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## **\*\*\*EDITORIAL\*\*\***

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

**Neal Goldsmith**

## **TALKING MARTLESHAM MONTHLY**

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

Martlesham Monthly Editors

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## **COMMUNITY RESPONDERS**

Martlesham Community Responders are a group of 7 volunteers (funded entirely by donations) who are trained to provide first aid and resuscitation skills. We provide a first response to most 999 calls received by the East Anglian Ambulance Trust within Martlesham, Martlesham Heath, Waldringfield, Newbourne and Brightwell, in support of and until the arrival of an emergency ambulance.

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

## **A NEW COMMUNITY RESPONDER**

The Martlesham Community Responders are pleased to announce and welcome Hugh Whitbread as the newest member of the team. We now have a team of 7, providing local support to the Ambulance Service in the Martlesham area. For further details, contact Andy Oxborrow 01473 620432 (e-mail [Andy.Oxborrow@suffolk.sja.org.uk](mailto:Andy.Oxborrow@suffolk.sja.org.uk)).

## **CHRISTMAS TREE IN THE SQUARE**

Again this year Martlesham Monthly was delighted to sponsor the Christmas Tree in the Square. We would like to thank Ian O'Brien Baker from Home Meadows Nursery, fellow members from The Rotary Club of Woodbridge along with some of the lads from The HM Prison Hollesley Bay who arrange the collection and removal for us. Also we would like to thank Andy Hart at Bidwells who allow us to use their electricity, Roger Garnett of Garnett Electrical for supplying and fitting the lighting along with DC Construction who supply the fencing. Thanks also to John Hovell for his help and support. Paul Firman and The Editorial Team

## **MARTLESHAM PARISH COUNCIL**

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

### **Temporary Road Closure**

The C348 Waldringfield Road, Martlesham will be closed from 14th to 16th December (09:30 - 15:30) for BT Openreach overhead cabling and tree cutting works. The alternative route will be via C355 Newbourne Road, C356 Ipswich Road and vice versa.

### **Temporary public right of way closure**

Footpath 6 Woodbridge (Martlesham Creek) from Kyson Point westwards to Footpath 11/12 Martlesham will be temporarily closed due to surfacing works on part of the path. The closure will commence on 15th November until 12th February 2011 but the closure will only be in place for a 2-3 week period within these dates. The alternative

route will be Footpath 11 Martlesham, Sandy Lane, Broom Heath, Footpath 5 Woodbridge to Kyson Point and vice versa.

### **Suffolk Coastal District Council (SCDC) Local Development Framework (LDF) Core Strategy**

By the time you read this it is likely that SCDC will have opened a new round of consultation on the LDF Core Strategy – a very significant planning document which will impact on the future of Martlesham, especially if the proposals for 2,000 new homes on the land south of BT go ahead. Details are not yet published at the time of writing this article so please refer to the SCDC website - [www.suffolkcoastal.gov.uk](http://www.suffolkcoastal.gov.uk). Please copy your comments to SCDC to us too.

### **Parish Council Elections in 2011**

Why doesn't the council do something about it? Do you ever say this? If so, have you ever thought of standing for election to your local parish council? It's a great opportunity to get involved in making real decisions affecting your local community. Start thinking about it now as nomination papers are likely to be issued from March 2011. For more information, please contact the Clerk.

### **Development Plans Committee (DPC): setting policies to benefit the parish**

Over the coming months our DPC will be reviewing some of its policies and establishing new ones: Cycle and Pedestrian Strategy, Public Transport Policy, Highway Issues Register, Business/Industrial/Retail Policy, Landscaping Policy and Tourism Policy. If you wish to comment on any of these topics, we would be pleased to hear from you. Please contact the Clerk as below.

### **Suffolk County Council's (SCC) New Strategic Direction**

Please refer to SCC's website for information and to comment: - [www.suffolk.gov.uk/newstrategicdirection](http://www.suffolk.gov.uk/newstrategicdirection).

### **Forthcoming meetings**

#### **No full Parish Council meeting in December**

\*Finance and General Purposes Committee – Wednesday 1st December

\*Development Plans Committee - Wednesday 8th December

\*Parish Council meeting – Wednes-

day 5th January

\*Recreation and Amenities Committee – Wednesday 12th January

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)

website: [www.martlesham.suffolk.gov.uk](http://www.martlesham.suffolk.gov.uk)

Parish Office (at above address) opening times: 9 am – 12 noon, Mon – Fri, excluding public holidays, but please book an appointment in advance if possible.

**Please note that our office will be closed during week commencing 27th December.**

## **FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE**

This month's article on the Parish Council continues with the work of the Finance & General Purposes Committee (F&GPC). The committee deals with the following to enable the Council to operate both effectively and legally:

**Finance** - which includes budgeting, reviewing our reserves and investments and recommending to the Parish Council how much it will need from you the council tax payer, in order to pay for the activities planned for the forthcoming year. We also review in detail all grant applications to the Council and recommend which ones it should support and those that it cannot. We monitor performance and expenditure during the year, hold the Clerk to account for all expenditure, and review and recommend the end of year accounts to the Council for formal report to the external auditors and to you, the public.

**Rules and regulations** – Together with end of year reports we also are required to adopt a code of conduct, have a freedom of information policy, complaints procedure

and standing orders which deal with the way the Council operates and authorises expenditure. In addition to statutory matters we also deal with any legal issues.

**Things we own** - covers deeds and trusts, the Council office, car park and our full asset register.

**People** - includes ensuring the Council's obligations as an employer are properly met and ensuring that any training is provided for both staff and Councillors. Our Clerk is highly skilled and trained and with her team needs to be capable of providing us with advice and support across a vast range of public service related matters which are continually changing. Councillors need training and development to make them aware of their responsibilities and keep them updated so that they can confidently represent you and contribute to the Council's work. Changes in legislation, strategy, policy or practice from Government, County or District Council often impact on us.

**Other tasks** – include risk assessments, insurance, general administration, and quality parish status assessment which the Council has just recently had re-accredited. This accreditation is an external review of the way the Council conducts itself and is an enhanced demonstration that we focus on meeting public need and fulfil it in a quality way.

Just to reassure you that we do not bury ourselves in unnecessary administration to achieve all this, we meet just 4 times a year. Wally Welch, F&GPC Chairman

## **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.

### **JOHN KELSO'S DISTRICT COUNCILLOR REPORT**

#### **Suffolk Coastal's Local Development Framework (LDF) update**

It has now finally been agreed that the LDF Core strategy should be reviewed. Officers at Suffolk Coastal have been working on the review of the Core Strategy and are hoping to publish the document at the end of November. There will then be an eight week consultation period during December and January allowing consultees and the general public to make comments about the revised document. I have raised my concerns with Councillor Smith, the Cabinet member with responsibility for Planning, about the timing of this consultation clashing with the Christmas and New Year holiday period and that it could cause problems for some people. Unfortunately he is adamant that the process should proceed as quickly as possible. I understand that the Christmas period is a very busy one for most people but can I urge people to take some time out to respond to this important document as the outcome is likely to affect most of us for some time to come. Please ensure that your comments of support or concern are made known. I have been advised that the Core Strategy document is likely to go before the Councils Scrutiny Committee, Cabinet and Full Council in February or March 2011 to be adopted as interim planning policy. It will then go before a Government Inspector to carry out an examination in public to decide on the soundness of the document sometime in early 2012.

Please visit either The Council's website [www.suffolkcoastal.gov.uk](http://www.suffolkcoastal.gov.uk) or the NANT website [www.noadastralnewtown.com](http://www.noadastralnewtown.com) to get the latest up-to-date information or if you are not able to get online please check your nearest Parish Council notice board or feel free to contact me on 01473 626308 after 6 pm.

#### **BT's Planning Application**

The very latest information that I

have been given by officers regarding the BT planning application is that it will **not** go before The Development Plans Committee until the Council has adopted the revised draft Core Strategy as interim planning policy and as I have stated above this is not likely to have taken place until Spring 2011.

#### **Bloor Homes planning application**

It would appear that the decision on the Bloor Homes planning application to build 281 houses on Pipes Field and Mill Farm is still some way off as the Council has some points still outstanding and are still awaiting information before they are able to take the application to Committee.

If you wish to discuss any of the above matters please e-mail [john.kelso@suffolkcoastal.gov.uk](mailto:john.kelso@suffolkcoastal.gov.uk) or telephone 01473 626308 after 6 pm.

Finally may I take this opportunity to wish all residents a very merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

John Kelso, District Councillor,  
Martlesham ward

### **CHRIS BLUNDELL'S DISTRICT COUNCILLOR REPORT**

**The Local Development Framework (LDF):** The coalition government has abolished the Regional Government and with it the Regional Space Strategy (RSS) that set the housing numbers for each area. This means that the Core Strategy part of the LDF has had to be revised. So we are faced with yet another public consultation on a revised Core Strategy. This will be issued at the beginning of December 2010 and will last for eight weeks. At the time of writing (12/11/2010), the precise dates for the consultation period have not been set.

**The Felixstowe Bus Service (172, 173 & 174):** I understand that there will shortly be some changes to this service in that there is a proposal to modify the route so that it does not travel around Eagle Way but merely visits the mini-roundabout opposite the BT entrance. I am currently seeking clarification on this point and will advise in the next

edition of the Martlesham Monthly.

**Felixstowe Leisure Centre:** The pools and health suite at the Felixstowe Leisure Centre will be closed to residents and visitors for the next few weeks while maintenance and improvements are carried out. The wet side of the centre, including the main, toddler and fun pools, sauna and steam rooms will be closed from Monday 15th November until Monday 27th December. The dry side including the newly refurbished gym, main hall, work out studio, bowls hall, Funtasia, crèche and café will remain open as usual. Pool timetables and opening hours for Deben and Leiston are available by visiting [www.suffolkcoastal.gov.uk/yourfreetime/leisure](http://www.suffolkcoastal.gov.uk/yourfreetime/leisure) or by calling either of the centres on 01394 384763 or 01728 830364 respectively.

As we approach the end of another year I wish everyone a happy festive time and a healthy and successful new year. If you would like to discuss any local issue with me you can do so by phone on 01473 613360 or by e-mail at [chris.blundell@suffolkcoastal.gov.uk](mailto:chris.blundell@suffolkcoastal.gov.uk) or join me for a chat and a cuppa at St Michael's Church hall November between 10 am and 12 noon on Monday 7th December.

### **STOP PRESS - NANT UPDATE LDF CONSULTATION DATES**

Suffolk Coastal has just announced a further round of consultation which will run from 29th November to 23rd January.

In the light of the new government's emerging planning policies SCDC has announced that they have revised some aspect of the LDF (including reducing the total number of houses required in the whole District over the 15 year plan period by around 960). We have no information yet what the details are, what's in the consultation document or where the reductions are proposed. We do urge people to comment when it is published. We think that the Council has shown a remarkable lack of sensitivity in allowing only 8 weeks for this major consultation, especially when this period includes Christmas and the New Year. We would not be sur-

prised if people made their views know on this. There are Council elections in May and the coalition government's new Localism bill will be published soon, which we expect will give local communities more say on what is developed in their area.

The NANT website will be regularly updated as to what's going on so please keep up to date at [www.noadastralnewtown.com](http://www.noadastralnewtown.com).

### **300 PROTESTERS MARCH THROUGH WOODBRIDGE**

More than 300 supporters of NANT (No Adastral New Town) took part in a second march through Woodbridge to raise awareness over plans for a huge new development next to the BT site at Martlesham.

The impact that a development of this scale and design will have on the countryside, the surrounding villages and the market town of Woodbridge is devastating. NANT is concerned that this development will put an extra 3000 cars onto the already congested A12 and A14, resulting in unacceptable delays and pollution.

NANT has been pressing the council to undertake a root and branch review of the housing needs of the district following the changes in planning policy from the new government and the removal of imposed regional house building targets. Suffolk Coastal District Council has now announced that it is to review the Local Development Framework for the district.

The council has stated that the revised LDF will probably be going out to public consultation towards the end of November. This will give the public the opportunity to express its views directly to the council and to influence the decisions on the future character of this area. These views have to be fully taken into account before the matter goes for debate to a full council meeting.

No Adastral New Town now has more than 3000 supporters, many of whom have taken the opportunity to sign the NANT petition. As part of the ongoing campaign, the petition will be delivered to Downing Street later this month. More activities are planned to maintain the momentum and keep

this issue in the forefront of both the council's and the public's minds.

[www.noadastralnewtown.com](http://www.noadastralnewtown.com)

### **MARTLESHAM HEATH HOUSEHOLDERS LTD**

Our representative was at the Village Help Desk morning but only one householder came in. This might imply no one has any problems or questions, however we currently have requests from householders to deal with 10 trees, one footpath and a small copse of gorse and trees on the North Green woodland. We also have to deal with overhanging branches from the lime trees on Eagle Way near Coopers Road and the trees on Eagle Way between Demesne and Parkers Place. Tree surgeons have made their assessments and we will get the work done in order of priority.

We are looking into arranging for a management plan just to deal with the large number of trees and shrubs around the Village, in public areas, that are now reaching maturity and will need future attention or removal.

We did get 3 more maintenance charge cheques recently so if you have still to pay yours please try to get them to us before Christmas.

There is a request that we now re-name the Western Corridor. This was the name given to the piece of land that separates the new Village of Martlesham Heath from Kesgrave and was just a working title. We would be interested to hear from readers if they can come up with a more attractive title for this site of special scientific interest. It has a small colony of rare silver studded blue butterflies, adders, lizards, bell and ling heather and a variety of wild plants and acid grass.

By the time you read this Christmas will be rapidly approaching. We wish all our householders an enjoyable holiday and good health in the New Year.

Our next meeting in St Michael's Church Centre is on 20th December at 7:30 pm. Contact us on 01473 612207, by e-mail on [mhh@martlesham.org.uk](mailto:mhh@martlesham.org.uk) or write to

PO Box 897, Martlesham Heath, Ipswich IP1 9PB.

### **MARTLESHAM COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

Martlesham Community Council are proposing several fundraising events in 2011, e.g., Jumble Sale, Book Fair, Tabletop, a Fashion Show and a Golf Tournament"

The Golf Tournament will be run not only to raise money for Replacing The Old Village Hall but also for the East Anglian Air Ambulance service, and possibly another Craft Fair.

If anyone has any jumble, bric-a-brac, etc., please contact Jackie Bear on 01473 623007.

**SO WATCH THIS SPACE IN THE NEW YEAR.**

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

Our special meeting in October was well attended by members and lots of visitors when Mrs Adele Kent gave her demonstration entitled "Blooming Marvellous". Her first arrangement to remind her of her friends was on a large black wicker globe with rubus tricolor, white carnations and green chrysanthemums. Her job as a teacher was represented by two baskets filled with griselinia ferns, conifer foliage with pink alstroemeria and roses for the girls and blue for the boys. Next came a large copper container suitable for Church flowers with upright rows of pale orange gerberas and lilies with deep purple limonathes for contrast. For travel Mrs Kent used a grey urn to represent the world with phormium and fatzia leaves and some lovely brown and yellow arums were added in a line down the middle creating a striking design. To represent her learning to swim a short while ago there was a large black container with horizontal blue canes, foliage with longiflora lilies and white lisianthus. Finally for her "Blooming Marvellous" family 3 placements of bright and cheerful yellow flowers of roses, chrysanthemums, carnations and freesias.

Mrs Margaret Buckingham gave the vote of thanks for an enjoyable and entertaining afternoon.

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 remains at £12.50 with visitors welcome at £2.50 per session. There is a plant and flower arrangers stall at each meeting.

There is no meeting in December.

The next meeting will be on the 19th January when Mrs Pat South will give a demonstration entitled "It's a Wonderful World". The competition is "Illustrate a country". All are most welcome.

Margaret Doveston - 01473 624422

### **WHO ARE WE?**

As a group we:-

- built, planted and look after the Martlesham Millennium Drought Garden,
- planted and look after the borders around the Richards Room and Parish Room,
- planted and arranged with others to plant many trees, shrubs and hedging on Kronji's Piece and Martlesham Recreation Ground,
- obtain sponsorship for and arrange for the hanging baskets to hang in The Square and for planted containers elsewhere in the parish during the summer,
- run Summer Garden Competitions in the Parish,
- plant spring bulbs around the Parish,
- join with Martlesham Community Council to run three jumble sales each year,
- joined this year with Martlesham Community Council to organise the 'A Moment in Time in Martlesham' events,
- hold three events each year with speakers relevant to our activities,
- enter Martlesham into the Anglia in Bloom Competition where Martlesham does consistently well and we ensure that the Anglia in Bloom judges meet several organisations and individuals and visit many areas of the Parish,
- help at Birchwood School's Garden Club,
- have helped Martlesham guides plant summer bedding plants,
- carry out litter picks,

- have stalls at other events,
- have several supporters who help with our events and activities.

We hope that you have guessed, we are Martlesham in Bloom.

We wish everybody a Happy Christmas.

If you would like to know more about our activities or are interested in joining please contact the Martlesham in Bloom secretary, J Maureen Burrows on 01473 625196.

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

Flatford has been a well known beauty spot in Suffolk for many years now, made famous by John Constable who brought the landscape alive with his paintings of the area. At our last meeting Mr Simon Gallop reminded us of this beauty when he showed us slides of some of Constable's paintings and with the aid of a second screen we were able to view 'then' and 'now' images side by side. Surprisingly the landscape today remains very much as Constable depicted and we were also delighted to hear that the wildlife on the River Stour is once again thriving. Mr Gallop explained to us Constable's painting techniques - he was the first artist to show nature as it really is - and also explained how the waterways and reservoirs around Flatford have altered over the years. It was obvious from the huge catalogue of pictures which Mr Gallop had that he loves the area and we were pleased that he shared his love and enthusiasm with us.

Our next meeting will be in the Richards Room on 10th December when Mrs Kimber will talk to us about 'Life upon the Wicked Stage'. Visitors and new members are always welcome to join our small friendly group. Contact can be made to Susan Cunliffe on 01394 382199.

Barbara Bown

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

On a very wet and windy evening several members braved the weather to attend our 30th Annual Meeting. Gill Denny, our group

adviser, chaired the voting for our new President and committee. The present committee were voted in again, en bloc, and Bernadette Smith was re-elected as President for a fourth term of office.

Instead of a birthday cake members enjoyed cup cakes with their tea and coffee. Plans were finalised for our Christmas meal, which will also incorporate our December meeting, to be held at the Cherry Tree in Woodbridge.

Members were also told about our programme for next year's meetings which includes Mark Mitchels talking about the life of Beatrix Potter, Chris Parfitt on the trail of St. Edmund, David Pryn on China and speakers from the Citizens Advice Bureau and Age UK. There will also be a Group meeting in June 2011 when our guest speaker will be Stuart Gull from Suffolk Police Headquarters.

We meet on the second Monday of the month at 7:30 pm in the Pavilion when any lady is welcome to join us.

Mary Bloomfield - 01473 625577

### **MARTLESHAM LADIES CLUB**

Ladies will be able to enjoy a trip round Bury St. Edmunds Cathedral at their fortnightly meeting on 2nd December. Their Christmas party will be on the 16th.

We meet every 2 weeks at the Richards Room, Felixstowe Road, Old Martlesham. New members are always welcome. Telephone Doreen Boar for further information on 01473 622768.

### **MARTLESHAM MOTHERS' UNION**

I can't believe that December is upon us already. By the time you read this it will be Advent, when we start to prepare for the coming Christ child. Some members of the Mothers' Union will be busy planning a Christmas party for senior citizens, whilst others will be getting ready to share the Christmas experience with children from the local schools. This has been a busy and exciting year for us. Our branch leader Marion Naylor became Marion Davies when she married Roy on October 3rd. Our congratu-

lations to both of them. The Mums' Club and the Golden Girls both continue to be very successful, two Parenting courses have taken place and several members have begun working at the Prison at Hollesley Bay. Reading and dramatising bible stories to children has been a regular part of Mothers' Union outreach, as has supporting victims of domestic violence by donating personal and household gifts. We have also been very busy raising funds for local and worldwide projects.

The programme for 2011 will start on Wednesday 4th January at St Michael's Church Centre at 2:30 pm. Why not come and join us and see what we have to offer, or what you can offer us?

For more details call Marion on 01473 624196.

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

This year's Christmas party promises to be huge fun complete with fancy dress, disco, competitions and a visit from Santa, who will be arriving at 1:45 pm. It will be held in St. Michael's Church Centre (next door to the Pavilion) on Friday 10th December from 12 noon to 2 pm. Tickets are priced at £4 per family and are available from session leaders. Bring your own lunch for an indoor picnic; tea/coffee and mince pies will be provided. We'll also be selling raffle tickets and already have some great prizes lined up, so watch out for those.

There will not be a session on Friday 10th December, just the Christmas Party.

Our last session before the Christmas holidays will be Wednesday 15th December. We start again for the New Year on Wednesday 5th January and Friday 7th January.

It is with great sadness that we bid a fond farewell to Carole Downing who has been a Session Leader for eight years and she will be sadly missed by both the committee and our members (although we secretly hope she will help out occasionally with events so that we can all keep in touch!).

Our bad weather policy is - if Gorseland primary school is

closed then we will also be closed. You can check the status of Gorseland primary school via local radio stations, and also via Suffolk County Council's website.

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 activity table for the children. Refreshments are included.

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. If the first child is under 6 months old you pay a reduced rate of £1 for them. There is a one-off joining fee of £6, to help cover administration costs. However, there are no session charges when you pay the joining 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 Catherine on 07515 435876 or e-mail [martleshamheathtoddlers@fastmail.fm](mailto:martleshamheathtoddlers@fastmail.fm).

### **MARTLESHAM PLAYSCHOOL**

Well, we're all settling in at our new premises. We must remind our parents **NOT** to use the main car park entrance of Gorseland School as access to Martlesham Playschool. For the safety of your children please follow the signs to our pedestrian gate just a few steps along the path.

We shall shortly be updating our website to reflect our move, but you can still find out all about us by clicking on to:- [playschool.martlesham.org.uk](http://playschool.martlesham.org.uk). Alternatively, you can still contact me for a copy of our prospectus, and a registration form to join our waiting list, on 01473 621315. If you would like to look round the playschool please also give me a call. We have quite a long waiting list, and are already full for the January term, so we advise that you complete a registration form at the earliest opportunity.

We currently take children from the age of 2 ¼ years, and accept children onto our waiting list from any area.

Our fundraisers are busy organising our Christmas events for this year. Strawberry Mountain Photography visited us in November and we raised around £120 from this event – thank you everyone.

Our normal sessions finish on Wednesday December 15th. On Thursday December 16th we shall be holding our Christmas Party and Concert at Martlesham Community Centre. As well as taking part in a short concert, the children will be enjoying lots of party games and party food. Our parents and carers will be able to watch the concert and enjoy refreshments. There will, of course, be a visit from an extra special person dressed in red! Parents – watch out for details of this and all our events at playschool.

We shall be saying a sad goodbye to some of our children at the end of term and wish them, and their families, all the very best for the future. We would like to remind our parents that we return to playschool on Thursday January 6th.

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

Caroline Swale (Business Manager)

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

The Mums' Club meets for its Bring and Share Tinsel and Teacloth Christmas Party at St. Michael's Church Centre, Martlesham Heath on Tuesday 7th December. Why not dress up your little ones as angels (with a tinsel halo) or shepherds (with a teacloth headdress), bring along a small quantity of food to share and join us? Revd. Ian will be on hand to tell us the Christmas Story and we are looking forward to a happy time together. All mums with babies and toddlers welcome.

Looking ahead – an important date for your diary – Tuesday, 11th January, St. Michael's Church Centre, Martlesham Heath. The Mums' Club are holding an Open Meeting for all parents. We have invited Steve Dayman, Chief Executive of Meningitis UK, to talk on 'Meningitis – the Facts'.

Come along, bring all your friends and learn more. Admission is free, tea and coffee will be available from 12:45 pm and those attending are welcome to bring a packed lunch if they wish. Small children can attend with their parents. Steve's talk will start around 1:30 pm.

For more details of these two meetings or for more information about the Mums' Club please 'phone Sue on 01473 624130 or Kay on 01473 626169.

### **GORSELAND SCHOOL PFA**

Our Christmas Fayre will be held at school on Friday 3rd December from 3:30-5:30 pm. with pocket money stalls, ideas for Christmas presents, Santa's Grotto, raffle, tombola, refreshments, Christmas Draw and lots more.

Further details of this event is available from the School Office on 01473 623790.

Elizabeth Leonard  
Gorseland Primary School

### **HEATH PRIMARY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS FAYRE**

Everyone is welcome to come to our school on Friday 10th December between 3:30 and 5:30 pm for this year's Christmas Fayre. Entry is just 50p per family. A chance to buy Christmas gifts or play games, new and old. There will be a treasure trail for every child to win, face painting, a chocolate fountain, refreshments and home-made cakes. Father Christmas has promised to visit us again! Please come and join in the fun!

Kay Hammond, PFA Chair

### **KESGRAVE AND CATERPILLAR CHILDREN'S CENTRE**

The area these two Children's Centres cover is wide, we offer groups as far out as Otley and down to Bawsdey as well covering the area of Martlesham Heath and Kesgrave. The services we offer are for all children 0 -5 years and their families. Anyone can come in and find out what we do whatever the circumstance. You may just need to change or feed your baby; you may need someone to talk to or just

a change of scenery to play with your child.

We are here to help and offer support to all.

October is over already and the shops are busy getting ready for Christmas, and so are we at Kesgrave and Caterpillar Children's Centres. Our Christmas programme will be out very soon.

In the Martlesham Heath Pavilion **Monkey Music** is back from 10th November between 12.15 pm – 1:15 pm with a new session for the older children aged 18 months – 5 years. **Baby Rhyme Time** continues from 1:30 pm – 2:30 pm and will be for children 0 - 18 months. Our **Infant massage and Post Natal** courses are ongoing, please drop in or call us to book your place. We have three infant massage classes running in Woodbridge, Martlesham Heath and Kesgrave at present.

Both centres are open every day Monday to Friday. Please come and visit us, pick up a timetable, or meet our friendly staff. We are only too happy to help you with advice and information.

**Kesgrave Children's Centre contact number is 01473 636726. Caterpillar (Woodbridge) 01394 388276.**

We look forward to meeting you and your family.

### **1ST MARTLESHAM SCOUTS Christmas Post 2010**

Dates THURSDAY 25TH NOVEMBER – THURSDAY 9TH DECEMBER.  
BOXES AT: BT HUB, DUNCAN'S BUTCHERS, BLACK TILES POST OFFICE and 1ST MARTLESHAM SCOUT HUT.

Price of cards is 18p and money should be in a separate envelope with the cards.

Delivery to IP1- IP5 areas as well as Martlesham Village and the following other villages: Grundisburgh, Great and Little Bealings, Bramford, Sproughton, Tuddenham, Westerfield, Henley and Great and Little Blakenham.

Any questions, call Simon on 01473 612410.

Many thanks for all your support again this year.

### **ROTARY CLUB WOODBRIDGE DEBEN**

**Father Christmas to visit Martlesham Heath 7th, 8th, 9th and 10th December 6 pm to 8 pm**

Father Christmas on his sleigh with his Rotarian helpers will be visiting Martlesham Heath, to collect donations, to help service our Community service projects and to make donations to local, national and international projects.

Each night we will visit between 6 pm to 8 pm on the following routes.

**Tuesday 8th December**

Burgess Place, Lake Rise, Swan Close, Avocet Lane, Copper Lane, Lancaster Drive, York Road

**Wednesday 9th December**

Mayfield, Mayfield Lane, Heathfield, Heathfield Mews, Digby Close, Heather Close, The Oaks, Pinebank, Holly End, Harvester Way, Linkside

**Thursday 9th December**

Warren Lane, Westlands, Broomfield, Whinfield, Parker Place, The Grove, Demesne Gardens, Squire Lane, Stable Court, Park Place, Peel Yard

**Friday 10th December**

Manor Road, Carlford Close, Saddlers Place, De Brink on the Green, Valiant Way, Farriers Close, The Chase, Hunters Ride

Father Christmas and his helpers look forward to meeting you and to wish you a Merry Christmas.

For more information visit our website [www.debenrotary.org.uk](http://www.debenrotary.org.uk) or call 01473 623524.

Rotarian DWA Embery

### **PORTAL WOODLANDS CONSERVATION GROUP**

As the year draws to an end we would like to say "Thanks" again to everyone for their support over the year. A special thanks again to Jan Powling for supplying us with our yummy cakes at 'half time', they are very much appreciated.

Also, a kind thank you to one woodland user who spotted a lost tool belonging to one the conservation group members. While on the subject of tools: if anyone has any tools they no longer need please consider donating them to the

group.

Why not start your New Year by joining us on one of the work days? It's great being out in the fresh air, doing a little to help the woodland and every little bit really helps.

The **Working Party** had a good morning and were able to continue to maintain and clear the hazel area, and also start work on the southern revegetation.

The **Nature Watch Club** has had a great year, as has the new **Nature Explorers Club** for the older children. The Nature Watch Club will now start back in the new year. The Nature Explorers will have a meeting in January. If your child enjoys nature and being outdoors, why not come and join? It is essential to book a place by sending an e-mail to: naturewatch.pwcg@martlesham.org.uk. Dates will be announced in the new year. May we wish all the supporters and users of Portal Woodlands a great festive season.

See you in 2011.

**Dates for the diary:**

**Woodlands Work Morning** Sunday 19th December (with a festive spirit), 10 am - 12 noon, meet opposite the Police sports field entrance

**Nature Explorers Club (10 years+)** Saturday 15th NoJanuary, 9 am - 11 am, meet at the Control Tower

**Nature Watch Meeting** There will be no Club over the winter months, we will resume in the Spring. Dates to follow.

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**

Many thanks to all those who attended our recent work parties.

We continue heathland conservation with a work party on Sunday 12th December. Please meet outside the Douglas Bader at 10

am or join us on the Martlesham Heath SSSI. We aim to follow up the work of previous times with more gorse and scrub clearance and some heather cutting. We will be aiming to dispose of the previous piles of cut material by holding a bonfire, provided that conditions are suitable. Everyone is welcome. No special skills are required. All tools and equipment will be provided.

Please remember to keep feeding the birds in your garden through the harsher winter weather. At this time of year we are also likely to see winter visitors. Birds such as Redwings, Fieldfares and Siskins from northerly climes may drop in and may be even those other spectacular winter visitors the Waxwings. We may be fortunate again and see them in the large numbers we had a few years ago, when we had hundreds around the square. Please keep a look out and enjoy your local wildlife, especially in your garden which may provide a significant refuge.

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

Phil Smith - 01473 625630

**SUFFOLK WILDLIFE TRUST  
Woodbridge Group**

On Thursday 16th December we have our Christmas Quiz with mince pies and mulled wine starting at 7:30 pm in the Woodbridge Community Hall. Please come and join us for a fun evening featuring a range of activities. All are welcome, especially teams. Admission is £3.

Looking ahead we have a talk on "Eagles in Norway and Japan" by Rodney West in the Woodbridge Community Hall on Thursday 20th January at 7:30 pm. Everyone is welcome. Admission is £2 as usual.

Phil Smith - 01473 625630

**MARTLESHAM HEATH  
AVIATION SOCIETY**

Our meeting on Friday 7th November was a near record attendance. The Community Hall was full to en

joy an illustrated talk by John Smith from the Blenheim Restoration Fund. A Bristol Blenheim vintage WW2 bomber was rescued from a farm in Canada and painstakingly rebuilt by a dedicated team of enthusiasts. The Blenheim was designed in 1933 and funded by Lord Rothermere. It was used extensively in the early war years and suffered heavy losses when it was initially deployed on daylight bombing. It was also used in the role of night fighter and the first airborne radar was installed by the Bawdsey boffins and flew from Martlesham Heath.

The Blenheim that is being restored has crashed twice since it was first rebuilt and is currently being put together once more by the team. John Smith himself has been involved with this extraordinary restoration for 32 years! He was unable to tell us when it would fly again but hoped it would be finished in approximately twelve month's time. Our members contributed generously and a bucket passed round realised no less than £159.

Our meeting on Friday 3rd December follows a light-hearted theme. Mark Michels is a most entertaining speaker who will give us a talk entitled, "Characters of East Anglia". A collection of the lives of both the famous and infamous! This promises to be a very enjoyable evening and non-members are welcome for a payment of just £2.50 at the door.

All meetings are at the Community Hall, Felixtowe Road and start at 7:30 pm with a tea and coffee break at the interval.

Alan Powell - 01473 622458

**MARTLESHAM BRASS**

**Making Music Fun in East Anglia**

We are looking forward to raising lots of money for three local charities this year by playing carols and Christmas music at local supermarkets and other local venues. We know that in the present economic climate many charities are finding it difficult to raise funds so please give generously if you see us. This year we are supporting Headway Kesgrave, Suffolk Young People's Health Project and the local branch

of the Alzheimer's Society.

Don't forget to join us for Coffee and Carols on Saturday 4th December at 10 am at St Michael's Church Centre, Martlesham Heath and also at our ever popular Christmas concert on Saturday 18th December, 7 pm at the Thomas Theatre, Kesgrave High School (note the different venue!). Tickets are £2.50 (primary school children free). You can get your tickets by phoning 07802 868924. This concert is often a sell-out, so get your tickets early this year!

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

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Visit our website -

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

### **BUCKLESHAM PLAYERS** **PRESENT 'ALADDIN'**

Bucklesham Players are currently rehearsing for their 41st annual pantomime, which this year will be 'Aladdin', featuring Aladdin, Widow Twankey, Abanazer and all the other traditional characters. Performances will be on the 20th, 21st and 22nd January at Bucklesham Village Hall at 7:30 pm, and a matinee performance at 2 pm on the 22nd. Ticket prices are £7 for adults, £5 for children, and also £5 for OAPs on the 20th and 21st January. Please phone Val Smith on 01473 659619 to order tickets in advance.

### **SEASON'S GREETINGS FROM** **SPEAK EASY AT MARTLESHAM**

During our meetings at Speak Easy members give short impromptu speeches of a couple of minutes in length plus longer prepared ones which cover an enormous range of

subjects. During the autumn subjects have ranged from reading a monologue about a monk, the hilarious story of one group of travellers return journey from Ireland when the Icelandic ash cloud pulled the plug on flights to why you should not pick a fight with a baboon! Every so often we hold a themed meeting, one of which is coming up on December 9th. This will be our Christmas meeting, which promises to be a warm, friendly and highly entertaining evening. We would like to invite you to join us and enjoy the evening with us.

Speak Easy at Martlesham Speakers Club meets on alternate Thursdays at the Richards Room in Martlesham. Guests are always welcome and we look forward to seeing you at any of our meetings. There is no pressure to speak and you will be made very welcome.

Future Speakeasy at Martlesham 2010/2011 meetings:

December 9th

January 6th and 20th

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

Further details can be found at [www.speakeasyatmartlesham.co.uk](http://www.speakeasyatmartlesham.co.uk) or call Dave Nightingale on 07969 598633 or Sonya Burrows on 01473 625196.

### **MARTLESHAM CARPET** **BOWLS CLUB**

We have made good progress with the Club Singles competitions having reached the semi-finals stage. The draw has not yet taken place for the pairs competition but it has been decided to arrange a Sunday so that all the provisional rounds can be completed to good time to avoid the usual last minute rush to get them completed.

We have played three league games since the last edition of Martlesham Monthly, having won two and lost one. We have also played a friendly game where again we won three games to one.

Maureen Banthorp

### **PLAYFORD FOOTBALL CLUB** **sponsored by The Martlesham** **Monthly**

Playford, who can boast of several former Martlesham Youth Football Club players, started their second season under the kind sponsorship of the Martlesham Monthly by signing a host of new young players looking to carry forward the tradition of this Sunday morning side that was formed twelve years ago.

Though just eight league games into the season Playford have had to face some tough opponents and have disappointingly found themselves out of two cup competitions and are second from bottom in the league. Their most recent result was a 5-1 home defeat to Bawdsey Freight on Sunday 14th (home matches kick-off at 10:15 am at Farlingaye High School) and with just one point so far some might be hitting the panic button, but the enthusiastic squad is confident of gelling and improving results in the next few weeks.

The next home game in December is Goddard & Co on Sunday 5th.

**Ooh! Sore Feet?**  
**Choose from a male or**  
**female practitioner**  
**Tel: 01473 720655**

### **NATIONAL OSTEOPOROSIS** **SOCIETY**

The Ipswich & District Group of the NOS will be holding their Christmas lunch on **Saturday 4th December at 12:30 pm** at St. Augustine's Church Hall, Bucklesham Road, Ipswich.

The AGM held on 8th October was very well supported this year and thank you to all those who attended. We hope that members will continue their support and join us for the lunch which is always a very happy occasion. The cost will be £4 for soup and mince pies. There will also be various stalls so do come along and meet up with friends old and new. Please contact Diana Thomas on 01394 277337 if you would like to come.

**THE NEW PLACE IN  
WOODBRIDGE TO HAVE A  
CUPPA ON A SATURDAY  
MORNING!**

Come along and enjoy a cup of coffee, tea or hot chocolate with biscuits or home-made cakes. A bargain at only £2, and half of the profit will go to help the Ekon Primary School in Ghana build a new food preparation area. We will be open every Saturday (except Christmas Day and New Year's Day) from 10 am to 12 noon. Please join us at the Woodbridge Methodist Church, St John's Street, IP12 1ED. For more information, please phone 01473 626858.

**CHRISTMAS SERVICES**

We would like to invite everyone to join us for our special Christmas Services at Woodbridge Methodist Church during December. On the 5th at 10:45 am, there will be a Family Gift Service. All of the gifts collected will go to a refuge to brighten the lives of the people staying there over the Holiday Season.

Our Choir will be presenting a Christmas Concert on the 18th at 7:30 pm. Refreshment will be served up as well as a great evening of festive music.

The Candle Light Carol Service will be on the 19th at 5 pm. Midnight Communion will be celebrated on the 24th at 11:15 pm. And there will be a Family Worship Service on Christmas morning at 10:30 am. Make sure the children bring along their favourite present to show everyone!

The church is located in St John's Street, Woodbridge, IP5 3SW. You can be assured of a warm welcome anytime.

**MARTLESHAM CHRISTIAN  
FELLOWSHIP**

**Black Tiles Lane**

**"The Nativity"**

We would encourage you to watch this drama - a series of 4 parts to be broadcast on BBC 1 immediately before Christmas.

It is based on the accounts of Jesus' birth, in the Gospels of Matthew and Luke. It is set in Morocco

and has been written by Tony Jordan, the writer of 'East Enders'.

Some words from my favourite Carol:

Give heed my heart, lift up thine eyes:

Who is it in yon manger lies?

Who is this child so young and fair?

The blessed Christ Child lieth there.

Ah Lord, who hast created all,  
How hast thou made thee weak and small,

That thou must choose Thy infant bed

Where ass and ox but lately fed.

Were earth a thousand times as fair,

be-set with gold and jewels there.

She, yet were far too poor to be,

a narrow cradle Lord for thee.

"Wise men came looking for Jesus.  
Wise men seek Him still!"

**CHRISTMAS ACTIVITIES AT THE  
FELLOWSHIP CENTRE**

\*Dec 10th - Senior Citizen's Carol service

\*Dec 19th - Carol Service

\*Christmas Day Service - 10 am

\*Boxing Day - Christmas Communion

\*January 2nd - Informal Family Service, 10:30 am

**NORMAL DECEMBER ACTIVITIES**

SUNDAYS - Worship and teaching, 10 am

MONDAYS - After School Club, 3:30 pm

TUESDAYS CIRCLE - Tuesday 14th December, Christmas lunch

WEDNESDAYS - House Groups, 7:30 pm

THURSDAYS - Mums and Toddlers, 10 am

FRIDAYS - Friends on Friday, 10 am

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

**HAPPY CHRISTMAS FROM  
BRIGHT STARS**

December is here and Christmas is approaching! Earlier in the term we discovered all about Samuel the prophet and Saul the king. As we head through December towards the festive season, if you are a

preschooler, toddler or baby why not bring your parent(s) or carer(s) to our Christmas session at Bright Stars on December 13th? Bright Stars is a children's worship and activity session for pre-schoolers, toddlers, babies and their parents or carers, held on the second and fourth Mondays of each month (during term time) 10:30 am at St Michael's Church Centre, Martlesham Heath. Each session is full of fun activities and crafts, including the chance to make as much noise as you like with our musical instruments during our song at the end of each session! The half hour sessions are free and are followed by refreshments and a chance to chat.

Why not come and visit us at our next session in December? If not then Happy Christmas and see you in the new year.

The dates for our next sessions are:

**December 13th, January 10th,  
January 24th**

If you would like any further information please contact:

Jo Dixon on 01473 622160,  
Sonya Burrows on 01473 625196  
or Rev. Ian Naylor on 01473 622424

**BRIGHTWELL CHURCH**

**SERVICES FOR DECEMBER**

\*Sundays 5th and 19th - Holy Communion, 8 am

\*Sunday 5th - Christingle Service for all the family, 3 pm

\*Sunday 12th - Evensong, 6:30 pm

**CHRISTMAS SERVICES**

\*Sunday 19th - Service of Nine Lessons and Carols

\*CHRISTMAS DAY - Holy Communion, 8 am

**On Sunday 5th December – for all the family, but mainly the children - The Christingle Service at 3 pm is a new venture for Brightwell Church where we will be presenting the children with a Christingle to take home. Collection in aid of the Children's Society.**

**On Saturday 4th December** we have our Christmas Coffee Morning in the Church Hall from 10 am to noon – please join us for a convivial morning together.

**Service of Nine Lessons and**

**Carols** - A traditional carol service which is timeless – with Christmas Tree and candles, one to be lit after each lesson. Please do join us for this lovely service. Mulled wine afterwards!

**This is the time of year** when we reflect on all the good things that we have been blessed with at Brightwell - our Benefice Ministry Team, our hardworking churchwardens Marjorie and Sandie, our organists Diana and Sandra, our church cleaners and flower arrangers, our PCC members and all from Brightwell who support us in so many ways. We extremely grateful for the continuing support received from Guy and Julie Nicholls.

It is with sadness that we are witnessing the declining health of David Stinson who at the time of writing is going into care. David has been a source of wisdom and encouragement over many years at Brightwell. We thank Judith who has worked so hard in caring for David and we thank her for her un-failing work as sidesperson during this time. Please think of both of them.

A final thank you to all those who continue to find interest in this column and a Happy Christmas and peaceful New Year to all MM readers.

Geoff Lambert, PCC Secretary  
brightwellchurch@btinternet.com  
[www.achurchnearyou.com](http://www.achurchnearyou.com)

### **ST MARY'S AND ST MICHAEL'S CHURCHES**

**December** is a really busy time in our Churches and below are details of some of the special events and services being held this month as we prepare for Christmas.

St. Mary's **Annual Leaf Sweep** - Saturday 4th from 9 am until the job is done (usually late morning)! This is a really enjoyable work-party event which tidies up the Churchyard after the main fall of leaves. Volunteers are rewarded by refreshments to keep their energy up and everyone is made very welcome

**Christmas Tree Festival** in St. Mary's Church and **Art Exhibition** in the nearby barn at Hall

Farm – 10 am to 4 pm, Saturday 11th and Sunday 12th. Refreshments will also be served in the barn and proceeds are in aid of Martlesham P.C.C. Church Funds. An **Advent Carol Service** will complete the weekend in St. Mary's at 4 pm on Sunday afternoon.

**Carols round the Crib** - 3:30 pm, Sunday 19th at St. Michael's. This is a festive service for the whole family, telling the Christmas Story and singing lots of traditional carols. There will be the opportunity for younger children to make a tree decoration during the service and everyone is invited to stay for refreshments afterwards.

**Carols in the Square, Martlesham Heath** - 7 pm, Monday 20th. The Rangers will be serving delicious homemade soup afterwards in St. Michael's.

**Nine Lessons and Carols** - St. Mary's. Traditional service followed by mulled wine.

However, please look at the services page of this edition or contact your church directly for more details.

### **CAROLS ROUND THE CRIB SUNDAY 19TH DECEMBER**

**3:30 pm at St Michael's Church  
Centre**

**A Festive Service for the whole  
family,  
telling the Christmas story and  
singing lots of  
traditional Carols.**

**Younger children can make a tree  
decoration and  
refreshments will be available  
afterwards.**

**WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING  
YOU THERE**

For further information on this and all services over the Christmas period please contact the numbers at the back of the magazine.

### **MARTLESHAM HEATH PAVILION**

Did you know that there are regular meetings and activities going on in the pavilion for at least 24 hours each week?

**Each week there are –**

- Bader Court coffee mornings
- Country Market
- Tuesday Games Club
- Brownies
- Rainbows
- Bridge
- 4 Parent and Toddler sessions
- Yoga classes
- Youth Club
- Breast Feeding Support Group
- Village Produce Association meetings
- Lip Reading
- Kick Boxing

**Every two weeks there are –**

- Choir Group
- Cross-Stitch classes

**Every month there are -**

- WI meetings
- East Suffolk Ostomy Support Group

**Occasionally there are -**

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

**During the summer there are –**

- Martlesham Nomads Cricket matches

**Did you know that there is some time available if you want to start a new club or society? Please contact 01473 621406.**



**THE CHURCH IN MARTLESHAM & BRIGHTWELL**

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Services for the Month	Brightwell St. John's	Martlesham St. Mary's	Martlesham Heath St. Michael's
Sunday 5th December 2nd Sunday of Advent	8am Holy Communion 3pm Christingle	11am Holy Communion (BCP)	9:45am Family Communion & Junior Church 6:30pm Informal Worship
Sunday 12th December 3rd Sunday of Advent	6:30pm Evensong	8am Holy Communion 4pm 'Favourite Carols'	9:45am Junior Church 'Nativity'
Sunday 19th December 4th Sunday of Advent	8am Holy Communion 6:30pm Carol Service	11am Holy Communion (CW)	3:30pm Carols Round the Crib
Monday 20th December Thurs 23rd December Friday 24th December - Christmas Eve Sat 25th December Christmas Day	8am Holy Communion	7:30pm Carol Service 10pm Holy Communion 11am Holy Communion	7pm Carols in the Square 8pm Holy Communion 9:45am Christmas Worship
Sunday 26th December St Stephen's Day	6:30pm Evensong	8am Holy Communion 11am Matins	9:45am Family Communion
Sunday 2nd January Sunday after Christmas	8am Holy Communion		9:45am Service for New Year

MIDWEEK SERVICES: Holy Communion each Wednesday at 10am in St Michael's.  
Bright Stars meet on Mondays 13th December at 10:30am in St Michael's.  
**A warm welcome awaits you at all our services.**

Please use these thoughts as an addition to your daily prayers and pray for:

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| 5 "Mighty God" worship Him – divine, yet sharing our humanity                | 19 "Prince of Peace": pray for the peace He came to bring to this world   |
| 6 those who do not have a clean, warm bed to sleep in                        | 20 those making daily deliveries to our doors   |
| 7 public sector workers worried about their jobs                             | 21 The Suffolk Punch Trust working to protect this rare breed of horse  |
| 8 the residents of Woodside  | 22 the residents of Acorn Way   |
| 9 people who have difficulty coping with life                                | 23 parents, teachers and children at the start of the Christmas Holiday   |
| 10 the emergency services  | 24 The Air Ambulance  |
| 11 the Christmas Tree Festival at St. Mary's Church                          | 25 "Wonderful Counsellor": give thanks for the wonder of his stable birth   |
| 12 "Everlasting Father" Father, Son and Spirit, and eternally one            | 26 people who have to work today and on other public holidays   |
| 13 Bright Stars  | 27 for refugees; 28 people who work to protect children   |
| 14 our troops in Afghanistan and their families at home                      | 29 the residents of Alban Square; 30 for families who cannot find a settled home; 31 councillors that their decisions may be fair and just; JAN 1 welcome the New Year with joy and anticipation; |
| 15 the residents of York Road  | 2 those who prepare our churches for worship; 3 the continued success of the Treehouse Appeal for the new children's hospice; 4 the Fairtrade movement  |
| 16 parents, children and teachers as schools close for the Christmas holiday |   |
| 17 those making difficult decisions  |   |
| 18 Martlesham Brass Christmas Concert at Kesgrave High School                |   |