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MARTLESHAM MAMMALS

December: Fox (*Vulpes vulpes*)

The red fox is seen all over the parish. Some believe it is a nuisance, others a darling. The fox has adapted from the countryside to urban dwelling by using the fast throw away society to feed off. The fox lives in a den or earth. It breeds in January –February and gives birth to 4-6 cubs on average, who can live to 8-12 years .

MOBILE LIBRARY TIMES FOR DECEMBER

The mobile library will visit on the following days/times in December:

Douglas Bader: Tuesday 6,20 2:55-4:30pm

Thursday 1,15,29 10:20-11:45am

Falcon Mobile Home Park: Tuesday 6,20 2:15-2:45pm

Angela Close: Wednesday 14,28 1:40-1:50pm

Redwold Close: Wednesday 14,28 1:55-2:05pm

MARTLESHAM COMMUNITY HALL AND RICHARDS ROOM

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

Alternatively E-Mail the new E-Mail address martcomhall@btinternet.com

or write to
The Booking Secretary
Martlesham Community Hall
Felixstowe Road
Martlesham
Ipswich
IP12 4PB
Ref Martlesham Community Hall Charity
Number 1009602

POLICE

Community Police Officer
PC 651 Richard Wright

In case of emergencies please always call 999. In non-emergency situations call the main switchboard on 01473 613500; you can also contact PC Wright on the following numbers for non-urgent matters:

Office: 01473 334980

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

COMMUNITY RESPONDERS

Martlesham Community Responders are a group of 5 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.

We now have our own website, which is updated regularly. Why not have a look at the site www.martleshamcfr.co.uk

For further details contact, Paul and Claire Stockdale 01473 621225.
(e.mail: paulstockdale@btinternet.com)

MARTLESHAM SCOUT POST 2011

Dates FRIDAY 25TH NOVEMBER – THURSDAY 8TH DECEMBER

BOXES AT : BT HUB, DUNCAN'S BUTCHERS, BLACK TILES POST OFFICE and 1ST MARTLESHAM SCOUT HUT

Price of Cards is 20p 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, Great and Little Blakenham and Claydon

Any questions, call Simon, Scout Post Co-ordinator on 01473 612410 evenings only

Many Thanks for all your support again this year

MARTLESHAM PARISH COUNCIL

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

New website

We have moved to <http://martlesham.onesuffolk.net> where you can view information on the Council and the parish.

Bloor Homes Planning Application for 180 new houses

On the date of submitting this article, 11 November 2011, the Council has just received a revised application (SCDC ref: C/10/1906) from Bloor Homes to build 180 dwellings on the land south of Main Road, Martlesham. Full details can be found on Suffolk Coastal District Council's website www.suffolkcoastal.gov.uk. Our Development Plans Committee will consider the application at its meeting on Wednesday 14 December 2011. The deadline for comments is 16 December 2011. Please submit your comments direct to SCDC; the Parish Council would be grateful for a copy too. If you wish to view the plans, please contact the Clerk (as below) or the District Council.

East Anglia Windfarms

There are plans to build wind turbines off the coast of East Anglia and connect them to the national grid. One possible route for the connection runs through Martlesham. The connection would initially require 4 cables to be buried 2

metres deep and 2 metres apart, so requiring a trench of 8 metres wide. However, if provision for future expansion is catered for from the outset, this could increase the trench width to some 35 metres. In addition, the machines necessary to dig the trenches would further increase the width required and worst case scenario would be a width of 84 metres. After reinstatement of the land we have been advised that trees would be excluded from the site of the trench. Where the cables are routed beneath roads or railways they would be bored out at a depth of 5 metres. Full details of East Anglia Windfarms is available at <http://www.eastangliawind.com>

Walk Farm Woods

The Parish Council would like to remind parishioners that the woodland adjacent to the footpath from the Picnic Site along Felixstowe Road through Walk Farm Woods is private land and would appreciate that walkers keep to the designated footpath.

Recreation Ground Trust

The Parish Council has agreed that at present no date can be arranged for an AGM of the Recreation Ground Trust as there are a number of administrative issues that need to be resolved. The Parish Council is working with the Charity Commission to clarify outstanding issues. Once a date has been set this will be advertised through the newsletters and

on our website and notice boards.

Forthcoming meetings:

No full Parish Council meeting in December

Finance & General Purposes Committee – Wednesday 07 December 2011

Development Plans Committee – Wednesday 14 December 2011

Parish Council meeting – Wednesday 04 January 2012

Recreation & Amenities – Wednesday 11 January 2012

All meetings start at 7.30pm 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

Clerk to Martlesham Parish Council, Parish Room, Felixstowe Road, Martlesham, Woodbridge IP12 4PB 01473 612632

e-mail: clerk@martleshamcouncil.org.uk

website: [http://](http://martlesham.onesuffolk.net)

martlesham.onesuffolk.net for latest news & events

Parish Office opening times: 9am – 12noon, Mon – Fri, excluding public holidays, but please book an appointment in advance.

Please note that our office will be closed during week commencing 26 December 2011

CHRIS BLUNDELL'S DISTRICT COUNCILLOR REPORT DECEMBER 2011

Dr. John Klaska It is with sadness this month that I report the sudden death at the end of October of Councillor John Klaska who was District Councillor for Kesgrave East that also covered the Deben Avenue area of Martlesham and also the County Councillor for Kesgrave and part of Rushmere. John was a very competent and dedicated elected representative and worked tirelessly on behalf of his constituents. Although representing only a small part of Martlesham, John would make a point of attending our parish council as often as he possibly could and did produce some quite comprehensive informative

reports particularly on county matters. We will miss his valuable expertise in efficient business and IT.

Bloor Homes. Bloor has now submitted their revised planning application for 181 new homes off Main Road in Martlesham at Mr. Pipe's field. It is highly likely that it will be put on hold until the Core Strategy of the LDF has been approved and that will probably happen sometime in 2012.

There is nothing further to report in connection with the BT planning application as that remains in limbo.

The Police Investigation Centre (PIC)

I am continuing to receive adverse reports about youth behaviour in the vicinity of the PIC. Whether this is all due to the behaviour of detainees being

released from the PIC I am not sure. However, there continues to be some apprehension when residents walk through the underpass and along Portal Avenue. I have requested a meeting with a senior officer at the Police Headquarters in order to discuss this problem.

On a lighter note I hope every one has a merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

If you would like to discuss any local matters with me, you can do so either by phone on 01473 622716 or by e-mail to chris.blundell@suffolkcoastal.gov.uk. Alternatively, please join me for a chat and a 'cuppa' at St. Michael's Church hall on Monday 5th December 2011 between 10.00am and 12.00 noon.

MARTLESHAM HEATH HOUSEHOLDERS LTD

MHH are now using the Control Tower (ground floor) to hold their Land and Finance and General Planning meetings. The office that MHH rented in Barrack Square is no longer used and therefore, although some furniture has been purchased for the Control Tower, we are saving funds by using our own property, which has been vacated by the playgroup that used to operate from the premises. Board Meetings are still held in St Michael's Church Centre as it is considered more convenient for those householders who wish to attend the meetings and we would urge more people to come along to see what we do and ask any questions or raise any issues with the Directors (who are householders like yourselves).

A big thank you to the volunteers (3 plus 2 directors) who cleared gorse, saplings and bramble from an area of the woodland that has an expanse of heather that was being swamped by the above plants. Working together, with a short break, we cleared a large area in just under an hour and a half. It was a beautiful autumn day, we chatted and got some aerobic exercise and everyone agreed it had been a worthwhile and enjoyable session. If you are interested in helping in future working parties please look out for notices in the Martlesham Monthly, our website or the village notice boards.

MHH has received complaints about the rubbish that has been fly-tipped on the mound opposite the mini roundabout coming onto Eagle Way from BT roundabout. Unfortunately, this land is not owned by MHH but by Mrs Sugden Jones of Lasting Dreams Ltd who purchased it some time ago. Clearing fly tipping from private land is the responsibility of the landowner. The Council is responsible for clearing rubbish from public land.

If you want to attend the next Board Meeting it will be on Monday 19th December in St Michael's Church Centre at 7.30pm. Telephone 612207, write to PO Box 897, Martlesham Heath, IP1 9PB. Website: <http://mhh.martlesham.org.uk/>. Email mhh@martlesham.org.uk.

JOHN KELSO DISTRICT COUNCILLOR REPORT

Councillor John Klaschka I was saddened to hear of the death of Councillor John Klaschka. John was a professional and committed District and County Councillor looking after the interests of his electorate in Kesgrave, Martlesham and Rushmere. He will be sorely missed. My condolences go to his family and friends.

Incorrect Information published in Coastline The list of Councillors allowances on page 14 shows my total allowances claimed as £5,555.04 this is incorrect as I have claimed only the basic allowance of £4,040.04. I have taken this matter up with officers.

Proposal for a Brethren Gospel Hall in Martlesham A community consultation was held at the Community Hall on Saturday 12th November to view proposals to build a Gospel Hall on the land between Laburnham Gardens near the Black Tiles and the A12. It is envisaged that a planning application will be placed with Suffolk Coastal early in the New Year. Could I ask anyone who attended this consultation to advise me of their views on this proposal. I can be contacted via the details given below.

THE Suffolk Coastal Local Development Framework (LDF) A full Council meeting is due to be held late November/early December to consider the latest responses to the Council's amended

Sustainability Appraisal and the Appropriate Assessment. Please check www.suffolkcoastal.gov.uk and www.noadastralnewtown.com for up to date information.

BLOOR Homes Development at Pipes Field and Mill Farm I have now been advised that amended plans have been received by Suffolk Coastal Planning department and are available to view at the Council offices, Melton Hill or at Martlesham Parish Council office (by prior arrangement with the Parish Clerk). I am advised that this application is likely to go to the Development Control Committee for their consideration in February or March.

BT's Planning Application The latest information I have received is that the earliest date this application is likely to be considered is in March or April. But again please check Suffolk Coastal and NANT websites for the up to date information.

Please feel free to contact me via email john.kelso@suffolkcoastal.gov.uk or by telephone 01473 631682 or by post 115, Carlford Close, Martlesham Heath, Ipswich ip5 3ta to discuss any of the above matters.

May I take this opportunity to wish all Martlesham residents a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

John Kelso, District Councillor for Martlesham...

1ST MARTLESHAM HEATH RANGERS

Invite you to share & enjoy their

HOMEMADE SOUP after CAROLS IN THE SQUARE

Monday 19th December 2011
from 6.30pm

St Michael's Church Centre,
Martlesham Heath

Join Martlesham Brass for carols
round the tree

Followed by hearty, warming
soup & a roll

Served by the Rangers in the
Church

All profits from donations will go
towards Unit funds

For further details contact Jo Dixon
01473 622160

MARTLESHAM HEATH BABY AND TODDLER GROUP.

December is now here and we would like to take this opportunity to welcome all the new children and parents that have joined our group over the last month and we hope many more of you will pop in and see us soon. You will find us every Wednesday and Friday (term time only) in Martlesham Heath Pavilion from 9.30am-11.30am with lots of tea, biscuits and plenty of toys!!

By the time you read this we will have had our Christmas parties and fingers crossed had a visit from the big man himself, Father Christmas!! Thank you to all the local businesses that made a contribution to our Christmas raffle, as always your support has been fantastic!

The new committee have been working very hard over the last month to re-vamp the toddler group, having a big toy clean and a huge sort out of the toy cupboard so if you have any unwanted, good quality toys we would be most grateful for them!

Did you know that we hire our toys out?? Well for just a £5 fee for members and £10 for non-members you can hire our groups toys for birthday parties, Christmas parties or large get-togethers (hall fee applies and is to be arranged separately) so why no email us today

and find out more on
mhbabyandtoddlergroup@yahoo.co.uk.

So from all the committee at the Martlesham Heath Baby and Toddler group, have a very Merry Christmas and happy, fun filled New Year!!

Happy Christmas from Bright Stars

CALLING ALL MUMS

The Mums' Club meets for its Bring and Share Christmas party on Tuesday, 6th December at St. Michael's Church Centre, Martlesham Heath between 12.45 and 2.30 p.m. All mums with babies and toddlers are invited - just bring along a small quantity of food to share and join us. After lunch we are looking forward to hearing The Christmas Story told by Jo from the Bright Stars team. We do hope you will start your Christmas celebrations with us at Mums' Club. The next meeting of the Mums' Club will be held on Tuesday, 10th January, 2012 - same time and place. The Drinks and Dribbles Baby Cafe will open its doors for you to drop in on Thursdays, 1st and 15th December at St. Michael's from 10 a.m. to 12 noon. Why not come along? For more information please 'phone Sue on 01473 624130 or Kay on 01473 626169.

BRIGHT STARS

December is here and Christmas is approaching! 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 12th. Bright Stars is a children's worship and activity session for preschoolers, toddlers, babies and their parents or carers, held on the 2nd and 4th Monday's of each month (during term time) 10:30am at St Michael's Church Centre, Martlesham Heath. Each session is full of fun activities and crafts. The half hour sessions are free and are followed by refreshments and a chance to chat.

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

The dates for our next sessions are:

December 12th 2011

January 9th 2012

January 23rd 2012

If you would like any further information please contact:

Jo Dixon Tel.01473-622160 or Sonya Burrows Tel.01473-625196

KESGRAVE AND DISTRICT SNT

As we approach the festive period please remember that if you're planning a night out to a Christmas work party, or any other occasion where you may be planning to drink alcohol, then make sure there is a designated sober driver or take public transport or a taxi.

The police will again be running a countywide seasonal drink-driving campaign. Apart from being caught by the police, losing your licence and being named and shamed in the local press, if you are responsible for a road collision resulting in serious harm and injury you would never forgive yourself. So don't take the risk.

Remember as the nights draw in that there is some very common sense crime reduction advice you can adopt. It is a good idea to leave a low energy light on in your house using a timer switch so it

looks as if your home is occupied. Please ensure that your Christmas presents are not in view from windows and when putting your rubbish out after Christmas try not to leave boxes and packaging on view which could advertise your new belongings to a potential intruder. If you are fortunate enough to receive a TV, computer equipment or a bike, it is beneficial to have them post-coded using a security marker pen, which can be purchased at the Kesgrave SNT office for the reduced price of £1. Other security devices are available from the office, so please come and see us. Some would make good stocking fillers if you're struggling for ideas! If you know of any vulnerable neighbours that may need help as the weather deteriorates don't forget to check their welfare. A visit from a friendly familiar face can provide a great deal of

reassurance.

Do you know about 101? There is now an easy number to remember if you need to contact the police for a non-urgent reason. No matter where you are in the UK the number is 101 and this can be used to report crime, to get in touch with your local Safer Neighbourhood Team or for any non-emergency enquiries. If your call is an emergency - if you think a crime is in progress or a life is in danger - the number is still 999.

The Kesgrave Safer Neighbourhood Team would like to extend their festive wishes to you hoping you have a Happy Christmas and New Year. Stay safe in 2012.

Sergeant 733 Peter Street
Kesgrave and District Safer
Neighbourhood Team
Tel: (01473) 613500
Kesgrave.snt@suffolk.pnn.police.uk

MARTLESHAM PLAYSCHOOL

A huge thank you to everyone who attended our Pamper Evening on November 10th. At the time of writing we don't know how much money we have raised from this super event. All the profits raised will be split between the playschool and East Anglia's Children's Hospices (EACH). We hope to donate a great amount to help this fantastic cause. Strawberry Mountain Photography visited us in October half term and we raised £130 – thank you everyone. Our fundraisers are busy organizing our Christmas events for this year including the ever popular hampers which we shall raffle at the Christmas party.

Our normal sessions finish on Thursday December 15th and on Friday the 16th we shall be holding our Christmas Party and Concert. 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! We would like to remind our parents that we return to playschool on Wednesday January 4th 2011.

If you would like to put your child's name on the waiting list please visit our website for more details :-
www.playschool.martlesham.org.uk or contact me on 01473 621315. We are registered to take children from 2 years. Our children move on to all the primary schools in the area and further afield.

Merry Christmas and a happy New Year from everyone at Martlesham Playschool
Caroline Swale (Business Manager)

KESGRAVE CHILDREN'S CENTRE

Christmas will soon be upon us if the shops and TV are to be believed and we have a new timetable covering all of November and December, please note we have some day and venue changes.

Mondays: Baby Rhyme Time (0–18 mths): 9.30–10.30am, and Tambourine Tots (18 mths–5 years): 10.45–1.45am is every Monday morning until 12 December at Martlesham Christian Fellowship, Blacktiles Lane, IP12 4SS. Come and enjoy songs and

actions with your baby/toddler.

Movement Matters (walking – 30 mths) has moved day and venue and will be held at Martlesham Heath Pavilion, IP5 3UY, on Monday afternoons at 2 – 3pm and is for toddlers to explore and play as they grow and develop. Sessions are on 14 and 21 November and 19 December.

Tuesdays: Bumps and Babies 1.30–3pm will still be on Tuesday afternoons at Tower Hall, 5 Broadlands Way, Kesgrave, IP4 5SU. So please bring your bump or baby and make new friends.

Wednesdays: Clothes Swap Shop: 12.15–3.15pm will be held at Kesgrave Children's Centre on 7 December, if your baby toddler has grown out of their clothes please come and swap them for the next size, or make a small donation. (Wearable clean clothes only please)

Why not come and read a story or borrow a book from our Library Corner: 12.15pm – 3.15pm on 14 December.

Fridays: Tea, Toast and Toys: 9.15–10.15am, has moved to All Saints Church Hall, Main Road, Kesgrave, IP5 2PE, please come and join us for a chat and play session and let your child enjoy a healthy breakfast.

The next Parent-To-Be evening will be held at Kesgrave Children's Centre on 8 December at 6-7pm, please come and find out what your local Children's Centre has to offer now and in the future and meet our Breast Feeding Home Visiting team.

The Kesgrave Children's Centre Parents Forum (All on Board): 10am-11am, 14 December at the Children's Centre. You are welcome to come and let us know what you think and how we can expand and improve our services. Find out first hand the plans for our new Centre and about the groups and courses we hope to run in 2012. Everyone welcome.

We are open everyday for support and information, please feel free to telephone us or call in for a chat, on 01473 636726. Other centres in the area include, Caterpillar Children's Centre (Woodbridge) 01394 388276 and Rendlesham Children's Centre 01394 462191.

St Michael's & All Angel's, Martlesham Heath

Invite you to their

CHRISTINGLE SERVICE

Sunday 18th December 2011 at 3.30pm

A service for the whole family, including

“Open the Book” performing the Christmas story

Martlesham Guides & Scouts
Carol ringing on handbells

Christingles for the children

Refreshments after the service

For further details contact Jo Dixon
01473 622160

HOME-START

Home-Start Suffolk Coastal is a charity which has provided support to families locally for over 11 years. We support families for whom life is an uphill struggle. Families we support must reside in the Suffolk Coastal District, and have at least 1 child under 5 living at home.

Over the Past year we have provided support to over 100 families who live in the district, helping out families with twins, triplets, Mental Health problems, medical difficulties, and families who are isolated to name a few.

Weekly support is provided by volunteers who are parents themselves or have some experience of parenting, and last year our 50 volunteers provided over 15,000 hours of support to families.

Our next two preparation courses for volunteers will start on the 20th January 2012, and 4th May 2012 and will run Fridays, in Woodbridge for 9 weeks.

If you are interested in joining us, or think your family would benefit from the support of a volunteer please contact Nicola on 01394 389402, or email office@homestartcoastal.co.uk for more information.

BIRCHWOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL

Birchwood Primary School held an open day in October, for the garden, just completed. I was invited along and met people from the local sponsors of the garden, the organizers from Community Payback, who helped with the design and supervised the people working on it, and a representative from the Soil Association Food for Life Partnership.

The visit began with a guided tour of the raised vegetable beds given by the children. My guide, Hollie took me round each year groups bed and showed me the beans and turnips that they were growing, all labeled, the vegetable stores that had been made, and the composting area. There was also accommodation for insects, and a poly tunnel where there were growing trays of pea shoots.

We then went indoors and sampled the harvested pea shoots and apple cake, made by the children from apples they had grown themselves. There was much discussion of the uses that the children's home grown produce could be put to in the future

The governors and staff at Birchwood Primary School have done a tremendous job of bringing to life a project that was started when my children were just leaving. The story chair is there, thanks to Martlesham Monthly, and the Community Payback team will be building benches round it, so that it can be used more often. The bead water feature that former pupils threaded so long ago now has a very appropriate home in the Sensory Garden

Many thanks to the governors, staff and pupils for a lovely and informative afternoon. I am now inspired to grow my own pea shoots in my greenhouse.
Gwynneth Johnson

1ST MARTLESHAM SCOUTS

For all enquiries regarding joining the group, becoming a helper or hiring of the Scout HQ please contact Sarah Cooke on 01394 387858.

MARTLESHAM HEATH AVIATION SOCIETY

Our monthly meeting on 4th November featured an illustrated talk by one of our own members, entitled "The Singapore Connection - Two Generations".

John Bulbeck followed in his father's footsteps whilst serving in the RAF and was posted to Singapore. However, John's experience of that former part of the British Empire could not have been more different from that of his father, who was there when the Japanese overran the island during WW2. who was taken prisoner by the Japanese. John explained that his father was taken by ship to the most northerly of the islands that make up Japan and was subjected to forced labour for the duration of the war.

John, on the other hand, told us that he was posted to Singapore as a National Service airman 23 years after his father

and thoroughly enjoyed his time there.

A most entertaining talk and much appreciated by the knowledgeable audience.

Our next meeting will be on Friday 2nd December and will feature a light-hearted talk by a well-known local man. Mark Michels entitled, "East Anglian Characters". Mark is a most entertaining speaker and much in demand. His talk will include the story of some local well-known names including Dick Turpin and the murder of poor Maria Marten.

Meetings start at 7.30pm at the Community Hall, Felixtowe Road. Non-members are welcome for a payment of just £2.50 at the door. Refreshments are provided and this will be of a seasonable nature! This promises to be another enjoyable evening.

Alan Powell 01473 622458

ANNUAL REMEMBRANCE SERVICE.

This was held as usual on the Barrack Square in Barrack Road at 3pm on Sunday 13th November.

We were blessed with sunny weather, in contrast to last year! This was probably our best attendance yet and no doubt helped by the mild weather. With Afghanistan very much on people's minds I am sure also sure there is an increased awareness of the sacrifices occurring almost daily.

The parade was taken by our chairman, Martyn Cook and the service was taken by The Right Reverend Jeremy Walsh.

The Kesgrave detachment of Suffolk Army Cadet force and the 356th (Felixtowe) Squadron Air Training Corps marched smartly on to the music provided by Felixtowe Salvation Army band. The 1st Martlesham Scout Group put in a very good attendance. The Royal Force was represented by Wing Commander Phil Nicholson and Lt Colonel Christopher De Salle represented the United States Air Force.

We are also grateful for the enthusiastic bikers who call themselves the Iron Crows. No less than 30 arrived on their motor-bikes. They have pledged themselves to visit similar events to support and help raise money for the British Legion.

Our thanks to all these people and also grateful thanks to all who attended.

USED STAMPS APPEAL FOR ST ELIZABETH HOSPICE

Christmas is almost upon us and we will soon be sending and receiving Christmas cards. When you have opened the envelopes please don't just throw them away - the used stamps on there can make money for our local charity. The St Elizabeth Hospice in Foxhall Road Ipswich are able to sell used stamps in bulk and turn them into cash. The stamps are sorted and sold by weight, ending up in stamp collections around the world.

So if you can save your used stamps and drop them through my door you will be helping the hospice. Just remember please to leave a 1cm border around the stamps to avoid damage (that's about 1/2 inch in old money!). Don't worry that you don't have many stamps - all the bundles and envelopes of used stamps pushed through my letterbox very soon add up to a great deal for the Hospice.

A very happy Christmas to you all and a big thank you for your continued support.

Bev Read, 15 Demesne Gardens, Martlesham Heath 01473 622721

PORTAL WOODLANDS CONSERVATION GROUP

Our last two work days have involved clearing overhanging trees and foliage along the A1214 border and removing weeds to allow the hedge planted several years ago to thicken up. There are always ongoing tasks to do each month - projects started have to be checked. If you would like to join us please come along to our last session of the year lets hope it's as snowy as it was at this time last year!

The last Nature Watch session of the year was entitled "Trees and Fungi". The children and their parents had great fun learning about trees; hugging and measuring them, taking bark rubbings and studying leaves. Although fungi numbers were low for the season, the children made a new discovery for our woods called an earthstar. If you and your children aged 5 to 11 years old would like to join in the activities next Spring please email us at the address below.

If you are walking through and enjoying the woods please keep to the recognised paths. If you make new ones you may be destroying delicate habitats and disturbing nesting birds.

Dates for the diary:

Woodlands Work Morning

Sunday 18th December 10:00am-
Noon

Meet at the Education Area (at the Control Tower end of the woods)

For more information about PWCG and its activities or if you have any questions please email us at pwcg@martlesham.org.uk or phone Martlesham Parish Council on 01473 612632

GIRLGUIDING MARTLESHAM DISTRICT

We are a thriving District with 1 Rainbow Unit, 4 Brownie Packs, 1 Guide Company & 1 Ranger Unit. For more details about Guiding in Martlesham, please contact the following:-

Jo Dixon Martlesham District
Commissioner 01473 622160

Chris Cooper Martlesham District Wait
List Co-ordinator 01473 626024

MARTLESHAM BRASS

'Making Music Fun in East Anglia'

The band is very sad to announce that our President, Bill Bell passed away in October aged 98. Bill was a real brass band enthusiast, a dear friend and a great inspiration to all of us. Our thoughts are with his family at this sad time.

We are hoping to raise plenty of money for 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 -Teenage Cancer Trust, Out & About (helping disabled children and young people to access everyday leisure activities in Eastern England) and EACH (the East Anglia Children's Hospice).

Don't forget to join us for Coffee and Carols on Saturday 3rd December at 10am at St Michael's Church Centre, Martlesham Heath and also at our ever popular Christmas concert on Saturday 17th December, 7pm also at St Michael's Church Centre.

Tickets are £2.50 (primary school children free). You can get your tickets by phoning 07802 868924, or visiting our website www.martleshambrass.co.uk 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.

Liz Benyon. (Publicity Officer) liz.benyon@btinternet.com 01473 623276.

Registered Charity No.1100922. Visit our website www.martleshambrass.co.uk

ALLOTMENTS - THE LATEST

MALGA, the Martlesham Allotment and Leisure Gardeners Association, is currently working with Martlesham Parish Council - to secure a lease on a piece of land for allotments, located near to the A12, just south of BT Adastral Park.

The Highways Agency recently completed its survey of the road soakaway drain on the land and is satisfied with its safety and condition. Currently we are waiting for the County Council to complete drawing up a lease, to lease the land to the Parish Council.

The Parish Council has already agreed to set up a working group with two Council members and two MALGA reps, to work through the subsequent detailed planning and organisation needed. The intention is for MALGA to be responsible for the day-to-day management of the allotments ultimately.

MALGA will be holding its Annual General Meeting in the New Year, where next year's committee will be elected. It will also be a good chance to get an update on the latest progress with the allotment land and MALGA's plans. The AGM will be on Tuesday 10 January 2012, at 7.30pm, at St Michael's Church Centre (Extension Room).

MARTLESHAM LADIES CLUB

At our meeting on the 20th. October, Bill Baston gave us an excellent talk on Birds of East Anglia backed up by an superb slide show, a most enjoyable evening.

Making miniature teddy bears with Angela Pratt on the evening of 3rd November was very interesting and entertaining, we only had time to put our craft talents into making a teddy bear out of two pipe cleaners with some hilarious results - say no more!

Our December programme continues with -A Slide Show to Warm a Winter Evening on the 1st.and our Christmas Party on the 15th.

After a Christmas break we return on the 12th January continuing with a full and varied programme.

Further information about our fortnightly meetings in The Richard's Rooms can be had by ringing our Chairman on 01473 622768

Members would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year.

MARTLESHAM CARPET BOWLS.

The Winter League is now under way and to date we have played 5 games with mixed results.

We had a real disappointment in the match against Gt. Blakenham at home. They came 4 players short, giving us 20 shots to start, but we still lost 3:7.

Some of our Members have played in Charity Matches,

At Nacton for Alzheimers disease, June, Gordon, Maggie & Doug reached the final. A very good result and we congratulate them on their achievement.

At Tattingstone for The Headway Charity, Vic, Diane, Peter and Jean put up a very good show for our club but unfortunately did not progress to the final.

Owing to increasing disabilities some of our Members have had to give up playing. We, therefore, have a number of vacancies. If anybody would like to come to one, or more, of our sessions, either as players or beginners, they would be more than welcome.

We meet on Tuesday and Friday afternoons from 2.00 pm to approximately 4.30 pm. And on Tuesday evenings from 7.30 pm to approximately 10.00 pm. The Tuesday evening sessions, being less well attended, gives Members greater opportunities to play and practice.

Anybody interested should contact our Secretary, Ian Hunt, on 01473 611947

We will be having our usual "Christmas fun" afternoon on Tuesday, 13th December, commencing at 2.00 pm, when seasonal refreshments will be available.

We hope there will be a good attendance for this happy event.

There will be no bowls on Friday, 23rd or Tuesday, 27th December.

Maureen Banthorp

MOTHERS UNION

Early in November, the church celebrated All Saints Day, so it seemed very appropriate that our speaker in November, the Rev. Helen Davey from Kirton, should talk to us about various Saints. Some were quite obscure, including St Cecelia Patron Saint of musicians. Later the same week, our president Val took part in a programme on Suffolk Radio. Looking at the papers and giving her thought for the day. Val talked about Jonah the groaner, and suggested that perhaps we should be like Jonah and stop groaning—and just get on with it!

On Wednesday 7th December we will be holding our annual Christmas Party for members and invited guests. We just hope the snow keeps away this year and doesn't upset our plans!

We meet in St Michael's Church Centre on the first Wednesday of each month. If you would like to know more about Mothers Union, please telephone Florence on 01473 631347. We are always pleased to have new members or guests at our meetings

HAPPY CHRISTMAS FROM SPEAK EASY AT MARTLESHAM

After short introductions at the start of each Speak Easy meeting the rest of the evening is used to provide a mechanism for members to master the skills they need to become a really accomplished speaker, whether they are people who have never spoken before to others who have been national finalists in various Toastmasters International contests. With Toastmasters there are a series of manuals to work through, at your own pace, that explain the theory of speaking skills, as well as giving you specific objectives to achieve in your speeches. There are two types of speech which you will have the opportunity to give as part of a Toastmasters meeting; first is the impromptu speech, where you are asked to speak on a given topic for two minutes, and secondly the prepared speech where you speak on a subject of your own choosing for approximately seven minutes. Why not come for a free trial one Thursday evening, you'll be warmly welcomed.

We meet on alternate Thursdays in the Richards Room, Martlesham Community Hall, Felixstowe Road, Martlesham (behind the Tesco superstore). Meetings are 7.00 pm for a 7.15 pm start and finish at 9.30pm. We look forward to seeing you.

Future Speak Easy at Martlesham meetings: December 8th 2011

January 5th 2012

January 19th 2012

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

Or call Dave Nightingale Tel. 07969 598633 or Sonya Burrows Tel. 01473 625196

MARTLESHAM WI

Chris Parfitt was our latest speaker and he talked to us about his trip to Antarctica. He told us that the best time to visit was between November and February - their summer time. After February the storms prevent the ships from using the harbour. He said that choosing a smaller ship for his journey gave him more individual attention and shore visits. Zodiac boats, which were accessed from a gangway at the side of the ship, were used to get ashore. During his journey Chris visited the Falklands and South Georgia and saw icebergs which can be as large as 25 miles long and 10,000ft thick with 7/8th of depth underwater. We were fascinated by his stories of penguins, volcano ash, old whaling stations, and a British scientific base and enjoyed seeing his slides of the wonderful scenery taken when he finally arrived in Antarctica. His slide showing the grave of Ernest Shackleton the explorer was particularly interesting. Chris obviously had a memorable trip and it was a pleasure to be able to share these memories with him.

Our next meeting will be in the Richards Room, Felixstowe Road (next to the Community Centre) at 7.30 p.m. on Friday 12th December. This will be a social evening and if anyone would like to join our small friendly group we will be very pleased to see you. Contact can be made to Susan Cunliffe on 01394-382199.

Pauline Fisher

MARTLESHAM & DISTRICT FLOWER CLUB

Our October open meeting got off to a great start with members and friends enjoying a delicious lunch followed by a very entertaining afternoon with Mrs Linda Shackleton a National Demonstrator giving us her demonstration entitled "Autumn Splendour".

Her first piece, set in a large wicker basket used bright yellow chrysanthemums, gerberas, spray carnations and rolled aspidistra leaves. Following on as a late summer display, a tall container filled with pale pink orchids, carnations, spray roses and banksia. For her all red creation a large black metal curved structure housed two similar designs of euphorbia, carnations, anthurims, gerberas and russelia. Then came a traditional arrangement of lucidendron, lilies and carnations all in deep pinks and mauves. Linda then gave us some tips on how to put together a hand tied bouquet. Finally, a long arrangement of white lilies and gerberas adding for contrast green orchids and anthurim. All her pieces were spectacular and enhanced by the choice of autumnal foliage which included palms, ferns, eucalyptus, grisenlinia and ornamental cabbage. A vote of thanks was kindly given by Mrs Margaret Buckingham for a very enjoyable afternoon.

The Club meets at St. Michael's Church Centre, Martlesham Heath on the third Wednesday of each month at 2.30pm. 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.

Our next meeting on 18th January 2012 will be our AGM followed by a short demonstration by Mrs Lyn Eatwell. All most welcome.

Margaret Doveston 01473 624422

YOUR LOCAL COUNTRY MARKET

As you have come to expect your local Country Market is promoting a wide selection of Christmas fare, and we sincerely hope that you will not be disappointed by the selection of cooked goodies, and gift ideas we have on show. We expect to be able to offer an ordering service up to Saturday December 10th for your festive food requirements, and individual craft producers will advise if they are able to meet any customer requests for hand crafted items as Christmas presents.

Some of us look on Christmas shopping with trepidation, but along with the Community Market on December 17th we look forward to making this a fun occasion and will be offering the usual refreshments for those weary shoppers who would like to stay and enjoy a hot cup of tea or coffee in the midst of enjoying the festive atmosphere of the two markets.

Customers who choose to order items can pick them up on Saturday December 17th or we shall be open for the collection of orders only on Friday December 23rd between 10am and 11.30. For a small charge orders may be delivered.

We will close on Saturday December 17th at Kesgrave, and on December 20th at Martlesham - reopening January 14th and 17th respectively.

We wish all a very Happy Christmas and a healthy and prosperous New Year.

NATIONAL OSTEOPOROSIS SOCIETY IPSWICH & DISTRICT GROUP

The Group held their 14th Annual General meeting in October which was very well attended. A big thank you to all who came along to give your support.

The next event will be our Christmas lunch which will be held at Martlesham Community Hall, Felixstowe Road, Martlesham (behind Tesco's store) on Saturday 3rd December commencing at 12.30 p.m. Soup & roll and mince pies plus time to chat with friends old and new - what better way to start the month. The cost will be £5 per person and if you have not already brought your ticket please contact Barbara Branch on 01473-631673 or our new Chairperson

Anne Barnes on 01394-382534. They can add your name to the list and you can pick up your ticket on the day. We hope lots of you will be free to come along.

If you wish to find out more about the Group then do ring either Barbara or Anne who will be more than happy to speak to you.

THE WOOLVERSTONE WISH CHARITY

is raising funds to improve facilities within the Chemotherapy Unit at Ipswich Hospital which is no longer able to cope with the increasing volume of people requiring treatment (the current cramped conditions mean that patients are often forced to receive chemotherapy in corridors due to major shortage of treatment rooms). A revamp is needed and although the Woolverstone Wish campaign has already raised £160,000, there is a long way to go to reach the £800,000 needed to remodel the clinics and day unit.

THE WOOLVERSTONE WISH CHARITY

Christmas Bazaar

Martlesham Community Hall,
Felixstowe Rd, Martlesham

Sunday 4th Dec 10am - 3pm

Come and visit Father Christmas

**Refreshments and warm mince pies
served from the kitchen**

Many stalls including: - Christmas Gifts & Decorations, Velvet Photography, Just Sew, Homemade Cakes & Preserves, Jewellery, Sweetie stall, Tombola, Pretty Chic, Natures Gift, Christmas Wreaths, Raffle (drawn at 2.30pm)

PLUS activities for children and much more!

Free car parking

Entry: Adults £1, Children Free

THE ROTARY CLUB OF WOODBRIDGE DEBEN

will be bring the Santa Sleigh to Martlesham Heath in early December for children to see Santa and a door to door collection . In the past years the club has collected between £800 and £1,000 per year. The money is used by the Rotary Club to help Charities, Locally, Nationally and Internationally that the Rotary movement supports. There is a list of the Roads we hope to visit split into four evenings. We start about 6p.m. and aim to finish at 8p.m.

If you are interested in Joining The Rotary Movement of finding out more of what Rotary is about why not give me a call at the number or address at the end of this article.

Tuesday December 6th.

Burgess Place; Lark Rise; Swan Close; Avocet Lane; Coopers Road; Lancaster Drive; York Road; Birch Grove.

Wednesday December 7th.

Mayfield and Lane; Heathfield; Heather & Digby Closes; Heathfield Mews; The Oaks; Pinebank; Holly End;

Harvesters Way; Forest Lane.

Thursday December 8th.

Warren Lane; Westlands; Broomfield; Whinfield; Parkers Place; The Grove; Demense Gardens; Squires Lane;

Stable Court; Park Place; Peel Yard.

Friday December 9th.

Manor Road; Carlford Close; Saddlers Place; Valient Way; DeBrink on the Green; Farriers Close; The Chase; Hunters Ride.

Any enquiries, Rotarian Ian O'B. Baker, Home Meadows, Top Street, Martlesham 01394 382419 or 07747 610 894

The Rotary Club wish you all a Happy Christmas and wonderful New Year.

WOODBRIDGE PROBUS

The Woodbridge Probus Club monthly meeting was held on Monday 7 November 2011 at the Waldringfield Golf Club. One of the many benefits of being a member is the after dinner talks each month. These are presented by a wide variety of guest speakers who typically provide fascinating insights into their speciality. This month was no exception. The presentation entitled "The Art and Practice of Woodcarving" was given by the sculptor and accomplished woodcarver Maureen Midwinter. It included slides and an inspiring display of her work which was without exception all of profound quality. The steps to the finished carving were given and the use of various carving tools and types of wood explained using examples and illustrations. Whether a beginner or professional, the tremendous pleasure to be found in the inspiring world of woodcarving was much in evidence.

Our next meeting is our annual Christmas lunch on 5 December 2011. It features a talk by Chris Parfitt entitled "Along China's Silk Road". The Woodbridge Probus Club always welcomes enquires about membership from retired or semi-retired professional and business gentlemen. If you are at all interested, please contact our membership secretary, Bryan Cooper, on 01394 461148.

SPRINGFIELD FOLLIES 2011 PANTOMIME

ALADDIN AND HIS WONDERFUL LAMP.

Its that time of year again Follies will be performing Aladdin and his magic lamp written by Peter Denyer, Directed by Follies member Liz Bennett at Kesgrave Community Centre

On Saturday 28th January - 2.30pm & 7.30pm Friday 3rd February - 7.30pm

Saturday 4th February - 2.30pm & 7.30pm

Springfield Follies Established in 1948 continues to perform Pantomimes & Variety Shows to raise money to support Local Charities.

Please come along ,we promise you a Panto that has something for everyone .

Ticket Prices are £7.00 Adults, £4.00 Children & £20.00 for a Family Ticket (2 Ad + 2Ch)

Tickets available from Follies Box Office Telephone Number 01473 819051

2nd Stop Charity Shop, unit 5, (Tesco), Ropes Drive, Grange Farm, Kesgrave

Or contact us through our Web Site www.springfieldfollies.org.uk

Hope to see you there. Lisa Whight Chairperson

DEBEN PROBUS

Deben Probus is a long established club for retired or semi-retired professionals and businessmen. The Aims and Objectives of the club are to provide and encourage social contacts and fellowship among its members. We have over sixty members who meet monthly at Ufford Park Hotel for lunch, followed by a speaker. We have a very active walking group, which we share with Woodbridge Probus and Heath Ladies Probus and we also have a number of visits each year to places of interest.

We were fortunate to have the Royal Air Force Presentation Team for our October meeting. As one of the key components of the Chief of the Air Staff's Engagement Strategy, the RAF Presentation Team are ambassadors for the RAF throughout the UK. The four members of the Presentation Team were Sqn Ldr Elaine Smith, a Flight Operations Officer, Flt Lt Jim West a Pilot, Master Aircrew Gareth Attridge and Senior Aircraftman Dave Morris. All the Team's presenters have recently returned from operations in Afghanistan and Iraq and most will be sent overseas again following their time with the Presentation Team.

We were particularly pleased to welcome three personal guests of our members together with guests from Woodbridge and Kyson Probus Clubs and the Martlesham Heath Aviation Society.

If you are interested in joining our club, please contact Peter Booth-Smith (Secretary) on 01394 610881.

CHARITY BAGS

Many charities drop flyers through your door offering to collect donated clothing from your doorstep. However there is a worrying trend of charity bags being removed by unlicensed collectors that do not work for a charity.

Organised crime gangs are making millions of pounds by exploiting the goodwill of residents. They are removing bags and selling on the donated clothes abroad for large sums of money.

Alternatively the charity bags appear to be from legitimate charities but in fact have no affiliation with them. The flyers may give the misleading impression that the items are being collected for charitable purposes. Imagery and headline-grabbing text may be used. A national charity logo may be copied or a name used that is similar to a well-known charitable cause.

It is estimated that British charities are losing around £14million per year by this sort of crime. The Salvation Army have calculated they have lost around 4-5% of their total donations this way.

You are encourage to read the charity bags carefully; the tell-tale signs that the company you are dealing with are not legitimate are a company rather than a charity number, spelling or grammar mistakes or a mobile number rather than a landline. If you want to check a charity number is legitimate you can visit the Charity commission <http://www.charity-commission.gov.uk/>.

The best way to be completely sure that your donation is going to your desired charity is to take your donation to their store

Suffolk County Council

MARTLESHAM CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP—Black Tiles Lane

"Looking Forward!"

November - A time for looking back, in remembrance. - Lest we forget!

December - A time for looking forward, with joy, to celebrating the birth of the Christ Child and His subsequent life here on earth.

We are constantly looking forwards to future happenings, either short or long term. - To the end of the week, or the end of the month (Pay-cheque time!), or to future holidays, or more important dates - A wedding perhaps, or a birth, an anniversary, or a change of vocation.

The wise writer of Ecclesiastes advises us to look even further - To the end of our earthly lives! - "A bit morbid!" you say . The writer speaks of a time when when days are not so pleasurable - when we cannot hear birdsong so well, and men are afraid of heights! - When man goes to his eternal home. "Remember your Creator!", He says, "Before the silver cord is broken and the spirit returns to God who made it!" -We have to ask Are his thoughts only negative and doom laden? - or is there true wisdom here?

ACTIVITIES DURING DECEMBER

SUNDAYS

Worship and Communion - 10.00am

TUESDAY CIRCLE

Christmas Lunch - Dec.13th

WEDNESDAYS

House Group 7.30pm

THURSDAYS

Mums and Toddlers

FRIDAYS

Friends on Friday - 10.00am

Friday 9th December Carols + Mince Pies + Children Singing - 11.00am

Sunday Dec 18th Carol Service 10.00am

Chrstmas Day Service - 10.00 a.m.

Christmas 2011:

ST MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS AND ST MARYS CHURCHES

Everyone loves a baby, and every baby is special, so it's hardly surprising that the Christmas story is as popular as ever. It's pretty up-to-date, too. Jesus was born in an outhouse - there were few facilities and no hospital nearby in case something went wrong. That's how it is for millions of newborn babies today, born in refugee camps. Within weeks, Jesus Himself had become a refugee, as He and His parents had to flee for their lives from Bethlehem.

The amazing thing is that this baby was not just Mary & Joseph's son, He was God's Son, who came into this world to share our human life. Jesus was divine, but in every way He was human, too, and He experienced many of the hardships that a lot of children experience today. It might have all gone wrong. No human birth is without risk, and Jesus' birth was no different, but God took all those risks and more when His Son was born.

God chose carefully when He picked Mary and Joseph to be His Son's human parents. He knew they would give Jesus all the love and care He needed. He knew that they would stand by Jesus whatever happened to Him. Mary was there at the very end, standing by Jesus' Cross. They are wonderful examples for us of the costliness of human love in family life.

When you hear carols on the radio or TV, when you find carol singers at your door, or when you join in carol services in church, remember the reality of how it was when this Child was born. Give thanks for His parents' love for Him. But remember, too, the many children today who are born into a very hard world. Some don't experience the love of a happy home; others simply never get enough to eat. This was the human life that this very special Baby came to share, and it's all at the heart of the Christmas story.

All our Christmas services at Martlesham & Brightwell are listed overleaf, and you will be very welcome at them.

BUCKLESHAM PLAYERS

are proud to present their 41st pantomime "Goldilocks and the Three Bears".

The plot is based around the traditional story, but you will get to meet some new characters in this tale of a young girl, three bears and their struggle against the evil zookeeper.

Performances will be held at the Bucklesham Village Hall on January 19th, 20th and 21st at 7.30pm, with a matinee on Saturday 21st at 2.00pm. Tickets are £7 for adults, £5 for children and £5 for OAPs on Thursday and Friday. For more details, or to book tickets, please call Valerie Smith on 01473 659619.

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God's
Family
Together**

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 4th December 2nd Sunday of Advent	8am Holy Communion	11am Family Worship	9.45am Family Communion and Junior Church
Sunday 11th December 3rd Sunday of Advent	6.30pm Nine Lessons and Carols	11am Holy Communion (BCP)	9.45am Junior Church "Nativity"
Sunday 18th December 4th Sunday of Advent	8am Holy Communion	11am Holy Communion (CW)	3.30pm Christingle Service
Monday 19th December	7pm Carols in the Square		
Thursday 22nd December	7.30pm Nine Lessons & Carols at St Mary's		
Saturday 24th December- Christmas Eve	8pm Holy Communion at St Michaels		
	10pm Holy Communion at St Mary's		
Sunday 25th December Christmas Day	8am Holy Communion	11am Holy Communion	9.45 am Family Worship
Sunday 1st January New Year's Day	8am Holy Communion	11am Benefice New Year Service	

MIDWEEK SERVICES
 Holy Communion each Wednesday at 10 am in St. Michael's
 Bright Stars meet on Monday 12th December
 A warm welcome awaits you at all our services

Prayer Diary for December 2011

Please use these thoughts as an addition to your daily prayers

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| 5 | Give thanks for Christ coming into the world | 20 | Give thanks for the work of emergency services |
| 6 | Pray for our world during the global recession | 21 | Pray for the residents of Main Road |
| 7 | Pray for the residents of Lark Rise | 22 | Pray for safety on our roads |
| 8 | Pray for the Mothers' Union | 23 | Pray for those suffering financial hardship |
| 9 | Pray for all those serving prison sentences | 24 | Pray for peaceful family celebrations |
| 10 | Pray for all victims of flooding | 25 | Rejoice at God's gift of His Son |
| 11 | Give thanks for our freedom to worship | 26 | Give thanks for the world in which we live |
| 12 | Pray for the homeless | 27 | Give thanks for the love of family and friends |
| 13 | Pray for those suffering from depression | 28 | Pray for the residents of Manor Road |
| 14 | Pray for the residents of Lugano Avenue | 29 | Pray for peace and justice in Libya |
| 15 | Pray for all those on reduced working hours | 30 | Pray for people who feel forgotten and unloved |
| 16 | Pray for the work of Cruse Bereavement Support | 31 | Pray for all children and teenagers in our parishes |
| 17 | Pray for members of the armed forces | January 1 | A peaceful New Year for everyone |
| 18 | Pray for all Christmas worship | 2 | We ask forgiveness for the things we get wrong |
| 19 | Pray for responsible giving of pets at Christmas | 3 | Pray for all those seeking work |
| | | 4 | Pray for the residents of Mayfields |