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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 month (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

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PC 651 Richard Wright

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COMMUNITY RESPONDERS

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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.

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DARREN THE POSTMAN

Martlesham Monthly Writes

Darren will always be held in very high regard here at Martlesham Heath - nothing was too much trouble for him. He served us very well and will always be remembered for his kindness to everyone throughout the many years he was here. He became not only our postman but also a friend to many people and always had a cheerful word and always a joke to share. From all the residents in Martlesham Heath we wish Darren and his family well and a happy future.

In recognition of his work here, the Editorial Team think that we should now repay some of that kindness, and we have opened a fund for him. If you wish to contribute could you please contact John Tyler, e-mail: jbandjt2@tesco.net or telephone 01473 612736.

Please make cheques payable to "Martlesham Monthly" and write on the reverse "Darren the Postman".

Thank you to all who have made a donation (too many to list

at this time!!).

Further donations may be made until May 16th when the collection will close.

MUSIC ON THE GREEN PREPARATIONS HOT UP

Only a couple of months to go and, like the weather, the Music on the Green preparations are really hotting up. We need to say a big thank you to everybody who attended the Music Off The Green event back in February, which raised over £500 towards Music on the Green and our charities for this year, East Anglia's Childrens' Hospices and Martlesham Responders. We can also report that the first Music Off The Green Quiz Night was a fantastic success and a complete sell-out, raising a further £727.

The Music on the Green Committee are delighted to announce that we have 22 great bands to entertain throughout the day and evening. These cover every possible genre of music, from brass and folk, to ska, rock and punk. Now confirmed are Music on the Green regulars Martlesham Brass, Cool Remedy and Just Blues, favourites from last year Storm, The Ballastics and Mohawk, new headliners Stingray and Anything But Ordinary, and a whole host of fresh talent and well seasoned bands including Narcosis, Hey Zuuz, Feis London, Boulevard Blonde, Red Flag 77, Suspect Device, Glitters From Billy, The Outlines, The Nova Souls, Beacon Hill School, Mother Black Cap, Shaboogamoo Shufflers, Fooled By Puckered Lips and Blue Wave. As always, these bands will be providing the soundtrack for an outstanding day of summer entertainment with stands, rides, and the big Music on the Green car boot sale.

There is just one more ingredient we need to make this year's Music on the Green even better – willing volunteers. Music on the Green aims to raise thousands of pounds for our two charities East Anglia's Childrens' Hospices and Martlesham Responders. The more helpers we have, the bigger the total we can raise. If you can spare

a few hours on Saturday 12th July, then please contact us now so we can add your name to our team of helpers.

With the ever increasing security and insurance costs, this year's event would not be possible without the help of the community and our kind supporters and sponsors. Music on the Green would like to extend a big thank you to Radio Suffolk, The East Anglian Daily Times and Evening Star, recruitment company Recruitment Development, Blue Star Skips, PJ Print, The Douglas Bader, Howard Construction, cycle shop Pedal Power, Woodbridge eco-store B-Neutral, Universal PA, The Mediterranean Shipping Company, stage sponsors Glasswells and, of course, Martlesham Monthly.

MARTLESHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Felixstowe & District Citizens Advice Bureau: NO MARTLESHAM SURGERY IN MAY

Nearest surgery – Woodbridge Shire Hall, Thursdays 10 – 12 noon, or contact the CAB in Felixstowe on 01394 275958.

Structural alterations to the Parish Office

Work to enlarge the office and improve lighting and ventilation is scheduled to start on 28th April and continue through May. The Council will seek to minimise disruption but it asks parishioners if they would please only contact the Clerk if absolutely necessary at that time. The work necessitates a change of dates and venue to May meetings – please see below for details.

Suffolk Coastal District Council Recycling Roadshow

Suffolk Coastal DC will be extending the wheeled bin refuse and recycling service to more parts of Martlesham from July. As part of their publicity they are holding a roadshow in the car park of the Martlesham Community Centre, Felixstowe Road, on Wednesday 7th May, 1 - 3 pm and 6 - 8 pm.

Suffolk County Council Highways trial – switch off of traffic lights at St Michael's roundabout, Kesgrave

This trial started in April and the

County Council will be undertaking traffic surveys. It would however appreciate comments from users by 21st May to assist in its decision concerning the future of the trial. If you have any views, please write to tmeast@et.suffolkcc.gov.uk, with a copy to the Parish Council, or alternatively send them to the Parish Council who will be considering its response at its May meeting.

Used cooking oil collection

Cooking oil collection banks are now available in all 18 Household Waste Recycling Centres in Suffolk. A local company Living Fuels will recycle and purify the oil, without addition of chemicals or supplements, to produce a fuel LF100 which is used to generate clean electricity. For details of your nearest Household Waste Recycling Centre, please telephone 08456 066 067.

Forthcoming meetings

*Annual Parish Council – Wednesday 14th May, followed by brief Recreation & Amenities Committee and Development Plans Committee meetings to appoint a Chairperson to these committees

*Finance & General Purposes Committee – Wednesday 28th May

May meetings above will take place in the Committee Room of the Martlesham Community Hall, Felixstowe Road.

*Parish Council – Wednesday 4th June – to be held in the Parish Room, Felixstowe Road, but please check newsletters/notice boards in advance of attending.

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 or on specific agenda items.

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 HEATH HOUSEHOLDERS LTD

**(Formerly Martlesham
Consultants Ltd)**

For the few residents who have not yet paid their annual maintenance charge of £15 this is now well overdue.

Payment 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.

Complaints continue to be received that dogs are fouling footpaths and green areas, including the village green.

This applies to a very small minority of dog owners but it would be appreciated by all if owners can please ensure that they clear up behind their dogs and place the excrement in one of the bins provided for that purpose.

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 email or telephone and we will be pleased to talk to you.

The next monthly MHHL (MCL) Directors meeting will be held on Monday 19th May. 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 COMMUNITY COUNCIL

REPLACEMENT VILLAGE HALL

Unfortunately we were unsuccessful in our lottery bid to raise substantial funds for the above project. After many years of fund raising and hard work by members, past and present, of Martlesham Community Council the news was very disappointing. We had made the short list but at the end of the day we were not one of the privileged few.

We are well aware of the generous local financial contributions and grants we have received and with these in mind we are currently in discussion with the Village Hall Management Committee with a view to future plans.

**JUMBLE, PLANT & BOOK
SALE
ON 7TH JUNE
IN THE
PAVILION,
MARTLESHAM HEATH
10 AM –12 NOON**

Jumble, bric-a-brac, china, etc., is still required, however we do not want magazines, newspapers and plastic flower pots. More information from Jackie Bear on 01473 623007.

TREASURER VACANCY

MCC is looking for someone to become the Treasurer as our present Treasurer is retiring. It will consist of attending a meeting once a month (1-2 hours) and will entail approximately 2 hours work a month. We

are a happy and friendly group interested in the welfare of Martlesham. For further information please contact Jackie Bear on 01473 623007.

MCC SCRIBE

MARTLESHAM IN BLOOM

Summer Gardens Competition

We are holding six summer garden competitions for Martlesham residents and businesses to enter:-

(A) Most attractive front garden utilising permanent planting of shrubs, trees and perennial plants.

(B) Most attractive front garden using summer bedding plants.

(C) Most effective use of hanging basket(s) and/or container(s) in the front of your property

(D) Best summer floral or planting display at a commercial or Business Premises.

(E) Best group entry of 3 to 5 adjacent front gardens.

(F) Most attractive back garden

Closing date for entries is Saturday 12th July (entry free).

The competitions will be judged by Martlesham in Bloom committee members by early August.

If you would like to enter our summer garden competitions (front and/or back gardens) please contact the secretary for entry forms. Entry is free and open to any resident or business in the parish of Martlesham. Summer Hanging Baskets in The Square and containers of summer bedding elsewhere within Martlesham.

As in previous years we are arranging to have floral hanging baskets in The Square for the summer and several containers of summer bedding plants at other locations in Martlesham. They make very colourful displays that are enjoyed by many people and each year the Anglia in Bloom judges have been impressed by the display. This year we will also be nominating The Square for a Special Award within the Anglia in Bloom Competition.

We are looking for sponsors to help pay for the baskets and containers and if you are a member of an organisation or business, or you yourself would like to help, whether by sponsoring a basket or container or providing a donation towards

their cost, please contact the secretary for a sponsor form.

Forthcoming event

Our next event is being held jointly with Martlesham Community Council:- **Jumble, Plant & Book Sale** (please see previous article for details).

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

MARTLESHAM VILLAGE PRODUCE ASSOCIATION

Our final meeting for the winter was a talk by Mrs Vera Pawsey on her life in the women's land army. A very entertaining evening it was with plenty of humorous stories of her land army experiences were told. On March 13th the Annual quiz versus Woodbridge Horticulture Society was held. The quiz master was as usual Mr Mathew Tanton Brown who came up with some very tough questions to be answered. Unfortunately our team were defeated for the second year running. The evening finished off with a very nice finger buffet provided by the Woodbridge Club.

Saturday 29th March was the V.P.A. Spring Show which was very well supported considering the atrocious weather leading up to the day.

The results were as follows: -

*Best in Flower Design - Margaret Forbes

*Best in Flowers - Brian Davey

*Best in Cookery - Marjorie Manning

*Best in Handicraft - Brian Davey

Overall points:

1st: 51 points - Marjorie Manning

2nd: 44 points - Brian Davey

3rd: 25 points - Margaret Forbes

Thanks to all those who gave up their time to help on the day.

The next meeting will be the start of the winter meetings on September 12th when we will have our traditional cheese and pickle evening.

For more information on the garden club you can phone Brian Davey on 01473 624789.

MARTLESHAM & DISTRICT FLOWER CLUB

The Club held its 17th Annual General meeting when 36 members were present. The Minutes of the 16th AGM were adopted. Unfortunately our President, Mrs Sheila Woods, was unable to be with us and her address was read by our Chairman, Mrs Margaret Forbes. Margaret then gave her own report followed by reports from the Secretary, Mrs Barbara Bown, and Mrs Ann Chisem, our Treasurer. The annual cups for the flower arranging competitions held throughout the year were won by Mrs Joan Messenger in the novice class with Mrs Jean Smith and Mrs Ann Fraser joint winners in the senior class. The present committee all agreed to stand again and Mrs Olive Stewart was welcomed as a new committee member.

The afternoon concluded with a demonstration by Mrs Deborah Buckles a florist from Ipswich. Firstly using a small pink and beige lined hessian basket she added pink, white and red flowers creating a dainty display. She then did a hand tied bouquet with large orange roses and fern which she placed in a gold box. A front facing basket arrangement was followed by a simple design of two red anthuriums with fatsia leaves in a tall vase. Lastly she created an Easter design using lilies.

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 on 21st May when Mrs Penny Stone will give a demonstration entitled 'Flowers, Myths & Legends'. ALL ARE MOST WELCOME.

Barbara Bown - 01394 383033

M.A.L.G.A.

Allotments

Thanks to all those who attended the "Seed Swap" meeting on 19th March. We made a grand profit of

£39.76 which goes towards the MALGA funds.

In August 11th - 17th there is the National Allotments Week organised and celebrated by National Allotment Gardens Trust <http://www.nagtrust.org/>

Unfortunately we don't have allotments due to matters out of our control but we feel we must celebrate this as a matter of duty. So we want you to tell us how you think we should mark this event. E-mail your ideas to me at: malga@btinternet.com

The best one will be published in the July magazines and done during August.

We have distributed the magazine from the NSALG with a note on who to pass it onto next. Could people please keep the process flowing so we all get to see it. So whoever has it please read it ASAP and send it on as quickly as possible?

If you are wishing to have an allotment in the Martlesham area you need to make sure you apply (as we now have over seventy members) to:

clerk@martleshamcouncil.org.uk

Have your say about LDF:-

[www.suffolkcoastal.gov.uk/
yourdistrict/planning/review/
corestrategy](http://www.suffolkcoastal.gov.uk/yourdistrict/planning/review/corestrategy)

You can also join MALGA and/or contact me:-

malga@btinternet.com

Paul Day, Chairman of MALGA

MARTLESHAM W.I.

Mr Andrew Woods is a steam train enthusiast and we were able to share some of his enthusiasm when he gave us a presentation of his rail journey through Pakistan and in particular the 3000 metres high Khyber Pass. He explained that the line was built by the British in about 1910 and the steam trains were built here in the 1920s and 30s. Both the track and the steam trains are wearing out and are very expensive to maintain so sadly, in a few years time only the diesel engines will remain. We were shown slides of the different trains, the landscape, the villages and many other interesting sights on route. We all had a chuckle when Mr

Woods showed us a picture of a station toilet (basic to say the very least) and agreed that he proved himself to be a seasoned traveller when he told us that the 5 ladies and 11 men in his party slept and ate on the train most of the time. They also had 17 armed soldiers when they travelled through the Khyber Pass as they were liable to be shot at!!

Our next meeting will be in the Richards Room, Martlesham at 7:30 pm on 16th May when we will hold our Resolutions meeting. New members are always welcome to join us. Contact can be made to Audrey Burnell on 01394 386738.

Barbara Bown

MARTLESHAM LADIES CLUB

The meetings for May and June are as follows:

*8th May - 'Images of Suffolk'; speaker Michael Stagg

*22nd May - Flower arranging competition

*5th June - 'My Life in Rural Turkey' - Part II; speaker Jenny Gibbs

*19th June - AGM

We meet alternate Thursdays at 7:30 pm in the Richards Room, Martlesham Community Centre and welcome all new members.

Any enquiries please contact Rita on 01473 624510.

Margaret Green

MARTLESHAM MOTHERS' UNION

In May 1998, 70,000 people formed a human chain in Birmingham to demand debt cancellation for the world's poorest nations. They were lobbying the leaders of the world's richest nations meeting for the G8 summit. The Mothers' Union played a key role and helped bring positive change for millions of people.

The debt crisis is not over. Injustice, exploitation and imbalances of power still characterise relationships between rich and poor nations; over 60 countries are still in need of debt cancellation.

That's why on Sunday 18th May - ten years on - there will be special services in Birmingham's churches followed by an event organised by the Jubilee Debt Cam-

paign where the G8 met in 1998. The Mothers' Union continues to be very involved in this campaign.

Want to know more about the Mothers' Union? log on to our website:

www.themothersunion.org

Want to know more about our local meetings? phone Elizabeth 01394 210793.

MARTLESHAM CHILDMINING GROUP

The week beginning Monday 16th June celebrates National Childminding Week. The aim of the week is to mark the National Year of Reading, celebrating reading and the role childminders play in supporting language, literacy and creativity. We hope to raise awareness of the valuable work we do as childminders, as well as celebrating the contribution that we make to family lives. As previous years celebrations have proved, this week is sure to be a lot of fun for all the children involved - more details on this to follow very soon!

The Martlesham Childminding Group is pleased to be hosting an event covering "Communicating with Children" and are extremely fortunate to have child expert Jo Gell confirmed as the guest speaker. The event will be held on Tuesday 24th June at 8 pm in St Michaels Church Hall, Martlesham Heath. It is open to all childminders, parents, carers, teachers, etc. Tickets are available now at £5 per ticket. Anyone interested in this event, please contact Chairperson: Zoe Booth on 01473 623141.

This month we warmly welcome a new member to the group - Christie Drake. Like all other members of the group, Christie has previous childcare experience and will continue to undergo further professional training including First Aid, Child Protection, Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) framework and Food Hygiene.

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

CALLING ALL MUMS...

The Mums' Club meets at St Michael's Church Centre on Tuesday 6th May from 12:45 to 2:30 pm. Lunch will be served just before 1 pm. Sarah Tait from St Michael's Playgroup will then talk to us about 'Pre-School Education'. All mums with babies and toddlers will be most welcome to join us.

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

MARTLESHAM PLAYSCHOOL

We would like to welcome our new children and their families to the playschool and hope they are settling in well. We'd also like to thank our existing children for raising money for our sponsored Easter Egg Hunt, which was held just before the Easter holidays. We're still counting the pennies and should have a total soon!!

Make a note for your diaries! Our ever-successful Fun Day will take place this year on Saturday June 7th from 12 to 3 pm. This takes place at the Old Control Tower at the end of Deben Avenue and is open to everyone. We have plenty of activities and stalls to keep the whole family amused - pony rides, bouncy castles, score-a-goal, hook-a-duck, splat-the-rat, lucky dip, plant stall, tombola and much more. We will also have our raffle, with prizes donated from many of our local, generous companies. There will also be refreshments and cake stall, plus our ever-popular ice creams and chocolate fountain. Yum! For those of you who are thinking of sending your child to our playschool this gives you the opportunity to see our facilities, meet some of the staff, and see what our children get up to, as well as having a great afternoon.

Our catchment area covers three local primary schools - Gorseland, Birchwood and Martlesham Beacon Hill, but some of our children go on to other schools further afield. We currently take children from two-and-a-half years old. If you are interested in sending your child to Martlesham Playschool, would like a copy of our prospectus, and a registration form to join our

waiting list, please contact me on 07857 309365.

Caroline Swale (Admissions Manager)

ST MICHAEL'S PRE-SCHOOL

Martlesham Heath

www.stmichaelspreschool.org.uk

St Michael's Pre-School is currently full, however there are still places available this coming September so if you're interested in sending your child to our Pre-School in September please contact our booking secretary - see details below.

Our theme for the first four weeks of this half-term is 'Our Bigger World' which includes activities from many countries, including Mehndi hand-painting, making chappatis, looking at flags, trying some Chinese writing and making Chinese lanterns. We will also be listening to music and learning to say hello in many languages.

In the second part of this half-term we are looking at movement so we will be using our hands to make rock buns, samosas and threading bracelets. We will also be climbing on the climbing frame, doing woodwork and running races.

Later in April we shall be visiting Woodbridge library and Elmhurst Park for a Photo Trail.

The children who will be going to Birchwood Primary School in September are now visiting the school every Friday afternoon as part of their induction procedure to meet primary school teachers and familiarise themselves with the reception classroom.

This term we are running sessions to Friday 23rd May and we will be back on 2nd June.

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.

MARTLESHAM HEATH

AVIATION SOCIETY

The 4th April saw our 27th Annual General Meeting.

The outgoing Chairman Martyn Cook gave the traditional

Chairman's report following that of the Treasurer and the Membership Secretary, both who reported a good year in both areas. The current membership as of the 31st March stands at 336.

The Chairman thanked the outgoing Committee and other members of the society for their help and support during the past year. He went on to speak about the special events and trips held during the year, which helped to bolster the Control Tower Museum Fund whilst at the same time providing enjoyment for everyone.

At the close of the 2007/8 AGM the outgoing Chairman handed the meeting over to Vice President Vicky Gunnell to begin the process of re-election. The outgoing Committee had all volunteered to stand once again and there being no other formal volunteer/s the outgoing Committee was unanimously re-elected.

During the break members were invited to look and cast their votes on the photographs entered in the Charles "Holly" Hall Photo Competition. For the very first time there was a draw and it was the Chairman's casting vote that decided the issue. The winner this year was Martin Cartwright. Runner-up was last year's winner Gavin Hamilton.

Our next meeting will be held as usual on the first Friday of the month at the Community Hall, Felixstowe Road. This will be on 2nd May and the talk is entitled, "An Encounter with Sir George Caley". The talk is by Ian Wormwald and Professor Jim Matthew. This promises to be an unusual audio/visual talk and starts at 7:30 pm. All are welcome, non-members £2.
Alan Powell - 01473 622458

PORTAL WOODLANDS

CONSERVATION GROUP

The Group's next Nature Watch Club meeting is on 10th May at 10 am, when the subject will be 'Birds'. Details of the full programme of events can be found on our website at www.martlesham.org.uk/portalwoodlandsgroup. Please remember that those wishing to attend should register prior to the event by

sending an e-mail to naturewatch.pwcg@martlesham.org.uk

The Group's May workday is scheduled for Saturday 17th May commencing at 10 am, meeting as usual outside the rear gate to the Suffolk Police Headquarters, with new members always being welcomed. For more information about the Group, please visit our website (9,700 hits) or via the Parish Council on 01473 612632.

MARTLESHAM

CONSERVATION GROUP

In May the volume and variety of birdsong will grow and reach a crescendo. Hopefully that will include a small number of the rapidly declining Turtle dove with its soft purring song. Please let us know if you see any or contact Suffolk Wildlife Trust HQ with your observations. More butterflies will be on the wing too.

We have been busy over the winter and cleared out a section of gorse and trees on the heath SSSI to reveal more heather. Hopefully some heather will spread on to the cleared areas. We intend to gather up the cut material and burn it later in the year.

On Sunday 18th May we will be undertaking a bird survey by walking round our woodland on the heath looking and listening for the birds present. We may even hear a Nightingale. Please come along and bring a pair of binoculars if you have them. No expertise is necessary as there will be others there to guide you. Please meet outside the Douglas Bader at 10 am.

Please look out for wildlife and let us know if you see something interesting.

On Saturday 17th May at 10 am -12 in the Pavilion we will be holding our annual exhibition of children's paintings in our painting competition, and cakes and refreshments will be available. The theme this year is 'Amphibians and Reptiles'. Please come along and support us. If anyone can provide cakes that would be great too.

If you are interested in helping out with any of the activities of the group please get in touch.

Phil Smith - 01473 625630

SUFFOLK WILDLIFE TRUST

Woodbridge Group

On Sunday 11th May from 11 am to 1:30 pm at Foxburrow Farm, Saddlemakers Lane, Melton, we have our annual plant sale. Lots of plants will be available, all at bargain prices, and we will be serving refreshments, and having a raffle. There is also the farm nature trail to explore. Please come along and support us.

We welcome any donations of plants, raffle, prizes, etc. If you can help either on the Saturday before or on Sunday please give me a call, as we are always in need of helpers.

We have a Dawn Chorus walk at Captain's Wood on Sunday 25th May at 5 am - 7:30 am. Meet at the reserve car park OS Grid reference TM420532. Please contact myself or Mervyn Miller on 01394 411237 for further details. Admission free.

On Saturday 31st May from 10 am to 1 pm we have a Morning Market in the garden of "Jesters" 7A Burkitt Road, Woodbridge, with plants, cakes, books, bottle stall, water rockets and pond dipping. There should be something to interest the whole family. Admission is £1.

Suffolk Wildlife Trust would like your records of Turtle Doves. These birds are disappearing fast and have seen a national decline of 61% in 12 years according to the BTO statistics. Please send your records to oka.russell@suffolkwildlifetrust.org or telephone Wildline on 01473 890089.

Phil Smith - 01473 625630

MARTLESHAM BRASS

Making Music Fun in East Anglia

Spring has finally arrived and our Spring Concert featuring music from all our bands is on Saturday 17th May at 7 pm at the Martlesham Community Centre. Tickets are £2.50, available from Chris Beale (01394 387496). The Preliminary band will have a busy day on 17th May as they will also be appearing at Maidstone Road School in Felixstowe at lunchtime. Our Intermediate Band will be look-

on Saturday September 20th

ing forward to playing at Framlingham Castle on Sunday 25th May as part of the Framlingham Gala festivities.

Our very own Martlesham Brass Summer Fayre is on Saturday 14th June at St Michael's Church, Martlesham Heath, from 1:30pm (note change of time). There will be a Grand Draw - first prize two box seats to see ITFC with complimentary meal (or £100 cash), Bouncy Castle, book stall, table top sale, cakes, BBQ and refreshments too. Why not come along and enjoy the fun? You can listen to all the bands play a great selection of summer music on the Village Green in the sunshine!

Our band welcomes new players young and old, with or without experience. Our aim is to encourage anyone who feels they would like to play in a brass band to come and have a go! If you would like to join us, or if you already play or have previously played a brass instrument and feel that you would like to come along and meet us, please contact us via the website or use the contact details below.

Liz Benyon, Publicity Officer
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Registered Charity No. 1100922
Visit our website -

www.martleshambrass.co.uk

CONCERT

on
Saturday May 3rd
in
St. Mary's Church, Martlesham
at 7:30 pm
with **The Nightingale Quintet**
Tickets **£6 incl. refreshments**
Contact **01394 387049**

SAFER NEIGHBOURHOOD TEAM, KESGRAVE

"Us" - Peter Gabriel - Virgin Records - 1992

The SNT consists of one supervisor (me - the Sgt) and a small but dedicated number of Constables, Police Community Support Officers, Special Constables and volunteers. Lisa,

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1 pm until 7.00 pm

Kay, Richard, Liz and Shaun are the dedicated constables. Jacquie and Lorraine are the PCSO's. Richard B, Rachel, Glenn, Andrew and Ben are the Specials.

Myself and the regular constables are all subject to the possibility of a posting to anywhere in Suffolk or we may request a posting for reasons of career development perhaps. The 'regular' and 'Special' police officers are all warranted - so we can arrest as we see fit.

Special Constables are volunteers. Specials can be posted - but almost always as a result of a request (moved home to a new area as an example).

Police Community Support Officers are 'civilian' officers - not sworn and not warranted. They work as an integral part of the SNT. Their powers are very different (functional though) and their role is markedly different from the police officers.

PCSO's have proven themselves to be a valuable and very visible face of local policing - allowing the SNT to get closer to the communities in general. They are employed within a neighbourhood so in general they are more or less a permanent fixture.

Last but not least, we have two retired gents, Bill and Re, who work as community volunteers at the SNT office. Working two half days each week, they keep the place ticking over and 'open' for business when police officers and PCSO's are out and about.

So - that's 'Us'. To see the faces that go with the names, visit our website at <http://www.onesuffolk.co.uk/SaferSuffolk/Kesgrave>

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MARTLESHAM CARPET BOWLS CLUB

We have now completed the Winter League and have finished in sixth position, much better than we had expected after our poor start to the season. The Summer League will be starting in May, which is a less competitive league since there is no promotion or relegation.

A team of our players, Christ, Doug, Jean and Peter, qualified for the finals of the Suffolk Fours Championship, played on 6th April: unfortunately they did not progress any further but it was quite an achievement to get that far.

Our AGM will be held on Tuesday 13th May when the previous year will be reported upon, Officers and Committee will be elected for the coming year, and club trophies will be presented. This will be followed by social bowling.

Maureen Banthorp

MARTLESHAM BOWLS CLUB

SUMMER IS HERE

SO WHY NOT

TRY THE GAME OF BOWLS?

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO JOIN US
AND HAVE SOME FUN
PLEASE CONTACT OUR
CLUB SECRETARY: LINDA BROWN
ON 01394 384698

WE BOWL BOTH SOCIALLY AND
UP TO COUNTY LEVEL

SO WHY NOT GIVE THE GAME
OF BOWLS A GO?

KESGRAVE TABLE TENNIS CLUB

The new Table Tennis Club at Kesgrave Sports Hall is looking for adults interested in playing. If you haven't picked up a bat before or have played sometime in the past, you can try your hand every Friday from 7 to 9 pm. Contact 01473 610177.

RUSHMERE YM TENNIS CLUB **New members welcome**

The friendly club with over 100 years of history welcomes all ages and standards of player!

We have 3 floodlit Astrotrurf

courts and many amenities in Rushmere Sports Club.

Whether you're a seasoned veteran or just dusting off the old racquet you'll have many a good game and time!

To arrange an initial session, call Club Chairman Colin Bennett on 07977 591482.

For further info visit the club's website: www.rushmereymtennis.org.uk

MARTLESHAM COUNTRY MARKET

We would like to inform you of new products on offer at the market. Firstly we have a local photographer who is producing cards, calendars, placemats and drinks mats featuring local scenes to individual requirements.

Our second new producer is a talented knitter who specialises in Arran pattern jumpers and cardigans in traditional colours. She also produces machine-knitted items for children and adults. Also available are knitted items for toys and dolls.

We can cater for special events with either buffet-style or sit-down meals. Celebration cakes can be ordered for birthdays, weddings, births or any other event that you would like to celebrate. If this is of interest to you, please contact the market to discuss your requirements.

With Spring well on its way, we would like to remind you of our interesting and unusual selection of perennials and shrubs for the garden. Most of the plants available should grow well in the local area.

We look forward to seeing you all at the Tuesday market. Come along to see what is on offer and enjoy a cup of tea with delicious homemade cake.

Any enquiries about the market please contact Margaret Gayer (Chairman) on 01473 623849.

Robyn Pye

(Country Market producer)

1ST MARTLESHAM SCOUT GROUP

As the days grow longer, the Beavers, Cubs and Scouts will be out

and about more, improving their map reading, cycling, camping and other outdoor skills. The Scouts will once again be joining forces with Kesgrave Scouts for their annual Cycle Camp, this year cycling from Norwich via Beccles and Athelington, approximately 80 miles, from 3rd to 5th May. They will be collecting sponsorship for the St Elizabeth Hospice and anyone wishing to support their efforts can do so by contacting sl.firstmsg@virgin.net. We wish them well and hope that the weather is kind to them! As always, we welcome anyone who may be able to help the Scout Group in any way - please contact Christina Bowskill 01473 624516.

R.S.P.C.A.

Suffolk East & Ipswich Branch House to House Collection 2007 The Martleshams - £819.25

For the first time in years the annual Branch total is down! Due entirely to one word - "Collectors", or rather lack of, the Martleshams being one of the worst areas. The above total might look good but only £263.08 was collected by the three remaining collectors in the area. £556.17 was collected in six one and a half hour visits by myself and a colleague travelling from Felixstowe, a practice we cannot continue. Neither Martlesham Heath nor Old Martlesham received full coverage, had they done so the total would have turned £1000.

The Martleshams are not alone in the lack of supporting volunteers. Age and change of circumstances take their toll annually and replacements are hard to find. Residents are very generous, but without volunteers to harvest their ever-increasing donations the much-needed revenue is lost to the Martlesham Animal Centre and Ipswich Clinic (assisting those on low income).

Each venue must be self-supporting and provide treatment and refuge for all cruelty cases, abandonments and pets unwanted for various reasons, found within the Branch boundaries of Aldeburgh, Eye, Hadleigh, the Shotley Peninsula and Felixstowe. The financial burden is tremendous. Constant fund-

raising is essential.

House to house collectors are proven to be the greatest financial asset, where there is good coverage. If the present situation is not alleviated it would spell disaster for the Animal Centre and the clinic – their doors must never be closed against animals in need. Their greatest need? YOUR HELP!

As a Volunteer Collector you have eight weeks, of your choice, between April and October to make a collection in your area, or beyond. Please ring 01394 284605 for information.

Finally my sincere gratitude for the generosity of the Martlesham residents and the splendid efforts of just three local collectors.

*Mr & Mrs Hugh Whitbread – Old Martlesham

*Sandra Martin – Martlesham Heath

*Judy Johnson (retired) – Martlesham Heath

**Annual Branch Overall Total
£13,482.44**

Patricia N.M. Monk, House to House Collection Organiser

ST ELIZABETH HOSPICE

Open Gardens 2008

Throughout the summer months we have many people opening their garden to the public for us. These spectacular gardens have unique features. For more information on each garden visit our website.

Open garden dates for June

1st June - Kirton Hall, Kirton, IP10 OPH

8th June - The Old Rectory, Nacton, IP10 OHY

8th June - The Great House, 56 Church Street, Orford, IP12 2NT

15th June - Penshurst, Westerfield, IP6 9AL

15th June - Berghersh Place, Witlesham, IP6 9EZ

22nd June - 13 open gardens in Woodbridge town

22nd June - The Badgers, Rattlesden Road, Drinkston

29th June - Barham Hall, Barham, Ipswich, IP6 OPT

29th June - Stanny House Farm, Iken, Woodbridge, IP12 2EY

29th June - Decoy Cottage, Iken, Woodbridge

29th June - Sulleys Manor, Lower

Raydon, Ipswich, IP7 5LG

29th June - Water House Farm, Lower Layham, Ipswich, IP7 5RA

Upcoming events

April/May - Gym Challenge

Could you run a marathon on a treadmill, or row the English Channel on a rowing machine? These and many other challenges for all ability levels are available. If interested, please contact us to see if you gym is taking part.

A Day in May

Every day in May we are inviting the people of Suffolk to join us in supporting the St Elizabeth Hospice. Perhaps your pub or club could host a darts tournament or a family fun day? Are you a local business who could organise a dress down day or collect old mobile phones to recycle? Schools could host non-uniform days, a summer fete or a talent show.

Perhaps there is **One Day in May** that is special to you, a birthday, anniversary or special occasion. You could host your own event such as a coffee morning, afternoon tea or barbeque.

1st May - Hospice Golf Day, Hintlesham Hall Golf Club

Local businesses are invited to take part in this year's all day corporate gold event. After a breakfast, golfers will be teeing off and competing in teams of four with individual competitions happening throughout the day.

An evening meal will be accompanied by a raffle and trick shot show.

12th May - Yorkshire 3 Peaks Challenge

A great challenge in its own right or as a warm up to the National 3 Peaks Challenge, climb the 3 highest peaks in Yorkshire (Penyghent, Whernside and Ingleborough).

The challenge covers approximately 25 miles and experienced instructors will support you in an effort to complete the challenge in less than 12 hours.

24th May - Midnight Walk, Ipswich town centre

Join us for our first ever ladies-only Midnight Walk. Hundreds of women will gather just before midnight to complete the 8 mile circular route

around Ipswich town centre by the light of a full moon.

Everyone taking part will be given a Midnight Walk t-shirt and we hope that you will get into the spirit of the evening by adding your own hair accessories—think hats, tiaras, bunny ears or even silly wigs!

For full details on all of our events visit our website or call the fundraising office on 01473 723600.

www.stelizabethhospice.org.uk

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Ipswich & District Talking Newspaper needs you!

This weekly local newstape is produced every Thursday based in a studio at The East Anglian Daily Times in Ipswich. It provides a vital service for more than 350 blind and visually impaired listeners, keeping them in touch with their local community.

There are various jobs which would take about 2 hours of your time every 7 weeks on a rota basis. These range from editing the script, to reading, to recording & copying. **We particularly need technical recording staff.**

Please contact Chairman Eileen Damant (01473 652217) or Vice Chairman Rachel Pennick (01473 610437).

WOODBRIDGE & DISTRICT LIONS CLUB

Budgens Foodstore in Woodbridge continues to support us - collection boxes on their counter raising £175 and the staff donated £50 from a sponsored ten-pin bowling evening - we are very grateful to all who contributed. Watch for news shortly of how we will spend this money, hopefully in partnership with a local school.

We have been pleased to support a local girl in her gap year to carry out conservation work in Tanzania and we will be taking two ladies from Woodbridge to the Norfolk Broads holiday in May.

April 1st saw a group at Rendlesham, working with the Parish Council to clear a varied collection of rubbish from a roadside

site - our contribution to this year's Operation Spring Clean run by Suffolk Coastal District Council.

The 11th annual swimming gala for competitors with learning difficulties took place at Crown Pools on Saturday 5th April. Lions and Lioness Clubs in South Suffolk combine to run an evening of swimming (and wading) events for all ages and abilities.

The Elmhurst Extravaganza is almost upon us, Sunday 4th May in Elmhurst Park, the programme starting at 2 pm. An afternoon of family entertainment, featuring of course the Whooppee Dipper, held in the beautiful setting of Elmhurst Park in the heart of Woodbridge - we hope to see a good many people there. If you have any questions about the Extravaganza or anything else relating to the Lions, please call our Lo-Call number 0845 8332820.

WOODBIDGE PROBUS CLUB

David Levett presided over the April meeting held at Waldringfield Golf Club, when members were informed about forthcoming visits to Otley Hall, Houghton Hall, and Hatfield House. The speaker was John Marsh of the Suffolk Punch Trust, who gave an interesting talk on the history and present state of the breed. Some members will be paying a visit to the Trust in May.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday 6th May, when Robert Rous will give an illustrated talk on the Suffolk Historic Churches Trust.

Retired or semi-retired men interested in membership are invited to contact Ron Fisher on 01473 631347.

DEBEN PROBUS CLUB

At the meeting held on Monday 17th March at Ufford Park Hotel, an interesting talk was given by Commander Tom Horton, one of the members, on the history of HMS Furious, on which he had served during the second world war.

Commissioned in 1915 originally as a battle cruiser with two 18 inch guns, it was converted during the First World War into one of the earliest aircraft carriers and

saw the first ever landing of an aircraft onto the deck of a ship. Its aircraft were involved in successful attacks on airship bases in Germany.

In the Second World War, following a refit, HMS Furious was involved in ferrying aircraft such as Spitfires and Hurricanes to bases and in campaigns in Malta, Oran, Takoradi in West Africa and finally in Norway and the Arctic, particularly in the pursuit of the German battleships Scharnhorst and Tirpitz. Contacts: Peter Heath (Chairman) 01394 385828, Peter Booth-Smith (Secretary) 01394 610881

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 11TH-17TH MAY

We've all seen pictures of the difficult and desperate situations many of the world's poorest people have to struggle with every day, and so often we feel powerless to help.

Well this month we can help to do something about it, by making a donation to Christian Aid. Christian Aid not only provides disaster relief, they also provide training in skills which encourage people to improve their income, diet and regenerate the areas where they live. And they actively challenge injustice and inequality wherever it is found.

Christian Aid relies on the donations of people in the UK and Ireland. Please donate generously when you receive your red envelope. By completing the gift aid slip, your donation will be worth nearly 30% more at no further cost to you. For further details, and to volunteer as a collector in your area, please contact Carolyn Smith 01473 625630 or Chris Cobb 01473 622585. Everyone deserves a decent life. Please give as much as you can this Christian Aid Week.

MARTLESHAM CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP Black Tiles Lane www.m-c-f.org

David v. Goliath!!
(1 Samuel ch. 16)

It seemed such an uneven contest! - An experienced warrior, of immense size, bedecked with the

strongest armour possible. His challenger - a mere stripling youth, a shepherd boy, completely inexperienced in warfare, with only a stone and sling!

In reality the advantage swung from Goliath to David! Why? Because, as David put it to the Philistine colossus, "You come against me with sword and spear and javelin, but I come against you in the Name of the Lord Almighty, the God of the Israelites, whom you have defied!"

In the face of such faith and such back-up, there was no contest and Goliath lost his head (literally!).

Many of us have problems which seem to be of 'gigantic' proportions, insurmountable, overwhelming. Have we the faith to allow God's 'strength' to be made perfect in our weakness? He is, after all, The Lord Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and all things!

ACTIVITIES IN MAY

Sunday Services

Family Service at 10 am with 'Sunspot' for children

Communion - 11:45 am

Tuesday Circle - 13th May

"Musical Amusements" (with Val Betts)

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/informal) - 11th May at 6:30 pm

For further information see the website, or contact Julia Faulkner (01473 625482), or John Mellen (01473 624401).

BRIGHTWELL CHURCH

Thank you to Elizabeth for leading our Service of Celtic Worship on Sunday March 30th, a Service which was appreciated by the entire congregation. On Friday 4th April Roy Tricker drew our attention to the Architecture and history of our Church and opened our eyes to those things which we perhaps have passed many times without noting.

In May we have the Parish Walk, lead this year by Jessica Niblock, on SATURDAY 17TH MAY. Meet at the Church Hall at 2:15 pm ready to step out at about 2:30 pm. Those returning will be able to enjoy refreshment at the Hall afterwards.

Having now completed the project for our Chapel of Ease we are now working on erecting railings on either side of the footpath gate to tidy this area. The inevitable faculty application is under way.

Plans are now getting under way for our major event this year - The Flower Festival to be held over the August Bank Holiday weekend - please find time to visit us during this busy family holiday.

On the fifth Sunday in June (29th) we will be having a bring and share picnic in the church grounds at 4:30 pm and all are welcome to join us then.

Services for May are Holy Communion at 8 am on Sundays 3rd and 17th and Evensong at 6:30 pm on Sundays 10th and 24th.

Geoff Lambert, PCC Secretary - 01473 624130

www.achurchnearyou.com
brightwellpcc@tesco.net

BRIGHTWELL PCC

THE PARISH WALK **LED BY JESSICA NIBLOCK**

SATURDAY MAY 17TH
MEET AT THE CHURCH HALL
2:15 PM

Refreshments at the Hall on return

Please join us - dogs on leads welcome

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

We are pleased that the Bishop will also be visiting the parish to administer the Sacrament of Confirmation to thirty one people. There is also a pilgrimage to Walsingham led by the Bishop on the May bank holiday Monday

Otherwise the parish is having a busy time at the moment, with the activities of the "Helping Hands Group", the "Visitors Group", "The Catholic Women's League" and the "Prayer Group" amongst others.

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.

BRIGHT STARS

Due to the Whitsun Bank Holiday, we have one service in May which will be on Monday 12th.

We welcome all pre-school children and babies along with their carers to our fun, child-friendly 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 about Bright Stars please call Pauline on 01473 625061 or Jo on 01473 622160.

MARTLESHAM CHURCH

Do you like celebrating birthdays? Many people enjoy celebrating with their friends and family whether it is an ordinary birthday or a 'big' one. The Church enjoys celebrating its birthday which is called Pentecost. It used to be called Whitsun but is now known as Pentecost.

It is when we remember how the disciples were gathered together and they were suddenly filled with the Holy Spirit and their lives were completely changed. (Some people thought they had been drinking too much!)

It is still happening today, Christians are still filled with the Holy Spirit and we celebrate it on Pentecost, May 11th. Why not come to one of our churches and find out more about Christians and what they believe - what makes them so filled with joy. Happy birthday dear Christain, happy birthday to you.

**St. Michael's Church
Centre is open daily on
weekdays from 10
am—12 noon for tea,
coffee,
information, etc. Why
not drop in to meet
friends old and new?**



THE CHURCH IN MARTLESHAM & BRIGHTWELL

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The Revd. Heather Cooke, 9 Swan Close, Martlesham Heath, Tel: 623770

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ELDERS: Margaret Rollins, 9 Angela Close, Tel: 01473 623868; Monica Twaits, 39 Angela Close,
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| Services for the Month | Brightwell St. John's | Martlesham St. Mary's | Martlesham Heath St. Michael's |
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| Thursday 1st May Ascension Day | | | 7pm Holy Communion |
| Sunday 4th May Easter 7 | 8am Holy Communion | 11am Holy Communion BCP | 9:45am All Age Worship 6:30pm Informal Worship |
| Sunday 11th May Pentecost | 6:30pm Evensong | 8am Holy Communion 11am All Age Worship | 9:45am Family Holy Communion & Junior Church |
| Sunday 18th May Trinity Sunday | 8am Holy Communion | 11am Family Holy Communion | 9:45am Worship & Junior Church 6:30pm Informal Worship - Youth Service |
| Sunday 25th May Trinity 1 | 6:30pm Evensong | 8am Holy Communion 11am Matins | 9:45am Family Holy Communion & Junior Church |
| Sunday 1st June | 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 12th May in St Michael's. A warm welcome awaits you at all the above services.

PRAYER DIARY FOR MAY

Please use the following suggestions as a basis for your thanksgiving and intercessions:

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| 5 for the troubled country of Zimbabwe | 27 for the areas of the UK where there is endemic violence |
| 6 to make us all custodians of God's Earth | 28 for the residents of Sandy Lane |
| 7 for the residents of Redwold Close | 29 for Christian Solidarity Worldwide |
| 8 for the Quiet Day in Cynthia and Jeremy's garden | 30 for children living in difficult family situations |
| 9 for World Vision | 31 for The Woman's Refuge |
| 10 for respect for everyone | JUNE 1 for freedom to preach the Gospel |
| 11 for Pentecost | 2 for those people facing serious illness |
| 12 for happy family life | 3 for The Martlesham Heath Neighbourhood Association |
| 13 for people suffering from depression | 4 for the residents of School Lane |
| 14 for the residents of Roma Avenue | |
| 15 for the staff of Ipswich Hospital | |
| 16 to set a moral example to our children | |
| 17 for The Brightwell Parish Walk | |
| 18 for The Junior Church | |
| 19 for the five Britons still held hostage in Baghdad | |
| 20 for the courage to face our own personal daily challenges | |
| 21 for the residents of Saddlers Place | |
| 22 for common sense in local planning issues | |
| 23 for a peaceful settlement in the Middle East | |
| 24 for all who are unwell, at home and in hospital | |
| 25 for The Martlesham Minsitry Team | |
| 26 for The Portal Woodlands Conservation Group | |