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which are delivered to every  
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**Front Cover**

Meg Clarke

Don't forget to keep up to  
speed with the URC and  
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onwards.

**Editorial**

Welcome to the October issue. Autumn seems so different this year with concerns about children returning to school and college, parents going back to the workplace or seeking new employment and many older people still in lockdown six month on. Yet for those that are able, Autumn brings rich pickings from the hedgerows and fruit has been plentiful. Have you heard the birds entertain us daily with their singing to remind us that there is much to be thankful for?

*Best Wishes  
Gemma*

## THE PARISH COUNCIL



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### Meetings:

**Wednesday 7th October 2020** Ordinary PC meeting virtual meeting via Google Meet 7pm

**Wednesday 4th November 2020** Ordinary PC meeting virtual meeting via Google Meet 7pm

Please be aware that for personal reasons, our Booking Secretary Rachel Brown has unfortunately resigned with her last day of work 7th October.

Rachel, thank you very much for your service to the community over recent years, we wish you and your family the very best for the future.

All please note that the [communitycentre@mendleshampc.org](mailto:communitycentre@mendleshampc.org) dedicated email is still being overseen by Rachel and after 7th October will be overseen by Sharon, our Parish Clerk. From 7th October please telephone Sharon 01449 766139 as required for all booking matters relating to Mendlesham Playingfields or Mendlesham Community Centre.

## **Obituary Val Ager 1946 – 2020**

Val was born in 1946 in Redlingfield, Suffolk. Her family moved to Thelnetham, then Taylors Farm in Combs, and eventually settled in Hillside in Combs Ford. Val attended Stowmarket Modern School and, upon leaving, joined her father working at Suffolk Lawnmowers.

It was a football match that brought Val and Kenny together some 57 years ago. (Kenny was playing for Wetheringsett F.C.). They married at Combs Ford Church on 26<sup>th</sup> July 1969, during one of the hottest summers, and only last year celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. Their first flat was in Ducksen Road, Mendlesham and a few years later they swapped houses with the Fulcher family across the road where they have lived ever since. They have two children, Alison and Robert, as well as five grandchildren.

During her time in Mendlesham, Val was involved with many things. When Robert started at Mendlesham play group, she began helping out there. Later, this developed into Mendlesham Preschool where she worked until December 2013. Val was also employed as a teaching assistant at the local primary school. She retired in July 2017 after 27 years of service. At her retirement assembly, it was wonderful to see so many hands go up when asked who had been taught by her. The hands up were not just from the children, but also so many of the parents in the audience. Dedicated to the local community, Val also helped with the summer playscheme, the 50-50 shop and delivered the village magazine. She also helped many neighbours.

Val started playing bowls for Mendlesham in the early 1970s and was a brilliant bowler. In 1977, she won her first trophy - the Gunner Godfrey - a trophy she went on to win on eight more occasions. In fact, between 1977 and 2018 she won 38 titles! Val played in several different leagues for the club and represented Suffolk Ladies. She also helped Kenny to run Carpet Bowls and Bingo at Mason Court. Val was particularly known for her love of the garden, spending hours tending to it and chatting to passers-by. She was also regularly to be seen biking around the village.

In everything she did, her commitment and kindness stood out. Val was not someone who just “attended”, she was fully involved with so much more, including fundraising, organising and helping others to feel included.

She will always be known as someone that was happy to help others and would always give them the time of day, never giving the impression of needing to be somewhere else. She was generous in so many ways when people may have needed a hand.

She will be greatly missed and was loved by so many. The send-off the village gave her along Station Road was testament to how many lives she had touched. She will never be forgotten by her family, her friends and all the children and people she helped.

## Times Past:

My one-off comeback to Times Past is linked very much to Times Present and we can only speculate what Times Future will be. Who knows what tomorrow's "normal" way of life will be, with things changing from week to week. All this because of one thing: " a pandemic". A word in daily use and much feared for it's consequences but what is it? The term is used to describe a disease that spreads across multiple countries and continents at the same time. Such is COVID-19 in 2020, with its devastating results. As we reel under its on-going effects it is only natural to forget that we have survived or are coping with other pandemics.

So, when was the last one in the UK? In fact, it was the Swine flu outbreak of 2009. HIV/AIDS, which begins with a short illness that can be mistaken for mild flu, was first clinically reported in June 1981. Although initially identified as affecting gay men, it soon became apparent that the impact of the virus was far wider. Though ignorance condemned, it was proven that it can be spread through infected blood, other body fluids and even breast milk. It is thought to have first emerged in monkeys in Africa in the 1920's. Over 35 million people have died from AIDS since it was first identified. Hong Kong flu tackled us in 1968, a decade after Asian flu in 1957.

The Smallpox virus is the only infectious disease to have been completely eradicated. Before the widespread vaccination programme in the 1960's it killed 300 million in the 20thC. alone. A century ago the Spanish flu pandemic was an unusually deadly influenza outbreak, lasting from Feb. 1918 to April 1920. It infected 500 million people, about one-third of the world's population at that time, in four successive waves. The death toll is estimated to have been somewhere between 17 and 50 million, making it one of the deadliest in human history, even allowing for the vast variance of figures. First recorded in Kansas, news was suppressed because of the war but neutral Spain freely reported on it, hence the misnomer - 'Spanish flu'. Even then, the Red Cross announced " the man, woman or child who will not wear a mask now is a dangerous slacker".

"Ring-a-ring o' roses; A pocket full of posies; A-tishoo! A-tishoo! ; We all fall down." In case 100 years is not Times Past enough, let me delve 355 to the Great Plague of London. Medicine in the 17thC. was of limited effectiveness and knowledge about disease was poor. Most people thought that bad smells caused illness and doctors were too expensive for ordinary people to be able to afford. The first officially recorded death of the plague occurred in April 1665 and by mid-July a thousand people a week were dying. Traditionally the above rhyme is associated with the 1665 plague. This is because a plague victim would show early symptoms of the disease in the form of red, circular rashes, resembling wreaths of roses. Posies are sweet smelling flowers that people carried to ward off smells. "Atishoo" refers to the sneezing fits people with pneumonic plague developed and "we all fall down" depicts the people dying.

The plague arrived at the village of Eyam, in Derbyshire, in August 1665. It is thought to have been brought from London in a bale of cloth infested with fleas. Led by the local vicar, Rev. Mompellion, the villagers voluntarily quarantined themselves so that the plague might not spread to surrounding villages. His wife, Elinor and their maid, Anna Firth cared for the sick and dying and provided the village's 'food bank'; whilst the vicar closed the church and delivered his weekly sermon in the open countryside, from a large preaching stone. Those involved in corpse collection smoked tobacco to avoid catching the plague. Such was the rapid death rate that soon the people had to bury their own dead wherever they could. Many stayed indoors, others fled the towns for the countryside. People refused to touch each other and money was dropped into jars of vinegar. 86,595 Londoners died of the plague in 1665 and it has been suggested that as many as 750,000 nationwide. Coping with this placed a strain on the economy and society. There wasn't a spirit of unity and collective pulling together to fight the plague and Samuel Pepys wrote in his diary: "the plague is making us cruel as dogs to one another."

COVID-19 - history repeats itself? In many respects 'yes' but others 'no'; much today is different but there are similarities. We are blessed with dedicated health-care professionals, carer's, protective equipment, medicines etc. and a spirit of 'pulling together' but it has spread throughout the world and I am certainly not an economist! To finish, I would recommend the excellent book: "Year of Wonders" by Geraldine Brooks (Harper Collins) which deals with the Eyam history.

# Mendlesham Walks



**Saturday 3 October 2020**

In the morning

**Subject to Covid-19 Rules**

We hope to have a walk in Finningham area

**You will need to book a slot to walk with us**

We had a great walk in September!

Please contact Judith at [mendleshamwalks@gmail.com](mailto:mendleshamwalks@gmail.com) for more information

or telephone 01449 766327 or text 07770 746619

## **OBITUARY**

VIOLET HILL – 25 November 1920 – 4 September 2020

Our dear friend has passed away just over two months prior to becoming a centenarian!

Vi was a very talented and much loved member of our community before deciding to move to Northants to be near her family.

We remember her with love and gratitude for all she did in Mendlesham.

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## **Mary Hurrell**

### **A Mendlesham Childhood 1935 - 43 ~ Part One (of seven)**

In 1939, in West View, Chapel Road, Mendlesham, lived Arthur and Cicely Hurrell and their daughter, Mary, who was 6 years old. Mary Hurrell later married Michael Joyscelyne. These are the WWII childhood memories of Mary Joyscelyne (nee Hurrell).

My parents moved to Mendlesham in 1935, when I was two years old, because my father, Arthur, was headmaster of Mendlesham Elementary School. Before that, we lived at Thorndon and my father cycled to Mendlesham each day.

In those days the village pump was still on the triangle of grass opposite the old school room, the Big Stone was still outside Mr Miller's house at the top end of Back street, and there was a path of cobblestones running up the right side of Front Street, with little yellow flowers and brownish clover type leaves growing between the cobbles.

Those were the days when people could quite often be seen hurrying through the village carrying accumulators for their wireesses, and carrying bowls to fetch the pork cheese. I never knew what pork cheese was.

*(Pork cheese is not a dairy kind of cheese, but a meat jelly often made from the head of a calf or pig (or less commonly a sheep or cow) and often set in aspic. The tongue, and sometimes the feet and heart, may be included.)*

We lived at West View in Chapel Road. No numbers or road names were necessary on letters then. "West View, Mendlesham" was all that the postman needed. Our neighbours, then, were Mr and Mrs Dorling. Mr Dorling worked for Mr Pizzy in the butcher's shop, though Mr Pizzy also owned Church Farm. Beyond Mr and Mrs Dorling were Mr and Mrs Bert Ward and Ellen, in the bungalow next to the village hall. One day I was feeling generous and wanted to impress someone with my generous nature. I wanted to give somebody something so asked Ellen what she wanted most in the world. Ellen said, "I wish my daddy would come back from the war".

On the other side of our house were Mr and Mrs Williams and Jill. Mr Williams (called Dod) and his brother (called Chuck) under the Injun (the threshing machine) that was kept in the Injun Midder further down Chapel Road on the left side just before Ducksens. I think I remember a wooden footbridge and water across the road before the brick bridge was built.

**Parish Council:****Mendlesham Playingfields:**

At the Extraordinary Parish Council meeting of 13 August 2020, there was a thorough discussion about hire fees for Mendlesham Playingfields. This discussion has been ongoing for some 12 months, then suspended due to the Covid Emergency, but prompted again now as our existing arrangement to cut grass at Mendlesham Playingfields has been suspended due to the current incapacity of our volunteer John Downie. We wish John and his family all of the best for his recovery. By using his equipment and committing so many hours of his time, John has saved the community thousands of pounds and kept our playingfields immaculate.

Our current short-term arrangement and potentially a longer term decision, is that grasscutting at Mendlesham Playingfields will be undertaken by a professional contractor. Thus the cost to Mendlesham Parish Council of maintaining our playingfield is going to increase considerably.

It is really important that our community is able to enjoy these facilities, both for health and wellbeing, sport and to support community organisations and local businesses. The Parish Council is also fully aware, at present due to Covid, including the current closure of Mendlesham Community Centre, our playingfields are being used more than ever as organisations start to meet again.

**Therefore from 10th October 2020:****For football:**

1. The fee to hire the Parish Council owned football pitch for football will be £50 per match. This fee is based on provision of white lines being present and use of the goals and nets owned by Mendlesham Football Club. We thank Mendlesham Football Club for their continued and valuable support for the community. If white lines are not already marked the hire fee and arrangements will be as for no 2 below.

Mendlesham Football Club will have first priority to use the pitch owned by the Parish Council, subject to timely early notification of bookings and games. However, the pitch will be hired out to other clubs as required.

2. Hire of the pitch on Mendlesham Community Centre land or any other part of Mendlesham Playingfields (ie not pc owned new pitch) will be £10 per hour, or if longer required, £30 for four hours, or to clarify £10 per hour for hours 1, 2 and 3, 4th hour no fee, then £10 per hour for hours 5, 6 and 7th with 8th hour no fee etc. Hire fee will not include white lining for football, hirers would need to either undertake this themselves or make a separate commercial arrangement with Mendlesham Football Club. At present this is only for organisations that hired the facilities last year.

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### **For any other activity:**

For any other organised activity, community or commercial, on any part of the playingfields, there will be a fee of £10 per hour, or if longer required, £30 for four hours or to also clarify £10 per hour for hours 1, 2 and 3, 4th hour no fee, then £10 per hour for hours 5, 6 and 7th with 8th hour no fee etc

Please note at present Mendlesham Community Centre remains closed so any use of Mendlesham Playingfields is on the basis that no toilet is available. Also note portable toilets are not permitted.

Until 9th October, any organised use of Mendlesham Playingfield will not incur a fee. However, the Parish Council will require the hirer's covid mitigation risk assessment and details of covid procedures for the Parish Council records, for all booked events held on the playingfields ( and indeed for hire of Mendlesham Community Centre once open).

### **Mendlesham Community Centre:**

There has been much work over the past few weeks undertaken by Mendlesham Parish Council, Trustee in order to reach a position to safely reopen Mendlesham Community Centre. At present this would be the Small Hall only, with much lower numbers ( possibly only 17) with no kitchen facilities, only the disabled toilet available, with no food to be consumed and drink only brought into the building solely for individual use. The traditional use of our changing rooms is still not possible, but we would like to be able to offer the hire of toilet provision for those with organised booked events at Mendlesham Playingfields. This term, the Main Hall is being used exclusively by the School, in order to support the children's full return to School from September.

There are many sources of interpretation of Government guidelines which at times are not the clearest. We have also had to revisit our plans twice before now and at the time of writing have just now got to review again further to the new requirement for groups of six from however many households either inside or not. At present full detail and requirements for this latest change have not been fully received and reviewed.

However, all of course, subject to change, we will continue to work towards an objective towards some opening of Mendlesham Community Centre, initially for our regular organisation hirers only.

Regular organisation hirers if not already completed or asked, please can you contact the Parish Clerk at [parishclerk@mendleshampc.org](mailto:parishclerk@mendleshampc.org) or tel 01449 766139 to obtain our consultation form asking for your requirements and confirming when you may wish to hire the Community Centre, as and when we are able and ready to open?

**Parish Council:**

**Planning application DC/19/05915 Land North East of Chapel Road, Mendlesham. MSDC Development Control meeting 8.7.20.**

Further to our concerns about the process undertaken at the MSDC meeting of 8.7.20 when considering and reaching a decision for the above application, Mendlesham Parish Council has commissioned an independent professional report. This has been received and will be reviewed at an Extraordinary virtual meeting to be held on 29th September. The agenda will be published in accordance with our normal procedures and the first part of the meeting will be open to the public to attend in the interests of transparency. However the part of the meeting with the agenda item regarding the advice received and any decision made thereafter, will be held “in camera” and will not be open to the public to attend as this document and decisions may form part of a future legal action.

**Mendlesham’s Revised Neighbourhood Plan:**

Just to keep you informed, work on this has very much continued over the past few months.

Our draft documents are presently being reviewed as part of a “Health Check” by a planning inspector which should be completed by the end of September. We will then review any recommendations and move forward to the next stage of the process, Which will be a Regulation 14 consultation. Regulation 14 requires the draft NP proposal to be the subject of a pre-submission consultation before it is submitted to the District Council (MSDC) for independent examination. This will be planned for before Christmas ( Covid of course permitting!)

The **Mobile Library** calls at Mendlesham & Mendlesham Green every 4 weeks on Thursday afternoon at the following times:

Mendlesham Fish & Chip Shop	15.15 - 15.30
Mendlesham Playing Field	15.35 - 15.50
Mendlesham The Green	16.00 - 16.20

The van’s next visit is **Thursday 22nd October.**

Future dates planned as follows:

22<sup>nd</sup> October 19<sup>th</sup> November 17<sup>th</sup> December and 14<sup>th</sup> January 2021

**Only one customer on board at a time and hand sanitiser to be used before entering.**

**Face covering is advised.**

**Shelves are sanitised between each stop and all returned stock is quarantined for 72 hours.**

# Scouts



## 1st Mendlesham

Do you have a youngster who would like to join either Beavers, Cubs, Scouts or Explorers?

Please see below the details for each section.

### BEAVERS

6 - 8 years    Thursdays – 5.30 - 6.30pm

### cubs

8 - 10<sup>1/2</sup> years    Wednesdays – 6.45 - 8.15pm

### Scouts



10<sup>1/2</sup> – 14 years    Mondays –  
7.00 – 9.00pm

### EXPLORERS

14 – 18 years    Thursdays –  
7.30 – 9.30pm

All sections currently meet at Mendlesham Community Centre – Small Hall. During the summer months all the sections may meet at the Old HQ at Mendlesham Green, weather permitting.

#### ADULTS

Would you like to help with a section or help with our fundraising and events? Please do get in touch.

If you would like further information on any of the above, please contact:-

**Martyn Bryant – Group Scout Leader – 01379 788998**

**[martyn\\_bryant@hotmail.com](mailto:martyn_bryant@hotmail.com)**

**Elizabeth Evans – Group Chair – 07545 322087 –**

**[elizabethhevens81@hotmail.com](mailto:elizabethhevens81@hotmail.com)**

## **Mary Hurrell**

### **A Mendlesham Childhood 1935 - 43 ~ Part Two (of seven)**

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Our other neighbours were Mr and Mrs Scales, who lived in a grey thatched house opposite Mr and Mrs Williams. They had a large family, but I remember Hannah and Pam. I think Hannah was asked to teach me to ride a bike and was promised sixpence when I finally mastered it. Next-door to Mr and Mrs Scales was an old lady called Ducky. Later on, Mr and Mrs Farrow lived in her house with their grown-up son, Naty. The field behind our house was called the Pound Meadow. There were no houses there then - just a big pond at the side near the Butcher's shop. Every day, Mr Pizzy's cows would walk down the road to spend the day in the Pound Meadow or stand in the pond. Cows in those days always had mud caked legs. Beyond our house, there was a gap in the hedge where children would scramble across the ditch into the meadow. One day, one of Mr Pizzy's cows leaned over to far and fell into the ditch, landed on her back with her legs in the air and made no attempt to get up. A message was sent to Mr Pizzy who came cycling along on his high bike with a rope and two or three men. Somehow, they managed to get the rope under the cow and pulled her out of the ditch. As soon as she was on her feet she tore off down the road at top speed.

The period I am remembering would be the years between 1935 and 1943, because after that I went away to Ipswich and came home at weekends and for the school holidays. I would come home Friday afternoon by Tye's bus, which left Ipswich at 4 o'clock. This meant leaving school and hour early, so when I was older, I came by Eastern Counties bus from the Old Cattle Market to the Mustard Pot where my parents would meet me. I would usually travel back to Ipswich on Sunday evenings by Eastern Counties bus, either from the Mustard Pot or the Griffin. Sometimes I would travel on the same bus as Miss Winifred Smith of Wetheringsett Post Office. I'm not sure whether she had been asked to keep an eye on me, but one day she asked me, "How's the Hymn going?" It seems I had been singing hymns all the way to Ipswich.

## **Mary Hurrell**

### **A Mendlesham Childhood 1935 - 43 ~ Part Three (of seven)**

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During the war the buses were often late. They would finally come puffing along with a black contraption behind them - a diesel engine, which we call a treacle tin. Often the buses were crowded and full of soldiers. Once there were some American soldiers on the bus and a very glamorous young woman got on. When the conductor came round for the fares one of the Americans said, "I want to go where she goes." This impressed me very much.

On one occasion, my parents had gone to deal with the bees. (My father kept hives on various farms). They were delayed, so I set off walking (or running) to the Mustard Pot. Just when I got to Mr Hendry's farm a car drew up with a man and two women in fur coats. I was in school uniform and they asked me where I was going. "To the bus," I said, and they offered to give me a lift to Ipswich. I didn't want to get in their car at all but, out of politeness, didn't like to refuse, so I snivelled all the way to Ipswich. In fact, they were nice people, so I was all right, but my parents were, of course, frantic as I knew they would be. I believe they had asked everybody in the village if they had seen me going by, including Mr Roberts the station master, who lived in a house opposite the church.

During the war, there was an idea for the women of the village to help in fire watching from the church tower. My mother said that Mr Wareham, the vicar, had quite a job shoving and pulling some of the ladies up the narrow steps and through the trap door, some of them being quite large. I don't remember how long the fire watching lasted, but I do remember that a rumour went round of a German spy in Elmswell church tower.

# TOTE RESULTS

<b>Mendlesham Lottery August 2020</b>			
<b>8th August</b>		<b>22nd August</b>	
Mel Irving	£35	Mary Hurrell	£35
Jenny Lummis	£25	Emma Driver	£25
Mr G Sherlock	£15	Noel Fletcher	£15
Hazel Spalding	£10	Marion Evans	£10

## 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.

## **CATHOLIC CHURCH OF OUR LADY, STOWMARKET**

Parish Priest - Father Ioan Sandor

The Presbytery, 29 Lockington Road, Stowmarket IP14 1BQ

Tel:-01449 612946. Email: pp@ourladystowmarket.org.uk

The church has reopened for public mass with social distancing measures and under COVID 19 guidelines.

Mass times are as follows - Thursday 10am

Saturday evening 1800 and Sunday at 0830 and 1015.

Face coverings must be worn and a test and trace form filled in when attending holy mass.

Stewards will be directing parishioners in church and we look forward to welcoming you

Please see the parish website for full details and guidance

<https://ourladystowmarket.org.uk/going-to-mass>

Mendlesham village contacts

Margaret Cutting - 01449 766334

Mo Favager - 01449 766007



## MENDLESHAM OVER 60s CLUB

Unfortunately we have not been able to meet for the last five months due to Corvid 19. As yet we can see no way of meeting in the near future. Only 30 people are allowed to meet and as we usually have 45 to 50 members at our meetings we cannot say some can come and not others. It will be very hard to keep two metres apart in the small hall and the big hall is not available to rent as the school is using it. We know everyone misses our monthly meetings and, please God, it will not be too much longer until we can meet again and work out a new list of outings and speakers.

Tina wishes to thank everyone who supported her over a very hard time. Russell will be missed by all.

When all is safe we will contact all members. So for now be patient. We will be back and please take good care of yourselves.



## MENDLESHAM CAMERA CLUB



The next Zoom meeting will be on Tuesday 6th  
October at 1900 hours and last about an hour.

The photo theme for October is something taken during lockdown.  
The club is a small group of mixed photography ability and new members  
are always welcome.

For details please log onto the  
website:<http://www.mendleshamcameraclub.co.uk/> or contact  
[mike@favager.co.uk](mailto:mike@favager.co.uk)

## Film Nights



We are so sorry that at this time we are unable to run film nights –  
but watch this space!

We'll be back

In the last month we have enjoyed meeting up again outside for an informal gathering and had an outing to Frog's Farm Thwaite. We were welcomed by Jennifer, who told us about their plans and identified the various varieties of sunflower as we walked along the rows. The season is drawing to a close but the pumpkins will be ready for Halloween. We must thank Jennifer for providing us with delicious homemade cake and our committee for organising the trip out in these challenging times. And the sun for shining!



We continue to craft Christmas tree decorations to decorate a tree in Abbots Hall as part of the Stowmarket Christmas Tree Festival. The theme being Christmas music.

The festival will be open November 20<sup>th</sup> to December 23<sup>rd</sup> - obviously subject to any restrictions in place at that time.

Stay safe.

## MENDLESHAM HISTORY GROUP

**Under normal circumstances History Group members would have received the new season's programme and notification of the October talk would appear in this newsletter.**

**As a result of needing to abide by social distancing guidelines, the decision has been taken that History Group will not resume until the New Year at the earliest. We will keep you informed via the newsletter.**

## **Mary Hurrell**

### **A Mendlesham Childhood 1935 – 43 ~ Part Four (of seven)**

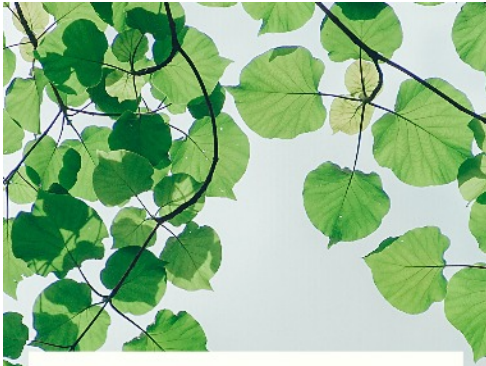
*(In 1939, in West View, Chapel Road, Mendlesham, lived Arthur and Cicely Hurrell and their daughter, Mary, who was 6 years old. Mary Hurrell later married Michael Joyscelyne. These are the WWII childhood memories of Mary Joyscelyne (nee Hurrell), continuing from Parts One to Three).*

Mendlesham was well off for shops in those days. Of course, the main shop was Cuttings and this was really a miniature department store, though the different departments were sometimes in different buildings. There was a grocery department, where Mr Mortpress, in a white coat, operated the bacon slicing machine and made neat parcels of sugar in blue paper, a haberdasher section, a shoe shop and electrical and furniture shop, even a small branch of Lloyds Bank. One day a week. Mr Dennis Ward would cycle round the village and take people's grocery orders. We would come to our back door and write down my mother's order. I can't remember how it was delivered though.

There were several other smaller shops in the village too. In Front Street, near Cuttings shoe shop, there was a sweet shop owned by Mr and Miss List. I don't think I was encouraged to go to their shop. It looked rather old and dusty, and I think Mr and Miss List looked rather old and dusty too. They sold gobstoppers that changed colour as you sucked them, triangular cardboard containers of sherbert with liquorice sticks, and a delectable, gooey, buff coloured substance that I have never seen since. Mr and Mrs Reason had the bakehouse opposite, though we usually bought our bread from Kent's, the bakers at the top of Back Street. I think a large loaf, then cost 4p and a small one tuppence ha'penny, but I may be wrong. Certainly, when Tikki Snak pies came to the village once a week during the war on Friday, I think, and parked on the grass triangle opposite Mr Mayfield's house, the rectangular meat pies, which I preferred, cost 3d and the smaller, round pork pies cost 4d.

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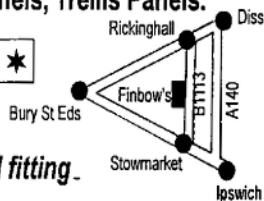
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### OCTOBER

Services as shown below

**4<sup>th</sup> 4.00pm** Harvest Thanksgiving – Rev'd Robert Sheard

**11<sup>th</sup> 10.45am** Ms Alison Smith

**25<sup>th</sup> 10.45am** Mrs Nichola Glasse

*Sadly, we are unable to invite the uniformed organisations to join us for the Harvest Festival. We shall miss them and hope that they will be able to be with us again next year. We shall have an afternoon service at 4.00pm when we shall be giving thanks for this year's harvest. All harvest gifts will be sent to Stowmarket Food Bank and we welcome any dry or tinned goods.*

### **Psalm 104: 27-34**

<sup>27</sup> All of them depend on you to give them food when they need it. <sup>28</sup> You give it to them, and they eat it; you provide food, and they are satisfied. <sup>29</sup> When you turn away, they are afraid; when you take away your breath, they die and go back to the dust from which they came. <sup>30</sup> But when you give them breath, they are created; you give new life to the earth. <sup>31</sup> May the glory of the LORD last for ever! May the LORD be happy with what he has made! <sup>32</sup> He looks at the earth, and it trembles; he touches the mountains, and they pour out smoke. <sup>33</sup> I will sing to the LORD all my life; as long as I live I will sing praises to my God. <sup>34</sup> May he be pleased with my song, for my gladness comes from him.

Dear Friends,

I don't know about you but I have found that Harvest this year has crept up on us with all that has gone on, particularly with Covid 19 and having to find new ways to be church! We find ourselves in the Harvest season.

Even though the Harvest Festival can trace its history back to the Ancient Greeks, the Romans, and the Old Testament, and the Jews and even the pagan Britons, as a Christian festival it is comparatively a new festival (Compared to others.)

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It was in Morwenstow, a village on the north coast of Cornwall. In 1843, its vicar was the Reverend Robert Stephen Hawker, in that September, he announced, 'God has been very merciful to us this year, He hath filled our garner with increase, and satisfied our poor with bread ... Let us offer a sacrifice of thanksgiving.' so was initiated what we now think of as the traditional English harvest festival.

Victorian hymns such as 'We plough the fields and scatter', 'Come, ye thankful people, come' and 'All things bright and beautiful' helped popularize his idea of harvest thanksgiving, and the custom of decorating churches with local produce became widespread.

Church goers often spend a great deal of time decorating their church. Apples are arranged along window sills, bunches of grapes are hung from unlikely places and vegetables arranged along steps, while bunches of wheat or barley are placed around the Church.

Displays of specially made loaves, trays of eggs and bunches flowers - even, these days, tinned food. In seaside churches the fishermen would bring part of their catch. Today the Harvest Festival could take a more modern form, focusing on new jobs such as working with computers, the idea being to thank God for all the Good Gifts He has given us.

This year our Harvest festival will seem much different we will not be able to sing the Harvest hymns we will not be able to decorate our churches in the way we would wish, not be able to have fresh produce, all because of the Covid restrictions. Despite this, many churches will still be collecting tinned and dried produce for local food banks.

But despite the restrictions we can still celebrate harvest and give thanks to God.

Yours, Robert

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## SUNDAYS:

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

Saturdays: First Mass of Sunday at 3.00pm from 3<sup>rd</sup> October.

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

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

**Baptism (Christening), Marriage, Anointing of the Sick & Holy Communion from the Reserved Sacrament or any pastoral need**  
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## WHAT'S ON THIS MONTH

✳️ **COVID-19 prevention. Some events may have to be cancelled or altered at short notice. Please check website** ✳️

4 <sup>th</sup> Oct	9.30: Parish Mass & blessing of clothing, blankets & toiletries for the homeless in Norwich. I have contacted St Martin's Housing Trust (Night Shelter) and they will be grateful for any help we can give to rough sleepers they accommodate.
6 <sup>th</sup> Oct	9.30: Requiem Mass – October Anniversaries
11 <sup>th</sup> Oct	<b>HARVEST THANKSGIVING</b> 9.30: Parish Mass & blessing of harvest gifts for the homeless. We are unable to have a school harvest service this year due to Covid-19 prevention measures. Please bring gifts of food in tins, packets, jars etc – or long-lasting vegetables such as potatoes.
19 <sup>th</sup> Oct	9.30: Votive Mass of St Luke. As we are unable to have a healing service for St Luke's tide, I shall conduct a short Bible Study on Mark 5 v 25-34.
24 <sup>th</sup> & 25 <sup>th</sup> Oct	<b>FEAST of DEDICATION of our PARISH CHURCH</b> 3.00 pm (Sat): First Mass of Sunday 9.30: Parish Mass & Blessing of Friends of St Mary's boxes 10.30 (approx.): Annual Parochial Church Meeting.
24 <sup>th</sup> Oct	<b>CLOCKS GO BACK</b> as B.S.T. ends – 1 hour extra in bed!
31 <sup>st</sup> Oct	<b>EVE OF ALL SAINTS – HALLOWE'EN</b> 1.45pm – 2.45pm: Hour of silent prayer before the Blessed Sacrament with the intention of all who dabble in the occult
1 <sup>st</sup> Nov	<b>ALL SAINTS</b> 9.30: Parish Mass & blessing of November candles for the departed. Candles cost £6 each and will burn in daylight hours throughout November. Please order and pay by 25 <sup>th</sup> October.
2 <sup>nd</sup> Nov	<b>ALL SOULS</b> Requiem Masses will be offered at 9.30 and 6.30 pm.
Mass will continue to be offered daily in church during October. See calendar for times on inside back cover.	

### REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY , ADVENT & CHRISTMASS

As Government advice is still changing, it is too early to confirm plans. Please see the November newsletter for more details.





## FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

### HOLY BAPTISM

15<sup>th</sup> March: Halle Rose Moulton

16<sup>th</sup> August: Paula Jayne Benneworth (adult Baptism)

### HOLY CONFIRMATION BY +NORMAN, BISHOP OF RICHBOROUGH

30<sup>th</sup> August: Graham Ian Baker  
Paula Jayne Benneworth  
Shane Boles Everett

### HOLY BURIAL

19<sup>th</sup> March: Anne Isobel Herron, aged 91

20<sup>th</sup> May: Albert Edward Roger Keeble, aged 78  
(Graveside funeral)

3<sup>rd</sup> July: Russell Gordon Pipe, aged 70

16<sup>th</sup> July: Peggy Elizabeth Knock, aged 89  
(Graveside funeral)

20<sup>th</sup> July: Fr Philip officiated at Keith Forsdike's funeral at Risby Crematorium



### Fr Philip Writes

### **On the last Sunday of October we celebrate the Dedication Festival**

**of our parish church**, which dates from about 1200 AD. I believe that St Mary's is essential to Mendlesham – a priceless treasure and a significant link with the past. More importantly, I believe that every community needs a shrine, a holy place that speaks of the otherness of God – a '*Mount of Transfiguration*' and in Mendlesham we have one of especial interest and beauty. I believe it speaks both of the Glory and the intimacy of God. At a



conference in Norwich last year the Bishop of Worcester, The Rt Revd Dr John Inge, emphasised the importance of place in both the Old and New Testaments and continued saying that: ***“if place in general is important, then holy places (i.e. our churches) are vital to our spiritual health.”***

Churches are a jewel in the crown of our heritage; they are memory places in that they are repositories of stories of our communities and far too easy to take for granted.



St Mary's has been open for daily services (Morning and Evening Prayer and the Mass) and private prayer every day since 5<sup>th</sup> July when the Government allowed us to hold public worship after the lockdown. Many candles have been lit by visitors. A candle is a powerful reminder of Jesus, the one true light the darkness could not extinguish. It is also a parable - giving light to others whilst it burns itself out. A candle is a symbol – speaking of light, hope, warmth and love. And a candle is a sign – reminding us of the prayers of all God's people.

This has been a bad year for the Friends of St Mary's. It has not been able to have any fundraising events, but with a building as ancient as St Mary's we have had to spend a total of £6,642.63 so far this year.

We do need to replace this so we can pay for further repairs as they arise. On our Dedication Festival we shall dedicate the Friends of St Mary's collecting boxes. A secure churn will be in church for you to place gifts on **Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> Oct between 9.30 and 2.00 pm** and **Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> Oct between 10.30 and 4.00 pm**. If you would like a Friends of St Mary's collecting box, please sign the sheet in church or contact Jean Martin, Ferdi Vincent or me.

A sign outside a London church was vandalised. It had read, **“GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST”** but a bright spark had removed the second E and it now read: **“GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGH ST”** Our High Street is our village, and I hope St Mary's says to you that God loves you – and you are invited to Mass to find this for yourself and duly give glory to God in both the highest and the High Street.

I conclude my appeal for funds for St Mary's with a story of a missionary in a very poor country. He saw two men ploughing with a crude, ready-made plough and no donkey to pull it, for they were pulling it themselves. The missionary was told they had sold the donkey to give the money raised for the building of the church. ***“That must have been a real sacrifice,”*** said the missionary.

***“They don't see it like that,”*** replied a local person, ***“They were thankful they had something they could give.”*** May we give in that spirit to St Mary's.

<b>PARISH CHURCH OF ST MARY'S MENDESLEHAM - CHURCH CALENDAR FOR OCTOBER 2020</b>				
Date	Church Festival	Mass	Intention (we pray especially for....)	Parish Intention
1	St Theresa of Lisieux	9.30	the mission of the Church	Front Street/ Old Orchard
2	Holy Guardian Angels	9.30	a greater awareness of the Communion of Saints	Old Market St / Braybrooke Close
3		3.00 pm	St Martin's Housing Trust, Norwich	Mill Road and Hobbies Lane
4	<b>27th of YEAR A</b>	<b>9.30</b>	<b>Parish and Congregation</b>	<b>Chapel Road</b>
5		9.30	those who are homeless	Church Road / St Mary's Gardens
6		9.30	the Departed - October anniversaries	Brockford Road
7	Our Lady of the Rosary	8.00 am	deepening of our spiritual lives	Glebe Way
8		9.30	those who are hungry & Christian Aid	Freelands
9		9.30	Christian unity	Ducksen Road
10		3.00 pm	all farmers	Horsefair Close
11	<b>28th of YEAR A - HARVEST</b>	<b>9.30</b>	<b>Parish and Congregation</b>	<b>Mason Court</b>
12		9.30	Baby Loss Awareness Week	Mayfield Way
13	St Edward the Confessor	9.30	HM Queen Elizabeth & her Government	Mead Way
14		8.00 am	all lawyers	Old Station Rd / Cuttings Close / Schools Close
15	TRANSLATION OF OUR LADY OF WAL-SINGHAM	9.30	all pilgrims	Middy Close / The Sidings
16	St Margaret Mary	9.30	all who reject Our Lord	Wash Lane / Oak Farm Lane
17	St Ignatius of Antioch	3.00 pm	persecuted Christians	Norwich Road / Bluehouse Lane
18	<b>29th of YEAR A</b>	<b>9.30</b>	<b>Parish and Congregation</b>	<b>Mendlesham Green</b>
19	VOTIVE OF ST LUKE	9.30	the sick	Tan Office
20		9.30	victims of modern day slavery	Outlying houses
21		8.00 am	agents fighting human trafficking	Farms in Mendlesham
22		9.30	Walsingham	Local industries
23		9.30	divided families	Pub, Community Centre & places of recreation
24		3.00 pm	The Friends of St Mary's	Mendlesham School & local High Schools
25	<b>DEDICATION FESTIVAL</b>	<b>9.30</b>	<b>Parish and Congregation</b>	<b>SMF: Patrons of Mendlesham</b>
26	Ss Chad & Cedd	9.30	all healthcare workers	Village Organisations
27		9.30	all searching for faith	Fr Philip
28	Ss SIMON & JUDE	8.00 am	Bishop Norman	Other places of Worship
29		9.30	peace of the world	PCC, Parish and Community Councils
30		9.30	the Diocese of St Edmundsbury & Ipswich	Local Doctors, Nurses & Healthcare workers
31		3.00 pm	all who dabble in the occult	Adjoining parishes

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