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Deadline for November issue is  
**6<sup>th</sup> October 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 October issue. How quickly we seemed to have reached the season of changing colours and a drop in temperatures. Much earlier this year we see the richness of produce from hedgerows and gardens. There is also plenty to do and enjoy in the parish.

Best Wishes  
Gemma

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## THE PARISH COUNCIL



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- Andy Davey 07550011831
- Mike Exley tel 766246 ( Chairperson) ( Emergency Planning Co ordinator for Mendlesham)
- Noel Fletcher tel 766968
- Denise Foster tel 768978
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- Madeline Watson 766910
- Sabrina Webb

### **Meetings:**

#### **Wednesday 3rd October 2018**

7.30pm Old School Room Mendlesham, Ordinary Parish Council meeting

#### **Wednesday 7th November 2018**

7.30pm Old School Room Mendlesham, Ordinary Parish Council meeting

### **Parish Council meeting 5th September:**

Thank you to everyone who attended the last Parish Council meeting and contributed views towards the agenda items, including the planning application DC/18/13147 for up to 28 dwellings, including 9 affordable homes) for land off Station Road and Glebe Way, Mendlesham. The Parish Council have recommended refusal of this application and you can see our reasons on the Mid Suffolk District Council website.

# MENDLESHAM 'SAT-CAF'

Saturday, 6<sup>th</sup> October 10.00 – 14.00  
OLD SCHOOL ROOM, MENDLESHAM

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

**September Draw Winner**  
(Sat-Caf 'Dinner for Two' Voucher)  
**Ian Hendry**

Mendlesham Community Centre – Small Hall



**FILM  
NIGHT**

Friday 26th October 7pm

**Peter Rabbit**

**2018 PG rating**

**All ages Welcome**

Animated adaptation of the Beatrix Potter story in which a rabbit  
tries to outwit a farmer and save his supply of food.

Refreshments and Raffle

For further information contact

Geoff & Meg 01449 766447 or Judith 01449 766327

# **MENDLESHAM 50/50 SHOP**

**OPEN ON:  
TUESDAY, THURSDAY & FRIDAY  
2PM – 4PM**

**WE NOW HAVE A GOOD STOCK OF AUTUMN &  
WINTER CLOTHES,  
COME ALONG AND SEE THE BARGAINS.**

**THE SHOP WILL BE LOOKING TO MAKE SOME CHANGES  
IN THE NEW YEAR, LOOK OUT FOR POSTERS AND OUR  
MONTHLY NEWSLETTER ADVERT TO SEE HOW IT IS  
PROGRESSING.**

**ANY SUGGESTIONS OR QUESTIONS, CONTACT;  
[sylvialvon@aol.com](mailto:sylvialvon@aol.com)**

**WE ARE ALSO LOOKING FOR NEW VOLUNTEERS,  
CONTACT SYLVIA IF YOU CAN SPARE A FEW HOURS  
EACH MONTH.**



Mendlesham Community Council

## **HARVEST SUPPER**

Saturday 13th October 7.00 for 7.30 start

A delicious Meal then Dancing to Skylarking Ceilidh Band  
Mendlesham Community Halls

Tickets Adults £10.00. Under 16s and Over 60s £8.00

Family ticket £27.00

Tickets available from Jean Abbott 766895, Carolyn Triscott 766563  
Sandra Exley 766246,

Michael Denny Front Street, Village Shop Old Market Street.  
DRAW AND BAR

(Please do not bring own drink - these are licensed premises)

## **Mendlesham Walks**



**Saturday 13 October**

**Meet at Community Centre Car Park 10.30am**

Dogs on leads welcome  
Wear comfortable shoes

**Future walks 2018**

2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of each calendar month  
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 10 October**

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)

## **MENDLESHAM HISTORY GROUP**

2018/19 Season starts October 17th  
in the URC Chapel, Old Market Street, 7.30pm

Kate Jewel will give a talk on  
**‘Bonfires & Bells: Rituals & Festivals in the Medieval Suffolk Landscape’**

Non-members £4 on the door

Don't forget to keep up to speed with the URC and Parish Church from page 47 onwards.

### **Ancient Order of Foresters – Mendlesham Branch**

Once again we are delighted to confirm that our own Foresters Band – Brass 2000 – will be in the Community Centre, Mendlesham on **Sunday 21st October 2018**. The day will follow the usual format beginning with a Buffet Lunch at 12noon (provided by Andrew Huggins). Then followed by the Concert at 2.00pm. The cost will be £16 per head and bookings please (for catering purposes) by 12th October from Dawn-- 01449 766466.

This is a young Championship Band who will provide a great afternoon's entertainment. We hope to see you there.

**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**



## **MENDLESHAM DIRECTORY**

Ancient Order of Foresters	Dawn Smith	766466
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Brownies	Brenda Stannard	766308
Carpet Bowls	Kenny Ager	766146
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United Reformed Church	Margaret Jackson	766321
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Woman's Institute	Shirley Furze	767770

## MENDLESHAM ART CLUB

We are a group of local people, who meet twice a month at the Old School Room in Old Market Street, Mendlesham, to paint and discuss art. New members are always welcome.

We have now been running since February 2017 and we have decided that we would like to have an exhibition of our work, mainly to show what we do, but there will be a lot of work for sale including original paintings and drawings, prints and cards. It will be Saturday 20th and Sunday 21st October 10am – 4pm. In the Old School Room. Entry will be free.

Why not take the opportunity to pop along and meet some of us and, perhaps, buy some original artwork by a local artist? We would love to see you. Further details: Irene Hart: 01449 768049 or Liz Leg: 01449 767810



## MENDLESHAM ART CLUB

### EXHIBITION AND SALE OF WORK

SAT & SUN 20<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> OCTOBER  
10am – 4pm

THE OLD SCHOOL ROOM  
OLD MARKET STREET



## Mendlesham URC Chapel



Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> October  
Morning Parade Service at 10.45am  
Rev'd Chris Wood  
Afternoon Tea 4.00pm  
followed by  
Harvest Songs of Praise  
at 5.00pm  
The Rev'd Chris Wood  
All Welcome

### **Snippet from 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.

Timings of the different elements of the evening are still to be confirmed, but if you intend to join us, please be at the Beacon on the old scout /bus shelter site 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.

### **Snippet from Parish Council:**

#### **Rights of Ways:**

The Parish Council and volunteers have held a meeting with our Suffolk County Council Rights of Way Officer, to discuss the SCC existing grass cutting arrangements for Mendlesham Parish, any changes, actions required and options to help improve accessibility for our Rights of Way.

Part of the discussions, included the possibility of forming a parish council volunteer working party next year.

In order to explore how this may work, we plan to hire some equipment and do some work during October Half Term ( 20 October to 28th October inclusive). If you would be willing to be involved, either during October half term or next year, please can you contact the Parish Clerk at [parishclerk@mendleshampc.org](mailto:parishclerk@mendleshampc.org). Thank you.

**The family of the late Joan Rogers**, would like to thank all of Joan's (and our) friends and neighbours in Mendlesham, for your kindness, messages of sympathy, help and support following Joan's fatal accident at home on 7th June. The money raised for The East Anglian Air Ambulance, in Joan's memory, totalled £606.50 and we are so very grateful for your generosity.

Joan will be much missed, but we are comforted by knowing she had made so many friends here and we were deeply touched that so many of you came to her funeral service, a wonderful celebration of a long and fulfilled life.

Pam and Chris Dawson and family



### **MENDLESHAM CAMERA CLUB**



Back refreshed from our summer break - we meet again on Tuesday, October 2nd at 7.30pm in the Old School Room. We have two challenges for the October meeting - Atmosphere and Textures - we each send in images of the topic to view on the screen, have a cup of coffee and this month's talk is about image storage.

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>.

## **Are you on Facebook?**

If so have a look for **'Spotted in Mendlesham'**

**&**

**'Mendlesham Green Residents'**

pages to keep up to date with what's going on in the villages.

## 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
TUESDAY 23 <sup>RD</sup> OCTOBER 2018	10-12.30PM COMMUNITY CENTRE SMALL HALL	4YRS -12YRS	£6.00	MINI CARROT CAKES  SODA BREAD BUNS
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

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.

## Mendlesham Baby and Toddler Group

Meets in the large hall of the Community Centre.  
Tuesday and Thursday Mornings  
9:15 - 11:30



Come and join us for a drink, snack, activities and a large  
space to play in.

Contact Sabrina on 07809878834  
if you would like further information.

## **JAM COMMUNITY POT**

(in partnership with the United Reformed Church)

The above Club is run by a small group of volunteers and has been operating for around 5 years. It is open to all who would benefit from the company of others, irrespective of age, situation, location, faith (or none!). Every Monday morning we meet at Stowmarket URC Hall, 10.30 - 12.30pm, for a chat, refreshments, participate in board games/cards (if you so wish). Just, generally to socialize and make new friends. Attendance varies but, of late, we have been enjoying the company of 25-30 local people weekly. It is free, with a jar for voluntary donation to help costs, if you wish.

Trips out are also popular and these are arranged at minimal charges: Bressingham Gardens; Lowestoft; Theatre Royal BSE, recently. A tea-dance was arranged in August, with another scheduled for November. The Group has an excellent relationship with Stowmarket Town Council and certain other local charitable organisations. (eg. Lions Club, who help with Christmas transport etc.) Occasionally the Group has a fund-raising event: the next being a Coffee Morning at the URC hall in Stowmarket on Saturday 24th. November, from 10am.

Although events throughout the year are most enjoyable, JAM's highlight is undoubtedly Christmas Day. We are one big family of over 100 people! If you are an individual, or couple, who would otherwise be on your own and fancy being part of our JAM family on this special day - you are welcome. There is **NO CHARGE**; all we want is for you to enjoy a traditional 3 course lunch, the entertainment and company. Transport to Stow and back home to local villages can be sorted, if that is a problem. Many friends help us on the day and we have never turned anyone away (even if the odd unexpected guest arrives at lunchtime!)

However we have to be realistic - there are limits to the number of guests that we can seat on the day. So all we ask is that you please book your place(s) =

Kenny Abbott (01449 766630) ; Michelle Frost (07810 456512) ; Jill Roberts (07712 152441). Be lovely to welcome you - we already have the pleasure of the company of a few Mendlesham folk.

## MENDLESHAM COOKING CLUB YEAR 3 REPORT

It doesn't seem possible that we have just had the Annual Picnic for the Cooking Club on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> August. Numbers are continuing to grow, with new children joining each session. The weather wasn't that good for the picnic, but that did not stop us having a wonderful time. Tables & chairs were laid out in the small hall, with a full house of Parents, Grandparents, Aunties, Uncle's and friend's enjoying the fayre that the children had produced. It is lovely to see the children all share and take part in what has become a fixture on the Cooking Club calendar.

The year has been very busy with numbers for each session around 25 -30, with Peter Wyatt joining us for the last 2 sessions in August. Peter was so impressed with what he learnt; he has already put his name down for the October session! The children are now responsible for the weighing out of the goods and following the recipe instructions; it is a joy to see the older children helping the younger ones. I particularly enjoy seeing how the children are growing in confidence and using the new skills they are learning.

The Cooking Club is self-funding and we now operate under the Community Council Charity; all profits made go back to the Community Council Charity, which in turn helps other organisations in the village. We have been very fortunate in having offers of monies from the Computer Club/Sat Café, should we need to purchase any more equipment.

**Again a very big thank you to all of the helpers, who so kindly give up their time to make the sessions a success. Without their help the Cooking Club would not run.**

The next session will be in the **October ½ term, Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October**, the **Christmas sessions will be on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> December**, look out for the posters on the village notice board and in the shop. I will also put out a list of provisional dates for next year in the Dec 18-Jan 19 Newsletter.

Sylvia Lyons



# TOTE RESULTS

4th August		11th August	
<b>Drawn at Mason Court</b>		<b>Drawn at 50/50 shop</b>	
Mrs Karon Sanders	£20	Mrs Bev Aldridge	£20
Mr Shaun Paddy	£12	Mr Malcolm Cook	£12
Mrs Eileen Cole	£8	Mr S Woolnough	£8
Mr & Mrs Phil & Anne Webb	£4	Mrs Linda Driver	£4
18th August		25th August	
<b>Drawn at Galloways</b>		<b>Drawn at Mason Court</b>	
Mrs Kim Monksfield	£20	Mr & Mrs C. Buckland	£20
Mrs Katherin Halliway	£12	Mrs Donna Brown	£12
Mrs C Sano	£8	Friends of Mendlesham School	£8
Mr David Skilling	£4	Mr Russel Lummis	£4
1st September		<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>United Reformed Church</u></b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>MURCies Coffee Bar</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Friday - 12<sup>th</sup> October 2018 10am - 12pm</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Knit and Natter</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Monday - 8<sup>th</sup> &amp; 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2018 2 - 4pm</p>	
<b>Drawn at 50/50 Shop</b>			
Mrs Tina Colquhoun	£20		
Mrs Brenda Juby	£12		
Mrs Sheila Mayes	£8		
Mrs Jilly Newstead	£4		

## **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 Annual Flower Show

### Mendlesham Over 60s – August 29<sup>th</sup> Half Day Outing

Tina Pipe welcomed us all on the coach at 11 am. It was a very wet morning but we all had high hopes of a good day. By the time we reached Battlebridge the rain had stopped and it warmed up. We had plenty of time to have a good look around and to get lunch. We left there at 2.45 to go to Mill Race Nursery, where we were treated to tea and cake which was very nice. There were lots of plants to buy, some lovely gifts and also a great Aquatics area. We left there at 5 pm and got back to Mendlesham around 6 pm. In spite of the soggy start, we had a really good day.

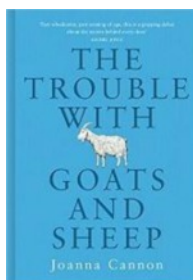
**Our next meeting** is on October 31<sup>st</sup> – Ted Wheatley “Memories of Teaching”.

**Competition:** something from your school days!

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

7-8pm Monday October 22<sup>nd</sup> 2018

To talk about “The Trouble with Goats and Sheep” by Joanna Cannon



### “The Trouble with Goats and Sheep”

Set in England, 1976. Mrs Creasy is missing and The Avenue is alive with whispers. As the summer shimmers endlessly on, ten-year-olds Grace and Tilly decide to take matters into their own hands.

And as the cul-de-sac starts giving up its secrets, the amateur detectives will find much more than they imagined...

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

The August meeting was the Grow, Cook and Sew – our annual show with classes for cut flowers, floral art, preserves, baking and handicrafts. This year our entries were down a bit, but the 307 made an excellent show.

We were pleased to welcome WI County Chairman Erika Wilkin to open the proceedings and present the awards

**The Alice Pizzy Memorial Vase** (for pot plants and cut flowers): Janet Clarke,

**The Juby Cup** (for floral art): Jackie Williams,

**W.I. Diamond Jubilee Cup** (knitted Cheshire Cat Bookmark): Janet Clarke,

**The Tye Cup:** Jackie Williams,

**The Lawton Cup:** Di Lambert ,

**The Flower Show Secretaries Cup:** Ruth Orchard,

**The Valeria Hunt Memorial Cup** (Victoria Sandwich): Di Lambert.

**Men Only class:** (Raisin and Malt Loaf): Simon Furze, 2<sup>nd</sup> Peter Coleby.

**Grandchildren's Class:** this year a kit was provided for them to grow a broad bean in a jam jar: 1<sup>st</sup> prize to Flint, whose plant was on flower.

Audrey presented a posy to Erika with our thanks.

15 pepper plants had been successfully grown from the seeds distributed to all members in February – the winning plant grown by Chris Coleby. One plant had even produced red peppers. The small knitted item classes were popular - with various striped Cheshire cat bookmarks, bright cuddly teddies and poppies to mark the Centenary of Armistice. The teddies will go to Zambia, a project supported by one of our members, 10 of the poppies to be donated to WI Headquarters for their gates and the others to the British Legion in Stowmarket. We are now knitting more poppies to mark the Armistice Centenary in Mendlesham. The men folk and children classes were also well supported.

During the evening members and friends supported the stall, tried their luck at bagging a bottle, winning a fiver, tombola, raffle, and various competitions plus enjoying a welcome cup of tea.

Our sincere thanks go to our judges and visitors who contributed to a successful friendly show and to members who exhibit and willingly provide items for sale, prizes, and give time to set out the hall, steward, prepare and run sideshows, serve refreshments, sell tickets, write labels and the many jobs that contribute to the evening.

Our next meeting is on October 16<sup>th</sup>, when Mike Smith will tell us about the Stowmarket Food Bank. 7.30pm in the small community hall. The competition is a tip on how to eat for less. Visitors are always made welcome. We meet again in this week when we host the Group Meeting on Thursday, 18<sup>th</sup> with a flower arranging demonstration.



**SPOOKTACULAR  
HALLOWEEN 2018 FANCY  
DRESS PARTY!**

**SATURDAY 27TH OCTOBER**

**7PM TILL MIDNIGHT**

**MENDLESHAM COMMUNITY  
CENTRE IP14 5RT  
LARGE HALL.**

**LIVE BAND. DISCO. MAGICIAN & BALLOON  
MAKER. PHOTOBOOTH. BAR. HOT FOOD  
AVAILABLE & MORE!**

**CASH PRIZE RAFFLE £100, £50 AND £25 TO BE  
WON!**

**A NIGHT FULL OF FRIGHT FOR ALL AGES!  
FANCY DRESS REQUIRED EVEN IF JUST A MASK  
TICKET ONLY EVENT**

**ONLY £7 PER PERSON**

**07400140014**  
please call or text for tickets

# 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)



The RSPCA Suffolk East and Ipswich Branch wish to thank Sat-Caf Mendlesham for their kind sponsorship of Display Boards for their Martlesham Animal Centre.

The presentation took place at the Old Schoolroom, Mendlesham on

Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> Sept 2018.

Those persons standing in front of the boards are from left to right and Mr. John Player, Chairman of the Sat Cafe and his wife Brenda, Mrs. Jean Short, Hon. Chairman of the local Branch and Mr. Ian Hendry, Trustee, also of the local branch.



## 1<sup>st</sup> Mendlesham Scout Group



Last month I wrote about the successes of our Beaver Colony; recruiting two Beaver Leaders and the growing Colony membership. Later in this article you can read about our plans for the new Scout Headquarters in Mendlesham Green. Due to unforeseen events over the earlier part of this year, this project was delayed.

Several Groups in this District struggled to recruit adults to keep their Sections going. 1<sup>st</sup> Bacton had already closed their Cub Pack and were about to lose their Scout Leader. Our own failure to recruit meant that our Colony was due to close at Easter. The District Team decided that 1<sup>st</sup> Mendlesham should merge with 1<sup>st</sup> Bacton. Not having our own HQ we were to move everything to Bacton.1

My Leaders and I fought hard to prevent this from happening and compromises were reached. Bacton Beavers will continue to meet in Bacton's HQ but move on to our Pack when of age. Bacton Scouts moved across to join our Troop, retaining their Group Scarf and forming their own Patrol. And I have become Bacton's Group Scout Leader being the only GSL in the District to look after two Scout Groups! Given time and when I have made more progress with our building project I aim to rebuild Bacton to a fully working Scout Group. My thanks go to my Leaders for their support in this.

Over the summer and through the hot weather, our young people have enjoyed meeting outdoors on the site of the old Scout HQ in Mendlesham Green. The Parish Council gave us permission to put up a Mess Tent in case the weather turned inclement. This has allowed us to be in contact with our roots and to complete much of the 'outdoor' programme - Fire Lighting and Backwoods Cooking being popular activities with all ages. Again, my thanks go to the Parish Council for their support.

Planning permission has been obtained for a new building which will match the farm buildings around us. The building is steel framed and clad and will be fifty percent larger than the old wooden hut. There will be car parking for more cars, keeping parked vehicles away from the junction. Mid-Suffolk has recommended that the site be landscaped, possibly with fruit trees, to screen the building.

When you read this, several grant applications will have been submitted to raise the necessary £130,000 to complete the project. So far we have about £14,000, enough to build the foundations. £60,000 is required to supply and erect the building. The rest is needed for internal partitions, heating, lighting, decoration and landscaping. Although we have time against us, I am confident that we will raise the bulk of this money to start the project before planning permission expires.

On a down note, I have been told that some people are walking their dogs on the grass and leaving their droppings behind, evident by the soiled footwear of our members. As children are now regularly using the site for their Scouting activities could I ask for dog-owners to refrain from exercising their dogs on the site. Your support in this is much appreciated.




November 2019, next year, 1<sup>st</sup> Mendlesham Scout Group is 90 years old! We aim to party to celebrate this event. Watch out for more details.

Peter Freeman (Group Scout Leader)

01449 766676



**1<sup>st</sup> Mendlesham Scout Group  
and  
Primates Explorer Scout Unit**

<b>Beaver Scouts</b>		Boys and girls aged 6 to 8 years. Meet Thursdays during term time in the Community Centre Main Hall from 5:30 p.m. until 6:30. Contact: Peter Freeman 01449 766676 or Martyn Bryant 01379 788998
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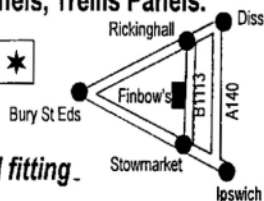
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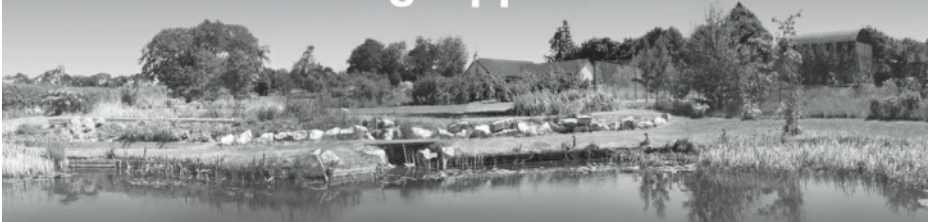
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## MENDLESHAM CHAPEL

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### SERVICES FOR OCTOBER

shown below

3<sup>rd</sup> Afternoon Fellowship - 2.30pm – Rev'd Chris Wood

7<sup>th</sup> Harvest Festival - Morning Parade Service 10.45am- Rev'd Chris Wood  
Afternoon - Light tea at 4.00pm

Harvest Songs of Praise at 5.00pm - Rev'd Chris Wood

14<sup>th</sup> Morning Service -10.45am - Mrs Irene Martin

17<sup>th</sup> Afternoon Fellowship - 2.30pm - TBA

28<sup>th</sup> No Service - Stowmarket URC 10.25am (Chris' last service)

**MURCies Coffee Bar – 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday 10.00 - 12.00 (12<sup>th</sup> October)**

**Knit & Natter – 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays from 2.00 - 4.00 (8<sup>th</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup>)**

*This month, we say goodbye to our Minister, the Rev'd Chris Wood who is retiring and returning to live in Yorkshire. We wish Chris and Jayne a long and happy retirement.*

### **No-one can Serve Two Masters!' (Matthew 6: 24)**

One of the funniest plays I remember seeing was entitled 'The Servant of Two Masters'. It was based on an Italian Classic farce from the 19<sup>th</sup> Century (translated into English!), where the key character is the exceptionally quirky and comical servant, who is constantly complaining of an empty stomach. He satisfy his hunger he keeps finding ingenious ways to satisfy his cravings, and then consuming everything and anything in sight. As my mother would remark: 'His eyes were bigger than his belly'.

The servant offers his time and resources to a young rich gentleman traveller (actually a woman in disguise – but that's another sub-plot in the play), and fulfils his responsibilities to his master reasonably well, but more so if there is an advantage to his aching stomach. All seems to be progressing reasonably well, until the opportunity presents itself that enables him to take on the extra role of being a servant to another wealthy traveller – hence 'The Servant of Two Masters'. He sees this as an opportunity to increase his food intake, but inevitably gets himself into all manner of scrapes, thus creating a farce of side-splitting proportions. Inevitably the servant's main problem is how to satisfy the orders of two masters, as each makes constant demands both at the same time and with the expectation of instant attention.

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This is then complicated by other characters appearing on stage and discretely handing him letters, money, instructions etc. with the words "This is for your master" without specifying which one.

Just as you think that matters couldn't get any worse, the servant discovers his two masters are staying in the same hotel, and are in fact, searching for each other, although he is busy trying to keep them apart. The most famous set-piece of the play is the scene in which the starving servant tries to preside over a banquet for his masters and their guests with both groups on different parts of the stage. He tries to juggle with food presentations and drinks without arousing the suspicions of the other, while desperately trying to satisfy his own hunger. Increasingly he moves around the stage in ever decreasing circles, although fulfilling most tasks with impeccable timing. It comes as no surprise that he's eventually found out when everything collapses around him – he could only keep up the pretence for so long – but the 'masters' are reconciled, and, in the process, he is forgiven.

For me the play highlights an incredible truth that is there both in the Old Testament as well as in the Gospel teaching. Early on we discover God saying through the Prophet Moses: 'You shall have no other gods but Me' (*Exodus 20:2 and Deuteronomy 5:6*) thus establishing the special relationship between a chosen people and their God. Jesus was only too aware of this truth when He warned that: 'No one can serve two masters; for either they will hate the first and love the second, or they will be devoted to the first and despise the second. You cannot serve God and Money' (*Matthew 6: 24*). Clearly, in this case, He wanted to warn against the striving for wealth and financial reward at the expense of our inner well-being.

But Jesus also broadens this challenge when He put a question to His twelve followers at a time when many were abandoning Jesus because of the demands of discipleship. Peter affirmed his faith and trust when asked to make a choice, by declaring 'Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life, and we have believed, and have come to know, that you are the Holy One of God' (*John 6: 68 – 69*). Peter makes a commitment to have only one Master, and that is Jesus Christ his Lord and Saviour.

We know the responsibility is ours too – we are faced with the same challenge, and must make our stand, knowing we are encouraged to do the right thing in God's eyes and serve Him alone. We are left in no doubt that this is a tall order – but the benefits are out of this world!

God Bless. *Chris*

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## SUNDAYS:

9.30 a.m. Parish Mass & Address

JAM (Jesus & Me) 7<sup>th</sup> October  
in Old Schoolroom, then to church at  
10.00

First Mass of Sunday on Saturdays:

6<sup>th</sup> Oct: 8.00 am;

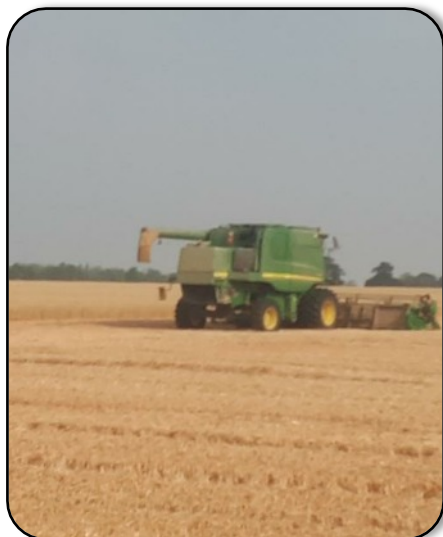
13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> Oct: 3.00 pm

Daily Mass: *see calendar on back  
page, & check porch notice &  
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Daily Morning & Evening Prayer: *see  
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Baptism (Christening), Marriage,  
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Communion from the Reserved  
Sacrament: *contact Fr Philip*

Sacrament of Reconciliation  
Saturdays 13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup> October at  
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# Bible Study

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Old Schoolroom

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Mondays from 8th October: 7.00 pm

beginning with a Bring & Share Supper

## *Bible Study passages:*

8th Oct: Mark 10 v 17-30

15<sup>th</sup> Oct: Mark 10 v 33-35

22<sup>nd</sup> Oct: John 4 v 19-24

29<sup>th</sup> Oct: Matthew 5 v 1-12

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## THANK YOU

To all who helped make the Mendlesham Summer Festival so successful. We aim to publish the result in the November newsletter.



## NOVEMBER CANDLES for departed relatives & friends

will be blessed on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> Oct. at 9.30. They will burn in daylight hours in November & cost £6 for the month.

Please PRINT names clearly on the list in church by 21st Oct.

### Fr Philip Writes...

*'If a man who was rich enough in this world's goods saw that one of his brothers was in need, but closed his heart to him, how could the love of God be living in him? My children, our love is not to be just words or mere talk, but something real and active' (1 John 3 v 17-19)*

Harvest calls us to open our eyes to people in need. When we see people in need, our first reaction is often to judge them; we may say 'it's their fault' or we may be sorry for them but turn away. A Christian who does not care is like a lamp that doesn't give light. The passage from St John's first Epistle above calls us to have loving, caring hearts.

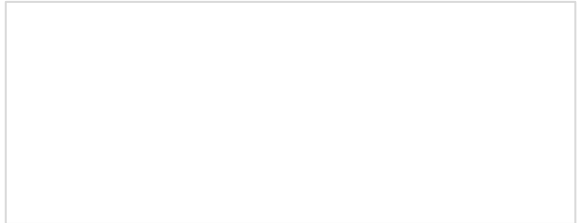
John Henry Newman wrote the words:

God has created me to do some definite service. He has committed some work to me which he has not committed to another. I have a mission."

St Teresa of Calcutta said that material poverty is often the only poverty which most

people are aware of, but there is a worse poverty than that and it is to be lonely, unloved or unwanted. It is possible to be materially well-off and yet be amongst the poorest of the poor.

At Harvest we shall be supporting the poorest of the poor by supporting St Martin's Housing Trust in Norwich as we have done for many years. On 7<sup>th</sup> Oct at the 9.30 Parish Mass I



shall be blessing toiletries, blankets and good clothing; on 12<sup>th</sup> Oct Mendlesham School will have their Harvest Thanksgiving and presenting gifts of food and further gifts will be blessed at the 9.30 Parish Mass on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> Oct. I appeal to you all to be generous. St Martins is doing great work in helping some of the most vulnerable in our society to face life again.

**The last Sunday in October is our Dedication Festival (28<sup>th</sup> Oct)** when we thank God for St Mary's and dedicate our Friends of St Mary's boxes. Please give generously as we embark on further restoration of the Church. Mendlesham is very fortunate to have such a well-cared for and



well-used 900 year-old church, which adds to the beauty of worship and has such an atmosphere of prayerfulness in it. The Mass & daily Morning & Evening Prayer are integral to its witness. I have recently received a lovely letter from someone who came to a healing service: *"Just a few lines to thank you for two hours of bliss. (N) never thought that he could be moved so much. He wants to thank you for making us welcome and says he has waited 20 years for what he received yesterday to be truly welcomed in a church."*

**From 8<sup>th</sup> October** we begin Bible Study in the Old Schoolroom on Monday evenings, which is open to all, beginning with a bring & share supper. We invite you to come, irrespective of your religious convictions, to learn more about God's Word, so that the light of Jesus in each of us may shine more deeply in our lives.

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

<b>5<sup>th</sup> Oct</b>	2.30 pm: Mass at Mason Court; refreshments afterwards – all welcome
<b>6<sup>th</sup> Oct</b>	<u>8.00 am</u> : First Mass of Sunday
<b>7<sup>th</sup> Oct</b>	9.30: Sung Mass + JAM. Blessing of blankets, toiletries & good clothing for the homeless in Norwich. 4.00 pm: URC Harvest Thanksgiving in the Chapel
<b>8<sup>th</sup> Oct</b>	6.30 pm: Mass in St Mary's (said) 7.00 pm: Bring & share Supper in Old Schoolroom and Bible Study. All welcome
<b>12<sup>th</sup> Oct</b>	9.30: Mendlesham School Harvest Gift Service 2.30 pm: Mass for Harvest at Mason Court; refreshments after
<b>14<sup>th</sup> Oct</b>	<b>HARVEST</b> : 9.30: Parish Mass & blessing of produce (tins, packets + fresh fruit & veg) for the Norwich Night Shelter.
<b>15<sup>th</sup> Oct</b>	6.30 pm: Mass in St Mary's (said) 7.00 pm: Bring & share Supper in Old Schoolroom and Bible Study. All welcome
<b>18<sup>th</sup> Oct</b>	<b>ST LUKE</b> : 2.30 pm: Mass, laying-on of hands & anointing. refreshments after
<b>22<sup>nd</sup> Oct</b>	6.30 pm: Mass in St Mary's (said) 7.00 pm: Bring & share Supper in Old Schoolroom and Bible Study. All welcome
<b>24<sup>th</sup> Oct</b>	7.30 pm: Deanery Synod in Combs Church Hall
<b>26<sup>th</sup> Oct</b>	2.30 pm: Mass at Mason Court; refreshments afterwards
<b>28<sup>th</sup> Oct</b>	<b>DEDICATION FESTIVAL</b> 9.30: Parish Mass & Dedication of i) November Candles for the departed and ii) Friends of St Mary's Boxes 3.00 pm: Evensong for Norfolk Churches Trust at Hargham
<b>29<sup>th</sup> Oct</b>	11.30: Requiem Mass for departed members of the Society of Our Lady of Walsingham. Shared lunch, meeting for Society members, followed by Benediction. 6.30 pm: Night Prayer in St Mary's (said) 7.00 pm: Bring & share Supper in Old Schoolroom and Bible Study. All welcome
<b>31<sup>st</sup> Oct</b>	<b>EVE OF ALL HALLOWS/ALL SAINTS</b> 3.00 – 3.45 pm: Silent Prayer in front of Blessed Sacrament 4.00 pm: Mass of All Hallows



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

<b>Date</b>	<b>Church Festival</b>	<b>Mass</b>	<b>Intention (we pray especially for....)</b>	<b>Parish Intention</b>
1	Teresa of Lisieux	9.30	the Mission of Christ's Church	Front Street/ Old Orchard
2	Holy Guardian Angels	9.30	a deepening of our discipleship	Old Market St / Braybrooke Close
3		9.30	Requiem - October anniversaries	Mill Road and Hobbies Lane
4	St Francis of Assisi	9.30	Additional Curates Society	Chapel Road
5		2.30 pm MC	all searching for faith	Church Road / St Mary's Gardens
6		8.00 am	our Bible Study Group	Brockford Road
7	<b>27th of year B</b>	<b>9.30</b>	<b>Parish and Congregation</b>	<b>Glebe Way</b>
8		6.30 pm	the homeless	Freelands
9	St Denis	9.30	persecuted Christians	Ducksen Road
10		8.00 am	forgiveness & reconciliation	Horsefair Close
11		9.30	Christian Aid	Mason Court
12	HARVEST THANKSGIVING	2.30 pm MC	all who work on the land	Mayfield Way
13	St Edward the Confessor	3.00 pm	the Norwich Night Shelter	Mead Way
14	<b>28th of year B: HARVEST</b>	<b>9.30</b>	<b>Parish and Congregation</b>	<b>Old Station Rd / Cuttings Close / Schools Close</b>
15	St Teresa of Avila	6.30 pm	Bishop Norman	Middy Close / The Sidings
16	St Margaret Mary	9.30	that we may have greater love for Jesus	Wash Lane / Oak Farm Lane
17	St Ignatius	8.00 am	all studying theology	Norwich Road / Bluehouse Lane
18	ST LUKE	2.30 pm MC	the sick: Healing ministry	Mendlesham Green
19		9.30	all involved in the Deliverance ministry	Tan Office
20		3.00 pm	St Joseph's centre & its future	Outlying houses
21	<b>29th of year B</b>	<b>9.30</b>	<b>Parish and Congregation</b>	<b>Farms in Mendlesham</b>
22		6.30 pm	Walsingham	Local industries
23		9.30	the dying	Pub, Community Centre & places of recreation
24		9.30	all cared for and working in hospices	Mendlesham School and Pre-School
25		8.00 am	peace of the world	SMF: Patrons of Mendlesham
26	Ss Chad & Cedd	2.30 pm MC	all prisoners	Village Organisations
27		3.00 pm	Friends of St Mary's	Fr Philip
28	<b>FEAST OF DEDICATION</b>	<b>9.30</b>	<b>Parish and Congregation</b>	<b>Other places of Worship</b>
29		11.30	departed members of Society OLW	PCC, Parish and Community Councils
30		8.00 am	all suffering from disabilities	Local Doctors and Nurses
31	EVE OF ALL HALLOWS	4.00 pm	all tempted to dabble in the occult	Adjoining parishes

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