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**Trees, Footpaths, Planning  
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Area?**

**HAVE YOU GOT A PROBLEM IN  
THE VILLAGE?**

**IF SO COME TO THE PAVILION  
on Saturday 7th February  
10 am – 12 noon**

Do you have a problem in the Village?

Not sure who owns what land near you?

Need to discuss a problem with The Police or Local Village representatives?

No matter what your problem is The Village Help Desk can help you.

On **Saturday 7th February 10 am – 12 noon** come to The Pavilion on The Green at Martlesham Heath.

There will be a representative from

- The Parish Council,
- Martlesham Heath Householders, formerly MCL
- The Suffolk Constabulary
- District Councillors
- County Councillor

So no matter what your problem or your concern is, there will be somebody who can help you on the day.

## **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.

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

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

The Parish Meeting on 20th January will have taken place and the Parish Council will be formulating its response to the District Council.

The public consultation is on two documents:

1. Core Strategy & Development Control Policies - Preferred Options. This sets out the District Council's Vision for the area to 2025. In the consultation Martlesham has been classified as a Key Service Centre which determines the scale of development considered appropriate for the parish.

2. Site Specific Allocations & Policies - Issues and Options. This document identifies sites for development which have been put forward in most cases by local land-owners and agents. There are 23 site proposals in Martlesham.

The documents are available to view, online at [www.suffolkcoastal.gov.uk/yourdistrict/planning/review/default.htm](http://www.suffolkcoastal.gov.uk/yourdistrict/planning/review/default.htm), and at the Melton District Council offices. A copy is held in the Parish Office – please make an appointment with the Clerk to view. Deadline for comments to SCDC has been extended to: Friday 20th February 2009. Parishioners are urged to have their say on this issue as the new Local Development Framework will have a long lasting impact on the future of the village in which we live.

#### **Allotments**

The Council gave further consideration to allotments in Martlesham at its January meeting. It has now informed the Martlesham Allotment & Leisure Gardeners Association (MALGA) that it is unable to undertake further work on allotments until the LDF (see above) has been resolved. While the LDF consultation is in progress, there is a potential opportunity for any land in Martlesham to be used for housing development, particularly since the District Council has recommended Area 4 (Martlesham) as its preferred option for development. The cost of land will therefore be prohibitive. Land is not likely to be freely available while there is an opportunity for housing development. In addition compulsory purchase is a slow and costly process.

The Parish Meeting of 7th March 2008 identified a strong feeling among parishioners that further housing development in the parish is unacceptable. Therefore

at this stage the Parish Council is not at liberty to negotiate land for allotments in return for housing development.

MALGA's Business Plan, which the Council felt did not address all the necessary issues, has been sent to Suffolk Coastal District Council and if the Parish Council receives a response which would change its decision then it will reconsider. In the meantime the Council would welcome a more detailed plan from MALGA to assist in taking allotments forward when the time is right.

#### **2009/2010 Precept (Parish Council element of Council Tax)**

The Parish Council has agreed a precept of £85,000 for the financial year 2009/2010 (a reduction of £14,500 on last year's). It has set a budget of £90,065 so anticipates a reduction in its reserves. A full report on the Council's activities will be available at the Parish Meeting on 22 April 2009.

#### **Suffolk Charter for Older People**

The Charter, put together by Suffolk's Older People's Strategic Partnership Board, was signed on 1st October 2008. It outlines the rights that older people in Suffolk are entitled to enjoy, the opportunities they should expect and the responsibilities and aspirations of those who provide their activities, services and support. The document, along with information of news and events for older people, is available on [www.suffolk.gov.uk/careandhealth/olderpeople/partnershipolderpeople.htm](http://www.suffolk.gov.uk/careandhealth/olderpeople/partnershipolderpeople.htm)

#### **Martlesham Heath Megabash**

A day of practical wildlife conservation on the Western Corridor on Saturday 21st February 2009, 10 am – 3 pm. Meet by the Windsock on Eagle Way. Tools, gloves & training provided, as well as tea, coffee and biscuits. Please wear suitable clothing and stout footwear. Join in for as long as you like. If coming for the day, please bring a packed lunch. Contact Greenways Project on 01473 433995 for further details.

#### **Forthcoming meetings**

\*Parish Council – Wednesday 4th February

\*Recreation & Amenities

committee - Wednesday 11th February

\*Development Plans committee - Wednesday 18th February

\*Parish Council - Wednesday 4th March

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](mailto: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](mailto: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)**

The Annual General Meeting of Martlesham Consultants Ltd will be held at the St Michael's Church Centre on Thursday 5th February at 8 pm.

All householders within the area of Martlesham Heath are invited to attend. This is an opportunity to air your views and ask relevant questions and it is hoped for a good attendance.

Your Company have now finally taken over the lease of the land known as the "Western Corridor" and this is an opportunity to gain clarification of what this means

to householders on The Heath.

A proposal will be put to the floor that "Martlesham Consultants Ltd" should be renamed "Martlesham Heath Householders Ltd".

The annual Maintenance Charge is now overdue for 2007/8. All householders who have not yet submitted payment are requested to forward this annual charge of £17.50. Payment can be made by post or delivered by hand to C/O 6, The Square, Martlesham Heath, Ipswich, IP5 3SL.

Cheques should be made payable to Martlesham Consultants Ltd and the payment slip that you have received by post should be enclosed as well.

The Conservation Group will be doing maintenance work in the birch woods during February.

Are you interested in the open spaces we enjoy around the Heath? Do you want to have an input into maintaining the special character of the village? If so, have you thought about becoming a volunteer director for MCL? No special qualifications are needed, we only meet monthly (in the evening) and we are a friendly bunch. We only put in what time we can manage and it is all towards maintaining and improving the open spaces and environment for everyone who lives here. Please think about it and if you want to talk to an existing director you can get in touch with us via email or telephone and we will be pleased to talk to you.

Contact us on voicemail – 01473 612207

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

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

The next meeting following our usual Christmas/New Year break will be on Wednesday 18th February when Mr Kevin Bernhardt from Calla's Floral Designs in Ipswich will give us a demonstration entitled 'Inspiration'. The competition will be an arrangement in a

box.

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.

Do feel free to come and join us. You don't have to be good at flower arranging just come along, sit back and enjoy watching our demonstrators. Everyone is welcome.  
Barbara Bown - 01394 383033

### **MARTLESHAM IN BLOOM**

**Our next events:-**

#### **Jumble and Plant Sale**

Saturday 7th March

10 am to noon

in the Pavilion, Martlesham Heath  
(jointly with Martlesham Community Council)

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The launch of our entry into the Anglia in Bloom 2009 Competition will be held on Tuesday 28th April at 7:30 pm in St Michael's Church Centre, Martlesham Heath.

We will also be launching our own summer garden competitions.

The evening will include light refreshments, raffle, quiz and plants for sale. Admission is free.

More details of this event next month

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 Result**

Chairman: .....Paul Day  
Vice Chairman: .....Debbie Benton  
Treasurer: .....David Keeble  
Social Secretary: .....Carole North  
Meeting Secretary: ...Brenda Gleen  
Members: Tricia Higgins, Elizabeth See, Andrew Pitcher, Tricia Pitcher, Andrew Townsend, Richard Galdwin

#### **Year ahead**

With Waldringfield started up last year and Kesgrave getting under way now it's going to be an

interesting year, almost now a race to see who is going to get allotments first.

Always good to have a bit of competition to up the ante and get the old fires stoked full steam ahead, so to speak.

#### **Allotments**

But what are the chances in Martlesham? Well if some people had their way, never.

But that's where things will change this year, because the Parish seem to have dropped a big clanger and got their selves all caught up in a web of their own making.

The parish confused the 1908 LAW, that states that the Parish Council when written to by 6 or more parishioners MUST provide allotments and in good time. The Parishes own plan in November 2005 stated they were to investigate the provision of allotments. I have been asking them since May 2007 and there have been more than 50 letters asking for allotments since September 2007 so by November 2008 they had had three years to investigate the provision of allotments which goes beyond good time, making it now an urgent matter to address.

So we are getting consultation on the next step to make sure that the LAW is not misunderstood and that those on the Parish that would like to see allotments see them in good time and have something to cheer about.

WATCH THIS SPACE!

You can join MALGA and/or contact me:-  
malga@btinternet.com

Paul Day, Chairman

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

We were pleased to welcome a number of visitors at our social evening when Mr Michael Stagg was our speaker. Included in Michael's talk on the traditions and origins of Christmas were many beautiful slides of paintings by artists such as Turner, Rossetti, Rembrandt and Titian. With his lovely west country accent we were all happy to sit back and listen to him read appropriate pieces of poetry and prose to accompany his slides. These included writings of Robert Hardy, excerpts from 'Cider with Rosie' by Laurie Lee and a fasci-

nating entry from the well-known diaries of Francis Kilvert written on Christmas Day in 1870. After his presentation Michael said how much he enjoyed speaking to WI groups and in fact told us we were the fourth group he had spoken to during the week. It seems that we are always inquisitive, attentive and appreciative. What a charmer he turned out to be!!

Our next meeting will be on 20th February when our speaker will be Mr Chris Place who will talk to us about the prison service and the role of drug dogs.

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 HEATH W.I.**

Our first meeting of 2009 had us listening to a talk by Sue Lines. An 'early retirement' headmistress, she had taken a holiday in Vietnam in 2006 and was appalled by the poverty and plight of the children there that she vowed to go back as a volunteer to help alleviate their suffering. She returned in 2007 and through the 'Christina Noble Foundation' charity she spent four months at their centre in Ho Chi Minh City. There she helped to stimulate, feed and play with the children, many of whom were both physically and mentally disabled. Since returning home she has not only encouraged people to sponsor a child but has also undertaken fund raising to build a new kindergarten in the south of Vietnam. This centre has now been completed and Sue is about to return to Vietnam to oversee the final stages and opening. This was an inspiring talk by a very committed lady.

Our speaker in February will be Liz Quarmby demonstrating 'cooking for two'.

Will all members please note that our meetings on the second Monday of the month in the Pavilion now start at **7:30 pm**.

Mary Bloomfield – 01473 625577

### **MARTLESHAM LADIES CLUB**

Well we started 2009 with a very light-hearted and entertaining speaker, Eric Punaks. He recited his very own prose and it was excellent.

Our Meetings for February and March are:

\*12th February - Bring and Buy

\*26th February - 'Trip to the Arctic'; speaker Geoff Woodward

\*12th March - 'Death Recorded'; speaker Pip Wright

\*26th March - 'To Petra and Beyond'; speaker Chris Parfitt

If there are any ladies out there who would like to come and join us, we have a wide range of speakers and entertainment. Our meetings take place fortnightly on a Thursday at 7:30 pm in the Richard Rooms, Martlesham Community Centre. Any enquiries please 'phone Rita on 01473 624 510.

Margaret Green

### **MARTLESHAM WIVES GROUP**

Our January book evening has not taken place yet, but I am sure it will be a great success if last year is anything to go by.

The next meeting will be at 24 Westland. The speaker is Linda Scoles who will be taking a light-hearted look at issues a woman may find interesting!! Come and join us if you would like to hear more. Because of half term, the meeting will not be the third Monday of the month but on Monday 23rd February. All ladies are welcome. You do not need to be a wife.

For further details please contact Cathy Moore on 01473 622724.

### **MARTLESHAM MOTHERS' UNION**

This month we meet on Wednesday 4th February at 12:30 pm when we will be enjoying home-made soup and sandwiches to raise funds to help with our overseas projects. Do come and join us and enjoy lunch with others - a time of fellowship together. The Mothers' Union in Uganda is celebrating 100 years of Christian care for families. The

greatest impact has been the strengthening and improvement of marital relationships through sharing, praying, encouraging and learning from each other. To find out more about the Mothers' Union in Uganda visit [www.themothersunion.org](http://www.themothersunion.org)

If you would like to know more phone Marion 01394 460833.

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

We would like to give our thanks to all the organisations that supported the Group by donating items for our Christmas raffle. These include Hogg @ Home, Easton Farm Park, Crown Pools, The Alex, Birch Farm, Riverside Theatre, Margaret Gibson, Ipswich Regent, Hollywood Cinemas, The Co-op, Tesco Martlesham Heath, Tesco Kesgrave, Colchester Zoo and Duncan's Bakery for kindly donating delicious mince pies. A big thanks also to our two Santa Clauses who were brilliant.

You may have noticed that on a trial basis during January we haven't run any afternoon sessions. The turnout for these sessions is low and financially it is starting to pinch. We would however welcome the views of our members so please feel free to talk to one of the Session Leaders or contact Nikki or Donna whose details are at the bottom of this entry. By the time of going to press, a final decision is still pending so we will update everyone in the March edition.

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**

At the end of last term our children practiced very hard for their end of term performance held at St Michaels Church on the very last day of term. Well done to them all, and our staff, for putting on a super show. We also had to say goodbye to some of our children as they moved on to nursery. We wish them, and their families, all the very best for the future.

During the Christmas holidays the remainder of the playschool was decorated. On behalf of the staff, parents and children I would like to send our thanks to Keith Fisher for doing such a great job.

This new term we have welcomed our new children to playschool and hope they are settling in well. This term our topics of the week will be based on letters of the alphabet. So if the children have a favourite item relating to each letter they will be most welcome to bring it in to playschool.

Our fundraisers have been very busy recently. The Pamper evening held in November raised in excess of £320 for playschool. Strawberry Mountain Photography visited us again and lots of families had some super photos taken, helping to raise £170 for playschool. Our 2009 calendars were also a great success, with over £200 being raised. Our Christmas hampers raffle also raised a super £130. We shall have more ideas in March of our future fundraising events, so watch this space!!

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. Caroline Swale (Business Manager – Admissions & Advisory)

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

**Martlesham Heath**

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

In January our children enjoyed a visit from Police Officers Debbie Howgego and Justin Moss. They learnt about keeping safe and how to say "No" to strangers, and they then tried on the Police uniforms.

A trip was also organised to Colchester Road Fire Station which was a wonderful opportunity for the children to have a look at a working fire station. They sat in a fire engine, met some fire fighters and looked at their uniforms and equipment.

We will be holding an Easter Spring Fayre this year to raise funds for toys and equipment. Please read next month's article for more information.

The half term holiday runs from February 16th to the 20th.

Any enquiries can be made to the Pre-School on 07712 506123. This mobile number will be answered during session times only or you can leave a message on the voicemail.

If you shop at ELC, Asda, Mothercare, Next or HMV to name a few, 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.

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

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](mailto:admin@stmichaelspreschool.org.uk)

Nicole Harris

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

The February meeting of Martlesham Mums' Club will be held at St. Michael's Church Centre, Martlesham Heath on Tuesday 3rd February from 12:45 to 2:30 pm. After

lunch (which will be provided for you) we will welcome back Brenda Wilkes from the Chartered Dental Clinic who will talk on 'The care of children's teeth'. All mums with babies and toddlers are welcome to come and find out more.

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

### **MARTLESHAM CHILDMINDING GROUP**

Last month was a busy, and perhaps an anxious one, for some parents and children as daily routines were changed – with children starting playgroup, nursery school or in some cases full-time school. Many of us said sad 'farewells' to children as childcare was no longer required, or hours were changed to accommodate newly reduced hours required by children's families. As parents ourselves, many of us stood alongside other parents with extreme pride and sadness, supporting children along the next part of their learning journeys. We wish all the children well, as they begin to settle into their new environments and make many new friends!

As Ofsted Registered Childminders, members of our group are totally committed to working with parents and are involved in any change processes throughout, always ready to offer help, advice and support to children and their parents/guardians, whatever the situation.

Congratulations this month go to Jenny Firth and Julie-Ann Bass on their success in passing the first part of their Open University Level 4 Early Years Childcare qualifications.

Good luck wishes go to Jo Raymond and her family who have departed for a 'sunnier' climate down under, leaving to start a new life in Australia! Jo worked with Zoe Booth and Carol Atkinson - Zoe, Carol and all the children will miss her greatly!

For further details about joining our group, or to find out more about our current childminding vacancies - including part-time, full-time, school/nursery/playgroup drops-offs and pick-ups - please

phone Julie-Ann on 01473 611630.  
Julie-Ann Bass

### **MARTLESHAM HEATH AVIATION SOCIETY**

The first meeting of 2009 was held as usual on the first Friday of the month at the Community Hall, Felixtowe Road. Our speaker was Mr 'Taff' Gillingham and his subject was, "Remembrance And The Great War – A British View". Taff was accompanied by a friend dressed in authentic WW1 full battledress uniform. Attendance was very good considering the time of year and the weather.

Taff tried to dispel the myth that the Great War was a case of "lions being led by donkeys". He explained that the British army at the outbreak of the war was a mere 200,000 strong. Most other countries in Europe had conscription and their armies for the most part consisted of millions. Certainly this was true of both Germany and France. He explained that it is often thought that the German Mauser rifle was superior to the British Lee Enfield rifle. The opposite was in fact the case. The Mauser held ammunition clips of five bullets against ten for the Lee Enfield. Also the Lee Enfield could be fired more rapidly because, unlike the Mauser, the rifle bolt could be operated without the soldier removing his eye from the sight.

Taff Gillingham was very passionate about his belief that the Great War was well fought by the British. The justification and reason for the war was not debated. A vote of thanks was given by our member, Jork Andrews.

Our next meeting will be held on Friday 6th February and the speaker will be Mr Ian Wormald. This will be an illustrated memoir of an extraordinary career in the Royal Air Force and also as a British Aerospace Systems Test Pilot, entitled "Fifty Years Out and Back to Suffolk". Meetings start at 7:30 pm at the Community Hall, Felixtowe Road and non-members are welcome for a payment of just £2 at the door.

Alan Powell - 01473 622458

### **MARTLESHAM HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

Our first meeting of 2009 will be held on Monday February 16th at 8 pm, when our speaker will be Mr Peter Durrell. His subject will be an illustrated talk entitled "Understanding Heraldry" which will include some local examples.

The meeting will be held in the Pavilion on the Green and all are welcome. Admission is £1.50.

John Tyler 01473 612736

### **MARTLESHAM BRASS**

#### **Making Music Fun in East Anglia**

We had an extremely successful Christmas caroling season despite the 'credit crunch' - thank you to everyone who generously dropped pennies and pounds into our buckets! The grand total was £3418.41 which means we can present cheques for £569.74 to each of the following local charities - The East Anglian Children's Hospice, Kidney Research Ipswich and FIND (Families in Need - Ipswich). The cheques will be presented at our AGM on Friday 6th March starting at 7:30 pm at St Michael's Church Centre, Martlesham Heath.

Please remember to get your tickets NOW for our concert with Brett Baker (Principal Trombone with The Black Dyke Band), on Saturday 28th February, starting at 7 pm at St Michael's Church Centre. Tickets are £3.50 available from Chris Beale 07802 868924. Brett is an amazingly talented musician to listen to and we are also really looking forward to learning as much as we can at the workshop he is running for us during the day.

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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[www.martleshambrass.co.uk](http://www.martleshambrass.co.uk)

### **PORTAL WOODLANDS CONSERVATION GROUP**

"Love is in the air"...February sees Valentine's Day, and what better way to woo that loved one than a romantic stroll through the woods. Hand in hand, arm in arm, go on boys, use your charm!

We are only just into the New Year and we already have two invites to help fill your calendars. Firstly the Group would like to invite you to the unveiling of the gate in memory of the late Peter Izzard, who many of you know was one of the founders of the Group and did a lot for the Woodland. This event will take place on Sunday 15th February at noon, at the area opposite the Police sports field entrance.

The second invitation is to our talk and AGM on 2nd March, which will take place at the Martlesham Parish Council Office, Martlesham (road behind Tesco), starting at 7:30 pm. Everyone is welcome. The talk will be 'A Wacky, Wild, Walk in the Wood'. Given by none other than, yours truly (AKA for this adventure, Sid Squirrel)! If you would like to make a nomination for the committee, or indeed you would like to nominate yourself, then please contact us on the details below.

The dates for the 2009 **Nature Watch Club** meetings can now be found on our website. The project for February is to make a nature display. If your child would like to make a contribution to the display, or take part in the Nature Watch Club then please send an email to [naturewatch.pwcg@martlesham.org.uk](mailto:naturewatch.pwcg@martlesham.org.uk) for further details.

#### **Dates for the diary:**

**Nature Watch Meeting** - 2009 dates now on website.

**Woodlands Work Morning** - Sunday 15th February, 10 am - noon, meet opposite the Police sports field entrance. This will be followed by

the gate unveiling.

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

Jocelyn Cook

### **MARTLESHAM CONSERVATION GROUP**

Our regular monthly work party will take place on Sunday February 8th on the heath, western corridor. Please come and join us, no tools or special expertise is needed. Meet out on the heath or outside the Douglas Bader at 10 am if you are not sure where to find us.

Following the very successful Megabashes of the last two years we plan another one in February with the Greenways project, weather permitting, details are below. We would like as many people as possible to join us in maintaining our local wildlife habitat. The Megabash will be a day of conservation activity on the heath western corridor SSSI, trying to get part of the heath back into a state more favourable to special and rare heathland wildlife.

### **MEGABASH on Martlesham Heath 10 am - 3 pm, Saturday 21st February**

Come along and join in with the Megabash on Martlesham Heath SSSI. There is a great deal of scrub clearing to do today to improve the habitat for the many rare heathland species that thrive on this important site.

Tools, training, gloves and refreshments will be provided, all you need to bring is enthusiasm – and a packed lunch if you are staying all day.

Please meet by the windsock on Eagle Way to be directed to the site, or come and join us directly on the western corridor.

Contact me for more details of activities, time and place if you need them.

If you are interested in any of the activities of the group or would like to share your observa-

tions on local wildlife, please get in touch.

Phil Smith - 01473 625630

### **SUFFOLK WILDLIFE TRUST Woodbridge Group**

On Thursday 19th February we have a talk on "The Reptile and Amphibian Atlas" focussing on Suffolk, with John Baker from Suffolk Amphibians and Reptile Group, and who is the Widespread Species Conservation Officer for the Herpetological Conservation Trust. The talk starts at 7:30 pm in the Woodbridge Community Hall. Please come and join us for a great evening. All are welcome, you do not have to be a member. Admission is £2 as usual.

Phil Smith - 01473 625630

### **MARTLESHAM CARPET BOWLS CLUB**

We have achieved a resounding result in the first round of the Chairman's Plate competition and will now be playing off the next round within a fortnight. Congratulations to all the members of our team on this result.

We are in the process of arranging our Annual Dinner which, this year, will be held at Alnesbourne Priory Country Club. This is a pleasant evening with good food and good company, followed by a quiz which usually causes some controversy but, nevertheless, seems to be enjoyed by all. Members are welcome to bring their partners or friends - the more the merrier!

Maureen Banthorp

### **MOB**

After so many attempts to get games played recently and all failed due to the intervention of some cold and wet weather, we finally managed to play a league cup game on Sunday 18th January. Given that our form has been decidedly poor this year and we lie bottom of the league after games in which we gave silly goals away and failed to take easy chances, it was good to start winning again, beating Hadleigh RBL from our Premier division 5-1. Without giving

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any secrets away the tactics were changed slightly and Hadleigh couldn't cope with the determination and running power we displayed, especially man of the match Alex Williams who claimed the perfect hat-trick, one with his left foot, one with the right and one with his head. Now if we can just start taking that sort of performance into our remaining league games we can move swiftly up the table. League games will continue into May at this rate because if we play one per week until then we will just about catch up with all of the games we have lost to the weather, plus cup games which of course will now continue to the next stage. Oh for good footballing weather!

### **PETANQUE - THE LEAGUE WANTS YOU!**

Whether you are 8 or 80, male or female, able bodied or not, the Suffolk Coastal Petanque League is looking for any interested person or persons in the Martlesham area to get in touch with us regarding the possibility of playing petanque in the forthcoming 2009 season. It matters not whether you have played before or not as advice and coaching can be given as required.

What the League are looking for is any interested individual, couple, family group, sports and social clubs and pubs that can form into teams of a minimum of 4 players per team and have the space to play two games at the same time. One of the financial benefits of the sport is that if you have or know of a good draining gravelled area, then you have a ready-made playing area and as such for new teams getting started we recommend taking this route first before paying out for purpose built areas. Gravelled car parks to pubs, village halls and community centres are usually the most widely used areas for new teams and are relatively easy to cordon off for an hour or so to enable a match to be played.

The Coastal League had its first season in 2008 with nine teams being split into a North and South section (to cut down on travelling between matches) with matches

starting in April and being played approximately every third week until September when the Leagues' play-offs were held to ascertain the overall winners. As already stated teams need to consist of a minimum of 4 players up to a maximum of 8 and matches are usually played on a Sunday morning, with the host venue usually providing the after-match refreshments.

The cost to join the League is £12 per team for the entire 2009 season and Registration Night is to be held on Friday 27th March from 7:30 pm onwards at Ye Olde Coach & Horses, Melton, near Woodbridge. You can request further information by contacting Mr Simon Fletcher, League Co-Ordinator, 18 Melville Road, Ipswich, IP4 1PN or e-mail at imogenlewiskira@sky.com

### **SPEAK EASY @ MARTLESHAM**

Speak Easy @ Martlesham speakers club meets fortnightly in Martlesham and is open to anyone with an interest in improving their confidence and skills for speaking in front of other people. Our meetings include a wide variety of opportunities to take part including short impromptu speeches and longer prepared ones. Speakers come up with many different topics which always ensures an entertaining evening. Current members are from a diverse range of backgrounds so everybody should feel at home.

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. 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:

- \*February 5th
- \*February 19th
- \*March 5th

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>

### **OVER THIRTIES DANCE**

With the "Under Thirties" having the many night clubs in and around Ipswich to patronise, perhaps it's time the "Over Thirties" had somewhere for them.

A dance is being held at the Martlesham Leisure Club, Gloster Road, on Saturday 21st February 2009, and all "Over Thirties" are very welcome. The ticket cost is £4 and there will be entertainment supplied by the very popular "Curt n Rod", who will be playing music mainly from the Sixties but covering the Fifties to the Eighties/Nineties and there is a fully licensed bar.

It is hoped that **regular** functions like this can be organised, depending on the support that this first one gets. So, if you want somewhere to go for some **regular** entertainment, please come along and have an enjoyable evening.

Through the advertising to date, there is an encouraging database of "clients" building up, so even if you can't attend this function because of a prior engagement, please get in contact with Miles, "Midge", anyway, to give your details, so that you can be advised of future functions.

Tickets should be obtained in advance by phoning 01473 621035.

### **POPPY COLLECTION 2008**

Thanks to the many customers who gave so very generously to the poppy collection made at Tesco's, Martlesham, November 1st to 8th, on behalf of the British Legion. The total collection was £5,141.46.

This year one of our faithful collectors, Mr Pat Shannon, who had collected every year over the past 20 years, finally retired due to failing health. We will miss him. Also this year saw two of our regular collectors, Mrs Moore and Mrs Hollingworth, in hospital. Thankfully both are now recovering and hope to rejoin us next year. Another two regulars had retired to the South Coast.

It looked as if those of us left would be very stretched to cover all of the sessions. However, it was, with delight, that Mr Sainsbury, a collector for over 30 years, returned to us again after ill health enforced his absence last year. Also we were joined by eight new collectors, five ladies and three gents.

Two gentlemen who work for Martlesham Heath Aviation Museum Tower joined us, also one lady from Framlingham, a husband and wife team from Attleborough, and three ladies, local to the area, and so, thanks to regular collectors who can always be relied on, and the new helpers, we were able to cover the full eight days.

I would like to thank you all for your usual hard work and generosity in giving up your time for such a good cause, which I, personally, feel privileged to do.

Patricia Harris

### **NEW HOUSES THREAT TO R.S.P.C.A. ANIMAL CENTRE AT MARTLESHAM**

Suffolk Coastal District Council is considering allowing 550 houses to be built on the fields to the south of Three Stiles Lane – directly opposite the RSPCA Animal Centre.

This housing development could have a disastrous effect on the Animal Centre. We already have to be careful because of concerns about noise from the kennels from existing neighbours. 550 homes only a few metres away could lead to noise and traffic complaints that would close the kennels – and possibly the whole Centre – completely.

The Animal Centre rehomed 594 animals in 2008, 96 of them dogs. It is the only RSPCA kennels left in Suffolk and Norfolk. The Norwich Animal Centre was forced to close its kennels in 1995, after a housing development was built close to its site.

SCDC have a consultation period until February 20th 2009 for people to raise any concerns they have. Let SCDC know your views by:

1. Using the online consultation system – <http://www.suffolkcoastal.gov.uk/yourdistrict/planning/review/default.htm>
2. Filling in a consultation form, available from SCDC offices in Melton or the post office in Martlesham (near the Black Tiles pub), or download from the above website.
3. Writing to SCDC at: LDF Site specific issues consultation, Planning services, SCDC, Council Offices, Melton Hill, Woodbridge, IP12 1AU. Please include your name and address and quote site reference LDF Martlesham Site 769.

## **VILLAGE VIEWS**

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

### **EAGLE WAY ROAD SURFACE**

I've been in touch with the County Council about the poor quality of the road surface since it was treated in 2008. You may have noticed that the gritting is still loose and there are bald patches appearing already. SCC were already aware of this problem; apparently it was due to problems with the "binder" - i.e., the stuff which is supposed to stick the gritting down. They plan to re-do the work later this year when it's warmer, and meanwhile they are inspecting the road from time to time, and if necessary sweeping it more frequently.

Stephen Denton

### **DEVELOPMENT ON AMENITY LAND**

**"You don't know what you've got 'til it's gone"**

Shortly before Christmas a planning application was submitted to Suffolk Coastal District Council for the "Erection of detached two-storey dwelling together with provision of public amenity area including play area" on the mound beside the mini-roundabout on Eagle Way.

As a resident of Martlesham Heath you enjoy the benefit of living on a unique development, a purpose built village that was designed from day one around sev-

eral social concepts, not least of which is the wide provision of areas of open green space.

These areas of amenity land have been protected over the last three decades by Suffolk Coastal's Local Plan which states that:

*"The overall physical and design principle which emanates from the original social concept is one of a series of hamlets separated from each other by wide areas of open space. The District Council has sought, and will continue to uphold the principles of this concept, and, accordingly, once these hamlets have been fully developed there will be no potential for further development other than ancillary to recreation of an outdoor nature. To do otherwise would be regarded as adversely affecting the village and its open setting"*.

The implications of planning being granted either fully or partially on this piece of land will be severe, not only for the mound, the natural habitat that it may once again provide and for the people who live nearby, but also for the secure future of all the other open spaces that we enjoy around the heath.

As one of the 1,400 householders on Martlesham Heath you will undoubtedly have a strong opinion on the protection of the environment in which you live.

Either e-mail or write to the Planning Department at Suffolk Coastal District Council (citing planning application C/08/2215) at the address below.

**Head of Planning Services,  
(C/08/2215), Suffolk Coastal District Council, Melton Hill,  
Woodbridge, Suffolk, IP12 1AU  
e-mail: [d.c.admin@suffolkcoastal.gov.uk](mailto:d.c.admin@suffolkcoastal.gov.uk)**

Further details are available on the Martlesham Heath Householders website at <http://mhh.martlesham.org.uk/>

### **LIONS CLUB OF WOODBRIDGE & DISTRICT**

A busy Christmas season saw us deliver around 220 parcels of seasonal groceries to people for whom Christmas may otherwise have been

little different from any other day. On top of this, a substantial donation of toiletries and tinned food was made to a hostel for homeless families. Our grateful thanks to everyone who contributed to the street, store and house-to-house collections, along with Budgens Foodstores and the Co-op in Woodbridge, Duncan's Bakery at Martlesham Heath and to Woodbridge & Melton Churches Together. The letters of thanks that we have received tell just how much a simple bag of groceries can mean to someone feeling lonely. Farlingaye High School proved as generous as ever and the imagination in the packaging of the parcels reached a new level - this year many were illuminated!. Memories we will take away from this period are of shivering through the collections and the generosity of donors, especially when money is harder to find; shivering on Santa's sleigh as he toured the streets of Woodbridge and the expressions on the faces of young children when they saw Santa and his sleigh ... and the mixture of astonishment and gratitude when someone received an unexpected Christmas parcel.

A brief lull now allows us a social event or two and the chance to take part in a few trivia quizzes, some light-hearted, some competitive, before we begin the preparations in earnest for the Elmhurst Extravaganza, our now traditional opener to the summer season.

For more about the Lions, please call 0845 8332820 or see [www.woodbridgelions.org.uk](http://www.woodbridgelions.org.uk)

### **ST ELIZABETH HOSPICE USED STAMPS APPEAL**

A great big THANK YOU to everyone who saved their used stamps over Christmas and posted them through my letter box. I've just taken four carrier bags full of stamps to the Hospice in Foxhall Road, Ipswich, which is a brilliant response to my appeal. The stamps will be sorted and sold to dealers in order to raise funds.

Please continue to support your local Hospice by collecting

stamps during the coming year. Even if you only manage to collect a few they soon make a difference when added together. Every penny earned from the sale of these stamps will help the Hospice.

Thank you all for your continued support.

Bev Read  
15 Demesne Gardens  
Martlesham Heath  
01473 622721

### **U3A IN EAST SUFFOLK**

U3A in East Suffolk meeting on 23rd February at Kesgrave Community Centre, Twelve Acre Approach, Bell Lane, Kesgrave at 2 pm. A talk by Gary Colman on 2000 years of Astronomy in 45 minutes: some history, stories and successes - no maths or physics! For more information please contact the Secretary on 01728 668100 or visit the website - [www.u3a-es.org.uk](http://www.u3a-es.org.uk)

### **FAMILY MATTERS**

Are you a single parent? Do you have children you only see at the weekend? A new drop-in centre has opened in Woodbridge on Saturday afternoons for you and your children. We offer a place to relax together with toys, games, crafts, refreshments and a warm welcome.

The sessions are called "Family Matters" and are open 2-4 pm every Saturday at the Woodbridge Methodist Church Hall, located in St Johns Street. Contact Anne Munday on 013494 460733 or e-mail [linmorph@aol.com](mailto:linmorph@aol.com)

### **SAFER NEIGHBOURHOOD TEAM, KESGRAVE**

**"Bad Company" from the album "Bad Company" by Bad Company - November 1973 - Sawn Song label**

There have been a couple of instances locally lately whereby some amongst us have suffered from some bad company.

A knock at the door, an unexpected visitor asking the occupant if they can quickly pop in and check the water/check for damp/leaks/broken tiles or in one case, asking the householder to check some uneven paving on the foot-

path at the end of the driveway.

Inevitably, the result is that another person - unseen - will gain entry to the house and in under 15 seconds will have found and stolen valuables from within. By valuables, I mean (most often) cash and credit/debit cards.

Sometimes the loss remains undiscovered for hours - perhaps a day or two - perhaps even until a relative or true visitor notices something not quite right.

I'm not looking to scare anyone - but I do need to raise this as an issue for us all; for individuals to be wary of unexpected callers - especially those who say they are looking to check something or want you to check something with them; for family to make sure that their 'own' are aware of the issues and that you are confident that your family are briefed on the dangers; for neighbours, to keep an eye on those next door or close by whom you might consider vulnerable to such trickery.

We have had a recent incident in Kesgrave, and were it not for the quick and effective reactions of a neighbour who spotted what was going on, things would have been made much worse for the householder involved. You know who you are - and I'd like to offer my thanks for your actions.

The people responsible for such offences are burglars - not tricksters - just simple burglars, though they specialise in gaining access by deception. We need to be alert so that we can actually catch these people - they usually visit those whom they think they can confuse easily and so the chances of being 'realised' or caught would seem to be slim.

Mick Richardson Ps 535, Safer Neighbourhood Team, Kesgrave & District  
[mick.richardson@suffolk.pnn.police.uk](mailto:mick.richardson@suffolk.pnn.police.uk)  
[www.safersuffolk.org.uk/kesgrave](http://www.safersuffolk.org.uk/kesgrave)  
- switchboard (24/7) 01473 613500

### **MARTLESHAM CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP**

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

#### **The "All-Embracing" Christ**

Jesus once said, "Whoever comes to me, I will never turn away". His ministry was not amongst the religious and the 'good'. In fact he was criticised for being the "friend of sinners". Various outcasts from society were included in his parish - tax collectors, like Zaccheus, who cheated the people; prostitutes, like the woman at Sychars well (John ch. 4). In addition to these he embraced the lepers, the blind and the lame, who counted for nothing in the society of his day. All these people were valuable to him. To support and help such people was 'meat and drink' to him.

It demonstrates to us that no one is outside the forgiveness and grace of God. Christians are said to be God's 'family'. Coming to Christ, through faith, is like coming home!

#### **ACTIVITIES IN FEBRUARY**

##### **Sundays**

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

##### **Tuesday Circle**

February 10th - Focus on Fair Trade

##### **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 1st February

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

### **BRIGHTWELL CHURCH**

SERVICES for February - Holy Communion on Sundays February 1st and 15th.

Evensong on Sundays 8th and 22nd. A special Service for Ash Wednesday will be held at the Church on Wednesday February 25th at 7 pm.

Please look out for details of Lenten House Groups and the Lenten Evensong Services at Martlesham and surrounding parishes

during lent.

Our social group meets after the closing date for copy but next issue should have details of our events for the year BUT in the meantime please take note of our Shrove Tuesday Event - Pancakes, Poetry and Punch - an opportunity to share your favourite poem(s) over a pancake and a glass of punch. Please feel free to read the poem yourself or have it read for you. Tickets £3 from Marjorie Manning or me - 7:30 pm start.

On practical matters we have to start dealing with the repair and maintenance items raised by the surveyor in our last property report. Some will require professional work to be done and will impose a call on our financial resources so a round of fund raising will need to be put into place to meet the costs involved. As always we hope this will be a pleasurable experience.

Geoff Lambert, PCC Secretary  
brightwellpcc@tesco.net  
[www.achurchnearyou.com](http://www.achurchnearyou.com)

**BRIGHTWELL PCC  
A SHROVE TUESDAY GET  
TOGETHER...  
PANCAKES POETRY AND  
PUNCH**

**TUESDAY 24TH FEBRUARY  
AT THE CHURCH HALL,  
BRIGHTWELL 7:30 PM**

Please bring your favourite poem(s) to share.

If you are too shy to read they can be read for you!

Tickets £3 from  
Geoff Lambert or Marjorie  
Manning

**BRIGHT STARS**

Happy New Year from everyone at Bright Stars. We would like to invite all babies, toddlers, pre-schoolers and their parents or carers to our fun children's worship and activity sessions. Our half hour sessions are held on the second and fourth Monday's of each month (during term time) starting at 10:30 am at St Michael's Church Centre, Martlesham Heath and include singing, story telling, games and crafts. The sessions are followed by refreshments. As part of our first session of 2009 in January we made crowns, then went on a star walk, following the star like the wise men to visit Jesus in the stable. Come and visit us at our next session, we look forward to welcoming you! The dates for our sessions up until Easter are:

- 26th January
- 9th February
- 23rd February
- 9th March
- 23rd March

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

**FROM MARTLESHAM CHURCH**

We are beginning to have more hours of daylight, Spring can't be far away.

Christmas seems a long time ago - well it was last year.

Jesus does not stay as the baby in the nativity scene. He grew up to be a man, to live for us and die for us. He gives us the opportunity to make a new start any time we choose, not just January 1st. Perhaps you feel you would like to make some changes in your life - why not come and find out more about the Christian faith? It really is life-changing, transforming.

February 24th is Shrove Tuesday, often known as Pancake Day, the following day is Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent and we shall be having Lent groups where we can join with others to talk about our faith and how it makes a difference to our everyday lives. Go on - make a phone call to find out more, Ian Naylor 01473 622424,

Elizabeth Corker 01394 210793, Carolyn Smith 01473 625630, and Lewis Currie 01473 625320. You can be sure of a very warm welcome.

**MARTLESHAM PARISH  
CHURCH**

**Come and join us  
on  
Saturday February 21st  
at 7:30 pm  
for  
an evening of  
'Call My Bluff'  
in St Michael's Centre**

**Tickets £5 per adult -  
£4 for under 18s**

**Price includes baked potato  
supper**

**Contact Lewis Currie  
at 01473 625320  
for details and tickets**

**WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF  
PRAYER**

**at  
St Michael's and All Angels  
Church  
on  
Friday 6th March at 10:30 am**

The service has been prepared by Christian women of Papua New Guinea

Theme: "In Christ there are many members yet one body."

Speaker: Rev. Ian Naylor

**EVERYONE MOST WELCOME**

There will be other services at Woodbridge and Melton. More details in March



## THE CHURCH IN MARTLESHAM & BRIGHTWELL

PARISH MINISTER: The Revd. Ian Naylor, 17 Lark Rise, Martlesham Heath, IP5 3SA,  
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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 1st February Epiphany	8am Holy Communion	11am Holy Communion BCP	9:45am All Age Worship 6:30pm Informal Worship
Sunday 8th February 3rd before Lent	6:30pm Evensong	8am Holy Communion 11am All Age Worship	9:45am Family Holy Communion & Junior Church
Sunday 15th February 2nd before Lent	8am Holy Communion	11am Family Holy Communion	9:45am Worship & Junior Church 6:30pm Youth Service
Sunday 22nd February 1st before Lent	6:30pm Evensong	8am Holy Communion 11am Matins	9:45am Family Holy Communion & Junior Church
Wednesday 25th February Ash Wednesday		11am Holy Communion	10am Holy Communion 7:45pm Holy Communion
Sunday 1st March Lent 1	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 9th February and Monday 23rd February in St Michael's Church Centre. A warm welcome awaits you at all the above services.

### PRAYER DIARY FOR FEBRUARY

Please use the following suggestions as a basis for your thanksgiving and intercessions:

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| 5 the situation in the Middle East                       | 23 add your voice to Global Poverty Prayer Week (Tearfund)      |
| 6 wisdom for the new US president                        | 24 a fresh understanding of the Lent message                    |
| 7 the Town Pastors                                       | 25 the residents of Borrett Place                               |
| 8 the congregations at St Mary's and Brightwell Church   | 26 Fairtrade Fortnight (issues of justice)                      |
| 9 Gorseland School                                       | 27 local/national government in a time of recession             |
| 10 Karen working with local young people                 | 28 an outpouring of the Holy Spirit in our community            |
| 11 the residents of Birch Grove                          | <b>MARCH 1</b> all the clergy and leaders of our local Churches |
| 12 Kesgrave High School                                  | 2 Beacon Hill School  |
| 13 those facing redundancy                               | 3 wisdom to care for our natural environment                    |
| 14 return to Christian values as the basis for true love | 4 the residents of Bradford Court                               |
| 15 the congregation at MCF                               |   |
| 16 Birchwood School                                      |   |
| 17 integrity in our financial institutions               |   |
| 18 the residents of Black Tiles Lane                     |   |
| 19 international cooperation on climate change issues    |   |
| 20 opportunities to share the Gospel                     |   |
| 21 Christian Youth Ministries in Ipswich                 |   |
| 22 the congregation at St Michaels                       |   |