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EDITORIAL

I would like to wish all our readers, contributors and advertisers a very happy Christmas and a

peaceful New Year. May I also add a very heartfelt thank you to all of those who have helped make my first year as editor of this publication a very enjoyable one indeed.

TALKING MARTLESHAM MONTHLY

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POLICE

Community Police Officer
PC Ian Rafferty

In case of emergencies please always call 999. In non-emergency situations call the main switchboard on 01473 613500; you can also contact PC Rafferty on the following numbers for non-urgent matters: Office—01473 383487
Mobile—07810 654145
E-mail—ian.rafferty1@ntlworld.com

MUSIC ON THE GREEN

Saturday 10th July 2004 will see the fourth annual "Music on the Green" event. This is a free live music event and the proceeds are donated to charity. This year, as in previous years, we shall be supporting St Elizabeth Hospice and Guide Dogs For The Blind, two very worthwhile charities. The 2003 event was hugely successful, with continuous music from 10:30 am until 10:30 pm. The committee are now meeting and getting together a varied programme of music for 2004.

Visit our web site for the latest news - www.musiconthegreen.com

Paul Firman
Chairman

MARTLESHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Parish Plan

The Parish Council will soon be

deciding whether or not to proceed with a Parish Plan. The purpose of the plan will be to consult with all residents to find out what are their views, concerns, needs and aspirations regarding all aspects of our community. We can then work to plan to fulfill or resolve these as much as we are able and try to further improve the community and its facilities. The plan will also help give us a stronger voice in our liaison with and consultations from the district and county councils and other agencies.

Anybody who has any comments or may be interested in helping with this please let the Clerk know.

New Bus Stop

A new bus stop has been provided on Eagle Way near Parker's Place. This is on trial basis and will be monitored by the bus company; if it is found to be regularly used then it could become permanent. Any comments please let the clerk know.

Cycling on Footways

Some students from Kesgrave High School are riding on the footways with no regard for pedestrians and recently an elderly lady was seen to be deliberately almost knocked over. There were also concerns over youngsters cycling in groups particularly in the Lark Rise/Swan Close/Eagle Way area. Parents should please make sure that their children, whatever age, cycle safely and are considerate to all pedestrians. The footways are for pedestrians not for cyclists.

Make sure that you cycle with good lights front and rear so that you can see and be seen.

Refuse Collection Service

Suffolk Coastal will be starting a major review of the refuse collection services because of expanding recycling needs, changes in the type and quantity of waste and household growth. Comments, views and suggestions are sought for example any preferred collection days, any access problems and any other difficulties. The Parish Council would like to hear your comments before responding or you may wish also to comment direct to Christopher, Services Manager (Waste) at

Suffolk Coastal District Council.

Budgets

The parish council has been preparing its budget for next year prior to deciding its precept (i.e. money collected via the Council Tax) in December or January. The council tries to keep any increases to a minimum but with the ever increasing cost of providing the services this will be very difficult. A particularly large expenditure is on land maintenance and this will be reviewed as the current three year contract ends in March and tenders for a new contract will have to be obtained. If you have any comments about the parish council's work and expenditure please write or e-mail them to the clerk as any comments or suggestions will be useful when the budgets and precept are being decided.

Meetings

* Parish Council - Wednesday 3rd December and 7th January

* Development Plans Committee - Wednesday 10th December

All meetings are at 7:30 pm in the Parish Room, Felixstowe Road but please check the notice boards for further details of the above and other meetings.

All meetings are open to the public and there is an opportunity at Council meetings for residents to ask questions or make comments to the council.

Contacting the Council

In writing to the Clerk, Martlesham Parish Council Office, Felixstowe Road, Martlesham, Woodbridge, IP12 4PB.

Telephone or fax 01473 612632 via any councillor.

E-mail: martleshampc@btclick.com

Laurence Burrows - Chairman

MARTLESHAM IN BLOOM

Millennium Drought Garden

After many years of planning and work the last stage has started with the final planting of shrubs and plants; this will continue over the next few weeks leading up to the **Grand Opening on Sunday 29th February 2004.** *Further details in January's Monthly.*

Until that time the orange netting will have to remain around the site to help protect the plants

from further thefts or damage; it is unfortunate that a few people like to spoil things by stealing some of the shrubs planted earlier and causing damage to the garden.

The planting is being carried out by volunteers and the plants paid for by donations from individuals, funds raised by the Martlesham in Bloom Committee and grants from Suffolk Environmental Trust and the Parish Council.

We would like to invite everybody from the parish to the opening. We would also like to hear from anyone whose birthday is on February 29th and who lives in the parish of Martlesham as we would like them to help "cut the ribbon". If you can help with this ceremony please contact J. Maureen Burrows (address below).

Calendars 2004

Martlesham in Bloom calendars featuring scenes of the parish are on sale at £1.00 each from The Merchem Pharmacy, The Square, Martlesham Heath and The Post Office Stores, Blacktiles Lane, Martlesham.

If you would like information on the above or any Martlesham in Bloom activity please contact - J. Maureen Burrows (Secretary), 17 Squires Lane, Martlesham Heath. Tel. 01473 625196.

MARTLESHAM COMMUNITY COUNCIL

(Registered Charity 273769)

Progress of Community Projects

No major updates this month. Some further plans for the proposed Village Hall & Changing Rooms next to the recreation ground have been received.

If anyone would like to find out more about the projects, you are welcome to come along to a committee meeting (second Monday of the month) - please contact Jackie on 623007. Background on the projects can also be found on the Martlesham Community web site at <http://www.martlesham.org.uk>

Fund Raising

A big thank you to all the house-

holders who volunteered their time to knock on doors and answer questions about your Community Council. It was interesting to hear that some people confuse us with Martlesham Consultants Limited and others thought we were something to do with the Parish Council! This has prompted the committee to start to consider renaming ourselves (the Kesgrave equivalent is called 'SPARK') so we have a clearer identity. Remember we are a charity whose role is to raise money for community projects that benefit the residents of Martlesham.

The house to house has raised in excess of £2000 with over £300 able to be claimed back from the inland revenue - thanks to all who filled in the CAF form on the front of the envelopes.

We have postponed the jumble sale until February 28th so please keep gathering any jumble you don't want - contact Jackie Bear on 623007 if you have some to give (Jackie's greenhouse is filling up nicely!!).

Dave Green (MCC scribe), dave.green@btinternet.com

DATES FOR POLICE ADVICE CENTRES / SURGERIES 2003

PC 387 Ian Rafferty will be at the Martlesham Heath Pavilion between 2:00—3:30 pm on the following date this year...

Thurs. 11th December.

PC 387 Ian Rafferty
Martlesham Community Police
Officer

MARTLESHAM CONSULTANTS LIMITED

Looking After Our Village

The Annual General Meeting held on 13th November was well attended and the Chairman in his report explained fully the two Resolutions on which the members were being asked to vote, namely the need to set the annual maintenance charge at £15 (instead of £20 discounted to £10 for prompt payment) and to enter into a lease on the Western Corridor. Members voted overwhelmingly in favour of both these Resolutions.

The Treasurer described to members the efforts that are being made to recover unpaid maintenance charge payments and the success so far of so doing. Unfortunately this work is ongoing but the Company is resolved to continue this effort even though the number of defaulters is quite small.

As this will be the last report to Martlesham Monthly this year the Board sends best wishes to members for Christmas and the New Year.

As usual MCL can be contacted by voicemail on 01473 612207, e-mail at mcl.mh@btinternet.com or by letter at 6 The Square.

AGE CONCERN SUFFOLK

Age Concern Suffolk is a local, independent charity providing advice, information and a range of services for people over 60 and those caring for them. At our local office help desks in Ipswich, Bury St Edmunds and Halesworth we welcome personal and telephone callers and can answer your questions, listen to your problems and guide you to local services who can help.

Our Advice Service assists senior citizens to claim all the money benefits they are entitled to. A confidential home visit can be arranged anywhere in the county to give assistance with completion of benefit application forms.

Other services include specialist dementia support teams, home helps, a befriending service for older people who feel lonely or isolated and a range of day care services around the county.

Age Concern Suffolk has seven charity shops raising income for our services. They all welcome donations of re-saleable nearly new clothing, books and bric-a-brac. All income raised in our Suffolk charity shops stays in Suffolk!

For more information please contact your nearest Age Concern Suffolk office:-

IPSWICH 8 Northgate Street 01473 257039 open 9—5 Monday-Friday

HALESWORTH 34a Thoroughfare 01986 872707 open 9:30—12:30

Monday-Friday

BURY ST EDMUNDS Abbey House, 30 Angel Hill 01284 769524 open 9 am—1 pm Monday-Friday

DRUGS AND ALCOHOL CONCERNS?

If you live with, know of someone, or are affected by someone else's use of drugs or alcohol there is a local, free and confidential service for advice, information and emotional support.

The Suffolk Helpline is open Monday to Friday 10 am to 6 pm. (An answerphone is available out of hours). We are here to help those coping with a family member, friend, partner or anyone else's drug and / or alcohol use.

For young people our service is expanded to cover any concerns they might have about their own use of drugs or alcohol.

We can provide details of the services available in the Suffolk area as well as providing weekly support groups through our Families and Carers Community Support Service which aims to help improve coping skills and develop awareness and insight into drug and alcohol use.

There is no need to feel isolated or alone, for further information contact the Suffolk help line on free phone 0808 800 11 22.

CHRISTMAS TREE IN THE SQUARE

This year Martlesham Monthly is delighted to be sponsoring the Christmas Tree in the Square. For many years Colin Godbold from The Martlesham Video and Hardware Store along with Peter Barr from Janet Sarah have been decorating the Square at Christmas. At the moment Colin is not enjoying such good health, so this year he is being the "consultant" and supplying the electricity for the tree. On behalf of all the residents we would like to take this opportunity to thank him for his work with decorating the square each Christmas and wish him a speedy recovery back to good health.

Paul Firman and The Editorial Team

THE MARTLESHAM HEATH PAVILION

For the last 3 years the Martlesham Heath Pavilion Management Committee has been working on an application for a grant from The Community Fund (previously known as The National Lottery Charities Board), and it has now learnt that it has been successful.

The Pavilion has been awarded a Community Fund grant of £63,643 for a substantial refurbishment of the building. Thanks also to grants from Martlesham Parish Council of £14,000, and one from Suffolk Coastal District Council for £4,000, the money is now available for work that will provide a more comfortable meeting area for the whole community.

The Pavilion was built over 23 years ago by people from Martlesham Heath, and has been in constant and regular use by many local groups. Although now showing its age, it is still an important focus for the community.

The work will start on 5th January 2004 and be completed by the Spring of 2004, the Pavilion will be transformed into an environmentally friendly hall ready for the 21st Century. There are many new and exciting features including light tubes that will bring in natural light, thereby saving electricity, an induction loop, a new heating system and many other features. Also, we will improve our disabled access to comply with the Disability Discrimination Act 2004.

Paul Firman
Chairman

SAVE YOUR USED STAMPS AND HELP YOUR LOCAL HOSPICE

Firstly may I say a great big THANK YOU to all the people who have posted their used stamps and foreign coins through my letter box. I have recently been able to take four carrier bags full of stamps and a very heavy tin of foreign and British old coins to the Hospice in Foxhall Road, Ipswich.

Every bag of coins and stamps dropped through my door soon adds up. So when Christmas cards start dropping onto your doormat,

please don't put the envelopes straight into the bin. The stamps on those envelopes are worth money - tear them off and collect them for your local Hospice. You may not consider that your small contribution is worth the effort, but added together it amounts to a great deal to a charity which does such good work for our community.

So drop those stamps through my door and make a difference.

Thank you, and a merry Christmas.

Bev Read

15 Demesne Gardens, Martlesham Heath. Tel: 01473 622721

BLOOD DONOR SESSION

A Blood Donor Session is to be held in the 1st Martlesham Scout H.Q. on Thursday 5th January at the following times:

1 - 3 pm and 5 - 7 pm

Local Blood Donor Organiser Needed

Unfortunately no-one has come forward to take on the voluntary role of Local Organiser for the Blood Transfusion Service. If there is anyone who is interested please contact me on the number below.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the refreshment volunteers, past and present who have made my life easier over the past sixteen years.

Kathy Greenhow 01473 623367

MARTLESHAM & DISTRICT FLOWER CLUB

We were privileged for our October meeting to have Mrs Jackie Collings as our demonstrator, as this was her very last demonstration after 28 years. Her subject was "Happy Christmas".

Apart from several Christmas flower arrangements, Mrs Collings also showed us how to make garlands, ribbon roses, and how to decorate Christmas parcels. It was a lovely afternoon, and I'm sure everybody went away with ideas to make some of their decorations this Christmas.

The competition for a decorated parcel was won by Ann Berg,

with Lis Copeland winning the novice class.

There is no meeting in December. Our next meeting will be on January 21st when Mrs Irene Packard will be demonstrating "Valentine thoughts". The competition will be for a candlelit supper.

The club meets at St Michael's Church centre, Martlesham Heath, on the third Wednesday of each month at 2:30 pm.

Annual subscription is £10.00 with visitors welcome at £2.00 per session. There is a plant and flower arrangers stall at each meeting.

We wish all our members and friends a Happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year.

Ruth Mellen 01473 624401

MARTLESHAM W.I.

Report of Monthly Meeting—Friday 21st November 2003

Fifteen members were present at the 58th A.G.M. held on 21st November. The Committee remains the same i.e. Officers—Mrs Audrey Burnell, President, Mrs Betty Darke, Secretary, Miss Pat Brown, Treasurer; with Mrs Locke, Mrs Hoey, Mrs Forbes, Mrs Newman, Mrs Simpson and Mrs Harris.

Mrs Locke gave a comprehensive report of the recent half yearly Council Meeting held at Felixstowe and Miss Brown gave a favourable account of the yearly finances.

Mrs Burnell spoke about her recent W.I. Holiday in Northumberland, showing several photographs of the places visited during her pleasant and interesting holiday.

There were thirteen entries in the competition entitled "Look What I Have Made" and from the variety of interesting exhibits members voted Mrs Joan Locke's colourful patchwork waistcoat as the winner with Mrs Sheila Woods' delightful painting of a harvest mouse on a flower coming second.

The next meeting on Friday December 12th at 7:30 pm in the Richard Room will be a social evening with "A New Year's Resolution" as the competition.

Contact:- Secretary, Mrs Darke on

01473 624193

Mrs S D Harris

W.I. MARKET AT MARTLESHAM HEATH

The Martlesham Heath WI Market are pleased to tell you that they will be holding two extra Christmas markets during December. There will be one at Cliff Lane Street Fair in Ipswich on Wednesday 12th December, 6-8 pm, and also at Sutton Hoo visitors centre on 13th December.

The last market for December will be Tuesday 16th December. Orders can be taken for Christmas. We look forward to seeing you.

Gwynneth Johnson (Secretary)

MARTLESHAM MOTHERS' UNION

St. Cecilia was the focus of our October meeting with meditations led by Helen Davy. Cecilia was acknowledged as a martyr and canonised in the year 545. She was responsible for founding a church in early Rome. On her wedding day she informed her husband, a young pagan called Valerian that she had consecrated herself to God and would remain a virgin. She encouraged him and his brother to be baptised and shortly afterwards, together with a friend Maximus, they were arrested and put to death for their faith. Because Cecilia refused to hand over their wealth to the Roman Authorities, she too was put to death.

Although the connection between Cecilia and music is somewhat obscure, she is recognised as the Patron Saint of music and November 22nd as St Cecilia's day. Helen's talk was illustrated with sacred music starting with In Paradisum from Faure's requiem followed by music of Purcell, Britten and Rutter and finishing with an organ Fantasia on O Come All Ye Faithful recorded by her son James. It was all very peaceful and most enjoyable.

Don't forget we are still collecting knitted hats and copies of

Reader's Digest for seafarers, old spectacles for Africa, and toiletries for victims of domestic violence who have fled their homes with practically nothing.

We meet next for our Christmas Party at St Michael's at 2:30 pm on December 3rd. The January meeting will take the form of Corporate Communion and continue with our AGM..

Please remember Betty Dickinson, Olive Smith, Lillian French, Nesta, Ena, Doreen, Ethel, Brenda and Peg in your prayers, together with any others you feel need our support.

A thought for the month; Don't be so busy with your Christmas preparations that you forget how and why it all started!

GOD BLESS
SHEILA SMITH

MARTLESHAM LADIES CLUB

At our meeting on October 16th we had our Harvest Supper. Everyone enjoyed a most pleasant evening. Vera Pawsey read two poems, both causing a great deal of laughter and recognition. The special raffle raised £34.50 for C.L.I.C., our chosen charity for this year. A vote of thanks at a later meeting was extended to Vera Pawsey and Sheila Swanwick for arranging the food and to Kelly Shannon for lovely table decorations.

Mr Errington of 'Diveline' was introduced to us at our meeting on October 30th. He gave us a brief history of deep sea diving. It was an extremely interesting talk. After questions from the floor, Nora Fisher gave an enthusiastic vote of thanks echoed by member's applause.

An evening entitled 'Tales of the Unexpected' was arranged for November 13th. Members were invited to tell of their amusing, scary or just plain silly past experiences, with Vera's tale, which she called 'The Cottage Shed & Bath', starting us all off with a really good laugh. There followed other contributions, all of which caused laughs or scary ahh's. As

time went on members warmed to the idea with many offerings of good tales and poems for what turned out to be a most unexpected, hilarious and entertaining evening. On December 11th we have our Christmas Party which is the only meeting for the month, reconvening on January 8th at the usual time of 7:30 pm. **Martlesham Ladies Club extends their good wishes to you all for a joyful Christmas and a happy, peaceful New Year.**

Rita Smith

MARTLESHAM WIVES GROUP

We are returning to the Suffolk College Training Restaurant for our Christmas Dinner (Thursday 11th December) as it was so good there last year.

There may still be some places. Ring Jenny on 01473 626253 if you have not already booked - deposit is £2.

CALLING ALL MUMS...

The next meeting of the Mums' Club will be our Bring and Share Christmas party which will be held at St Michael's Church Centre on Tuesday 2nd December from 12:45 to 2:30 pm.

All mums with babies and toddlers are welcome to join us. Just come along—bring a small quantity of food to share and join in the festive fun.

For details of Mums' Club please ring Sue on 01473 624130.

ST MICHAEL'S PRE-SCHOOL

Our Christmas party for the children is on Monday 15th December. We are having a visit from Father Christmas, playing traditional party games and having some party food.

As with previous years, the group will be holding a Christmas Raffle to win a super hamper full of festive goodies. Tickets will be going home with the children shortly.

Pre-school closes on Friday 12th December and reopens in the New Year on 6th January to start our Spring term. Half-term will be

13th - 20th February.

If you are interested in sending your child to our pre-school and would like more information please contact Claire Stockdale on 01473 623069.

Rachael Vest

MARTLESHAM HISTORICAL SOCIETY

December meeting

Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 9th at 8 pm when the speaker will be the local author Robert Simper who will give an illustrated talk on "The Deben - as a Working River". Robert has written many books on East Anglia and, in particular, its rivers and towns and some of these will be on sale at the meeting. (A good opportunity for last minute Christmas gifts?)

Park & Ride Site

Prior to the start of construction at the site, Suffolk County Council Archaeological Services carried out excavations of the whole area. The earliest discoveries were items of Bronze Age pottery in pits which provided evidence of domestic settlements although no evidence was found of buildings. This occupation would have occurred during the period 2000-600BC. Any remains of buildings would have been likely to have been destroyed by wind erosion and also subsequent ploughing.

There was also evidence of field boundaries in the form of ditches during the Roman occupation, C.43AD-410AD. There was no firm evidence of settlement in this location during the Roman occupation, it is thought that the settlement may have been further north, near the River Fynn.

The final phase of activity related to post-medieval occupation c.1700- the present and consisted of field and tree plantation boundaries indicated by ditches.

Interestingly, during the excavations a harness for a two-horse plough was discovered in a shallow pit. It is thought that this was a "ceremonial" burial to celebrate purchase of the replacement tractor!

John Tyler Hon. Sec.

Tel. 01473 612736

MARTLESHAM HEATH AVIATION SOCIETY

Our monthly meeting, on Friday 7th November featured our old friend Clive Denny and his wife, Linda. It was another large turnout to enjoy an illustrated talk by a couple who run a company which specializes in fabric covering of aircraft.

Clive explained that inevitably this involves mostly vintage aeroplanes. The company they run is regularly successful in obtaining the contract to re-cover and paint the flying surfaces of the Battle of Britain Memorial Flight. This gives some indication of the quality of the work they do and the niche in the aviation industry that they have found for themselves.

Clive was recently invited to Malta in order to do work on a static display Hawker Hurricane fighter that resides in one of the two war museum's on the George Cross island. He suggested that it might be possible to fly a Spitfire and a Hurricane to Malta for the 60th anniversary of the end of WW2. This suggestion was, of course, enthusiastically received and Clive has taken upon himself to attempt to raise the estimated £75000 that will be needed. A collection was made and £175 was raised from the audience.

Clive is also a display pilot and regularly flies aircraft based at Duxford. He is hoping to pilot the Hurricane on its trip to Malta.

A vote of thanks was given by our member, Tony Errington.

Our next scheduled event will be our Christmas Party and this replaces the usual monthly meeting. It will be held in the Community Hall on Friday 5th December. Tickets are available and all are welcome.

Alan Powell 01473 622458

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY SERVICE—9TH NOVEMBER

The thanks of Martlesham Heath Aviation Society go to all who attended our annual Remembrance Day Service. Mercifully the weather was not at all bad and a reasonable attendance was recorded.

We are grateful to Bishop

Jeremy Walsh for conducting the service and to the Salvation Army Band. Also for the attendance of the local Scout Troop and the 356th Felixtowe ATC, the various representatives from Suffolk Police and the armed forces, including a representative from the United States Air Force.

Alan Powell 01473 622458

NEW FEATURE FOR THE NEW YEAR—'VILLAGE VIEWS'

It has been decided that a new page entitled 'Village Views' will make its debut in January's edition of the Martlesham Monthly. It will in effect be a 'letters to the editor' page.

The reason for the launch of this brand new feature is due to a notable increase lately in contributions from readers expressing their views on a number of issues relating to our village. This is positively encouraged. If you feel strongly about, for example, the recent fly-over cancellation or fouling caused by dogs and horses, or any other matter, then please do write in. Let your voice be heard.

Contributions should be submitted in accordance with the criteria set out in the first column of the first page of this magazine. Also, please include your name and address with your contribution otherwise your letter will not be published. We will publish names only with letters.

The Editor—Neal Goldsmith

NATIONAL OSTEOPOROSIS SOCIETY

Local Group

The DXA (bone) Scanner is now up and running! The unit was formally opened on November 9th when the plaque dedicating it to the NOS wonderful late Director, Linda Edwards, was unveiled by our President, Camilla Parker Bowles. Linda sadly died last December from breast cancer aged only fifty-four. So many people have put so much effort into fund raising for the scanner and we are delighted that all the efforts have now been

rewarded. Once again it is time to wish all our Members and supporters a very happy Christmas. Take good care of your bones and make sure your Christmas fare includes plenty of calcium rich goodies.

MARTLESHAM CONSERVATION GROUP

The Group held its AGM on November 12th. The existing committee was re-elected with Ron Manning as Chairman, Phil Smith as secretary, Carolyn Smith as treasurer and Mike Hall as publicity rep. The Group also agreed to increase its subscription to £2.50 per individual member and £3.00 per family membership. This is the first ever increase in subscription since the foundation of the Group. Please can all members who wish to renew their subscription for this year or all new members get in touch with myself or Carolyn. Your membership is critical as without your support there would be no Group.

Our AGM was followed by the Martlesham Consultants Ltd AGM at which the resolution to take on the lease of the Western corridor was passed.

Thanks to all those who came along to our work party in November when we cleared more gorse on the SSSI in order to encourage heather to come through. Also a very big thank you to the group from BT who came along for a day's teambuilding activity and did an excellent job of clearing a significant area of gorse from the SSSI. Very well done! Their actions provided an excellent boost to the efforts of the group.

Our next working party will be on Sunday 14th December when we will be back on the SSSI. Please join us. Meet outside the Douglas Bader at 10 am, or if you wish to join us on the SSSI give me a call. All tools and equipment will be provided, we just need you.

Phil Smith 01473 625630

SUFFOLK WILDLIFE TRUST

We have our Christmas Quiz on Thursday 11th December at 7:30 pm in the Woodbridge Community Hall with mince pies and mulled

wine. Admission is £1.50. It should be a fun evening with a chance to meet people and stretch your mind. On Thursday 15th January at 7:30 pm in the Woodbridge Community Hall we have a talk on "The Work of a Wildlife Police Officer" by Barry Kaufman-Wright, admission £1.50. Barry is a specialist in the area of wildlife crimes and policing and an excellent photographer and speaker. He has previously given a talk to us about Jersey Zoo and so from past experience we should be in for an excellent talk.

If you want more information about Suffolk Wildlife Trust or future events then please contact me. Phil Smith 01473 625630

PORTAL AVENUE WOODLANDS MANAGEMENT/ CONSERVATION GROUP

It seems a long time since our last monthly input, however, work on the woodland has continued. Branches that could impede pedestrians or cyclists along the perimeter track were cut back in July. In Sep/Oct/Nov, using the Chipper/Shredder, wood was chipped and the chippings used for path improvements. In October we also had a visit by the SCDC Tree Officer. He was very complimentary about the Group's work, and recommended that 33 trees, either dangerous or damaging growth prospects for adjacent specimens, should be felled. This work has started and the felled trees are being turned into habitats or path chippings, helped on 15th November by our local Scouts who were very welcome.

One downside of the path improvement is that our human path destroyer has reared his/her ugly head again, and leaves and tree branches are constantly scattered over the cleared and newly chipped paths: please stop!

This November is the last year of a three year hedge planting project with SCDC along the A1214 edge of the Woodland. This should give us a dense hedge which will be a visual barrier to traffic from the woodland paths, and provide another habitat for wildlife. Talking of wildlife, as well as two

thirds of our bird boxes attracting nesting birds, the first of our six bat boxes now has visitors.

Our next workday is on 21st December from 10:00 am-12:30 pm and all are welcome. We meet at the entrance to the Force HQ Sports field on the perimeter track. The committee would like to thank all who have helped/encouraged the Group this year, and report that 820+ hours of voluntary work was recorded.

Group contacts are:

Chairman – Duncan Sweeting 01473 622859...Secretary – Peter Izzard 01473 611291
Martlesham Parish Council 01473 612632

'FRICTION' SKATEPARK ASSOCIATION

Working to provide a Skatepark for the Kesgrave/Martlesham area
Some of you will know that we are unable to proceed with the site at Long Strops for the skatepark. While this is undoubtedly a setback, we were delighted to see so many club members at our AGM, and to see how enthusiastic we all are to continue. Many thanks to KTC for their hard work over the past two years to try to get us this site. We will continue to search the area for a more appropriate place, but in the meantime we have several other projects planned, with a trip to Great Yarmouth skatepark coming up after Christmas. For details see contact details below.

We would like to thank Woodbridge Lions Club for their generous donation, which was a great boost both to funds and morale! We would also like to send thanks to Mr and Mrs Haddock and Mrs Stacey for their kind donations, and to all those who supported us at the village days. For further details of club events or information about the project contact Rosy Scott on 01473 610440 or e-mail rosy.scott@talk21.com
Til next time, have fun and skate safe...

1ST MARTLESHAM SCOUT GROUP

With Christmas fast approaching, the Scouts are again offering a Christmas card delivery service. This year the service extends further and – in collaboration with Ipswich Scout Groups - cards will be delivered to addresses in postcodes IP1 to IP5.

The service costs just 10p per card and cards (and payment) can be posted from 25th November to 10th December inclusive. There will be four collection boxes in the area – for BT employees, there will be boxes at Stop Gap and The Hub; one will be placed in the Scout HQ; and Duncan's butchers and baker will once again kindly play host to the fourth. We are very grateful to BT and Duncan's for their support.

Your cards will be delivered on the weekend of 13th-14th December, and, if necessary, the following weekend too.

One final plea – the Cubs and Scouts do not have the investigative powers of the Post Office, so please ensure all cards are clearly and fully addressed.

Contacts - Scout enquires, call Keith Gleen (626506); Executive Committee, Bruce Mitchell (611757). Web - www.martlesham.org.uk

MARTLESHAM BRASS

In November Martlesham Brass were very busy, starting with a performance at the Kesgrave Fire-work night on November 1st. The Beginners and Preliminaries 'Tea and Tunes' concert took place a week later.

The day after 'Tea and Tunes' Martlesham Brass players participated in Remembrance Sunday services on November 9th in Martlesham and Woodbridge.

On November 15th Martlesham Brass Main Band performed at the Orwell Yacht Club.

The month ended with a trip to Aldeburgh on the 29th, which as always marks the start of our annual carol-playing season. This year, as well as raising much-needed funds for the band, our players have chosen to donate

a share of the monies raised to three charities - The British Heart Foundation, Breast Cancer research and the Malawi Physiotherapy project.

We start December with the Intermediate section's 'Coffee and Carols' on December 6th from 10 – 12 noon in St Michael's Church Centre. At this event we are hoping to launch our first ever Christmas CD. It features all four sections of Martlesham Brass, playing some of their favourite Christmas tunes. The CD costs £5 and is available to order from band practices and events.

Martlesham Brass will be playing at the Kesgrave Wine Circle charity concert on December 7th.

The Martlesham Brass Christmas Concert is on December 20th at 7 pm at Martlesham Community Centre. Tickets are £2 in advance and are available by telephoning 01473 611578. Please do not rely on being able to buy tickets on the door as this event is usually sold out in advance.

We end the Christmas season with 'Carols in the Square' at Martlesham on 22nd December.

Martlesham Brass wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year.
Alison Eyley – MB publicity officer

THANK YOU MARTLESHAM BRASS

Thank you once again Martlesham Brass for a great variety concert of tunes played by the Preliminary Band—a grand way to spend a Saturday morning.

Jennie Beynon

HORSE FOULING

If the person whose horse regularly deposits its manure in our parish would care to come down my road I will provide a bucket and the manure can go directly into my compost bin and thence onto my roses next year.

Jennie Beynon

MARTLESHAM LEISURE JUNIOR SQUASH

The first win of our season came last Sunday against the Next Generation B Team. As the games were

of a more even nature, the standard of squash was very high. Man of the match Ashley Scott had a great game, just edging an 18-17 win in the 3rd game tiebreak. His outstanding performance was followed by Tom Harvey who, although losing, played brilliantly and gave 100% throughout. Lauren Scott stepped in at number one doing the team proud with an admirable performance. We now look forward to fixtures against Orwell Park School and a triangular match against Maidenhall and Next Generation before a Christmas break. I would personally like to thank all the players and parents for their help and support with the matches. We also now have a junior membership scheme available for children to join the club at a discounted rate with full use of the squash and swimming facilities. Anyone who wishes to play in the junior leagues or team should contact me at the club, as children will need to attend coaching before joining the league. Coaching is available on a one-to-one basis or in a group.

Dave McConnell

MARTLESHAM BOWLS CLUB

Two and a half months since we last played bowls and four months before we can play again. That gives us plenty of time to polish our woods and bowling shoes.

Most Mondays, in the morning, help would be appreciated to get the green into good shape. Could you spare a couple of hours?

In mid-November it seems strange for officers and the Committee to wish all members a very merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

Annual General Meeting

This was held on 17th November with a good attendance of members.

Some points from the AGM...

The Chairman, Brian Davey, spoke of us having good weather for our games this year, and thanked various Captains, and members who have helped with the catering for the various matches. He asked members to put their names

down for games on the lists in the Club house, to enable teams to be picked early.

Club Captain Peter Gorham gave us a run down on League and District matches. Groundsman Geoff Leech commented on the green. Sylvia Dickerson, our Treasurer, gave us the financial figures for the year.

Brian gave out the cups and shields to the winners. Tony Cooper proposed a vote of thanks to Brian for all the work he puts in to the club.

Officers for the year 2004:

Chairman Brian Davey, Joint Vice Chairmen G. Levett and E. Brooks, Treasurer Sylvia Dickerson, Secretary Linda Brown, Head Groundsman Brian Davey, Clubs Captain Peter Gorham, Vice Captain Russell Dickerson, Finn Captain Peter Milbourne, Two Woods and Three Woods George Golding and Russell Dickerson, David Bowtle to captain the Friendlies.

Committee - S Golding, A Bowman, Tim Bowman, A Bowtle, E Brooks, G Leech and Pat Shannon.

Green opening and closing dates for 2004 - 24th April to 12th September

Next committee meeting will be on 9th February 2004 at 7:00 pm.

Our secretary Linda Brown (01394 384698) can answer all your questions.

Jack Cot

LEISURE LEARNING - INDIAN HEAD MASSAGE & MEDITATION

Learn to relax and help others relax by enrolling on one (or both) of the following courses:

Indian Head Massage

Learn simple techniques to use on family and friends to help them reach a deep state of relaxation. No oils used and no need to remove any clothes!!

Venue - Dumbarton Hall, Humber Doucy Lane, Ipswich

Time - 9:30 am – 11:30 am

Venue - Kesgrave High School, Ipswich

Time - 7 pm – 9 pm

Date - Next course for both the above commence Thursday 15th

January 2004 for 8 weeks

Meditation

Learn a simple method of meditation which, when used on a daily basis, can help you feel less stressed, more confident, less tired and you could find that your work performance and general health has improved.

Venue – Dumbarton Hall, Humber Doucy Lane, Ipswich

Time – 12 noon – 1:30 pm

Date – Thursday 15th January 2004 for 5 weeks

Venue – Kesgrave High School, Ipswich

Time – 7 pm – 8:30 pm

Date – Monday 12th January 2004 for 8 weeks

Or alternatively maybe two Saturday mornings would suit you.

Date - 7th & 14th February 2004

Venue – Melton, Woodbridge or Martlesham – to be confirmed

Time – 10 am – 1 pm

For more information, please phone Susan Denny 01473 622974 or e-mail susandenny@ic24.net

LOST GLASSES

Nina Snelling lost a pair of pink-rimmed bi-focal reading glasses of great sentimental value on Martlesham Heath in September. She lost them somewhere between the Control Tower and paths leading to the green. The loss of these glasses comes on top of a series of personal tragedies for Nina. It would mean a lot to her to have these distinctive looking glasses returned. Nina was offering a cash reward of £150 for the safe return of them (way above their actual value), and notices had been put up around the village. These notices were taken down on November 19th. If it is the case that someone has picked the glasses up and has also seen the notices, Nina therefore feels a little disappointed that they have not yet been returned to her. Nina is currently away and taking a break but if you do know anything regarding the glasses then she would greatly appreciate it if you could contact her daughter on 01473 310461.

£350,000 SUCCESS FOR CHARITY CARD SHOP

Helpers have once again brought Christmas cheer and financial success to Woodbridge by raising over £350,000 in eleven years.

Every year Woodbridge Round Table organises the sale of Christmas cards with volunteers from different charities manning the shop six days a week throughout November and December. This year the shop is located at 47 Thoroughfare, Woodbridge.

The Round Table organiser, Roger Parker commented, "We are absolutely delighted to have achieved this figure. This could not have been done without the tremendous support we have received from the local community over the years, particularly the huge help in running the shop. We are very grateful to Justin and Robin D'Arcy for allowing us to use 47 Thoroughfare for the card shop."

Proceeds help to pay for the Christmas party for the elderly and the running of the community minibus. This season Woodbridge Round Table plan to give £1,000 to Ipswich Samaritans.

The shop stocks the largest selection of Charity cards in Suffolk from over 20 different charities. This includes favourites such as RNLI, Marie Curie Cancer, Barnardos, Blue Cross, Mencap, Home Farm Trust and Cystic Fibrosis. Additional local charities include St. Elizabeth Hospice, St. Matthew Housing, Rendlesham Church, and Somersham Ward at Ipswich Hospital.

Table Chairman, David Silver said, "The card shop really puts Round Table centre stage in the Woodbridge community. We gain fantastic support and goodwill as a result. £350,000 is a terrific achievement, which is due to the dedication of the volunteer helpers and the organiser Roger Parker."

The shop is open Monday to Saturday from 10:00 am to 4.00 pm, (9:30 am to 5:00 pm on Saturday). Please do visit - you won't find a better selection!

WOODBIDGE DEBEN PROBUS CLUB

On Monday 20th October the Deben Probus Club met at the Ufford Park Hotel for our 1:00 pm luncheon. After lunch Mr Richard Smith gave a talk on "Thames Barges in Suffolk". It was interesting to hear about the various wrecks of Thames barges that exist in inland Suffolk waterways at the present time. Mr Smith was accompanied by slides which were very ably presented by his wife.

Our next meeting will be on Monday November 17th when Mr Stan Ward will give a talk entitled "Fifty Years of Flying instruction".

Our monthly local circular walks of about 3 miles are continuing and occur on the Tuesday after our meetings.

New members are always welcome and for further information about the Woodbridge Deben Probus Club please contact Walter Gorman on 01473 252294 or Maurice Bush on 01394 386380.

R. W. Dunnett

IRENE BEAR

Jackie and her family wish to express their sincere thanks for all the many kindnesses, cards and letters shown to them on the sad loss of their special and much loved MUM (Irene Bear). Thanks also to those who attended the service so beautifully conducted by the Rev Leslie Currie. She will be sadly missed.

KESGRAVE TENNIS CLUB

On behalf of Kesgrave Tennis Club may I wish you all a very Happy Christmas and New Year.

Anyone who wishes to join the Club please contact Sally Bovey on 01473 253287, leaving your name and address and you will be sent an application form in the post.

Could all members make sure when playing at the courts that you have your membership card with you at all times as proof of your membership. Also please lock the gates after you leave.

Club evenings are all year round on a Wednesday evening 7-10 pm. If you would like to play, please come along and join in. If you are interested in playing in

Winter matches please contact the match secretary or team captains.

Dates for your diary

Mulled Wine Tournament will take place on Wednesday 10th December at 7 pm.

Christmas dinner and dance will take place on 21st December at Ufford Park Hotel. Please contact Jenny Ware for both events.

Coaching courses for Juniors and Adults

For details on all coaching, and if you are interested in playing wheelchair tennis, please phone Dick on 01394 384791 for more information.

FELIXSTOWE SPEAKERS CLUB

The Great House of Commons Debate

Members of Felixstowe Speakers Club visited, with other clubs from the South Eastern District, the Houses of Parliament which included a tour of parts of the palace of Westminster and also an opportunity to go into the MPs' main chamber as seen on TV. It is actually quite tiny, very compact and will hold a maximum of 400 people and is intended to provide an inclusive atmosphere. The space between the two opposing parties is just two swords length.

The first debate was titled: "This house believes that we are increasingly dependent upon conventional medicine".

It was opened by Katharine Inglis speaking for the motion who advise that in the UK we have 450M prescriptions a year and spend £600M on painkillers and antidepressants - surely something was wrong and we ought to take a holistic view and cure the symptoms and not the cause. This was opposed by Marissa Talbot who advised us that in 1900 life expectancy was 47 years, today it is 87 years. Today women live longer than men whereas at the turn of the century men lived longer than women because they did not suffer the effects of childbirth. If it were not for antibiotics during the Second World War, many more would have died from disease rather than injury. At one time it was also common to get a set of dentures as

21st birthday presents.

When the debate was thrown open to the floor Tony Gould opposed by suggesting that everyone in the room had perhaps suffered AIDS at some time - Anxiety In Doctor's Surgery. Some poor people fled - the NAMBYs to Nasty Aunty's Medicine Bottle, Yuck. They mix their own potions. Some wealthier people fled - the PAMBYs to get Positively Awful Medical Bills Yearly. They believe in paying for potions. Either way the disbelievers fled to alternative medicine whereas those who believed in conventional science and medicine stayed to reap the benefit from the doctor and his training.

The 'Nos' had it so the motion was lost, but the losers fielded the better team.

There was also a second debate - 'Is it ethics or acting that is needed to be Governor of California?' and numerous two minute topics which included:-

'Should there be ten wind turbines on Wimbledon common?'

'Is spelling and arithmetic getting worse?'

In all, 75 members had an opportunity to speak in the chambers and finally the party was taken to Millbank for wine and canapes. A grand event overall.

If you would like to make a start at being more confident at any level of speaking, be it a wedding speech, chairing a meeting or an interview situation, then please come along or phone Mike on 01473 623918 or Elaine on 01473 729867 or e-mail: felixstowe.speakers.club@btinternet.com

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

Elaine, Mike, Laura and Helen Everitt send all their friends and neighbours best wishes for a very happy Christmas and New Year.

This year we are following the example of others by donating to charity the money we would normally spend on Christmas cards to people in Martlesham.

CHRISTMAS WISHES

The Carruthers family would like to wish all their friends in the local area a peaceful and happy Christmas. Instead of sending Christmas cards locally this year we will make a donation to the St Elizabeth Hospice.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

The Moore family on Avocet Lane would like to wish all our friends a merry and peaceful Christmas. A donation to charity will be made instead of a card delivery.

MARTLESHAM CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

Black Tiles Lane

Some words for Christmas from "The First Nowell" (Anon)
They entered in those wise men three,
Full reverently upon their knee,
And offered there in his presence,
Their gold & myrrh & frankincense.

So let us all with one accord,
Sing praises to our heavenly Lord,
That hath made heav'n and earth of nought,
And with His blood mankind hath bought.

Wise men seek Him still!!!

The Apostle put it this way:

"When the proper time came God sent His Son, born of a human mother, that He might redeem us...That we might be adopted into His family as His own children."

Thanks be to God for His amazing gift.

You are more than welcome to any of our Services over this Christmastide.

SUNDAYS @ 10:30 am

Family Service

(Studies in the book of Revelation)

And "Sunspot"

6:30 pm—Communion

7th December - Senior Citizens Tea
@ 5:00 pm

21st December - Carol Service
10:30 am

28th December - Family Service
and Communion

**CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE @
10:00 am**

Tuesday Circle "Christmas Lunch" on
December 7th @ 1:00 pm.

WEDNESDAYS

10:30 am Ladies Bible Study
(Ring "Karen" on 01728 668259
for information)
7:45 pm House Groups

THURSDAYS

10:00 am Toddler Group
(Christmas "Special" on the 18th!)
7:00 pm Youth Club

Some regular activities will be cur-
tailed over the Holiday period.

For more information about
M.C.F. and its activities, please ring
either Julia Faulkner on 01473
625482 or John Mellen on 01473
624401.

BRIGHTWELL CHURCH NEWS

We are holding a Christmas Coffee
Morning on Wednesday December
10th from 10:30 am to 12 noon.
Sadly, not in Brightwell House this
year, but in the Church Hall, all the
familiar faces will be there, so do
please come and join us. Entrance
will be 50p to include a cup of cof-
fee and biscuit. We are, as usual,
having a cake stall, a raffle and a
book and gift stall. Proceeds will go
to Church funds.

Just a reminder too, of our
service of nine lessons and carols on
Sunday December 21st at 6:30 pm
in the church.

Marjorie Manning
Church Warden
01473 625512

BUY NOW FOR CHRISTMAS

A book entitled -
"**Martlesham—The Good and Bad
Old Days**"

A collection of historical facts:

- Murder in Martlesham
- 1881 Census
- the Romans in Martlesham
- the Martlesham Beetle
- The Red Lion
- the Aerodrome
- St Mary's Church
- the School and much much more...

Price **£4.99**

Available from— Martlesham
Video and Hardware, Martlesham
Post Office, The Red Lion, Spencers
Garage, Duncan Butchery and
Baker.

Published by Martlesham Monthly.
All profits to Martlesham Historical
Society.

BRIGHT STARS

We are looking forward to Christ-
mas - we have just one service in
December on Monday 8th at 10:30
am in St. Michael's Church Centre.

Our services in January will
be on the 12th and 26th.

We welcome all pre-school
children and their carers for a short
child-friendly service of worship
and praise.

For more details contact
Pauline on 01473 625061 or Liz on
01473 625617.

CHURCH NOTICE

Special Events in December

- * Sunday 7th: St Michael's at 6:30
pm—Celebration of Christmas
- * Sunday 14th: St Michael's at 9:45
am—Nativity Play
- * Thursday 18th: St Mary's at 7
pm—Carol Service
- * Saturday 20th: St Michael's from
3:30 pm—Christmas Tree Festival
- * Sunday 21st: St Michael's at 3:30
pm—Christingle
- * Monday 22nd: In the Square at 7
pm—Carols with Martlesham Brass
- * Wednesday 24th: St Mary's at
11:30 pm—Midnight Holy Commu-

ion

* Wednesday 24th: St Michael's at
11:30 pm—Midnight Holy Commu-
nion followed by mulled wine and
mince pies

* Thursday 25th: St Michael's at
9:45 am—Christmas Day Worship

**CHRIST IS THE REASON FOR
CHRISTMAS
WISE MEN OF OLD CAME TO
WORSHIP HIM - WILL YOU?
YOU WILL BE VERY WELCOME**

**THOUGHTS FROM YOUR
PARISH CHURCH**

Are you an angel, a wise man or a
shepherd? It's that time of year
again, when our thoughts turn to a
baby born in a stable. Have you
ever thought of yourself as a guest
in that stable? The angels, the wise
men and the shepherds represent
all of us. How do we respond to the
good news of Christmas?

Are you an angel? If you
are, you'll accept the glad tidings
straight away. You'll come along to
church at Christmas to celebrate
and worship...and have a good
sing. "Sing, choirs of angels, sing in
exultation!"

Are you a wise man ... or a
wise woman? Wise men brought him
precious gifts, and so can you –
your time, your skills, your love.
We all have gifts that God gave to
us, which we can offer to him in
gratitude. Wise men came seeking
Jesus. And they still do.

Are you a shepherd? If so,
you'll respond to the message of
Christmas by coming to find out
more. "Come, let us hurry to Bethle-
hem and see this thing which has
come to pass."

Angel, wise man or shepherd,
you'll find the baby Jesus lying in a
manger, in our churches this Christ-
mas. Come and see! You can take
him home with you in your hearts,
and there he'll grow up to be your
champion, your lover, your best
friend. That's the miracle of Christ-
mas. This baby is not just for Christ-
mas; he's for Life.

Rev'd Heather Cooke



THE CHURCH IN MARTLESHAM & BRIGHTWELL

PLEASE NOTE if you need to contact the church here are the details—Tel: 01473 625320, Mobile no: 07947 592118 and e-mail address: lcsc@isitme.freeserve.co.uk
CLERGY: The Revd. Tim Breene, 4 Saddlers Place, Martlesham Heath, Tel: 01473 621 658
 The Revd. Elizabeth Corker, 12 Fairfield Avenue, Felixstowe, Tel: 01394 210793
 The Revd. Heather Cooke, 9 Swan Close, Martlesham Heath, Tel: 623770
READERS: Carolyn Smith, 74 Heathfield, Martlesham Heath, Tel: 01473 625630
 Lewis Currie, 18 Parkers Place, Martlesham Heath, Tel: 01473 625320
ELDERS: Ann Little, 60 Deben Avenue Tel: 01473 624002; Margaret Rollins, 9 Angela Close, Tel: 01473 623868; Monica Twaits, 39 Angela Close, Tel: 01473 623194

Services for the Month	Brightwell St. John's	Martlesham St. Mary's	Martlesham Heath St. Michael's
Sunday 7th December Advent 2	8am Holy Communion	11am Holy Communion BCP	9:45am Worship & Sunday School 6:30pm Carol Service
Sunday 14th December Advent 3	3pm Evensong	8am Holy Communion 11am Matins	9:45am Sunday School Nativity Play
Thurs 18th December		7pm Carol Service	
Sunday 21st December Advent 4	8am Holy Communion 6:30pm Carol Service	11am Family Holy Communion	3:30pm Christingle NO SERVICE at 9:45am today
Mon 22nd December	Carol Service in The Square at 7pm. Music by Martlesham Brass. Refreshments in SMAA afterwards		
Wed 24th December Christmas Eve		11:30pm Midnight Holy Communion	11:30pm Midnight Holy Communion
Thurs 25th December Christmas Day	8am Holy Communion	11am Holy Communion	9:45am Worship Service
Sunday 28th December Holy Innocents	3pm Evensong	8am Holy Communion 11am Matins	9:45am Family Holy Communion
Sunday 4th January Epiphany	8am Holy Communion	11am Holy Communion BCP	9:45am All Age Worship

MIDWEEK SERVICES: Holy Communion each Wednesday at 10am in SMAA. Bright Stars on Monday 8th December at 10:30am in St. Michael's Church Centre.

PRAYER DIARY FOR DECEMBER

- 8 pray for our families and friends
- 9 remember all the housebound
- 10 pray for residents of Holfen Close
- 11 today, let's count our blessings
- 12 pray for all school children and students
- 13 pray for teachers and lecturers
- 14 pray for Spiritual guidance
- 15 pray for wisdom and understanding
- 16 pray for all bible study groups
- 17 pray for residents of Holly End
- 18 pray for all those at the carol service at St Mary's
- 19 may the Holy Spirit bring us peace
- 20 pray for today's Christmas tree festival
- 21 pray for all those at the Christingle

- service
- 22 St Thomas Day. Give thanks for Apostles
- 23 remember all the homeless
- 24 pray for residents of Horseman Court
- 25 thank God for his ultimate gift of Christ. Alleluia!
- 26 give thanks for St Stephen and all Apostles
- 27 St John the Evangelist. Pray for modern day evangelist
- 28 pray for all young children on this Holy Innocents day
- 29 pray for the sick and suffering

- 30 remember all the bereaved and those grieving
- 31 pray for residents of Hunters Ride
- JAN 1** a new year, let's make it a new Spiritual year
- 2 give thanks to Christ for his goodness
- 3 pray for all doctors & nurses
- 4 pray for the oppressed and burdened people in our society
- 5 pray for victims of domestic violence
- 6 pray for all who freely give their time to help others
- 7 pray for residents of Jacksons Court