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Martlesham Monthly Editors

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

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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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MARTLESHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Local Development Framework

The Development Plans Committee (DPC) of the Parish Council met on 18th February to consider the latest Suffolk Coastal District Council (SCDC) consultations. A recommendation will go to the full Parish Council on 4th March for approval. In the meantime a draft response will be sent to SCDC to meet its deadline of 20th February. As far as housing development in the area east of Ipswich is concerned, the DPC is recommending that the Council objects to SCDC's preferred option of the land within Martlesham, previously known as Area 4, and reiterates its previous stance that the land northwest of the A14 between the Bucklesham and Felixstowe Roads is the least bad option for housing of the 5 options identified. The Council will seek to publish its full response in March on its pages on the Martlesham Portal website www.martlesham.org.uk.
Centenary Playspace, near Gorseland School

This play area has suffered from ongoing vandalism and the Parish Council has received differing views on what is best for the area. The Parish Council is considering setting up a working group and would welcome local participation. Please contact the Clerk, details below, if you are able to spare some time for this project. Many thanks to those who have already written in to the Council offering help or providing suggestions.

Overhanging Vegetation

This is a common problem and the County Council is able to take action or issue notices. If any parishioner has a problem with trees or overhanging vegetation obstructing footways or street lighting, could they please report the precise details to SCC through the customer

services number: 0845 606 6067
or by e-mail: customerservice@csduk.com

Speeding

Some recent results from the deployment of SID (Speed Indicator Device) in Martlesham have again shown mean speeds of over the 30mph speed limit. The speed limit throughout Martlesham, except for the A12 and Martlesham Hill, is **30 mph**. Please observe the speed limits for the safety of all!

Forthcoming meetings

*Parish Council – Wednesday 4th March

*Recreation & Amenities committee - Wednesday 11th March

*Development Plans committee - Wednesday 18th March

*Finance and General Purposes committee - 25th March

*Parish Council - Wednesday 1st April

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 AND RICHARDS ROOM

To enquire about booking Martlesham Community Hall or the Richards Room please telephone the Booking secretary on 01473 623203 who will be available to help you with your enquiry or will telephone you back if not available.

Alternatively, e-mail the new e-mail address martcomhall@btinternet.com or write to The Booking Secretary, Martlesham Community Hall, Felixstowe Road, Martlesham, Ipswich, IP12 4PB.

Ref. Martlesham Community Hall Charity Number 1009602

MARTLESHAM COMMUNITY HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

A.G.M. THURSDAY 5TH MARCH **Martlesham Parish Council Room,** **Felixstowe Road, Martlesham,** **7:30 pm. All Parishioners are** **welcome to attend**

1. Apologies for absence
2. Minutes of meeting 21st February 2008 (at the Meeting)
3. Chairman's Report
4. Treasurers Report
5. Booking Secretaries Report
6. Maintenance Report
7. List of regular Hirers (at Meeting)
8. Election Of Officers (who are committee members)
Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, Minutes Secretary, Treasurer, Booking Secretary, Committee, {up to one less than the regular hirers as Elected Parishioners (making allowance for Officers)}
9. Sewerage scheme update, double glazing and wall insulation to Community Hall.
10. Any other matters those present my wish to raise

MARTLESHAM HEATH HOUSEHOLDERS LTD **(Formerly Martlesham Consultants Ltd)**

Attendance at the February AGM was the best we have had for years. We have recruited one new director and a volunteer (we still need more!) Our Chairman and many householders attended the Council Planning meeting that morning and as most of you will have heard, the development at Lark Rise was rejected. The general consensus was that we all have to be proactive if we want to maintain the unique nature of our Village and meet the challenges of future developments.

Mr Firman asked members to remember Mr Parker, one of the visionaries who planned the original village concept, as he had recently passed away.

There has been vandalism to the fence recently erected on the North Green. We know people are unhappy about recent events there but MHH cannot condone illegal

action and would ask residents to report anything of this nature to the Police, if they witness it. MHH are still in talks with Grainger on the hand-over of the North Green.

The February Village Help Desk highlighted several issues which we will be dealing with: The overgrown path parallel to Dobbs Lane on the SSSI – a quote for clearance has been sought; the paths between hamlets on the Western Corridor – we will look at costs and different options; the posts around Heathfield Green – will be assessed for replacement or repair.

The Board were asked to make their work more widely known. Please note that Board Meetings are open to all residents; our website now allows you to register and be updated by email; the board outside RDP in the Square and this paper all carry information. Next meeting is 16th March, 7:30 pm in St Michael's church centre. Or contact us on voicemail: 01473 61220, or by e-mail: mhh@martlesham.org.uk. Unfortunately our postal address has been withdrawn by RDP in the Square due to some unpleasantness by a minority of residents. Watch this space for a new postal address. We would like to thank RDP for the use of their office in the past and apologise for any distress to their staff.

MARCH REPORT FROM CHRIS BLUNDELL

District Councillor for Martlesham

Some years ago the parish collectively had quite a debate about the establishment of a Park and Ride here in Martlesham. It eventually came into existence although there were not many users in the beginning. Originally in 2000 the District and Borough Councils were given a statutory duty to provide half price fare concessions for all eligible applicants. This was changed by order to the provision of free *local travel* from 1st April 2006. Subsequently the 'Concessionary Bus Travel Act 2007' provided for free travel from 1st April 2008 on *local services only* across England during off peak hours (9:30 am to 11:30 pm). Since

its introduction the number of concessionary travellers in SCDC has grown from 11,400 registered users in March 2006 to over 24,100 in January 2009. With just over 45,000 eligible users in Suffolk Coastal District it is pleasing to learn that over 50% have received passes. For those who are eligible for concessionary travel but are not able to use public transport because of the severity of their disability they can opt to use the Travel Voucher Scheme. Participants in this scheme receive a booklet of vouchers (£50 at present) that they are able to use against the cost of taxi travel. At present there are approximately 175 local users of the scheme. Today there are many more users of the Park and Ride than when it first opened some years ago.

There are some residences in Martlesham that have yet to receive their full complement of three waste bins (one brown and two grey (one with a blue lid)). SCDC will be delivering the outstanding bins sometime in the not too distant future, probably during April or May 2009.

I turn now to the Local Government Review (LGR) and the work of the Boundary Committee for England (BCE) that proposed a unitary style local government for Norfolk, Suffolk and Devon. As a result of a further judicial review brought by Devon and some errors made by the BCE, the Department for Local Government announced on 9th February that the BCE would delay submitting their recommendations until 15th July 2009. Given that there has to be a further four week period for existent councils and other stakeholders to respond to the recommendations, this means that the timescale to implement a change unitary status will be incredibly tight. I live in hope!

By the time you read this the Local Development Framework (LDF) will be approaching its final stages. I would like to thank all those who have taken time to register their views with SCDC. All views are carefully studied and all valid comments will be incorpo-

rated in the final document. Please remember that the sites submitted were the developers' 'wish list' and not the choice of the District Council.

If you would like to discuss any of the above items or other local matters with me, you can do so either by phone on 01473 613360 or by e - m a i l t o c h r i s . blundell@suffolkcoastal.gov.uk. Alternatively you can join me for a chat and a 'cuppa' at St. Michael's Church hall on the first Monday of the month between 10 am and 12 noon.

MARTLESHAM COMMUNITY COUCL

Jumble, Plant and Book Sale

on
Saturday 7th March

in the
PAVILION, MARTLESHAM HEATH
10 AM TO NOON

Admission 30p
Enquiries to Jackie Bear on 01473
623007

MARTLESHAM & DISTRICT FLOWER CLUB

Our demonstrator this month was Alan Smith who is known to many of us. His title 'Fun with Flowers' was very apt as Alan is always full of fun and as usual he had many amusing tales to tell throughout the afternoon. Firstly Alan demonstrated what could be done using just foliage and a green lantern containing a night light. For his second design he used red cornus, catkins, purple iris and teasels with pink roses through the middle. He then produced a very ornate tall candle stick and created a crescent design with white lisianthus, white freesias and three white silk lilies. An extremely tall parcel covered in silver paper with a huge pink ribbon and bow formed the basis of his fourth design after which Alan produced a number of beautifully wrapped parcels. A stand made from two bicycle wheels covered with gold raffia plus a huge piece of

driftwood also featured in his designs which included a Dutch style horizontal arrangement.

The competition was won by Mrs Jean Smith.

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 18th March when we shall be holding our AGM followed by a talk on Fuchsias given by Mr Ken Emery. ALL ARE MOST WELCOME.

Barbara Bown - 01394 383033

MARTLESHAM IN BLOOM

Our next events:-

Jumble and Plant Sale

Saturday 7th March

10 am to noon

in the Pavilion, Martlesham Heath
(jointly with Martlesham Community
Council)

**Launch event
Tuesday 28th April
7:30 pm**

**St Michael's Church Centre,
Martlesham Heath**

We will be launching our own
summer garden competitions
and
Martlesham's entry into the Anglia in
Bloom Competition 2009

The evening will include light
refreshments, raffle, quiz and plants
for sale. There will be a Plant Swap
table plus a free plant for every-
body attending.

Everyone welcome and admission is
free.

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.

M.A.L.G.A. Allotments

We're not alone in our quest for allotments; KALGA (Kesgrave ALGA) has formed in January. We would

like to officially wish them all the best in their venture. Last year we attended the forming of WALGA (Waldringfield ALGA) with a more than willing Parish so we're watching their progress. This will be an interesting year, one that sees us as allies in the fight for allotments able to share knowledge and help the community.

Now to get a few things straight in what seemed to be a puzzling report from the Parish.

1. The letter from the Parish, about their apparent refusal to work on the legal requirement for them to provide allotments for the community was both a shock and disappointing, especially with the knowledge that they had £5000 for allotment work in the precept. It also appears they are trying to use the LDF as a means of confusing/frightening local people, suggesting land cannot be dealt with due to extreme costs. The bartering would be against the people's wishes, who do not want houses and how slow it would be to compulsory purchase land, but this is all a smoke screen. Because by actively seeking and providing land for allotments in itself would stop houses being built on land near to people, land could be rented for as little as £100 per acre and there's loads of land available that's not on the LDF maps, even land that WAS allotments years ago, laying there doing nothing. So what do the parish propose to do while they wait for an LDF decision next year? After all, so far they've done absolutely nothing except write letters

2. MALGA are not here to do the work of the parish in creating a plan for the new allotments required in Martlesham but more as an advisory to what we would expect to see as model allotments for the 21st century. For them to knock our plan was unprofessional.

Look! Our new web site - www.malga.co.uk

You can join malga and/or contact me:- malga@btinternet.com

Thanks,
Paul Day, Chairman

MARTLESHAM HEATH W.I.

Delicious cookery smells emitted from the Pavilion at our February meeting when members braved the dreadful weather to watch a cookery demonstration. 'Cooking for Two' was a demonstration by Liz Quarmby, a W.I. advisor; she produced salmon timbales, celebration chicken and lemon cheesecake.

Members will be going for a very belated Christmas meal at the end of the month to The Cherry Tree in Woodbridge. Also four members will visit Levington W.I. to hear a talk by Mark Murphy, a Radio Suffolk presenter.

Plans for our Suffolk Show entry are underway and we also hope to commence our monthly walks again, weather permitting. Members will also be attending the Suffolk East Federation meeting at Trinity Park when the main guest speaker will be Christine Walkden, the TV gardening expert.

We now meet at 7:30 pm on the second Monday of the month in the Pavilion. Our speaker for March will be Mr Winter with a talk entitled 'Where There's a Will There's a Relative'. Any interested ladies are welcome to join us and will be made most welcome.

Mary Bloomfield – 01473 625577

MARTLESHAM W.I.

Our speaker Mr Tony Buckland started his talk on the history of toys by mentioning that his 101 year old mother had told him she did not have any toys other than a hand-made doll. In those days there was no money or time for toys because children as young as twelve were working. He said that good quality toys originated in Germany in 1860.

We were shown some of Mr Buckland's wonderful collection of toys including a Dog on Wheels from 1930, a 1950 elephant and a beautiful French bagatelle which he bought at auction. Many of us remember famous names such as Hornby, Meccano and Dinky and Mr Buckland explained that Frank Hornby started a very successful business in 1910 making Meccano and Dinky toys. On his death it

passed to his two sons but sadly they did not keep up with the market. In the 1950s the market collapsed and by 1964 was non-existent. Despite this the Hornby name was sold and is still used today.

We all agreed that it was certainly a most interesting and enthralling evening and on seeing some of the toys took us back to childhood days.

We meet at 7:30 pm in the Richards Room, Martlesham and new members are always very welcome to join our small friendly group.

Our next meeting will be on 20th March when Mrs Tina Oldfield will talk to us about 'Trekking in the Himalayas'. Contact can be made to Audrey Burnell on 01394 386738.

Barbara Bown

MARTLESHAM LADIES CLUB

We recently had a most interesting talk given by Angela Pratt on 'DNA,' and we now look forward to more talks in the month of March, they are:

*12th March - 'Death Record'; speaker Pip Wright

*26th March - 'To Petra and Beyond'; speaker Chris Parfitt

Our meetings are held alternate Thursdays at 7:30 pm in the Richard Rooms, Martlesham Community Centre. Any enquiries please 'phone Rita on 01473 624510.

Margaret Green

MARTLESHAM WIVES GROUP

The March meeting will take place at 43 Westland, Martlesham Heath on the 16th at 7:45 pm. Jenny Matthews will be giving a talk about Africa. We consist of a friendly group of about 25 ladies who meet every month. We meet in homes for various talks, and arrange walks and visits locally also. You do not need to be a 'wife' to join us. The ability to drink cups of tea and enjoy chattering is an advantage! You do not need to attend every meeting, but can select from the programme. If you feel you have something of interest to share with us as a speaker we would also love to hear from you.

For more information call Cathy Moore on 01473 622724.

MARTLESHAM HEATH BABY & TODDLER GROUP

We'll start with some good news. Faye Barker was the lucky winner of the 50/50 squares, receiving £25 – well done!

We would like to invite members, their family and friends to a Pamper Evening we are holding at St Michael's Church, Martlesham Heath on Wednesday 1st April from 7:30 pm - 10 pm. Tickets cost £1.50 each, double up as raffle tickets and are available in advance from your Session Leader, any member of the Committee or on the door.

We are also pleased to announce we will be holding an Easter egg hunt for the children and a raffle for the grown ups in the run up to Easter.

We must give our sincere thanks to Martlesham Parish Council who recently granted us the sum of £300 to purchase new toys to replace those which are old and worn.

It's with deep regret that with immediate effect we will no longer be running afternoon sessions. The decision was not taken lightly but the Committee felt it important to ensure the success of the Group in the long term. We hope those members who formerly came to the afternoon sessions will be able to come to the morning ones.

However, we do have some positive news. In contrast to most baby and toddler groups who close during the summer holidays, we will continue to run a session on a Wednesday morning.

Finally, some of our Committee Members will be standing down at the next AGM (which we can now confirm will be held at the Pavilion on Thursday 28th May). A number of current Committee members will remain but we are looking for volunteers to fill a number of posts which will be finalised shortly. Look out for a poster which will go up in the Pavilion giving more details. It would seem sensible to try and welcome members who currently use the Group, however a proportion of the positions are open to the gen-

eral public should you know of anyone interested.

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 table for the children. Refreshments are included and the session in which you register is ABSOLUTELY FREE!

Our play sessions are held at the Martlesham Heath Pavilion on Wednesdays and Fridays from 9:30 am until 11:30 am during term-time. Our members pay just £2 per session for the first child and only £1 for each additional child attending (subject to a small annual membership fee). 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 Donna on 01473 610495 or Nikki on 01473 614055.

MARTLESHAM PLAYSCHOOL

Our children have been very busy this term looking at letters of the alphabet and to tie in with this they have been on a little visit to the baker and butcher's shop on The Square. We have also had visits from the vicar of the local church, and this week the children saw the dentist and she talked to them about remembering to take good care of their teeth. As we work our way through the alphabet we are hoping to meet a guide dog, and also have a visit from the "hedgehog" lady !!

As usual this summer we shall hold our day at the beach, and hire a beach hut for all our children and their families to pop along and play. Let's hope the weather is much better this year! More details to follow.

Our fundraisers are busy organising some Easter events and fund-raising ideas. We shall be able to announce the date of our fantastic Fun Day very soon. We currently take children from two-and-a-half years old, so if you are interested in sending your child to Martlesham Playschool, please

contact me for a copy of our prospectus, and a registration form to join our waiting list, on 07857 309365, or 01473 621315. If you would like to look round the play-school please also give me a call. Caroline Swale (Business Manager – Admissions & Advisory)

ST MICHAEL'S PRE-SCHOOL **Martlesham Heath**

www.stmichaelspreschool.org.uk

This half term is a busy one for the Pre-School. We are holding a Parents Evening on Thursday 26th March at 7 - 8:30 pm which will give the parents a chance to speak to their child's Key Worker about their 'Learning Journey'.

On Saturday 28th March we will be holding a Children's Easter Crafts and Coffee Morning at 10 am to 12 noon. Local children will be able to make Easter baskets, chicks, rabbits, cakes and more for 50p. There will also be a book, bric-a-brac and cake stall as well as refreshments. Any prospective parents are welcome to come and see us.

Thursday 2nd April will be the Pre-School AGM at 7 -10 pm, and we need a good parent turnout in order to ensure the Pre-School continues to run.

We close on Monday 30th March at 3:15 pm for the Easter Holidays and re-open on Tuesday 21st April for the Summer Term.

Any enquiries can be made to the Pre-School on 07712 506123. This mobile number will be answered during session times only or you can leave a message on the voicemail.

Our children leave us to go on to all the local schools including Birchwood, Gorseland, Cedarwood, Waldringfield, Little Bealings and Rendlesham.

We have places available and take children from two-and-a-half, so if you are interested in sending your child to St Michael's Pre School and would like a prospectus or to arrange a visit please call Julie Benford on 01473 436125 or e-mail admin@stmichaelspreschool.org.uk

Nicole Harris

CALLING ALL MUMS...

The Mums' Club meets at St. Michael's Church Centre on Tuesday, 3rd March from 12:45 to 2:30 pm. A snack lunch will be served at 1 pm followed by a talk on Homoeopathy by Emma Dalton from Woodbridge Complementary Health Centre. All mums with toddlers and babies will be most welcome.

Please note that there will be no meeting of the Mums' Club in April. We meet again on Tuesday 5th May.

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

MARTLESHAM MOTHERS' UNION

As well as our overseas projects, Mothers' Union members are very active in the UK too. Here are some examples of faith in action through a wide range of projects:

* Members are involved in Child Contact Centres, where one parent can meet their child in a safe environment when there are difficulties with access.

* Members make up toiletry bags for homeless youngsters sleeping on the streets.

* Help is giving to young people who have been in care and are setting up home for the first time.

* Away From It All holidays are provided for families where their are special needs and who may never have the opportunity to be together and relax.

As well as that we really enjoy our fellowship together and all we do is built on a foundation of prayer and worship.

We meet on March 4th at St Michael's Church Centre at 2:30 pm - do come and you can be assured of a warm welcome. Want to know more? Phone Marion 01473 624196

MARTLESHAM CHILDMINDING GROUP

The 'cold' snap that February brought with it saw many of us seizing 'spontaneous' opportunities with the children. There was lots of fun and laughter building 'snowmen'

and 'snowladies'! The children enjoyed looking at their different sizes as they made snow angels on the ground, there was lots of physical activity as snowballs were thrown at targets and of course many of us enjoyed being pulled or pushed along on a sledge!

February half term then brought with it milder weather and we hope that this continues on the run-up to Easter! The group are organising another fabulous Easter event, with many art and craft activities on offer as well as the fun of finding the hidden Easter eggs.

Our group can successfully boast between us well over 100 years of childcare experience, with an abundance of knowledge, skills and training being acquired over several years. Every one of us is highly committed to our profession in childcare. Our training includes the Early Years Foundation Stage Framework, First Aid, Child Protection and Food Hygiene. If you are considering a career as a childminder or wish to find out more about our current childminding vacancies, please phone Julie-Ann on 01473 611630.

Julie-Ann Bass

MARTLESHAM HEATH AVIATION SOCIETY

Despite a dire forecast of freezing conditions we once again had an excellent turn-out well in excess of 100 hardy members and friends for our monthly meeting at the Martlesham Community Centre on Friday 6th February.

Mr Ian Wormald is one of our members who originated from Suffolk and has now, after a long career in the RAF and British Aerospace, returned to live locally. Ian was accompanied by his mother and also his wife, Stephanie. The illustrated talk was entitled, "Fifty Years Out and Back to Suffolk".

Ian began his working career working at Fison's Levington research station, but the flying bug was in his system and whilst serving his time as a National Service airman he applied for pilot training, something that National Servicemen would not normally be considered

for. He was initially trained as a Radar Mechanic but persistence paid off and young Ian eventually got his "wings," and the RAF was to be his life. This was the dawning of the jet age and his first aeroplane was the De Havilland Vampire. Various overseas postings included Malta and here he was piloting the air reconnaissance version of the English Electric Canberra.

Eventually Ian joined British Aerospace and was engaged on the development of the Tucano. This turboprop powered aircraft is of Brazilian design and is built under licence at Short Bros, Belfast. The aircraft handling is similar to a jet aircraft and it is employed as a training aircraft for fast jet pilots.

Another fascinating evening and a vote of thanks was given by Don Kitt.

Our next meeting will be held, as usual, in the Community Hall, Felixtowe Road and is on Friday 6th March. The evening will consist of an illustrated talk, "Vertical Take-off and Landing," by John Pyle, who has a particular interest in the subject. He is a past President of Colchester Engineering Society.

Meetings start at 7:30 pm and non-members are welcome for a payment of just £2.

Alan Powell - 01473 622458

MARTLESHAM HISTORICAL SOCIETY

We had a good attendance for our first meeting of 2009 when our speaker was Peter Durrell who introduced to the subject of "Understanding Heraldry". We are not quite sure how Loyd Grossman warrants a coat of arms but it appears he has one!!

Our next meeting on Monday April 20th will be held in The Pavilion at 8 pm when our speaker, Douglas Baker, will tell us of "East Anglia and the Settlement of America".

All are welcome and admission is £1.50.

John Tyler 01473 612736

MARTLESHAM BRASS

Making Music Fun in East Anglia
We have two events on our calen-

dar for March, firstly our AGM on Friday 6th at 7:30 at St Michael's Church, Martlesham Heath. This is a great opportunity to find out what the band has been up to over the past year and find out what plans the Bandleaders have for us during the coming months! Secondly our Main Band will be appearing in concert at Seaton Road Methodist Church, Felixstowe on Saturday 21st at 7 pm, all welcome. This concert is to help to raise money for their 'Slates and Ladders' appeal for the Church Hall Roof. Entrance is £3 (primary school children free), pay on the night. We shall be playing a wide variety of music, there will be refreshments available and a raffle, and we would love to see you there!

One more very advance date to remember - Martlesham Brass Summer Fayre on Saturday June 13th! 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.

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liz.benyon@btinternet.com
Registered Charity No. 1100922
Visit our website -
www.martleshambrass.co.uk

LIVE THEATRE IN WOODBIDGE

Reality Cheques is a blend of wit and wisdom, drawn against the compelling drama of everyday life. It delivers an altogether different kind of 'bounce'! The drama is a fast-paced, hilarious snapshot of everyday life.

Since 1992, Riding Lights Roughshod have taken their brand of high energy theatre to all kinds of places. The York-based theatre company is one of the UK's most successful independent groups, performing in schools, colleges, prisons and churches throughout the country.

So, if you are looking for something illuminating, funny and uplifting to provide a 'check' point, Reality Cheques promise to deliver.

Roughshod will be performing at the Woodbridge Methodist Church on Saturday 21st March at 7:30 pm. Tickets: £6/£4 (concessions) on the door, or phone 01394 383674 to book your seat.

PORTAL WOODLANDS CONSERVATION GROUP

A couple have been spotted sawing off branches and taking them away. This is detrimental to the work the group are doing, as it is taking the wood we use to build up habitats. Please could people be aware that wood, even dead wood should not be removed from the woodland. Thank you.

The Working Party, on a more positive note, during January cleared an area which will shortly be planted up with some hazel to help provide some more habitats and hopefully encourage new species. During this session we also had two young people, Andrew and David, helping to clear the bunker as part of their work towards their Duke of Edinburgh award. We look forward to 21st March when we will be joined again by the Brownies as part of their centenary challenge, helping the Woodland Trust with their 'Tree for All' project.

Nature Watch Club members have been busy, with some taking part in the RSBP Big Garden Birdwatch. There have been a number of calls for clarification of the project for February: The display needs to be A4 size and be about a woodland creature or plant, for example two subjects already being covered are woodlice and the grey squirrel. If your child would like to make a display or take part in the Nature Watch Club then please send an e-mail to naturewatch.pwcg@martlesham.org.uk for further details.

We are always looking for new volunteers to come and enjoy the outdoors with us - to cut back a few hedgerow plants, pull back a few brambles, help maintain the pathways and most importantly

come and help eat all the delicious cake at half time (thanks again Jan, very yummy). Please do not think of the workdays as hard gruelling work sessions, far from it really. Everyone, does as much or as little as they like. No specialist gear is required, just wear old clothes and sensible footwear and we provide the tools, the cake and a cuppa, and of course some cheerful banter. See you there sometime!

Dates for the diary:

Nature Watch Meeting - 2009 dates now on website.

Woodlands Work Morning - Saturday 21st March, 10 am - noon, meet opposite the Police sports field entrance.

For more information about PWCG and its activities, please access our website at www.martlesham.org.uk/portalwoodlandsgroup, or if you have any questions please e-mail us at pwcg@martlesham.org.uk or phone Martlesham Parish Council on 01473 612632.

Jocelyn Cook

MARTLESHAM CONSERVATION GROUP

Our next work party on Sunday 8th March will follow up the work achieved on the "Megabash" with the Greenways project that took place on Saturday 21st 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 in our efforts to get 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.

Soon migrant birds such as the chiffchaff will rejoin us. The first appearance could be early in March, however the weather so far this year has been different, much colder, so it will be interesting to see when the first of these diminutive birds does make an appearance. Other migrants will begin to appear including the nightingale, which hopefully will fill the wood-

land and heath with their magnificent song.

The warmer days ahead may be presaged by the first appearance of butterflies that have spent the winter in hibernation, such as 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, Dingy Skipper being the only species not present here. Reptiles such as common lizards, slow worms and adders can also start to appear on warm days this month and can be easier to see as they come out to soak up the sun and increase their body temperatures. Please keep a look out.

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 19th March we have a talk on "The Little Ouse Headlands Project" with Rowena Langton. This project features one of the growing number of private nature reserves. The talk starts at 7:30 pm in the Woodbridge Community Hall. Please come and join us for a great evening. All are welcome, you do not have to be a member. Admission is £2 as usual.

Please note our talk on April 16th will not be in Woodbridge Community hall. We are currently seeking an alternative venue. Please keep a look out for an announcement.

Phil Smith - 01473 625630

WILDLEARNING ADULT COURSES

SUFFOLK WILDLIFE TRUST invites you to explore the wealth of wildlife that the county has to offer. We have a wide range of adult courses supported by the Heritage Lottery Fund to help you develop your skills and be inspired by the natural world.

All courses are run by enthusi-

astic tutors who are passionate about their subject and supported by volunteer hosts to help you get the most from your course. Whether you're an enthusiastic beginner or an experienced naturalist, there is a course for you. So, come on, get out, and explore the natural world!

Courses include:

*Introduction to otters; Thursday March 19th, 10 am - 3 pm at Geldeston Village Hall with Penny Hemphill. £15/concessions £12

*Resident birdsong; Saturday 28th March, 9 am - 1 pm at Foxburrow Farm, Mellton with Paul Holness. £7.50/concessions £6

*Growing your own food - the plot and plan; Tuesday 21st April, 10 am - 3 pm. Part 1 of 3 at Foxburrow Farm. £12 per session/concessions £10 (part 2 - 5th May, part 3 - 18th August)

*Reptiles and amphibians; Saturday 25th April, 9:30 am - 4 pm at Martlesham Heath Pavilion with Duncan Sweeting. £15/concessions £12

For more information and a full list of courses go to www.suffolkwildlifetrust.org, email wildlearning@suffolkwildlifetrust.org or phone 01473 892430/01473 890089.

MARTLESHAM CARPET BOWLS CLUB

On Sunday 15th February, we held our triples competition when a total of five teams participated. This was a very closely fought battle with the winners, Judith, Doug and George, gaining the lead in the very last round. Well done to them and thanks to all the entrants who make these competitions worthwhile.

We have, unfortunately, been eliminated from the Chairman's Plate competition so we must now concentrate our efforts in the next few league matches.

Maureen Banthorp

NEW LEISURE ACTIVITIES AT KESGRAVE SPORTS CENTRE

First Venue in East Anglia to offer "Lebed"

This is suitable for all ages and fitness levels as dances can be done

sitting or standing.

Dance with feather boas, blow bubbles and enjoy a fun work-out to upbeat music. The movements help to stretch and strengthen muscles. They also help to reduce anxiety, neck and shoulder pain, improve balance and self-image.

You can try "Lebed" FREE on:

- Wednesday 11th and 18th March (10 am - 11 am)

- Sessions cost £5 on:

Wednesday 25th March and 1st April (10 am - 11 am)

Other activities:

Tuesdays (term time)

9:30 am - 10:30 am: Aerobics

10:45 am - 11:45 am: Badminton/Short Tennis*

Fridays (term time)

9:30 am - 10:30 am: Badminton/Short Tennis*

10:45 am - 11:45 am: Pilates

***No partner required**

**To book your place or for further details, please telephone:
01473 612648 - Ext 20/25
Monday - Friday 9 am to 4 pm**

RUNNING TO HELP WOUNDED SERVICE PERSONNEL

A runner from Woodbridge is raising money for wounded service personnel.

Richard Smith, 47, will be competing in the South African Comrades 56-mile road race on May 24th to raise money for the charity Help For Heroes.

Mr Smith is a member of the Woodbridge Shufflers running club and he recently completed his 150th race when he took part in the Hastings marathon. He has run five marathons and now he is training for what is the world's toughest road race.

Mr Smith said: "Soldiers from Rock Barracks, near Woodbridge, have been wounded while serving for our country in Afghanistan and Help For Heroes helps men and women like them. What I will have to endure in a 56-mile race on undulating terrain in the heat with strict time limits pales into comparison with what they have to put up with in a six-month tour of duty.

"The Comrades has a history dating back to the first world war,

very few English people run it, and up to 25% of runners fail to complete the race within the time limits."

Ufford Park hotel and golf club has made a substantial donation to pay for Mr Smith's training costs.

A Coffee Morning will be held by Mr Smith and Les Binns, mayor of Woodbridge, from 10 am to noon on Friday April 3rd at the Shire Hall, Woodbridge, to raise money for Help for Heroes.

Anyone who would like to make a contribution to the charity can go to www.justgiving.com/richardsmithofufford.

Cheques can be made payable to Help For Heroes and sent to Richard Smith, 3 Lady Cottages, Church Lane, Lower Ufford, nr Woodbridge, IP136DS.

R.S.P.C.A.

Suffolk East and Ipswich Branch

Door to door collections

The Martleshams - £734.47

More help is URGENTLY needed in the Martleshams – 2008 saw only three quarters of the area covered by house to house cash collectors. This resulted in much needed revenue being lost to the Martlesham Animal Centre and Ipswich Clinic (assisting those on low incomes). For these two venues to survive the present economic crisis more financial aid is imperative. Receiving no grants, both Centres must be self-supporting and with a present annual expenditure of £300,000 the Branch suffers a huge financial burden. Every possible means of fund-raising is essential.

Owing to rising unemployment, many would be benefactors are no longer in the position to sign up for regular monetary donations, but where the door to door collector calls the loyal supporter still finds coins for the box. Next to legacies, the annual door to door cash collection has proven the greatest financial asset, but for success more volunteers are needed in all areas of the Branch. The present lack of collectors overall means a huge amount of much needed revenue is lost.

Collections are made annually between April and September.

A period of eight weeks and a choice of area is available for all new volunteers. Please ring 01394 284605 for more information – so much depends on your help.

Finally, my sincere gratitude for the continuous efforts of my team of collectors and for the generosity of residents visited:

Mary Huntley (retired), Martlesham Heath

Sandra Martin, Martlesham Heath

Hugh and Sue Whitbread, Martlesham

Overall Branch Total - £13,803.15

Patricia N M Monk,

Door to Door Collections Organiser

THANK YOU

A flyer was put into the February edition of the Martlesham Monthly asking people if they had seen our cat Pebbles who had been missing for two weeks. She has returned home and we think this may have had something to do with the flyer which asked people to check their sheds, etc. We want to thank people for contacting us with possible sightings and also those of you who looked for her. She came home a little thin and nervous but what a result! It's lovely to have her back. Thank you.

Paul and Fee.

1ST MARTLESHAM SCOUTS

Despite the freezing cold weather, some hardy members of the 1st Martlesham Scout Troop have already enjoyed two weekends camping this year – two nights in tents and two nights at Languard Fort. The personal, practical and life skills learned during these excursions are immeasurable and we are all indebted to the adults who volunteer their time in order for them to take place (although we also know that the adults have as much fun as the boys!) Unfortunately, the current Scout Leader has announced his intention to 'retire' in July and unless someone can be found to replace him, either as Leader or as an Assistant, the Troop may well have to close, which will be a terrible loss to the 25 boys currently on role, and all those coming up through Beavers and Cubs. If

anyone out there thinks they may be able to help, please call 01473 624516 for further details - our Scout Troop needs you! Many thanks to those of you who once again supported our Christmas Post, £300 was raised for our funds, with special thanks to Duncans, Post Office Stores and BT for hosting one of our posting boxes.

SPEAK EASY @ MARTLESHAM

Truly international night

February the 5th saw Speak Easy @ Martlesham speaking club stage its most international night ever. There were contributors from Canada, India, Australia, South Africa and the United States. As well as a variety of nations on display there was also a diversity of types of presentation including prepared speeches, improvised talks and a poetry reading. The subjects varied from steam train journeys through to a discourse on the pointlessness of pessimism and a riveting tale of taking geological measurements whilst being observed by armed Russian border guards. There was a superb turnout despite the week's nation-halting weather.

Our meetings are on alternate Thursdays at the Richards Room in Martlesham and guests are always welcome. There is no pressure to speak unless you wish to. We look forward to seeing you there. If you would like to find out more please contact Dave Nightingale on 07969 598633 or Ann Nunn on 01728 830462.

Future Speak Easy @ Martlesham meetings:

*March 19th

*April 2nd

*April 16th

*April 30th

Meetings are 7 pm for 7:15 pm start at the Richards Room, Martlesham Community Hall, Felixstowe Road, Martlesham (behind Tesco).

Further details can be found at <http://www.speakeasyatmartlesham.co.uk>

VILLAGE VIEWS

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

LACK OF RESPECT

I can hardly believe that anyone could be so cruel as to vandalise the young oak tree planted by Martlesham Parish Council in memory of my late husband Peter Izzard. In fact I'm very angry about it, especially as it had a memorial plaque at the foot.

This young red oak, planted in January, was doing well at the front of the Parish Rooms. I've only just heard the bad news, because in order to spare my feelings, the friends who discovered the damage could not bring themselves to tell me over Christmas.

Apart from the damaging of trees, there seems to be a growing problem with litter, particularly in the Black Tiles underpass, where mindless individuals squirted tomato sauce over one of the very decorative murals there. Worse still there was broken glass scattered over the cycle and walkway, which can puncture tyres and cause serious injury to dogs being walked. A big thank you to the person or people who've recently cleared it up.

Parents, please will you bring up your children to respect and look after the green spaces and the trees that we are so lucky to have here in Martlesham in these days of projected building programmes.

Beryl Izzard

THANK YOU

I would like to say thank you to all the people who helped me when I tripped on the road in Eagle Way on Tuesday 3rd February. I would like to thank the man with a dog, who helped me up from the road, Jean, who bandaged my head, the gentleman who telephoned the ambulance, and Martlesham Responders. I would also like to ask if anyone who saw me trip could get in touch on 01473 622302. Thank you.

Mrs Ellen Worlledge

LIONS CLUB OF WOODBRIDGE & DISTRICT

A busy Christmas season saw us deliver around 220 parcels of seasonal groceries to people for whom Christmas may otherwise have been little different from any other day. On top of this, a substantial donation of toiletries and tinned food was made to a hostel for homeless families. Our grateful thanks to everyone who contributed to the street, store and house-to-house collections, along with Budgens Foodstores and the Co-op in Woodbridge, Duncan's Bakery at Martlesham Heath and to Woodbridge & Melton Churches Together. The letters of thanks that we have received tell just how much a simple bag of groceries can mean to someone feeling lonely. Farlingaye High School proved as generous as ever and the imagination in the packaging of the parcels reached a new level - this year many were illuminated!. Memories we will take away from this period are of shivering through the collections and the generosity of donors, especially when money is harder to find; shivering on Santa's sleigh as he toured the streets of Woodbridge and the expressions on the faces of young children when they saw Santa and his sleigh ... and the mixture of astonishment and gratitude when someone received an unexpected Christmas parcel.

A brief lull now allows us a social event or two and the chance to take part in a few trivia quizzes, some light-hearted, some competitive, before we begin the preparations in earnest for the Elmhurst Extravaganza, our now traditional opener to the summer season.

For more about the Lions, please call 0845 8332820 or see www.woodbridgelions.org.uk

U3A IN EAST SUFFOLK

U3A in East Suffolk meeting on 30th March at 2 pm in Kesgrave Community Centre, Twelve Acre Approach, Bell Lane, Kesgrave. The speaker is Kevin Gosling, talking about the Life of Benjamin Britten, from writing for local audiences to becoming the most performed

British composer in the world.

FAMILY MATTERS

Are you a single parent? Do you have children you only see at the weekend? A new drop-in centre has opened in Woodbridge on Saturday afternoons for you and your children. We offer a place to relax together with toys, games, crafts, refreshments and a warm welcome.

The sessions are called "Family Matters" and are open 2-4 pm every Saturday at the Woodbridge Methodist Church Hall, located in St Johns Street. Contact Anne Munday on 013494 460733 or e-mail linmorph@aol.com

SAFER NEIGHBOURHOOD TEAM, KESGRAVE

"One More Try" - George Michael - 1988 Epic Records - from the album 'Faith'

I'm going to have 'One More Try' to get you to lock your cars/garages/sheds/cycles, etc.

You might recall that I have said any number of times over the last 3 years that one of the easiest crimes to avoid is theft where property is left unlocked or insecure or in full view of anybody passing or trying handles. It's called acquisitive crime - and it's avoidable.

Despite numerous warnings via all sort of information outlets to the community pointing out the obvious dangers of leaving items on view or insecure - it still happens with monotonous regularity.

We have had 29 acquisitive crimes (many of them avoidable) so far this year. Not good.

It is sooooo frustrating to read yet another crime report where the text shows that the car/shed/garage/bike was left insecure or phone/wallet/handbag left in plain view...

It's so unnecessary - so easily avoidable - so ridiculously easy to stop from happening. It's also easy to claim on your insurance too - but of course, for an insurance company to pay out, they would need to know the crime number (which you get from us) - and of course, you'll already know that your claim and policy would be invalid if your property was left insecure.

The insurance company usually record their interest in the crime, especially if they pay out to you as there is the potential to reduce their loss (in paying a claim) if an offender is ever found or if the property is recovered - or if the claim is found to be invalid.

YOU have a duty of care for your own property, so, 'One More Time' - please please lock it up and remove it from sight.

Mick Richardson Ps 535, Safer Neighbourhood Team, Kesgrave & District

mick.richardson@suffolk.pnn.police.uk

www.safersuffolk.org.uk/kesgrave

- switchboard (24/7) 01473 613500

PAMPER LADIES EVENING

The Angel Players are having a pamper/ladies evening on Thursday 5th March at Martlesham church hall, starting at 7:30 pm.

There will be a variety of stalls and treatments available where ladies can be pampered. Tickets purchased before the night are £2.50 or £3.00 on the door. The price will include a small drink. A small fee will be charged for individual treatments.

If you have a business and would like to take part, the cost for a stall is £10.

For more information please contact Alison Bartlett on either 07746988529 or 01473 611943, or Denise Waddell on 01728 621435.

MARTLESHAM CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

Black Tiles Lane

www.m-c-f.org

"Jesus in the City"

When Jesus went up to the 'City', he was appalled at the greed and corruption he found. Leading people feathering their own nests, often at the expense of the poor. He found much injustice, and very little effort to address the obvious needs of the downtrodden in society. Sounds like familiar stuff!! His friends pointed out the magnificent architecture, a tribute to human achievement. He warned of the

relative impermanence of these things, and made much more of the poor widow, putting her two mites into the temple treasury.

J. B. Phillips, in his tongue-in-cheek paraphrase of the beatitudes, wrote:-

Happy are the pushers, for they get on in the world.

Happy are the hard nosed, for they never let life hurt them.

Happy are the slave drivers, for they get results...

The 'Jesus way' is in stark contrast:

Happy are those who realise their spiritual poverty.

Happy are they who bear their share of the world's pain

Happy are those who work for peace and harmony.

They are truly the children of God.

Jesus showed that a successful society is achieved when people are prompted by unselfishness, a fear of God and a desire to live righteous lives. He was, of course, the supreme example of this!

ACTIVITIES IN MARCH

Sundays

Worship and teaching - 10 am

Communion - 11:45 am

Tuesday Circle

March 10th - A Spring Serenade of Music

Wednesdays

House Groups - 7:30 pm

Thursdays

Mums and Toddlers - 10 am

Youth Club - 7 pm

Friends on Friday: 10 am - 12 noon

Living Room: Sunday 1st March - 6:30 pm

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

BRIGHT STARS

Bright Stars would like to invite all babies, toddlers, pre-schoolers and their parents or carers to our fun children's worship and activity sessions. Our half hour sessions are held on the second and fourth Monday's of each month (during term time) starting at 10:30 am at St Michael's Church Centre, Martlesham Heath and include story telling, games, singing and crafts. The

sessions are free and are followed by refreshments. During February's sessions teddy bears came to help us learn about Jesus' childhood and we made doves as part of the story of Jesus' baptism. Why not come and visit us at our next session? We look forward to welcoming you!

The dates for our sessions up until Easter are:

- 9th March - 23rd March

If you would like any further information please contact Jo on 01473 622160 or Sonya on 01473 625196.

FROM MARTLESHAM CHURCH

By the time you read this you will have enjoyed your pancakes on Shrove Tuesday and we will be in the season of Lent. The fourth Sunday of Lent is Mothering Sunday and the date changes each year, this year it is 22nd March. It is a day when we give thanks for our mothers, for our mother church, for all who have 'mothered' us, cared and nurtured for us in so many ways.

Why not come to St Michael's Church that Sunday at 9:45 am when there will be a special service for Mothering Sunday or St Mary's at 11 am? You can be assured of a very warm welcome in both our churches - and on that day all the ladies will receive a posy. God bless you all.

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

at

St Michael's and All Angels Church

on

Friday 6th March at 10:30 am

The service has been prepared by Christian women of Papua New Guinea

Theme: "In Christ there are many members yet one body."

Speaker: Rev. Ian Naylor

Services also at St John's Church Woodbridge at 2 pm - speaker Mrs Annette Peters

and

St Andrew's Church Melton at 7:30 pm - speaker Mr David Bird

EVERYONE MOST WELCOME



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 |
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| Sunday 1st March Lent 1 | 8am Holy Communion | 11am Holy Communion BCP | 9:45am All Age Worship |
| Sunday 8th March Lent 2 | | 8am Holy Communion 11am All Age Worship 6:30pm Evensong | 9:45am Family Holy Communion & Junior Church |
| Sunday 15th March Lent 3 | 8am Holy Communion | 11am Family Holy Communion | 9:45am Worship & Junior Church 6:30pm Youth Service |
| Sunday 22nd March Lent 4 Mothering Sunday | | 8am Holy Communion 11am Matins | 9:45am All Age Worship |
| Sunday 29th March Lent 5 | 6:30pm Evensong | 11am Matins | 8am Holy Communion 9:45pm Holy Communion & Junior Church |
| Sunday 5th April Palm Sunday | 8am Holy Communion | 11am Holy Communion BCP | 9:45am All Age Worship 6:30pm Evening Service |

MIDWEEK SERVICES: Holy Communion each Wednesday at 10am in St Michael's Church Centre. Bright Stars will meet at 10:30am on Monday 9th March and Monday 23rd March in St Michael's Church Centre. Lent evening services will be as follows - 1st March 6:30pm Newbourne, 15th March 6:30pm Waldringfield, 22nd March 6:30pm Hemley, plus those listed above at St Marys 8th March, St Johns 29th March and St Michaels 5th April. A warm welcome awaits you at all the above services.

PRAYER DIARY FOR MARCH

Please pray each day for peace in the world:

5 for all joining Lent groups

6 for the women of Papua New Guinea this day of Prayer

7 for peace in troubled parts of the world

8 that we may draw closer to God

9 for all at Bright Stars service today

10 for those preparing for Lunch Club and those who attend

11 for all residents of Broomfield and Broomfield Mews

12 for those at Lent lunches a time to reflect

13 for those getting married and those married Recently

14 for the unemployed

15 for all called to Ministry

16 for the churches in the Deanery

17 St Patrick's Day and the Irish people

18 for all residents of Buckingham Close

19 for refugees and asylum seekers

20 for those who mourn

21 give thanks for signs of Spring

22 for all mothers and mothers to be

23 for the sad and lonely

24 for all residents of Burgess Place

25 for the Mothers' Union and service at the Cathedral today

26 for all involved in producing Martlesham Monthly

27 for all suffering from results of the recession

28 those celebrating wedding anniversaries

29 Passiontide that our faith grows each day

30 those facing serious and terminal illnesses

31 for local hospitals and hospices

APRIL 1 for all residents of California

2 for the local shops

3 for all volunteers

4 for the situation in Iraq and Afghanistan