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EDITORIAL

Due to the Christmas holidays, January's Martlesham Monthly is scheduled to be put together earlier than normal. Therefore I will need to bring forward the deadline date for that edition, so please note that the deadline for copy for January's Martlesham Monthly is Friday 12th December. Thank you.

Furthermore, I'd like to wish all our readers, contributors and advertisers a very happy Christmas and a peaceful and prosperous New Year on behalf of everyone involved with the putting together and distribution of the Martlesham Monthly.

Neal Goldsmith

TALKING MARTLESHAM MONTHLY

Now that the continued production of the Talking Monthly is assured, please contact the Editors if you, or someone you know, would benefit by receiving one of the monthly audio tapes. These are available free of charge and are delivered by Royal Mail, normally on the second Saturday of the month. When the recipients have finished with the tape it can be returned to Graham Downing post-free merely by reversing the address label and dropping the package in a letter box.

Martlesham Monthly Editors

POLICE

Community Police Officer
PC 651 Richard Wright

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

COMMUNITY RESPONDERS

Martlesham Community Responders are a group of 4 volunteers (funded entirely by donations) who are trained to provide first aid and resuscitation skills. We provide a

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

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

VIRGIN MEDIA PHONE NUMBER

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

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

Martlesham Monthly

MARTLESHAM PARISH COUNCIL

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

New Parish Councillor

We welcome Mr Tony Green to the Parish Council. He was appointed by co-option on 5th November. Many thanks to all those who expressed an interest. Please do not be deterred from applying again should another vacancy arise.

Adastral Park Planning Application - Exhibition of Proposals

Suffolk Coastal District Council is holding an exhibition on 16th and 17th December. Please refer to a separate article in this magazine for details.

Suffolk Coastal District Council (SCDC) - Local Development Framework (LDF)

The Suffolk Coastal Local Plan is to be replaced by the Local Development Framework. It is anticipated that, from 1st December 2008, SCDC will be consulting on the "Site Specific Allocations and Policies" document, one element of the new

Framework. The document will identify sites, land and areas to be the subject of specific policies. Many individuals and organisations have submitted specific proposals. Details are available to view online at www.suffolkcoastal.gov.uk Follow the links to the LDF Homepage which will give you current information, including on Adastral Park.

The Parish Council plans to hold a parish meeting in January 2009 to inform the parish and seek parishioners' views. Please check your January newsletter and notice boards for details.

Campaign to Protect Rural England's (CPRE) anti-litter "Stop the Drop" Campaign

The CPRE are raising awareness to combat litter and fly-tipping. Please refer to their website www.cpre.org.uk for information and a toolkit. You can help keep Martlesham tidy by reporting fly-tipping to Suffolk Coastal District Council on 01394 383789, please provide evidence.

Forthcoming meetings

*Parish Council – Wednesday 3rd December

*Parish Council – Wednesday 7th January 2009

At the time of going to press no committee meetings are planned for December but this is subject to change. Please check notice boards or contact the Clerk if you have a particular query.

All meetings start at 7:30 pm in the Parish Room, Felixstowe Road, and are open to the public, who are welcome to ask questions or make comments to the council during the adjournment.

Contacting the Council

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

Telephone: 01473 612632

e-mail: clerk@martleshamcouncil.org.uk

ADASTRAL PARK PLANNING APPLICATION: EXHIBITION OF PROPOSALS

Suffolk Coastal District Council has received a major planning application for the development of Adastral Park and a large area of land adjoining. The application is for the refurbishment of Adastral Park and the development of adjoining land to provide:

- Up to 60,000m² net additional employment floorspace;
- 2000 homes;
- Mixed use local centre;
- Primary school;
- Hotel;
- Energy centre;
- Public park;
- New road connections and changes to the junctions on the A12

The Council will be holding an exhibition of the application proposals on:

Tuesday 16th December, 11 am to 9 pm; and Wednesday 17th December, 9:30 am to 12:30 pm at Martlesham Parish Room, Felixstowe Road, Martlesham, IP12 4PB.

If you would like to view the proposals or would like to speak to a planning officer about the proposals, please come along to the exhibition. The application can also be viewed by visiting the Council's website www.suffolkcoastal.gov.uk. There is a link on the home page.

MARTLESHAM COMMUNITY HALL AND RICHARDS ROOM

To enquire about booking Martlesham Community Hall or the Richards Room please telephone the Booking secretary on 01473 623203 who will be available to help you with your enquiry or will telephone you back if not available.

Alternatively, e-mail the new e-mail address martcomhall@btinternet.com or write to The Booking Secretary, Martlesham Community Hall, Felixstowe Road, Martlesham, Ipswich,

IP12 4PB.

Ref. Martlesham Community Hall Charity Number 1009602

MARTLESHAM HEATH HOUSEHOLDERS LTD

(Formerly Martlesham Consultants Ltd)

For those few members who have not yet paid the Annual maintenance charge we wish to remind you that the payment is overdue. Payments may be made by post to the Company Office at 6 The Square, Martlesham Heath, Ipswich, IP5 3SL, or delivered by hand. Your prompt payment will be appreciated.

We would like to thank all those householders who came to the two sessions in October to pay their maintenance charge. Directors find these sessions useful for getting feedback from residents, or passing on information. The woodland paths are very muddy at the moment and consequently very slippery in some areas. We would ask residents to be aware of this if they wish to walk through the woods. Also, we would remind people that in heavy rain storms the branches of trees can become very heavy and break unexpectedly, therefore if you chose to walk the woods at these times it is at your own risk.

We have had some contact from residents recently and in the recent past, concerned that dog faeces is becoming more common along paths and verges around the Heath. Whilst we agree that this is anti-social and a health hazard, we would point out that this is an issue for the dog owners or, on paths, for the Council and not something MHHL can deal with.

We are continuing to get contractors out to cut back some of the vegetation overhanging the paths/roads around the village, so if there is an area causing problems near where you live please let us know but be assured that we hope to get round to all affected areas eventually. Along with the parish council we would like to remind residents that they should check the boundaries of their own gardens as walking around the Village it is clear that some paths are being

encroached upon by trees and shrubs overhanging fences and walls of gardens.

We are still looking for new directors to join the Board, so if you are interested in getting involved in the way the Village looks in the future and preserving what we have, then please get in touch with us - you don't have to have done anything like this before and it would be nice to see some ladies on the Board (they are in a minority at the moment).

The next monthly MHHL (MCL) Directors meeting will be held on Monday 15th December. This is an open meeting and all who subscribe to the maintenance charge are welcome to attend.

The minutes of these meetings are available to members on request.

Meetings commence at 7:30 pm in the Committee room at St Michael's Church Centre.

Contact us on voicemail – 01473 612207

e-mail – mhh@martlesham.org.uk
By letter – C/O 6, The Square,
Martlesham Heath, Ipswich, IP5 3SL

ABOUT MARTLESHAM **From District Councillor Chris** **Blundell**

I am constantly impressed by all the help and goodwill that is on offer and available here in Martlesham. I would like this month to focus on St Michaels Church Hall and some of the regular events that take place there. First there is Martlesham Brass who currently boast a strong membership and what I found even more encouraging was that the band consists of a large proportion of young persons all striving to become good musicians. As an educator with many years experience and some elementary knowledge of mathematics (but not a musician) it has been shown statistically that there is a positive correlation between those young persons who develop a musical talent and their success in adult life. I feel sure that many of our young persons who currently do not play might like to consider doing so. While on the topic of fa-

cilities for young persons, particularly teenagers, I would like to highlight the 'Teen Drop-in' on a Saturday night. This is a place where teenagers can meet socially, play pool, computer games and obtain free toast! SCDC also runs a youth forum known as 'Teen Voices' when teenagers from all over the district can meet together and have a say on the kind of facilities that they would like to see in the district. One benefit of this is that a new skate park will shortly open in Woodbridge for all young skateboard enthusiasts. Another goodwill feature is that of the monthly lunch when, on the second Wednesday of each month, a group of volunteers prepare and lay on an excellent three course lunch primarily for the more senior members of our community. A modest fee of about £3 is asked for to just cover the cost of the food.

At the present time a large slice of current economic news is depressing, especially so if you or your family is directly affected. Suffolk Coastal District Council (SCDC) has decided along with other statutory and voluntary organisations to set up *two special event days* where help and free advice will be offered on how to beat the financial blues. Organisations that are participating in these help days include: The Pensions Service, Housing Benefits, Citizens Advice Bureau, Social and Health Education, Job Centre Plus, The Financial & Inclusion Advice service and many others. **The help days are scheduled as follows: each event will run from 10 am to 4 pm with the first at St Felix Church Hall, Gainsborough Road, (off Hamilton Rd) in Felixstowe on Thursday 27th November and the second will be at the Town Hall, High Street, Saxmundham on Wednesday 3rd December.** If these two events prove to be successful then further similar help days will follow but in different venues in order to help as many people as possible.

On Monday 1st December SCDC will publish for consultation two further important documents concerning the Local Development Framework (LDF). One will be on the 'Core Strategy' and the other will be on the

'Site Specific Options'. All the parcels of land that were submitted to the LDF Task Group from the Martlesham Parish area will be presented for consideration. The period of consultation will be from 1st December to 12th February 2009 (i.e. 10 weeks). During that time Martlesham Parish Council may decide to hold a further public meeting. If so, a date, place and time will be announced by the parish council.

If you would like to discuss any of the above items or other local matters with me, you can do so either by phone on 01473 622716 or by e-mail to chris.blundell@suffolkcoastal.gov.uk. Alternatively you can join me for a chat and a 'cuppa' at St Michael's Church hall on the first Monday of the month between 10 am and 12 noon.

DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S **REPORT**

BT's Planning application for **Adastral Park expansion**

Please note Suffolk Coastal's planning officers are holding an exhibition on this application at Martlesham Parish Room Old Felixstowe Road on 16th December, 11 am to 9 pm and also on the 17th December, 9:30 am until 12:30 pm.

Please come along to see what these plans entail and how you may or may not be affected. The plans will not just affect the eastern side of the A12, as road alterations and the widening of the A12 and Newbourne Road are being proposed as well as replacing roundabouts with traffic light junctions on the A12.

Update on Suffolk Coastal's Local **Development Framework** **Consultation**

A further consultation exercise is due to commence on December 1st and last for a period of 10 weeks on the site specific proposals for housing allocation within Suffolk Coastal. This is where landowners or their agents are asking Suffolk Coastal to consider allowing their land to be developed for housing. These sites will include Adastral Park, Mill Farm and the field adjacent to the common, Three Stiles Lane to Mill Lane, Walk Farm, Woodbridge Town Football Club, the land off Foxhall Road between Bell Lane and Dobbs Lane as

well as some other areas within our Parish.

Suffolk Coastal will need to be advised as to why you support or oppose the development of these areas for housing.

The document should be available at www.suffolkcoastal.gov.uk for viewing from 1st December or at their offices at Melton Hill Woodbridge and at the Parish office by appointment with the clerk.

If you wish to contact me regarding either of the above matters please call 01473 626308 after 6 p m o r e - m a i l j o h n . k e l s o @ s u f f o l k c o a s t a l . g o v . u k

May I take this opportunity to wish all residents a very merry Christmas and a happy 2009.
John Kelso, Suffolk Coastal District Councillor, Martlesham Ward

OPEN LETTER FROM MHHL TO CHAIRMAN OF SUFFOLK POLICE AUTHORITY

Detainee Processing Unit at Martlesham Heath

Martlesham Heath Householders Ltd is a non-profit making company whose primary aim is to maintain the open land on the village, to ensure the environment of the village is retained and to represent the interests of its shareholders.

Our membership has expressed a very high level of concern about the creation of a Detainee Processing Unit at the Police Headquarters at Martlesham Heath.

As you are no doubt aware, Suffolk Coastal District Council sent out 306 letters to residents of Martlesham Heath who live nearest to Police Headquarters. We hope you are aware that all 306 replied and all were against the proposal. This, we understand, is an unprecedented level of response and objection and something which, as an organization who values the support of the local community, we believe you should be very concerned about. We believe that if SCDC had sent out consultation letters to the whole village the response would have been much the same.

The great concern of our membership is the release of detainees into the local area. The facility will have 36 cells for the de-

tention of suspects and will take arrested persons from a large area of Suffolk. The throughput of detainees must be in the region of 40 a day, possibly more with bail returnees. We note that the SCDC planning case officer, Mr Martin Price, mentions that the Police have made it clear in their application that in many instances those that are being interviewed (and subsequently released) will not be guilty of any offence. He failed to mention that a good number of them would be on bail for further enquiries/Crown Prosecution Service decision-making/ID procedures. Many of these detainees will of course be charged either on initial detention or when returning on bail. You must accept that a not inconsiderable group of these individuals will be persons with many previous convictions and little or no regard for other people's property or safety.

Our membership feels that Suffolk Constabulary will have to bear the responsibility for any increase in crime that occurs in the area. The detainees will be released at all times of the day and night, often into an area they do not know. While the bus links to Ipswich town centre are quite good during the day they are much less frequent at night, always assuming the released person has the money to get back into Ipswich. There are concerns that these individuals may end up wandering the streets of Martlesham Heath at all times of the day and night. Some of these detainees will be on bail for robbery, sex offences, serious assaults, burglary and theft. A number of them will be found guilty, and be repeat offenders. There is a fear that there will be an increase in crime, especially burglary and taking without consent. The car parks at Police Headquarters could themselves be targets.

We understand that Suffolk Constabulary is going to some considerable expense improving site security at Police Headquarters. This appears to be somewhat at odds with the statement that there is no increased risk to the people who live in the area.

We look to you both for some reassurance that these persons will have a level of aftercare and direction back to their home on release from Police Custody and an assurance that the levels of Police Patrols will be raised in light of the increase of known criminals being in the area.

Yours faithfully,
Tony Mahoney, Chairman,
MARTLESHAM HEATH HOUSEHOLDERS LIMITED

MARTLESHAM COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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JUMBLE SALE

Our next Jumble Sale is being held on Saturday 7th March in the Pavilion. We are looking for jumble but we do not want magazines, plastic flower pots and electrical items.

Queries to Jackie Bear on
01473 623007

TREASURER WANTED

Martlesham Community Council are looking for someone to volunteer to be the Treasurer for the Council

We are a small friendly and happy group who are trying to raise funds for various projects for the benefit of residents living in Martlesham.

We meet on the second Monday of every month in the Parish Room in Felixstowe Road.

It will consist of banking, making cheques out which have to be countersigned by the committee and preparing a statement for the meetings. This work will only involve approximately 4 hours a month.

Enquiries to Jackie Bear on
01473 623007

MCC SCRIBE

MARTLESHAM & DISTRICT FLOWER CLUB

With almost 80 lunches to prepare, the Committee worked really hard at our Open meeting. We must give

special thanks to Ken and Frank who helped move all the tables and chairs both before and after the meeting and to the marvelous trio of Ron, Ronnie and John who did all the washing up (and there was certainly plenty of that!) Their help was invaluable in making the afternoon such a success and after a hectic morning it enabled the committee to relax and enjoy the afternoon watching our demonstrator David Thomson. David is well-known to many of us and as usual he had plenty to say during his demonstration. He told us he preferred to use just one colour for each of his arrangements and throughout the afternoon he created wonderful displays in yellow, red, orange, purple and pink. His finale was an arrangement in a huge glass vase filled at the bottom with fluorescent green sisal to which he added numerous green foliage and flowers. David kept us amused throughout the afternoon with tales of his recent trip to Australia, his trip on the Queen Mary, his love of chocolate (including chocolate martinis), his shopping expeditions, dinner venues and menus and countless other stories.

There is no meeting in December so we would like to wish everyone a really happy Christmas and a peaceful and prosperous New Year. We look forward to seeing you all again in January.
Barbara Bown - 01394 383033

MARTLESHAM IN BLOOM

Our next event:-

Thursday 29th January 7.30 pm at St Michael's Church Centre featuring a talk on the history of landscape; the event will also include our AGM. More details will be in January's Martlesham Monthly.

Anglia in Bloom

Several committee members attended the recent annual Anglia in Bloom Seminar at Bury St Edmunds; speakers included Britain in Bloom judges and we were able to discuss our entry this year with our judges.

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.

M.A.L.G.A.

Allotments

AGM date

Thursday January 15th 2009

There will be a guest speaker (to be announced in the January magazine) and refreshments.

Thanks

I would personally like to thank all of the committee for their dedication and work this year. It's not been an easy one and far from successful but I feel the blame is not on the committee, for they have been very busy all year.

Thanks

Thanks also to all the members who supported and trusted us with this monumental task. At the start, little did we know the challenge ahead and how indifferent the government bodies would be.

But we've made our mark and people know who we are. You never know, the local officials might even come to their senses and see what a golden opportunity this could be for them as well as us.

On reflection

I feel the writing was on the wall even before we started; that in reality we were duped into creating an Association to see if we were strong enough. Perhaps those in the side wings were testing the commitment of those of us who wanted allotments, just to see if we could last! Well we have and we are getting stronger with more support from those who will not let go of this quest which is rightfully ours.

BIGGER

The pressure is still on, even though I was quoted this year by a local body, "You'll be lucky to see allotments in ten years." I feel we have not even cracked the surface and will be even more prevalent next year. In fact we could even be in the press many times from what I hear - after all, people need to grow their own with the credit crunch - allotment fever is growing!!

MALGA would like to wish its members a **Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year**

You can join MALGA and/or contact me:-

malga@btinternet.com

Paul Day, Chairman of MALGA

MARTLESHAM HEATH W.I.

This has been a busy year and has included a well attended open evening with visitors in June when Mr Mark Mitchels, an excellent speaker, told us about the life of Elizabeth Garrett Anderson. Other speakers this year included the Fire Service, a working history of the River Stour, a tour of Easter Island complete with superb slides and crafts, a family undertaking a "Trek for Life" in memory of their daughter, gemstones and silver and the Suffolk Hearing Support Services with lots of good advice.

Members attended two group meetings hosted by Kesgrave W.I. at which our Vice Presidents, both members of the group committee, organised the raffle for both events. We visited Bucklesham and Nacton W.I.s and we look forward to meeting Martlesham in December.

Monthly walks continue to be well supported and usually include a pub lunch which adds to the pleasure. Members enjoyed an Italian meal at a local restaurant in May and a Christmas lunch has been arranged for December. Outings in October to Radio Suffolk and the "Seaside Special" at the Spa Pavilion in Felixstowe were a great success. Member profiles continue as does our scrapbook including photos of our events during the year.

We commence our January programme on Monday 12th with a talk on "Building a nursery in Vietnam".

Mary Bloomfield - 01473 625577

MARTLESHAM W.I.

The enthusiasm of our speaker Mrs Angela Pratt was infectious and her talk on DNA certainly gave us all something to think about. She explained about the chemistry and structure of DNA and simplified this with an example created with beads. She then went on to talk about how animals have been used to produce pharmaceuticals, how experiments are being carried out so that organs from animals can be used for humans and how wheat has been developed from grass. We didn't realise that 98% of a chim-

panzee's DNA is the same as ours. Nor did we know that the first GM crop available in America was the Flavour Savour tomato which has been used for many years. Mrs Pratt also talked about police work and of how DNA samples have come to be a very important part in police investigations/prosecutions.

Our next meeting will be our Christmas social evening on 12th December when Mr Michael Stagg will give a talk with prose poetry and pictures entitled 'Christmas'. We meet at 7:30 pm in the Richards Room, Martlesham and new members are always very welcome to join our small friendly group.

Contact can be made to Audrey Burnell on 01394 386738.

Barbara Bown

MARTLESHAM LADIES CLUB

How time flies – we are just two meetings away from the end of 2008 but looking at the speakers we have lined up for 2009 it looks like a very interesting year ahead - watch this space!

Just two meetings left for this year, they are:

*4th December - 'Welcome Stranger' (Christmas Special); speaker John Goodhand

*18th December - Christmas Party

We meet fortnightly in the Richards Room, Martlesham Community Centre alternate Thursdays at 7:30 pm, new members are always welcome at any time throughout the year, though the New Year would be a great time to come. For any further information please phone Rita on 01473 624510.

Margaret Green

MARTLESHAM MOTHERS' UNION

Are you thinking of getting married next year - or the year after? We recently held a Wedding Fayre to show how your wedding need not cost the earth. Have you considered getting married in Church? The Mothers' Union has produced quite a lot of leaflets which can help you with ideas and decisions and answer questions about getting married. It may cost a lot less than you think.

Did you know that statistics

show that people who are married are happier, healthier and live longer, so it seems worth thinking about.

Why not make a phone call to find out more?

If you are interested in learning more about the Mothers' Union and what goes on why not come to our meeting at St Michael's Church Centre on January 7th at 2:30 pm, you can be sure of a very warm welcome. For more details, phone Elizabeth on 01394 210793 or Marion on 01394 460833.

MARTLESHAM HEATH BABY & TODDLER GROUP

We've decided to change the format this year and hold two Christmas parties during the normal morning sessions on Wednesday 17th and Friday 19th December (please note that **NO** afternoon sessions will be held that week). Tickets will be available shortly from your Session Leader and will be on a first come, first serve basis. The cost will remain the same as the normal session fee you pay.

The party will be fancy dress with prizes for the best dressed boy and girl. We will also be hosting a dancing competition. In addition, Santa will be paying a visit with a gift for every child! For the grown ups there will be a raffle held on both days with plenty of prizes including a generous hamper at each raffle. Refreshments will also be provided.

Following the Christmas parties, the group will take a break for the festive season resuming in the new term in January.

UPDATE: The sponsored toddler which took place in October was a great success, with sponsorship money still coming in. If we could ask that all remaining sponsorship money be returned by 10th December, we can announce the winner of the prize for the most sponsorship raised.

For anyone who would like to join us, our group is a friendly, fun place to meet with lots of toys, a sing-a-long music session and a great craft activity table for the children. Refreshments are included

and your first visit is ABSOLUTELY FREE!

Our play sessions are held at the Martlesham Heath Pavilion on Wednesdays and Fridays from 9:30 am until 11:30 am and from 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 to a small 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 Donna on 01473 610495 or Nikki on 01473 614055.

MARTLESHAM PLAYSCHOOL

It's hard to believe that Christmas will soon be here – where has the term gone! Our children will be busy making things for Christmas and practicing for our end of term performance. Parents – you have the chance to buy your 2009 calendars with your children's photos and artwork inside. At just £4 each they'll make excellent Christmas presents – check at playschool for full details.

Our fundraisers are busy organizing events leading up to Christmas. We've recently held our Pamper Evening. Also Strawberry Mountain Photography visited the playschool at the end of November for those all important photos for grandparents for Christmas. We're hoping both events will have been huge successes, more details in January.

End of term Christmas parties will be taking place at the playschool on Thursday December 18th, one in the morning and one in the afternoon. We've heard that someone will be making a very special visit to each party !!

Parents, grandparents and friends make a note in your diaries! On Friday December 19th we shall be holding our Christmas performance in St Michaels Church on Martlesham Heath. All our children will be taking part. Look out for full de-

tails at the playschool soon. We shall also be saying goodbye to some of our children, so we would like to wish them, and their families, good luck for the future at their new nurseries or schools

We currently take children from two-and-a-half years old, so if you are interested in sending your child to Martlesham Playschool, please contact me for a copy of our prospectus, and a registration form to join our waiting list, on 07857 309365, or 01473 621315.

***** **Merry Christmas and a happy New Year from everyone at Martlesham Playschool** *****

Caroline Swale

(Business Manager - Admissions & Advisory)

ST MICHAEL'S PRE-SCHOOL

Martlesham Heath

www.stmichaelspreschool.org.uk

A big thank you to all those who attended our Christmas Fayre and Pamper Evening, we hope you had a lovely time looking at all the wonderful stalls and found time to have a massage or a manicure. Thank you also to the parents, committee members and staff who worked very hard to make this a successful night and the local companies who donated raffle prizes, S&I Beauty, Tesco, Duncans, Memories, Martlesham Leisure and King Pin. We raised an enormous £500 which we shall use to buy the children new toys and equipment.

We will be taking the children to Play2Day in November and Snakes 'n' Ladders in December where we hope they will be able to run around and enjoy themselves.

Our Christmas Party will be on the 15th December with games, party food and singing carols to the families. Perhaps there might also be a visitor in a red suit who comes with a sack of toys?

Our new 4+ group meets on a Friday afternoon starting after Christmas, enjoying close links with Birchwood School Foundation Class.

Our children leave us to go on to all the local schools including Birchwood, Gorseland, Cedarwood, Waldringfield, Little Bealings and Rendlesham.

The last day of term will be on Saturday September 20th

19th December and the new term begins on 6th January.

Please visit our webshop at <http://www.buy.at/stmichaelspreschool> to help us raise funds. All purchases made via the webshop result in commission payments to the Pre-School.

We have places available and take children from two-and-a-half to four years, so if you are interested in sending your child to St Michael's Pre-School and would like a prospectus or to arrange a visit please call Sarah Tait on 01473 614174 or e-mail admin@stmichaelspreschool.org.uk

CALLING ALL MUMS...

The Mums' Club meets at St. Michael's Church Centre, Martlesham Heath on Tuesday 2nd December from 12:45 to 2:30 pm for its Christmas Party. We will be having a 'Bring and Share' lunch on this occasion so just bring along a small quantity of food to share and join in the fun. We invite you to dress up your toddler as a character from the Christmas story as after lunch we hope to present our own Nativity play (complete with stable!!) Revd. Ian Naylor will join us to tell us of the real meaning of Christmas.

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

BUCKLESHAM SCHOOL NEWS

We have had a very busy and exciting term so far with lots of events including a visit from a story teller; a Victorian school morning; a travelling production of Oliver Twist; the making of a 'Big Book' as well as the usual mixture of sporting challenges and achievements.

One of our biggest fund raising events takes place on Saturday December 6th from 11 am until 2 pm. This year there will be a wide range of stalls including hand made cards; Usbourne books; jewellery; plants; Pampered Chef; Body Shop; decorations and toys; children's cushions, gym bags and scrap book memories. There will be a visit from Father Christmas who will spare some precious minutes from his busy schedule to spend some time with us.

We do hope you can visit us and support this seasonal event.

The staff, parents and children look forward to welcoming you.

MARTLESHAM HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The final meeting of 2008 will be held on Monday December 15th when Mr and Mrs Clive Paine will entertain us with "A Victorian Christmas". They, and as many of our audience who choose to, will be in Victorian costume!!

The meeting will be held in the Pavilion on the Green, Martlesham Heath at 7:30 pm. All are welcome and admission is £1.50 which will include seasonal refreshments.

We take this opportunity to wish all our members a very Happy Christmas and a healthy New Year.

The meeting will be held in the Pavilion on the Green, Martlesham Heath at 8 pm. All are welcome and admission is £1.50 which will include seasonal refreshments.

John Tyler - 01473 612736

MARTLESHAM HEATH AVIATION SOCIETY

We wish to thank everyone who attended the annual Memorial Service on the Barrack Square on Sunday 9th November.

Our meeting on Friday 7th November was another "full house" to hear a talk by Mr David Lee entitled, "Memorable Milestones of a History of Flight".

David is an old friend of our society and a member of Haverhill Aviation Society. He is a former Deputy Director at the Imperial War Museum, Duxford and was responsible for the conservation, preparation and installation of aircraft into the Norman Foster designed American Air Museum there.

He gave a most interesting illustrated talk of his personal selection of aircraft and aeronautical achievements that he has admired over the years.

David Lee is a commentator at many air shows, including Old Warden, Duxford, Kemble, Abingdon and Little Gransden. He is cur-

rently writing volume 3 of "Action Stations – Revisited". He is also Technical Editor of "Airfield Focus". We are fortunate that we are able to obtain speakers of his knowledge and authority.

A vote of thanks was given by Mike Gunnell.

Our next meeting on Friday 5th December is an altogether more light-hearted affair. We are in the Christmas spirit and our speaker will be Mr Pip Wright. Pip is a local entertainer who will give an illustrated, humorous selection of stories with a local flavour. He is also an accomplished guitar player and equally humorous songs will also be the order of the day.

All meetings take place in the Community Hall, Felixtowe Road and start at 7:30 pm. Non-members are most welcome for a payment of just £2 at the door. This will include refreshments as its Christmas!
Alan Powell - 01473 622458

MARTLESHAM BRASS

Making Music Fun in East Anglia

Christmas is coming! And to get you in the festive mood, why not come along to our 'Coffee and Carols' event on Saturday 6th December from 10 am to 12 noon at St Michael's Church, Martlesham Heath? Everyone is welcome to listen and enjoy refreshments in a relaxed atmosphere. As mentioned last time, our Christmas concert is on Sunday 21st December at 7 pm at the Kesgrave Community Centre. Tickets from Chris Beale 07802 868924 - £2.50 (primary school children free). No doubt you will soon see us playing carols at a supermarket near you! This year we shall give 50% of all our collections to charities chosen by the players. Since the band started in 1996 we have given almost £9300 to charity thanks to your generous donations in our collecting buckets- we are hoping to reach £1000 this year! Two advance dates for your diaries - Beetle Drive on 31st January and on 28th February we shall welcome Brett Baker, Principal Trombone with The Black Dyke Band, to teach at our workshop and then perform in a concert with us - very exciting!!

Our band welcomes new players young and old, with or without experience. Our aim is to encourage anyone who feels they would like to play in a brass band to come and have a go! If you would like to join us, or if you already play or have previously played a brass instrument and feel that you would like to come along and meet us, please contact us via the website or use the contact details below.

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Visit our website -
www.martleshambrass.co.uk

Martlesham Brass Christmas Concert

at
**Kesgrave Community Centre
on Sunday 21st December
at 7 pm**

**Tickets £2.50 (primary school
children free)**

**Contact Chris Beale 07802
868924 or
Liz Benyon 01473 623276**

PORTAL WOODLANDS CONSERVATION GROUP

Update, update... 'the Ghost', Brainy Dobbs, has been apprehended, according to a local PC. For more information about Brainy Dobbs, and who he was, please take a look at our website.

Great stuff, we had 3 new faces at our last work day. It was lovely to see some new people. We do hope that we see you and others again soon. The team enjoyed a couple of hours work, clearing the new education area. Thanks again to everyone for their efforts. Thanks also to Jan Powling for supplying us with some yummy cakes at 'half time', very much appreciated (this will draw in the crowds, best supply double next time!)

The **Nature Watch Club** had a successful meeting, looking at trees and fungi. They planted a new sapling hedge, measured 5 mature trees and came to the

conclusion, that Duncan is a real 'fun gi' (tee heel!). They also identified several different other types of fungi. Nature Watch will start back in the new year with some 'homework' for those wishing to start or progress their Explorer Club awards and the weekend sessions will start back in late spring. If your child enjoys nature and being outdoors, why not come and join? It is essential to book a place by sending an e-mail to: naturewatch.pwcg@martlesham.org.uk. Dates will be announced in the new year.

May we wish all the supporters and users of Portal Woodlands a great festive season. See you in 2009.

Dates for the diary:

Nature Watch Meeting - Will resume in 2009. Dates to follow.

Woodlands Work Morning - Sunday 14th December (with a festive spirit), 10 am - noon, meet opposite the Police sports field entrance.

For more information about PWCG and its activities, please access our website at www.martlesham.org.uk/portalwoodlandsgroup, or if you have any questions please e-mail us at pwcg@martlesham.org.uk or phone Martlesham Parish Council on 01473 612632.

Jocelyn Cook

MARTLESHAM CONSERVATION GROUP

As we approach the shortest day nature slows down. Birdsong is at its quietest. The trees are mostly bare having shed their leaves in the November winds. However the December weather seems less severe than it used to be. The trend towards milder and wetter winters means that some birds such as Blackcaps may choose to stay rather than migrate and Chiff Chaffs may stay on our southern coast. There may be other changes to previous patterns of wildlife behaviour. Please keep a look out.

Our AGM took place on 6th November. Results of the various surveys undertaken by the group were presented. We now have some data covering quite a few years. The Silver Studded Blue population remains a cause for con-

cern. Birds in our local woodland seem to be doing fine, mostly steady numbers. The committee was re-elected unchanged. A very big thanks go to Duncan Sweeting who gave us a very interesting presentation on "Amphibians and Reptiles". Please could any one wishing to join or rejoin pay their subscription, £2.50 for individuals or £3 per family.

We continue heathland conservation with a work party on Sunday 14th December. Please meet outside the Douglas Bader at 10 am or join us on the heath. We aim to follow up the work of previous times with more gorse and birch clearance and some heather cutting. Everyone is welcome. No special skills are required. All tools and equipment will be provided.

Please contact us if you are interested in any of the activities of the group or would like to share your observations on local wildlife.

Phil Smith - 01473 625630

SUFFOLK WILDLIFE TRUST

Woodbridge Group

On Thursday 18th December we have our Christmas Quiz with mince pies and mulled wine starting at 7:30 pm in the Woodbridge Community Hall. Please come and join us for a fun evening featuring a range of activities. All are welcome, especially teams. Admission is £2 as usual.

Phil Smith - 01473 625630

IS YOUR CAT MISSING?

A dead cat was found on the A12 carriageway near the BT roundabout on the morning of 29th October and taken to the Orwell Vet Practice at Kesgrave who will dispose of the body. The cat, believed to be female, was a lovely chocolate brown colour but unfortunately had no collar and was not chipped. Please contact Orwell Vet practice for any more information.

MARTLESHAM CARPET BOWLS CLUB

We have now commenced the Ladies and Gents singles for the club competitions and these are progressing well. We have played the away match of the Joe Rice Cup

(this is a knock-out competition played over home and away matches) and finished with a 2:2 draw. The home part will be played on 18th November when we are hoping that we can take advantage of the home position and go on to the next leg. We will be holding our usual Christmas fun afternoon on Tuesday 16th December with competitions testing our skill on the bowls mat and 'Christmassy' refreshments. This is a really good afternoon and we hope many members will come along to enjoy themselves.

Maureen Banthorp

1ST MARTLESHAM SCOUT GROUP - SCOUT POST

As in previous years, the Scouts are taking part in the Scout Post, which involves collecting and delivering Christmas Cards to addresses in the IP1 to IP5 areas, plus Martlesham Village, Claydon, Great Blakenham and Barham. If you would like to take advantage of this postal system, please post your cards, along with 15p per card, into one of the posting boxes at Duncan's Butchers, Black Tiles Post Office Stores, BT and the Scout HQ. Last date for posting is 9th December. Delivery will take place week commencing 15th December.

If you have any queries about Scout related issues please contact Christina Bowskill on 01473 624516.

SPEAK EASY @ MARTLESHAM

Speak Easy at Martlesham speakers club hosted a 'Taster Evening' earlier in the Autumn and welcomed a number of interested 'tasters'! The guests observed a typical meeting including ad hoc mini speeches and three prepared speeches by club members. One of our guests felt sufficiently encouraged to join in with an ad hoc mini speech on the newsreading profession and received a resounding round of applause.

Feedback at the end of the meeting from both members and guests indicated that the evening

had been a great success and thoroughly enjoyed by everyone.

Guests are always welcome at our regular meetings which are on alternate Thursdays at the Richards Room in Martlesham and there is no pressure to speak unless you wish to. If you would like to find out more please contact: Dave Nightingale on 07969 598633 or Ann Nunn on 01728 830462

Future 2008/2009 Speak Easy @ Martlesham meetings:

*December 11th 2008

*January 8th 2009

*January 22nd 2009

Meetings are 7 pm for 7:15 pm start at the Richards Room, Martlesham Community Hall, Felixstowe Road, Martlesham (behind Tesco).

Further details can be found at <http://www.speakeasyatmartlesham.co.uk>

MARTLESHAM COUNTRY MARKET

We have two new producers at the market. One producer is a trained florist, able to offer Christmas table decorations and wreaths. Please come along and discuss your requirements. Floral orders can be delivered for a modest fee.

The other producer has joined our excellent team of cooks and is offering food with an Indian influence. She has also contributed to our craft section a selection of painted and embroidered lanterns with a Christmas theme.

Christmas hampers are available to order and this year we are offering a selection box that can be made up on the day of the market. Delivery of these items is available if you require it. A Christmas table will be set up at the end of November to display our varied and interesting array of Christmas food treats.

In our craft section we are offering beaded Christmas decorations and small gift decorated gift boxes. Please come and see our selection of interesting hand-made Christmas gifts.

We are open at the Martlesham Heath Pavilion every Tuesday between 9 am and 10:30 am

and at the Scout H/Q, Twelve Acre Approach every Saturday between 10 am and 12 noon. Both venues offer tea, coffee and cakes during opening hours.

Last order dates for Christmas are Tuesday 16th December for Martlesham market and Saturday 13th December for Kesgrave market. Martlesham market closes on Tuesday 23rd December and reopens Tuesday 13th January. Kesgrave market closes on Saturday 20th December and reopens Saturday 10th January. We would like to wish all our customers a happy Christmas and New Year.

Any enquiries about the market please contact Margaret Gayfer (Chairman) telephone 01473 623849.

THE FRIENDS OF KESGRAVE CRU

On Friday December 12th we are having a Christmas Fundraising event at Cafe 66 (in the Scout Hall near Tescos, Kesgrave), from 10 am until 2 pm with a raffle, tombola, bric-a-brac table, cakes and more.

All money raised will benefit the people who use the Kesgrave Community Resource Unit in Bell Lane, so please come and support both Cafe 66 and 'The Friends'.

Jenny Banks, Chairman

ST ELIZABETH HOSPICE USED STAMPS APPEAL

We will soon all be receiving lots of Christmas cards from friends and family, which is lovely. Please consider doing something lovely in return - tear off the stamps from these envelopes and save them for the St Elizabeth Hospice in Foxhall Road, Ipswich. They are able to turn them into much needed cash - they are sorted and sold in bulk, so the more stamps we save the more money the Hospice gets. Just remember please to leave a 1 cm border around the stamps to avoid damaging the serrated edges (that's about 1/2 inch in old money!) Any of the Hospice shops will accept bundles of stamps, or drop them through my letterbox and I will happily pass them on.

Thanks everyone, and a Happy Christmas to you all.

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

THE BUCKLESHAM PLAYERS

The Bucklesham Players are currently rehearsing for their latest pantomime, "Robinson Crusoe", which will be performed in early January. It is not just the story of a young man shipwrecked on a desert island who befriends a local native. It also features his family and friends who try to rescue him, and the evil pirate Blackbeard who tries everything to stop them.

Performances will be held at the Bucklesham Village Hall on January 8th, 9th and 10th at 7:30 pm. There is also a matinee on Saturday 10th at 2 pm. Tickets are priced at £6 for adults and £5 for children and concessions. Concessions are only available for the Thursday and Friday performances. If you would like to come, please call Valerie Smith on 01473 659619 for tickets. We look forward to seeing you.

LIONS CLUB OF WOODBRIDGE & DISTRICT

November offered a short breathing space before the busy run up to Christmas really gets under way. At the time of writing we are looking forward to a social evening with a visiting speaker, Peter Driver, to talk about "Suffolk Oddities". We always seek to balance the social, fundraising and community activities of the Club; with the Christmas Parcels project already well under way, we shall be collecting at the Turban Centre and Tesco Martlesham Heath, taking our turn at Santa's sleigh ride around Woodbridge and contributing some suitably whiskered characters to assist MacMillan Cancer Care in their Christmas Grotto at Wyevale. In the midst of all that we take a break for our Christmas meal, which gives us the chance to exchange some of the anecdotes of the recent activities and then launch into the final burst of activity for the festive season. Once again, Farlingaye High School will be supporting us

with their annual competition for the best Christmas parcel - we are very grateful to them and are always astounded at the imagination and generosity that goes into their contribution. Budgens in Woodbridge are lending their support - look for our display and the buy an extra item basket - our thanks to them and to everyone who will donate to our street and store collections.

For more information about the Lions, please call us on 0845 8332820 or see

www.woodbridgelions.org.uk

SAFER NEIGHBOURHOOD TEAM, KESGRAVE

"Sales Tax" - Mississippi Shieks - Bluebird Label - 1934

If, like me, you don't have an access route to the back of the house from the outside, you'll know what a pain it can be to secure the cycles to the front or side of the house, but if, like me, you're a motorcyclist, you'll know about ground and wall anchors. They're not that expensive, don't take much effort to fix to the wall (or ground) and provide a very secure anchor point to lock things to - like bikes. In sheds and garages, they can be used to secure larger items like ride on mowers or other expensive equipment (motorcycles) - or in the garden, a ground anchor hidden by plants can be used to secure the bigger garden ornaments and fixtures, like seats or stoneware.

The reason I make mention of this is because at this time last year, the crime rate within the area of Kesgrave, Martlesham and Rushmere St Andrew was sitting at around about 25% down on the previous year (and that was close to 30% down on the year before that) - and I had no qualms in telling everybody about it. Clearly I was tempting fate. No sooner had I announced those statistics, then we were well and truly hit by a run of thefts from insecure cars, sheds, garages and gardens where all manner of property was stolen. Most of it was in easy reach, in plain view and with almost no hope of recovery. Phones, sat navs, handbags, laptops...you name it and it all

went missing.

Please - lock it, protect it, secure it, keep it.

Mick Richardson Ps 535, Safer Neighbourhood Team, Kesgrave & District

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MARTLESHAM CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

Black Tiles Lane

www.m-c-f.org

"Reality versus 'Tinsel Land'"

Many things which we appreciate at Christmas time give pleasure because we all know (except the 'under fives'!) that we are living in the unthreatening world of our imagination. So we relax with Rudolph, enjoy the fun of Father Christmas and coo at the crib scene at the Church. Let us wholeheartedly enjoy the fantasy world of the reindeer and the snowman, but let us not linger too long in the child's world, lest we lose sight of the reality of the Incarnation.

That Angel, stuck rather tip-sily, at the top of the tree, cannot be equated with those mighty Seraphs who heralded the advent of the Holy One. The red-robed, be-whiskered gift giver bears no resemblance to God, the Almighty Creator of Heaven and Earth, who bestowed, not without sacrifice, the indescribable gift of His Son. The plastic doll in the straw laden crib is a poor symbol of the Mighty Lord, who, though He came in weakness as a babe, will yet fill heaven and earth with a Glory which will never pass away. Visit, by all means, but do not live in Tinsel Land!

"Our God, contracted to a span,

Incomprehensibly made man"

ACTIVITIES IN DECEMBER

Sundays

Worship and teaching - 10 am

Communion - 11:45 am

Tuesday Circle

9th December (12:45 pm)

Christmas Lunch

Wednesdays

Housegroups - 7:30 pm

Thursdays

Mums and Toddlers - 10 am

Youth Club - 7:30 pm

Friends on Friday: 10 am - 12 noon

Living Room: Sunday 7th December at 6:30 pm

Senior Citizen's Tea: December 14th - 5 pm

Carol Service: December 21st at 7 pm

Christmas Day Service - 10 am

For further information see the website, or contact Julia Faulkner (01473 625482), or John Melten (01473 624401).

BRIGHTWELL CHURCH

December is again upon us and it becomes a month for looking back on the year to thank all those who have put so much into the life of the Church and the Village.

To members of our social committee, to Jessica Niblock for managing our Church Hall bookings, and to all those people who help in maintaining our floral displays, church cleaning and those who tend the churchyard throughout the year. An especial thank you to Guy and Julie Nicholls for their continued support, presented in a quiet and unobtrusive way, to all of our activities at the Church throughout the year.

We are ever grateful to our Ministry Team who, week by week, led our Services with devotion and a freshness which, as a congregation, made us feel very special in their Ministry. And our Church Officers Marjorie Manning and Sandie Little for their care as ever. We thank Diana Haycock for her music and her continued commitment to the Church.

Now looking forward we have special events for December – the Nativity Play in the Church Hall on Sunday 7th December at 3:30 pm with tea afterwards and our Service of Nine Lessons and Carols on Sunday 21st December at 6:30 pm. Mince pies and mulled wine to follow.

For usual Services around Christmas check the list of Benefice Services in this periodical or the website below (thank you to all that

view the site - we have had over 500 visitors since February).

On behalf of all at Brightwell I send best wishes for Christmas and the New Year.

Geoff Lambert, PCC Secretary

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FROM MARTLESHAM CHURCH

Christmas will soon be here, we are told the country is in recession, the credit crunch is biting, so what is there to celebrate? We are celebrating the birth of Jesus Christ, who came into the world, not because it was an excuse for baubles and glitter, not because it gave us a reason to send cards and give presents, he came into the world to bring good news to the poor, to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and to release the oppressed.

Jesus Christ came into the world to give us hope and his birth was announced to the shepherds by an angel saying: 'Glory to God in the highest and peace to his people on earth.'

That is still the message to this troubled world. Why not come and join us as we praise God for his gift to the world in Jesus born in Bethlehem over 2000 years ago?

There is a full list of services in this magazine - you can be sure of a warm welcome at any of our churches.

May I wish you a holy, joyful and peaceful Christmas.

MARTLESHAM PARISH CHURCH SERVICES OVER CHRISTMAS

St Marys

*18/12/08 - 9 Lessons and Carols at 7 pm, *24/12/08 - Holy Communion at 11:30 pm, *25/12/08 - Holy Communion at 11 am

St Michaels

*21/12/08 - Christingle at 3:30 pm, *22/12/08 - Carols In The Square followed by refreshments, *24/12/08 - Holy Communion at 11:30 pm, *25/12/08 - All Age Worship at 9:45 am

Come and share the true spirit of Christmas.



THE CHURCH IN MARTLESHAM & BRIGHTWELL

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Services for the Month	Brightwell St. John's	Martlesham St. Mary's	Martlesham Heath St. Michael's
Sunday 7th December Advent 2	8am Holy Communion 3:30pm Nativity Play in Church Hall	11am Holy Communion BCP	9:45am Family Holy Communion & Junior Church 6:30pm Informal Worship
Sunday 14th December Advent 3	6:30pm Evensong	8am Holy Communion 11am Songs of Praise	9:45am Nativity Play
Thur 18th December		7pm Carol Service	
Sunday 21st December Advent 4	8am Holy Communion 6:30pm Carol Service	11am Family Holy Communion	3:30pm Christingle 6:30pm Youth Service
Wed 24th December Christmas Eve		11:30pm Holy Communion	11:30pm Holy Communion
Thurs 25th December Christmas Day	8am Holy Communion	11am Holy Communion	9:45am Worship Service
Wed 28th December	6:30pm Evensong	8am Holy Communion 11am Matins	9:45am Family Holy Communion
Sunday 4th January 2nd Sunday Christmas	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 Church Centre. Bright Stars at 10:30am on Monday 8th December in St Michael's Church Centre. A warm welcome awaits you at all the above services.

PRAYER DIARY FOR DECEMBER

Please pray for the world, the church, where we live and:

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| 5 for those attending the Mothers' Union Christmas party | 21 continue preparing for the coming of Christ this Advent |
| 6 for service men and women | 22 for all those living in poverty |
| 7 for all paramedics and first responders | 23 for all those living in York Road |
| 8 for our own spiritual growth | 24 for all parents preparing for Christmas |
| 9 for all persecuted Christians | 25 give thanks for the birth of a saviour |
| 10 for those living in Whinfield and Whinfield Court | 26 for all people without families |
| 11 for all shop assistants | 27 give thanks for the work of St John the Evangelist |
| 12 for other faiths | 28 for young children on the Holy Innocents day |
| 13 for the housebound and lonely | 29 thank God for his bountiful goodness |
| 14 for all those attending church today | 30 be still and know God |
| 15 for all attending carols in the Square tonight | 31 for all those living in Acorn Way |
| 16 for our government, give them wisdom | JAN 1 for a peaceful world in 2009 |
| 17 for those living in Woodside | 2 for all ministers of faith |
| 18 for all those attending the carol service at St Mary's | 3 give thanks for the gift of the Bible |
| 19 give thanks for all grandparents | 4 for a fuller understanding of the Bible |
| 20 for people living in war torn countries | |