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Martlesham Monthly Editors

MARTLESHAM MONTHLY MAMMALS

March:- Badger (*Meles meles*). The badger dates back years and is also known by its celtic name brock. They live in a sett which is an underground tunnel network with a number of chambers in the construction usually found in a south-facing bank. Their main diet in Suffolk is beetles and worms, but will eat carrion, rabbits, birds, hedgehogs, eggs, fruit and nuts. They spend most of the winter sleeping but as spring arrives they can be seen about at dusk or night time. In the past badgers were commonly persecuted. Since 1911 badger-baiting (badger fights with hounds) has been illegal, but only in 1973 did the badger get full legal protection, and in 1992 an act was passed to protect the animals and their setts as well. In Martlesham there are a few recorded setts.

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 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), or see our web pages on www.martlesham.org.uk

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT FROM NANT SPECIAL FULL COUNCIL MEETING 9TH MARCH 9:30 AM AT TRINITY PARK

**THE COUNCILLORS WILL BE
DECIDING WHETHER TO
APPROVE THE ALLOCATION
OF 2000 HOMES NEXT TO BT**

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**IF YOU WANT TO STOP THE
NEW TOWN AT BT
COME TO THE MEETING**

MARTLESHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Centenary Playspace Project

Funding for a new play area opposite Gorseland School has been secured and it is hoped that installation will commence in March. Many thanks to all organisations and parishioners who have helped to make this happen, especially to those who have given their time freely. Apart from the Parish Council, funding has come from County Councillors Klaschka and O'Brien (locality budget), the Ropes Trust, SCC Safe Place to Be and SCDC Outdoor Playspace funds. More details can

be found on our website.

Cancellation of Bus Services 62A and 62B

Suffolk County Council (SCC) Passenger Transport has advised that these services are to be withdrawn from Sunday 27th February. Further sponsored bus services are to be cut in April but full details have not yet been published. Please visit www.suffolkonboard.com for further information on local public transport.

Recycling Bank Provision

Suffolk Coastal District Council (SCDC) has announced that, as part of its spending review, it will cease to provide recycling banks for paper and cans from 1st April. They urge residents to continue recycling paper and cans through the kerbside service. The glass bank network will be retained but possibly with some changes. Textile banks will be unaffected.

Suffolk Coastal Local Development Framework - Consultation on the Reviewed Draft Core Strategy

SCDC will make its decision on the Core Strategy at its meeting on Wednesday 9th March, 9:30 am, at Trinity Park Conference and Events Centre. For further information please refer to the SCDC website: www.suffolkcoastal.gov.uk.

Have your say on the future of Suffolk's libraries – SCC Consultation 18th January–30th April

The County Council is proposing major changes to the county library service and seeks your views. For information go to www.suffolk.gov.uk/LibrariesConsultation2011 or telephone 01473 265086.

Forthcoming meetings

- *Parish Council – 2nd March
- *Recreation & Amenities Committee – 9th March
- *Finance and General Purposes Committee - Wednesday 16th March
- *Parish Council – 6th April

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

website: 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.

MARTLESHAM PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS – 5TH MAY: NOMINATION PROCESS

Parish Council and Suffolk Coastal District Council (SCDC) elections are approaching fast and if you are seeking election you need to start planning now.

Since 2003 the Parish of Martlesham has had three wards and electors will vote for candidates within their own ward. Martlesham Parish Council has 15 councillors in total and has always sought to function on behalf of the whole of the parish despite the fact that it covers three electoral wards.

SCDC plans to issue the Notice of Election on 18th March. Nomination papers will be available from SCDC offices on Melton Hill, Woodbridge, from the beginning of March and the deadline for delivery to SCDC will be 12 noon on 4th April. You will need a nominator and seconder from the ward you intend to represent but you don't have to live in the ward; you have to be 18 or over, live in or within a 3 mile radius of the parish or work in the parish.

The roads/houses in each ward are described in alphabetical order below, together with the number of councillors who will represent the ward:

MARTLESHAM WEST WARD: 1 councillor

Deben Avenue; Dobbs Lane - even numbers: 60-74; **Gayfer Avenue** - odd numbers: 9-15, even numbers: 10-14; **Main Road** - odd numbers: 339-349

(For SCDC elections Martlesham West forms part of Kesgrave East ward and has 3 seats)

MARTLESHAM NORTH WARD: 2 councillors

Borrett Place; California - all odd numbers; **Clayton Court; Crane Close; Dukes Meadow; Dukes Park; Fynn Road; Ipswich Road** - up to the junction of California with Old Barrack Road; **Sandy Lane** - Creek Bungalow, Telegraph Cottage, The Lions, The Timbers, Troutbeck & White Heather (Note: Greenleaf, Sluice Farm Cottage, Sluice Farm & The Roost are in Martlesham Ward); **Seckford Hall Road** - all houses on the southern side; **Turner Gardens**

(For SCDC elections Martlesham North forms part of Woodbridge Riverside ward and has 1 seat)

MARTLESHAM WARD: 12 councillors

All other addresses in Martlesham excluding the houses and roads listed above.

(In SCDC elections Martlesham Ward has 2 seats)

Please contact the Parish Clerk or speak to any council members if you have any questions about the elections.

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

JOHN KELSO'S DISTRICT COUNCILLOR REPORT

THE LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK (LDF) LATEST

Following the latest consultation which took place during December and January, just over 1800 representations from around 630 indi-

viduals or organisations were received by Suffolk Coastal. 670 responses were also received to the leaflet "How many houses do we need?". May I take this opportunity to thank everyone who took the time and trouble to respond.

It would appear that having read the report, which is to go to Cabinet on the 17th February, once again the views and concerns of our community are being ignored and that it is still being proposed to build 2,000 new houses adjacent to BT's Adastral Park. A special meeting of the full Suffolk Coastal Council has been arranged for Wednesday 9th March at 9:30 am to be held at the Trinity Park conference centre (Suffolk Showground). The purpose of this meeting is to accept the latest recommendations and to adopt the reviewed core strategy as interim planning policy. I understand that it is difficult for people who work to attend but could I please ask that if you are available to please make every effort to attend as the decision to be made at this meeting will affect our community for years to come.

BLOOR HOMES PLANNING APPLICATION - PIPES FIELD AND MILL FARM

The latest information regarding this planning application is that Bloor Homes are to put forward an amended planning application which will reduce the number of houses proposed for the Mill Farm part of the application site. There will, however, be no overall reduction in the total number of houses for the whole site. This will remain at 281 houses. I am advised that an amended application is likely to be received by the Council sometime in March and that once it has been received a further consultation on the amended plans will take place.

MOBILE PHONE BASE STATION

The latest information that I have on this matter is that negotiations are still ongoing to find a more suitable location for this apparatus.

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

John Kelso, District Councillor,

Martlesham Ward

CHRIS BLUNDELL'S DISTRICT COUNCILLOR REPORT

The Local Development Framework (LDF): The final meeting to consider and vote on the Core Strategy part of the LDF will take place on 9th March at Trinity Park Conference centre at 9:30 am. If the Core strategy is passed by SCDC then it will pass to an Inspector who will rule on the 'soundness' or otherwise of the document. Significantly there will then be no obstacle to the BT planning application being presented to the Development Control Planning committee to be determined. There will of course still be some delay due to the forthcoming District and Parish council elections and the need to train the incoming new councillors who will make up the new planning committee.

The Local Bus Services: Now for some good news! You may have seen recently in the local press, (EADT and Evening Star), that I presented a petition to Suffolk County Councillor Guy Macgregor, (Portfolio Holder for Transport), concerning the proposal to modify the 172/173 bus service that links Martlesham with Woodbridge and Felixstowe. It was proposed that that part of the journey where the bus travels around Eagle Way was to be discontinued on economic grounds and would only call at the BT mini roundabout. I am pleased to report that the service around Eagle Way will not now be discontinued but unfortunately it will be reduced to just 4 or 5 journeys per day in each direction. I will place some copies of the revised timetable that will operate from the 4th April in Duncan's and at the Black Tile's Post Office.

Finally, you may also have seen in the press that the County, District and Parish precepts for 2011-2012 will not be increased and as far as Suffolk Coastal DC is concerned the service will not be reduced.

If you would like to discuss any of the above items or other local matters, you can do so either by phone

on 01473 613360 or by e-mail to chris.blundell@suffolkcoastal.gov.uk. Alternatively you can join me for a chat and a 'cuppa' at St Michael's Church Hall on Monday 7th March from 10 am to 12 noon.

NO NEW TOWN AT BT MARTLESHAM

The Council will be voting on the Planning Framework at the special Full Council Meeting on Wednesday 9th March at 9:30 am at Trinity Park.

Based on the Council's own statistics, 1880 representations were received during the recent consultation period. Of these, only 66, approximately 4%, expressed support for the Council's plans. Despite this level of opposition, certain members of the Council are still determined to drive these plans through.

Unsurprisingly, most of the representations focused on the Council's plan to allocate 2000 homes, approximately 30% of all new homes to be built in the entire district, on the BT site at Martlesham Heath.

Our solicitor has advised us that the Council does not appear to have followed the appropriate procedures leading up to the adoption of the Core Strategy in respect of its duties under the Strategic Environmental Assessment Directive and the Habitats Directive. This opinion formed part of the NANT response to the Council. We will be pursuing this argument with the councillors along with our other major concerns regarding gridlock on the Orwell Bridge, the lack of proven housing "need" and the lack of local community engagement by the Council.

One of the key areas highlighted in the representations was the fact that the Orwell Bridge already is predicted to reach capacity by 2014 – this is without the additional 3000 cars that would be generated if the huge housing estate at Martlesham goes ahead. There is a suggestion to prohibit local traffic on the bridge, forcing local people through the centre of Ipswich. There is no other plan in place to prevent gridlock on the A14. As the major trunk road of the

region, this will have a disastrous impact on businesses and the economy of the district.

The Council will be voting on the Planning Framework at the special Full Council Meeting on Wednesday 9th March at 9:30 am at Trinity Park.

You need to be there - the Council needs to see the amount of opposition to the plan to build 2000 houses on the BT site.

In the meantime you should continue to contact councillors from across the district to ensure that all councillors are made aware of the level of public anger on the matter. Names and contact details of councillors are available on the Suffolk Coastal website

If you wish to keep in touch with the campaign, donate to the fighting fund or volunteer your expertise, please contact us via our website -

www.noadastralnewtown.com

MARTLESHAM HEATH HOUSEHOLDERS LTD

A low attendance at the AGM, as usual. We desperately need new volunteers to be Directors to replace some retiring and others who may leave in the near future. Please consider giving some time to maintaining the village for the future. The Board now use the Control Tower for meetings and as its office, saving the cost of rental of premises at Barrack Square. The Playgroup has moved out to new premises.

The cost of maintaining the maturing trees around the village is creeping up and so we will only cut back or remove trees causing problems through size/disease/proximity to buildings, etc. The woodland is now needing increased attention to keep it as an asset to householders and wildlife. We have started on a programme of work but it will be gradual.

The question of paying the maintenance charge by Direct Debit was raised at the AGM. It is not viable at the moment due to very high costs involved but the alternative of paying via the internet has proved popular this year and last.

The question of vegetation

overhanging or blocking footpaths was mentioned. One director will have met with the Council representative responsible for the footpaths so hopefully some of the worst cases will be addressed. If you know of a neighbour's property where the vegetation is causing a problem, firstly mention it to them as they may not be aware of it. If this is not possible or nothing is done then it is the Council's responsibility to keep the highways clear (this includes paved footpaths). You can write to Suffolk County Council, East Area Highways Service at Saxmundham or telephone them on 01728 403087. They will then get in touch with the householder to rectify the matter.

There are two final items both involving dogs in one way or another. Firstly there are chicken carcasses being found in the woods opposite Heathfields. Dogs can choke on chicken bones. These may be being dragged there by foxes but we would remind anyone who may be feeding the foxes or putting the bones out for birds that this practice also encourages rats. We would ask that people do not feed the foxes, it is unnecessary and that cooked meat is not put out at all.

The second item is that there have been complaints about a large dog in the woods, not under the control of its owner, that has been behaving in a manner to cause distress to other dogs and owners, including a small child. All dog owners are responsible for the behaviour of their animal and if you know your dog does not respond to the recall then it has to stay on a lead until it can do so.

Finally, the next Board Meeting, to which everyone is invited, is on Monday 21st March in St Michael's Church Centre at 7:30 pm. Contact details are: (email) mhh@martlesham.org.uk, (phone) 01473 612207, (write) Control Tower, Deben Avenue, Ipswich IP5 3QR.

MARTLESHAM COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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**In aid of a new
Martlesham Village Hall and
East Anglian Air Ambulance**

**Friday 6th May at
Waldringfield Golf Club**

Teams of four (full club handicaps).
Best of 3 of 4 Stableford scoring on
each hole.

Nearest the pin.

Longest drive.

£120 per team (includes coffee and
bacon roll and light lunch).

For more information and entry
forms contact:

**Aly Andrews 01473 610755
or Jackie Bear 01473 623007**

MARTLESHAM IN BLOOM

Our next event:-

**Your Recycled Waste,
where does it go?**

Tuesday 15th March, 7:30 pm
in St Michael's Church Centre,
Martlesham Heath.

The guest speaker will be Sue
Gibbs, Contracts Supervising Offi-
cer for the Suffolk Recycling Con-
sortium at the Materials Recycling
Facility, Great Blakenham.

All welcome to come and hear what
happens to your recycled waste
and a chance to ask questions.
Light refreshments and raffle.

Admission free.

Tree Planting

Would you like to plant a tree(s)
for Mothering Sunday? We will be
planting trees near the Community
Hall, Felixstowe Road at 2:30 pm
on Saturday 2nd April. If you would
like to help please contact the sec-
retary, details below. The trees
have been provided by the Royal
Horticultural Society as part of the
launch of 'in bloom' competitions
across the country.

Looking forward to later in
the spring, on Tuesday 10th May,
we will be holding a talk of local
interest; this evening event will also
include our AGM and will be held in
St Michael's Church Centre, Mart-

lesham Heath at 7:30 pm. There will be more details nearer the time.

If you would like any further details on the above or any other Martlesham in Bloom activity please contact:-

J Maureen Burrows (Secretary) on 01473 625196.

MARTLESHAM & DISTRICT FLOWER CLUB

We welcomed Mrs Pat South to our meeting with her theme "It's a Wonderful World". Her arrangements were reminders of past holidays and places as far afield as Ecuador and Mexico. Red roses topped with gypsophila gave us snow topped volcanoes. Red amaryllis with orange carnations and foliage looked striking displayed in a bright Mexican hat. Then came a tall glass vase filled with crumpled wire and topped with cerise orchids and palms. An urn containing cornus sticks, pink alstroemeria, purple tulips and yellow roses transported us to Greece. Finishing our journey, a cool design of large white roses, green chrysanthemums and anthuriums had fond memories of Ireland.

The competition was won by Shirley Kendall with Kate Burrows winning the novice class.

The club meets at St Michael's Church Centre, Martlesham Heath, on the third Wednesday of each month at 2:30 pm. The annual subscription remains at £12.50 with visitors welcome at £2.50 per session. There is a plant and flower arrangers stall at each meeting.

The next meeting will be our AGM on 16th March followed by a demonstration by Mr Guy Barker entitled "Early Spring Colour". All are most welcome.

Margaret Doveston - 01473 624422

MARTLESHAM VILLAGE PRODUCE ASSOCIATION

Final notes

Last year an extraordinary meeting of members was held, and in the absence of any volunteers to run the Association, it was decided that there was no alternative but to dissolve after 65 years in existence. Over those years the V.P.A. provided activities for those with a

garden interest by arranging regular meetings, competitive flower shows and other occasions for members to meet socially. All these will be greatly missed by the remaining members.

We are most grateful to those who started the Association in 1945 and to those who kept it going until 2010.

The assets have been distributed as follows:

Balance of funds to Local Charities;

*St. Elizabeth Hospice - £1236

*East Anglian Children's Hospice - £1236

*East Anglian Air Ambulance Service - £1000

*Community Responders - £500

Cups and Trophies;

*Powling Memorial Cup returned to relatives of the donor.

*Other cups and trophies retained by the last winners.

- Donation of a Memorial Seat on the Common and now taken over by the Parish Council.

The old V.P.A. Committee and A.G.M. minute books are held at the County Record Office in Gattacre Road and the most recent will be deposited there.

FAREWELL - GOODBYE.

Brian Davey, Ex-Chairman

MARTLESHAM W.I.

Mr Philip Roberts is one of fifty-five presenters working for the Mary Rose Trust and we were delighted to welcome him to our last meeting. The Mary Rose was the flagship of King Henry VIII and when it sunk on 19th July 1545 he considered it a great tragedy and is known to have wept bitterly. The Mary Rose had undergone a refit just before she sank and it is thought that the extra timber used to take the weight of additional guns, the increase in the number of men on board and strong winds may have caused it to sink.

Mr Roberts told us that the Mary Rose Trust was founded at the end of 1978. Ironically when the Mary Rose was brought to the surface on 11th October 1982 she was lying only 100 yards from where she was built.

Countless items have been

recovered including oak chests, musical instruments, wooden bowls and flags, bobbins, threads, pewter navigation equipment – the list is endless. We were surprised when we heard that one of the recovered hair combs still contained human nits!

A new museum is currently being completed to house the Mary Rose and all the artefacts. This will be opened at the end of 2012.

Our next meeting will be on 18th March at 7:30 pm when Mr Pip Wright will give an illustrated talk entitled 'Frolic, Fun and Fornication'. 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 LADIES CLUB

Martlesham Ladies Club invite you to join us at our fortnightly meetings at the Richards Room Felixstowe Road Martlesham 7:30 pm on alternate Thursday evenings. We enjoy listening to speakers on a wide variety of topics, the occasional quiz and sometimes just a sociable supper evening. For further information please phone Doreen Boor on 01473 622768. In March we have a quiz night on 10th and Mary Moore talking of her 30 years of experience at the Forge on the 24th. You are welcome to join us.

MARTLESHAM MOTHERS' UNION

Have you been into St Michael's or St Mary's recently and seen the strange posters saying that the "Mother Union wants your pants"? What is it all about?

The Mothers' Union are supporting The Umbrella Trust, who in turn are supporting the homeless, often migrant workers seeking advice about life in Ipswich, people with drug or alcohol addictions, and those with physical and mental problems. The Umbrella Trust has now opened up in new premises in Black Horse Lane, Ipswich. It provides a focus for these people, who are often in need of a meal or shower, hence the need for clean underclothes and other goodies to help them on their

way. This is one more example of the MU trying to make a difference. If you would like to know more why not join us at one of our monthly meetings? We meet in St Michael's Church Centre on the first Wednesday of the month at 2:30 pm or telephone the Branch Leader, Florence Fisher, on 01473 631347.

MARTLESHAM HEATH BABY & TODDLER GROUP

On Friday 11th February we will have drawn the Valentine's Day raffle, congratulations to Tracey, Edwina and Aviar. A big thank you also goes to The New Wolsley Theatre, Helen Skene and Geraldine Maskey for donating the prizes.

There is a special day coming up in April – Mother's Day. This year we have decided to hold a raffle with the prize being a pamper hamper containing lots of special treats for the mums. The raffle tickets will be £2 a strip and draw will be made on Friday 1st April.

For the Easter holidays we will be closed on Wednesday 13th April and we'll reopen on Wednesday 4th May.

We will be holding our AGM in the Martlesham Pavilion on Tuesday 17th May at 8 pm. The AGM is a crucial event in the life of the group. Not only do we need a full committee to be able to run the group, we also need plenty of members at the meeting to elect that committee. Without your attendance the group will sadly have to close, and we've come very close to it each time round over the past 3 years. Please spare us an hour (maximum) of your time to make sure that this valuable resource keeps going.

There are likely to be some vacancies on the committee for next year. Please speak to any member of the committee (our contact details are displayed on the board at sessions) or e-mail us (address below) if you're interested in joining the committee or would just like to find out a bit more. The committee members are usually the mums, but dads, grandparents, aunts and uncles can all get involved.

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.

MARTLESHAM PLAYSCHOOL

Our fundraisers have been busy organising events for this term and next. Our last day of this term will combine a sponsored woodland trail with an end of term party. This should be great fun for our children as they, and parents, will be walking through the woods looking for all sorts of items. Thanks to their parents and friends generosity we hope to raise funds to finish off our new outside area. After their woodland walk the children will then enjoy some party games and of course some food to finish off with!

This year our annual fun day will take place on Saturday July 2nd. This year we shall have a new venue as Gorseland's headteacher is very kindly going to let us use their car park area, so we shall be able to have all our usual stalls and activities. More details in due course. We shall be organising one or two other events as the weather improves, more details to follow.

Our website is currently being updated but you can still click on to:- www.playschool.martlesham.org.uk and you can find out all about us and download

our prospectus and registration form. Alternatively, you can 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 do have a waiting list, and are full this term (and will be full next term) so we advise that you complete a registration form at the earliest opportunity. We currently take children from 2 to 5 years, and accept children onto our waiting list from any area.

Caroline Swale, Business Manager

CALLING ALL MUMS...

The Mums' Club will be celebrating its 11th birthday on Tuesday 1st March at St. Michael's Church Centre, Martlesham Heath from 12:45 pm to 2:30 pm. All mums with babies and toddlers are invited to join us for a birthday lunch which will be served around 1 pm. We will then welcome Julia Drewell who will entertain us with a 'Mummy and Me' session.

Looking ahead - our next meeting will be held on Tuesday 5th April when we will be having a talk on 'Baby First Aid'.

For more details on the above meetings or for more information about Mums' Club please ring Sue on 01473 624130 or Kay on 01473 626169.

KESGRAVE CHILDREN'S CENTRE

We would like to thank everyone for helping us to get 2011 off to such a good start. All our groups are up and running in various venues in Kesgrave, Rushmere and Martlesham and are being well supported by local families.

Calling all grandparents and dads, are you helping to care for your grandchildren or children? Why not come and visit us and join in with all the activities available. Your input is very important to us and we welcome your suggestions for new groups for future timetables.

Looking for things to do at half term? We have a creative craft session at Kesgrave Community Centre on Monday 21st February

between 10:30 am – 11:30 am, and on Thursday 24th February we are having a Literacy Corner at the Children's Centre between 10 am – 11:30 am. This is going to be a joint venture with Kesgrave Library. Please come and join us, listen to a story, read or borrow a book with your children. We look forward to meeting you.

If you have any questions please contact us at Kesgrave Children's Centre on 01473 636726 or our other Children's Centres: Caterpillar (Woodbridge) 01394 388276 and Rendlesham 01394 462191.

1ST MARTLESHAM HEATH RANGERS

The Rangers would like to say a big "THANK YOU" to everyone who supported their stall at the Xmas Fayre, partook of their homemade soup at Carols in the square, bought Xmas cards and donated fruit. So far profits made, to be split between Scout and Guide Funds, are £70.40. We still have lots of Xmas cards left, designed by some of our Guides and Rangers, so if you want to "Be Prepared" for Xmas 2011 early and buy some, please contact Jo, details below.

COULD THIS BE YOU?

Could you spare a little time to help some younger folk?

They're keen to learn, love games and fun, and also like a joke.

Many Rainbows, Brownies & Guides are feeling rather sad:

Their Leader's leaving, or she's gone – although they're not that bad!

If no-one else comes forward, their Units will close down,

No weekly meetings to enjoy, nor outings up to Town.

They'll miss the games they love to play, and all the things they learn, And as for younger sisters – they'll never get a turn.

No special skills are needed – just time and patience too,

There's a really friendly District Team, to show you what to do.

"But where have all the Guiders gone?" I'm sure you want to know,

"Those maiden Aunts, and dear old folks, who did it years ago?"

Those people aren't around these days, it's down to *me* and *you*, To give our time, make lots of friends, and help the youngsters too.

It's all too easy just to sit, and hope for someone new,

But Rainbows, Brownies and Guides, now, are run by people just like you!

To help more young women locally to enjoy the Guiding experience, please contact:-

Girlguiding Kesgrave District –
Alice Rice 01473 612377

Girlguiding Martlesham District –
Jo Dixon 01473 622160

MARTLESHAM HEATH AVIATION SOCIETY

Friday February 4th and we were entertained by an illustrated talk by Mr Ron Brewer, entitled "Compulsory Nation Service – Love it or Hate it".

Some 2 million young men were conscripted into either the RAF or the army for a period of two years from the late 1940's until the last man was demobbed in 1963. At that time our overseas commitments extended from Germany to the far-east and it was to Germany that Ron Brewer was sent. As he said, you either loved it or you hated it. Ron enjoyed his time as an Air Movements clerk and he shared his experiences with us with the aid of photographs taken at the time.

A vote of thanks was given by our chairman, Martyn Cook.

Our next meeting is on Friday March 4th at the Community hall, Felixtowe Road as usual. The speaker will be Mr David Cook and is entitled "Flying From My Mind". The title is taken from his book and his talk will outline his story of a lifetime of flying, both as a designer of microlite aircraft and a record breaker. It promises to be a fascinating evening. Non-members are welcome for a payment of just £2.50 at the door. All meetings start at 7:30 pm with a coffee break half way through.

Alan Powell - 01473 622458

PORTAL WOODLANDS CONSERVATION GROUP

If you are unable to find the time to help us but have some old tools that you no longer need then we would be happy to give them a good home and put them to good use. Just drop us an e-mail.

A word of warning if you are walking or cycling along the perimeter track, the tarmac covered track that links the Control Tower end of the woods to Portal Avenue. There have been several 'near misses' with vehicles. If you see or experience such an incident then please would you report it to the Group or Martlesham Parish Council. Thank you to those who have reported incidents so far.

The Working Party continued to clear trees and shrubs in the hazel area – dormice are on their way, they have been seen on the west side of Ipswich.

Nature Explorers Club did some great team work and helped to start to clear a bunker in preparation for making a wildlife habitat. Finding some creature friends on the way!

Nature Watch Club existing members are getting excited about starting back to Nature Watch next month. If your child enjoys being outside and learning about nature, why not find out more information and bring them along (see link below)?

I would like to invite you to the AGM on 7th March, this will take place at the Martlesham Parish Council Office, Martlesham (road behind Tesco), starting at 7:30 pm. Maybe time to get involved?

Do not worry, if you can not make the AGM - you are welcome to come to any of the workdays throughout the year. Please do not think of the workdays as hard, gruelling work sessions, far from it: Everyone does as much or as little as they like. No specialist gear is required, just wear old clothes and sensible footwear and we provide the tools, the cake, a cuppa and of course some cheerful banter. See you there sometime!

Dates for the diary:

Woodlands Work Morning Saturday 19th March, 10 am - 12 noon
Nature Watch Meeting Saturday 23rd April, 10 am - 12 noon.
Nature Explorers Club Saturday 19th March, 9-11 am.

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

Jocelyn Cook

WHY SHOULD I JOIN SPEAK EASY AT MARTLESHAM?

To 'find your voice'. Some of you will discover speaking skills you didn't know you had! For others it's about developing your speaking skills further, making you more practiced and at ease in different speaking situations.

In fact public speaking is relevant in many situations – it's not just for the "My Lords, Ladies and Gentlemen..." type of formal speech. It can apply almost anytime and anywhere when you're presenting rather than just conversing. It can happen every day; for instance at a workplace meeting.

Speak Easy At Martlesham is a Toastmasters International club. It provides a number of structured programmes for you to work through, to develop your public speaking and associated skills. All the club members help and support each other, so it's a very economical and enjoyable way to develop better public speaking; a safe and encouraging way to learn.

Interested? We'd be very pleased to see you, as our guest. Don't worry about having to speak straightaway. It's entirely up to you if and when you speak and for that matter, if and when you join us. We meet every other Thursday in the Richards Room, Martlesham Community Hall, Felixstowe Road, Martlesham (behind the Tesco superstore). Meetings are 7 pm for 7:15 pm.

Future Speakeasy at Martlesham 2011 meetings:

March 3rd, 17th and 31st
April 14th and 28th

Further details can be found at www.speakeasyatmartlesham.co.uk or call Dave Nightingale on 07969 598633 or Sonya Burrows on 01473 625196.

ST ELIZABETH HOSPICE NEEDS YOUR USED STAMPS AND OLD COINS

Several years ago I witnessed the wonderful work of the dedicated team at the St Elizabeth Hospice in Foxhall Road, Ipswich and was determined to help them to raise much needed funds.

They are able to sell used stamps and old British and foreign coins in bulk and turn them into cash. The stamps are sorted and sold by weight, ending up in stamp collections around the world. Old British and foreign coins left over from your holidays abroad also have value to the charity.

Here is where you come in - if you can save your used stamps and drop them through my door you too can help the Hospice. Just remember please to leave a 1 cm 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 letter-box very soon add up to a great deal for the Hospice.

Thank you all for your continued support.
Bev Read, 15 Demesne Gardens,
Martlesham Heath
01473 622721

MARTLESHAM HEATH AND KESGRAVE COUNTRY MARKETS

Visit your local Country Market held on a Tuesday at The Pavilion, The Square, Martlesham Heath between 9 am and 10:15 am. A free car park is nearby. Easy access for children's buggies, and mobility chairs.

A wide variety of baked goods and individual meals are available and special dietary requirements may be ordered for

collection the following week. Celebration cakes are a speciality. Good selection of jams, marmalades, honey, and chutneys available. Vegetables and fresh fruit when in season, along with bedding and houseplants. Free range eggs offered most days.

Our craft section offers a selection of knitted garments, both for baby to adult sizes as well as the more unusual handcrafted items which make a perfect gift. Wood turned pieces on show, and we offer a framing service for pictures and embroidery, which can also be stretched.

Are you disappointed that you are unable to see us on a Tuesday? Please note – we also have a market on a Saturday at the Scout H/Q, Twelve Acre Approach between 9:30 am and 11:30 am. At both venues sit and enjoy a cup of tea or coffee with us.

Any enquiries to: Margaret Gayfer - 01473 623849.

MARTLESHAM CARPET BOWLS CLUB

This year, instead of sending Christmas cards to our friends in the club, we decided to have a box where members could donate to charity, and we are pleased to have been able to donate £65 to the Treehouse Appeal. Thank you all for your generous contributions.

We played Kesgrave, our old friends from our previous spell in the second division, on 1st February where, unfortunately, we lost 8:2. This, however, was a close match and a very enjoyable evening. We also suffered an 8:2 loss against Old Felixstowe on 9th February. Consequently our lead in the League is dramatically reduced to a 1 point lead.

Our Annual Dinner was held on 3rd February at Alnesbourne Priory. As usual the food was excellent with very comfortable surroundings. The evening was completed with a Quiz where there was great competition for the lead, the team eventually winning having a couple, Susan and George, who have been in every winning team since the Quiz was initially introduced (don't tell them but we try to

do table arrangements in an effort to exclude them but it doesn't work - just shows it must be their intelligence!!) Finally the Club provided us with an excellent free draw.

Maureen Banthorp

MARTLESHAM BOWLS CLUB

Brian Davey - 01473 624789

Linda Brown - 01394 384698

George Gould - 01473 636155

Once again the outdoor bowling season will soon be upon us. The club opens on Saturday 16th April at 2 pm with our Annual Spoon Drive. Anyone wishing to join the club this coming season – whether experienced or new to the game – can come down to the Green on that day to meet some of the members and to get an idea of what the club is like.

We are situated on the Recreation Ground, behind Spencer's Garage in the old part of Martlesham. We are a small but very friendly club and play bowls on a social level amongst ourselves and also at a more competitive level in leagues if you wish. We play friendly matches with other clubs and also hold various open tournaments throughout the season. So if you would like more fresh air, good company and light exercise then bowling is the pastime for you.

This year one of our members – Mr Peter Gorham – is President of the Suffolk County Bowls Association. This is a great honour for both Peter and our club. We will be holding various extra events as a result of Peter being President, one of which being the County 'Area B' Finals on Saturday and Sunday 16th and 17th July.

If you would like to visit the club and try your hand at the game on our Green please contact one of the members on the above telephone numbers. They will be only too pleased to meet with you at the club and to answer any of your questions.

One of the most popular events we have at the club is our Open Wednesday Pairs Tournaments. These are held once a month throughout the season. They are very popular with both our own

members and non-members of the club.

Linda Brown, Secretary

PLAYFORD FOOTBALL CLUB

sponsored by The Martlesham Monthly

Playford have improved their performances and results in recent weeks. In fact January saw a return of two wins, a draw and a defeat.

Playford earned a hard fought 2-2 draw with a disciplined display against Brookhayes. Brookhayes had beaten Playford 9-1 in the cup already this season.

The draw was built on the following week with a 5-1 victory over local rivals Martlesham Wanderers before a second win of the season was achieved against Murray Rangers, when Playford left it until midway into the second half to score the winner.

Young striker Nick Bingham has recently equalled a club record by scoring in 10 consecutive matches - a feat last achieved eleven years ago.

Former MYFC player and club captain Rich Jones has also been on the goal trail, scoring in the last three matches - curling in two free-kicks and converting a spot-kick.

The next home game is against Felixstowe Harpers on Sunday 13th March. Matches kick off at 10:15 am at Farlingaye High School.

TABLE TENNIS

Martlesham residents are invited to try their hand at table tennis. The club runs term time every Friday from 7 pm to 9 pm, excluding 25th February. In operation since September 2007, the club was started to give people the chance to play table tennis on the east side of Ipswich. Beginners to league players are welcome and depending on numbers, singles or doubles are played. Bats and balls can be provided at no extra charge. If you haven't picked up a bat before or have played sometime in the past, you can try your hand at the Kesgrave Sports Hall. Pay and play at £3 per 2 hour session. A limited

number of junior coaching places may be available, please enquire by phone. For further information please ring 01473 610177.

QUIET DAYS IN A GARDEN

Jeremy and Cynthia Walsh are offering informal Quiet Days in their garden and home again this year on the following Thursdays: 12th May, 30th June, 4th August and 8th September (10 am - 4 pm).

All are welcome. There is a maximum of six places on each day, so booking in advance is essential. A simple lunch will be provided. Cost £6, payable on the day. Ring 01473 620797; or write to 6 Warren Lane, Martlesham Heath, Ipswich IP5 3SH; or e-mail: jandcw@warrenlane6.freeserve.co.uk

KESGRAVE SLIMMING WORLD

GROUP HOLDING

FUNDRAISER FOR EACH

Slimming World group at Kesgrave are holding a craft fair in aid of EACH on April 2nd at Kesgrave Scout Hall, Rupert Fison Square at 2 pm. Free entry to buyers. Refreshments, raffles, etc. Tables still available. For more information contact Gail on 07751 383033 or 01394 670108.

BOTSWANA - CHARITY

JUMBLE SALE

Date: 2nd April

Time: 10 am - 12 noon

Venue: Martlesham Pavilion

Refreshments available.

Please come and support us on 2nd April raise funds for Jonathan Long to volunteer for a year in a Botswana school for disadvantaged young men.

If you have any jumble you would like to donate over the next month or so, please give me a call on 01473 626559 so I can arrange to collect it.

Ann Long

NEWS FROM THE LIONS CLUB OF WOODBRIDGE & DISTRICT

After the busy Christmas period we've had the chance to catch our breath, enjoy a couple of social events and also regain the South

Suffolk trivia quiz shield from arch rivals Ipswich. Our intrepid quiz team now progresses to the East Anglian final. After last year's unprecedented wash out, the Elmhurst Extravaganza is in the planning stages once again. This year's event will be held in Elmhurst Park on the afternoon of Sunday 1st May. Watch for further details, as we hope to have some new attractions alongside the well established favourites. We hope as many people as possible will be there to enjoy an afternoon of fun for all the family and to help us fund our contribution to the community.

CRUSE BEREAVEMENT CARE caring for bereaved people for 50 years

Cruse Bereavement Care is the largest bereavement care charity in the UK, with 178 branches throughout the country and 6,300 volunteers. For 50 years, Cruse volunteers have offered practical and emotional support to the families and friends of those who have died. In the early years, the charity was for the support of widows, but now Cruse is there for everyone bereaved by death: the 83-year old widow who cannot imagine life without her beloved husband of 60 years; the 10-year old boy whose mum is not there to watch his first football match; the hardworking nurse and mother who is shocked by how devastated she is by the death of her elderly dad. Cruse's highly-trained bereavement volunteers are there for them all, offering face-to-face, group or telephone support.

Cruse in Suffolk aims, like Cruse throughout the country, to offer free information, advice and support to anyone who is bereaved, regardless of age, race, culture or background. They work to enable bereaved people to move forward and to regain a sense of future hope and independence.

Cruse in Suffolk is in urgent need of people not only to train as bereavement support volunteers but also to help in many other ways, such as fundraising, administration, PR, etc. If you feel you have the

time and commitment to become involved in this worthwhile work, please consider joining a training course for bereavement volunteers or contacting Suffolk Cruse to find out how else you can help. The charity is committed to continue to care for all those who are grieving throughout the county and we are determined to be able to reach anyone who needs us.

For further information please contact: Mrs Robin Meares, Area Administrator, Suffolk Cruse
Tel: 01245 233518
Email: suffolk@cruse.org.uk
Website: www.suffolkcruse.co.uk
National website: www.cruse.org.uk

Woman's World Day of Prayer Service

**Prepared by the
Christian Women of Chile
at St. Michael's and All Angel's
Church, Martlesham Heath
on March 4th at 10:30 am
Speaker: Rev Janice Leaver.
Theme: "How many loaves
have you?"**

**Other services locally
Quay St Church, Woodbridge at 2
pm**

**Speaker: Mrs Yvonne Platten.
St Andrew's Church, Melton at
7:30 pm**

**Speaker: Mrs Beryl Lucas.
All welcome - men, women and
young people.**

MARTLESHAM CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

This fellowship is an independent, evangelical Church, situated in Black Tiles Lane, adjacent to the Primary School. The Fellowship grew from a small Sunday School at Bloomfield's Farm, some 60 years ago. God has blessed this work and a new Hall was built in 1972 at a cost of £4,500, the members doing the most of the work. The building was extended in 2006, to create an attractive hall, with a substantial car park. (The latter being regularly used by Beacon Hill School parents.)

Several helpful activities are run by the members - a mum and

toddler's group, Tuesday Circle for women and Friends on Friday (a relaxed, informal time, with varied activities for senior folk). It is hoped to recommence the popular 'after school' club for years 5 and 6 in the near future.

Our main worship and teaching time is on Sunday mornings at 10 am. We endeavour to be a warm, welcoming Church, in a relaxed, informal atmosphere.

There is a high standard of scriptural teaching, aiming to show the relevance of the Christian faith to modern life and the complex problems of the families and communities. These services are shared between local members and visiting speakers.

Regular house groups help to engender close relationships, and give opportunity for sharing, asking questions and growing in faith.

We have no desire to 'poach' people from the many excellent local churches! But if you are looking for a spiritual home, or wish to explore the Christian faith, you will be made very welcome at this Church.

"We preach Christ, and Him Crucified"

John Mellen and Ted Jack (Church leaders) - 01473 624401

MARTLESHAM CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

Black Tiles Lane

"Who is seeking who?"

Christians often urge people to 'seek God!' - to cultivate a relationship with the Almighty, because we believe that faith in God is the bedrock of a stable, balanced life. As one verse from Isaiah says - "Seek the Lord while He may be found. call upon Him while He is near!"

It is also true that the Lord, our Creator, is seeking us! He wants to show us His boundless love and forgiveness. Do you remember the parables of the lost coin and the lost sheep? These illustrate the heart of God, who longs to find those who have strayed from Him. Like the 'good Shepherd', He wants to carry the lost ones home. Jesus said "I came to seek and to save those who are lost!"

Those who seek God will find Him and enter into the greatest adventure this world (or the 'next' world!) has to offer. The welcome is always sure and gives cause for rejoicing, as the Heavenly Father figuratively, 'kills the fatted calf', to welcome home the son He thought He had lost forever.

ACTIVITIES IN MARCH

SUNDAYS - Worship and Communion, 10 am (we shall be looking at the exciting progress of the Early Church from the book of Acts)

TUESDAY CIRCLE - 8th March, The Sue Ryder Homes

WEDNESDAYS - House Groups, 7:30 pm

THURSDAYS - Mums and Toddlers, 10 am

FRIDAYS - Friends on Friday, 10 am

SATURDAY 5th March - Prayer Breakfast, 8:30 am

For further information ring John Mellen (01473 624401).

BRIGHT STARS

Are you a pre-schooler, toddler or baby? If so, we would like to invite you and your parents or carers to come and enjoy singing, stories and crafts at Bright Stars, a fun children's worship and activity session held on the second and fourth Mondays of each month (during term time), 10:30 am at St Michael's Church Centre, Martlesham Heath. The half hour sessions are free and are followed by refreshments and a chance to chat and play. Why not come and visit us soon?

The remaining dates for our Spring 2011 sessions are:

March 14th, 28th

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 MARCH

***Sundays 6th and 20th - Holy Communion, 8 am**

***Sundays 13th - NO SERVICE, 27th - Combined Lenten Evensong**

***Ash Wednesday 9th March - Holy Communion, 7 pm**

As in the past during Lent, the Benefice will be sharing Evensong Ser-

vices with the Waldringfield Benefice and from this we will have no Service at Brightwell on 13th March, but will be visiting Waldringfield to share Evensong with them. Our Lenten Evensong will be on March 27th and this will also be the last Sunday that Revd Ian Naylor will be with us. A warm welcome is extended to all for this Service.

The men have now established a pattern for meeting in the "shed" and by the look of things, by the amount of mardling and coffee/tea drinking that has been shared, it looks as though it may be difficult to tempt them out the shed. Perhaps some brighter weather may help! All those attending seem to be enjoying these very informal occasions and we welcome all men to join us for a chat and fellowship. Usually one or more members have something of interest to show us and the pool of so called "expertise" seems limitless! We meet at the Church Hall on second and fourth Thursdays from 9:30 am to 12 noon.

Meanwhile the Churchwardens are planning another flower festival in June to take place over the weekend of 25th/26th. Please mark your diaries. How soon we forget our vows of "Never again!" Geoff Lambert, PCC Secretary brightwellchurch@btinternet.com www.achurchnearyou.com

ST MARY'S AND

ST MICHAEL'S CHURCHES

March sees two special events at St Michael's and All Angels to celebrate 20 years of the Church on Martlesham Heath. This wonderful building is the centre of Christian Worship on the Heath and used by many church based and local groups for regular activities, as well as being a venue for concerts and other events.

On Saturday 12th March at 7 pm a Quiz Night will be held. Tickets costing £3.50 will include a finger buffet and are available from Martin Cottrell or Ann Berg (telephone 01394 387049). On Sunday 13th March between 2 and 5 pm the Church will host displays

of the history of the building and the events that have taken place since its opening in 1991. Cream teas will be served and there will be a raffle and book stall.

Mothering Sunday Services will be held on 3rd March (see Schedule of Services) and Lent Lunches begin on 8th March and will take place at St Michael's each Tuesday until Easter from 12:30 pm. This simple lunch will be followed by prayer, and money raised will go to a charity supporting those in the world less fortunate than ourselves.

We also say goodbye this month to Ian and Judith Naylor and their family as they move on to Shropshire. A special Benefice Service will be held on 27th March followed by a Bring and Share Lunch.

Looking ahead – a date for your diary:- Church Fete, Saturday 18th June.

THE MARTLESHAM HEATH PAVILION

The Martlesham Heath Pavilion has the following time slots available for bookings:

WEEKLY

Thursdays 12 pm-6 pm

Fridays 8 pm-11 pm

FORTNIGHTLY

Tuesdays 7:30 pm-11 pm

Thursdays 9 am-12 pm, second and fourth Thursday of each month.

MONTHLY

Thursdays 9 am-12 pm, third Thursday of each month

The Pavilion is a great location for a children's party at weekends.

If you want to book the Martlesham Heath Pavilion or need more information please call Becky on 07732 199 712.

Alternatively, you can book via our website: <http://www.martlesham.org.uk/pavilion/index.htm> which also contains details of our current rates and hiring conditions.



THE CHURCH IN MARTLESHAM & BRIGHTWELL

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 Marion Davies, 60 Lark Rise, Martlesham Heath 01473 624196

Services for the Month	Brightwell St. John's	Martlesham St. Mary's	Martlesham Heath St. Michael's
Sunday 6th March 1st Sunday before Lent	8am Holy Communion	11am Holy Communion (BCP)	9:45am All Age Worship 6:30pm Informal Worship
Sunday 13th March 1st Sunday of Lent	6:30pm Evensong 6:30pm United Lent Evensong at All Saint's Waldringfield	8am Holy Communion 11am Family Service	9:45am Family Communion and Junior Church
Sunday 20th March 2nd Sunday of Lent	8am Holy Communion	11am Holy Communion 6:30pm United Evensong	9:45am Worship and Junior Church
Sunday 27th March 3rd Sunday of Lent	6:30pm United Evensong	8am Holy Communion	9:45am Benefice Service and Junior Church
Sunday 3rd April Mothering Sunday	8am Holy Communion 6:30pm United Lent Evensong at St Mary's Newbourne	11am Holy Communion (BCP)	9:45am All Age Worship

MIDWEEK SERVICES: Holy Communion each Wednesday at 10am in St Michael's.
 On Wednesday 9th March, **Ash Wednesday**, there will also be Holy Communion at 7pm at Brightwell
 Bright Stars meet on Mondays 14th and 28th March 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:

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| 5 pray for democratic government in Egypt | 27 pray for all the children in our parishes |
| 6 give thanks for our freedom to worship | 28 pray for our emergency services |
| 7 pray for the work of the Umbrella Trust | 29 pray for the teenagers in our churches |
| 8 pray for those preparing for the season of Lent | 30 pray for the residents of Carlford Close |
| 9 pray for the residents of Buckingham Close | 31 pray for all those who work in hospices |
| 10 pray for our government & the decisions they make | APRIL 1 ask forgiveness for the foolish things we do |
| 11 pray for those facing financial hardship | 2 give thanks for all kinds of music |
| 12 pray for countries affected by flooding | 3 give thanks for all mothers and carers |
| 13 pray for those who are persecuted for their faith | 4 pray that the world's resources may be fairly shared |
| 14 pray for all the countries in the Commonwealth | |
| 15 pray for those questioning the Christian faith | |
| 16 pray for the residents of Burgess Place | |
| 17 pray for those who have been bereaved Mews | |
| 18 pray for those who suffer anxiety and stress | |
| 19 give thanks for happy family life | |
| 20 give thanks for God's unconditional love | |
| 21 prayer: pray for prisoners and prison workers | |
| 22 pray for those who have been made redundant | |
| 23 pray for the residents of California | |
| 24 pray for those who feel forgotten and unloved | |
| 25 give thanks for the love of friends & neighbours | |
| 26 give thanks for the beginning of summertime | |