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which are delivered to every
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Mendlesham.

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Editorial

Welcome to the August issue. Gardeners are battling to keep things going but early harvests are being gathered from the fields. Will the wonderful summer weather continue through the school holiday I wonder? It's so much easier to entertain children in the great outdoors and cheaper too. Whatever your plans have an enjoyable time.

Best Wishes
Gemma

THE PARISH COUNCIL



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Meetings:

Wednesday 8th August 2018

7.30pm Old School Room Mendlesham, Ordinary Parish Council meeting.

Wednesday 5th September 2018

7.30pm Old School Room Mendlesham, Ordinary Parish Council meeting.



MENDLESHAM CAMERA CLUB



The August meeting is on the 7th at 7.30pm in the Old School Room. We will start the evening with a photo challenge out and about in the village and then return to the Old School for a cup of coffee to view and discuss the results of the evenings work and our monthly challenge of 'perspectives'. So bring along your camera gear - lets hope it is a fine evening!

We are a small group of mixed photography ability and new members are always welcome. We pay just £1.50 at each meeting. For more details and the gallery see the website: <http://www.mendleshamcameraclub.co.uk>.

MENDLESHAM 'SAT-CAF'

Saturday, 4th August 10.00 – 14.00

OLD SCHOOL ROOM, MENDLESHAM

Pre-Ordering or Take-Away Orders, phone the Café
on 01449-767727 from 10 a.m.

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delicious homemade Quiches, Soups, Cakes and Desserts.

July Draw Winner

(M&M Butcher £20 Voucher donated by Malcolm Warwick)

Mo Favager

Mendlesham Community Centre – Small Hall



**FILM
NIGHT**

Friday 31st August - 7pm

The Greatest Show Man

2017 PG rating

All ages Welcome

Refreshments and Raffle

For further information contact
Geoff & Meg 01449 766447 or Judith 01449 766327

MENDLESHAM SUMMER FESTIVAL

17 – 19 AUGUST



FRIDAY 17 AUGUST

7.30 pm FESTIVAL MASS

9.20 pm (approx.) FIREWORKS & BEER TENT

SUNDAY 19 AUG

2.00 pm in churchyard 'JAZZ GALORE'

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FREE GAMES for children, including BOUNCY CASTLE

£7 ENTRY: Children under 16 FREE

www.mendleshamfest.co.uk

Mendlesham Walking Group



No walk in August

Next walk: 8 September

Meet at Community Centre Car Park 10.30am

Dogs on leads welcome

Wear comfortable shoes

Future walks 2018

2nd Saturday of each calendar month

13 Oct, 10 Nov, 8 Dec



‘Walking for Health’



Mendlesham Movers

In conjunction with One Life Suffolk, trained walk leaders take you on a Short easy walk for beginners or those with health limitations

Meet at the Health Centre 10.30am

Wednesday 8 August

For more information visit your Health Centre or www.walkingforhealth.org.uk

For more information on all walks call

If you would like to advertise in this newsletter please contact Keith on

Email: shelton@live.co.uk

For more info

Parish Council:

Mendlesham's Woodland:

Thank you to Daphne and Ralph Lambert who with the support of their family have established the fritillary area in the Woodland.

These plants were established from seed which is extremely difficult to do and if you get a chance to look at the fenced area near the large Oak Tree, are a picture in the Spring.

Daphne and Ralph have now decided it is time to hand over the work required to maintain this area so if you are able to help, potentially with manually removing the swarth towards the Autumn, please contact the Parish Clerk.

Daphne and Ralph, we are aware you have also supported the creation of the woodland in many other ways over the years so on behalf of everyone -thank you very much. This was the most valued community asset when we undertook our Neighbourhood Plan consultations.

Mendlesham Writers Group



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Brownies	Brenda Stannard	766308
Carpet Bowls	Kenny Ager	766146
Com. Centre/Small Hall Bookings	Rachel Brown	07506 388119
Community Council	Carolyn Triscott	766563
Computer Club/Saturday Cafe	John & Brenda Player	768101
Cub Scouts	Jonathan Freeman	766676
District Councillor	Andrew Stringer	01449 780339
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Mendlesham Walking Group	Judith Howard-Rees Keith Shelton	07770 746619 768744
Mendlesham Writers Group	Noel Fletcher	766968
Newsletter	Gemma Green	07733 333659
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Over 60's	Tina Pipe	766339
Parish Council & Playing Field	Sharon Jones	766139
Rainbows	Becky Froude	01473 747772
Scouts	Martyn Bryant	01379 788998
Group Scout Leader (Explorer Scouts)	Peter Freeman	766676
School Governors	Sharon Jones	766139
St Mary's Parish Church	Father Philip Gray	766359
St Mary's Church Council	Hazel Spalding	768616
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United Reformed Church	Margaret Jackson	766321
Village Recorder for Mendlesham	Geoff Clarke	766447
Woman's Institute	Shirley Furze	767770

50/50 SHOP

Opening hours

Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 2 pm – 4 pm

THE HALF PRICE SUMMER SALE

Starts on Tuesday 24th July and continues up to Friday 31st

August,

when the shop will be cleared of summer clothes.

**FOR THOSE PEOPLE WISHING TO COLLECT THEIR
UNSOLD ITEMS**

PLEASE CALL IN BEFORE 24th JULY

Do come along and select a bargain! We have clothes for all ages, including shoes and school-wear. Also lots of books.

New Autumn/Winter stock will be on sale from Friday 31st
August

**We will be grateful to receive good, clean and ironed
autumn/winter clothes towards the end of August**

Note from the Editor

As you may have noticed I am slightly re vamping the newsletter. I have moved all adverts to the back of the newsletter so it should be easier for you to find the service you need.

There will be a few more changes in next months newsletter but if you have any suggestions, please feel free to email me at gemma.green1202@gmail.com and I will be more than happy to consider them.

Also if you email an article for the newsletter, please make sure you get a reply from me to confirm I have received it.

Kind regards
Gemma



Bags 2 School

We are trying to raise funds to purchase the children at Pre-School a shade sail for the garden and a new activity table for our younger children.

We have therefore arranged for a 'Bags 2 School' collection.

Bags/bin liners can be filled with the following items that are still 'good quality' that you no longer require; Men's, ladies & children's clothing (excl uniform/workwear), paired shoes (tied together or elastic bands wrapped around), handbags, hats, bags, scarves, ties, jewellery, lingerie, socks, belts, soft toys, household linen, curtains, towels and bedding (excl duvets and pillows).

Please could you bring your bags to Mendlesham Pre-School based in the Small Hall on Monday 24th September between 8:30am and 15:30pm.

Thank you in advance for supporting the children and helping us to achieve our goal!!!!!!!!!!

For further details visit: www.walkingforhealth.org.uk or call Judith on 01449 766327 or 07770 746619

Trained Walk Leaders will take you on a short walk to help you get fit and active

Wednesday

8 August 2018

10.30am

**Meet at Mendlesham Health
Centre**

**Wear flat, enclosed shoes and suitable clothing.
Dogs on Leads welcome**



Ballers Football LTD is back for summer holidays (2018)

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DATES AVAILABLE...

26th/27th July 2018

6th/7th August 2018

20th/21st August 2018

VENUE Old Station Rd, Mendlesham, Stowmarket IP14 5RT

First come first serve

Nick

Anyone for cricket?

On a glorious June afternoon, Mendlesham cricketers set out to retain the trophy they had won last summer against a team from Finningham. This time the match took place on home ground with Mendlesham just pipping Finningham by 94 runs! After a poor start, Mendlesham settled into the game scoring over 200 runs in all.

The whole afternoon was great fun and Finningham had the consolation of triumphing in the tug-of-war.

Many thanks to all who spent several hours preparing the pitch and to Rachel for making everyone welcome in the social club.

Jaiger Process engineering supplied the Mendlesham shirts and the trophy was donated by Chris Watson Haulage.

Work of a Parish Council:

This is the first time in ages that Parish Council content for this newsletter has not been dictated by matters that we need to inform you about as a matter of urgency or to meet statutory deadlines. Many of you will have attended the Parish Meeting in April and heard about the work the Parish Council has achieved in the previous year, but you may be interested to know about some of the projects we are working on or matters we have had to be involved in since April. This may or may not surprise you, may differ in importance to different people but is undertaken on behalf of the community by only few volunteers (your Councillors) . If you wish to know more or wish to either become a Parish Councillor (note we have elections next year and a current vacancy) or even help informally, on one particular area, please speak to either a Parish Councilor or the Clerk.

- **Neighbourhood Plan:** work on the revised Plan continues. We hope to have the final documentation ready for consultation/ Health checks by the end of this month.
- **Community Led Housing:** Parish Councillors have attended two presentations to consider options and are currently investigating the best ways to help Mendlesham residents remain or return to the Parish. Our new Housing Survey is now completed, see the summary results on the Mendlesham Web site. <http://mendlesham.suffolk.cloud/mendlesham-parish-council/community-led-housing/>
- **Planning:** We continue to provide consultation responses to both “ normal applications” but also those that are perhaps trying to obtain permissions that in different circumstances would not be considered at all. This is of vital importance to the Parish, to protect our rural community, but also because we do need to grow in the correct way, to retain and encourage our vital services and community assets. This means lots of work providing planning application consultations, more work if a planning application goes to the MSDC planning committee for a decision and then even more work if it then goes to a Planning Appeal. Since commencing the adopted Neighbourhood Plan we have supported around 100 new builds, from a starting position of approximately 620 dwellings in the Parish.

We also have planning enforcement matters to report and work with our partners, with Brockford Road caravans and changes to highway access, currently under scrutiny.

- **Community Centre:** We have a parish council working party continuing to work on administration improvements and premises requirements so that this essential asset meets the needs of the community now and in the future.
- **Playingfields :** At Mendlesham Green we are in the middle of a project to provide more equipment, at Mendlesham working on a major project further to the S106 funding following the Station Fields Development.
- **GDPR:** We have had GDPR requirements to implement and change the way we work.
- **Defibrillator :** At Mendlesham Green we have acquired a defibrillator which is now “ live” and work is underway to refurbish the box.
- **Noticeboard** for Mendlesham: We are working towards providing an additional noticeboard for the Old Station Road/Station Fields area.
- **Rights of Way:** we are asking questions about what paths are being kept and why? Plus exploring the possibility of what can be done to increase and improve the number of paths so that they remain accessible, particularly when the grass and weeds grow.
- **Grasscutting:** many areas, including the woodland, allotment land at Mendlesham Green, verges, playingfields and other amenity areas are under consideration with the aim of improving what is currently happening or not! .
- **Traffic:** the project is underway for our own speed signs and we are also aware the Police will be undertaking enforcement action as monitoring data has produced some highly unacceptable trends. Later in the year we want to revise our Mendlesham HGV route to see if any improvements can be found.

So with dog poo complaints, pot holes, flies at Mendlesham Green, anti social behaviour and no doubt the work we have forgotten when thinking about this, life as a Parish Councillor is never boring. However it does make a difference in many different ways and can be extremely rewarding so please help us if you can.

TOTE RESULTS

2nd June		9th June	
Drawn at 50/50 Shop		Drawn at Mother & Toddlers	
Mr Simon Furze	£20	Mrs Anita Flynn	£20
Mr Paul Povey	£12	Mr Chris Foster	£12
Mrs Linda Driver	£8	Mr Craig Lockwood	£8
Mrs Judy Heard	£4	Mr Andrew Connelly	£4
16th June		23rd June	
Drawn at Pre-School		Drawn at Mason Court	
Mrs Sue Johnson	£20	Mrs Evelyn Smith	£20
Mr Lawrence Salisbury	£12	Mrs Hazel Foster	£12
Mr George Francis	£8	Mr & Mrs F Charles	£8
Mrs Eileen Cole	£4	Mrs Margaret Brundish	£4
30th June		<p style="text-align: center;">A Big Thank You</p> <p>Thank you to everyone that came along and to all the people that helped at the Quiz Night on the 08th June. We were very happy to see so many of you. Also, a big thank you to everyone that donated raffle prizes. At the end of a long fun night we tallied up and we are so happy to say that we managed to raise for Cancer Research UK (Breast Cancer Appeal) £420.00.</p>	
Drawn at 50/50 Shop			
Mr Anthony Pigott	£20		
Mr & Mars S. Pickup	£12		
Mrs Eileen Clements	£8		
Ms Sandra Morgan	£4		

Mendlesham Chapel
Calling all Mums



No meetings over the summer holidays

Drop in for coffee & a chat
from 9am -11.00am

Young Children Welcome

No charge

United Reformed Church

MURCies Coffee Bar

Friday - 10th August 2018
10am -12pm

Knit and Natter

Monday - 13th August 2018
2-4pm

MENDLESHAM OVER 60s CLUB – JUNE 2018

All day Outing

We boarded the coach at the King's Head at 9.30 am. It was rather overcast when we left but by the time we reached Holt the sun was out and it was nice and warm. We had time for a cuppa before we boarded the Black Prince steam train for Sheringham. We had lunch in Sheringham and had time to have a look around or go to the beach. From there we went on to Cromer. The weather was still good so some of us went down to the pier and others looked around the town. At 5.30 we were on the coach and Galloways deposited us all safely home around 7 pm. A good day was had by all.

June 27th

Tina Pipe welcomed forty members to this meeting, including new member, Anita Scruby. Once again we started on a very sad note as Joan Rogers, a long serving member and Treasurer of the Over 60s has passed away.

Flower Show schedules were still available to those who had missed them. The list for our half day outing to Battlebridge and Mill Race was sent round again.

Our speaker was Dr Geoffrey Kaye and he spoke about "Lady Liberty". He became interested in her when his daughter lived in New York and took him sightseeing. He was very impressed with Lady Liberty as she is very large and leaves a lasting impression on all who see her. She was designed and built in France and then shipped to the U.S.A. in pieces. She is made in copper and stands on a cement plinth. There was a grand opening for her in October 1886, when they had marching bands and a tikka tape welcome and thousands of people filled the streets of New York to get a glimpse of her. The Statue of Liberty is the most recognizable statue in the world. A very informative talk.

The competition was something to do with the U.S.A.

First: Linda Stocker

Second: Linda Geyman

Third: Annette Taylor

Marjorie told us of a St Mary's strawberry tea at the URC on 13th July and reminded us of the choir at St Mary's on 29th June. A collection was made for the Air Ambulance in memory of Joan Rogers.

Our next meeting – Mr Chris Parfitt "Egypt the land of the Pharoes" on 26th September.

Competition: Something to do with Egypt.

Joan Hill led us in the anthem to close the meeting.

It was a sad evening for the ladies of Mendlesham WI with the news of the death of Joan Rogers, a minutes silence was observed before the sinigng of Jerusalem.

Birthday posies were distributed and we started the evening with our speaker David Webb, My life as a "Hi Di Hi" Yellow Coat.

David was one of the twins who featured in the hit television programme of the 1970. He told of his start in show business and how he came to be on the hit show. David a Manningtree man, started his career with Ipswich Operatic and Drama Society with West Side Storey. The Webb twins sang there way through many famous productions and radio shows till the day they were signed to do a Pilot programme and the rest is history.

a great talk and just what we all needed.

The business part of the evening started with a report on the results of the Suffolk Show well done to all who entered Mendlesham WI did very well.

Jane gave a report from the WI AGM, it seemed like a good time was had by all. The WI National Committee took the theme of 100 years of National Advisors to heart wearing appropriate dress. The flowers were Purple, Green and White. The speaker was Dame Stella Remington who talked about her time with MI5.

Hugh Edwards was the other speaker talking on Mental Illness and change.

We were also joined by Andrea Davis our County WI Advisor, she congratulated us for raising over £600 for the Denman appeal and our Suffolk Show results.

the competition was a Seaside Holiday Postcard. 1st Sheila Mayes, 2nd Brenda Juby and 3rd Enid Lambert.

Our next meeting September 18th at 7.30pm Mendlesham Community Centre Small Hall. Speaker Janet Store talking about a Nautical Life.

MENDLESHAM COOKING CLUB

COME AND JOIN IN
HAVE SOME FUN MAKING DELICIOUS FOOD TO TAKE HOME

DATE	TIME/LOCATION	AGE GROUP	COST PER SESSION	FOODS BEING COOKED
1 st AUGUST 2018	10-12.30PM COMMUNITY CENTRE SMALL HALL	4YRS -12YRS	£6.00	TUNA FISH CAKES & SWEET POTATO WEDGES BACCI DI DAME BISCUITS
8 th AUGUST 2018	10-12.30PM COMMUNITY CENTRE SMALL HALL	4YRS -12YRS	£6.00	MINI TORTA PASQUALINA APPLE & BLACKBERRY TARTS
15 th AUGUST 2018	10-12.30PM COMMUNITY CENTRE SMALL HALL	4YRS -12YRS	£6.00	ANNUAL SIMMER PICNIC

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IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO HELP OUT ON ANY OF THE SESSIONS PLEASE LET SYLVIA KNOW.

Ancient Order of Foresters – Mendlesham

As many of you know now the A.O.F. do a great deal of charity work. Our branch here in Mendlesham are at present helping to raise funds for the Charity “**Medical Detection Dogs**”, which trains dogs to alert people to various medical conditions which can be life-threatening. To help with this we will be joined by a member of the Charity who will give a presentation on the aims of the charity, how the dogs are selected and trained, and then set to work. We will be delighted to welcome anyone interested in finding out more about these remarkable dogs to the presentation on **Monday 20th August 2018 at 2.00pm** in the Old School Room. There will be an entry fee of £2 per person to cover the cost of the Hall, and a Raffle will also be held with any profit on the day going to the Charity. Refreshments will be available.

We hope to see you there.



MENDLESHAM EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION



Are you planning to go to college or university later this year? The above Charity has limited funds available to give grant assistance to eligible young people under the age of 25 living in Mendlesham, or whose parents live in Mendlesham. To apply for consideration please ask for an application form.

Contact the Trustees through the clerk, Mrs. Shirley Furze, Beggars Roost, Church Road, Mendlesham, tele. 767770. Completed application forms must be received by 3rd September to be considered for the autumn term payment.



COME TO MENDLESHAM W.I.

GROW, COOK & SEW

on

TUESDAY, 21st AUGUST

at 7 p.m.

in Mendlesham Community Centre

to be opened by

Erika Wilkin, Federation Chairman

ADMISSION 50p

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competitions, raffle and tombola**

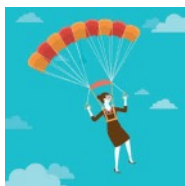
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OBITUARIES

Hugh Cutting

Hugh was born in Mendlesham and worshipped at St Mary's all his life, other than when he was on active service in Palestine at the end of WW2 as an officer in the Guards – the discipline evident in his upright bearing and appearance throughout his life. Fr Philip says, "I write about Hugh from my relationship with him as churchwarden and regular communicant. I would sum up Hugh as 'a true country gentleman'. I could not have had a more loyal churchwarden when I arrived here in 1974 after a long interregnum, when Hugh and Eric Bauly had to find clergy to keep services maintained." Hugh was trustee of all the village charities; as churchwarden he served on the Church Estate and he was a long-standing trustee of both the Town Estate, the Cutting Charity and the Educational Foundation. He loved 'country pursuits' and was an active member of the British Legion and The Friends of St Mary's as well as other village organisations. He and Margaret hosted several fêtes at 'The Hollies' as well as outdoor Masses and barbeques. They had 2 sons, James and Matthew and 2 grandchildren, Emmie and Sam. In the last couple of years Hugh sadly suffered from dementia and was cared for at Hillcroft Home in Stowmarket. He died in Ipswich hospital aged 91, having received the last rites. The attendance at his funeral showed the esteem in which he was held and he was buried in St Mary's churchyard.



THANK YOU

I would like to thank everybody most sincerely for their love, support and generosity on my recent sky dive for St Nicholas Hospice. I managed, with your help, to raise £525. Thank you all once again.



CHRISTINE HOWLETT

OBITUARIES

Barry Warren

Barry was born in 1933 in Gidea Park and one of 3 brothers. He left school at the age of 14 and worked for Eastern Electricity Board as a refrigeration mechanic for 34 years. In 1954 he was called up for national service in the RAF, where he served in Egypt and Cyprus. He married Katherine (Kathy) in 1977 and gained 2 daughters, Ruth and Sharon and 7 grandchildren. They moved to Cotton in 1982 where Barry won many trophies for his flowers and produce. Barry's health began to deteriorate in the 1980s and for many years he had to use a wheelchair. Nevertheless he was still active and taught himself French polishing and furniture making. He and Kathy became communicant members of St Mary's congregation in 1986 and a few years later they moved to Mead Way, when they joined other village organisations. There was rarely a Sunday when Barry was not in church and the attendance at his Solemn Requiem shows the affection in which he was held. He died in Ipswich hospital aged 85, having received the last rites and his cremated remains are buried in St Mary's churchyard.



New USAAF 34th Bomb Group Memorial Mendlesham Flower Rota



Margaret Brundish August

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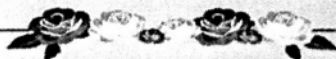


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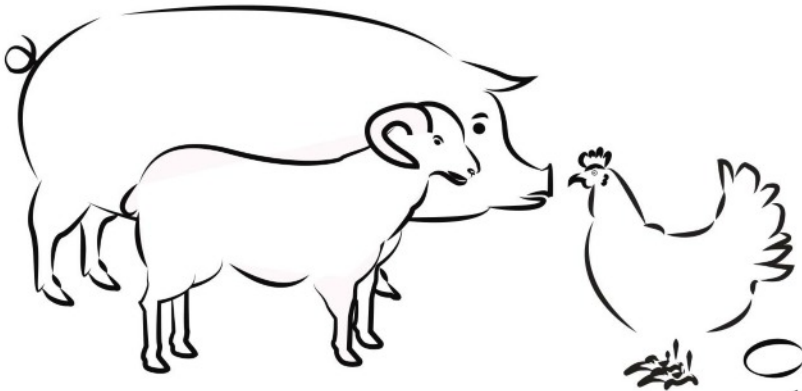
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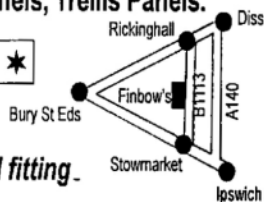
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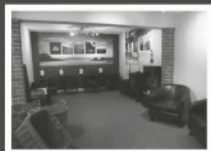


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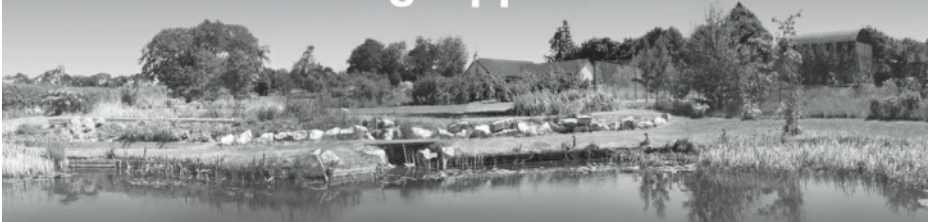
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SERVICES FOR AUGUST

Morning Service at 10.45am - 2nd & 4th Sunday

Afternoon Service at 4.00pm - 1st Sunday

5th Mrs Veda Berriman (4.00pm)

12th Rev'd Richard Edwards

26th Mrs Irene Martin

MURCies Coffee Bar - 2nd Friday 10.00 - 12.00 (10th August)

Knit & Natter - 2nd & 4th Mondays, 2.00 - 4.00 (13th August)

No Mums Coffee Mornings during the school holidays

No Afternoon Fellowship in August

'Be as Wary as Serpents, and Innocent as Doves!' (Matthew 10: 16)

In a recent newspaper article, an International football manager recalled an event some years previous when he was a member of the country's coaching staff. During an evening off, the players decided they would all play a game of charades, to which the assistant coach was invited to take part. He recalled being second up, and took a card that said: 'a dancing monkey'. It seems that, keen to make a good impression, he threw himself energetically into his routine, including exaggerated dance movement that including him scratching his armpits, and peeling an imaginary banana.

What he couldn't understand was that, despite his best efforts, everyone sat in front of him stony-faced and staring in amazement at this strange spectacle, so much so that, after a while, he got irritated with them, and started shouting that it was so obvious that they were stupid not to at least offer a suggestion. After someone told him off for speaking, another bright sparks enquired whether he was a dancing donkey – which sent him completely over the top, and in disgust, flopped back down in his seat. It was only then that another member of the coaching staff leaned in and quietly said: 'You don't get it do you? You've been set up by the lads and you've fallen for it hook, line, sinker!'

It seems that he recalled this incident, both to highlight his competitiveness but also his ability to laugh at himself, and, when everything was taken into consideration, he hadn't minded being made a fool of in front of the whole squad because it was clear they'd done it out of a deep sense of affection and respect.

It reminded me of some of the tales my dad used to say of his experience in engineering, where it was common practice to send the latest raw recruit around the factory enquiring after a 'wooden door handle' or a 'round tuit' and

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everyone they approached for advice would know exactly what game was being played, and would fully engage in this wild goose chase.

We discover in the Gospel accounts that Jesus was forever being approached by the religious authorities in the hope of catching Him out; embarrassing Him; or making the laughing stock of their audience. The difference being, of course, that they had not done it out of respect or affection, but out of a deep dislike for everything that He was doing, and everything that He stood for – they failed to grasp or appreciate who and what He was – and so engineered situations where they could isolate Him, condemn Him, and eventually crucify Him.

The utterly amazing thing is, despite everything that they did to undermine His authority and purpose, He mainly engaged with them in a way that sought to highlight a deeper truth (*I say 'mainly' because there were times when He got angry with them, and called them some unsavoury names!*). We have, for instance, the confrontation centred on a Roman coin. It was a coin that the population were forced to use, even though it represented the might of an occupational army. This is the incident: **'The authorities went away and agreed on a plan to trap Him in argument, saying 'Give us your ruling on this: are we or are we not permitted to pay taxes to the Roman emperor?' Jesus was aware of their malicious intention and said, 'You hypocrites! Why are you trying to catch Me out?' Then pointing out Caesar's head on the coin, replied: 'Pay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar, and to God what belongs to God.'** (*Matthew 22: 15 – 21*)

The important lesson to be learnt is that Jesus was fully aware that they were keen to trap Him. The dilemma being that, if He supported paying tax to the Roman authorities, He would be accused of being unpatriotic. If He openly opposed the paying of taxes He could then be reported as a trouble-maker and rebel! It was like: 'heads they win and tails He loses! His response is: to teach His audience that they have a duty to pay their taxes, but equally to stress that God should also receive His due, through the worship, the love and the service of our whole lives.

In this, and other examples, Jesus shows us how to counter those who would seek to undermine or ridicule the faith we are called to profess, and to meet even our greatest critics with grace and good humour, so that, in the words of a prayer offered by John Proctor: 'We might have the courage to stand apart from others, in our commitment to Christ; and wisdom to know how we might best engage for the sake of His Kingdom'. No wonder He also advised: 'Be as wary as serpents, and innocent as doves!'

God Bless.

Chris

(Rev'd Chris Wood – minister of Stowmarket, villages and Debenham URC's)

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of our services.

SUNDAYS:

9.30 a.m. Parish Mass & Address

No JAM (Jesus & Me) in August: Next
JAM: 2nd September

SATURDAYS - First Mass of Sunday:

7.30 pm (except Sat 1st Sept: 9.30)

Daily Mass: *see calendar on back page,
& check porch notice & bulletin*

Daily Morning & Evening Prayer: *see
porch notice.*

**Baptism (Christening), Marriage,
Anointing of the Sick & Holy
Communion from the Reserved
Sacrament:** *contact Fr Philip*

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturdays, 6.30 pm;

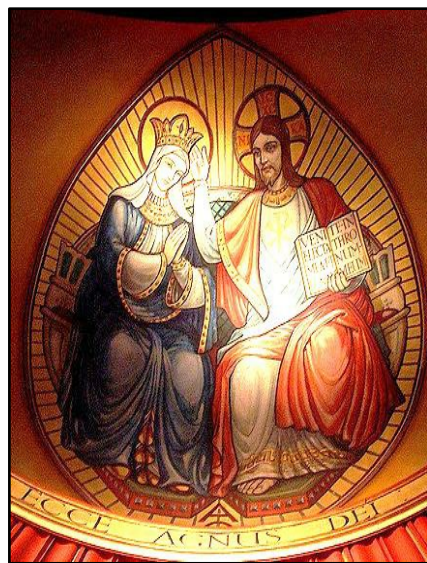
Before Patronal Festival

13th Aug: 6.00 pm;

14th Aug: 6.00 pm;

16th Aug: 6.30 pm;

17th Aug: 10.00 am *or contact Fr Philip*



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What's on This Month - All are welcome at events listed below

2nd Aug	7.30 pm: Mass (said); 8.00 – 8.45 pm: silent prayer in front of the Blessed Sacrament; 8.45pm: Night Prayer & Benediction
3rd Aug	2.30 pm: Mass at Mason Court followed by refreshments. All welcome
4th Aug	2.30 pm: Tour of Round Towered churches. Meet at Thorpe Abbots & on to Needham and Rushall
5th Aug	9.30: Parish Mass & Confirmation: Principal Celebrant: Bishop Norman, Bishop of Richborough
6th Aug	TRANSFIGURATION of OUR LORD. 2.30 pm: Mass, laying-on-of hands & anointing for healing. All welcome
10th Aug	2.30 pm: Mass at Mason Court followed by refreshments. All welcome
14th Aug	EVE OF THE ASSUMPTION OF OUR LADY 6.30 pm Mass (said) 7.00pm – conducted Meditation on the Assumption of Our Lady in front of the Blessed Sacrament. 7.30 pm: Night Prayer & Benediction
15th Aug	ASSUMPTION OF OUR LADY 9.30: Mass (said)
17th Aug	<p>PATRONAL FESTIVAL</p> <p>7.30 pm: Blessing of Mendlesham's Best Real Ale, Sung Mass, Address, Procession of Our Lady & Benediction. Preacher: The Revd Canon Adrian Ling, <i>parish priest of All Saints, Kings Lynn</i></p> <p>Shared refreshments & Beer Tent</p> <p>9.20 pm (approx.): Fireworks to music <i>(Please ensure pets are kept indoors)</i></p> 
19th Aug	<p>9.30 Parish Mass of the Assumption</p> <p>2.00: Jazz Concert in S. churchyard – 'JAZZ GALORE' – Beer Tent, Hot Dogs, Ice Creams, Homemade Tea & Cake,</p> <p>TOMBOLA and free Bouncy Castle for children</p>
22nd Aug	Coronation of Our Lady. 7.30 pm Mass (said); 8.00 – 8.45 pm: conducted Meditation on the Coronation of Our Lady; 8.45 pm: Night Prayer & Benediction
24th Aug	ST BARTHOLOMEW 2.30 pm: Mass at Mason Court followed by refreshments. All welcome
27th Aug	Pilgrimage of Healing & Renewal at Walsingham.
1st Sept	9.30: First Mass of Sunday (said). 2.30 pm: Final tour for this year of Round Towered Churches. Meet at Worthing & on to Bylaugh & Haveringland.

**MENDLESHAM SUMMER
FESTIVAL 2018**

Our Summer Festival - the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary and the Patronal Festival of our parish church is

the highlight of August in Mendlesham. I want to consider the meaning of this feast in 3 ways: 1: Life after death; 2: bodily resurrection and 3: our final union with Christ.

First: Life after Death. In the 1960s a man's only son was killed in a road accident and the effect was such that his father had a nervous breakdown. The curate visited him frequently, but the father couldn't accept life after death. His illness grew worse and he was admitted to a psychiatric hospital where there was a radical chaplain who didn't uphold the traditional Christian faith. The distressed patient told the chaplain how kind the curate had been, but said he couldn't believe there was life after death, to which the chaplain replied, "*Don't worry, nor do I.*" When the man's wife visited him he said, "*You know, dear, we have a strange chaplain here who told me he doesn't believe in life after death.*" His wife replied, "*Don't worry, dear, that's why he's in here.*"

The Assumption speaks of the Christian's future hope: Jesus said, "**I am going to prepare a place for you... I shall return to take you with me; so that where I am you may be too.**"

(John 14 v 2-3)



Second:

The Assumption speaks of the resurrection of the body as well as the soul. A Norfolk grave digger of over 80 years was digging a grave when the Vicar came along for a chat and asked how deep he dug graves. "*Them I don't like I put down another 2 feet so they'll be late for the resurrection,*" he replied. We know the resurrection of the body isn't meant in the way that gravedigger implied. It is a bodily resurrection but with a difference. If you were to ask whether your present body is the one derived from your parents, the answer would be yes – and no. Your present body was derived from your mother's womb, but it completely replaces itself every 7 years, so in one sense it is the same and in another it isn't. Our resurrection body will bear characteristics of our

earthly body and we will be the same person but will be recreated - like a caterpillar-chrysalis-butterfly transformation. We know Jesus in his resurrected body could eat and was still recognisable to his friends, but he had new powers and could appear and disappear at will. The Church believes Mary was assumed into heaven after her death as it is unthinkable that the body from which Our Lord's body was derived should moulder in the grave.



Third: The Assumption is the fulfilment of Mary's life, which consisted of several episodes of losing and finding Our Lord. She was at Bethlehem giving birth, but into exile in Egypt to hide from Herod. She lost the 12 year-old Jesus in Jerusalem but found him in the temple. She was with him at the wedding at Cana but lost him when his ministry began. She 'found' him on the Cross at Calvary but lost him when his lifeless body was placed in the tomb. She found him when he rose from the dead but lost him when

he ascended to heaven. She found him in the gift of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost and when she died, her Assumption was her call home to Jesus, never to be lost or parted from him again.

This feast is as much a festival of Our Lord as it is of Our Lady. It is he who takes her body to heaven and he who gives her everlasting life. As Mary said when she was carrying Jesus before he was born, "He that is mighty has done great things for me."

What of ourselves? This same Jesus comes to us in scripture, prayer and Holy Communion. We, too, should look forward to our glorification at the end of time when we will be able to say, with Mary, "**He that is mighty has done great things for me.**"

FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

Naming & Blessing

24th June: Leah Zoe Elstone

Holy Burial

18th June: Dennis Barry Warren, aged 85 *cremated remains*

26th June: Edwin Hugh Cutting, aged 91

PARISH CHURCH OF ST MARY'S MENDLESHAM - CHURCH CALENDAR FOR AUGUST 2018

Date	Church Festival	Mass	Intention (we pray especially for.....)	Parish Intention
1	StAlphonsus	/	our response to God's Word	Front Street/Old Orchard
2	StEusebius	7.30 pm	those preparing for Confirmation	Old Market St/ Briaybrooke Close
3		2.30 pm/MC	all who have lapsed	Mill Road and Hobbies Lane
4	St John Vianney	7.30 pm	parish priests	Chapel Road
5	18th SUNDAY of YEAR B	9.30	Parish and Congregation	Church Road / St Mary's Gardens
6	TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD	2.30 pm	the sick; Healing Ministry	Brockford Road
7	StSixtus	8.00 am	the mission of the Church	Glebe Way
8	StDominic	8.00 am	those obsessed with the occult	Frelands
9	ST TERESA BENEDICTA	9.30	the peoples of Europe	Ducksen Road
10	ST LAWRENCE	2.30 pm/MC	all deacons	Horsefair Close
11	StClare	7.30 pm	St Joseph's Centre: its future	Mason Court
12	19th SUNDAY of YEAR B	9.30	Parish and Congregation	Mayfield Way
13		9.30	the departed: August anniversaries	Mead Way
14	VIGIL OF ASSUMPTION	7.30 pm	the Society of Our Lady of Walsingham	Old Station Rd / Cuttings Close / Schools Close
15	ASSUMPTION BVM	9.30	Parish and Congregation	Middy Close / The Sidings
16	St Stephen of Hungary		HM the Queen and her Government	Wash Lane / Oak Farm Lane
17	of ASSUMPTION - Festival Day	7.30 pm	the Society of Mary	Norwich Road / Bluehouse Lane
18	StHelen	7.30 pm	all pilgrims	Mendlesham Green
19	ASSUMPTION SUNDAY - Festival	9.30	Parish and Congregation	Tan Office
20	StBernard	9.30	Christian Aid	Outlying houses
21	St Plus X	9.30	Christian Unity	Farms in Mendlesham
22	Our Lady, Mother & Queen	7.30 pm	Walsingham	Local industries
23	St Rose of Lima	8.00 am	spiritual renewal	Pub, Community Centre & places of recreation
24	ST BARTHOLOMEW	2.30 pm MC	Forward in Faith & The Society	Mendlesham School and Pre-School
25		7.30 pm	all Communicants	SMF: Patrons of Mendlesham
26	21st SUNDAY of YEAR B	9.30	Parish and Congregation	Village Organisations
27	StMonica	8.00 am	the Walsingham Pilgrimage	Fr Philip
28	StAugustine	9.30	those recently Confirmed	Other places of Worship
29	Martyrdom of St John the Baptist	8.00 am	prisoners of conscience	PCC, Parish and Community Councils
30		7.30 pm	The Guild of All Souls	Local Doctors and Nurses
31		9.30	all preparing for marriage	Adjoining parishes

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