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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.

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MARTLESHAM'S MUSIC ON THE GREEN 2009

In the words of punk favourites, The Ramones, it's 'Hey Ho Let's Go' as the planning and organisation for this year's Music On The Green steps up.

The event will take place on Saturday 11th July 2009 on Martlesham Village Green and will closely follow the format of previous years. Two stages will have musicians playing for 12 hours from 10:30 am until the close at 10:30 pm. The familiar marquee will be in place for drinks and shelter (from the sun we hope) and a number of food stands will be on hand to help feed the large expected crowd. A small fun fair and children's entertainer will also be on site.

Local organisations are invited to attend and take a stand at the event with a view to raising funds and informing the community about what they do. More information on booking a stand can be got by e-mailing sue@motg.co.uk

This year we are working closely with the East Anglian Children's Hospice (EACH) who will be the main benefactors of funds raised. Hopefully we can make a substantial contribution to this excellent cause.

Bands already confirmed include local youngsters, Hysteria, The Mutiny and No Added Sugar and more established bands, the Smokin' Hogs, The Martells, Aftershock and Anything But Ordinary. Crowd favourites The Ballistics are also on hand with their skanking Ska sound. The Swing Machine Big Band and the Feis London Fiddlers will lighten up the afternoon. However our big news is that we have confirmed an evening appearance of After The Fire, a band who had chart success in the 1980's, including appearances on Top of the Pops! Finally the day would not be complete

without regulars, Martlesham Brass, Cool Remedy, Blue Wave and Suspect Device.

Our website has been recently updated so please have a look and listen to the bands to get you in the mood. <http://www.musiconthegreen.com/>

As ever we need more volunteers and sponsors to help us out. If you want to help please get in touch by e-mail to info@motg.co.uk

Finally a big thanks to our sponsors, Martlesham Monthly, MSC (UK) Limited, BBC Radio Suffolk and Universal PA.

MARTLESHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Annual Parish Meeting – Wednesday 22nd April

Your opportunity to have your say about issues that affect Martlesham; not a meeting of the Parish Council. This will take place at 7:30 pm in the Parish Room. A presentation on the NHS Foundation Trust has been provisionally booked. All welcome.

Local Development Framework

On 4th March the full Parish Council agreed its response to the recent LDF consultations. Detailed documents on the Core Strategy & Development Control Policies Preferred Options and Site Specific Allocations Issues & Options have been sent to Suffolk Coastal District Council (SCDC). As far as housing development in the area east of Ipswich is concerned, the Council has strongly objected to SCDC's preferred option of the land within Martlesham, previously known as Area 4, and reiterated its previous stance that the land northwest of the A14 between the Bucklesham & Felixstowe Roads is the least bad option for housing of the 5 options identified. The Council will seek to publish its full response on its pages on the Martlesham Portal website www.martlesham.org.uk.

Many thanks to parishioners who provided input through attending meetings and/or forwarding copies of their own comments to SCDC to us.

New bus shelters in Martlesham Heath

The Parish Council has provided 3

new shelters at Coopers Road, Bradford Court and the Oaks and has replaced the roof on the Valiant Road shelter. As a result the County Council is arranging for raised kerbs to be provided and will work towards the Martlesham stops being 'Disability Discrimination Act' compliant. This work is likely to take place later in the year.

Centenary Playspace, near Gorseland School

There is still time to get involved in a working group to help improve this area! Please contact the Clerk, as below, for more details.

Recycling Site at Martlesham Heath Car Park

Please ensure that all recycling goes into the bottle banks. SCDC has advised us that bags of bottles are being left next to the recycling banks even when they are not full. If you have a problem with any of the local recycling sites, please let SCDC know on 01394 444000, e-mail: scsltd@suffolkcoastal.gov.uk

NHS Suffolk: Improving out of hours care – A consultation, 23rd February – 22nd May

Out of hours GP provision affects most of us at some time or other. The Council would encourage you to respond to this consultation, regarding the current service and proposed improvements, via: the NHS website www.suffolk.nhs.uk; or write to Communications, NHS Suffolk, Rushbrook House, Paper Mill Lane, Bramford, Ipswich, IP8 4DE for a printed copy; or telephone 01473 770014.

Litter pick on Saturday 30th May – advance notice

Please join in – meet 10 am in the Parish Room, Felixstowe Road. Sacks and gloves will be provided.

Forthcoming meetings

*Parish Council – Wednesday 1st April

*Recreation & Amenities committee - Wednesday 8th April

*Development Plans committee - Wednesday 15th April

*Parish Council - Wednesday 6th May

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

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.

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MARTLESHAM HEATH HOUSEHOLDERS LTD

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The Megabash, run by Greenways, took place on the Western Corridor Site of Special Scientific Interest in February. As usual the volunteers concentrated on cutting back the gorse and some smaller trees in order to allow the re-growth of heather. In March representatives of Natural England will be visiting the SSSI. NE is the body responsible for the management plan that we have to follow in order to improve the site from its present "unfavourable declining" to a "favourable" one. If anyone is interested in finding out more about the type of work that will be necessary on the Western Corridor, Natural England produce a free booklet entitled "Lowland Heathland – a cultural and endangered landscape". As mentioned at the AGM, we are forming a separate working group to look at managing the SSSI as a charity. We are looking for volunteers to help the

directors to establish the area to be leased to the new company and under what terms. If you are interested please contact us in one of the ways below, or you can get in touch with the director who is directly involved by e-mailing peter.see@btinternet.com.

Staying with the Western Corridor – a resident reported almost being run down by two young lads on small motorbikes, on the path that runs adjacent to Dobbs Lane. Luckily no one was hurt. Please report any anti-social activities in the woodland or on the Western Corridor (or anywhere on the Village) to MHH and to the neighbourhood police.

In the Village in general, we continue maintenance work but there are one or two very small areas where ownership is in question. One of our directors is working hard to identify any such areas to bring them under our control or identify who is responsible for them.

WE STILL NEED NEW DIRECTORS to spread the load a bit. Please consider giving a little time every month to joining us in looking after this green and pleasant environment – especially with the pressures being put on the Village from outside future development.

As usual, Board Meetings are open to all residents; our next meeting is 20th April 19:30 in St Michael's Church Centre. The website allows you to register and be updated by e-mail and information is posted on the board outside RDP in the Square. Contact us on voicemail: 01473 61220 or by e-mail: mhh@martlesham.org.uk.

MARTLESHAM & DISTRICT FLOWER CLUB

Mr Kevin Bernhardt, a florist from Ipswich, gave us a demonstration entitled 'Inspiration'. His designs were modern and minimalistic using items we might find in the home. The first was in a spaghetti vase. Cut orchid heads were put in twisted wire and placed into the container from bottom to top and it was then filled with water. Kevin advised us to change the water every second day. Three

baked bean tins covered in green material and filled with oasis were then used each with a stalk of molucella, eryngium and anthuriums the three being joined with wired bamboo. Kevin's assistant Angela then did a delightful design in a flat bowl using white chinchinchees and mauve lychnis. Exotic foliage was grouped low down and hypericum berries and gerberas added. A striking and absolute minimalistic design followed with three orange gerbera and foliage in a blue bottle and to finish Kevin showed us how to do a tied bunch. He was a real inspiration to us all in these credit crunch days.

The competition was won by Mrs Ann Chisem with Mrs Sue Marshall winning the novice class.

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 will be on 15th April with Mrs Angela Vokalek and 'Spring Cheer'. ALL ARE VERY WELCOME.

Margaret Forbes - 01394 382209

MARTLESHAM IN BLOOM

Our next event:-

Launch event

Tuesday 28th April

7:30 pm

**St Michael's Church Centre,
Martlesham Heath**

We will be launching our own summer garden competitions and Martlesham's entry into the Anglia in Bloom Competition 2009

There will be a free plant for everybody that comes.

There will also be a Plant Swap Table, raffle, plants for sale and light refreshments.

We will be showing slides of Martlesham in Bloom's involvement within the parish since we started over ten years ago.

Everyone welcome and admission is free.

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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.

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Allotments

The days are longer and the week-ends warmer - hooray! Just the time to get out there and do some digging, turn over that soil and start your plan for the year ahead, but I fear I'm already late.

It's amazing how time flies by, now you should be well under way with your **planting**;

*Onions *Potatoes *Asparagus
*Artichokes – globe and Jerusalem
*Broad beans and peas – module raised

And sowing;

*Beetroot *Cabbage *Lettuce
*Carrots *Broad beans *Leeks, to name but a few

So if you're chomping at the bit and your garden is not big enough, how about trying out some containers, some troughs and even large pots? You would be surprised at what you can grow in containers of all sizes, last year we had lettuce in troughs and had it fresh in our sandwiches nearly every week. Also you could mix the vegetables with your plants in the garden, some look very pretty and go well with the flowers and might fill those bear places that look empty.

These are some of the many things you can do while you wait for an allotment provided by your local Parish. We should be hearing soon from the latest letter we have sent to them, you can read this in the new web.

The new website has been under construction for some time; it should contain more in information and be regularly updated to keep you up to speed with proceedings. We hope to keep it varied and if you like you can get in touch with us to let us know your opinions and your ideas. We also have a quarterly newsletter on its way to members, as many ways to keep you informed as possible.

Look! Our new website: -
www.malga.co.uk

You can join malga and/or

contact me:- malga@btinternet.com
Thanks,
Paul Day, Chairman

MARTLESHAM HEATH W.I.

A very, very amusing speaker came to talk at our March meeting. Chris Winter is an undertaker in Maldon, Essex, and regaled us with snippets from his professional life and also anecdotes from his experience of speaking to a variety of groups ranging from 'Young Wives' to 'Probus' clubs. An excellent speaker and a very unassuming gentleman, Chris was given a well earned round of enthusiastic applause.

During the course of the coming months we will be listening to Chris Parfitt talking and showing slides about his trip to the Antarctic, Mark Mitchels will be telling us about 'The Genius of Charles Dickens' and Mervyn Lemon will present a talk entitled 'Not Many People Know This'.

We commence our monthly walks with a visit to 'Jimmy's Farm' followed by a pub lunch. Members are also busy putting together our entry for the Suffolk Show which this year has a Christmas theme.

We meet at 7:30 pm on the second Monday of the month in the Pavilion. Will members please note that our April meeting has been bought forward to MONDAY 30TH MARCH due to the Easter Holiday. Mary Bloomfield – 01473 625577

MARTLESHAM W.I.

The role of drug sniffing dogs was the subject of our speaker Mr Chris Place this month. Chris has been in the Prison Service for 24 years and has had various positions including Landing Officer, Mufti Officer, Young Offenders Officer and finally Dog Handler. He said Hollesley Bay was established in 1877 and was then Otley College Farm Unit for young landed gentry. In 1938 it became a Borstal unit but this system ceased in 1985 and in 1992 Central Government decided Hollesley would become a category D prison. Chris then talked of his English Springer Spaniel dogs Rusty and Buzz who were with him. Buzz is a practice search dog and is a National Champion for obedience hav-

ing represented the UK. Mobile phones are banned in prison and Rusty is a mobile phone detector dog. Both dogs live with Chris. Using a tennis ball which he first hid to gain their attention, he then demonstrated how they are trained. When they are on duty and find a mobile or any substance, they are rewarded with a tennis ball thrown by Chris. It was quite special to see Rusty and Buzz at work and the wonderful partnership Chris has with them.

We meet at 7:30 pm in the Richards Room, Martlesham and new members are always very welcome to join us. The next meeting will be on 17th April when Mr Pip Wright will tell us 'Tales of the Suffolk Gypsy'. Contact can be made to Audrey Burnell on 01394 386738.

Pauline Fisher

MARTLESHAM LADIES CLUB

We continue our evenings with most interesting/entertaining speakers this year. Our meetings for the next two months are:

*9th April - Easter Supper; speaker Pip Wright

*23rd April - Cardmaking and handmade jewellery; speaker/demonstrator Pat Allen

*7th May - 'A Year in the House of Windsor'; speaker Ken Stone

*21st May - 'Four Weddings and a Funeral'; speaker Jane Parker

If there are any ladies out there who would like to come and join us, we have a wide range of entertainment at our meetings which take place fortnightly on a Thursday at 7:30 pm in the Richard Rooms, Martlesham Community Centre. Any enquiries please 'phone Rita on 01473 624510.

Margaret Green

MARTLESHAM MOTHERS' UNION

We have just completed a project in Suffolk - we have compiled a book for students that is full of easy and inexpensive recipes, useful tips for those who are away from home for the first time and having to manage on a tight budget. This will

be given free to all new students at the University of Suffolk to help them adjust to a new lifestyle. Mothers' Union cares about all aspects of family life and this is one way we feel we can give some practical help to these students on our doorstep.

Our logo says 'Mothers' Union - Christian care for families', and that is what we try to do in many different ways. Why not come to our meeting? You will find a warm welcome awaits you. For more details phone Marion on 01473 624196.

MARTLESHAM HEATH BABY & TODDLER GROUP

We will be holding an Easter egg hunt for the children during the first and third April sessions. We will also be holding a raffle for the grown ups which will be drawn on the third (tickets shortly available from your Session Leader).

Very importantly, may we remind you that our AGM will be held at the Pavilion on Thursday 28th May. It is a requirement of our Constitution that at least 10% of members attend so if you could spare an hour to pop along, we would be very grateful (we'll even give you a cup of tea for your trouble!)

Talking of AGM, we have a number of Committee members retiring this year. All have families who have outgrown the Toddler Group so, quite rightly, felt it was an appropriate time to move on. This creates a few vacancies including Treasurer, Secretary, Fund-raiser, Tots News Writer and Publicity Officer.

Some people are concerned about joining a Committee as they worry they won't have enough time along with all their other commitments. This is what our Secretary had to say:-

"I joined the Committee in August last year because I wanted to contribute to the Group which was started by family friend Glenys Owens in 1978. I loved the idea that 20 years later, the Group was still serving the community. If I'm honest I did worry about how much time it would take as I have two young chil-

dren and work part-time but I thought I would see how it went. I can hand on heart say not only has the workload been perfectly manageable but I've enjoyed it too!

The Committee meet every couple of months at one of the Committee member's houses. We have a cuppa, a catch up and plan the next few months ahead. Meetings generally take a couple of hours and are good fun."

We would be particularly interested to recruit current members however, a proportion of the positions are open to the general public should you know of anyone who might be interested in joining our small, friendly Committee. Alternatively, if you are new to the area, joining the Committee would be a perfect way to meet new people and get to know what goes on in the area.

Finally, we are always looking for helpers to assist with events so if you feel you can give up some time occasionally but do not feel you can commit to a formal role on the Committee then please contact Nikki or Donna on either of the numbers below.

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 the session in which you register 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 during term-time. 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

All our children have enjoyed taking part in a sponsored Egg and Spoon

Race in our outside area. Once all the sponsorship money has been counted, the child raising the highest amount will receive a prize.

We're collecting Tesco/Sainsbury vouchers again, so don't forget to drop them in to us. Our playleaders have their eyes on several items they would love to have!

As usual, at the end of each term, we say a sad goodbye to some of our children as they move on to nursery. We wish them, and their families, a super time as they move on. After the Easter break we shall be welcoming new children to the playschool.

We shall be holding a Table Top Sale at St Michael's Church Hall on Saturday May 23rd. On sale will be good quality children's clothes, baby equipment and toys, etc. Refreshments will also be available. More details will be available in May.

Make a note in your diaries!! Our big event of the year – our Fun Day – will be taking place on Saturday July 4th. We shall have fun and games for all the family, plus many side stalls, lots of refreshments and entertainment. More details to follow next month.

As usual this summer we shall hold our day at the beach, and hire a beach hut for all our children and their families to pop along and play. Let's hope the weather is much better this year! More details to follow.

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. If you would like to look round the playschool please also give me a call.

Caroline Swale

(Business Manager – Admissions & Advisory)

ST MICHAEL'S PRE-SCHOOL

Martlesham Heath

www.stmichaelspreschool.org.uk

We raised £40 for Red Nose Day by having a Topsy Turvy Day where the children came dressed in

something different, e.g. night-clothes instead of day clothes, or clothes inside out or upside down! We feel it is important for them to remember that there are other children in the world who do not have the privileges that they have.

At the end of February our children visited Play2Day and had a lovely time running, sliding and jumping. In March they visited Woodbridge Library where they enjoyed looking at all the books and they then went into Elmhurst Park. At the end of April they will be going to Holywells Park to take part in "Log Lifting for Bugs" and then onto the Play Park.

On April 2nd at 7 pm we will be holding our Annual General Meeting. We urge all Parents to attend as we need a percentage of parents to be present. We are also looking for a Publicity/Fundraiser and general committee members. The Pre-School is committee run and therefore needs parents to run it. There is a once a month meeting to discuss policies, procedures and fundraising to help make St Michael's a really great Pre-School for all the children.

We welcome children into our Pre-School from Kesgrave and all surrounding areas as well as Martlesham Heath and they then leave us to go on to all the local schools including Gorseland, Cedarwood, Waldringfield, Little Bealings, Rendlesham and Birchwood.

We have places available and take children from two-and-a-half, 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 Julie Benford on 01473 436125 or e-mail

admin@stmichaelspreschool.org.uk

Nicole Harris

MARTLESHAM BEACON HILL PRIMARY SCHOOL

March has been busy with school trips and sporting activities for many children. The pupils in KS1 paid a visit to Orford castle as part of their topic on castles and KS2 travelled back in the past on their visit to West Stow Anglo Saxon Village.

The school netball and football teams have been in action too. The netball team visited Nacton and competed in a close encounter, eventually losing 4-2. The football team remain unbeaten and played out a very close draw with Birchwood 3-3 and narrowly defeated Bucklesham 4-2. They now go into the Kesgrave Pyramid Tournament at the High School confident that they can retain the football trophy which they won last year.

The Year 6 and a few Year 5 pupils made up the swimming team that competed with all the other schools in the Kesgrave Pyramid Swimming Fun Gala at Deben Swimming Pool. We were delighted with our second place, just missing out to Gorseland School. This is an excellent achievement considering we are such a small school and only have 19 pupils in Year 6 to choose from. Well done to everyone who took part.

We also celebrated World Book day on March 4th and the children came to school dressed up as favourite book characters, parading them along the "catwalk" in the school hall. As a central part of the day children had been preparing by taking part in a "Readathon" to raise money for selected charities. The end result was an excellent collection of £594.30 which will go to chosen children's charities. Thank you to all the parents who sponsored the children in their reading quest.

Once again we enthusiastically embarked on supporting Comic Relief by having a non-uniform day to raise money.

MARTLESHAM CHILDMINDING GROUP

We enjoyed the warm few days that March brought with it – with lots of outside play and visits to local parks. The children have noticed the first signs of spring this year, with sightings of bumble bees, daisies, daffodils, crocuses and growing buds on the trees and bushes. We are now looking forward to Easter celebrations. The group have organised an exciting fun-packed Easter egg hunt and arts and crafts day for the children. We are all

very much looking forward to this on 9th April. Thank you to Zoe Booth for enabling this to take place at her home!

After Easter, some of us will sadly say goodbye to children as they embark upon full-time school – and we wish them all well! Fortunately though, the childcare that we provide does not necessarily stop when a child starts a new educational setting. We are very proud to be able to provide safe and secure 'wrap around care' for a child moving on to full-time school. As dedicated childcare professionals, we take pride in being able to provide the complete childcare package to children and their families – offering fun-loving home environments for children from birth.

Congratulations this month go to one of our newest members, Sharon Buckley, who very successfully and impressively received an 'Outstanding' in her first ever full Ofsted inspection!

For further details about joining our group, or to find out more about our childminding vacancies, please phone Julie-Ann on 01473 611630.

Julie-Ann Bass

MARTLESHAM HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Our next meeting on Monday April 20th will be held in The Pavilion at 8 pm when our speaker, Douglas Baker, will tell us of "East Anglia & the Settlement of America".

All are welcome and admission is £1.50.

It is my intention to retire from the position of Hon. Secretary at the AGM in July. If anyone would like to take on this task, please give me a call and I will gladly provide details.

John Tyler - 01473 612736

MARTLESHAM HEATH AVIATION SOCIETY

John Pyle, who is one of our members, gave an illustrated talk at our monthly meeting on Friday 6th March. The subject was "Vertical Short Take Off and Landing". John Pyle has now retired but formerly

worked at the MOD and was involved with the development of the Chieftain tank.

John described the evolution of vertical lift aircraft from airships to helicopters and aeroplanes like the famous Harrier. An extraordinary number of experimental types have been built over the years and testing them has caused a high number of test pilot fatalities. Helicopters were used both by the Germans and the Americans from the middle of World War Two. The British Harrier vertical take-off jet fighter is no longer in production. Highly sophisticated, heavily armed helicopters like the Apache are more suitable for the current military threat.

A vote of thanks was given by Ralph Rutherford.

The Control Tower Museum off Parkers Place opens again on Sunday 5th April and will be open from 2 pm to 5 pm every Sunday until the end of October. Our museum contains a fascinating history in the form of both photographs and artefacts of this former most important RAF Station. Admission is free. Why not visit our excellent website www.mhas.org.uk for more information?

Our next meeting will be held on Friday 3rd April and the subject will be "Suffolk's Defended Shore". This intriguing title will be explained in an illustrated talk by Sarah Newsome. Sarah is employed by English Heritage at Cambridge and is the co-author of a book by the same name. I am sure she will reveal some interesting facts about WW2 coastal defences.

Non-members are welcome for a payment of just £2 at the door. Meetings start at 7:30 pm and a break for tea and coffee is included.

Alan Powell - 01473 622458

PORTAL WOODLANDS CONSERVATION GROUP

February Work Morning, we were busy clearing the paths and spreading wood chippings kindly donated by Elite Tree Services. We had a good turn out, with a couple of new faces helping out too. It was lovely to see. We also officially

opened 'Peter's Gate'. Peter, for those who do not know, was one of the group's founder members and the gates were named after him in recognition for all his work, which has given us the wood we know and love today.

We have been asked the question, "Why have we left tree stumps in an area which we recently started clearing?" These will go eventually, but the stump is left so there is leverage to remove the root of the tree easier. We are clearing the scrub and dead trees to create an avenue of oaks and to plant hazel.

Nature Watch Club, it's all very exciting, as this month sees the year's first meeting of the club. This will be held on 18th April on the subject of wild flowers and wildlife habitats. For more details please go to our website and to book a place send an e-mail to naturewatch.pwcg@martlesham.org.uk

The AGM went well, thank you to those that attended. Two new committee members were appointed and we said thanks and farewell to Chris Webb who had to stand down. Sid Squirrel gave an entertaining and unique view of the woodland. Sorry, if you missed it, maybe see you another time?

Dates for the diary:

Nature Watch Meeting - 18th April - Wild Flowers and Wildlife Habitats, 10 am to noon

Woodlands Work Morning - Sunday 19th April, 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

Our thanks go out to all those who took part in the Megabash event on Saturday 21st February, and our follow up work party on Sunday 8th March. We had over forty people

present on the Megabash and achieved a considerable amount. Well done to everyone concerned. We continued to open up quite a large area of heather and prevent an area from transitioning to woodland. I know that some residents expressed concern. Our aim has been to promote the heathland habitat of the SSSI, which should be of longer term benefit to the special wildlife that we have on our heath including the Silver Studded Blue Butterfly. This aim has meant the removal of scrub vegetation and some trees to try to reveal more heather and bare ground vital to some of the specialist heathland species. Please remember Lowland, sandlings type heath is the rarest form of habitat in Western Europe, and has been much in decline across the continent as well as in the UK, so we need to do our best with the little that remains. On a recent visit, representatives of Natural England were very complimentary about our achievements in recent times. Natural England are also keen to see more work to improve the heathland and have indicated they could provide some funds towards this activity.

Our next work party will be on Sunday 19th April (not 12th April) when we will be working on the heath SSSI again. Please meet outside the Douglas Bader pub at 10 am or come and join us on the heath.

If you have any observations on wildlife please get in touch.

Phil Smith - 01473 625630

SUFFOLK WILDLIFE TRUST

Woodbridge Group

Change of venue:

On Thursday 16th April we will be in the Science Lecture Theatre at Woodbridge School at 7:15pm (note not the Community Hall) when we will have a very short AGM followed by an illustrated talk by Nick Mason who is the warden of Sutton and Hollesley Commons on "Managing our Heaths for Wildlife". Please come and join us. Everyone is welcome, you do not have to be a member. Entrance is £2 as usual.

At 10 am on Saturday 25th

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April we have a farm walk for wildlife with John Symes at Hill Farm in Martlesham. Meet at TM267465. Bring a packed lunch or stay as long as you like. No charge - donations very welcome.

On Sunday 3rd May at 5:30 am to 7:30 am we have an early morning walk from Rendlesham Forest to Staverton Thicks. Meet at TM355482 - Rendlesham Forest Car Park. No charge - donations very welcome.

On Sunday 10th May at 11 am - 1:30 pm we have a plant sale at Foxburrow Farm, Melton. Please come along and support us, take a walk around the farm and buy some plants. If you are able to help or have some plants to donate please get in touch.

Phil Smith - 01473 625630

MARTLESHAM BOWLS CLUB

WARMER DAYS AND LIGHTER NIGHTS ARE ALMOST UPON US

IF YOU HAVE ALWAYS THOUGHT ABOUT PLAYING THE GAME OF BOWLS WHY NOT COME AND JOIN US AND HAVE A GO?

WE HAVE A FULL CALENDAR OF BOWLING FROM MAY UNTIL MID SEPTEMBER

WE BOWL BOTH SOCIALLY AND UP TO COUNTY LEVEL

PLEASE CONTACT THE SECRETARY LINDA BROWN (01394 384698)

AND ARRANGMENTS CAN BE MADE FOR YOU TO COME TO THE BOWLS CLUB AND SPEND SOME TIME ON THE GREEN

SO WHETHER YOU HAVE BOWLED BEFORE OR NOT PLEASE COME ALONG AND HAVE SOME FUN

EXERCISE CLASS

Farlingaye High School, Woodbridge

Do you want to get into shape for the Summer? Why not join our friendly exercise class on a Tuesday evening, 7:45 pm to 9 pm in the

gym at Farlingaye High School, Woodbridge. Classes cost just £3 per week. Our first class after Easter is on Tuesday 21st April.

For more details call Liz on 01473 625617.

SINGING IN THE SHOWER? TRY SINGING IN THE PAVILION!

Singing is becoming very popular with singing groups and choirs appearing everywhere. But how do you get started? How do you know what your singing voice is like? And where can you get experience of singing in an informal group?

The answer is on your doorstep – Singing for Non-singers in Martlesham Heath. It's an opportunity to discover your voice and explore singing in a relaxed and supportive group. You don't need any singing experience and you don't need to be able to read music. We use simple warm-up exercises, explore voice production and learn songs together.

The group meets on alternate Tuesdays at 7:30 pm at the Martlesham Heath pavilion and newcomers are always made very welcome. We even stop half way through for a cup of tea and a chat! For more information please ring the course leader on 01473 610394.

SPEAK EASY @ MARTLESHAM Boring Speeches?

Do you remember prize days at school? The excitement of winning the award for best in class, or the maths prize or even the best attendance certificate dulled slightly by having to sit through the boring speeches? There was always the "visiting old boy done good" celebrity who might have gone on to win a Nobel prize or developed a cure for housemaid's knee, but could bore you to death in the first minute of his motivational speech.

Well that was probably because he didn't go to Speakeasy@ Martlesham. Our latest event was our Awards Evening, held at Rushmere Golf Club. The evening was scintillating from start to finish with good food, excellent company, well

deserved honours and food for thought given in the after dinner speech which was far from boring, having style, flow and humour. Why don't you come and learn how to give speeches like that yourself?

We meet on alternate Thursdays at the Richards Room in Martlesham and guests are always welcome at meetings. There is no pressure to speak unless you wish to. We look forward to seeing you there. If you would like to find out more please contact Dave Nightingale on 07969 598633 or Ann Nunn on 01728 830462.

Future Speak Easy @ Martlesham meetings:

*April 2nd *April 16th *April 30th
*May 14th

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>

ROTARY CLUB WOODBRIDGE DEBEN

Christmas Sleigh 2008

Father Christmas on his sleigh with his Rotarian helpers received magnificent support from the residents of Martlesham Heath, on his trip around the Heath prior to Christmas. We sincerely thank you all for your generous donations of over £800, which will be distributed to local, national and international charities during 2009.

The majority of the money raised is spent locally, together with our Community service projects including Kids out, Transportation for the Gateway club members, Summer Dart league competition and Mentoring at Farlingaye School and for the Princes Trust.

The local charities we supported in 2008 included a donation of nearly £5,000 to the East Anglia Children's Hospice, other donations were made to The Martlesham Control Tower Playgroup, Youth Club, Just 42, East Anglia Air Ambulance, Deben Family Centre, First Responders (Woodbridge) and financing the annual river trip for senior

citizens on the Jahan from Waldringfield to Bawsey, rounded off with tea served on the return journey.

The bulk of our national donations were distributed to the Summer Flood Appeal, Children in Need and Stroke Awareness. We also continued to give support internationally with a donation to help Water Aid in Tanzania and we purchased a Shelter Box containing a ten-man tent, spade, rope and ancillary survival equipment that were sent off to help survivors of the Burma disaster.

Thank you to the residents of Martlesham Heath for your donations, which will enable us to help others and worthy causes again in 2009.

Rotarian DWA Embery
01473 623524

INVITATION TO VIEW POLICE INVESTIGATION CENTRE PLANS

Open day: Wednesday 15th April, 10 am - 7 pm, Martlesham Community Hall - The Richard's Room
Suffolk Police will be holding an open day for local residents to view detailed plans of the proposed Police Investigation Centre being built at Police Headquarters in Martlesham.

The open day will take place on Wednesday 15th April at The Richard's Room, Martlesham Community Hall, Felixstowe Road, Martlesham between 10 am and 7 pm.

People living and working in the Martlesham area are invited to come along on the day to view the plans and raise any questions or concerns they may have.

Assistant Chief Officer Phillip Clayton and Head of Custody Services Carl Puiy, together with other key police staff members, will be in attendance on the day, to answer questions raised.

Outline planning permission for the Police Investigation Centre was granted in October 2008.

Detailed planning permission for the Police Investigation Centre was due to be submitted to Suffolk Coastal District Council by the end of March 2009.

If you are unable to attend

on the day and wish to find out further information in relation to the Police Investigation Centres please contact Phillip Clayton at Suffolk Constabulary on 01473 782768 or e-mail phillip.clayton@suffolk.pnn.police.uk

PLANNING APPEAL THE MOUND, EAGLE WAY

The planning application for a dwelling and public amenity and play area on land between Eagle Way and Lark Rise was rejected by Suffolk Coastal District Council at a meeting on 5th February.

The applicant is appealing against this decision to the Secretary of State for the Environment.

The grounds for this appeal can be inspected in the Planning services, Development Control Section, Council Offices, Melton Hill, Woodbridge.

There is an online appeals service which can be used to comment on this appeal. This is found through the Appeals area of the Planning Portal www.planningportal.gov.uk/pcs.

Alternatively the address for correspondence is;
The Planning Inspectorate, Temple Quay House, 2 The Square, Temple Quay, Bristol
BS1 6PN

The helpline is 01173726372.

The website is www.planning-inspectorate.gov.uk

The Inspectorate Reference number is:- APP/J3530/A/09/2099050/WF

The appeal start date was 08/03/2009, and the closing date for comments is 20/04/09.

VILLAGE VIEWS

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

EAGLE WAY ROAD SURFACE

Until recently Eagle Way on Martlesham Heath had a perfectly good smooth road surface with many useful years of life left in it. Then to the surprise of most residents, it was given a top coat of gravel-on-tar.

I understand that the justification for this type of treatment is that 'in theory' it extends the life of the road surface, but this will clearly not be the case on Eagle Way.

Even a cursory glance shows that the gravel has already become detached from the original road surface and we (the residents) are now left with an ever-expanding unsightly patchwork (particularly at road junctions) which is both lumpy and noisy.

I can only hope that the contractor/s responsible for carrying out this work have not been paid and are being pursued by the Council to return and do the job properly.

Does anyone know what the plans are?

Laurie Lawley

REASONS FOR WITHDRAWAL OF MHHL REGISTERED OFFICE

The February edition reported that we are withdrawing the registered office facility for Martlesham Heath Householders Ltd. I would like to clarify the reasons for this change. We enjoy a good relationship with the local community, many of whom are our clients. The issue has been a confusion in the minds of some residents between our accountancy practice operating from the 6 The Square and Martlesham Heath Householders, an organisation run by volunteers, who we have allowed to use our office as their registered office. We intend to play a full part in other community initiatives and guarantee a friendly welcome to all callers!

Simon Lasky
Partner, RDP Partnership

U3A MEETING

27th April: U3A meeting at Kesgrave Community Centre, Twelve Acre Approach, Bell Lane, Kesgrave starting at 2 pm. The speaker is Michael Weaver talking about Ransomes of Ipswich - the history of Ransomes from formation to the present day.

Jeremy & Cynthia Walsh
invite you to
VISIT THEIR GARDEN

6 Warren Lane

**Bank Holiday Monday,
4th May**

10 am - 12:30 pm &

2 - 4:30 pm

No charge for admission.

Donations for "Route to
Rwanda".

Plant sale, cake stall and light refreshments.

THE OVER THIRTIES DANCE UPDATE

The first dance held on February 21st at the Martlesham Leisure/Squash Club went extremely well. Comments from various people during the evening included, "Great atmosphere", "Good mix of music", "Nice to have music to dance to during the band's breaks", "Nice to meet new people", and "Please do more of the same". One guy in his thirties requested more Eddie Cochran next time. We try to cover all tastes by playing music from the sixties to the nineties.

Having sold out for this first dance before the night, enquiries were made to stage another dance. Unfortunately, the Leisure/Squash Club was not available before August, therefore other venues were sort. Finding suitable venues at a reasonable cost is not easy. The next dance will be held at the Waldringfield Golf Club on Friday 17th April. Other dates for your diary will be Friday 29th May, again at Waldringfield Golf Club, and Friday 24th July at the Labour Club, Landseer Road, Ipswich.

To keep this going there needs to be good attendances, just like the first one, so spread the word. Tickets are available now, so please contact 01473 624358 or 01473 621035. If anyone can display a notice at their workplace, home or club, please contact the same numbers.

Looking forward to seeing you at Waldringfield Golf Club.

Miles

NATIONAL OSTEOPOROSIS SOCIETY

Ipswich & District Group

'Why should I be more active and how exercise can help'

The NOS Ipswich & District Group invites you to come and enjoy a talk and 'taster' exercise session with Simon Hanna, Clinical Exercise Specialist. Simon will speak on the general health benefits of exercise, particularly those related to Osteoporosis. The session will be held on Thursday 23rd April between 2 – 4 pm at St John the Baptist Church Hall, Cauldwell Hall Road, Ipswich. Tickets cost £3.

To book a place on the session please call either Barbara Branch on 01473 631673 or Diana Thomas on 01394 277337.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO OPEN YOUR GARDEN IN AID OF THE HOSPICE?

St Elizabeth Hospice is looking for people to open their garden to the public with all proceeds benefiting the charity.

Every summer people open their gardens in aid of the Hospice, ranging from small cottage gardens to the large and grand and they are a great way to spend a relaxing summer's afternoon.

St Elizabeth Hospice would love to hear from you if you are interested in opening your garden throughout May, June or July.

For more information, please contact Laura Backhouse, community fundraiser at St Elizabeth Hospice, on 01473 707026 or e-mail fundraising@stelizabethhospice.org.uk

WALK IN THE MOONLIGHT FOR HOSPICE

St Elizabeth Hospice is inviting women of all ages and fitness levels to sign up for the Midnight Walk on Saturday 23rd May.

Ruthie Henshall, the west end star and judge on hit ITV1 show 'Dancing on Ice' who recently took part in 'Celebrity Family Fortunes' in aid of St Elizabeth Hospice, is supporting the Midnight Walk.

St Elizabeth Hospice hopes to have around 1000 women taking part in the event; over 450 ladies

have already signed up. Walkers will gather just before midnight to complete an eight mile circular route around Ipswich town centre in aid of the local charity.

The Midnight Walk starts and finishes at Copleston Centre on Foxhall Road and refreshments will be available along the route. Registration is £10 and includes a T-shirt, certificate, goody bag and refreshments. For more information regarding the Midnight Walk, please contact the fundraising office on 01473 723600, e-mail fundraising@stelizabethhospice.org.uk or visit www.stelizabethhospice.org.uk to download a registration form.

SPINAL INJURIES ASSOCIATION

Great British Fish and Chip Supper – Friday 15th May

Want to eat fish and chips while raising money for charity? Hold a fish and chip supper on Friday 15th May whilst raising awareness of spinal cord injury and supporting SIA's information and support services.

SIA will provide a fundraising pack containing hints and tips, recipes, invitations and donation envelopes. By inviting 7 friends and asking them to donate an additional £5 means you will raise at least £35 from your supper but we will also give you additional fundraising ideas to raise even more money for SIA.

For more information or request a fundraising pack call Elizabeth Wright on 0845 678 6633 xtn 229 or e-mail fishandchips@spinal.co.uk or visit www.spinal.co.uk

LIONS CLUB OF WOODBRIDGE & DISTRICT

As the days begin to lengthen and the weather at last seems warmer our thoughts turn to our annual curtain-raiser to the summer season, the Elmhurst Extravaganza. Set in Elmhurst Park in the heart of Woodbridge the event will again feature attractions as traditional as Punch &

Judy and a coconut shy and as modern as bouncy castles. Home-made cakes, plants and bric-a-brac will be on sale and of course, fresh from its winter re-fit, the Whoop-pee Dipper, our very own rollercoaster for younger children, will be in action once again. A great family afternoon from 2 pm on Sunday 3rd May.

The Club has been delighted to welcome four prospective members over the past few weeks; we look forward to their joining us and contributing their own ideas and experience to our blend of community, fundraising and social activities. For more about the Lions, please see www.woodbridgelions.org.uk or call 0845 8332820.

WOODBRIDGE PROBUS CLUB

At the March meeting held at Waldringfield Golf Club, 44 members were given a most instructive and informative talk by PC Mike Small on Police Collision Investigation.

The next meeting will be held on April 6th at the usual venue of Waldringfield Golf Club when Tony Whitmarsh will give a talk entitled "A Day in the Life of a Magistrate."

Retired or semi-retired men over 50 interested in membership are invited to contact Ron Fisher on 01473 631347.

DEBEN PROBUS CLUB

Deben Probus is a social dining club for retired professionals and businessmen; meetings are held on every third Monday at Ufford Park Hotel.

At the meeting on 16th March, Phil Hadwen gave a very interesting talk with illustrative photographs on the 1953 East Anglian floods with particular reference to Felixstowe.

Contact: Peter Booth-Smith (Secretary) 01394 610881

MARTLESHAM CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

**Black Tiles Lane
www.m-c-f.org**

"Why wear a cross?"

Some people wear a cross, as a

decoration, or an item of jewellery, especially when it is encrusted with precious stones.

Lots of athletes, male and female, wear a cross. Is it as some sort of 'talisman', in the hope that the Good Lord will favour them that day and give success? A kind of 'lucky charm'? (To a large extent, the real cross was a symbol of failure and defeat!!)

Many true Christians wear crosses because, for them, it is a constant reminder of the love that Jesus Christ showed when He gave his life on Calvary's Hill. They understand that this seemingly tragic and unjust suffering was the main activity in God's Plan for the Salvation of men and women, through faith and obedience.

As the Apostle Peter puts it so plainly: "When they hurled their insults, he did not retaliate...He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, so that we might be dead to sin and live for what is right."

I was present at the birth of all my children (including twins!) In one way it was a messy and painful business (not for me I might add!) But this was eclipsed by the joy of a new life coming into the world.

The cross, too, was a barbarous, ugly act of open shame, together with deep pain. But out of this disaster the Church of Christ was born, and forgiveness of sins was shed abroad. Hallelujah! What a Resurrection! Happy Easter!

ACTIVITIES IN APRIL

Sundays

Worship and teaching - 10 am
Communion - 11:45 am

Tuesday Circle

April 14th - 'Spring Celebration'

Wednesdays

House Groups - 7:30 pm

Thursdays

Mums and Toddlers - 10 am
Youth Club - 7 pm

Friends on Friday: 10 am - 12 noon

Living Room: Sunday 5th April - 6:30 pm

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

TO ALL PARENTS!!

The Martlesham Christian Fellowship is starting an 'after school' club for children in years 5 and 6.

The main activity initially will be table games, with, cookery and gardening developing later.

This will be a weekly club running from 3:45 pm to 5 pm for boys and girls.

Each evening will include a 'bible spot', refreshments and lots of fun and games.

There will be a charge of 50p. Application forms will be out very soon. Watch this space!!

John Mellen - 01473 624401

BRIGHTWELL CHURCH

SERVICES for EASTER –

*Good Friday 7 pm

*Easter Sunday, Holy Communion 8 am and Evensong 6:30 pm.

Services for April - Holy Communion 5th and 19th, Evensong 26th.

A happy Parish event is to occur on Saturday 4th April at 2:30 pm when the new village sign will be officially unveiled. The sign is to be situated at the road side near to the Church Hall and the short ceremony will be followed by refreshments available from the Hall. We hope that as many people as possible will be able to attend.

The Parish Walk has been fixed for Saturday June 20th and will be followed by a barbeque. Please assemble under the Village Sign at 2:45 pm ready to start off at 3 pm. As usual all categories of walkers will be welcome, children and dogs on leads welcome!&

The pancakes, poetry and punch evening was an overwhelming success and what a joy to hear so many and varied poems contributed from those attending. Highlights of the evening were Judith Stinson's rapping grandma and Bob James' dramatic and animated Walrus and Carpenter (he walked about reciting his poem!)

It was good to be able to support Marion Naylor at the Service where she was enrolled as an Elder for the Benefice on February 22nd and also to see Monica Twaits and Margaret Rollins re-enrolled for continuing service. We

thank them for all that they do.

A warm welcome awaits you at any of our services or functions.

BRIGHT STARS

Bright Stars is a fun children's worship and activity session for all babies, toddlers, pre-schoolers and their parents or carers held on the second and fourth Monday's of each month (during term time) 10:30 am at St Michael's Church Centre, Martlesham Heath. The half hour sessions are free and include singing, story telling, games and crafts and are followed by refreshments. March's sessions included teddy bears telling stories about Jesus and creating an Easter Garden. Why not come and visit us at our next session? We look forward to welcoming you!

The dates for our April and May sessions are:

- April 27th

- May 11th

If you would like any further information please contact Jo on 01473 622160 or Sonya on 01473 625196.

FROM MARTLESHAM CHURCH

Spring has sprung! The gardens and verges have come to life and the sight of the daffodils is a joy to behold.

This is the month when Christians celebrate Easter - not Easter eggs and chicks - but the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead and the new life that He brings. First we travel from Palm Sunday through Holy Week, and on Good Friday we remember Jesus' crucifixion and the desolation felt by his friends on that day, then on Easter Sunday we come together in the joy of his resurrection knowing that He is alive for ever.

Why not travel with us? Come and celebrate the Good News of Jesus Christ and sing his praise - because He died for you. Details of all our services are in this magazine or phone one of our ministry team.

A Happy Easter to you all.



THE CHURCH IN MARTLESHAM & BRIGHTWELL

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

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

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

ELDERS: Margaret Rollins, 9 Angela Close, Tel: 01473 623868; Monica 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 5th April Palm Sunday	8am Holy Communion	11am Holy Communion BCP	9:45am All Age Worship 6:30pm Lent Service
Thursday 9th April Maundy Thursday		7pm Holy Communion	
Friday 10th April Good Friday	7pm Service	10:30am Service and Walk of Witness	2pm Hour at the Cross
Saturday 11th April Vigil			8pm Paschal Candle Service
Sunday 12th April Easter Day	6:30pm Evensong	8am Holy Communion 11am Holy Communion	9:45pm Family Holy Communion
Sunday 19th April Easter 2	8am Holy Communion	11am Family Holy Communion	9:45am Worship & Junior Church 6:30pm Youth Service
Sunday 26th April Easter 3	11am Matins	8am Holy Communion 6:30pm Evensong	9:45am Family Holy Communion & Junior Church
Sunday 3rd May Easter 4	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 will meet at 10:30am on Monday 27th April in St Michael's Church Centre. A warm welcome awaits you at all the above services.

PRAYER DIARY FOR APRIL

Pray daily for peace in our world, and:

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| <p>5 remember Christ's entry into Jerusalem</p> <p>6 for those being held hostage or unfairly imprisoned</p> <p>7 for the work of the Children's Society</p> <p>8 for the residents of Carlford Close</p> <p>9 for all those recently bereaved and grieving</p> <p>10 remember Christ's death on the cross</p> <p>11 give thanks for the beauty of spring flowers</p> <p>12 give thanks for the risen Christ</p> <p>13 for all those made redundant or on reduced hours</p> <p>14 for everyone who works for the NHS</p> <p>15 for the residents of Carol Avenue</p> <p>16 for those with ongoing health problems</p> <p>17 for a return to peace in Zimbabwe</p> <p>18 give thanks for the love of friends and families</p> <p>19 for children at junior church and youth clubs</p> <p>20 for those who foster children</p> | <p>21 for those who feel forgotten and unloved</p> <p>22 for the residents of Chandos Court</p> <p>23 for the cessation of violence in Darfur</p> <p>24 for sustained peace in Northern Ireland</p> <p>25 for safe and considerate driving on our roads</p> <p>26 for all priests and preachers</p> <p>27 for the environment and responsible recycling</p> <p>28 for all pre-school children and their parents</p> <p>29 for the residents of Chandos Drive</p> <p>30 for post offices and post office workers</p> <p>MAY 1 for families of those killed in school shootings</p> <p>2 for a reduction in gun crime</p> <p>3 give thanks for God's everlasting love</p> <p>4 for soldiers serving in Afghanistan</p> |
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