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Martlesham Monthly needs your help.

For the last few years Roy Berridge has been one of the most important people involved in delivering the Martlesham Monthly to every address in Martlesham and Brightwell, but Roy has now decided to take a break. We would like to take this opportunity to thank him for his help, support and input over this period.

His job has been to coordinate between the collators of the magazine and the people who deliver it, sometimes helping with a delivery round, but mostly just the organisation. This job only takes about an hour or so a month but we desperately need a reliable person to take over from him. You will of course be given all the help necessary.

Please contact Paul Firman 01473 622874

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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 334980
E-mail—ian.rafferty@suffolk.pnn.police.uk

MUSIC ON THE GREEN

Saturday 8th July 2006 will see the sixth annual "Music on the Green" event. This is a free live music event

and the proceeds are donated to charity. The 2005 event was hugely successful, with continuous music from 10 am until 10:30 pm. The committee are now meeting and getting together a varied programme of music for 2006.

Although we have a great number of willing helpers, we are always looking for more help during the day. If you could give us an hour's help during the morning and or after the event we would be very grateful. We would like to build a register of helpers. If you can help with next year's event please e-mail: paul.firmanhair@ntlworld.com or call me on 01473 622874.

We are also indebted to our sponsors for 2006 which at the moment include **Howard Plant, Douglas Bader, GMA Warehousing & Transport Ltd, PJ Print and The Martlesham Monthly.**

This year's chosen charities are **The Ipswich Children's Hospice and The Martlesham Responders.**

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

Paul Firman, Chairman

COMMUNITY RESPONDERS

Martlesham Community Responders provide a first response to most 999 calls received by the East Anglian Ambulance Trust within Martlesham, Martlesham Heath, Waldringfield, Newbourne and Brightwell.

We are a group of volunteers (funded entirely by donations) who are trained to provide first aid and resuscitation skills until the arrival of an emergency ambulance.

For further details, contact Andy Oxborrow 01473 620432 (E-mail Andy.Oxborrow@suffolk.sja.org.uk)

EDITORIAL

I hope all our readers, contributors and advertisers enjoyed a very merry Christmas and I'd like to take this opportunity to wish you a happy and healthy New Year.

**Best Regards,
Neal Goldsmith**

**MARTLESHAM COMMUNITY
COUNCIL**
Registered Charity no. 273769
7:30 PM
SATURDAY JANUARY 28TH

**SUFFOLK
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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.

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**MARTLESHAM & DISTRICT
FLOWER CLUB**

We would like to wish all members and friends a happy New Year and invite you all to the first meeting of 2006 on Wednesday 18th January when Mrs Nicholls will be demonstrating a "Winter Wonderland". The competition will be an arrangement using white flowers with artificial material if desired.

The Club meets at St Michael's Church Centre, Martlesham Heath on the third Wednesday of the month at 2:30 pm. The annual subscription is £10 with visitors

welcome at £2 per session. There is a plant and flower arrangers stall at each meeting. All welcome.

Mrs Margaret Forbes
01394 382209

MARTLESHAM W.I.

The December meeting was, as usual, a social evening. After the business and correspondence members enjoyed, on tape, a hilarious rendering of several poems by Pam Ayers.

Following this, three members performed an amusing sketch of a non-conventional committee meeting which ended with the President, Secretary and Treasurer leading a rendering of the carol "Good King Wenceslas".

A quiz with a seasonal theme kept us busy after which members enjoyed refreshments provided by the Committee.

The Rose Bowl trophy for the member gaining most points for the year in the monthly competitions was won by the President, Mrs Joan Locke.

At the first meeting of the New Year on January 20th Mr Pond will speak on "Hazards of the Western Desert."

The competition will be "Your Favourite Christmas Card".

Visitors and new members are welcome.

Contact: Mrs Betty Darke - 01473 624193

Sylvia Harris

**MARTLESHAM HEATH
WOMENS' INSTITUTE
25 years old and still going
strong!**

On 12th December, Martlesham Heath W.I. celebrated its first 25 years with a 'Silver' party in the Pavilion.

The committee did a wonderful job, providing a raffle where all the items were silver, and an excellent selection of food and drink. Gilian Maylin made a 25th Anniversary card for each member, and crackers and silver-based floral centrepieces. Kay Harris devised a Quiz, and Lis Copeland made the cake.

Linda Leigh, Suffolk East W.I. Chairman, and three past Presidents of our W.I. who are no longer members, joined us: Joan Keene, Doreen Oldroyd, and Judy Wyndham. Four past presidents who are still members: Angela Dack, Florence Fisher, Jean Penny, and Di Russ, and five founder members: Betty Dickinson, Joan Keene, Di Russ, Bernadette Smith, and Judy Wyndham, were present too. We could not believe it was 25 years ago that the W.I. was founded in the Pavilion one October evening.

Kay Hall welcomed 28 members and 5 guests, and gave Birthday posies to Jean Penny, Mariette Batterham and Betty Dickinson. The Denman Bursary was won by Shirley Watson. Bronwyn Tyler won the competition for a silver item, and the 'Silver' and cracker raffles were drawn. After two tie-break questions, Di Russ was declared overall winner of the Quiz. Ann Little's skilful keyboard playing led our carol singing.

We all agreed that it had been an excellent celebration of our 25 years. Here's to the next 25!!

Di Russ

WOODBIDGE PROBUS CLUB

On Monday 5th December, Woodbridge Probus Club members were joined by their ladies for Christmas Lunch at Waldringfield Heath Golf Club.

Following a most enjoyable lunch, members and guests were entertained by local artist Reg Snook whose talk was entitled "Living to Paint". He humourously recounted his life history and artistic interests.

A vote of thanks was given by Sue Goode, wife of our chairman, who also presented a beautifully crafted home turned Bud Vase to every lady present.

The next meeting of the club is on Tuesday 3rd January at Waldringfield Heath Golf Club, when the speaker will be Mr Stephen Mael of the Longstop Museum.

Membership is open to retired or semi-retired men. In the first instance, please contact Jeff Franklin on 01473 620377.

MARTLESHAM LADIES CLUB

Happy New Year to all our members and readers of the Martlesham Monthly.

Our Christmas party on the 8th December was a huge success - we were entertained by Vernon, Geoff & friends with songs, ditties and Emma Hagger delighted us playing the piano.

Details for January are:

*05.01 - 'Frolic, Fervour & Fornication in Suffolk Parishes'!!! The speaker will be Mr Pip Wright

*12.01 - Annual Dinner to be held at 'The Three Tuns', Pettistree

*19.01 - Quiz, followed by Bring & Buy

Our meetings are held in the Richards Room, Community Hall, Martlesham every alternate Thursdays at 7:30 pm. New members are most welcome.

Margaret Green

THE MOTHERS' UNION

Soon after I became Treasurer of Martlesham Mothers' Union, one of the members said to me, "Welcome to a wonderful organisation". I accepted the welcome but it took some time for the truth of the statement to become clear.

Time is a great redeemer of promises and 'wonderful', like most adjectives, has comparative connotations, but there is little doubt that Martlesham MU has done, and continues to do, wonderful things.

With a membership of less than 50 (most of whom are over 50), Martlesham MU have raised, during my period of office, over £1500 for overseas work and more than £200 for the Mercy Home Orphanage in Mount Kenya South, in addition to hundreds of pounds for prison work and holidays for those in desperate need, and all this in addition to work within the Benefice.

The gratifying part of this is that funds raised by the MU are received and used by MU members so that the chance of money falling into corrupt hands is nil.

We would like you to help us to help others, with food, with education, with development and literacy, seeds, goats, and the knowledge that there is someone

who cares enough to offer practical help.

We may well enjoy a cup of tea and cake but it is to refresh us for the work we do in the modern world. Why not join us? Come and see what we do - everyone is welcome.

Bernard Ward

CALLING ALL MUMS...

The first meeting in 2006 of The Mums' Club will be held on Tuesday 10th January at St Michael's Church Centre from 12:45 to 2:30 pm. The speaker on this occasion will be Julie Long from 'Lazy Daisy' who will give a talk and demonstration on Baby and Toddler Yoga.

The Mums' Club is a group of mums who, with their small children, meet together once a month. If you are a mum at home with a baby or toddler we invite you to join us. Our meetings start with a sandwich lunch which is provided for you (we ask for a modest donation of £1 to cover the cost of this). Mums can then enjoy listening to the speaker while our helpers watch over the children as they play.

If you would like more information please 'phone Sue on 01473 624130 or Kay on 01473 626169.

MARTLESHAM HEATH BABY & TODDLER GROUP

Happy New Year!

The Christmas party was a great success! Thank you to everybody who helped to organise, and run it on the day. The children appeared to have lots of fun and these events would not take place otherwise. Thank you to the Committee, Carole and Karen, and also Glenys Owens, Trevor Shave and of course Father Christmas!

The Martlesham Heath Baby and Toddler group would also like to show their appreciation to the following companies for their generosity with kindly providing raffle prizes for the party. You are:

The Douglas Bader, Notcutts, Tesco, Morrisons, The Black Tiles, The Riverside Theatre, Kidz Kingdom, Transdec and Janet Sarah Hair Design. Thanks!

We all enjoyed the Ladies' Night - thanks to Sarah and Kate for

organising this.

Just a reminder - if you've still got photos could you please either return the photos or payment to a toddler session as soon as possible.

Sessions resume as usual in the Martlesham Heath Pavilion on a Wednesday and Friday 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. If you're a parent, grandparent, or child-minder please pop along for a visit.

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

Joanne Warren

MARTLESHAM PLAYSCHOOL

The children start this new year concentrating on the theme of Music, Drama and Dance. We look forward to welcoming Carolyn Brown from Kesgrave Library to one of the sessions for each age group this term, with her storytelling.

To date we have managed to collect 3300 Tesco vouchers enabling us to buy some new sports equipment. We have the rest of this month to increase this total so if you have any left please hand them in at the control tower.

Our fundraisers have been hard at work, raising money with hampers for Christmas and a lovely idea of printing children's handprints onto tiles in conjunction with 'All Fired Up' which raised just over £100. This proved very popular for presents. They have plenty of new ideas for the rest of this year.

We are very grateful to councillor Patricia O'Brien for the recent grant from her funds.

Wishing you all a happy and healthy New Year.

Rachel Pennick (Secretary)

THREE BEARS PLAYGROUP

It is lovely to welcome back all of the children and their families after the Christmas break and we hope that everyone got the presents they wished for!

Our topic this term is people who help us. We begin January by learning about the roles of various people in our community such as doc-

tors and nurses, police officers and firemen. During 'Doctor week' the children will be learning how to use a forehead thermometer; how certain foods can help us stay healthy and making Get Well cards. During 'Police week', the community WPC will be visiting the group and through role-play activities the children will also have the opportunity to find out about traffic police and detectives and also learn how to keep safe on the roads.

During 'Firefighter week', we will hopefully be visited by the Fire Brigade and the children will have opportunities to build fire engines, draw fire fighter pictures and find out how to call for help in an emergency (999).

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.

Wishing everyone a very Happy New Year.

Elizabeth Leonard

ST MICHAEL'S PRE-SCHOOL

Martlesham Heath

We hope you all had a lovely Christmas and wish you all a happy New Year.

Our theme for this term is 'Shapes'. Role-play will include Post Office and hospitals. Activities will include bubble wrap painting, making a crown and cress growing. We will also be doing hand printed tiles courtesy of "All Fired Up". This will be a lovely keepsake for the children or will make an ideal present for members of their family.

We had some lovely photos taken by the Tempest photographer last year. Thank you to everyone who brought their child along for a sitting. Through this we managed to raise £51 for the Pre-school.

Our Pre-school committee is in need of a secretary. We really need to fill this post, so if you could help us or know of someone who could please contact the Pre-school on 07712 506123.

Half-term break will be from Monday 13th to 20th February.

If you are interested in sending your child to our Pre-school and would like more information, please

contact our booking secretary Christie Drake on 07720 708562 or e-mail christie.drake@tiscali.co.uk, or visit our website - www.stmichaelspreschool.org.uk.

Nicky Buck

GORSELAND SCHOOL P.F.A.

The new extension, housing the Key Stage 1 and Foundation classes, was completed and handed over to the School at the end of November and the staff and children are now well settled in to their fantastic building. Parents were invited to attend tours to see the new, impressive facilities during December. Work is continuing in earnest in other parts of the school and, despite the difficulties, everyone is adapting to the changes very well.

Forthcoming events from the P.F.A. will, hopefully, include a Quiz Night and a Cooked Breakfast event when the children serve the breakfast and wash up for their parents!!

We will also be hoping to raise further funds by running the Summer Flowering-Bulb campaign.

Wishing everyone a very Happy New Year.

BIRCHWOOD P.T.A.

We would like to thank everybody who so generously supported our Christmas Fayre held on 8th December at the school. We raised an astounding £800 and now have the dilemma as to how best to spend it on improving school life. As well as thanking Jacqui Frost and her excellent team of staff, and the many parents who donated cakes, prizes and their time, we would also like to thank the numerous local businesses who were very supportive and provided us with some great raffle prizes :

Admirals Fish & Chip Shop; Benetts; Douglas Bader; Focus; Kidz Kingdom; Martlesham Leisure; McColls; Pedal Power; Property Gallery (who also kindly sponsored notice boards across Martlesham Heath); S&I Beauty and Seapets.

We must also give special mention to Paul Firman and Martlesham Monthly who have made a very generous donation to assist us

with the purchase of a PA system for the school. School plays and sports days will never be the same again!

Birchwood PTA would like to wish all of Martlesham Monthly's readers a very Merry Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year.

MARTLESHAM WIVES GROUP

Firstly a big thank you to Jenny Chidgey for looking after us so well for the last few years.

Maureen and Elaine will share the organisation of the group from January.

Next meeting:

Monday 16th January, 8:15 pm

Indian Cookery

Demonstration by Sonia Sarpel
Venue: Jenny, 43 Westland,
01473 626253

Phone Elaine (01473 622269) for details.

MARTLESHAM COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Registered Charity no. 273769
Martlesham Community Hall
Felixstowe Road, Martlesham

VALENTINES DANCE **BY NORMAN ROSE**

Tickets (inc. Buffet Supper): £8.50 each

Coffee/tea & squash available or bring your own drinks.

Available from:

Jackie Bear 01473 623007 &
Burrows 01473 625196

SATURDAY 7:30 PM
4TH FEBRUARY

BRUSHSTROKES ART GROUP

We have enjoyed yet another evening of a talk and demonstration, this time from Richard Cox. He showed us some of his work and then went through his way of painting water colour landscapes.

Hopefully lots of people will get art stuff for their Christmas presents this year and will want to try them out. Well you can and we will help you!

We meet fortnightly on a Thursday in the St. Michaels Church

Annex on the Green between 7:30 and 9:30 pm, with tea and coffee, and if your lucky two biscuits! The cost is normally £2 (but is under review)

The group is of mixed standard and age range. You need to bring your own equipment and subjects to paint, though on occasions we have a still life to paint. Help is always on hand by the other members, and we have visiting artists every so often for a workshop or demonstration.

Dates for 2006 start after Christmas on 12th Jan, 26th Jan, 9th Feb, etc.- fortnightly.

For more information contact Sue Sharman 01473 610474 or just come along.

QUILLS

The Social Networking Group for Women in Suffolk

Thursday 12th January - 7:30 pm, Seckford Hall

Our open evening in January is a great way to kick start the New Year. A good opportunity to make new friends and to find out more about Quills and our exciting programme of events and outings for 2006! If you would like to join us call Caroline on 07775 620226 or Carole on 07977 730954 or for more information on Quills visit www.quills.org.uk

MARTLESHAM HEATH AVIATION SOCIETY

Our meeting in December featured a speaker who we had once before. We were delighted to welcome back Mr Rex Garrod and his talk was entitled, "The Secret Life of Rex Garrod – Creative Engineer".

Rex hails from Mickfield and is responsible for many special effects in films and TV programmes. He demonstrated some of his skills with a talk illustrated both by slides and special effects. The television programme for children "Rosie and Jim" features the principal characters both as puppets. However, sometimes, when puppetry is impossible the characters are radio controlled and this is an example of Rex Garrod's ingenuity.

It was a thoroughly entertaining and humorous evening by a

very talented speaker. A vote of thanks was given by Gordon Kinsey.

Our next meeting is on Friday 6th January at the Community Hall and should feature a former chief test pilot from Avro, the aircraft manufacturers. Mr Tony Blackman will give an illustrated talk entitled "Flying and Other Stories".

Meetings commence at 7:30 pm and non-members are welcome for a payment of £2 at the door.

On behalf of the members of Martlesham Heath Aviation Society I would like to wish everybody a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Alan Powell 01473 622458

PORTAL AVENUE WOODLANDS MANAGEMENT/ CONSERVATION GROUP

The Group Committee would like to thank all for their support during 2005 and wish everyone a happy and prosperous New Year. 2005 will be remembered for the success with our major project - the wild life pond - but it also saw more young children from Gorseland School, the Guides, Brownies and Beavers involved in activities in the woodland which was very satisfying.

Projects for 2006 will be finishing off the pond and the forming of the Nature Watch Club for 5 – 11 year olds, as well as the day to day management of the woodland. We have obtained some funding for equipment for the Nature Watch Club from the County Council Locality Budget and the book sale last month raised a further £100. Thanks to all who donated books or bought them. Wishing you a prosperous New Year has an ulterior motive as we will still need to raise more funds for equipment this year!!! Our teenage volunteers, who have been with us since we started, are now reaching the grand old age of 20 (wish I was), and we would love to be able to recruit more teenagers either as volunteers or Committee members. It can be very interesting and only as time consuming as you wish, any volunteers gratefully received.

Our next workday is

Saturday 21st January, meeting at 10 o'clock at the Force HQ Sports field gate on the perimeter track near to Portal Avenue, and as always all volunteers are welcome.

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

MARTLESHAM CONSERVATION GROUP

Although January is cold, the days slowly lengthen and heath fauna and flora responds. For foxes, it is the height of the mating season betrayed by night-time barks and screams. Cubs will be born in March.

On bright days, a variety of birds will be heard singing but cold snaps bring survival difficulties. Daily garden feeding and fresh water provision will provide vital help. Each winter, garden bird-watchers are aware of more visiting Blackbirds as local birds are joined by near continent and fenno-scandian immigrants. It isn't possible to distinguish incomers from residents at this time but when our own birds attain breeding plumage by March, their bright orange-yellow bills and eye-rings stand out since immigrant males won't get theirs until they return to their European breeding grounds. Other winter visitors of the thrush family that may frequent our gardens and you may see are the Fieldfare and Redwing from similar northern locations.

Meanwhile, at the edge of woodlands, hazel catkins are coming into flower and in grassy areas snow drops will brighten up any winter's day.

Our next work party will be on Sunday January 8th. Please meet outside the Douglas Bader at 10 am or call Phil Smith to find out the location. Everyone is welcome, no previous experience is necessary, all tools and equipment will be provided. Please come along and help our local wildlife.

Phil Smith 01473 625630 and Steve Goddard - steve@goddard98.freeserve.co.uk

SUFFOLK WILDLIFE TRUST

On Thursday 19th January at 7:30 pm in the Woodbridge Community Hall we have a talk from Richard Stewart on "The Butterflies of Suffolk".

On Thursday 16th February we will be joined again by Ian Rose who will be describing the wildlife encountered on a "Kashmir Experience". We start at 7:30 pm in the Woodbridge Community Hall.

Please come along and join us. Everyone is welcome. Entrance is only £1.50.

Phil Smith 01473 625630

MARTLESHAM WANDERERS FOOTBALL CLUB JUMBLE SALE

**SAT 4TH FEBRUARY, 2 PM
THE SCOUT HUT,
MARTLESHAM HEATH
Admission 20p**

JUMBLE REQUIRED

**Can be dropped into the scout
hut on the morning of the sale
For collection please contact:
Brenda Chandler 01473
611066**

MARTLESHAM BOWLS CLUB

Notes from the A.G.M. - Brian, our chairman, said the various open competitions last year went well. The Fish and Chip Supper would be held again. He closed his report by thanking the 'backroom team' for their hard work.

Gordon Levett was unable to be with us as he was in hospital. Everyone wished him well and a speedy return to home. (Gordon is now back in circulation.)

The club captain told us the team was now in the 1st Division of the Woodbridge League.

Our groundsman told us (as we knew) the green was the best we have had for years. If proof is needed, both the Suffolk County Bowls Association and the Senior Cup organizers have asked to use our green. Brian, Gordon, George and Ernie as well as other helpers were thanked by the meeting.

Sylvia, the retiring treasurer, gave her usual detailed report

on the finances. She drew our attention to the £230 raised by the sale of Pub Cards, also to a donation of £500 pounds from the Parish Council.

There will be an increase in annual subs by £3 making it £35. All other prices will remain the same, with the exception of Open Competitions, who will pay 30p for tea and coffee.

George Gould was elected treasurer and Colin Thurkettle is to be asked to be the Ipswich and District 3 woods captain.

Do not forget the subs are due by January 31st. Looking for a chance to get an offset of the cost of subs? See February's issue of 'The Martlesham Monthly'.

Linda is still able to answer your questions on 01394 384698.

Jack Cot

MARRIAGE COURSE

The Marriage Course is designed to enrich the experience of sharing their lives together for couples in established relationships (however, it is not a marriage preparation course). St Johns Church in Woodbridge will be running the course for seven Friday evenings, starting on the 20th January.

Each evening commences with an intimate candlelit meal, followed by the opportunity for couples to consider and discuss between themselves topics such as giving time to each other, communications and love languages.

Although the course is based on Christian values it is suitable for couples of other or of no faith.

For further details and an application form contact Roy and Lis Eaton through the Church Office (01394 383162). The national website www.themarriagecourse.org will also have details of this and of other courses being run in the area.

THANKS FROM JOAN LOCKE

My son and I would like to say thank you to friends and neighbours for their cards and letters with kind thoughts and sympathy on the loss of my dear husband Gerry. Best wishes to all for 2006

CAN I MIX SOCIAL LIFE WITH COMMUNITY SERVICE?

Yes – a new Martlesham based club is being formed which will run a "family-friendly" programme to give a mix of leisure, fundraising and family events.

Who are we?

Suffolk Coastal Rotary Club – a new style of Rotary Club for the 21st Century.

Rotary members around the world actively support good causes locally, nationally and internationally. Everything from support for the local Gateway club, the leisure arm of Mencap, to PolioPlus, a Rotary International programme to immunize all the world's children against polio.

To find out how you too could make a difference, please contact Tim 01473 623020 or Margaret 01473 625700 or e-mail rcscoastal@btinternet.com

HOLY FAMILY & SAINT 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.

Christmas included an international outlook with Christmas cards being sent to our twin parish in Cambodia and many people making gifts through CAFOD, which sent funds to Pakistan and Kashmir via Islamic charities. We have also been asked to pray for Bishop Michael who has recently been diagnosed with cancer.

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 and at 9:15 am on Mondays.

BRIGHTWELL CHURCH

What a year 2005 was, a year filled with feverish activity to wit-

ness the opening of the Toilet extension to the Church Hall, dedicate a Plaque to the late Jock and Nancy Causton, see the Flower Festival and Concert, view the Parish from the Parish Walk, celebrate the anniversary of 70 years of the Village Hut and to conclude the year, in December, a Nativity Play featuring the youngest of Brightwell's inhabitants in a production worthy of any Oscar nomination, and of course our usual Carol Service. It was good to see an audience of around 30 at the Nativity Play which was a joyous family occasion with children, mums and dads and grandparents. Thank you for the music to Bob James and John Bailey.

While all this may seem exciting we must not overlook that the life of our Church went on week after week with Worship being led by Ian and his Ministry Team in Services bringing to each one of us a sense of care, dedication and love and above all messages which showed freshness and a pertinence to our everyday lives. As a congregation we are blessed indeed.

What of 2006?

Geoff Lambert, PCC Secretary

MARTLESHAM CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

Black Tiles Lane

Christmas may be but a dim memory, but its real significance can never fade. God came into human history as a helpless baby to sort out the world's problems. When the time is right he will return to complete what he has started and everyone will recognise that Jesus Christ is Lord. This is something worth celebrating in the New Year, which is just beginning.

NEW ACTIVITY

Starts again on 13th January

FRIENDS ON FRIDAY

Every Friday

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

Sunday Services

10 am - Family Worship

11:45 am - Communion

SUNSPOT/RESPECT starts again on 8th January

Sunday 29th 10 am

FAMILY SERVICE -

Combined with communion

As well as these services there are various weekday activities including:

TUESDAY CIRCLE

10th January, 2 pm

"Cookies and Cakes"

HOUSEGROUPS for prayer, bible study and fellowship take place weekly on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings.

TODDLER GROUP 10 am every Thursday

YOUTH GROUP 7 pm every Thursday

MUNCH BUNCH:

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

ART CLUB: 7:30 pm, 2nd/4th Mondays

In addition to the meetings listed above there are 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

BRIGHT STARS

We hope that you all had a good Christmas, and welcome everyone back for the New Year. We were sorry to say goodbye to some of our older children, who have started at Pre-school this term, and we wish them all well.

Our services this month are on **Monday 9th** and **Monday 23rd January** at 10:30 am in St Michael's Church Centre.

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).

CALL YOURSELF A CHRISTIAN??

On Sunday January 15th at 6:30 pm in St Michael's Church Centre, The Revd. Stuart Windsor, National Director of Christianity Solidarity Worldwide, will be telling us all about what it is like to be a Christian in many countries in the world today. A warm welcome awaits you.

For more details please contact Lewis Currie at 01473 624320.

THOUGHTS FROM YOUR PARISH CHURCH

Many of us will make a new year's resolution this year. Here are the top ten most popular new year's resolutions; 1) Spend more time with friends and family, 2) Fit in fitness, 3) Tame the bulge, 4) Quit smoking, 5) Enjoy life more, 6) Quit drinking, 7) Get out of debt, 8) Learn something new, 9) Help others, 10) Get organized. To take just one of these resolutions, here is how a popular website encourages us to get organised:

'On just about every New Year resolution top ten list, organization can be a very reasonable goal. Whether you want your home organized enough that you can invite someone over on a whim, or your office organized enough that you can find the stapler when you need it, these tips and links should get you started on the way to a more organized life.'

But is this what our lives should consist of, lists on how to improve our lot? One question I would ask at this point is this, 'Is life about doing or being?' I would argue that being comes first - we do because of who we are.

God looks at us first and foremost as a uniquely created person. He knows each one of us, and loves us for who we are, not what we might become. This year God wants you to know him better as well.

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Services for the Month	Brightwell St. John's	Martlesham St. Mary's	Martlesham Heath St. Michael's
Sunday 1st January Christmas 2	8am Holy Communion	11am Holy Communion BCP	9:45am All Age Worship
Sunday 8th January Epiphany	6:30pm Evensong	8am Holy Communion 11am Matins	9:45am Family Holy Communion & Junior Church
Sunday 15th January Epiphany 2	8am Holy Communion	11am Family Holy Communion	9:45am Worship & Junior Church 6:30pm Informal Worship with Guest Speaker - see special notice
Sunday 22nd January Epiphany 3	6:30pm Evensong	8am Holy Communion 11am Matins	9:45am Family Holy Communion & Junior Church
Sunday 29th January Epiphany 4	6:30pm Evensong	8am Holy Communion 11am Celebration of Wholeness and Healing	9:45am Celebration of Wholeness and Healing
Sunday 5th February 4th before Lent	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 9th and 23rd January at 10:30am in St Michael's. A warm welcome awaits you at all the above services.

PRAYER DIARY FOR JANUARY

Pray daily for the world, for peace, for the church, for our parishes, and:

- 7 for those who mourn loved ones
- 8** Baptism of Christ—for all those being baptised today
- 9 for our Sunday School and all involved in any way
- 10 for all relief agencies and give thanks for their work
- 11 for all residents of Mill Lane
- 12 for all who help in so many church activities
- 13 for the work and witness of The Quakers
- 14 for drug and alcohol addicts
- 15** for all Christians persecuted for their faith
- 16 for Mothers' Union members of all cultures and races
- 17 for week of prayer for Christian Unity
- 18 for all residents of Netherwood Court
- 19 for P.C.C. meeting and all decisions made in faith
- 20 for all carers and those who are in their care
- 21 for our hospitals and hospices
- 22** be still and know that God is with us always
- 23 for the work starting this week in the kitchen at St Michael's
- 24 for St Paul and his teachings for us all
- 25 for all residents of Newbourne Road
- 26 for our neighbours
- 27 for the unemployed and despondent
- 28 for the homeless, especially women and children
- 29** for the services in our churches today
- 30 for all who suffer from leprosy and their families
- 31 for all troubled parts of the world
- FEB 1** for all residents of Nunn Close
- 2 Candlemass—may we shine and reflect God's love
- 3 for blind and deaf people everywhere
- 4 for the faith to build bridges in our community
- 5** that we may respond to the call of Jesus