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Deadline for December issue is  
**6<sup>th</sup> November 2018**

We produce 12 issues per year  
which are delivered to every  
household in the location of  
Mendlesham.

**Front Cover by  
Meg Clarke**

**Editorial**

Welcome to the November issue.  
How fortunate we are to live in this  
area where extreme weather touches  
us lightly. We are invited this month  
to pause in remembrance and be  
thankful that we have so many  
activities to keep us busy and  
socialise. Take a minute or two to  
read the newsletter to see if there is  
something new you would like to join.

Best Wishes  
Gemma

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# Mendlesham Community Council



## **FIREWORKS TO MUSIC**

**SUNDAY NOV 4TH  
6.00 for 6.30pm**

***Playing Field, Station Road  
Mendlesham***

***HOT FOOD  
HOT & COLD DRINKS***

*Adults £3 in advance £4 at the gate  
Under 16's £1.00 in advance £2.00 at the gate*

Tickets from: Michael Denny, Front Street;  
Mendlesham Shop; Sandra Exley 766246;  
Jean Abbott 766895; Carolyn Triscott 766563

**NO PRIVATE SPARKLERS OR FIREWORKS**  
Fireworks by Thunder Burst Events

Registered Charity 232391

### **Parish Council:**

#### **Battles Over: A Nation's Tribute 11th November 2018**

Further to the last newsletter, please note we will be lighting the beacon at 7pm at Mendlesham Green as part of the nation's tribute to 100 years of remembrance to the millions of men and women who died or were injured in World War I.

If you intend to join us, please be at the Beacon on the old scout hut /bus shelter site, opposite the allotments/ "Green", at Mendlesham Green for a start of 6.30pm. We do know it will be dark and car parking will need to be on the highway, so please come with torches and be careful. The last part of the event is the lighting of the Beacon at 7pm. There will be a one collection to be shared between for four charities nominated as part of the Battles Over event.

# MENDLESHAM 'SAT-CAF'

**Saturday, 3<sup>rd</sup> November 10.00 – 14.00**  
**OLD SCHOOL ROOM, MENDLESHAM**

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

**Morning Coffee, Light Lunches and Afternoon Teas, including  
delicious homemade Quiches, Soups, Cakes and Desserts.**

**October Draw Winner**  
**(Port & Cheese Hamper donated by Kelly Spencer)**  
**Guy Wiltshear**

**Mendlesham Community Centre – Small Hall**



## **FILM NIGHT**

**Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> Nov 7pm**

### **Mrs Brown**

**A Royal Affair starring Judi Dench and Billy Connolly**  
**An Oscar Winning British Drama.**

**1997 PG rating**

**All ages Welcome**

**We are planning what to see next year so if you have a  
film/DVD that you can recommend, please let us know**

**Refreshments and Raffle**

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



# New Year's Eve party

at  
Mendlesham Community Centre  
31 December 2018



Disco, cash draw, licensed bar.

Doors open 7.30pm

Adult Tickets £8.00, children 16 and under £3.00  
Tickets available from : Angela Lockwood 01449 766763  
Madeleine Watson 01449 766910  
The Hair Studio 01449 766977

## SNIPPETS FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL



Parish Clerk: Sharon Jones, Honeysuckle, Hockey Hill,  
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Email: [parishclerk@mendleshampc.org](mailto:parishclerk@mendleshampc.org)

Web site: <http://mendlesham.suffolk.cloud>

Your Councillors are:

- Andy Davey 07550011831
- Mike Exley tel 766246 ( Chairperson) ( Emergency Planning Co ordinator for Mendlesham)
- Noel Fletcher tel 766968
- Denise Foster tel 768978
- Norman Foster tel 768978
- David Nunn (Emergency Planning Co ordinator for Mendlesham Green, Tan Office and outlying properties) tel 767158
- Helen Orton tel 767741
- Liz Ward tel 766562
- Madeline Watson 766910
- Sabrina Webb

### Meetings:

**Wednesday 7th November 2018**

7.30pm Old School Room Mendlesham, Ordinary Parish Council meeting

**Wednesday 5th December 2018**

7.30pm Old School Room Mendlesham, Ordinary Parish Council meeting

# Mendlesham Walks



Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> November

Note change of date from 10 Nov

Meet at Community Centre Car Park 10.30am

Short Walk to Mendlesham Green

Or join us at 12 noon

For Lunch and Annual Meeting

Your opportunity to review 2018 events and plan for 2019

Keith and Lorraine have kindly agreed to be our hosts

**Please let me know if you are able to come to the meeting  
& Lunch**

Judith on 07770 746619 or email [mendleshamwalks@gmail.com](mailto:mendleshamwalks@gmail.com)

Dogs on leads welcome

Wear comfortable shoes



‘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 14<sup>th</sup> November

For more information visit your Health Centre or

[www.walkingforhealth.org.uk](http://www.walkingforhealth.org.uk)

For more information on all walks call

Judith on 07770 746619 or email [mendleshamwalks@gmail.com](mailto:mendleshamwalks@gmail.com)



*The Friends of St. Mary's Church*

*Invite everyone to a Kenny Abbott Quiz.*

*In the U.R.C. Chapel at 7.30 pm on*

*Friday 16. November 2018*

*Entry £4.00 which includes refreshments*

*This is in aid of the church restoration fund.*

*We are a registered charity. No: 284983*

**All Children Welcome!**

**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday each month**

**@ 9.30**

**- Old Schoolroom\***

**then St Mary's Church**

**10.00 - 10.30**



**\* at corner of Old Market St & Chapel Rd**



## UNKNOWN



I found a fading photograph  
In a book of prayers today  
A soldier standing proud in uniform  
Clear eyes of blue or grey

Were his thoughts as he stood there  
Of glory to be won  
Or did that countenance conceal  
The fear that death might come?

Did he kiss his sweetheart's tears  
Feel his mother's last embrace?  
Did he return with marching drums  
Battles etched upon his face?

Does he lie in a foreign field  
Under a cross of stone  
Where poppies yearly laid are there  
And he is marked "unknown"?

Just a faded photograph  
Not even in a frame  
But someone, somewhere prayed for you  
And quietly said your name



## **OBITUARIES**

### **Vera Jessie De'ath**

Vera was born at Gislingham to Robert and Bessie Cook, the third child in a family of nine. She married Grimwood, a farmworker, and lived in Gislingham until he developed multiple sclerosis in his early 40's and was unable to work. They mover to Wash Lane, Mendlesham, in 1960. Their only son Roy was diagnosed with a brain tumour at the age of 6 and died when he was 21. They had one daughter, Rita. Vera and Grimwood were the first residents to move into Mason Court in 1976. After Grimwood's death in 2002 Vera continued to live there until she broke her femur, and then moved into Chilton Meadows, Stowmarket, for the last five years of her life. As well as her daughter Rita, she leaves a son-in-law, 2 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren.

## 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
SATURDAY 8 <sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2018	10-1.30PM COMMUNITY CENTRE SMALL HALL	4YRS -12YRS	£6.00	CHRISTMAS TREATS

PLEASE CONTACT SYLVIA LYONS ON 01449 768657

OR [SYLVIALYON@AOL.COM](mailto:SYLVIALYON@AOL.COM)

OR

SANDRA EXLEY ON 01449 766246

APPLICATION/CONSENT FORMS AND COST OF EACH SESSION MUST BE COMPLETED AND PAID  
BEFORE THE CLASS

**PLEASE BRING AN APRON TO WEAR AND A BOX/BAG TO TAKE THE COOKED FOOD HOME**

ALL NET PROFIT WILL GO TO THE COMMUNITY CENTRE CHARITY  
IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO HELP OUT ON ANY OF THE SESSIONS PLEASE LET SYLVIA KNOW.

### **Ancient Order of Foresters, Mendlesham Branch.**

Many thanks to those of you who have supported us this year in our various events – Quiz, Charity Presentation and Lunch/Exhibition and hopefully the Band Concert which will have taken place by the time you read this. As you may recall we have been fund-raising for the Charity Medical Assistance Dogs which trains dogs to use their remarkable sense of smell in various medical applications i.e. recognising cancers in breath or urine samples in the laboratory, recognising when a diabetic person's blood sugar levels either go too high or too low, in time for them to take action, or warn a sufferer of epilepsy to take action because of an oncoming fit thus saving them from possible harm. These remarkable dogs have been shown to have a 98% success rate – much higher than humans!!

I am delighted to say that we – with your support – have been able to donate £ 337.00 to this Charity and that a puppy is currently being chosen for training and then working in Suffolk. So once again, very many thanks for your support.

Dawn Smith – Foresters Friendly Society, Mendlesham.

## Mendlesham Annual Parish Party 2019

It's the time of year again when the Parish Party committee start organising some fundraising events to support the party as well as getting the ball rolling for the party its self.

There will be a **Fundraising Afternoon** at **Mason Court** on **Sunday 2nd December** from **2.00pm** consisting of Tombola, Quiz and Games, a Raffle and Refreshments.

This event is open to and welcomes anyone, not just residents, so please come and support this fun afternoon

There will be a **Coffee Morning** at the **United Reformed Chapel** on **Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2019, 10am – 12 noon**. There will be a Bake stall, Tombola and a Raffle. It would be lovely to see you all at the social event.

Any donations towards the stalls would be gratefully received, please contact Val on 766541 or Christine on 767841

The actual **Parish Party** will be held on **Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2019** at 4.45pm in the Community Centre. Invitations will be delivered by the committee members in December and there is no need to confirm your booking once names have been taken but if an invitation was left through your door without you speaking to a committee member, please could you confirm your attendance by Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2019. If you know of anyone who is now eligible for the party, then please contact Rachel on 07881816622.

We look forward to seeing many of you at the up and coming events.

Friends of Mendlesham Health Centre (incorporating Bacton Surgery)



### ***CHRISTMAS FAYRE***

***Friday 30<sup>th</sup> November***

***9am – 12pm***

***at***

**Mendlesham United Reform Hall (opposite the shop)**

*Tombola Prize Draw Books DVDs Jigsaws*

*Refreshments Cakes*

Free entry





## MENDLESHAM CAMERA CLUB



The November meeting is on the 6th at 7.30pm in the Old School Room. Our monthly challenge is 'movement'. We submit images of this topic to view on the screen, have a cup of coffee and this month we will be doing a practical exercise - photographing drips of water for effect. So bring along your camera gear ready to have a try.

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>.



## Fundraising Afternoon at Mason Court



In aid of

Mendlesham Annual Parish Party

**Sunday 2nd December 2018  
from 2.00pm**

**This event is open to and welcomes anyone,  
not just Mason Court residents, so please  
come and support this fun afternoon**

Raffle, Tombola, Quiz, Refreshments

*Any donations towards the stalls would be gratefully  
received,*

*please contact Val on 766541 or Christine on 767841*

## **The 25 Mendlesham Fallen**

As you are aware. Armistice Day in 2018 marks the centenary of the end of World War One. I live in Mendlesham Green and have an interest in local community history and so I am researching the 25 people from the parish of Mendlesham who fell in the Great War. Building on the previous work undertaken by Margaret Cutting for St Mary's Church I am researching a little more of their family trees, the relationships between them and where they lived in Mendlesham Parish. I would be very grateful to receive any information that you have about the Fallen, the specific cottage where the family lived and any stories you have about them or their family or what life was like in Mendlesham during the First World War, which I can include in my research. If there are any living relatives of the family of any of the Fallen who would prefer me not to research their family then please let me know. I can be contacted on [shelt5@sky.com](mailto:shelt5@sky.com) and 01499 768744.

Thank you  
Keith Shelton

# Service of Light

*for parents or relatives*

*of children who have died,*

*whether through illness, accident, trauma, cot death, stillbirth,  
miscarriage or any other way, however long ago.*

**ST MARY'S CHURCH MENDLESHAM**

**SATURDAY 24<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER**

**11.00 am**

A short, reflective service of readings, prayers and music, with candles lit as a prayer for your children.



# Children starting school September 2019?

## OPEN MORNING

**7<sup>th</sup> November**

*Mendlesham Primary School 9.30am – 11am*

Although it seems early to be thinking about this, applications will close on 15<sup>th</sup> January. Details on applying for Primary School places can be found on [www.suffolk.gov.uk](http://www.suffolk.gov.uk).

Of course if you have a school aged child you are welcome to visit us anytime to discuss your child joining us, however, the Open Morning gives you a chance to meet the staff, children and see our school in action.

In the mean-time if you have any questions or queries about the school, please contact us on the number below.

*Jessa Gait*

Headteacher

Old Station Road, Mendlesham, Stowmarket, Suffolk IP14 5RT  
**01449 766224**

### **Parish Council:**

#### **Parish Council audit year ending 31.3.18**

The audit, both internal and external for Mendlesham Parish Council for the year ending 31.3.18 has now concluded with no matters of concern. Further details can be found on the Mendlesham web site.

Please note that internal audits for Mendlesham Community Centre Charity and Mendlesham Memorial Playingfields Charity has also been undertaken for the same period with no matters of concern with further details also on the web site.

## **Shoeboxes for the homeless and their dogs**

I was overwhelmed by your kindness and generosity last year, unfortunately homelessness doesn't go away and so this year again I am doing shoeboxes for the homeless and their dogs. It's no life for any person or a dog to live on the streets with no home. This year we are hoping to bring a little cheer at Christmas time to these people and their 4 legged friends to say that they have not been forgotten.

I am organising shoeboxes for homeless people and their dogs and I am hoping that you will be able to help.



### **Suggestion of items for the shoeboxes**

Thermal gloves, thermal socks, thermal hat, scarf, roll-on deodorant (no aerosols), toothbrush, toothpaste, soft sweets, chocolate, plasters, notepad, pens, envelopes, stamps and a really nice touch would be to include a Christmas Card.

### **Doggy box**

Dried dog food, treats, chew toy, collar, lead, fleece blanket

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If you can help or if you belong to a club/organisation and would like to get involved that would be fantastic. Also if you cannot do a box but would still like to help with a donation, any of the items listed would be very much appreciated.  
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Boxes or items can be dropped off at my house any time from now until **15th December**.

**My contact details are - Julie Williams**  
**17 Front Street, Mendlesham, 01449 766006**  
[neil.williams38@btinternet.com](mailto:neil.williams38@btinternet.com)

*Many thanks in advance for your kindness and generosity xx*



# TOTE RESULTS

8th September		15th September	
<b>Drawn at King's Head</b>		<b>Drawn at 50:50 Shop</b>	
Mrs Liz Hails	£20	Mrs Dawn Smith	£20
Ms Sandra Morgan	£12	Mrs Annette Taylor	£12
Mr Barry Mills	£8	Mr Mike Exley	£8
Mrs Alison Smith	£4	Mrs Lucy Jordan	£4
22nd September		28th September	
<b>Drawn at Mother &amp; Toddlers</b>		<b>Drawn at Pre School</b>	
Mrs Cherry Hails	£20	Mrs Tracey Sheppard	£20
Mrs Joan Rendall	£12	Mrs Beryl Clark	£12
Brownies	£8	Mrs Hayley Dempsey	£8
Mr Alan Lawson	£4	Mrs Rita Turner	£4

## Mendlesham History Group

'Lost Aerodrome of Elmswell'

Talk by Peter McGee

**Wed 21st Nov 7.30pm**

URC Chapel

Non-members £4 on the door

## United Reformed Church

### **MURCies Coffee Bar**

Friday - 9<sup>th</sup> November 2018

10am - 12pm

### **Knit and Natter**

Monday - 12<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup>

November 2018

2 - 4pm

## MENDLESHAM CARPET BOWLS CLUB

The 2018-2019 season starts on

**Tuesday September 25<sup>th</sup> at 7.30 pm**

In the Community Centre Main Hall  
and runs every Tuesday until March 26<sup>th</sup> 2019

**NEW MEMBERS ARE MOST WELCOME**

CONTACT: Kenny Ager on 01449 766146

## Mendlesham Over 60s – SEPTEMBER 26<sup>TH</sup> 2018

Tina welcomed thirty-seven members to the day's meeting.

We are going to do a Christmas shopping trip to Norwich on November 7<sup>th</sup> which will be an extra trip for this year and help us to buy things we want before the rush.

We are considering cancelling the minibus to club as only four or five members use it and the cost could go up next year. Lifts are being arranged for those members who cannot get there.

Our speaker, Mr Chris Parfitt spoke on "Land of the Pharoes". He told us that the Pharoes ruled Egypt for 3,000 years and the population is 90% Muslim and 10% Christian. The Pharoes' tombs, ie pyramids, were very grand but most had been raided of their gold and treasures. The burial place of Tutankhamun was the exception – virtually untouched when discovered. When the Aswan Dam was built some of these enormous tombs were relocated to stop them from being submerged. The history of the tombs and the Pharoes was very interesting.

The competition – something to do with Egypt – was won by Linda Geyman, second Reg Turner and third Paul Allen.

We had a quiz while we had our tea.

**Next Meeting:** November 28<sup>th</sup> – Barry Marshall, wood carver.

**Competition:** A wooden object.

Marcel led us in the anthem to close our meeting.

## CHRISTMAS CAKES

Kathleen Hallaways is again making Christmas cakes to order – any size and decoration as requested, with all profits for St Mary's Church Funds.  
See notice on church door for all details, including contact phone number.

A very big THANK YOU to all those in Mendlesham who donated to this year's Appeal which raised £171.25 in support of the RAFA Charity which supports the work in helping former members of the RAF who require treatment of PTSD etc. Well done to everybody.

Marcel Rousseau.

33 Ladies enjoyed an inspirational evening at the September meeting of Mendlesham WI, the evening started with a round up of the August Grow, Cook and Sew show by Anita our President we raised £319.25 and she gave thanks to all who entered. Anita asked for ideas for next years show entries by new year, just listening to the Archers gives a few ideas, but I can assure anyone entering we are not so competitive!

Anita asked that we all produce poppies for the Remembrance day in November noting that from the Parish of Mendlesham the fallen heroes were 25 in WW1, 9 in WW2, 1 in Korea and 96 Americans making a total of 131, we are to knit a poppy for each of the fallen hero.

The speaker was Janet Store and her talk was 'A Nautical Life. Janet is a Pilot working out of Harwich covering all vessels in and out of tlpswich, Harwich and Felixstow Ports. Janet started her career in the Merchant Navy as a Deck Officer in 1986, Janet stated that being a women was not a bar to her job the other seafarers only require that you can do your job. After 25 years of sailing the high seas as a Stennaline Captain she wanted a job that she could stop travelling but still sailing. in 2014 she became a Harwich Pilot. When you go to the Ports at the mouth of the Orwell take a look out to sea and look to see a tiny boat approaching an enormous freight tanker has a small person ready to board to sail her safely up the Orwell to park 'her' at the dockside you mat see Janet.

Janet judged our competition entries of a poem about a boat. The winner was Linda Gayman, second Ruth Orchard and third Jill Baker. Linda read out her poem.

The next meeting will be November 20th at 7.30pm in the Mendlesham Community Center Small Hall. This is our Annual Meeting so will be food and social and a little bit of business.

The WI invite anyone who wishes to join our happy band of ladies to come along and see if the WI is for you, just turn up.

## 1<sup>st</sup> Mendlesham Brownies

are holding their annual

# COFFEE MORNING

At Mendlesham United Reformed Church

**Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> November from 10am**

Come enjoy tea, coffee, cake, raffle, tombola and Christmas Crafts made by the Brownies

Pop in, we would love to see you

**Is your child interested in joining Brownies?**

If so, please feel free to contact Emma @ [Emma\\_Munday@hotmail.com](mailto:Emma_Munday@hotmail.com)





# CHRISTMAS GIFT & CRAFT FAYRE



SUNDAY 25<sup>th</sup> November  
Community Centre  
10.30 - 4.30 pm

Avoid the hassle of town, and come along and shop in peace - enjoy a lovely cuppa and a delicious piece of cake or sausage roll, before choosing from a huge variety of original gift ideas to delight family and friends with.

*A perfect way to spend a Sunday*

**Raising money for CANCER RESEARCH UK**

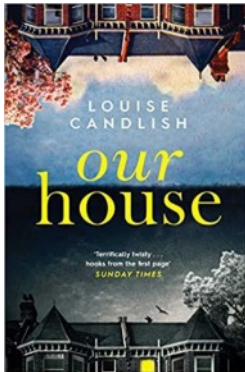


Charity No. 4325234.

## 4<sup>th</sup> Monday Book Club

7-8pm Monday November 26<sup>th</sup> 2018

To talk about "Our House" by Louise Candlish



### "Our house"

*On a bright morning in the London suburbs, a family moves into the house they've just bought on Trinity Avenue.*

*Nothing strange about that. Except it's your house. And you didn't sell it.*

We meet on the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday each month at 7pm, Flat 9, Thorpe House, Mendlesham

Relaxed, informal and light-hearted – please join us. We have biscuits!

Contact: [doug.williams@bt.com](mailto:doug.williams@bt.com) t. 01449 766498 m. 07917 024955

**Parish Council:**

**Dog owners:**

Fully appreciate this is the few rather than the many, but please can you ensure you clear up after your dogs. The latest area seems to be Mill Road. Mendlesham and involves dogs defecating in residents gardens. Please note this is an offence and comes with a £1,000 fine but more importantly is extremely upsetting to residents as well as being a health risk due to toxocariasis. **Responsible dog owners only please.**

**Parish Council:**

**War Memorials:**

Not for the first time, a long standing resident recently asked why Mendlesham does not have a war memorial for those lost from Mendlesham parish?

This question was also asked when we were working on the project for the USA memorial, now located in the grounds of St Mary's.

There is a memorial window, plaques and details in St Mary's Mendlesham but our parish

“ memorial” does not take the traditional form.

With many thanks to Pris Colchester, this history has been documented and can be found in detail in the corridor near the bar in Mendlesham Community Centre. However in summary:

1919- a special committee was set up for the purpose of providing a Nurse for the Parish as a War Memorial. (This provision continued until the 1950's)

1954 - after the formation of the NHS it was agreed the need to provide a nurse was no longer required.

1955- it was agreed a playingfield would be provided as a War Memorial.

After lots of hard work and negotiations to acquire the land plus works to plough, level and reseed the land, the Mendlesham Memorial Playingfield land was purchased in 1960 . This includes the land with the children's play equipment, tennis courts and old Sunday football pitch now all in the ownership of Mendlesham Memorial Playingfields Charity for which Mendlesham Parish Council is sole trustee.

Please be aware the brick walls near the double ornate black iron gates have recently and on two separate occasions, been damaged by vehicles which may not be considered fitting for a war memorial site. We have discussed this as a Parish Council and have decided in view of future works anticipated on the land, at present we will not reinstate the walls as they may only be damaged again. As soon as we can, we will try to improve this area either by repairing/replacing the brick walls or perhaps coming up with an alternative solution fitting for a war memorial?

# 1<sup>st</sup> Mendlesham Cub Pack



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Cub Scouts are boys and girls aged 8 to 10 ½ years old and are the second youngest members of our Scout Group following on from Beavers (aged 6 to 8 years). Their activities include playing games, keeping fit, being creative, finding out about others; their culture and beliefs, as well as being involved with their local community. They also have the opportunity to go on trips, days out, and on camps. We believe that personal development rather than meeting set standards is the key attribute to their development and can be seen by the wide variety of badges Cubs can earn. At this age Cubs start to develop Leadership qualities and may become Sixers and Seconders in charge of a Six, which, as the name implies, is a group of six Cubs.

Cubs originally started in 1916 when boys who were too young to join Scouts at 11 became Wolf Cubs. They adopted the theme of the Jungle Book by Rudyard Kipling with the boys representing Mowgli's cubs and their leaders being known by the major characters; Akela, Baloo, Bagheera, Shere Khan and others. Each meeting started and ended with a Grand Howl, a ceremony still present today.

In 1966, Wolf Cubs became Cubs and the Section adopted the same salute as the Scouts and a similar promise. Cubs celebrated their golden jubilee and a new uniform and progressive training scheme of Bronze, Silver and Gold Arrow awards was implemented. Do you remember the caps, shorts and grey socks with green tabs?

This was immediately followed by major changes. Although women have been Cub Leaders since Cubs started, girls were only allowed to join the Venture Scout Units (16 to 18 years). Today there is still that lingering distinction of "Boy Scouts" and "Girl Guides". In fact, the word "boy" was dropped from the association's name in 1967 to become "The Scout Association".

In 1991 the Scout Association became fully co-educational, allowing girls to join all Sections. It was many years after this that our first girl joined as a Cub Scout. Although interest by girls has been limited, those that do join us come for the adventurous activities.

Changes came in 2001 with a new uniform of sweatshirts and activity trousers, in 2002 with a refreshed programme and in 2003 an enhanced, modular adult training scheme.

In 2016, our Cub Scouts celebrated *Cubs100*, their 100<sup>th</sup> birthday, taking part in special programmes and camps.

Chris Goodrum is our Cub Scout Leader and really needs a female leader if he is to look after our girls properly, especially on camps. Opportunities are available for any adult that is interested. If you have any questions, please phone me.

Peter Freeman (Group Scout Leader)



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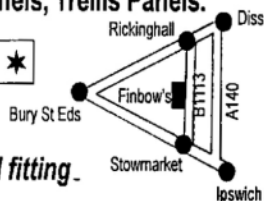
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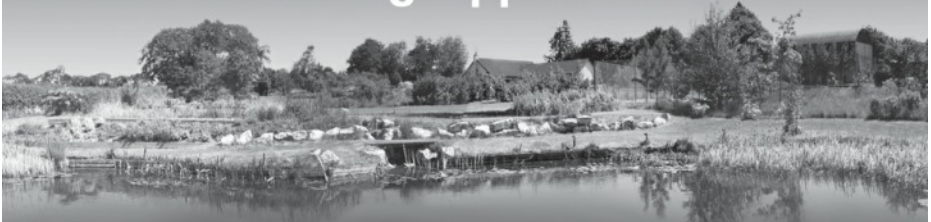




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## MENDLESHAM URC CHAPEL



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### SERVICES FOR NOVEMBER

Morning Service at 10.45am - 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday

Afternoon Service at 4.00pm - 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday

4<sup>th</sup> Mr William Glasse (4.00pm)

11<sup>th</sup> Remembrance Sunday - Mr John Webb

25<sup>th</sup> Mr Clive Herrod - Holy Communion

### Afternoon Fellowship – 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday at 2.30pm

7<sup>th</sup> Pastor Philip Kettle 21<sup>st</sup> Rev'd Mary Playford

**MURCies Coffee Bar – 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday from 10.00 - 12.00 (9<sup>th</sup> November)**

**Knit & Natter – 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays from 2.00 - 4.00 (12<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup>)**

£160 was donated to Christian Aid Indonesia Tsunami Appeal from our Harvest Festival offertories. Thank you to all who contributed. The Harvest produce was donated to Stowmarket Food Bank.

### 'A Time to Say Goodbye!'

There is a wonderful section in the Book of Ecclesiastes that says: 'There is a time for everything under Heaven'. The words are extremely realistic in its portrayal of human life and living, saying such things as 'A time to be born and a time to die' as well as 'A time for mourning and a time for dancing'. The passage, which can be found in Chapter 3, concludes with this delightful advice: 'There is nothing good for anyone except to be happy and live the best life they can while they are is alive' (vs 12).

This passage is very much to the forefront of my mind, as my family and I prepare to say our fond farewells to our many, many friends in Suffolk and the Eastern Regions. We are soon to head back to West Yorkshire our home county. It is amazing to think that we left Yorkshire over 19 years ago, not realising that we would spend thirteen years in Clacton-on-Sea, and then, just over six years ago, venturing across the border into Suffolk as we responded to the Call of Christ to serve through the United Reformed Church in these parts.

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During our time here we have witnessed many beginnings and endings in which we have both cried as well as laughed. We have known the unity and peace that Christ seeks to offer, but equally known times of tension and uncertainty. There have been times when we have seen growth and transformation in the life of local churches and communities, but equally times of resistance to change which I know only too well is a necessary part of living together. I know there have been many times when our relationship has brought great joy and blessings, and for these I give my humble thanks, but, equally, for the times when things haven't quite worked out as planned, I can only acknowledge, along with St. Paul, that 'I am but a cracked pot' (2 Corinthians 4: 7)

But, as with many endings, these things are beyond our control, and there is the realisation that 'Now is the time to say goodbye'. Given that my retirement has been put back twice, I am extremely grateful to those who have expressed surprise at my age! But retire I must, and, within the United Reformed Church, there is the requirement to move away from the pastorates to which a minister has served – hence our return to West Yorkshire.

We leave with hearts that are heavy, knowing we have made many dear friends in our time 'down South' who have blessed, sustained, encouraged, supported and cared for us as a family, and enabled us to serve the Lord faithfully and obediently in our time among you. We take with us many wonderful memories that will sustain us as we venture 'From the old to the new'.

We can say without a shadow of doubt that we have been extremely happy living amongst you, and have considered it a great honour and privilege to have been given this time to live among you all. We hope that we have managed to repay your trust and goodwill by living 'The best life that we have been able' – all to the greater glory and praise of our God.

Many of you will know that I have a great passion for all things that are Celtic. Let me leave you with one of my favourite blessings:

May the road rise up to meet you.  
May the wind be always at your back.  
May the sun shine warm upon your face;  
The rains fall soft upon your fields  
And until we meet again, may God hold you in the palm of His hand.

From the bottom of our hearts, we want to say a big THANK YOU for walking with us on this part of our journey of faith and service.

God Bless.

*Chris*

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

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## SUNDAYS:

**9.30 a.m.** Parish Mass & Address

**JAM (Jesus & Me) 4<sup>th</sup> November**  
**in Old Schoolroom, then to church**  
**at 10.00**

**First Mass of Sunday:**

Saturdays: 3.00 pm

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

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

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## Fr Philip Writes...

**November is a month of prayer for the dead,** hence we have a number of Requiems in our calendar of prayer. At St Mary's we pray for the dead in Christ and all the dead whose faith is

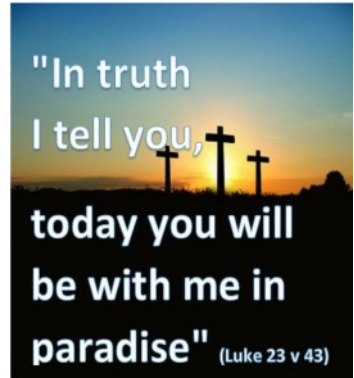
known to God alone. Very few of us are ready for the intense joys of heaven at the moment of death and so we are prepared for them in a state of enlightenment, growth and purification between earth and heaven which we call 'Paradise'.

After his death on the cross, Jesus went into that state and preached the good news to those who had no opportunity of hearing him on earth. In the old version of the Apostles Creed were the rather misleading words, "He descended into hell," which thankfully have now been revised to: "He descended to the dead." In the Bible, 1 Peter 3 v 19 gives support to this belief, which was the fulfilment of Jesus' promise to the thief on the Cross: "Today you will be with me in Paradise." (Luke 23 v 43)

Paradise is a word for God's garden of rest. It does not mean the same as Heaven, to which Jesus ascended 42 days after his death on the cross. Jesus promised the penitent thief that he would not leave him when he passed into Paradise, that state of preparation for Heaven which his belated act of faith had opened to him. One term for this state is commonly known as Purgatory, associated with the cleansing of a soul from the tendency to sin, but unfortunately the word has a lot of negative baggage associated with it from the Middle Ages. A more positive way is to see it as a state of ever-increasing light and peace. Hence we pray for those who have died: 'Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord, And let light perpetual shine upon them.'

Some people think this state is painful and others that it is joyful. Both are true. Let us consider a convalescent home. It can be seen as an alarming place where unpleasant medicines and painful physiotherapy is given, but on the other hand it is a happy place as each day a patient is becoming stronger and getting better. The Church has always prayed for its departed members. In pre-Christian days Judas Maccabeus believed that prayer and sacrifice could benefit the dead. (*2 Maccabees 12 v 43-44*)

*'Judas [Maccabeus]... having seen the effects of the sin of those who had fallen; after this he took a collection from them individually, amounting to nearly two*







*thousand drachmae, and sent it to Jerusalem to have a sacrifice for sin offered, an altogether fine and noble action, in which he took full account of the resurrection. For if he had not expected the fallen to rise again it would have been superfluous and foolish to pray for the dead.'*

St Paul had similar beliefs (2 Timothy 1 v 18)  
***'May it be the Lord's will that he shall find mercy on that Day.'***

There are lists on the table at the back of church for names to be read at various Requiems. Please visit the Holy Cross Chapel to pray for the departed that they may find light, rest and peace in God's kingdom of Heaven.

#### FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

##### **Holy Burial**

**5<sup>th</sup> October: Vera Jessie De'ath**

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#### **THANK YOU**

- To children & parents at Mendlesham Community School for the generous gifts for the homeless in Norwich given at the Harvest service.
- To the Revd Chris Wood, URC Minister on his retirement, for all his fellowship and support. It has been a privilege to work with him.

#### **LOOKING AHEAD**

There will be a new **Enquirers' Group** starting in church @ 10.00 on Saturdays **10<sup>th</sup> Nov, 17<sup>th</sup> Nov & 1<sup>st</sup> Dec** to explain what happens in church, such as the Mass, Vestments, incense etc and continuing in the new year to explore the Christian faith. **ALL WELCOME**

#### **St Mary's Mendlesham's Bells & the Armistice Centenary**

Several months ago the PCC started to make enquiries as to what is possible (and safe) regarding St Mary's bells being rung on this occasion. We have been advised by the experts that it will be unsafe to ring the bells 'full circle'. However, it will be possible to chime them and accordingly we have made arrangements to do so at 11.00 on 11<sup>th</sup> November at the Remembrance Sunday Commemoration.

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

<b>1<sup>st</sup> Nov</b>	ALL SAINTS - 9.30 Mass (said). Our main observance will be on Sunday 4 <sup>th</sup> November
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Nov</b>	ALL SOULS – 9.30 Mass (said) and 7.30 pm Sung Requiem & prayers in the churchyard for all buried there. Shared refreshments afterwards. No names are read out at these Masses as they are for <u>all</u> the departed.
<b>5<sup>th</sup> Nov</b>	7.15 pm: Shared Supper and Bible Study in the Old Schoolroom
<b>7<sup>th</sup> Nov</b>	9.30 – Requiem Mass: November Anniversaries
<b>8<sup>th</sup> Nov</b>	9.30 – Requiem Mass: all who have committed suicide
<b>9<sup>th</sup> Nov</b>	10.40: Remembrance Service in St Mary's for Mendlesham School 2.30 pm: Mass in Mason Court with refreshments
<b>11<sup>th</sup> Nov</b>	REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY 9.30: Sung Mass of Requiem for all fallen in the 2 Great Wars and since, including candles lit for all the fallen from Mendlesham, 2 minutes silence + remembrance at the US Memorial in churchyard 6.30 pm: 'Battle's Over' event at Mendlesham Green, including the Roll of Honour from WW1, prayers for the departed & for peace and lighting the beacon
<b>12<sup>th</sup> Nov</b>	2.30 pm: Our monthly healing service. 7.15 pm: Shared supper & Bible study in Old Schoolroom
<b>13<sup>th</sup> Nov</b>	9.30: Requiem Mass: departed relatives and friends
<b>14<sup>th</sup> Nov</b>	9.30: Requiem Mass: departed priests
<b>16<sup>th</sup> Nov</b>	7.30 pm, URC Chapel: Friends of St Mary's Quiz Night
<b>18<sup>th</sup> Nov</b>	9.30: Sung Mass & blessing of candles for our departed relatives and friends. Everyone receives a candle to be placed on the altar in the Lady Chapel
<b>19<sup>th</sup> Nov</b>	6.30 pm: Requiem Mass: departed benefactors 7.15 pm: Shared Supper & Bible study in Old Schoolroom
<b>23<sup>rd</sup> Nov</b>	2.30 pm: Mass in Mason Court, followed by refreshments
<b>24<sup>th</sup> Nov</b>	11.00 am: Service of Light for any parents or relatives whose children have died. Refreshments afterwards.
<b>25<sup>th</sup> Nov</b>	CHRIST THE KING 9.30: Sung Mass & Procession of the Blessed Sacrament 12 noon: PCC lunch and meeting

PARISH CHURCH OF ST MARY'S MENDLESHAM - CHURCH CALENDAR FOR NOVEMBER 2018					
Date	Church Festival	Mass	Intention (we pray especially for...)	Parish Intention	
1	ALL SAINTS	9.30	Parish and Congregation	Front Street/ Old Orchard	
2	ALL SOULS	9.30 & 7.30pm	all the departed	Old Market St / Braybrooke Close	
3	St Victorinus	3.00 pm	Eucharistic Conference at Walsingham	Mill Road and Hobbies Lane	
4	<b>ALL SAINTS SUNDAY</b>	<b>9.30</b>	<b>Parish and Congregation</b>	<b>Chapel Road</b>	
5			Eucharistic Conference at Walsingham	Church Road / St Mary's Gardens	
6		SB	Eucharistic Conference at Walsingham	Brockford Road	
7		9.30	the departed: November anniversaries	Glebe Way	
8		9.30	the departed: those who have taken their own lives	Freelands	
9	DEDICATION OF 1st CHRISTIAN CHURCH	2.30 pm MC	all church conservation societies	Ducksen Road	
10	St Leo the Great	3.00. pm	Parish and Congregation	Horsefair Close	
11	<b>REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY</b>	<b>9.30</b>	<b>all fallen in war</b>	<b>Mason Court</b>	
12	St Josephat	2.30. pm	the sick: healing ministry	Mayfield Way	
13		9.30	all departed relatives and friends	Mead Way	
14		9.30	departed priests	Old Station Rd / Cuttings Close / Schools Close	
15		8.00. am	departed benefactors of our church	Maddy Close / The Slings	
16	St Margaret of Scotland	3.00 pm	all who care for the sick & disabled	Wash Lane / Oak Farm Lane	
17	St Elizabeth of Hungary	3.00 pm	Forward in Faith & The Society	Norwich Road / Bluehouse Lane	
18	<b>33rd SUNDAY OF YEAR B</b>	<b>9.30</b>	<b>Parish and Congregation</b>	<b>Mendlesham Green</b>	
19		6.30 pm	our Bible study group	Tan Office	
20	St Edmund	9.30	the Diocese of St Edmundsbury & Ipswich	Outlying houses	
21	Presentation of Our Lady	3.00. pm	Walsingham	Farms in Mendlesham	
22	St Cecilia	9.30	all who are persecuted	Local industries	
23	St Clement	2.30 pm MC	Christian unity	Pub, Community Centre & places of recreation	
24	St Andrew Dung-Lac	3.00 pm	The Guild of All Souls	Mendlesham School and Pre-School	
25	<b>CHRIST THE KING</b>	<b>9.30</b>	<b>Parish and Congregation</b>	<b>SMF: Patrons of Mendlesham</b>	
26		9.30	all departed of Catholic Societies	Village Organisations	
27		9.30	all the forgotten dead	Fr Philip	
28		8.00 am	St Elizabeth & St Nicholas Hospices	Other places of Worship	
29		9.30	peace of the world	PCC, Parish and Community Councils	
30	ST ANDREW, Apostle, Martyr	9.30	the mission of Christ's church	Local Doctors and Nurses	

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