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Neal Goldsmith - Editor

ROY BERRIDGE

You will have read elsewhere of the sad passing of Roy Berridge. Roy was involved in many aspects of the Martlesham Community including occupying positions of Parish Clerk, Assistant Parish Clerk and Treasurer

In addition Roy was for many years an active and valued member of the Village Day Committee taking over the event when it was about to collapse and

today.

Until very recently Roy was a member of the Pavilion Management Committee and his knowledge and level-headedness proved invaluable when that group was applying for Lottery Funding for the refurbishment of the Pavilion.

Until his recent illness Roy was for many years the Distribution Manager for the Martlesham Monthly magazine, coordinating the community-wide distribution of the "Monthly" and in fact, with his wife Joyce, delivering the magazine to most of the businesses on the Business Park.

Roy will be very sadly missed by all who knew him and, indirectly, by many who didn't know him well.

Our thoughts are with his family at this time

Martlesham Monthly

THE MARTLESHAM MONTHLY

The Martlesham Monthly magazine is a free publication distributed to all residents in the parishes of Martlesham and Brightwell. However, the "Monthly" doesn't just happen - it takes the efforts of over **100 volunteers** to edit, print, assemble and distribute the publication every month. We deliver over 2850 copies to all of Martlesham and Brightwell, including the premises on the Business Park. In addition, The Talking Martlesham Monthly for the visually impaired has a team of **12 volunteers** to read, record and distribute the audio tapes. It can also be read or listened to online at www.martlesham.org.uk

The Martlesham Monthly is completely self-sufficient and receives no grants or awards; all funding is raised from the sale of advertising.

These are some of the local projects which the Martlesham Monthly has been pleased to support in the past few years:

The Martlesham Community Responders (local paramedics), Martlesham Milestone project, the manufacture and erection of one of the village signs, the restoration and maintenance of the windsock. Martlesham Old Boys FC, Martlesham

sponsors of "Music on the Green", hats for Martlesham Cricket Club, a hanging basket in The Square, the Martlesham website, Brian "The Milkman's" Retirement Party, printing of "Martlesham The Good and Bad Old Days" and "Martlesham Memories", provision of a garage for community storage, paper for printing requirements for the local Church, Martlesham Village Directory, contributed towards a Village Seat in memory of a local cricketer, Martlesham Indoor Bowls – kit for all the players, Martlesham Youth Football, purchased various memorabilia items for Martlesham Aviation Society and Birchwood Primary School – radio mike.

The Martlesham Monthly has also helped to set up a new Recycling Centre in the Village and is currently in discussion with NTL to help local residents resolve their television problems.

MUSIC ON THE GREEN

Do you enjoy a little ROCK?
How about a bit of POP or COUNTRY ... or maybe PUNK is your scene?

What about a BRASS BAND or maybe a walking SAMBA BAND?
Is a visit to a CAR BOOT SALE up your street?

Would you enjoy lazing about on our village green on a hot summer's day, watching your children being entertained at an event where you will meet old and new friends ... a FREE event for your whole family?

If you answered YES to any of the above then you must come to "MUSIC ON THE GREEN" **Saturday 8th July 10:15 am – 10:30 pm.**

We have nearly completed this year's line up, and the bands already booked include Titian Red, Whiskey Chaser, Coup de Grass, Cool Remedy, The Back Porch Band, Uncle Funk, Watershed, David Balham, SamBoomBa, Colourblind Hedgehogs, Seventh Street, Bluewave Band, Martlesham Brass and Gorseland School Choir. As you can see this exciting line up offers a wide range of musical styles and talents to suit all tastes.

Additionally this year's event will be conducted in partnership

with BBC Radio Suffolk.

Don't forget to book your stand to raise funds for your organisation - phone Stuart on 01473 611388 or e-mail stuart@countycontactcentres.com

No need to book for the Car Boot Sale - just turn up on the day from 7 am.

If you would like to be included as a sponsor of "Music on The Green" please contact Paul Firman on 01473 622874.

We continue to be indebted to our 2006 sponsors, which currently include **Howard Plant, Douglas Bader, RDP Partnership, GMA Warehousing & Transport Ltd, PJ Print, Duncan's Butchery and Bakery, Property Gallery, Martlesham Body Repair Centre, Booth (Tarmacadam) Ltd., County Councillor Patricia O'Brien Suffolk County Council Locality Budget, Garnett Electrical and The Martlesham Monthly.**

Visit our web site for updates at www.musiconthegreen.com

Phil Cowey, Secretary

MARTLESHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Litter pick on Saturday 22nd April

A litter pick is arranged for 22nd April at 10 am meeting at the Parish Room. All welcome; sacks and gloves to be provided.

Suffolk Coastal District Council

Litter hotline

If you know of a particular area that is suffering from significant litter or fly tipping, there is now a hotline for reporting this – **01394 444000.**

Parish meeting – the Annual Parish Meeting will take place on Wednesday 26th April at 7:30 pm at the Parish room. Your opportunity to have your say about issues that affect Martlesham. See notice boards for details of any speakers arranged.

Weedkilling programme for the Green

It is hoped that this will take place in April. Signs will be put up as necessary.

Forthcoming meetings

*Parish Council – Wednesday 5th April and 3rd May

*Development Plans committee – Wednesday 12th April

*Recreation & Amenities committee – Wednesday 19th April

All meetings are 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 Mrs L Lodge, Clerk to the Council, Parish Room, Felixstowe Road, Martlesham, Woodbridge, IP12 4PB.

Telephone or fax 01473 612632.

e-mail: clerk@martleshamcouncil.org.uk

MARTLESHAM COMMUNITY COUNCIL

(Registered Charity No. 27376)

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING/SLIDE SHOW

on
Monday 15th May at 7:30 pm
In the Parish Room, Felixstowe Road, Martlesham

Agenda

1. Apologies
2. Approval of Previous Minutes
3. Matters Arising
4. Chairman's Report
5. Treasurer's Report
6. Election of Chairman & Vice Chairman
7. Election of Treasurer & Secretary
8. Election of Committee
9. Open Discussion

There will be a slide show showing past achievements and future aspirations

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

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MARTLESHAM COMMUNITY HALL

To contact Martlesham Community Hall or Richards Room for details of booking them, or any other reason, please use any of the following methods:

- phone and leave a message on the answer phone. The number is

01473 623203.

- e-mail martleshamcommunityhall@btinternet.com

- send post to Martlesham Community Hall Management Committee, Martlesham Community Hall, Felixstowe Road, Martlesham, Woodbridge, IP12 4PB.

(Martlesham Community Hall is a registered charity - no. 1009602)

MARTLESHAM CONSULTANTS LIMITED

All Martlesham Heath homeowners become members of MCL when they buy their homes. Each property will have a covenant to this effect, which should pass to the new owners whenever a house changes hands.

As a limited company run by local residents on a voluntary basis, MCL is able to own and manage the large areas of communal land and facilities within the village. This provides a safeguard against any possible future development of the open spaces within the estate.

When buying or selling a property on Martlesham Heath, and to ensure continuity of membership, could members please note their obligation not to sell or otherwise transfer the property without requiring the purchaser to become a member of Martlesham Consultants Limited.

In addition whenever selling a property could they please advise the Administrative Secretary at the address below, prior to the completion of the sale.

The Board of Directors held a committee meeting on 20th March.

Among the items discussed was the impending necessity to renew or repair the roof of the Control Tower. MCL are currently receiving quotations for this work. The Control Tower was built in 1943 and no substantial maintenance has been carried out since the 1960's, when the Ministry of Defence relinquished it. Expert advice regarding the best type of roof is being sought.

The possibility of grant aid for the work is also being

suggestions as to possible sources of funding please contact MCL.

The Control Tower is a valuable asset and very much a symbol of the important aviation heritage of the village. It is the home of the Playgroup and also Martlesham Heath Aviation Society Museum.

Martlesham Consultants Ltd maintains and improves the land under its jurisdiction. This includes grass cutting, maintenance of the heathland, the woods and planted areas within the hamlets. Land is made available for the Martlesham Youth Football Club pitches, the Cricket Club and the children's play area near Gorseland School. It has leased the Pavilion for community use and has helped social and sporting clubs and finances litter collection in the Village.

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MARTLESHAM & DISTRICT FLOWER CLUB

The 15th Annual General Meeting of the flower club was held on 15th March. The Minutes of the 14th AGM were adopted after which the President, Mrs Catherine Newton, gave her address. Reports were given from the Chairman, Miss Ann Berg, and the Acting Secretary, Mrs Margaret Forbes, followed by a presentation of the accounts by the Treasurer Mrs Ann Chisem.

The annual cups were presented for the flower arranging competitions throughout the year with Mrs Margaret Forbes winning the experienced class and Mrs Norma Jessup the novice class.

Mrs Sheila Woods resigned as secretary and was thanked for all her hard work over the many years since she took up office in 1991. Mrs Barbara Bown agreed to take over as secretary and Mrs Joan Messenger was welcomed as a new committee member. Thanks were given to the other committee members all of whom agreed to stand for a further year.

The afternoon concluded with a presentation by Mrs. Irene Packard entitled 'The Best of the Bunch,' a

demonstration of what could be done with an ordinary bunch of flowers purchased from a supermarket or shop.

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

The next meeting is on 19th April when Ms Angela Vokalek will be giving a demonstration entitled 'Guess Who's Coming to Dinner?'

The competition is 'A Table Arrangement'. All are welcome.
Barbara Bown - 01394 383033

MARTLESHAM HEATH W.I.

This month our members enjoyed a talk by Tom Crowley. He told us how the Blue Cross animal welfare organisation had evolved. It was set up as 'Our Dumb Friends League' to help the plight of working horses in London, how it went on to help the many horses who were injured during the 1914 - 1918 war and gradually emerged as The Blue Cross in the 1950's. He reassured us that there was no connection with the other Blue Cross we might associate with Debenham's! There are various animal centres around the country, the nearest to us being Felixstowe where he is manager. They try hard to match a pet to its new owner. In some cases, by involving animal behaviourists to work with a difficult pet and its owner, they are able to stop pets having to be re-homed.

Have you ever fancied making your own candles? If so, come and join us at our next meeting, when Mrs Smith will be telling how to set about it.

That's on Monday 10th April in the Pavilion at 7:45 pm.

Contact Mrs Kay Hall on 01473 626169.

EASTER DELIGHTS AT MARTLESHAM HEATH COUNTRY MARKET

The market is bursting at the seams with baked goods, savoury dishes, plants, eggs and handicrafts for your Easter celebrations.

There will be a "hands on"

craft table for children on the fourth and 11th April.

The market is open to everyone at the Pavilion on Martlesham Heath every Tuesday from 9 to 10:30 am and 10 to 12 noon at Kesgrave Scout H.Q. every Saturday for sales and socialising - don't forget we also serve coffee, tea, homemade cakes and scones.

PLEASE NOTE THE MARKET WILL BE CLOSED ON TUESDAY 18th APRIL..

The market cooks are available for catering for parties and functions. Local delivery can be arranged.

For further information please contact -

marie@whinney89.freeserve.co.uk or view the website www.marketonthegreen.org

MARTLESHAM LADIES CLUB

We're now into Spring and so far this year we have had some excellent speakers, with the promise of more to come. We look forward to:

***13th April** - Easter Supper and best decorated chicken's egg!

***27th April** - 'Why are you not at school?' The speaker is Mr Colin Fox.

***11th May** - 'Journey to the Galapagos'. The Speaker is Mr Chris Parfitt.

If you are interested in any of the talks at any time, we are a friendly informal club and we hold our meetings every other Thursday at 7:30 pm in the Richard Rooms, Martlesham Community Centre.

Margaret Green

MARTLESHAM MOTHERS' UNION

It is a time of year when we see changes around us with trees and flowers bursting into life and growing. It is happening within our Branch too. We have been forming a new group to meet at a different time for those who find afternoon meetings inappropriate for them. We had three new members enrolled during a service at St Michael's on March 12th. This was in the middle of Fair Trade fortnight, so we had a stall for Fair Trade products and our new members had

made cakes so everyone could have a taster (or two or three) with their coffee.

Do visit the Mothers' Union website at www.themothersunion.org and the Fair Trade website for delicious recipes at www.fairtrade.co.uk

Our next meeting is Wednesday April 5th at St Michael's at 2:30 pm when we will be hearing more about our overseas links, and Friday April 21st at 7:45 pm, 39 Angela Close, everyone is welcome - come and see.

For more information contact Elizabeth on 01394 210793.

CALLING ALL MUMS...

There will be no meeting of the Mums' Club in April. Our next meeting will be at St Michael's Church Centre at 12:45 pm on Tuesday 2nd May when the after-lunch speaker will be Sally Thompson who will talk about 'Holiday Safety for Young Children.' All mums, babies and toddlers welcome. For more details please 'phone Sue on 01473 624130 or Kay on 01473 626169.

MARTLESHAM HEATH BABY & TODDLER GROUP

Phoenix Trading are visiting on April 26th (morning only) for a chance to buy cards and gift wrap, etc. Please come along and support us, this is a chance for some fundraising for the group.

The Easter holidays are this month with the last session before Easter being 31st March. From 5th - 12th April, sessions will be on a Wednesday afternoon only. Normal sessions resume again on 19th April.

If you'd like to visit one of the sessions, we meet on a Wednesday and Friday in the Martlesham Pavilion from 9:30 am until 11:30 am and 1:30 pm until 3:30 pm. There is an activity table, music session and refreshments. We also have lots of toys! We welcome babies as well as toddlers. Please come along and visit us and have a look!

If you require any further information please contact me on 01473 611958.

Joanne Warren

MARTLESHAM PLAYSCHOOL

The summer term starts on the 19th of this month. A warm welcome to all those new children who have joined us and we hope all those who have moved onto to pre-school or school will have an enjoyable time.

What a lovely time of year to appreciate our beautiful surroundings and new friends.

Our fundraisings team have excelled themselves again with their Easter activities. The egg cups the children decorated were really special. They are planning a sponsored bike ride around the building next month and our annual FUN DAY on 24th JUNE .

We are always delighted to see visitors so if you are looking for a stimulating, caring environment for your child, please contact our admissions manager Nikki Smith on 01473 614055.

Rachel Pennick, Secretary

THREE BEARS PLAYGROUP

The children completed the weather topic by learning about snow and other weather factors, such as fog and frost, thunder and lightning and rainbows. Our term ended with the usual Easter/Spring celebrations including an Easter Egg Hunt and a visit to Foxburrow Farm to see the newborn lambs. We return after the Easter holiday on Wednesday 18th April.

The topic for the Summer term will be 'Mini-beasts' and we will be investigating things that creep and crawl, fly and flutter, buzz and hum. Hazel, the photographer, is booked to come in on Friday 12th May to take the children's photographs.

If you would like to receive a copy of our Prospectus and Registration Form, or require further details about our Playgroup, please contact me on 01473 635944.

Elizabeth Leonard

ST MICHAEL'S PRE-SCHOOL

Martlesham Heath

www.stmichaelspreschool.org.uk

This half term the children have enjoyed the homes and Easter themes. They have made straw houses, masks and have done some butterfly printing and also enjoyed their visit to Foxburrow Farm with Birchwood Primary School. They are looking forward to next term's theme and the sponsored toddle around the green.

We now have our team for the sponsored abseil in July at Ipswich Hospital, but if you would like to join in please contact Alison Oxborrow for more information on 01473 620432 or e-mail info@stmichaelspreschool.org.uk

We would like to welcome Karen Scibberas. She has taken over as our Secretary and we are still looking for people to join our committee. If you would like more information please contact the Pre-School or a current committee member.

Our Annual General Meeting will be held on 3rd May. Timings are to be confirmed.

Our older children are really enjoying the "Rising 5's" session at Birchwood Primary School on Friday afternoons and there are still a few places available to children due to start at Birchwood from September 2006. We still have sessions available for the September term for children from 2 ½ years old. If you would like more details give me a call on 07720 708562 or send a n e - m a i l t o admin@stmichaelspreschool.org.uk
Christie Drake, Bookings Secretary

BIRCHWOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL

On Friday afternoons St Michael's Pre-School Rising Fives join our Foundation Stage class. The staff from school and pre-school plan together. It is great to be able to provide the space for such a worthwhile joint project to happen. Coming to school in September will be so much easier for our new intake. This is something we feel quite passionate about and hope to really develop joint work.

Year 5 have been learning how to "drum". On Tuesdays a visiting music teacher has been teaching this class to drum.

Work on our playground extension starts during the Easter break. We are very fortunate to have extensive grounds at Birchwood, but have been in desperate need of a bigger hard play area. We shall start the new term with exactly that.

The School Council have been very busy planning a fundraising event for the last Friday of term. One of the problems identified by the council is the litter problem, so they have decided to hold a "Breakfast at Birchwood". For a small donation children can come to school to have breakfast, wearing their pyjamas for the day! They are hoping to raise enough money for a larger bin.

Sadly for us (but lucky for Wickham Market Primary) our deputy headteacher will be taking up a new post from September 2006. It has been great working with Mrs Stanley-Bell for the past year and a bit. We wish her all the very best in her new job.

Jacqui Frost, Headteacher
Tel: 01473 601701
E-mail: ht.birchwood.p@talk21.com

GORSELAND SCHOOL P.F.A.

The building programme is still progressing well and the internal works are due to be completed at the beginning of May. The final phase will then begin, which is our new library, group room and Year 3 area. The new school office should also be in use after Easter.

We are hoping to hold an Autumn Dinner Dance to celebrate the school's 35th birthday and completion of the extension and refurbishment. This will be held at the Belstead Brook Hotel on Saturday 14th October - ticket price and further details to be advised. More information can be obtained from Karen Stock in the school office or on 01473 611570.

MARTLESHAM WIVES GROUP

No monthly meeting in April.

There may still be places for the "Annual Meal" at:

The Last Anchor on Friday 28th April

For further information phone Elaine (01473 622269).

MARTLESHAM HISTORICAL SOCIETY

At our meeting on February 20th a very large audience gathered to hear our speaker Mr Terry Gates-Grimwood give an illustrated talk "The R101 Airship - The East Anglian Connection". In addition to a brief history of the development of airships the speaker told the story of one of the RAF pioneers named Rope whose connections with Kesgrave resulted in his memorial in Kesgrave RC Church and, of course, he gave his name to Ropes Drive.

Our next meeting will be an illustrated talk, "The History of Ransomes, Sims & Jefferies Ltd" - the story of one of the area's largest companies. The speaker will be Mr Brian Bell.

The meeting will be held in The Pavilion at 8 pm on **TUESDAY** April 18th. Please note the change of day!!!! All are welcome and the price of admission is £1.50.

John Tyler 01473 612736

MARTLESHAM HEATH AVIATION SOCIETY

Friday 3rd March and we had a record attendance in the region of 150 members and friends to listen to an illustrated talk about the recent "Merlins Over Malta" celebrations.

Clive Denny was accompanied by his wife, Linda, and Howard Cook, to give us a debrief on the September 2005 historic return to Malta of a Spitfire and a Hurricane for the first time in more than 50 years.

Just over two years ago Clive, who runs an aircraft restoration business, visited us and said that he was considering attempting to fly a Spitfire and a Hurricane down to Malta, the island they defended in 1942/43. At that meeting the members of MHAS collected the first of many donations that were needed to fund such an ambitious project. Clive Denny has always appreciated that we were the first to put our hands in our

pockets.

The aircraft belong to the Historic Aircraft Collection at Duxford. The Spitfire was built in 1942 and the Hurricane in 1943.

Clive flew the Hurricane and Charlie Brown, of the Historic Aircraft Collection, flew the Spitfire. They were routed through France, Italy and Sicily and encountered unseasonably poor weather on the way. Their arrival, low over the magnificent Grand Harbour at Valetta was a sight cheered by many Maltese. The island was one of the most heavily bombed targets during WW2.

The talk, which was illustrated by video film projected on the digital projector that we obtained thanks to a lottery grant, "Awards For All", was enthusiastically received. Howard Cook, who accompanied the support team in a twin engine Cessna is also a pilot and had put together the video presentation.

It was an enormous undertaking and the cost of keeping each of those vintage aircraft in the air is approximately £2500 per hour for each aircraft. Due to a sponsor backing out at the last minute they are still raising funds to cover the cost and our members gave another donation. Visit the website www.merlinsovermalta.com. A vote of thanks was given by Gordon Kinsey.

Our meeting next month will be on Friday 7th April and is the occasion of our AGM. This will quickly be disposed of and our annual photographic competition will take place. The theme this year is "The RAF".

The meeting will be held as usual in the Community Hall, Felixstowe Road and will start at 7:30 pm. Non-members are welcome at a cost of £2 at the door.

Alan Powell 01473 622458

PORTAL WOODLANDS CONSERVATION GROUP

Hopefully those people who have been in the woodland recently will have noticed that the wildlife pond is full despite all national and local news programmes talking about

water shortages! Our water source is surface water running into the woodland and we have had no problems with contamination and do not believe this will be a problem! Give us an occasional heavy downpour and the pond fills up, benefiting all forms of wildlife. Apart from our volunteers aching backs and a lot of hard work, the funding for the pond came from the County Council Locality Budget and our own fund raising and the Committee now feels that the pond should be officially opened. This will take place on the 29th of April at 11 o'clock and be performed by John Kelso who was our County Councillor when the funding was agreed. Everyone will be welcome at the opening.

One other new departure is that we have developed a Group website with a lot of help from Malcolm Bell, the webmaster of the Martlesham Portal. We intend to go active at the end of March and hopefully over the next few months we can make it a "must-see site". Any thoughts on how we can improve the site will be gratefully received. Our next workday is Sunday 23rd April, meeting at 10 o'clock at the **Wildlife pond** (a change after 5 years), and as always all volunteers are welcome and all equipment is supplied.

Contacts: Chairman – Duncan Sweeting 01473 620856, Secretary – Peter Izzard 01473 611291, Martlesham Parish Council 01473 612632

MARTLESHAM CONSERVATION GROUP

This month, many migrants from the Mediterranean and Africa will join our resident breeding birds. We have around 40 species breeding on the heath and 8 of them are designated as Birds of Conservation Concern.

These are: Linnet, Skylark, Turtle dove, Yellowhammer, Bullfinch and much to the surprise of many people; House Sparrow, Song Thrush and Starling. Indeed, each one of these species are on the Red List of high conservation concern, on account of rapid declines in their UK populations over the last 25 years.

It is fortunate that we live in an area where we can still enjoy all of these birds albeit in lower numbers than in the past. Let us hope that the recent range of schemes introduced to help farmland birds in

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particular, bring positive results so that we can go on delighting in their presence.

If anyone has any observations of their own on our heathland birds or other wildlife please get in touch.

Over the course of the winter we have been working to improve the wildlife value of an area of the heath SSSI over towards Dobbs Lane. Thanks to all the volunteers who put in the work, the area is now looking more like a heathland should. We will continue to monitor the area to check that it has had a positive impact on our heathland wildlife.

Our next work party will be on Sunday April 9th. Please meet outside the Douglas Bader at 10 am. All tools and equipment will be provided. We will be working on the heathland following up on work conducted in previous years. Phil Smith 01473 625630 and Steve Goddard - steve@goddard98.freeserve.co.uk

SUFFOLK WILDLIFE TRUST

Woodbridge Group

We have a break in our activities in April. However, looking forward to May we have several events.

On Friday 5th May 7:30 pm – 9:30 pm approximately, we will be walking the Phoenix trail, Rendlesham Forest in search of Nightingales. Please meet at the Forest car park at OS grid reference TM355482.

Our Plant Sale and Market this year will be on Sunday May 14th at Foxburrow Farm from 11 am to 2:30 pm. We are planning to have a wide variety of plants, Wildlife Trust gift stall, lunches, cakes, bric-a-brac, books, farm trail, face painting, etc. Please come along or get in touch with me if you are able to help with any items or at the event itself. We would also welcome help on Saturday 13th May in setting up.

On Sunday 21st May from 2 pm – 4:30 pm approximately, we have a guided tour of Martins Meadow, Monewden for spring Orchids and other wild flowers. Please meet at the car park at OS grid reference TM227573.

Phil Smith 01473 625630

MARTLESHAM BRASS

Making music fun in East Anglia

Martlesham Brass has appointed our new band president, Mr Bill Bell of Martlesham Heath. Bill has been a member of Martlesham Brass for four years and is currently our most 'senior' player at 92 years old. Bill is a cornet player who started with the beginners and has progressed through the preliminary and intermediate bands before recently gaining promotion to the main band. Bill continues to be an inspiration to band members young and old, and Martlesham Brass are delighted that he has accepted the role of Band President in this our 10th birthday year.

April 23rd sees the band participating in the Scouts' Annual St George's Day Parade; this year we will be joining the Scouts to parade along Felixstowe Sea Front before taking part in a service in the Spa Pavilion.

On April 29th Martlesham Brass will be holding a solo and group competition for band members. The extra practice will help players build self-confidence and stamina, which will prove useful as the band is entering the EABBA Norwich Entertainments Contest on 7th May and then we have the Martlesham Brass Spring Concert at Martlesham Community Centre on 20th May. Telephone 01473 611578 for tickets.

As already mentioned we are celebrating our 10th birthday this year and celebrations are to include a free outdoor summer concert on Saturday 17th June and a grand 10th birthday concert on Saturday 30th September. Further details can be found on our band website at www.martleshambrass.co.uk.

Alison Eyley, Publicity Officer

1ST MARTLESHAM HEATH BROWNIES

On Saturday September 20th

We meet every Tuesday evening during term time in the Pavilion, from 6-7:15 pm.

This term the Brownies have been earning their hostess badges. They have made butterfly invitations and paper flowers and decorated the Pavilion for the visit of 2nd M/H Brownies on pancake day when they enjoyed serving drinks and pancakes. We have also been bowling and celebrated Thinking Day with other Brownies, Rainbows and Guides within the district.

If you would like more information regarding Brownies and would like to put your daughter's name on our waiting list please contact Simone on 625108.

We have also realised that the pack is 25 years old and will be celebrating that fact in the summer term. If you have memories or photos that you would like to share with us, please contact Jackie on 01473 622772 or e-mail 25years@1stMartleshamHeathBrownies.org.uk

MARTLESHAM CARPET BOWLS CLUB

Reporting a very good result for our league match at home against Chelmondiston on the 17th February with a 10-0 win. However our next home match against Rivers was a very disappointing result when we lost 2-8. Away at Great Blakenham on 2nd March was yet another loss when we went down 3-7. Fortunately on 7th March, at home against Claydon, we won 8-2.

Sunday 12th March saw four Martlesham teams take part in the Suffolk Carpet Bowls Fours Closed Championships at East Bergholt Leisure Centre. Results for us were varied and none of our teams progressed beyond the first round—but then there were 51 other teams taking part!

Several of our members appear to be suffering ill health at present so we wish them well and hope for their return very soon.

Committee members please note our next meeting is at 7:30 pm on Monday 24th April.

Chris Chamberlain - 01473 622341

MARTLESHAM BOWLS CLUB

For the benefit of members who missed last month's 'Monthly', circumstances conspired to prevent publication, for which I apologise.

During March, the committee heard of the death of Ena Clarke, one of our Life Members. Ena had not bowled at the club for a number of years; she had kept in contact with us and was always interested to know how the club was progressing. Ena along with her late husband Ray had been members of the club for many years, and given their support to the club throughout all that time.

Martlesham Bowls Club Open Tournaments 2006

We will hold two SUNDAY (not Saturday, as previous years) Open Pairs during the season this year:

*The Sheila McIntyre Rose Bowl, Sunday 11th June

*The Cyril Marsh Memorial Shield, Sunday 13th August

Please contact our Secretary, Linda Brown, if you would like to enter these Tournaments, tel. 01394 384098.

Not long now to the bowls season opening. The pre-season get together is Saturday 15th April, 2 to 4 pm; then the Sunday week, 23rd April at 2 pm, the green is opened. Then first is the Spider followed by the Spoon Drive.

Any questions? Linda will be able answer them on 01394 384698.

MARTLESHAM BOWLS CLUB

would like to invite you
to an

OPEN AFTERNOON

on **Saturday 6th May**

Have a look round and

have a go at bowls

2:30 pm – 4:30 pm

All ages welcome

For more information please
contact: Linda Brown
Telephone: 01394 384698

TDI ACTIVITIES IN MARCH AND APRIL

TDI (The Drop-In) is open to young people aged 11-19 who attend Kesgrave High School or live in Martlesham, Martlesham Heath and the surrounding high school catchment area. It is a project funded by the Kesgrave and District Youth Forum (KDYF). TDI is open on Tuesday nights at Kesgrave Youth Centre and is wanting to attract more young people to its ever increasing numbers. To do this, we have organised two fundraising activities for young people to participate in.

On Monday March 27th there will be a four-a-side football competition and on Thursday 6th April (in the Easter holiday) there will be a disco. Costs of entry are £5 per football team and £2.50 per person for the disco. The proceeds will go towards paying for activities or equipment for the young people to enjoy as part of their membership with TDI.

TDI is always looking for members of the local community to volunteer some of their enthusiasm, time and skills to contribute to the learning and development of our young people. If you have a trade or a hobby and you are willing to share it with the young people (if even just for one night) then we would like to hear from you. Please contact Kirk Jackson on either 07766 930622 for further information on the fundraising events and/or volunteering.

KESGRAVE HIGH SCHOOL 20 YEAR REUNION

Did you leave Kesgrave High School in May/June 1986? A 20 year School Reunion has been organised on Monday 5th June at The Douglas Bader Pub, Martlesham Heath from 7:30 pm. There are no tickets to buy, just turn up and have a drink and a chat. Partners are welcome. If you have any queries call Jo Gilbert (Joanna nee Goodchild) on 01473 890997 or Tracey Vobe (nee Smith) on 01473 621372.

KESGRAVE LIBRARY

For your information, the new Kesgrave Library's opening times are as follows:

Monday - Closed

Tuesday - 9 am—12 noon, 2:30 pm—5 pm

Wednesday - 2:30 pm—5 pm, 6 pm—8 pm

Thursday - 2:30 pm—5 pm, 6 pm—8 pm

Friday - Closed

Saturday - 10 am—1 pm

Sunday - 10 am—3 pm

SCHEDULE OF PRIMARY CARE TRUST BOARD MEETINGS

Venue: Kesgrave War Memorial Community Centre, Twelve Acre Approach, Kesgrave, Ipswich, IP5 1JF.

*29th March—10:15 am

*24th May—10:15 am

*26th July—10:15 am

*27th September—10:15 am

*22nd November—10:15 am

- Members of the public have the opportunity to raise questions

- The agenda and reports will be available at the meeting

- Disabled access at venue

- The meeting room is normally Ropes Hall

Further details are available at www.suffolkeast.nhs.uk, including the agenda and full reports one week prior to each meeting. Or please phone 01473 329532, or e-mail lynne.baker@smhp.nhs.uk

NATIONAL OSTEOPOROSIS SOCIETY

Local Group

Our next event will be a Members and Friends Morning - all osteoporosis sufferers welcome—to be held at the Convent of Jesus and Mary, 63 Orwell Road, Felixstowe on Wednesday April 26th, 9:30 am for a 10 am start.

There will be talks on appropriate subjects including chair based exercise, Pilates, etc., refreshments, a cake stall followed by lunch and a seaside walk for those who wish to join in. Do come and join us.

AGE CONCERN SUFFOLK URGES LOCAL PENSIONERS TO CLAIM THEIR CASH

Steep increases in Council Tax, fuel bills and water rates are proving a

major headache for many older people in Suffolk. For frailer people, this is coupled with an increase in the cost of support services that they need or are being asked to pay for services that had previously been free. A low basic pension, coupled with the spiralling cost of living, has left many local residents struggling to make ends meet.

Every April Age Concern holds *Your Rights Week*, its annual campaign to encourage older people to boost their income by claiming the money benefits which are rightfully theirs.

Older people in Suffolk are urged to visit one of our benefits surgeries being held across the county during April.

All surgeries are held in a confidential interview room. No appointment is necessary. Find your local surgeries at Age Concern's local office, 8 Northgate Street, Ipswich from 10 am to 1 pm on Wednesday 12th April, or Felbridge Court Sheltered Accommodation, Bredfield Street, Woodbridge on Thursday 13th April from 10 am to 12 noon. This surgery is

open to anyone over 60.

To coincide with *Your Rights Week*, Age Concern have produced a 12 page booklet entitled '*Enjoy the benefits of getting older*'. This quick guide to benefits is available free from Age Concern shops and offices across Suffolk.

In addition, Age Concern's popular publication '*Your Rights 2006-07: a guide to money benefits for older people*' will be published in April and is available from Age Concern offices across Suffolk, priced £5.99.

Further information can be obtained by contacting Age Concern Suffolk on 01473 257039.

NEWS FROM WOODBRIDGE & DISTRICT LIONS

The Elmhurst Extravaganza is really taking shape and promises to host some new attractions this year. Held in the delightful setting of Elmhurst Park in Woodbridge, this year on Sunday 30th April, the afternoon will feature a number of ring events

and sideshows, described by one parent last year as "Good old-fashioned family entertainment".

Whilst putting our efforts into the Extravaganza we haven't neglected other aspects of the Lions activities. We took part in the East Anglian quiz final, finishing a respectable fourth to Leigh on Sea, who now represent the region in the national final. On the social side, we hosted a speakers evening where Bob and Doris Ling recounted stories of their remarkable lives, working at Snape Maltings in its pre-concert hall days, as travelling grave-diggers and then as caretakers, managers and celebrity hosts back at the Maltings. The two speakers, both now in their eighties, clearly enjoyed telling their "yarns" and provided an evening that was both entertaining and thought provoking when we reflected on just how much society has changed in what for most of us is living memory.

The Lions Clubs of Felixstowe, Ipswich, Stowmarket and Woodbridge, along with the Lioness Club of Felixstowe, combine forces on a couple of events each year. Late March will see us hosting a swimming gala for the Gateway Clubs, which attracts coverage in the Evening Star. Looking to late August, we are working in partnership with a local charity to promote a Summer Fair. With the pressures facing all voluntary organisations, it is encouraging that such joint events can be considered, hopefully achieving more than could be considered by one organisation alone, but without compromising the identity or ways of working of any of the participants. More information once details are established.

Can we help you? Would you like to help us? Please contact either Lion President Peter Button 01394 386023 or Lion Peter See 01473 625318 for an informal discussion, or speak to any of the Lions at the Elmhurst Extravaganza.

LOFT AERIAL **RECOMMENDATION FOR** **MARTLESHAM HEATH**

The following loft aerial system will give good results for most people.

This is a proven system but before buying I suggest you check that there is a clear line to the west from your somewhere in your loft so that the aerial can point to Sudbury without the signal having to pass through other buildings. Roof tiles or one end wall are no problem. All the following items can be purchased by credit card from CPC on 08701 202530 or online at www.cpc.co.uk. CPC part numbers are quoted along with price excluding VAT. Postage is free for orders of £40 or more excluding VAT.

1. Use the best possible aerial to get the highest level of signal. Failure to do this cannot be compensated in any other way. For digital a broadband aerial is essential. I can personally recommend either the

Antiference XG16EW with 17dB gain (CPC AP00996) at £38 + VAT or the Antiference XG10EW with 14.7dB gain (CPC AP00712) at £26 + VAT. The XG16EW is obviously better but is also longer so not suitable for particularly shallow lofts where it might be impossible to align it.

2. Use the best possible aerial amplifier within 1 to 2 metres of the aerial. This must be very low noise and high gain. The noise is critical to ensure best possible ratio of signal to noise. The gain is **i m p o r t a n t** so the signal level at the receiver is still high despite cable losses. The unit recommended has 3 outputs, one for the main TV and two for other rooms if needed. You will also need the power supply which sits by the digital receiver and powers the amplifier up the main TV cable.

Triax Mast Head Amplifier TA21/3-way (1.8dB noise figure) (CPC AP00080) £12.750 + VAT
Triax 12V Power Supply TP1285 (CPC AP00644) £10.490 + VAT

3. Use low loss well screened cable from aerial to amplifier and from amplifier to receiver. I suggest the

standard RG6U or equivalent which is double screened and usually sold as "Satellite Cable". Available by the metre from CPC in black, brown or white to suite your wall colour:

Low Loss Aerial Cable, Black, by the metre (CPC CBBR3017) £0.370 + VAT

Low Loss Aerial Cable, Brown, by the metre (CPC CBBR3018) £0.370 + VAT

Low Loss Aerial Cable, White, by the metre (CPC CBBR3019) £0.370

VAT

Tower Cable Clips 6-7mm, Box of 100, Black, (CPC CBTCB06AT) £1.50 + VAT

Tower Cable Clips 6-7mm, Box of 100, Brown, (CPC CBCT06AT) £1.54 + VAT

Tower Cable Clips 6-7mm, Box of 100, White, (CPC CBTCW06AT) £1.79 + VAT

Single Surface Mount Socket if required (CPC AP00009) £0.79 + VAT

TV Coax Plugs, Aluminium, Pack of 10 (CPC APCOAX2) £1.94 + VAT

4. The signal should be fed first to the digital receiver and from that to any other receivers or TVs as usual for analogue TV reception. If a splitter is needed use a low loss type like the CPC APCOAX8 £0.58 + VAT (CPC don't say this is low loss but every one I have bought is!!)

The above system will give overall performance probably better than most outside aerials I have seen around the village most of which are not the highest gain types and usually without any masthead amplifiers!

I am happy to enlarge on the above or give advice to anyone if that will help to reduce this growing aerial clutter. Call 01473 625547 or e-mail gordon@theelectronics.com

Gordon Hathaway

ROY BERRIDGE

With the sad loss of Roy Berridge I must pay tribute to the significant contribution that he made to Martlesham.

Roy was a leading figure in rejuvenating Village Day which at one stage looked like disappearing from the calendar; he has played a major role in distribution of the Monthly and he was the Treasurer of Martlesham Community Council during the latter part of the 1990's. Roy was a good team worker and he encouraged others in an amiable and persuasive manner. A major part of the team was his wife Joyce who often supported many of these activities directly herself or, for some, supported him behind the scenes.

Roy contributed to the Parish Council in many ways. He was Treasurer of the Parish Council for several years and he set up the computerised Parish Council Accounts system which is still in use now. He became the Parish Clerk and undertook management of all administration for the Council. When he later found the level of work too great, he gave a great deal of help and support to his successor. He became a Parish Councillor and continued to provide practical support and was auditor for the accounts. He also helped to specify the Council's requirements for its website and contributed to the development of the initial site.

My experience of Roy was that he spoke from the heart and when he did not agree with others he spoke out his point of view but never in a confrontational way. He said what he had to say backed by reason and logic: a most pleasant and helpful man who will be sadly missed.

Wally Welch
(Chairman, Martlesham Parish Council)

KATHLEEN READSHAW

The family of Kathleen Readshaw would like to say thank you to all who sent messages of sympathy and support at this sad time. Special thanks to the Rev. Elizabeth Corker and the Mothers' Union.

THANK YOU

David and Jo Goldsmith would like to sincerely thank all well wishers and everyone who has sent cards over the recent weeks. It has been a

Jeremy & Cynthia Walsh

invite you to

VISIT THEIR GARDEN

6 Warren Lane

Bank Holiday Monday, 1st May

10 - 12:30 & 2 - 4:30

No charge for admission

**Donations for the work of East
Suffolk Mind**

Plant sale, cake stall and light
refreshments

HOLY FAMILY & ST MICHAEL

Holy Family & Saint Michael on the main A1214 is the Catholic Chapel serving Martlesham and Kesgrave. It is part of the parish of Saint Mary in Ipswich.

The season of Lent is being marked in our parish through an extensive programme of special services, prayer meetings, talks and hunger lunches. Easter will be celebrated specifically at Kesgrave with Good Friday and Easter Sunday services while the main St. Mary's church will also be the scene of the main Maundy Thursday and Easter Vigil liturgies

If you would like to be kept informed of services and activities ask to receive a regular copy of the weekly parish newsletter and monthly parish magazine by telephoning the Presbytery on 01473 728115

Regular 'Sunday' Masses at the Holy Family are celebrated at 6 pm on Saturdays and 9:15 am on Sundays. Weekday masses are normally on Wednesdays and Fridays at 10 am.

BRIGHTWELL CHURCH

It was good to see the Church filled to capacity for our joint Lenten Evensong on Sunday 12th March when we welcomed visitors from neighbouring parishes and Revd David Lowe as guest speaker. As a new venture we are looking to try something different when the month has five Sundays. The next of these occurs on Sunday 30th April and we will then be holding a Family Service at the Church Hall commencing at 10:30 am. We will be pleased to extend a warm welcome to all.

Furthermore, we are presently making plans for a series of events to be held during the year including the very popular Parish Walk. Watch this space.

Geoff Lambert, PCC Secretary

BRIGHT STARS

Because of the Easter holidays, we only have one service this month, which is on **Monday 24th April** at 10:30 am in St Michael's Church Centre. Meanwhile, we hope that you all have a very Happy Easter.

Bright Stars is a short service designed to make children's worship fun and exciting. We welcome all pre-school children and babies and their carers to our services which are held on the second and fourth Mondays of each month, during term time. We meet at 10:30 am in St Michael's Church Centre. There is a chance to meet for refreshments and a chat after the service, which lasts about half an hour.

For more details please call Pauline (01473 625061) or Liz (01473 625617).

MARTLESHAM CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

Black Tiles Lane

EASTER

A matter of Life and Death

Without the message of Easter, Christianity would just be another set of rules and regulations, with Christians having an endless and unsuccessful struggle to meet God's requirements. The Good News of Easter is that everything that prevents us from enjoying a relationship with God has been dealt with, once and for all. We

invite you to discover this for yourself, through our services and activities this month.

GOOD FRIDAY

10:30 am - Service

EASTER DAY

10 am - Celebration for the whole family

SUNDAY SERVICES

10 am - **Family Worship** with SUNSPOT/RESPECT for young people, followed by refreshments and then

11:45 am - **Communion**

Sunday 30th

10 am - **FAMILY SERVICE combined with communion**

Weekday activities

TUESDAY CIRCLE

April 11th at 2 pm
"Family Matters"

Weekly on Tuesday/Wednesday evenings

HOUSEGROUPS

for prayer, bible study and fellowship

Thursdays (term time)

10 am - **TODDLER GROUP**

7 pm - **YOUTH GROUP**

Second and fourth Mondays

7:30 pm - **ART CLUB**

MUNCH BUNCH:

6:30 pm Sundays - chance for the 14+ age group to explore the Christian faith.

FRIENDS ON FRIDAY

Every Friday

Drop in any time between 10 am-12 noon for coffee, chat (and games if you wish), especially for those in "the third age".

There are also other opportunities for prayer, Bible study or simply exploring what Christianity means.

You can find out more details about what we believe and our monthly programme in various ways:

* Visit us at a service or activity

* Visit the website at www.m-c-f.org

* Telephone Julia Faulkner on 01473 625482 or John Mellen on 01473 624401

THOUGHTS FROM YOUR PARISH CHURCH

Learn to Pray

Easter is here, with chocolate eggs and bunnies, but let's go deeper. We can at anytime talk to the architect of Easter, God. We can do this in prayer. God hears every prayer - but not all prayers are answered in the way we might expect or desire: we don't always pray for his will to be done!

We need to come closer to God, to experience His love for us and to try to make sense of where we are in the world. Prayer is the way we do this. How to start? Use your hand. Your fingers can be used to bring to mind different things to pray for. Your thumb, this is the strongest digit on your hand. Give thanks for all the strong things in your life, like home and family, relationships that support and sustain you.

Your index finger, this is the pointing finger. Pray for all those people and things in your life who guide and help you. Friends, teachers, doctors, nurses, emergency services and so on.

Your middle finger, this is the tallest finger. Pray for all the important people who have power in the world, like world leaders and their governments, members of parliament and local councillors, the Royal Family, other world leaders and their governments.

Your ring finger, this is the weakest finger on your hand. It can not do much by itself. Remember the poor, the weak, the helpless, the hungry, the sick, the ill and the bereaved.

Your little finger, this is the smallest and the last finger on your hand. Pray for yourself.

This activity is a discipline - it can be difficult at times, just like keeping fit, being on a diet, or keeping weeds down in the garden! Little and often is best, but don't

give up! No prayer, however inadequate you may feel it to be, is ever

wasted or of no value.

N.B. with thanks to the Church of England website.

Revd. Ian Naylor

MARTLESHAM HEATH PAVILION

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

Each week there are –

- Bader Court coffee mornings
- Weightwatchers meetings
- WI market
- Tuesday Games Club
- Brownies
- 4 Parent and Toddler sessions
- Yoga classes
- Youth Club

Every two weeks there are –

- Cross-Stitch classes

Every month there are -

- WI meetings
- Police surgeries

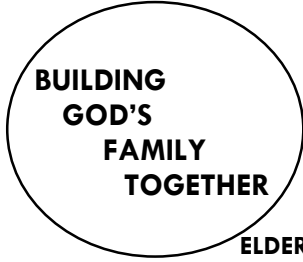
Occasionally there are -

- Woodbridge Model Boat Club meetings
- National Childbirth Trust classes
- Childminding Group meetings
- Martlesham in Bloom meetings
- Conservation Group meetings
- Village Produce Association meetings

During the summer there are –

- cricket matches

Did you know that there is some time available if you want to start a new club or society? For more information on any of these, please contact Paul Firman on 01473 622874



THE CHURCH IN MARTLESHAM & BRIGHTWELL

PARISH MINISTER: The Revd. Ian Naylor, 17 Lark Rise, Martlesham Heath, IP5 3SA,
Tel: 01473 622424 and e-mail address: inaylor17@aol.com
CLERGY: The Revd. Elizabeth Corker, 12 Fairfield Avenue, Felixstowe, Tel: 01394 210793
 The Revd. Heather Cooke, 9 Swan Close, Martlesham Heath, Tel: 623770
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 Lewis Currie, 18 Parkers Place, Martlesham Heath, Tel: 01473 625320
ELDERS: Margaret Rollins, 9 Angela Close, Tel: 01473 623868; Monica Twaits, 39 Angela Close,
Tel: 01473 623194

Services for the Month	Brightwell St. John's	Martlesham St. Mary's	Martlesham Heath St. Michael's
Sunday 2nd April Lent 5	8am Holy Communion	11am Holy Communion	9:45am All Age Worship
Sunday 9th April Palm Sunday		8am Holy Communion 11am Matins	9:45am Family Holy Communion & Junior Church 6:30pm United Service
Thursday 13th April - Maundy Thursday		7pm Holy Communion	
Friday 14th April Good Friday	7pm Service	10:30am Service	2pm Hour at The Cross
Saturday 15th April - Easter Eve			8pm Easter Vigil
Sunday 16th April Easter Day	6:30pm Evensong	8am Holy Communion 11am Family Holy Com.	9:45am Worship & Holy Communion
Sunday 23rd April Easter 2	6:30pm Evensong	8am Holy Communion 11am Matins	9:45am Family Holy Communion & Junior Church
Sunday 30th April Easter 3	10:30am Family Service in Church Hall	11am Service of The Word	9:45am Service of The Word & Junior Church
Sunday 7th May Easter 4	8am Holy Communion	11am Holy Communion BCP	9:45am All Age Worship 6:30pm Informal Worship

MIDWEEK SERVICES: Holy Communion each Wednesday at 10am in St Michael's. Bright Stars will meet on Monday 24th April at 10:30am in St Michael's. A warm welcome awaits you at all the above services.

PRAYER DIARY FOR APRIL

Please pray daily for world peace, for our church and:

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| <p>6 for child-minders
 7 give thanks for all who keep our environment tidy
 8 for the VPA Spring Show
 9 Palm Sunday: that we may follow Jesus faithfully
 10 for those who are persecuted for their faith
 11 for all who feel far from God
 12 for the residents of Portal Avenue
 13 Maundy Thursday: that we may love as Jesus loves us
 14 Good Friday: thank God for Jesus' victory over sin and death
 15 for those who mourn a loved one
 16 Easter Day: thank God for Jesus' Resurrection
 17 for Easter joy on a day for relaxation
 18 give thanks for signs of new life in our gardens
 19 for the residents of Post Office Lane
 20 for teachers and children returning to school
 21 for the Queen on her 80th birthday
 22 for all who travel today</p> | <p>23 for those who doubt the good news of Easter
 24 St George's Day: for the Scout and Guide Movements
 25 St Mark's Day: give thanks for the good news in his Gospel
 26 for the residents of Private Road
 27 that we may welcome newcomers to our neighbourhood
 28 for all doctors and health workers who care for us
 29 for all who are being married today
 30 give thanks for the hope which Jesus offers us
 MAY 1 St Philip & St James' Day: that we may be faithful disciples
 2 for justice in trade regulations
 3 for the residents of Ravens Way
 4 give thanks for the miracle of migrant birds returning
 5 for refugees and asylum seekers
 6 for all who work with pre-school children</p> |
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