

# **MENDLESHAM NEWSLETTER**



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**Hayley Page**

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pages to keep  
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**6<sup>th</sup> November 2021**

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

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Meg Clarke

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Every Tuesday & Friday  
**50/50 shop open** -  
see page 5 for further details

**Editorial**

Welcome to the November issue. The changing colours and chilly breezes confirm the onset of winter but put on your coat and venture out for there are plenty of opportunities for a warm drink and chat at the many coffee mornings in the village.

November is also the month of remembrance but in doing so look forwards with hope for the future.

*Best Wishes & Thanks Gemma*



## FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL

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- Andy Davey tel 01449 768862 ( Chairperson)
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- Denise Foster tel 768978
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- Helen Orton tel 767741
- Liz Ward tel 766562

### Meetings:

**Wednesday 10th November 2021** Ordinary Parish Council meeting  
Old School Room, Mendlesham 7pm.

**Wednesday 8th December 2021** Ordinary Parish Council meeting  
Old School Room, Mendlesham 7pm.

### Parish Council:

#### Work of a Parish Council:

This is the first time in ages that Parish Council content for this newsletter has not been dictated by matters that we need to inform you about as a matter of urgency or to meet statutory deadlines so this is an update of our work over the last year and future projects.

*You will find these updates throughout the newsletter.*

# MENDLESHAM 'SAT-CAF'

**Saturday, 6th November 10.00 – 14.00**

**OLD SCHOOL ROOM, OLD MARKET STREET,  
MENDLESHAM**

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

**October Draw**

**(Harvest Hamper donated by Brenda & John Player)**

**Winner: Ruth Ager**

## **Parish Council:**

**Community Awards:** Unfortunately our Parish Meeting of 2020 was cancelled due to the first Covid Lockdown, so we have awards prior to 2020 to be presented. We have also had some nominations for the last year, including outstanding service to the Community as a result of the Covid Emergency. The Main Hall has been booked for Tuesday 19th April 2022 for our Parish Meeting, when we hope to be able to celebrate how we have recovered as a community and thank those who have provided outstanding service. Date for your diaries?

## **Parish Council:**

**Parish Council meetings:** The Parish Council has now returned to being able to meet in person for meetings. Whilst we were forced to hold our public meetings virtually and there were some merits in being able to do so, it is a pleasure to now welcome the public to meetings. Details of our public meetings are posted in advance on the public notice boards and on the village e-news bulletin system, details of which, and of your councillors, can be found in the village newsletter delivered to all households or parish website.

The following are our main achievements over the past few months:

# Mendlesham Walks



Meet at the Community Centre 10.30am  
on  
Saturday 13 November for a longer walk and Wednesday 24  
November for a shorter walk

New Walk Leaders

**Rachael Hopkins** 07971 910 279 [rachaelhopkins@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:rachaelhopkins@hotmail.co.uk)

and

**Angela Pickup** 01449 766483 [angiepickup@btinternet.com](mailto:angiepickup@btinternet.com)

Judith took up the reigns (or would it be walking sticks?) as Group Leader in 2010 and during her tenure, with the help of others, the following things were achieved:

- The creation of a Discover Suffolk walking leaflet (see link on webpage <http://mendlesham.suffolk.cloud/clubs-and-organisations>);
- Every footpath in the parish walked as part of the Suffolk County Council Footpath Survey initiative
- A group contact email list created
- An Information and Disclaimer form and Data Protection & Privacy Policy created (see webpage)
- Established a link with the Parish Councillor responsible for footpaths to ensure the reporting and solving of problems and maintenance of footpaths
- Became part of Suffolk Walking Festival
- Made links with the Eye Town 'Walkers Are Welcome' Scheme
- Participated in the One Life Walking for Health scheme
- Made many friends and walking companions

For more information about being part of the  
Mendlesham Walking Group visit the  
Parish Council Webpage or just Google 'Mendlesham Walks'.  
Keep on enjoying walking!



## Big Thank You



### Raising Money for Cancer Research UK

Thank you to everyone who came and supported our tractor run and the tractor drivers on September 12<sup>th</sup> It was a fantastic day and it was lovely to see all who waved as we drove by.

We are delighted to say we raised £1285.00 for Cancer Research UK

A special thank you to Stackyard Nursery, Daphne Lambert, and all that helped not forgetting the Chef.

### Parish Council:

**Community:** We have not only survived a pandemic, something we had not anticipated as part of our Emergency Planning, but as a community now returning to our “vibrant” community. This may be different, has certainly presented new challenges, but it is happening. Thank you.



FIND US ON  
FACEBOOK

NEW STOCK IN FOR AUTUMN/WINTER

Open on Tuesdays and Fridays 2pm - 4pm

We are also accepting donations of good quality clothing, please only one bag as we have limited space. You will receive 50% of the sale price. Please ask in the shop for more information.

Safety guidelines are in place. We look forward to seeing you soon!

Located in the green pavilion near the play area. What3words: ///novelist.thin.tint

Stocked with new and pre-loved clothing, shoes, jewellery, books and homewares



## MENDLESHAM CAMERA CLUB



The next meeting will be on Tuesday 2nd November - in the Old School Room at 1930. The challenge this month is to share pictures of your best photographic mistakes! Come on we all have got some. We submit the entry to a Dropbox, these will be displayed and discussed. In the second part of the meeting a member will talk about a photography related topic.

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)

### **Mendlesham and Wickham Skeith Community First Responders (CFR)**

It is with deep regret that the Mendlesham and Wickham Skeith Community First Responder (CFR) Group will no longer be active within the community. I have taken the decision to cease responding and close down the CFR group due to lack of local volunteers willing to become First Responders. The equipment will be returned to the East of England Ambulance Service Trust for redistribution to other groups who have many more volunteers. The volunteer group was set up in its present form around 2009 from an existing local CFR group. At that time there were between 8 and 10 volunteers supporting the community, covering hundreds of 999 calls.

For the last 5-6 years I have remained the only member of that group (a sole responder) actively involved in responding and delivering training to other local CFR groups. Despite many attempts at recruiting support from the local community it has proved impossible to increase the groups numbers. There have been many who have shown interest, and to them I would like to thank them for that interest, however, for many reasons, some personal and some logistical no-one has completed the training and commenced responding.

I would also like to thank the Mendlesham Community and Parish Councils for their support in funding equipment and running costs over the years, it was appreciated.

Kind regards  
Mike Favager





# Children starting school September 2022?

## OPEN MORNING

**24<sup>th</sup> November**

***Mendlesham Primary School 9.30am – 11am***

Although it seems early to be thinking about this, applications opened in September and will close on 15<sup>th</sup> January. Details on applying for Primary School places can be found on <https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/children-families-and-learning/schools/school-places/apply-for-a-primary-school-place-20222023/>

Of course if you have a school aged child you are welcome to contact 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.

We sincerely hope that this event will go ahead, however, with a potentially changing landscape in terms of COVID, please check our website nearer the time for up to date information. In the mean-time if you have any questions or queries about the school, please contact us on the number below.

Tessa Sait  
Executive Headteacher

Old Station Road, Mendlesham, Stowmarket, Suffolk IP14 5RT

01449 766224



**Parish Council:**

**Community Centre:** Further to the decision agreed in principle to sell the Community Centre to provide a SEND unit and room for the school to grow, it is really exciting to see the work currently being undertaken to the old Small Hall. There is still much legal work to be agreed so that the SEND can open and we then progress towards a sale. The new building community project has commenced with a working party currently reviewing potential Architect and Project Manager candidates and funding proposals to pay for these initial stages. Shortly, we will have proposals as agenda items to appoint candidates and we will then start public consultation on what, where, etc?

This is our first priority and is/will take up the majority of resources we have, but it is certainly exciting and will provide us with community facilities fit for purpose and our growing community needs for many years to come.

## **MENDLESHAM COMPUTER CLUB IS BACK!!!**

**Every Thursday, 10.00 – 12.00  
from 4<sup>th</sup> November 2021  
OLD SCHOOL ROOM, MENDLESHAM**

### **NEW MEMBERS MOST WELCOME!**

**Mendlesham Computer Club meets every Thursday to provide computer/internet access and tuition for all ages and abilities. Many topics covered in a very informal atmosphere. Refreshments provided. £5 per session.**

**For further information, phone Giles Godart-Brown  
on 07500-042836**

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

It's been a very challenging year for everyone, not least for the homeless and their dogs. With shops gradually opening and more people start to come out, it has been a tough year for the homeless and their dogs who rely on donations from passers-by.

It's no life for any person or dog to live on the streets with no home. This Christmas we are again hoping to bring a little Christmas cheer 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, socks, hats, scarf, roll-on deodorant ( no aerosols) toothbrush, toothpaste, soft sweets, chocolate, plasters, wet wipes, notepad, pens, envelopes, stamps and a really nice touch would be to include a Christmas Card.

## **Doggy box**

Dried dog food, treats, chews, toys, collar, lead, bowl fleece blanket

***All the shoeboxes stay local. They are taken to the night shelter in Ipswich and also distributed to the soup kitchens and hostels. Any extra are taken to Bury and Norwich.***

If you cannot do a shoebox but would still like to help with a donation, any of the items listed would be very much appreciated. I made an extra 15 boxes from donations last year which really boosted the total.

Boxes or items can be dropped off at my house any time from now  
**until 11th 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***

## Mendlesham Community Council Update

The Trustees of the MCC are delighted to let you know that the **Open Extraordinary Meeting and AGM** held in September was a success!

89 people completed the Questionnaire giving their views on how the MCC should proceed. 47 people attended the meetings and a new way of operating to capitalise on the success of the past years was agreed; the future is now secure.

We have received nominations for a new management team and will be looking at revising the Constitution, clarifying Membership and reviewing how funds will continue to be raised to support the community. *Contact details were not available at the time of going to print but will be released as soon as possible, so WATCH THIS SPACE!*

The 50:50 Shop, Newsletter and Tote will continue to operate and not only will some of the previous events be reinstated but new ones are on the horizon.

Thank you to everyone who made a contribution through completing the questionnaire and attending the meeting. We hope that you feel that your voice has been heard and the changes afoot will meet the needs of a modern and diverse community.

Please continue to give you support and views – we need to ensure that everyone is included. If you would like to know more, want to volunteer or are interested in becoming a Trustee, let us know.

### **Summary of Accounts year ending 31 July 2021:**

The financial year started with £11,429.34 and closed with a balance of £12,616.23. All overhead costs were settled including Public Liability Insurance, Utility Bills towards the 50:50 shop and £1,212 funds were distributed. The main source of income this year was via the 50:50 Shop and Tote. Our thanks go to the volunteers who kept things going as and when they could during this difficult year ..... and to all the people who visited the shop and bought tote tickets.

During the past 40 years it is estimated that £400,000 has been raised and given back to the community to support individuals and organisations.

The AGM ended with a presentation of gifts of appreciation to the outgoing officers and our heartfelt thanks go to Carolyn Triscott, Nancy Bagnall and Meg Clarke for all their support and hard work during the past years.

Report submitted by Judith Howard-Rees on behalf of the 14 Trustees.

# Mendlesham Community Council

## Can you help?



We are looking for a Trustee to take on the role of  
Treasurer

For further information of what being a Trustee involves visit  
[www.gov.uk/government/organisations/charity-commission](http://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/charity-commission)

This voluntary role will assist in the management of the Community Council and oversee the management of funds

An ideal person is someone who would like to serve our community and has bookkeeping and or accountancy experience

An application form can be downloaded from the MCC webpage.

Just Google Mendlesham Community Council and follow the link

### **Parish Council:**

**Neighbourhood Plan:** MSDC have now completed a Reg16 public consultation see the MSDC website

<https://www.midsuffolk.gov.uk/planning/neighbourhood-planning/neighbourhood-planning-in-mid-suffolk/mendlesham-neighbourhood-plan/>

We have moved onto the next stage of the process, Reg 17

Independent Examination (Autumn 2021) where an independent examination of our modification draft NDP will be undertaken.

Unfortunately and at great loss to our Community, Denise and Terry Moore have now relocated to another part of the County. However, Terry is still very much helping us with our NP work which is somewhat of a relief to all involved! We wish Denise and Terry all the best and have so much to thank them for.

# DOCTOR GOBLINS!

The first full length Children's Novel from Mendlesham's Jack Webb  
(JOHN PLAYER – author) and GARY STOCKER (Illustrator)

Now released on Amazon (Paperback and E-book).

Doctor Goblins! marks a departure from the Cedric the Spider trilogy, although the main characters, Doctor Goblins Locum and Ten Ends, first appear in those earlier tales.

**Illustrations are, for the first time, in full colour throughout!**



Doctor Goblins possess special powers bestowed on them since the beginning of time by Cobalus, The Shadow. Apart from the ability to heal, the Power of Cobalus also enables them to bring everyday objects to life, often with startling results! They are most active at night. If seen by a human in daytime they are immediately petrified in the form of a garden gnome. We follow the interwoven adventures of two doctor goblins, one seeking excitement from his mundane life in Tanglewood, the



other undergoing tests and trials for his apprenticeship some forty years earlier. Their stories are dramatic, combining fantasy with subliminal satire, introducing creatures from nature and folklore, good friends and evil enemies, joyful events, and times of great sadness.

**Expect the unexpected!**

**THE PERFECT CHRISTMAS PRESENT**

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# TOTE RESULTS

<b>Mendlesham Lottery September 2021</b>			
<b>4th September</b>		<b>18th September</b>	
Drawn at Middy Close		Drawn at Mayfield Way	
Chris Watson	£35.00	Pat Grimwade	£35.00
John Bishop	£25.00	Nick Felivera	£25.00
Denise Baker	£15.00	Bernie Doughty	£15.00
Janis Fox	£10.00	Rita Turner	£10.00

<b>2nd October</b>	
Drawn at Mayfield Way	
Dennis Fletcher	£35.00
Sadie Hammond	£25.00
Julie Monaghan	£15.00
Karon Sanders	£10.00

## Mendlesham Over 60's SEPTEMBER 21

Paul Allen welcomed 24 members to this meeting. It was decided that Paul would take over as chair until our A.G.M. in March 2022, by which time we hope to have found a new chairperson. The rest of the committee are staying until then. As we are half way through the year we will only have to pay half our normal membership fee. Three other members were elected to counter sign cheques. Chris Parfitt will be our October 27<sup>th</sup> speaker on the subject of Russia and on November 24<sup>th</sup> John Goodhead will be speaking on Pub Signs. Competition to be sorted.

We had our tea and the raffle and will meet again on October 27<sup>th</sup>.

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 18th November**

25 members attended the September meeting, gradually getting back to normal – well, the new normal. We were pleased to welcome Jane, our County Advisor helper, who in her chat commented on how good it was to hear such a buzz in the room. One member, Enid was proud to show her membership card dated 1952 – congratulations Enid on continuous membership since then and contributing greatly to making Mendlesham WI what it is. Our speakers for the evening were Amy and Stefan, Community Engagement Police Officers who chatted to us about their role and how we can be on our guard to prevent fraud, and how and when to make a 999 or 101 call. They tested how observant we had been during the talk with a crossword quiz, which resulted in us all being awarded a UV pen or whizzer to attach purse or keys to handbag. Amy's mum is a member and must be very proud of her daughter.

Maria explained some new exciting ideas she has to further engage us with the community – to plant spring bulbs in the village and look at the idea of creating a calendar for 2023. (No, NOT one 'with considerably bigger buns', but one featuring our crafty ladies.)

The November meeting is the Annual Meeting, rounding off 2020/21 and looking forward to the new normal of 2021/22. There are still vacancies on the committee and we do hope volunteers will be forthcoming so we can continue with a WI in Mendlesham that first started in 1926. There will be time at this meeting for some social time.

The November meeting will be in the U.R.C. on Tuesday, 16<sup>th</sup>. We also look forward to Jane's Christmas workshop on November 27<sup>th</sup> – names will be taken at the next meeting.

The WI knit, stitch and yarn group continues to meet on the first Wednesday in the month for some crafting, a chat, and refreshments. The next one will be on November 3<sup>rd</sup>.

If you are interested in joining us please contact president Anita (766902). You will be made welcome.



# 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 - of whatever age - and however long ago.*

**ST MARY'S CHURCH  
MENDLESHAM**

**SATURDAY 6TH NOVEMBER  
11.00 am**

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

coffee, tea & cake served afterwards

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

**Parish Council:**

**Mendlesham Playingfield MUGA and WSA projects:**

After unforeseen problems and a delayed build, we are just about finished. It is a real pleasure to see and hear it being enjoyed by all, especially the younger members of our parish. Now we need to arrange an opening ceremony and celebration of everyone's hard work.

**Parish Council:**

**Community Housing:**

We have formed a Mendlesham Community Land Trust, ready to be used as required. Our next challenge now being the need to communicate what this involves, means and ask yourselves to get involved. It has been decided to wait before we communicate further with you on this, whilst we complete the Neighbourhood Plan work, but we are still working on this in the background.

During all of this, we have continued with the regular work of the parish; litter bins have been emptied, the woodland has been maintained and enjoyed and some really important planning matters have been considered.

**Parish Council:**

**Future:**

So what next?

Certainly work to sell and build new premises regarding the Community Centre.

We will continue our work to consider planning matters, the need to ensure our infrastructure and assets are protected and developed to meet the needs of our growing community.

**Parish Council:**

**New Parish Councillor** required.

Further to last month's news, we do have a vacancy. Hopefully some of this work will inspire candidates to come forward to help, either by applying for the position of Parish Councillor when we know the details of the required process or purely on a voluntary informal basis because you are interested in a particular area of work. Please speak to either a Parish Councillor or the Clerk for further information.

## THANK YOU

from Anne Gray  
to all who sponsored me -  
some anonymously -

for the  
Suffolk Historic Churches Trust  
Ride and Stride Day on 11 Sept.



I visited 33 churches & chapels,  
cycling 46.3 miles The total given  
(inc. Gift Aid) was an amazing

**£1,521.50**

divided equally between the SHCT  
and The Friends of St Mary's  
Mendlesham – maintaining our  
historic Grade I listed building

## Want to learn more about the Bible?

**Bible Study by Zoom**

**Starting Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**November 7.30 pm**

**See St Mary's website**

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

**for link**

Now the colder  
months are here...

**HOT SOUP & ROLL,  
COFFEE,  
SAVOURIES & CAKE**



**St Mary's Church  
Every Tuesday  
10.30 am - 12.30 pm**

Enjoy a bowl of soup  
with a roll and cup of  
coffee or tea.

Bring a friend or make  
new ones!

*\*church will be heated*

## Monday Morning meet-up



**We are now open again!**  
**Every Monday morning**  
**in the Old Schoolroom**  
**10am-12pm**

**EVERYBODY** welcome. If you are on your own, retired, widow, widower, new mum/dad, looking for work or whatever your situation...

Come on down and enjoy free tea, coffee, cake and sausage rolls, plus good friendly company.  
There is also a selection of jigsaws, books and magazines to take away free of charge.

### **Stowmarket Wildlife Group – Suffolk Wildlife Trust** **PLANNED EVENT FOR NOVEMBER 2021**

**Wednesday 24 November – WASPS**  
**With Hawk Honey**



A mention of the word wasp usually conjures up dread, but what do we REALLY know about wasps? Come along and join Hawk Honey as we delve into the incredible world of this fascinating range of insects. There's more to them than just being picnic spoilers from the absolute tiny to the unbelievably large all capable of fantastic feats.

This meeting will feature our annual raffle.

All meetings will be held at 7.30pm at the Village Hall, Stowupland, IP14 4BQ  
Admission £2.50.

Meetings of the Suffolk Wildlife Trust, Stowmarket Wildlife Group are subject to regulations and precautions to reduce the risks of Covid-19 transmission for the safety of Trust staff, volunteers, members and the community. Arrangements may change. Please check the Suffolk Wildlife Trust website at [www.suffolkwildlifetrust.org/events](http://www.suffolkwildlifetrust.org/events) for up-to-date information updates about this event.

#### **CONTACT**

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## MENDLESHAM DIRECTORY

1 <sup>st</sup> Mendlesham Guides	Emma Munday	768843
3 <sup>rd</sup> Monday Book Club	Doug Williams	766498
Annual Parish Party	Rachel Roshier	07881 816622
Ancient Order of Foresters	Beatrix Wrinch	07885 909869
Beavers, Cubs and Scouts	Martyn Bryant	01379 788998
Bowls Club	Peter Coleby	766985
Brownies	Brenda Stannard	766308
Camera Club	Mike Favager	766007
Com. Centre/Small Hall Bookings	Sharon Jones	766139
Community Council	Carolyn Triscott	766563
Computer Club	Giles Godart-Brown	07500 042836
District Councillor	Andrew Stringer	01449 780339
Explorer Unit	Jonathan Freeman	01449 766676
Film Nights	Judith Howard-Rees	07770 746619
Football Club	George Yardley Angela Lockwood	07894 512712 07845 471154
F.O.M.S.A	C.P School	766224
Friends of Mendlesham Health Centre	Phil Tucker	01379 678400
History Group	Sue Michell	766434
Old School Room Bookings	Daphne Lambert	766320
Over 60's	Annette Taylor	776552
Parish Council & Playing Field	Sharon Jones	766139
Parish Party Committee	Rachel Roshier	07881 816622
Rainbows	Becky Froude	01473 747772
Saturday Cafe	Brenda Player	768101
School Governors	Sharon Jones	766139
St Mary's Parish Church	Father Philip Gray	766359
St Mary's Church Council	Hazel Spalding	768616
Toddler Group	Selina Cannings	07925 198581
Trustees of Charities	Mike Favager	766007
United Reformed Church	Margaret Jackson	766321
Village Recorder for Mendlesham	Geoff Clarke	766447
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## **Advance Notice**

Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> December

**Santa Claus to visit**

**Mendlesham &**

**Mendlesham Green**

from 5.00 pm,

together with carol

singers, & stopping in a

street near you.

*More details in December newsletter*



## **OBITUARY**




### **Frederick Charles**

Frederick was born in Lewisham and then the family moved to Welling. Before he left school he joined the St John Ambulance Service and was proud to have been chosen to represent them at the funeral of King George VIth. He met Shirley at a youth group at their church and sang in the choir. They married at Welling in 1956, moved to Paddock Wood and then to West Mersea in Essex, and worked at Benhams Printing in Colchester. He and Shirley had 3 children, 7 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren. He retired at the age of 61 when he and Shirley moved to Mayfield Way, Mendlesham. His funeral took place in St Mary's in April and his cremated remains were buried in the churchyard on 17<sup>th</sup> September.



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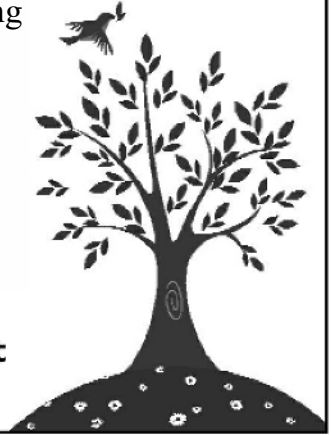
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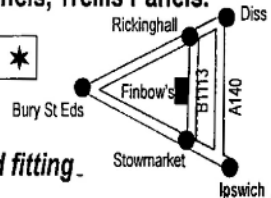
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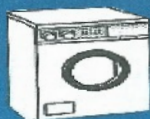
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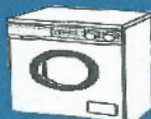
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### SERVICES FOR NOVEMBER

As shown below

- 3<sup>rd</sup>** 2.30pm Afternoon Fellowship – Rev'd Mary Playford  
**7<sup>th</sup>** 4.00pm Mrs Veda Berriman  
**14<sup>th</sup>** 10.45am Remembrance Sunday – Mr Keith Scarff  
**17<sup>th</sup>** 2.30pm Afternoon Fellowship – Mr Keith Scarff  
**28<sup>th</sup>** 10.45am Mr Clive Herrod

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

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

£186 was donated to Christian Aid from our Harvest Festival offertories. Thank you to all who contributed. The Harvest produce was donated to Stowmarket Food Bank.

**Remember, remember the fifth of November  
The gunpowder treason and plot.  
I see no reason why gunpowder treason  
Should ever be forgot.**

The opening of this poem is one that we all remember from childhood, and it could be said that the first 2 words sum up the month of November, (Remember, remember). In the Christian calendar, it starts on the 1<sup>st</sup> of November (mainly for Roman Catholics, Lutherans, and Anglicans) All Saints Day is a universal Christian Feast that honours and remembers all Christian saints, known and unknown. On the 2<sup>nd</sup> of November it is All Souls Day, the commemoration of all the [faithful](#) departed, (again mainly for Roman Catholics, Lutherans, and Anglicans).

Then, of course, there is bonfire night on the 5<sup>th</sup> of November, not a Christian festival but came about by the struggle between Catholics and Protestants. In 1605, Guy Fawkes and a group of conspirators attempted to blow up the Houses of Parliament. After Queen Elizabeth I died in 1603, English Catholics who had been persecuted under her rule had hoped that her successor, James I, would be more tolerant of their religion. James I had, after all, had a Catholic mother. Unfortunately, James did not turn out to be more tolerant than Elizabeth, and a number of young men, 13 to be exact, decided that violent action was the answer.

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To carry out their plan, [the conspirators](#) got hold of 36 barrels of gunpowder - and stored them in a cellar, just under the House of Lords. But as the group worked on the plot, it became clear that innocent people would be hurt or killed in the attack, including some people who even fought for more rights for Catholics. Some of the plotters started having second thoughts.

One of the group members even sent an anonymous letter warning his friend, Lord Monteagle, to stay away from the Parliament on November 5th. The warning letter reached the King, and the King's forces made plans to stop the conspirators. [Guy Fawkes](#), who was in the cellar of parliament with the gunpowder when the authorities stormed it in the early hours of November 5th, was caught, tortured and executed. On the very night that the Gunpowder Plot was foiled, on November 5th, 1605, bonfires were set alight to celebrate the safety of the King. Since then, November 5th has become known as [Bonfire Night](#). The event is commemorated every year with fireworks and burning effigies of Guy Fawkes on a bonfire.

Then we have Remembrance Day and Remembrance Sunday when we as a nation remember the Guns falling silent on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of the 11<sup>th</sup> month at 11 minutes past the 11<sup>th</sup> hour to mark the end of the First World War, and all the wars after that right up to the present day. Whatever we think of wars, sometimes it seems to be necessary to keep our freedoms. Whilst we are remembering all this we also remember (as we do every Sunday and every day) the price Christ paid for us on the cross. Keep remembering in the peace of God.

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## **SUNDAYS:**

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

Saturdays: First Mass of Sunday at 10.00 am.

**Daily Mass:** *see calendar on inside back page & check porch notice, website or 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**  
*- contact Fr Philip*

**Sacrament of Reconciliation**  
*Saturdays at 4.00 pm or contact Fr Philip*



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## WHAT'S ON THIS MONTH

<b>1<sup>st</sup> Nov</b>	9.30: Requiem Mass – November anniversaries
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Nov</b>	<b>ALL SOULS</b> 9.30 Sung Requiem Mass & blessing of graves in churchyard 10.30 – 12.30: Soup, Coffee, Tea, savouries & cake in church 7.30 pm: Bible study by Zoom
<b>5<sup>th</sup> Nov</b>	2.30 pm: Mass at Mason Court – Requiem for departed relatives and friends
<b>6<sup>th</sup> Nov</b>	10.00: First Mass of Sunday 11.00: Service of Light – <i>see separate notice.</i>
<b>7<sup>th</sup> Nov</b>	9.30 Parish Mass. Everyone will be given a candle to be lit and placed on the Lady Chapel altar as a prayer for our departed loved ones
<b>9<sup>th</sup> Nov</b>	10.30 – 12.30: Soup, Coffee, Tea, savouries & cake in church 4.00 pm: Mass
<b>11<sup>th</sup> Nov</b>	<b>St Martin of Tours</b> 9.30: Mass 10.40: Remembrance Service in church with Mendlesham School. All welcome
<b>13<sup>th</sup> Nov</b>	10.00: First Mass of Sunday. Names on the War Memorial will be read out at this Mass
<b>14<sup>th</sup> Nov</b>	9.30: <b>REMEMBRANCE</b> – Requiem Mass for the fallen in WW1, WW2 and all wars since. Wreaths will be laid at our parish memorial and the American memorial. Members of young people's uniformed organisations are invited to attend <b>Please see updates on church website and village e-news</b>
	
<b>15<sup>th</sup> Nov</b>	9.30: Requiem Mass for those who have committed suicide
<b>16<sup>th</sup> Nov</b>	10.30 – 12.30: Soup, Coffee, Tea, savouries & cake in church 2.30 pm: Mass & Healing Service 7.30 pm: Bible study by Zoom
<b>19<sup>th</sup> Nov</b>	2.30 pm: Mass in Mason Court of <i>St Edmund</i>
<b>21<sup>st</sup> Nov</b>	<b>Christ the King</b> 9.30 Parish Mass & procession of Blessed Sacrament. 11.30: PCC in church
<b>23<sup>rd</sup> Nov</b>	St Clement 9.30: Mass. 10.30-12.30: Soup, coffee, tea, savouries & cake in church
<b>27<sup>th</sup> Nov</b>	<b>ADVENT</b> 9.30: Parish Mass & blessing of Advent wreath
<b>30<sup>th</sup> Nov</b>	<b>ST ANDREW</b> 9.30 Mass 10.30 – 12.30: Soup, Coffee, Tea, savouries & cake in church

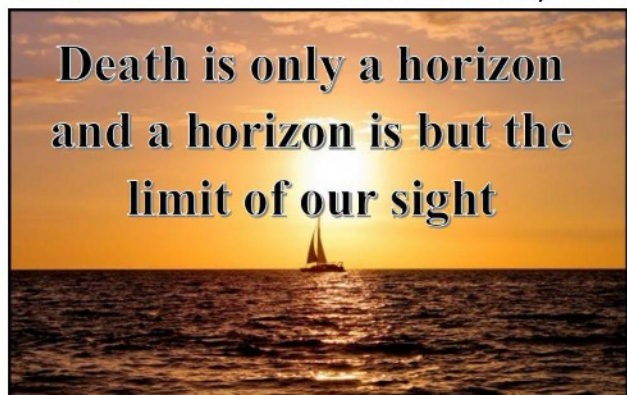


## Fr Philip Writes

In November the Church concentrates on remembering the dead, beginning with All Souls' Day (2<sup>nd</sup> Nov) the Service of Light (6<sup>th</sup>

Nov) the blessing of candles for departed loved ones (7<sup>th</sup> Nov) and Remembrance Sunday (14<sup>th</sup> Nov). There are also several Requiems: for relatives and friends, those who have been forgotten and those who have committed suicide. We know very little about life after death, but when we turn to the Bible it is crystal clear that God is all loving, caring and patient and longs to give us life to the full.

Christians believe that life continues beyond death. Fr Bede Jarrett, an



eminent Dominican historian and author, describes death as follows: ***“Death is only a horizon and a horizon is nothing but the limit of our sight.”***

The empty tomb on Easter Day explained it all. Life is changed, not

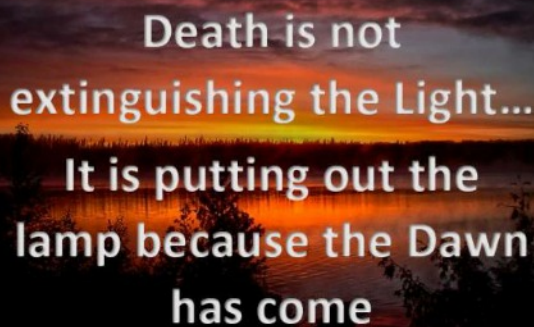
ended, and birth and death have much in common. The child in its mother's womb has a cosy existence and all its needs are provided for, but there is more to life than food, warmth and security. If the child is to grow to its full potential, it must leave its mother's womb and quit one world for another and 'die' to be born. Birth, like death, is seldom easy.

By his Father's House, Jesus meant heaven. Most people enter the world crying and few leave it without regret. This world is like a womb and Jesus said we had to be born again to enter the Kingdom of Heaven. God is a loving Father with a capacity of love and forgiveness which is beyond the ability of us mere



mortals to appreciate. Fr Bede Jarrett also said, **“When I die, I would prefer to be judged by God than my own mother.”**

This month is also associated with cleansing from sin. The Church uses powerful symbols of Holy Water (also a symbol of growth) and Incense – a symbol of prayer. We pray for all the dead in Christ and all the dead whose faith is known to God alone. Death is, indeed, “putting out the lamp because Dawn has arrived.”



Death is not  
extinguishing the Light...  
It is putting out the  
lamp because the Dawn  
has come

#### FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

##### **Naming & Blessing**

**10<sup>th</sup> Oct:           Albert James Wrinch**

##### **Holy Burial**

**17<sup>th</sup> Sept:           Frederick William Ernest Charles, aged 87**

(cremated remains)

#### LOOKING AHEAD

1. On Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> December we will start the ‘SOCKBANK’ – including socks, gloves, hats and scarves – for homeless people cared for by St Martin’s Norwich.
2. On Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> December Bishop Mike will preach at Parish Mass and bless the outside crib. At 5.00pm carol singers will join Santa Claus in his visit to Mendlesham and Mendlesham Green and collect for the homeless. All are welcome to join in and we will finish in church at approx. 8.00 pm with hot soup and mince pies at St Mary’s church.

**PARISH CHURCH OF ST MARY'S MENDLESHAM - CHURCH CALENDAR FOR NOVEMBER 2021**

Date	Church Festival	Mass	Intention (we pray especially for....)	Parish Intention
1		9.30	the departed: November anniversaries	Front Street / Old Orchard
2	ALL SOULS	9.30	the departed	Old Market St / Braybrooke Close
3	St Victorinus	9.30	persecuted Christians	Mill Road and Hobbies Lane
4	St Charles Borromeo	9.30	Christian unity	Chapel Road
5		2.30 pm MC	departed relatives and friends	Church Road / St Mary's Gardens
6		10.00	The Guild of All Souls	Brockford Road
<b>7</b>	<b>32nd Sunday year B</b>	<b>9.30</b>	<b>Parish and Congregation</b>	<b>Glebe Way</b>
8		S.B.	Communicant life	Freelands
9	DEDICATION OF ST JOHN LATERAN	4.00 pm	conservation societies	Ducksen Road
10	St Leo the Great	9.30	those suffering from leprosy	Horsefair Close
11	St Martin of Tours	9.30	the homeless	Mason Court
12	St Josaphat	9.30	all who suffer	Mayfield Way
13		10.00	Parish and Congregation	Mead Way
<b>14</b>	<b>REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY 33rd Sunday year B</b>	<b>9.30</b>	<b>all who gave their lives in the 2 World Wars and since</b>	<b>Old Station Rd / Cuttings Close / Schools Close</b>
15		9.30	those who have committed suicide	Middy Close / The Sidings
16	St Margaret of Scotland	2.30 pm	the sick - healing ministry	Wash Lane / Oak Farm Lane
17	St Elizabeth of Hungary	8.00 am	all who are hungry	Norwich Road / Bluehouse Lane
18		4.00 pm	departed members of Soc OLW, SOM & CBS	Mendlesham Green
19	of St Edmund	2.30 pm MC	the Church in East Anglia	Tan Office
20	ST EDMUND	10.00	Forward in Faith & the Society	Outlying houses
<b>21</b>	<b>CHRIST THE KING</b>	<b>9.30</b>	<b>Parish and Congregation</b>	<b>Farms in Mendlesham</b>
22	St Cecilia	9.30	musicians	Local industries
23	St Clement	9.30	all seafarers	Pub & places of recreation
24	St Andrew Dung-Lac	9.30	the Church in Vietnam	Mendlesham School
25	St Catherine of Alexandria	9.30	peace of the world	SMF: Patrons of Mendlesham
26		9.30	the forgotten dead	Village Organisations
27		10.00	readiness for Christ's coming	Fr Philip
<b>28</b>	<b>ADVENT SUNDAY</b>	<b>9.30</b>	<b>Parish and Congregation</b>	<b>Other places of Worship</b>
29		9.30	departed priests	PCC, Parish and Community Councils
30	ST ANDREW	9.30	mission of the Church	Local Doctors and Nurses

**MC: Mass in Mason Court - S.B.: Please see Church website and weekly bulletin**



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