma and Red Admiral were hibernating as an adult as was the Brimstone, all venturing out during the first warm days of spring. The Whites however, are still resting as a pupa (chrysalis), due to emerge as an adult in April. Others such as the Meadow Brown and Common Blue hibernate as a caterpillar emerging to feed on vegetation on warmer winter days and nights onwards before pupating in the spring. The Meadow Brown then appears as an adult in the summer with the Common Blue first appearing in late spring. The Silver-studded Blue found on our heathland is one of several species that falls in a fourth category - spending its winter as an egg but with a fully formed caterpillar inside, which then emerges to feed on heather or gorse in March and April.

Our next work party will be on Sunday 11th March at 10 am. We will be following up on the work from the work party in February and the "Megabash" that took place on 24th February. We will be attempting to restore more of our heathland to prime condition,

by arresting the transition to woodland. Please meet outside the Douglas Bader as usual or give Phil Smith a call to find out where we will be working.

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

SUFFOLK WILDLIFE TRUST **Woodbridge Group**

On Thursday 15th March at 7:15 pm in the Woodbridge Community Hall we will be exploring the nature to be found on golf courses with an illustrated talk by Micheal Thomas entitled "The Wildside of Golf". The slightly earlier start is to cover our AGM, which should only take about 15 minutes before we move on to the talk. Everyone is very welcome to come along. Admission is £1.50 as usual.

Phil Smith - 01473 625630

MARTLESHAM BRASS

Percussionists Young and Old, Novice and Expert Welcome

Not sure what to do with your Friday nights? Stuck with a drum kit, gong or triangle and no where to play it? Martlesham Brass is currently looking to recruit percussionists. Any age and any ability welcome to come along to any Friday night practice at St Michael's Church in Martlesham. If you are interested or would like any more information please call Mark Chalklen on 01473 680 462 or e-mail mark.chalklen@gmail.com

10th Birthday DVDs

Following the massive success of our 10th Birthday celebrations back in September we are pleased to be able to offer the chance to order your own DVD to remember the day by. If you would like to pre-order your copy, please e-mail mark.chalklen@gmail.com

If you would like more information about the band or if you would like to join Martlesham Brass please visit our website - www.martleshambrass.co.uk Mark Chalklen, Publicity Officer

MUSIC OFF THE GREEN

After the success of last year's event, popular demand has

prevailed and a second Music Off The

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Green has been arranged as a run up to this year's very exciting summer music day, Music On The Green.

Music Off The Green will take place on the evening of Saturday 14th April at the Douglas Bader Pub from 8 pm onwards.

Entry is free with the usual charity raffles giving an opportunity to donate to our two great local causes, The Ipswich Children's Hospital and Martlesham Responders.

We are delighted that both Cool Remedy and Blue Wave have agreed to perform again as they brought the house down last year.

A great night's entertainment is anticipated.

Phil Cowey, Secretary

IN CONCERT ~ Soprano, Pianoforte, Classical Guitar & Martlesham Cantilena Choir **3 pm, Sunday 25th March**

at

St Michael's Church Centre,
Martlesham Heath.

Raffle in aid of 'The Blue Cross'

Reg. Ch. No. 224392

Admission on the door: £5 & £4 concessions

Light refreshments

Further information contact: Burrows
01473 625196

Martlesham Cantilena Choir will be performing light and popular songs including 'All in the April Evening' and 'Talk to the Animals' from 'Dr Dolittle' alongside Soprano, Alexandra Conner, who will be singing popular operatic songs. Helen Patricia Burrows will be playing, on the piano, works by Haydn, Schumann & Chopin and Lyn Rajah, Classical Guitar, will premiere 'Three Short Pieces' written by Helen Patricia Burrows.

SPRING CONCERT BY **MUSICOLOGY VOCAL GROUP** **AND CANTABILE YOUTH** **GROUP**

An evening of popular songs and 'easy listening' on Saturday 28th

April, 7:30 pm at All Saints Church, Main Road, Kesgrave. There will be refreshments and a draw. Tickets are £5, in aid of Friends of Hope House Kesgrave, a home for profoundly disabled young people. For more details and tickets, contact Janine Davey 01473 611683.

VERDI REQUIEM

Music lovers may like to know about the Ipswich Bach Choir's next performance on Saturday 17th March at 7:30 pm at the Ipswich Corn Exchange. The choir will be joining the Witham Choral Society, as they celebrate their 50th anniversary season, to sing Verdi's Requiem. It should prove to be a very enjoyable evening. Tickets can be obtained from choir members or by contacting the Corn Exchange box office on 01473 433100.

If you would like more information about the Ipswich Bach Choir do visit their website at www.ipswichbachchoir.demon.co.uk or phone 01473 623126.

1ST MARTLESHAM SCOUT GROUP

During the last weekend in January, the Scouts were on their annual Frostbite Camp at Hallowtree. Apart from a slight shower when pitching the tents, the weather was very kind with a gentle frost on Friday night (just enough to make the grass crunch and the tents sparkle) and a glorious day on Saturday.

During the course of the weekend, the Scouts prepared their own meals on open fires, cut and chopped the equivalent of one rain forest and played a variety of games involving running around the woods in the pitch dark. It was a tough weekend, but we had a high turn out considering the difficulties of camping in winter. Sixteen Scouts had the spirit of adventure required and took on the challenge that was the Frostbite Camp of 2007.

MARTLESHAM BOWLS CLUB

At the moment we are beginning to prepare for the opening of the Bowls Club on Saturday 21st April. The Green has been looked after

by Brian Davey and his helpers all through the winter. The Green is looking well and we will soon be starting to get the Pavilion in order so that all is looking clean and smart for the beginning of the outdoor season.

Once the season begins we almost straight away start to play league matches. These are played weekday evenings, come rain or shine! We hold 6 midweek Open Pairs Tournaments – these are already fully booked. We have a reserve list and if you would like your name to be added to this then please contact the Club Secretary.

We hold 2 weekend Open Pairs Tournaments – these are held on:

*Sheila McIntyre Rose Bowl - Saturday 9th June

*Cyril Marsh Memorial Shield - Saturday 1st September

If you would like to enter into the above tournaments please contact the Club Secretary, Linda Brown, telephone 01394 384698

MARTLESHAM BOWLS CLUB

WHY NOT TRY THE GAME OF BOWLS?

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO JOIN US AND HAVE SOME FUN PLEASE CONTACT OUR CLUB SECRETARY: LINDA BROWN ON TELEPHONE 01394 384698

WE BOWL BOTH SOCIALLY AND UP TO COUNTY LEVEL SO WHY NOT GIVE THE GAME OF BOWLS A GO

MARTLESHAM CARPET BOWLS CLUB

In mid-February the club held their annual dinner at the Bucklesham Shannon where we enjoyed a good meal with lots of chat and laughter, followed by an excellent free draw with prizes funded by the club. This was followed by a quiz which was won by a team consisting of two members from last year's winning team - obviously the more intelligent amongst us!

Unfortunately we have now been knocked out of the Chairman's Plate competition with a resounding

win by Belstead. This, however, might be a blessing in disguise as we can now concentrate on our

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league matches for the rest of the season with not having to fit in the extra games. We have had a few excellent results in these matches lately and are hopeful of retaining our position in the league.

Maureen Banthorp

SAFER NEIGHBOURHOOD TEAM, KESGRAVE

Cars - Gary Newman - 'Beggars' label - 1999 (re-release)
I've chosen a re-release title this month because I have spoken about this issue before.

It still remains perhaps the biggest single source of friction across the "3 Parishes Together".

Parking

Modern homes are built close together with ample spaces for 1.5 cars. Resultant lack of space for the two or three cars per house are a constant source of complaint by you to us where parking is concerned.

The fact that cars are left at curbside within feet of a junction - or blocking pavements - or left to create blind spots putting others in danger seems to go unnoticed to those who park them there - but to everybody else trying to use that same road it's a real pain.

Our problem is that dealing with such issues means that no-one wins. We need to be fair to all - and that meant that if we issued one ticket for 'unnecessary obstruction' we would empty the book of tickets if needs be so as to be able to say that we treated everybody the same. Even if you think you had parked reasonably, you risked the ticket.

Because this is such a problem and takes so much of our time, we have changed tact a little. We will issue a warning - a note on a windscreen - and record that warning - and any vehicle subject to our attention for a second time will generate the ticket. This at least means that any other vehicle in the road where the tickets are generated will not automatically get fined unless they have previously been warned - or unless

the parking on display is so poor that we have no real choice.

We understand that it can be a nuisance to have to walk to the house from the allocated parking space - and it's so much easier to park as close to home as you can - but it can cause real nuisance issues or danger for others - so please consider where and how you park your car.

Each parish now has a dedicated PCSO with the powers of a traditional Traffic Warden - as well as dedicated police officers - so the chances of being warned or ticketed are greater now than ever. Mick Richardson, Ps 535, Kesgrave Safer Neighbourhood Team
mick.richardson@suffolk.pnn.police.uk - 01473 334980

R.S.P.C.A.

Suffolk East & Ipswich Branch House to House Collection 2006: The Martleshams - £719.22

Thanks to the newsletter in 2005 my appeal was answered by two young people who agreed to travel to Martlesham Heath area and help with house to house collecting. This resulted in a nigh on £100 rise in totals for 2006. But there is still an URGENT need for three more Collectors to cover all of Martlesham Heath and one more volunteer is needed in the Old Martlesham area. I'm sure there are four kind folk out there who could answer this appeal. Please get in touch on 01394 284605 and we'll achieve a £1000 total for 2007. So much depends on your help - the Animal Centre at Martlesham and the Ipswich Clinic must be self-supporting. All forms of fundraising are essential but, next to legacies, by far the most lucrative and easiest means is provided by the House to House Collector.

Residents are both supportive of the Society and generous with donations, possibly because so many families have adopted pets from the Centre and may be glad to use the Clinic. Both venues must serve the whole Branch, providing sanctuary and treatment for often long-staying cruelty cases and the steady flow of unwanted pets that owners find they cannot keep for a

variety of reasons. Eventually all will be re-homed, but it all takes time and "time" is a fearful drain on finances.

A volunteer collector has a six week period of their choice, between April and October.

Lastly and so importantly, I thank the residents of the Martleshams for their continued support and my sincere gratitude for the faithful long standing Collectors:

*Old Martlesham Collectors - Jaqui Coates, Ann Fenton and Mr & Mrs Whitbread (Sheila Botting suffered ill health 2006).

*Martlesham Heath Collectors - Ann Bartholomew, Liza Goodchild, Lee Hardwicke, Judy Johnson and Sandra Martin.

Overall Branch Total - £14,404.30

Patricia N. M. Monk - 01394 284605, House to House Collection Organiser

NATIONAL OSTEOPOROSIS SOCIETY

Local Group

Our next important talk will be on Thursday March 15th, 1:45 pm for 2 pm, at the Martlesham Heath Pavilion (near The Douglas Bader) and will be by GP Dr Jane Campbell called 'HEALTH SERVICE PLANS FOR MANAGING LONG TERM CONDITIONS SUCH AS OSTEOPOROSIS'.

Dr Campbell has a long standing special interest in osteoporosis and is one of our Group's Special Advisers.

WOODBIDGE PROBUS CLUB

Alastair McWhirter, Chief Constable of Suffolk, was the guest speaker at a lunch meeting of the club on 5th February, at Waldringfield Heath Golf Club. He recalled the change in his life from teaching to service in the Hampshire Police and set the problems and practice of policing Suffolk in the context of media and public relations, including not least budgetary questions, which were to be the next call on his time.

The next meeting will be on 5th March when Professor Ted Evans will talk about Arthur Ransome. Retired or semi-retired

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

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DEBEN PROBUS CLUB

Woodbridge

The Deben Probus Club met for the February luncheon meeting at the Restaurant 19 at Ufford Park, and this was followed by the Annual General Meeting. Don Garfield-Smith was unanimously elected as Chairman for the year and with no shortage of volunteers, all officer and committee posts were filled. The programme of activities for the year is well advanced with a number of interesting speakers booked to talk at future meetings, and we have our Ladies Luncheon firmly booked for 9th May. Several outings have also been arranged, including trips to Audley End House and Bedfield Hall. In addition a series of monthly walks have been arranged, all local to the Woodbridge area.

New members are always welcome and anyone interested in joining Deben Probus Club should contact either the Chairman, Mr Don Garfield-Smith on 01473 621474, or the Secretary, Mr Peter Booth-Smith on 01394 610881 .

WOODBIDGE & DISTRICT LIONS CLUB

Writing on a cold February evening, it is tempting to think of summer holidays. Thanks once again to the dedication and coordination of the Norfolk Broads Lions Club, the Lions are able to offer an early summer holiday to couples or families who, for a variety of reasons, may not otherwise be able to take a much needed break. Woodridge Lions are delighted to be sponsoring a local family to enjoy a week away. Now all we need is a little help from the weather.

Contact details of the "Message in a Bottle " scheme were omitted from a previous newsletter, so herewith the complete article: the bottle in question is a distinctive green-capped plastic container, holding a form which gives details of any prescribed drugs, allergies

or other medical conditions. The bottle lives in the 'fridge and a front door sticker alerts emergency services to its existence. For anyone living alone or in danger if unable to give medical details, this could save vital time. We have a supply of these bottles, which are available free of charge. If you know of anyone who could make use of these, please get in touch, with either Lion Maurie Parish (01394 382420) or Lion Peter See (01473 625318).

YOUTH WORKER WANTED ASAP

To help at drop-in session in Kesgrave, 3 hours a week, Tuesday evenings, 7-10 pm, £7.80 p/h.

Experience of working with young people 11-19 preferred but not essential; interest in sport, plus patience and sense of humour a must.

For more details go to www.kesgrave.org.uk/tdi, or call 01473 625179 for an application pack. Closing date: 16th March.

BRIGHT STARS

Our services this month are on **Monday 12th March** and **Monday 26th March**.

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. Sadly we have had to say goodbye to Liz who is leaving us due to work commitments after a long spell in leadership at Bright Stars. We will miss her greatly but wish her well.

For more details about Bright Stars please call Pauline on 01473 625061 or Jo on 01473 622160.

BRIGHTWELL CHURCH

At last the faculty petition for the Churchyard toilet has been seen to the Diocesan Advisory Committee for approval and their first response is that they wish to come to visit the Church to discuss the

project with us. A step in the right direction and we are looking for a positive outcome from the meeting. A meeting on site is always better than correspondence back and forth.

Meanwhile the churchyard has been cleared of leaves but we are suffering with oversized moles which seem to be producing molehills easily capable of being made into a mountain or two.

Disaster has overtaken one of our lady churchwardens, Sandy Little, who has suffered a fracture to her ankle and has to have this strapped up for a while. We hope it will not be too long before she is back on the bell rope giving her usual sensitive Sunday peal.

Treasurer and Secretary are busy putting the finishing touches to the Annual Report ready for the Parish Meeting on Monday April 23rd at the Church Hall at 7 pm. All parishioners should be aware that they are welcome to attend and have the right to vote for the Church wardens. Our family Service in April will be on Sunday April 29th at the Church.

We look forward to seeing you all.

Geoff Lambert, PCC Secretary

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.

In Lent Our Catholic Bishops, and many Catholic organisations and groups, have joined together to celebrate the 40th anniversary of Pope Paul's letter *Populorum Progressio*, to reflect on it, and to take action together. This challenge is a reminder that God calls us to live simply, sustainably, and in solidarity with the poor. We're invited to look hard at our lifestyles, and to choose to change our lives to make a difference.

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.

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
- Weight Watchers meetings
- Country Market
- Tuesday Games Club
- Brownies
- Rainbows
- Bridge
- 2 Parent and Toddler sessions
- Yoga classes
- Youth Club
- Street Dancing
- Computer Training
- Lip Reading

Every two weeks there are –

- Cross-Stitch classes
- Kick Boxing
- Crossroads

Every month there are -

- WI meetings

Occasionally there are -

- Martlesham Historical Society meetings
- Woodbridge Model Boat Club meetings
- Martlesham In Bloom meetings
- Conservation Group meetings
- Village Produce Association meetings
- Martlesham Consultants Limited meetings
- Choir Group meetings
- Ipswich Photographic Society meetings

During the summer there are –

- Martlesham Nomad 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 01473 621406



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 4th March Lent 2	8am Holy Communion	11am Holy Communion BCP 3pm Evening Prayer	9:45am All Age Worship
Sunday 11th March Lent 3	6:30pm Evensong	8am Holy Communion 11am All Age Worship	9:45am Family Holy Communion & Junior Church
Sunday 18th March Lent 4 Mothering Sunday	8am Holy Communion	11am Family Holy Communion 6:30pm Evening Prayer	9:45am Worship & Junior Church
Sunday 25th March Lent 5 Passion Sunday		8am Holy Communion	9:45am Family Holy Communion & Junior Church
Sunday 1st April Palm Sunday	8am Holy Communion	11am Holy Communion BCP	9:45am All Age Worship 6:30pm Evening Prayer

MIDWEEK SERVICES: Holy Communion each Wednesday at 10am in St Michael's. Special services for Ash Wednesday - see 21/02/07 above. Special services during Lent - 6:30pm Evening Prayer at Newbourne Parish Church 04/03/07 and 6:30pm Evening Prayer at Waldringfield Parish Church 25/03/07. Bright Stars will be held on Monday 12th March and Monday 26th March at 10:30am in St Michael's. A warm welcome awaits you at all the above services.

PRAYER DIARY FOR MARCH

Pray daily for peace in our world, and:

5 for the blessings of Christian Marriage

6 for the blessings of home and family

7 for the residents of Borrett Place

8 for those who live alone

9 for our neighbours and friends

10 for Community life

11 for the Third Sunday in Lent

12 for the Commonwealth

13 for all volunteers

14 for the residents of Bradford Court

15 for the PCC - tonight

17 for St Patrick's Day and Irish people

18 for the Fourth Sunday in Lent - Mothering Sunday

19 for people who are in hospital

20 for all medical staff

21 for the residents of Broomfield and Broomfield

Mews

22 for the poor and homeless

23 for the citizens of Iraq

24 for our armed forces

25 for the Fifth Sunday in Lent - Passion Sunday

26 for Christians being persecuted

27 for the abolition of slavery

28 for residents of Buckingham Close

29 for Christian Aid agencies

30 for all people of good will

31 for all Christian Ministry

APRIL 1 for Palm Sunday

2 for the Good News of Jesus Christ

3 for God's blessing on our area

4 for residents of Burgess Place