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Please be aware that I am changing the Martlesham Monthly e-mail address over to martmonthly@gmail.com

E-mails can still be sent to martmonthly@ntlworld.com for the next three months (March, April, May) but I will be phasing out this address and it will no longer be in use by June. Therefore, please may I request that everyone gets into the habit of sending contributions and queries to martmonthly@gmail.com as soon as possible. Thank you for your cooperation.

Neal Goldsmith, Editor

TALKING MARTLESHAM MONTHLY

Now that the continued production of the Talking Monthly is assured, please contact the Editors if you, or someone you know, would benefit by receiving one of the monthly audio tapes. These are available free of charge and are delivered by Royal Mail, normally on the second Saturday of the month. When the recipients have finished with the tape it can be returned to Graham Downing post free merely by reversing the address label and dropping the package in a letter box.

Martlesham Monthly Editors

MARTLESHAM VILLAGE HELP DESK

**WILL THE NEW HOUSING
PROPOSALS AFFECT YOU?**

**HAVE YOU GOT A PROBLEM IN
THE VILLAGE? IF SO COME TO
THE PAVILION on Saturday 15th
March, 10 am – 12 pm**

Do you have a problem in the Village?

Not sure who owns what land near you?

Need to discuss a problem with The Police or Local Village representatives?

No matter what your problem is The Village Help Desk can help you.

On Saturday 15th March 10 am – 12 pm come to The Pavilion on The Green at Martlesham Heath.

There will be a representative from

- The Parish Council,
- Martlesham Consultants Limited
- The Suffolk Constabulary
- District Councillors
- County Councillor

So no matter what your problem or your concern is, there will be somebody who can help you on the day. This was a huge success when we launched this in November 2007 and many people were helped following their visit.

Paul Firman - 01473 622874

POLICE

Community Police Officer
PC 651 Richard Wright

In case of emergencies please always call 999.

In non-emergency situations call the main switchboard on 01473 613500; you can also contact PC Wright on the following numbers for non-urgent matters:

Office—01473 334980

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

COMMUNITY RESPONDERS

Martlesham Community Responders are a group of 4 volunteers (funded entirely by donations) who are trained to provide first aid and resuscitation skills. We provide a first response to most 999 calls received by the East Anglian Ambulance Trust within Martlesham, Martlesham Heath, Waldringfield, Newbourne and Brightwell, in support of and until the arrival of an emergency ambulance.

For further details, contact Andy Oxborrow 01473 620432 (e-mail Andy.Oxborrow@suffolk.sja.org.uk), or see our web pages on www.martlesham.org.uk.

VIRGIN MEDIA PHONE NUMBER

We are still trying to establish a telephone number that we can call for all enquiries about the Virgin Media Cable service here at Martlesham Heath.

For the time being can you call Paul Keane on 01206 507473.

Paul is a manager with Virgin Media and is trying his best to help us. He is based at Colchester and is as frustrated as we are. So please call him for all your problems and hopefully he will sort them out.

Martlesham Monthly

MARTLESHAM PARISH COUNCIL

*****TO ALL ELECTORS OF*****

*****MARTLESHAM*****

PARISH MEETING

You are invited to take part

It will be held at:

**ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH CENTRE
MARTLESHAM HEATH
TUESDAY 4TH MARCH - 7:30 PM**

Under the Chairmanship of
Mr W J Welch (Chairman of the
Parish Council)

AGENDA

1. Apologies for absence
2. To approve minutes of the Parish Meeting held 25th April 2007
3. **Suffolk Coastal District Council's Consultation on the Local Development Framework Core Strategy – Brief presentation by Martlesham Parish Council**
4. **To consider any comments that parishioners may have on the proposals**

Suffolk Coastal Local Development Framework Core Strategy

The District Council is preparing a new plan, a Local Development Framework (LDF), which will replace the Suffolk Coastal Local Plan. The Core Strategy is a very significant document within the LDF because it will provide the overall Vision for housing for the district up to 2024. The District Council has issued a consultation document which can be viewed online at: www.suffolkcoastal.gov.uk/yourdistrict/planning/review/corestrategy/
Deadline for responses is 28th March 2008. If you have any queries please contact the District Council's Planning Policy Section on 01394 444761.

The consultation shows preferred locations for housing in the East of Ipswich area and the Felix-

stowe and Trimleys Peninsula. The document states, "The purpose of this current consultation is to invite views on where, within these two strategic development areas, new housing development should be directed".

Two areas identified would particularly have an impact on Martlesham: Area 3 includes land south of Martlesham Heath to Foxhall Road; Area 4 described as "South of Old Martlesham/East of A12" extends from Mr Pipe's field (off Main Road, next to the Common) to the land east and south of BT's Adastral Park.

The Parish Council is therefore holding a parish meeting to find out parishioners' views before formulating its own response to the document. The document may have a long lasting impact on the future of the village in which we live. Parishioners are therefore urged to have their say on this issue.

Official Opening of the Kronji's Piece Play Area, Recreation Ground, The Street, Martlesham

This will take place on **22nd March at 2 pm**, subject to completion of outstanding work by the contractor. Please check notice boards a week prior to the event for confirmation. A press release will also be issued. The play area is for 2-12 year olds so please bring them along and expect a surprise!

Overgrowing vegetation

Just a reminder that all householders have a responsibility to cut back their shrubs and trees on boundaries in order to keep pathways and roadways clear for others to pass by safely.

Forthcoming meetings

- *Parish Council – Wednesday 5th March
- *Recreation & Amenities committee – Wednesday 12th March
- *Development Plans committee – Wednesday 19th March
- *Finance & General Purposes Committee – Wednesday 26th March

All meetings start at 7:30 pm in the Parish Room, Felixstowe Road, and are open to the public, who are welcome to ask questions or make comments to the council during the adjournment.

Contacting the Council

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

Telephone: 01473 612632

e-mail: clerk@martleshamcouncil.org.uk

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 COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Presents the

"BUMPSTEAD BOYS" (Neil Lanham & Andrew Stannard)
giving a narrative of

"RUBY AND HER HORSES"

It will consist of fond memories and wonderful tales of Suffolk, in song and slide show, plus stories, from the period just before the First World War then through the agricultural depression of the 1930s and up to fairly modern days,

ON

THURSDAY 13TH MARCH

AT

7 PM FOR 7:30PM

IN

ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH CENTRE

Tickets are £5 before the day and are available from the Post Office Stores, Black Tiles Lane, Martlesham or Jackie Bear on 01473 623007.

£6 at the door.

RUBY AND HER HORSES

'If you get a chance to see these two entertainers grab the opportunity with both hands!' - The East Anglian Daily Times

This is a true life narrative told by Neil Lanham from stories that were told to him by his mother Ruby. In the show the audience will be drawn back to the period just before the First World War and then through the agricultural depression of the 1930s. It was, Ruby said, a time when 'if you hadn't got anything you were lucky because you hadn't got the worry of it. For sure as eggs are eggs you'd lose it.'

The production is supported by a PowerPoint presentation of Ruby's own photographs, digitally enhanced for the big screen, and each story is followed by an unaccompanied song from Andrew Stannard in his nutbrown East Suffolk voice. Everything you hear on the night will come straight out of the oral tradition, nothing having been taken from books.

'We have had quite a bit of feed back of a very positive nature. The words 'charming' 'enchanted' 'riveting' and suchlike have been used. It is hard to describe the nature of what you put together, but clearly you've inherited your mother's gift for storytelling! Having mused over it this week, I come to the conclusion that you have mined the vein of Suffolk nostalgia. I don't mean this in a pejorative sense. It is powerful because it's in the experience of a lot of local people, and for incomers like me, there's a voyeuristic and vicarious pleasure. Anyhow, a damn good evening, and many thanks again. How did you find Andrew? He was absolutely spot on with his steel heels and bowler hat!' - Rosalind Lavington after a performance at Sproughton Tythe Barn.

'The two men held the audience spellbound for 2 hours and Ruby was brought alive with stories producing bouts of laughter and feelings of sadness in equal amounts' - East Anglian Daily Times, 18th September 2007.

MARTLESHAM CONSULTANTS LIMITED

The Annual General Meeting was held in the St Michael's and All Angels Church Centre on Thursday 7th February.

The following resolutions were agreed:-

That the Company levy a subscription/maintenance charge per dwelling of £17.50 from the period 1st July 2008 to 30th June 2009.

This was carried by 97 votes for – and 9 votes against.

In order to help to clarify the work of the Company it has been decided to change the name of Martlesham Consultants Ltd to MARTLESHAM HEATH HOUSEHOLDERS LTD.

This resolution was carried by 94 votes for and 9 votes against.

With the acquisition of the "Western Corridor" by the Company on behalf of the residents, it is necessary to set up a subsidiary company with Charitable status. The purpose being to own and maintain this area of land as an entirely separate entity. The maintenance charge is not intended to contribute to this.

This resolution was carried by 99 votes for and 4 votes against.

A final resolution was put to the vote regarding the insertion of a dissolution clause.

This was carried by 99 votes for and 9 votes against.

A few householders have still not submitted the Maintenance charge for the current year. Payment of £15 can be made by post or delivered by hand to C/O 6, The Square, Martlesham Heath, Ipswich, IP5 3SL.

Cheques should be made payable to Martlesham Consultants Ltd and the payment slip that you have received by post should be enclosed as well.

Are you interested in the open spaces we enjoy around the Heath? Do you want to have an input into maintaining the special character of the village? If so, have you thought about becoming a volunteer director for MCL? No special qualifications are needed, we only meet monthly (in the evening) and we are a friendly bunch. We only put in what

time we can manage and it is all towards maintaining and improving the open spaces and environment for everyone who lives here. Please think about it and if you want to talk to an existing director you can get in touch with us via e-mail or telephone and we will be pleased to talk to you.

The next monthly MCL Directors meeting will be held on Monday 17th March. This is an open meeting and all who subscribe to the maintenance charge are welcome to attend. 7:30 pm in the Committee room at St Michael's Church Centre

Contact us on voicemail – 01473 612207

Email – mcl@martlesham.org.uk

By letter – C/O 6, The Square, Martlesham Heath, Ipswich, IP5 3SL

MARTLESHAM IN BLOOM

Thank you to Duncan Sweeting who gave a very interesting presentation about Martlesham's wildlife at our New Year in Bloom event and AGM at the end of January. Many people attended the evening and we look forward to seeing you all again at our launch event planned for Thursday 24th April.

We are revising our Summer Competitions and hope that the categories will suit all entrants whether they have taken part before or not.

We have just sent in Martlesham's entry into the Anglia in Bloom 2008 Competition.

We are hoping to have a litter pick later in March, further details will be on the parish notice boards.

If you would like any further details on the above or any other Martlesham in Bloom activity please contact J Maureen Burrows (Secretary) on 01473 625196.

MARTLESHAM & DISTRICT FLOWER CLUB

Our demonstrator this month was Mrs Jill Nicholls with her title 'It's cold'. Mrs Nicholls said she still feels nervous at the beginning of each meeting but was soon at ease and started her first arrangement using two white amaryllis, one stem of white oriental lily and several small cut branches, finishing by adding white glistening angel hair. Her second arrangement was inside a small hamper and she followed this by creating a square

table decoration with four chunky white candles at each corner. A wicker basket with a handle was the base for her fourth arrangement. For another design she used a square glass container adding narcissus, garraya and small pieces of conifer. She then pushed a large wooden cross into her oasis, wound ivy through it and used daffodils and greenery to finish. With 'bits and pieces' she had left over, she created another arrangement using a Singapore orchid, red tulips and genista. Finally she produced a red and green cascading design with deep red amarilis at the centre.

The competition was won by Ann Fraser with Shirley Kendall winning the novice section.

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 will be our AGM on 19th March followed by a demonstration from Debbie Buckles entitled 'The Gift of Flowers'. ALL ARE MOST WELCOME.

Barbara Bown - 01394 383033

MARTLESHAM VILLAGE PRODUCE ASSOCIATION

The MPVA or Garden Club as some people like to call it has been running for over 63 years. We meet on the second and last Friday of the month in the Richards Room on Martlesham Heath at 7:30 pm. At each meeting we have a speaker and topics that include general gardening hints, specialist information, travelogues and much more. We also participate in an Annual Quiz with Woodbridge Horticulture Society. This year it takes place on 13th March at Woodbridge Community Hall.

On 29th March we hold our Spring Show. Everyone, member or not, is invited to enter. There are classes for cut flowers, pot plants, flower design and cookery. There are also classes for photographs, handicraft, and special sections for the children. Schedules will be available at club meetings or from

Mr Brian Davey (01473 624789). In the past we have also run coach outings to Wisley, Hyde Hall, Cambridge Botanical Gardens and for something completely different the Christmas Spectacular at Thurston.

We welcome any suggestions for future outings. So whether you have a garden plot patio or are just interested in garden subjects or just want to meet up for a chat, come along and see us. Entry to all meetings is free, and there are light refreshments and a raffle. For more information you can phone Pat Pomphrey on 01473 624171.

**MARTLESHAM VILLAGE
PRODUCE ASSOCIATION
SPRING SHOW
OPEN TO ALL RESIDENTS IN THE
PARISH OF MARTLESHAM
AND ALL V.P.A. MEMBERS
SATURDAY 29TH MARCH
TO BE HELD AT
ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH CENTRE
MARTLESHAM HEATH
OPEN FOR VIEWING 2 PM
All communication and
entry forms to the
Show secretary
B Davey - 01473 624789**

M.A.L.G.A. Allotments

Meeting for the members at the Richards Rooms, Martlesham will be:- 19:30 on Wednesday 19th March

On this date there will be news we have from the Parish Council and our Seed Swap evening with refreshments.

If you wish to swap seeds can you please make sure they are in the original packaging with the date clearly marked and unopened.

Some small plants/seedlings will be on sale and we will take your orders for seeds which we will then purchase from:-

www.kingsseeds.com

And then hopefully delivered to you by the end of March, fingers crossed.

If you wish to donate some small plants/seedlings then we

would appreciate this to assist in raising funds for MALGA.

Also, with a view to recycling and community spirit, if you have any spare plant pots you don't need we would gladly take these on as long as they are in good condition and reasonably clean.

We can use these to grow plants to sell at future shows to raise funds for MALGA.

So I will be pleased to see you on the 19th and do e-mail me if you have any questions.

malga@btinternet.com

www.malga.co.uk

Paul Day, Chairman of MALGA

ANNUAL PLANT SALE

Bealings Village Hall

Saturday 26th April, 10 am to 12 noon

In aid of Great and Little Bealings churches

In late April nature is dressing her beauty with the soft young colours of spring and as the sap rises, so the spirit lifts. It will not be very long before gardeners cast off those winter blues, eager to dig through the barren earth and to loosen the soil into new vitality, ready for spring planting.

The variety of stock at the Plant Sale should satisfy every requirement. In this sixteenth year, it gains in reputation and popularity with the range of plants growing ever wider.

Even now, local gardeners are splitting, potting and nurturing plants ready for the big day. In addition to the plants, there will be other things to buy; the ever-popular homemade cakes and second hand gardening books. Refreshments will also be served.

The Village Hall is a new venue for this year and very appropriate since the newly opened John Belstead Playing Field is just behind it. For families, the apparatus will keep the children amused leaving their parents free to browse. Parking is also available and convenient to load the morning's bounty. Just a few yards down the road is the Admiral's Head so visitors to the sale may consider rounding off a satisfying morning with a stroll down to the pub for

lunch.

For further details contact Norman Porter on 01473 735565 or Geoff/Paddy Bills on 01473 610219.

MARTLESHAM HEATH W.I.

Members were disappointed when our speaker from 'Drizzle Delicacies' in Ipswich was unable to attend at the last minute and we missed out on an evening of cheese and nibble tasting! However Mr Gallup, a Blue Badge and National Trust guide from Flatford, stood in at short notice. With the help of a projector, two screens and slides, this excellent speaker took us on a journey of the River Stour from over four thousand years ago up until the present day. The river was used extensively in the 17th and 18th centuries for transporting goods for the cloth trade and also for smuggling. Navigation of the river stopped almost completely with the coming of the railways and it is now only used for pleasure craft.

Our President had welcomed two new members and one visitor to the meeting. Members were reminded of local walks organised for February and March and it is also hoped to join some guided walks around Ipswich in the summer months.

Any lady is most welcome to join us on the second Monday of the month, at 7:45 pm, in the Pavilion. Mary Bloomfield – 01473 625577

MARTLESHAM W.I.

Valerie Defour was our speaker this month and she told us about her experiences when she went to India after the tsunami. She is a volunteer for Tearfund, the Christian organisation who works to help people throughout the world. Valerie was wearing a salwar kameez. This consisted of a pair of trousers, tunic and matching scarf and is the customary dress for the ladies in India. It is extremely practical and certainly looked very comfortable. During the evening she was able to give us a flavour of what it was like after the tsunami and what Tearfund are still doing to help the people. She also showed us two lovely shawls which had been presented to

her during her visit. Her talk was interspersed with numerous slides, some of which were taken in the village of Nagercoil where many women are HIV positive. One of Tearfund's partners is the Salvation Army who has hundreds of volunteers who go to help these women. It was heartening to hear that Tearfund received £9m from the people of this country following the devastation of the tsunami.

Our next meeting will be in the Richards Room, Martlesham at 7:30 pm on 14th March when Mr Andrew Woods will talk to us about his rail journey through the Kyber Pass. New members are always welcome to join our small and friendly group. Contact can be made to Audrey Burnell on 01394 386738.

Barbara Bown

MARTLESHAM LADIES CLUB

- *13th March - Easter Supper
- *27th March - 'School Today'; speaker Katherine Dunnett
- *10th April - Poetry & prose/cake & produce stall
- *24th April - Beetle Drive

Later in the year we have some more very interesting speakers talking on a variety of subjects ranging from 'DNA' to 'Comic Verse!'

If there are any ladies out there who would like to come and join us, we have a wide range of entertainment at our meetings which take place fortnightly on a Thursday at 7:30 pm in the Richards Room, Martlesham Community Centre. Any enquiries please 'phone Rita on 01473 624 510.

Margaret Green

CALLING ALL MUMS...

The next meeting of Martlesham Mums' Club will be held at St Michael's Church Centre, Martlesham Heath on Tuesday 4th March from 12:45 to 2:30 pm. A sandwich lunch (provided by us for a £1 donation) will be served just before 1 pm and we will then welcome Jenny Newman from the European Sole Branch at 24 Buttermarket, Ipswich. Jenny will talk to us on the correct fitting of children's shoes and the care of

their feet.

All mums with babies and toddlers are invited to join us.

For more information please 'phone Sue on 01473 624130 or Kay on 01473 626169.

MARTLESHAM MOTHERS' UNION

When an earthquake struck Peru last August, local Christians responded with help from the Mothers' Union Relief Fund. More than 5,000 people were fed each day. Homeless families were given basic supplies. Casualties in hospital were visited by volunteers.

It is great to be a small part of such a wonderful worldwide organisation and able to do something practical immediately when we hear of disaster many miles away.

Last month we had a soup and sandwich lunch which raised £370 for our Overseas projects - thank you to all who supported it.

Why not come to one of our meetings? The next is March 5th at St Michael's Church Centre at 2:30 pm. You will be very welcome, or phone Elizabeth on 01394 210793.

MARTLESHAM WIVES

Next Meeting

Monday 17th March
'Alternative Games Evening'
A selection of light-hearted games.

Venue

Elaine's
4 Mayfields
Tel: 01473 6222269

For further details please contact:
Maureen - 01473 622670
Elaine - 01473 622269

MARTLESHAM CHILDMINING GROUP

Many of us made the most of the dry weather during February half term, being able to enjoy woodland walks - watching the squirrels as they chase each other from tree to tree - and the children having fun as they burn off lots of energy at outdoor play areas. We hope that this mild weather continues into the Easter holidays so that the children can have yet more outdoor fun as they work out clues for outdoor

Easter egg hunts – and get nice ‘n’ sticky with many art and craft activities which different members of the group are able to offer.

Our group can successfully boast between us 100 years of childcare experience – with an abundance of knowledge, skills and training being acquired over several years. Everyone of us is highly committed to our profession in childcare and our recent training has included gaining an awareness of the Early Years Foundation Stage Framework, which comes into effect from September – and will see us work even closer with parents/guardians. We will all learn more about this over the coming months as more training is rolled out.

‘Congratulations’ this month go to one of our newest members: Claire Driver, who has very successfully and impressively received an ‘Outstanding’ in her first ever full Ofsted inspection!

For further details about joining our group, or to find out more about our current childminding vacancies, please phone: Julie-Ann on 01473 611630 or Tricia on 01473 625837.

Julie-Ann Bass and Tricia Burrows

MARTLESHAM HEATH BABY AND TODDLER GROUP

Martlesham Heath Baby and Toddler Group are here to provide an opportunity for parents and carers of young children to meet and socialise in a safe, clean environment. For anyone who would like to join us, our group is a friendly, fun place to meet with lots of toys, a sing-a-long music session and a great craft activity for the children. Refreshments are included.

Our sessions run from 9:30 to 11:30 in the morning and 1:30 to 3:30 in the afternoon on Wednesdays and Fridays in the Martlesham Heath Pavilion. Please note that our play sessions are unsupervised and the children do remain in the full care of the accompanying adult at all times.

If you would like any further information, please do not hesitate to call Nicki on 01473 636695.

ST MICHAEL'S PRE-SCHOOL

Martlesham Heath

www.stmichaelspreschool.org.uk

In January we had a great visit to the Fire Station and had fun sitting in the Fire Engine and watching the Firefighter go up the very tall ladder! We welcomed in some ‘Visiting Chefs’ to Pre-School. These were some of our parents! The children really enjoyed having some parents in to cook some of their favourite recipes and so we thank these parents for their time and enthusiasm.

This half term our theme is ‘All Around Us’. We will be going on walks to use all our senses to notice the world around us. We will look for signs of Spring, we will feel leaves, bark etc., we will listen for birds, and use our sense of taste in our Healthy Eating Week.

We will visit ‘Jan’s Madhouse’ and the Pre-School will be holding a sponsored bounce to raise money for some new toys.

If you are interested in sending your child to our Pre-School, would like a prospectus or would like to come and visit us, please contact Tracey Johnson on 01473 625117 or visit our website at **www.stmichaelspreschool.org.uk** for more information.

HEATH PRIMARY SCHOOL

Kesgrave

With only five weeks of this term left we still seem to have loads of things to fit in. The children have been enjoying Puzzle Days and have taken part in a History/Geography Day based on the theme ‘Our Seven Wonders of the World’. Years 3 and 4 are busy rehearsing for their performances on 18th and 19th March.

A working party will be rejuvenating the school pond early in March and the Nursery building project looks as if it is well on schedule for the Nursery children to return to the building soon.

The PFA are continuing fundraising and hope to provide, along with the School Council, new play equipment for the lower and upper units playing fields.

Heath School PFA

BUCKLESHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL

We have had a very busy start to 2008. Our Years 5 and 6 visited Dunwich in January where they learned about the effects of coastal erosion and the history of the ancient town buried beneath the sea. We have had visits from sports coaches teaching us how to improve our multi-skills, dance and football skills. The children have enjoyed a disco and a beetle drive. Coming up in March we plan to celebrate Book Week by inviting friends of the school to come to read with the children from one of their favourite books. On March 5th the children will be taking part in a swimming gala at Deben Pool. We are planning a variety of activities for March 14th to raise money for Sport Relief.

If anyone would like to volunteer to read with the children or work with a small group doing some sewing or cooking, we would be very pleased to hear from you.

Nora Hydes

CHILDREN'S SOCIETY HOUSE-TO-HOUSE COLLECTION

29th March – 12th April

Emma didn't want to live on the streets. She had been abused by her violent stepfather for a number of years, and had run away on several occasions. She had been living in a derelict car before she was referred to The Children's Society's Waves project in Weymouth, Dorset. Waves offered Emma support and guidance and gave her a food parcel and shower before working to find her long-term accommodation. Emma now feels safe and secure and ready to get on with her life.

Through this year's house-to-house collection we can continue to help young runaways such as Emma. If an envelope comes through your door, or someone calls with a collecting box, please give generously.

If you would like to help with the Collection, please contact us on 01473 620797.

MARTLESHAM HISTORICAL SOCIETY

At the last minute, our scheduled speaker, Dr Alan Mackley, had to cancel due to his hospitalisation for back surgery. We were very fortunate to be able to ask Mr John Newman of SCC Archaeological Services to deputise and we are most appreciative. His talk was entitled "Recent Archaeological Excavations in Suffolk". Mr Newman started with information regarding the organisation and how their activities are, to a large extent, governed by the need to excavate sites scheduled for development prior to any construction being commenced. Typical sites included the Ipswich Waterfront and a new playing field for Hartismere High School in Eye.

Our next meeting will be on April 21st when our speaker will be Mark Mitchels who will speak on "The Bayeux Tapestry", the Pavilion at 8 pm at £1.50 per head.

John Tyler - 01473 612736

MARTLESHAM HEATH AVIATION SOCIETY

Friday February 1st and the Community Hall was packed for an illustrated talk by Andrew Edmundson, who was accompanied by his wife.

Andrew is Chief Technical Director for the "Vulcan To The Sky" project and his talk outlined the history of this ambitious project to once again get one of the iconic "V" bombers into the sky. After several years of dedicated work by an enthusiastic team Avro Vulcan XH558 finally flew once more from an airfield in Leicestershire on October 18th last year.

The project has so far cost in excess of £6 million and further millions are required to keep her airworthy for an estimated 10 years.

The plan is to achieve a full display licence during the coming few months and she has already been booked for numerous air shows for the current year. The whole enormous project has taken from the early 90s.

Dedicated local members of the "Vulcan to the Sky" Club were on hand to sell a variety of fund raising items. A vote of thanks was

given by John Bulbeck.

Our next meeting will be on Friday 7th March and the speaker will be Mr Paul Strugnell. The subject will be "Hawkeye", the story of an Army Air Corp. pilot. Paul has clocked up hundreds of hours in the air with helicopters in a variety of roles and this promises to be another very interesting illustrated talk.

Meetings start at 7:30 pm in the Community Hall, Felixtowe Road and non-members are welcome for a payment of just £2 at the door.

Alan Powell - 01473 622458

PORTAL WOODLANDS CONSERVATION GROUP

If you attended Duncan Sweeting's talk on wildlife around the Woodland to Martlesham in Bloom, we hope you enjoyed it.

Our thanks to Howard Plant for supplying mechanical plant which has been invaluable during recent work on the woodland. Our thanks also to Bob Dunnett for organising this.

We have noticed a public health hazard: bags containing dog faeces are being left on one of the gate posts in the woodland. We would ask that these bags are taken home for safe disposal. Thank you.

Nature Watch news: take a look at the new schedule for the 2008 meetings which is now on the website.

We will be holding our AGM on Monday 7th April 2008 at 7:30 pm at the Parish Council Rooms. If anyone is interested in joining the committee, please get in touch with the Group Chair via the Parish Council phone number, which is 01473 612632.

The next work morning starts at 10 am on Saturday 15th March meeting, as usual, at the back entrance of the Police HQ. We would be delighted to welcome any new volunteers.

For more information about PWCG and its activities, please access through our website at www.martlesham.org.uk/portalwoodlandsgroup (8,932 hits) or through Martlesham Parish

Council on the phone number above. If you would like to receive news about the Group electronically, please contact us by e-mailing pwcg@martlesham.org.uk

MARTLESHAM CONSERVATION GROUP

Our next work party on Sunday 9th March will follow up the work achieved on the "Megabash" with the Greenways project that took place on Saturday 23rd February. We would like as many people as possible to join us in maintaining our local wildlife habitat. The conservation activity will be on the heath western corridor SSSI. We will continue to get part of the heath back into a state more favourable to special and rare heathland wildlife. Please come and join us. No tools or special expertise is needed. Meet out on the heath or outside the Douglas Bader at 10 am if you are not sure where to find us.

As we move into spring we can look forward to the emerging wildlife. Migrant birds such as the chiffchaff will rejoin us. Also sure to awaken thoughts of warmer days ahead will be the first appearance of our butterflies that have spent the winter in hibernation: the Peacock, Small Tortoiseshell, Comma and the less frequent Brimstone. These are the first of the up to 30 species that may be seen on the heath and, with only 31 species being regularly recorded in our county, this high count bears out the importance of our local habitat. Reptiles such as common lizards, slow worms and adders can also start to appear on warm days too.

Please contact us if you are interested in any of the activities of the group or would like to share your observations on local wildlife.

Phil Smith - 01473 625630

SUFFOLK WILDLIFE TRUST Woodbridge Group

On Thursday 20th March we have a talk on "Hedgehogs" with Carol Chittock starting at 7:15 pm in the Woodbridge Community Hall. Please come and join us for a great evening. We also have the AGM which will be the usual brief affair,

at the start. All are welcome, you do not have to be a member. Admission is £2 as usual.

Looking forward, on Thursday 10th April we will be in Wickham Market village hall at 7:30 pm when Duncan Sweeting will be giving a talk on Reptiles and Amphibians in Suffolk.

Phil Smith - 01473 625630

THANKS FROM MARTLESHAM BRASS

Martlesham Brass wishes to thank everyone who gave so generously during our carolling season in December 2007. The grand total of £2876.98 was collected. £78.97 was collected in Woodbridge, £2617.41 at Tesco's, Martlesham and £180.60 at Tesco's, Copdock. Martlesham Brass will be supporting three charities this season, these are: the Children's Hospice, CLIC Sergeant (Cancer and Leukemia in Children) and Motor Neuron Disease (Suffolk Association). Each charity will receive a cheque for £378 from the band at our AGM on Friday 22nd February. The band would also like to thank the organisations who allowed us to perform carols and collect.

MARTLESHAM CANTILENA CHOIR

'Walking in the Air' composer visits Woodbridge for his 70th birthday concert

on Saturday 8th March, 7:30 pm at the Quay Church, Woodbridge

Come and hear Howard Blake introducing some of his music including 'All God's Creatures' sung by the Martlesham Cantilena Choir, 'Walking in the Air' from 'The Snowman' sung by the Co-op Conventio Youth Choir, 'Dance of the Snowmen' (flute by Carol Dolan), 'Penillion' (violin by Helen P. Ellison, nee Burrows), 'Holy Mary' (Song of the Nativity) sung by Nick Fowler and 'Wedding Hymn' sung by Alexandra Conner; this is only a selection from a varied programme of Howard Blake's music to be performed on the night. The piano accompanists are Helen Ellison, Val Shelley, Geraldine Taylor and David Ruddock.

Howard Blake's great-

grandfather (Henry Andrews) was pastor of the Quay Church from 1870 to 1887 and his wife Harriet Augusta and two daughters, Harriet and Louisa (Leisa) were also active members of this church. Howard Blake has known the Burrows family for several years through Helen, who has studied composition with him and undertaken several arrangements of his music for him, but it was only about 18 months ago that he discovered that his great-grandfather had lived in Woodbridge. It was also realised that some of the Burrows family relations (surname Rumsby) were also members of this church at the same time.

This family connection inspired Howard Blake to suggest organizing a concert of his work in the Quay Church.

Profit from the concert will go to the Restoration and Development of Woodbridge Quay Church and to Events of the Hope 08 Initiative.

Tickets – full £12/children (under 16) £8.

For further information and tickets contact the organisers of the concert, The Burrows family, 17 Squires Lane, Martlesham Heath, IP5 3UG – 01473 625196 or HPB Productions and Publications, 63 Dobbs Lane, Kesgrave, IP5 2QE – 01473 611270.

MARTLESHAM CARPET BOWLS CLUB

We had our annual dinner on 7th February at the Admiral's Head, Little Bealings. Numbers were the best ever for the event and an excellent meal was enjoyed by all, followed by a quiz (not necessarily enjoyed by all). The final event of the evening was a free raffle, the prizes for which were generously provided by the club.

We have recently seen our membership grow to such an extent that, on occasions, members have to 'sit out' the odd game. Whilst this is a nice position in which to be, it does mean that the committee have regretfully had to suspend the acceptance of new members for the foreseeable future. As soon as the present situation changes we will be pleased to, once again, accept new

members.

Maureen Banthorp

SPEAK EASY @ MARTLESHAM'S ANNUAL AWARDS

Speak Easy @ Martlesham speakers' club held its second Annual Awards Dinner on Thursday 7th February at Rushmere Golf Club. Special guests were the District Lt. Governor of Education, Gary Sander and the Area 1 Governor, James McGinty. Three club awards were presented; the *President's Award* to Ian Read, the *Members' Member Award* to Ann Nunn and the *Toastmaster's Promise Award* to Dave Nightingale. Teresa Dukes, a founder member of the club, was presented with her *Advanced Communicator Gold* and her *Distinguished Toastmaster Awards*. A very enjoyable evening was had by all!

Future meetings: 21st February, 6th March, 20th March, 3rd April

7 pm for 7:15 pm start at the Richards Room, Martlesham Community Hall, Felixstowe Road, Martlesham (behind Tesco). Come along to a meeting as a guest and find out what we do. There is no pressure to speak and you will be made very welcome!

Further details can be found at www.speakeasyatmartlesham.co.uk or contact Sue Browne on 07730 971186 or Dave Nightingale on 07969 598633.

SUFFOLK WESTERN FRONT ASSOCIATION

Exhibition and Seminar on 1918 at Kesgrave Community Centre 15th and 16th March

To celebrate the ninetieth anniversary of the end of the First World War the Western Front Association have organised an exhibition and seminar with world-class speakers giving talks on the theme of the year 1918, the year that saw the greatest battlefield victories ever achieved by the British Army.

Saturday 15th March - with a free entry to the exhibition in the morning, and talks in the afternoon by on 'Myth and Reality in the Great War' and 'The Winning Team – the British Infantry in 1918'. Tickets **£6**

each.

Sunday 16th March - a full day including lunch on 'The German Spring Advance', 'The Air War in 1918', 'At the Sharp End; the 12th Eastern Division in the last hundred days', 'August to November 1918; The Forgotten Victory'. Tickets **£15** each.

Joint Saturday/Sunday - **£20** each.

Booking via the website www.khakidevil.co.uk/1918.html

OR alternatively, write to:

'1918 Seminar', Farmers Guide, Parkside, London Road, Ipswich, IP2 0SS.

Please make cheques payable to: **'Suffolk WFA Events'** and enclose a SAE.

Or contact Pam on 01394 387109

For any queries, please call 07889 289821.

SAFER NEIGHBOURHOOD TEAM, KESGRAVE

"Fuel Injection Stingray" - Marty Friedman - Favoured Nations label - 2003 (from the album 'Music For Speeding')

In the last couple of weeks, you may have noticed or heard some talk about "Community Speedwatch". In essence, it's another strand to the partnership approach to community policing which is one of the main themes of the Safer Neighbourhood Team.

Perhaps you'll recall how I have said the most common complaint we get is about vehicles. They are either parked in such a way as to cause complaint, or they are moving too fast.

Now, putting this in perspective, I am responsible for the organisation of the policing of three parishes with a combined population of something like 22,000(ish) and I have seven officers working almost around the clock.

We do our genuine best to deal with everything that comes our way - but we have to prioritise. I cannot hope to have officers dedicated to dealing with speeding issues as often as I might wish - or for that matter, as often as you might wish.

So - what's the answer?

You are! "Community Speed Watch enables local people to get actively involved in road safety and helps to prompt drivers and motorcyclists to watch their speed and keep to the limit" as Cheshire police put it so nicely.

Suffolk wouldn't be the first to do this type of thing - 10 seconds on Google will lead to any number of police sites such as <http://www.cheshire.police.uk/showcontent.php?pageid=425>

To be a volunteer, you need to be aged over 18 and be able to give up about an hour a week to the scheme. Training, Insurance, Health & Safety, vetting and all that type of thing will all be taken care of - so nothing to worry about...and if we get volunteers from the three different parish areas, there is no reason why you couldn't operate in a neighbouring parish if you so wished - or of course, in your own.

Technically, I'm hoping to operate this via your Council (as a partner) - as it is they would need to purchase the equipment and keep it serviced for use - so - if you would be willing to take part, please contact your local council... that's Mel Bentley (Clerk) for Rushmere St Andrew on 01473 711509 or Susan Robertson (Clerk) for Martlesham on 01473 612632 or Veronica Read/Judith Francis at Kesgrave Town Council offices on 01473 625179...they are waiting to hear from you!

Don't assume that someone else has volunteered.

Mick Richardson Ps 535, Safer Neighbourhood Team, Kesgrave & District
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- Switchboard (24/7) 01473 613500

POLITE NOTICE

Due to the present parking problems in Swan Close, would all drivers take great care when turning into the close. I am sure it is only a matter of time before there is an accident. PLEASE BE CAREFUL. Also a reminder that the parking areas in the Close are for visitors and not permanent parking spaces for residents.

VILLAGE VIEWS

The chance for you to write in and have your say...

ACTION NEEDED NOW ON DEVELOPMENT PLANS

Everyone living on Martlesham Heath should be aware that plans are being proposed that could have a serious impact on our quality of life. Suffolk Coastal have produced a consultation document setting out proposals to build 970 new homes in this area. There are five proposed sites, two of which are adjacent to Martlesham Heath.

When the Park and Ride schemes were proposed a few years ago there was a concerted effort to protect the interests of residents on Martlesham Heath. This new proposal for 970 homes will have a far greater impact on us than the Park and Ride scheme - we all need to act NOW to prevent this potential doubling in size of our lovely village and the subsequent loss of amenity. Apart from the loss of our rural environment there would be impacts on traffic, schools, healthcare and recreational facilities.

The most serious threat to us is Area 3 which could see the whole of the area to the south of the village being developed, i.e. from Lancaster Drive, York Road, Mayfields and Heathfields to the Foxhall Road. The fact that (as far as I am aware) the piece of land between York Road and Mayfields has never been handed over to MCL suggests an intention to use this for access to any new development. Imagine the huge increase

in traffic on Eagle Way and even greater problems in turning onto the A12 at peak times.

We all need to act now to avert this disaster – talk to your representatives at the Martlesham Heath Helpdesk on March 15th and send your views and comments to Suffolk Coastal or go to their website at www.suffolkcoastal.gov.uk and follow the link marked “Give us your views”. The deadline is 28th March.

Peter Loosemore

GETTING THROUGH TO VIRGIN MEDIA

Just to let you know that there is no problem getting through to these people regarding problems with TV reception on the Heath. I have managed to get through on two occasions with the number on their payment invoice with complete satisfaction. I have not had to phone Paul Keane at Colchester at all.. Just thought you might like to know this for the magazine.

Wendy Sexton

PLAY YOUR PART IN REDUCING CYCLE CRIME

Cycle crime is an ongoing problem. The number of cyclists is increasing as people look to improve their health, avoid congestion and reduce emissions. As more of us use cycles, it is vital we ensure they are kept secure at all times.

Many people got new bikes for Christmas so this can be the peak season for thefts. In the year 2006/2007 there were 1,759 cycles reported cycle thefts across Suffolk.

Tracker bikes fitted with GPS satellite tracking equipment are being used by Suffolk Police across the county to deter and catch cycle thieves, who may be frequent offenders.

Five simple steps to protect your bike:

Lock it – wherever you are even within a secure shed or garden

Secure it - with good quality security locks such as the hardened D-shaped lock

Mark it – using a UV pen to write your postcode and highlight this fact with stickers

Record it – registering your bike with www.immobolise.com

Park it – using secure cycle parks or in a busy well lit area

If you have any information relating to cycle theft, contact your Safer Neighbourhood Team on 01473 613 500, or visit www.suffolk.police.uk

Suffolk County Council is encouraging cycling as a sustainable means of transport by installing cycle-friendly routes and facilities across the county, providing free cycle maps and supporting cycling events.

For further information, visit the Suffolk County Council website at www.suffolk.gov.uk or contact a member of the Cycling Team on 0845 606 6067.

BRIGHTWELL CHURCH

More information, less inspiration is the message this month following meetings to plan out the events in the Parish for the year. Dates are as follows.

MARCH - Friday 7th, Music Quiz, 7:30 pm at the Village Hall

- Sunday 30th, Celtic Worship at the Church, 6:30 pm

APRIL - Friday 4th, The History of the Church, 7:30 pm at the Church

- Monday 21st, Annual Parish Meeting at the Church Hall

MAY - Saturday 17th, Parish Walk, meet at Village Hall, 2:15 pm

JUNE - Sunday 29th, Bring and Share Picnic, 4:30 pm at the Church

JULY - Saturday 5th, Family Barbeque in the extensive grounds of Village Hall

- Sunday 13th, Churches Open Week begins at the Church

AUGUST - Saturday to Monday 23rd, 24th, 25th, Flower Festival at Church and Hall

- Sunday 31st, Annual Pet Service at the Church, 3 pm

- Sunday 28th, Harvest Festival Service at the Church, 6:30 pm

SEPTEMBER - Saturday 13th, 7:30 pm, BINGO at the Village Hall

NOVEMBER - Saturday 15th, 10:30 am to High Noon, Homespun Goods and Coffee

DECEMBER - Sunday 7th, Nativity Play at the Church Hall

- Sunday 21st, Carol Service at The

Church

Apologies for a slack month in October!

Thanks to our small social committee of Jessica, Jane and Charles for their enthusiasm in making the social events such happy occasions and all of the PCC for their support in everything that we do in Brightwell.

Geoff Lambert, PCC Secretary
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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.

Much of the activities at the moment are centred on Lent, the time of preparation for Easter. There are special services at the Holy family and St Mary's as well as talks, prayers and meditations. Works of charity are also encouraged and these include supporting CAFOD, the Catholic Fund for Overseas Development and financing the deanery social worker.

If you would like to be kept informed of services and activities please visit the website at www.st-mary.org.uk or 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.

MARTLESHAM CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

Black Tiles Lane
www.m-c-f.org

"Mister God! - This is Anna!"

This is the title of a rather special book by 'Fynn' (1974).

It is about a copper-haired 6 year old girl, who has a clear conception of and relaxed relationship with 'Mister God'. There are many revealing gems of truth in the narrative. For example, Anna was not too keen on going to

church:-

"The idea of collective worship went against her sense of private conversations with God. As for going to church to meet Mister God, that was preposterous. After all, if Mister God wasn't everywhere, he wasn't anywhere. For her the whole thing was transparently simple. You went to church to get the message when you were little. Once you got it, you went out and did something about it.

There is a lot in what she says. Christianity is something we 'do', and not just something we sing about.

A conversation with the local parson went like this:-

Anna, do you go to church?

No!

Why not?

Because I know it all!

What do you know?

I know to love Mister God and to love people and cats and dogs and spiders and flowers and trees...with all of me!

Oh for the simplicity of child-like faith!

Jesus also often simplified the essentials of faith - Luke ch 12- "seek God and His kingdom first, and other things in your life will fall into place".

We need to ask ourselves, "Have we got the message, and are we 'doing' the message!"

ACTIVITIES IN MARCH

Sunday Services

Family Service at 10 am with 'Sunspot' for children/'Respect' for young people

Communion - 11:45 am

Tuesday Circle - 11th March

"Many Countries - Many Needs" (Ken Fitchew)

Tuesdays and Wednesdays

Housegroups - 7:30 pm

Thursdays

Toddler Group - 10 am

Youth Club - 7 pm

Fridays

"Friends on Friday" - 10 am

Living Room (relaxing/enjoyable) - 9th March at 6:30 pm

Services also on Maundy Thursday and Good Friday.

For further information see the website, or contact Julia Faulkner (01473 625482), or John Mel-

len (01473 624401).

MARTLESHAM CHURCH

It's the first day of spring this month, already the gardens are showing signs of new life after the winter, snowdrops, daffodils and crocuses are blooming and new shoots appearing.

This year the first day of Spring falls on Good Friday, the day when we remember how Jesus died for us on the cross. We shall walk from St Mary's Church to St Michael's Church carrying a cross as a witness to our Christian faith.

Easter Sunday is not just for Easter Eggs, it is the day when we celebrate Jesus, who died on the cross, rising from the dead - He is alive - it is the highpoint of our year.

Why not step out with us on Good Friday and join us for one of our Easter Day services as we celebrate new life with Jesus. You will be sure of a warm welcome, details of our services are in this magazine.

May I wish you all a happy and blessed Easter.

THE WOMAN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

at St Michael's and All Angels Church
on Friday 7th March at 10:30 am

The service has been prepared by the Christian women of Guyana

Theme: "God's Wisdom Provides New Understanding"

Speaker: Mrs Sally Gough

Other services locally:

The Salvation Army Citadel, Woodbridge at 2 pm
Speaker: Major Irene Draycott

At St Andrew's Church, Melton at 7:30 pm

Speaker: Mr Tom Dolan

ALL WELCOME MEN, WOMEN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

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
- Weight Watchers meetings
- Country Market
- Tuesday Games Club
- Brownies
- Rainbows
- Bridge
- 4 Parent and Toddler sessions
- Yoga classes
- Youth Club
- Street Dancing
- Computer Training
- Lip Reading
- Kick Boxing

Every two weeks there are -

- Cross-Stitch Club
- Crossroads

Every month there are -

- WI meetings

Occasionally there are -

- Martlesham Historical Society meetings
- Woodbridge Model Boat Club meetings
- Martlesham In Bloom meetings
- Conservation Group meetings
- Village Produce Association meetings
- Martlesham Consultants Limited meetings
- Choir Group meetings
- Ipswich Photographic Society meetings

During the summer there are -

- Martlesham Nomad 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 01473 621406



THE CHURCH IN MARTLESHAM & BRIGHTWELL

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Services for the Month	Brightwell St. John's	Martlesham St. Mary's	Martlesham Heath St. Michael's
Sunday 2nd March Mothering Sunday Lent 4	8am Holy Communion	11am Holy Communion BCP 6:30pm Evensong	9:45am All Age Worship
Sunday 9th March Lent 5		8am Holy Communion 11am All Age Worship	9:45am Family Holy Communion & Junior Church
Sunday 16th March Palm Sunday	8am Holy Communion	11am Family Holy Communion	9:45am Worship & Junior Church 6:30pm Evening Praise
Thursday 20th March - Maundy Thursday			7pm Holy Communion
Friday 21st March - Good Friday	7pm Service	10:30am Service Parish Walk	2pm Hour at The Cross
Saturday 22nd March - Paschal Candle			8pm Service of Light
Sunday 23rd March Easter Sunday	8am Holy Communion 6:30pm Evensong	11am Family Holy Communion	9:45am Worship & Holy Communion
Sunday 30th March Easter 2 - 5th Sunday	6:30pm Evensong	8am Holy Communion	10:30am Benefice Service with Bible Society Speaker
Sunday 6th April Easter 3	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 Church Centre. Bright Stars will meet at 10:30am on Monday 10th March in St Michael's. **Note:** Evensong at Henley on 09/03/08 at 6:30pm as part of Lent services. A warm welcome awaits you at all the above services.

PRAYER DIARY FOR MARCH

Please pray for:

- 5 the residents of Milano Avenue
- 6 couples getting married during March
- 7 the women of Guyana this WWDP
- 8 people travelling on our roads
- 9 thank God for his gift of a saviour
- 10 emergency services
- 11 all attending Lent Courses
- 12 residents of Park Close
- 13 all in hospital
- 14 all hospital staff
- 15 shop workers
- 16 congregations on this Palm Sunday
- 17 all Irish people on St Patrick's Day
- 18 school children on holiday
- 19 residents of Parker's Place
- 20 those receiving Maundy money from the Queen

- 21 all those who suffer as a result of other people's actions
- 22 thank God that this is not the end
- 23 thank God for a new beginning. Alleluia! Christ is risen
- 24 all suffering from TB
- 25 love one another as God loves us
- 26 residents of Peel Yard
- 27 our lives to transformed
- 28 all church leaders
- 29 all hospital broadcasters
- 30 closer links with other faiths
- 31 give thanks for Mary, mother of Jesus
- APRIL 1** give thanks for the love of St Joseph, Jesus' father
- 2 residents of Pine Bank
- 3 thank God for modern day miracles
- 4 persecuted Christians in our world