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Deadline for October Issue

6th September 2021

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

Editorial

Welcome to the September issue. As we try to put the restrictions of the past seventeen months behind us, planning activities for the Autumn take on new significance. I am sure that socialising once more with friends comes close to the top of the list. Children soon return to school and college and we all move forwards in friendship and hope.

*Best Wishes & Thanks
Gemma*

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Geoff Clarke

THE PARISH COUNCIL



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Wetheringsett, Suffolk IP14 5PL

Tel 01449 766139

Email: parishclerk@mendleshampc.org

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

Your Councillors are:

- Paul Allen tel 766543
- Andy Davey tel 01449 768862 (Chairperson)
- Mike Exley tel 766246 (Emergency Planning Co ordinator for Mendlesham)
- Denise Foster tel 768978
- Norman Foster tel 768978
- Brian Gardiner tel 766648
- Sandie Judd tel 0333 006 2706
- David Nunn (Emergency Planning Co ordinator for Mendlesham Green, Tan Office and outlying properties) tel 767158
- Helen Orton tel 767741
- Liz Ward tel 766562
- Sabrina Webb

Meetings:

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

Wednesday 6th October 2021 Ordinary Parish Council meeting Old School Room, Mendlesham 7pm.

Parish Council:

Mendlesham Community Centre :

You will have noticed that work on converting the Small Hall into the new SEND unit has commenced. Please note there has been no formal decision to sell the Community Centre Charity owned parts of the existing building, only to start the works. If no decision to sell is reached, a legal arrangement is in place to ensure the Small Hall will be returned for Community use. Hire of the Main Hall and Changing Rooms by the community is still possible. Contact details to arrange hire will be published shortly via E News and the next edition of this newsletter. In the meanwhile please contact the Parish Clerk.

Mendlesham Parish Council: Vacancy

A vacancy has arisen for the role of Mendlesham Street Cleaner, employed by Mendlesham Parish Council.

Responsibilities will include:

- Emptying designated litter bins
- Litter picking in designated streets and areas of Mendlesham village
- Dealing with other street cleansing requirements as required.

The successful candidate will:

- Have manual skills
- Good attention to detail
- Be able to work unsupervised
- Be able to identify and communicate any areas requiring attention to the Council
- Provide a good public image as an employee of the Council
- Be able to protect your own safety and that of others when working.

Minimum 3.5 hours per week (2 x 1.75 hourly shifts)

Closing date for applications: 30th September 2021.

Interviews to take place week commencing 11th October 2021.

For further information and an application form, please contact:

Sharon Jones, Clerk to Mendlesham Parish Council, Honeysuckle, Hockey Hill, Wetheringsett, IP14 5PL, Tel: 01449 766139, Email: parishclerk@mendleshampc.org

Mendlesham Parish Council Equal Opportunities Policy and Recruitment and Selection Policy can be seen at <https://mendlesham.suffolk.cloud/mendlesham-parish-council/policies/>



MENDLESHAM CAMERA CLUB



The next meeting will be on Tuesday 7th
September - in the Old School Room at 1930.

The challenge this month is for a post card - a project we have been learning about for a few months. We submit the entry to a Dropbox, these will be displayed and discussed. In the second part of the meeting a member will tell us about a photography course he attended.

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

Meeting will, of course, be subject to Government guidelines in place at the time.

**MENDLESHAM
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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!

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

Mendlesham Walks

Saturday 18 September 2021

Meet at

Community Centre Car Park 10.30am

2 hour walk within the Parish

AND

Walking on a Wednesday

Shorter, slower walks of about 1½ hours

Wednesday 29 September 2021

Meet at

Community Centre Car Park 10.30am



Come and join us!

Stay safe and keep walking!



Contact Judith on 07770 746619 or email mendleshamwalks@gmail.com

To added to the Email Circulation List or for more information

See Mendlesham Parish Website for further information about local walks

<http://mendlesham.suffolk.cloud/clubs-and-organisations>

Select 'Walking Group' or just Google 'Mendlesham Walks'



**Raising Money for
Cancer Research UK**



**Sunday 12th September Stackyard Nursery
Tractor Road Run**

A tractor road run will be taking place to raise money for Cancer Research UK. The tractors will be leaving Stackyard Nursery in Mendlesham 10.30am Sunday 12th September and will travel down Old Market Street on to Church Road and will be going through Mendlesham Green 11am. The tractors will then return to Stackyard Nursery for 2pm where we will be selling hot dogs and burgers and holding a raffle.

All welcome to come and see the tractors.

No entry charge, but buckets for donations to Cancer Research UK will be at entrance.

Proud to be in our Parish

The tall man who daily walks round the parish who is seldom seen without his cine-camera is **Geoff Clarke**.

Geoff, his wife, Meg, plus Gemma, youngest of three daughters, moved to Mendlesham in 2006 from Haughley. His family maintain that he has film and sound recording running through his veins.

Born in Doncaster in the middle of WW2, Geoff relocated to Norwich in 1947 with his parents and two siblings. He was attracted to the sounds and images of the cinema as a schoolboy and was frequently summoned by teachers to present 16mm films as they struggled with the technology. Schooling offered no joy for Geoff as he battled with undiagnosed Dyslexia and poor eyesight. Employment in Electro-finishing and Motor Vehicle Technology were soon abandoned as the cinema industry proved irresistible. After training in electrical maintenance with VEH Cinemas as a projectionist Geoff became Chief Operator/Manager at The Regal Cinema in Stowmarket at the age of twenty.

A slump in the cinema industry in 1963 resulted in a move to Eastern Electricity as a Craftsman Electrical Fitter in Telecommunications for thirty years. Geoff never abandoned his interest in film. He maintained connections with The Regal Cinema showing films evenings and weekends and became a film presenter for the East Anglian Film Archive based at the University of East Anglia going on to work part-time as a Technical Manager and Assistant Archivist responsible for film restoration and printing. He designed for manufacture a device for printing 17.5mm film, worked with media students, showed films at Ipswich Corn Exchange and Cambridge Arts Theatre and collaborated with the producers of ITV's 'The Way We Were' series. He remained involved on a voluntary basis after retirement.

Geoff was also a Recorder for the Suffolk Local History Council using film as a medium for recording village events. This led to a publication in 1989, in collaboration with others, of 'The Haughley Photographic Collection, Past and Present' and in 2005 'The Book of Haughley,' featuring many of his photographs. During twenty-eight years in Haughley Geoff also found time to serve fifteen years on the Parish Council, some of the term as Chairman!

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A lover of classical music and member of the Stowmarket Choral Society, Geoff sang in solo roles at home and abroad as well as being the official photographer and concert recordist. This interest in sound recording led to his role as Trustee and Chairman of the Cotton Mechanical Music Museum and Bygones from 1983 until its closure in 2017.

Geoff continued the voluntary role as Parish Recorder in Mendlesham. Video-recording is now his preferred medium capturing changes and events and presenting an annual Newsreel for public presentation. Naturally he helped set up the Film Nights in the small hall until its recent closure.

He enjoys being part of Mendlesham Bowls Club and walking and cycling.

Geoff, we are proud to have you in our parish.

If you would like to feature someone who is proud to be in our parish, let me know. Judith@milllodge.co.uk or give me a ring on 01449 766327 or Text/WhatsApp on 07770 746619

Parish Council:

Street Furniture:

Thank you to all involved.

We now have a new green grit bin at the corner of Church Road and Brockford Road Mendlesham which replaces the damaged old bin.

The Mendlesham Green parish noticeboard, previously located at the Bus Shelter at the Scout Site has now been rejuvenated and situated at the entrance to Mendlesham Green playingfields. We hope this will be a better location, for more to visit.

An order has been placed for the village sign at Mendlesham to be re coated. This will not happen for some months but we are on the waiting list.

A review is currently taking place regarding the location of our litter bins, some minor changes will be made, including where necessary replacement.

The condition and potential need to clean the USA 34th Bomb Memorial, located in the churchyard at St Mary's Church Mendlesham has been raised and researched. Confirmation has been received that no actions are required and all is as it should be.

Parish Council:**Mendlesham Playingfields:**

With thanks to George Yardley, who has volunteered and been appointed to co ordinate hire for Mendlesham Playingfields and the MUGA.

George can be contacted via email playingfields@mendleshampc.org and we would hope that the majority of you will be able to contact him this way.

However, if any one cannot, please telephone the Parish Clerk, who will then pass on contact details for George to contact you by telephone accordingly.

Playingfield hire fees had been suspended over the summer, whilst village organisations felt more comfortable meeting outside and as a community, it was really important to help the community make steps towards being able to meet again.

From 1st September 2021 , playingfield fees will be levied as before, £50 per match to play on the Parish Council owned football pitch which will be white lined, everywhere else, all users, including football users to arrange whitelining of the other pitches themselves, £10 per hour with the 4th hour free.

The Muga is now available for private hire. Fee £20 per hour plus £5 per hour lighting as required. Please note at times the MUGA will be locked and not available for general use. This will be preceding a private hire, the need to prevent damage to the surface, or for maintenance works.

Debenham Ladies Badminton Club

Debenham Ladies Badminton Club, now 14 years old, has a loyal group of regular, friendly members of mixed ages and abilities and meets weekly at Debenham Leisure Centre. From September 7th our sessions are on Tuesday mornings from 9am to 10.15am, with the opportunity to purchase tea and coffee from the bar afterwards for anyone who has the time to stay for a chat. A session costs £5 and they are normally run by our professional coach, Jo Hughes, who was the club's founding member and gives us group and individual coaching (all included in the price!!!) in an encouraging and positive manner.

We provide feather shuttlecocks (better than plastic ones) and can lend new players a racquet, making it really easy for anyone to come along and see how they like it.

We welcome new members: so, whether you or are a beginner, experienced player or fancy getting back into badminton after a break, this a highly enjoyable and sociable way of making new friends, and improving wellbeing and fitness. It would be lovely to see you.

You are welcome to just turn up, or, if you have any questions please call or email either:

Secretary Alison Millin, Tel: 07841646569, debenhamladiesbadders@gmail.com

Coach Jo Hughes, Tel: 07947 406476, joannhughes14@gmail.com

Or contact Debenham Leisure Centre on 01728 861101.

IS YOUR HOME SAFE FROM FIRE?



Suffolk Fire and Rescue Service

Safer Home Visit

Please contact us if you:

- Have concerns over fire safety in your home
- Do not have working smoke alarms
- You cannot hear your alarms at home

A **free** visit by a specialist Prevention Practitioner, Community Fire Volunteer or Operational crew

SFRS Prevention team and Firefighters are dedicated to saving lives by working with the community, discussing fire safety and offering advice to eliminate or reduce the risk of a fire occurring in the home. **Free** smoke alarms will be fitted if you do not have any.



Customer feedback,

Mrs B has phoned in to pass her thanks on to your practitioner for a very helpful Safer Home Visit. Mrs B said the service was excellent, efficient, and feels far more safe after the visit.

Call Fire Business Support 01473 260588



Young people raise almost £1000 for their new scout hut

Two members of 1st Mendlesham Scout Group have raise nearly £1000 between them in aid of a new scout hut for 1st Mendlesham Scouts.

George Skilling age 11, who attends scouts, and Robert Sharpe age 8, who attends Cubs, took part in a sponsored bike/hike during June to support the fundraising efforts of the Scout group, who need to raise £250,000 to build a new scout hut in Mendlesham Green.

George raised £300 by completing a cycle ride with the rest of his scout troop during their weekly section meeting. He completed a 12 mile route, starting and finishing at the scout field in Mendlesham Green and took in places such as Cotton, Old Newton and cycling off road along Swill Tub Lane, Hundred Lane and Middy Railway. This was part of his personal challenge to complete 50 miles.

Robert raised £600.50 by completing a 10.2 mile hike, starting at Little Stonham and ending up at Barham where his grandparents live, taking in Stonham Aspal, Coddendam and various farms along the way.

Robert said "My friend Charlie helped me by also raising some money and doing the walk with me. I've also had help from my Mum and Dad for getting some more sponsors." He added "it's important to raise money for a new scout hut, because we will be able to pass the building down to other children who would like to do scouts too. It will help us have a good place to learn different things like about the RAF and staying dry too!"

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The scout group currently need to raise £250,000 to build a new hut due to their old building becoming unsafe and having to be removed. They have planning permission in place to build a log-style cabin with main hall, kitchen, office and storage facilities on the site of their old building at Mendlesham Green. The building will also provide a much- needed community space that other community groups will be able to hire for their meetings, and local residents can hire for private functions.

Martyn Bryant, Group Scout Leader said "Both George and Robert have shown their commitment to our fundraising to build our new Scout Hut. They have taken the Scout & Cub motto to the letter 'Do Your Best'. Robert is a very new Cub and has only been a member since April, so has definitely shown his enthusiasm. By receiving support from our young members and their parents/carers, we will be able to fundraise more money in our quest to build our new HQ with better facilities than we had before. WELL DONE GEORGE & ROBERT."

To find out more about 1st Mendlesham Scouts new hut project please visit www.1stmendleshamscouts.org.uk



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.



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TOTE RESULTS

Mendlesham Lottery July 2021			
10th July		24th July	
Lisa O'Neal	£35.00	Joan Hill	£35.00
David Skilling	£25.00	Liz Rutherford	£25.00
Christine Bruce	£15.00	Linda Cle	£15.00
Harry Salisbury	£10.00	Jeromy Duszyski	£10.00



1st Mendlesham Scout Group collected just over 2500 tokens from the EADT and EDP. So a huge thank you to the residents who helped us with this.

WARNING!

We are sad to say that it has come to our notice that we have had a case of vandalism in the village. Potentially with a view to theft of heating oil from a tank. The perpetrators broke through a fence into the back garden of a house and then attempted to break into the oil tank. On this occasion they were not successful in acquiring the oil but they did cause an expensive amount of damage to the fence and the tank, as well as stealing a fence post.

This action took place between 9 pm Sunday 25 July and 5.45 am Monday 26 July and it would be most helpful if anyone has any information regarding this or any other similar incident.

Any information in respect of this incident should be reported to the police, who have been advised of the incident. The Crime Number is 37/40867/21.

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 23rd September**

Rural Coffee Caravan

Making a difference to rural communities throughout Suffolk

Come and share a pot of tea, our welcome is warm and our friendship free!

We'll be visiting

10am - 12 noon

Friday 3rd September 2021

Mendlesham Community Centre Car Park

It's a great source of information as well as a chance for a chat and some company over free tea, coffee and delicious cake. Please bring along your own chair for this visit. Feel free to bring your own mug too, though we will provide disposable cups.

Anyone and everyone welcome!



www.ruralcoffeecaravan.org.uk tel:01379 855 338



Rural Coffee Caravan is a registered charity. No. 1187423

11th September
Suffolk Historic Churches Trust
Ride and Stride Day



Cyclists, walkers, horse riders and motorists can be sponsored for visits to churches. Half sponsor money to SHCT & half to the church of your choice.

Anne Gray will cycle again to raise funds for the Friends of St Mary's and would welcome sponsors.

See her JustGiving Page:
<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/anne-gray-mendlesham>

Forms from Andi Elstone:
07950 317122

QUIZ NIGHT

With Quiz Master : Andi

@ URC Mendlesham



Tea, Coffee & Nibbles available

FRIDAY 24th September 2021
7.30PM START

ENTRY : £5.00 per person - Teams up to 6 people

Organised by 'The Friends of St Mary's' - registered charity number 200823

Friends of St Mary's FREE COFFEE MORNING



EVERY TUESDAY
10.30am to 12.30pm

@ St Mary's Church
Church Road
Mendlesham, IP14 5SF

Mendlesham Community Council's Future The Result are in!

Thank you for participating in the Questionnaire
Join us for the Annual General Meeting

Monday 27 September 7:30pm

Community Centre Main Hall

The meeting will be preceded by an

Open Extraordinary Meeting

For the Results to be presented and Proposals made for the future



Please complete a nomination form for the positions below

Chairman

To oversee the management of the MCC and build on the success of the past. In particular enable a review of the Constitution, decide the format for future operation and develop plans for 2022 and beyond based on the feedback from the recent Questionnaire.

Secretary

To provide General Administrative support for the activities of the MCC including taking the minutes of meetings and dealing with correspondence.

Treasurer

To keep the accounts and prepare for end of year audit following receipt and payments of monies associated with the MCC.

The outgoing Honorary Officers plan to remain members and provide support to those taking the MCC forward

More results from Adrian Last

On the 8th & 9th of August I took part in The World English Sporting and Sportrap at E J Churchills shooting ground near Oxford.

The sporting was shoot on two 1 hundred bird layouts, the first I shot 63 it was very difficult terrain on steep banks which did my scores no favour's at all, and the second day the going was much easier in the wheelchair and I shot much better shooting 78 ex 100. Before that I took part in the Sportrap which another discipline shooting 65 ex 100. The scores where sufficient for me to take a gold medal in both discipline's.

I am this week embarking on shooting the English Sportrap at High Lodge Shooting ground at Darsham, with the British Sporting and Sportrap in early September.

Mendlesham Community Council
Annual General Meeting 27 September 2021
Nominations for Honorary Officer positions

I would like to stand for the position of Chairperson <input type="checkbox"/> Secretary <input type="checkbox"/> Treasurer <input type="checkbox"/>	I am a member of the MCC <input type="checkbox"/> I have applied for membership of the MCC <input type="checkbox"/>
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My 2 Sponsors are:

Name:

Contact details:

Name:

Contact details:

Signed Date.....

Printed Name

Contact Details

**Please return form to the current Secretary, Nancy Bagnall,
 19 Old Market Street, Mendlesham by Monday 20 September**



**MENDLESHAM EDUCATIONAL
 FOUNDATION**



Are you planning to go to college or university later this year? The above Charity has limited funds available to give grant assistance to eligible students under the age of 25 living in Mendlesham, or whose parents live in Mendlesham. To apply for consideration please request an application details from the clerk Mike Favager, by email mike@favager.co.uk. or phone 766007

Completed applications must be received by mid September to be considered for the autumn term payment.

New to the Village

The friendliest couple you could meet – **Anne and Phil Webb**. ‘We’re not new’ says Anne, ‘we feel like we have been here ages.’ ‘And we’re not going anywhere else!’ said Phil.

On this occasion they have not come far, leaving Wyverstone 3 ½ years ago. Having had a lovely big garden they felt they wanted to downsize but still have a decent size home for the family to visit. A new house on Stationfields fitted the bill. They knew Mendlesham had all of the amenities they were looking for together with the reputation of a great community spirit.

But what keeps them so bubbly (Anne) and a pragmatic, dry, quick wit (Phil)? Answer, their approach to life. They met in 1967 at Marston’s Brewery in Burton on Trent. Phil was in the Architect’s Department and Anne in the Wines and Spirits Department. Anne, who played for the Ladies Hockey team challenged the men to a game, and became the founder of a Mixed Hockey team, Phil was hooked.

After a lot of fun and games, they were married in 1983.

Anne moved to Bovril/Marmite to work as a Telephonist /Receptionist leaving when their son Chris was born. Phil ultimately became Marston’s Property Director.

Marston’s were taken over in 1999 and Phil moved to Greene King in Suffolk, obviously the family came too.

On retirement, neither of them could stop enjoying work and life. With their son, daughter in law and two grandchildren in Canada, they now had time to make regular visits to see them all. Phil renovated their house in Wyverstone, became a Parish Councillor and later Chair of the Parish Council and a Police Volunteer, for which he won an Award for his commitment to the role.

Anne, became a volunteer classroom assistant when Chris started Primary School and continued in this role for 25 years, 15 of which were in Bacton Primary School. With her love for gardening, (or was it the Wines and Spirits Department of long ago?) was persuaded by a friend to help at **Wyken Vineyard**. (<https://wykenvineyards.co.uk/>) That led to part time work which she still enjoys. Both are members of the **Stowmarket u3a**, Anne a committee member and Phil Vice Chair. (<https://u3astowmarket.wordpress.com/>). They run the u3a Walking Group and are members of the **Mendlesham Walking Group**, the village **Tote**, **History Group** and will be back at the **Sat Café** when it re opens.

If you meet them in the street, you are sure of a warm, cheerful greeting.

Anne and Phil, we are delighted that you moved to Mendlesham. Welcome.

To feature someone you know who is new to our villages and would like a mention, contact me at Judith@milllodge.co.uk or give me a ring on 01449 766327 or Text/WhatsApp on 07770 746619



Suffolk Wildlife Trust Stowmarket Wildlife Group

A Triple Celebration

- 16 Years of the Stowmarket Wildlife Group
- 60 Years of the Suffolk Wildlife Trust
- Our First meeting for more than a year

Wednesday 22 September at 7.30 pm
Stowupland Village Hall

Find out

What the Suffolk Wildlife Trust has achieved in 60 years, and what is it doing now and for the future.

What the Stowmarket Wildlife Group has achieved in the Stowmarket District.

About wildlife in one part in our area.

Have fun

Refreshments and socialising.

Light-hearted quiz.

Admission £2.50.

For more detail, contact John Thompson
email: swtstowmarket@gmail.com Tel: 01449 676471

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.

MENDLESHAM DIRECTORY

1 st Mendlesham Guides	Emma Munday	766096
3 rd Monday Book Club	Doug Williams	766498
Annual Parish Party	Rachel Roshier	07881 816622
Ancient Order of Foresters	Beatrix Wrinch	07885 909869
Bowls Club	Peter Coleby	766985
Brownies	Brenda Stannard	766308
Com. Centre/Small Hall Bookings	Sharon Jones	766139
Community Council	Carolyn Triscott	766563
Community First Responders	Mike Favager	766007
Computer Club	Giles Godart-Brown	07500 042836
District Councillor	Andrew Stringer	01449 780339
Film Nights	Judith Howard-Rees	07770 746619
F.O.M.S.A	C.P School	766224
Friends of Mendlesham Health Centre	Phil Tucker	01379 678400
History Group	Sue Michell	766434
Mendlesham Parish Party Committee	Rachel Roshier	07881 816622
Mendlesham Camera Club	Mike Favager	766007
Beavers, Cubs and Scouts	Martyn Bryant	01379 788998
Mendlesham Explorer Unit	Jonathan Freeman	01449 766676
Mendlesham FC	Tim Mack Angela Lockwood	07909 810681 07845 471154
Mendlesham Toddler Group	Selina Cannings	07925 198581
Mendlesham Walking Group	Judith Howard-Rees	07770 746619
Mendlesham Writers Group	Noel Fletcher	766968
Old School Room Bookings	Daphne Lambert	766320
Over 60's	Annette Taylor	776552
Parish Council & Playing Field	Sharon Jones	766139
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
Trustees of Charities	Mike Favager	766007
United Reformed Church	Margaret Jackson	766321
Village Recorder for Mendlesham	Geoff Clarke	766447
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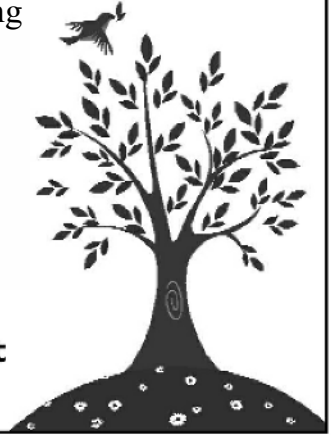
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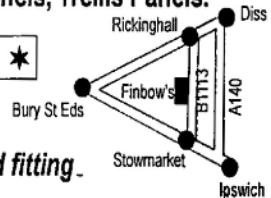
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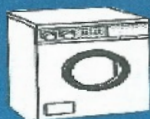
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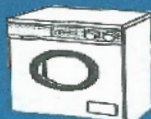
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It is often in unsuspecting places that we find we meet with God the easiest. For some Christians during the pandemic, they have found the space and time to rediscover God, in those times away from others. Psalm 121 reminds us that God is ever watching over us even though we don't always recognise it, Psalm 121 is very much a Psalm of comfort.

We all need to find our own "thin places" to be with God, to get away from the noise, clamour and bustle of everyday life, and to refocus ourselves to what our priorities in life are. I would encourage all of you whether you have found your "thin place" or to find your "thin place", to keep rediscovering it, as we come out of this pandemic and not to lose it, but to keep rediscovering that time with God and maybe take time to read Psalm 121, and let it be a Psalm of comfort for you.

Yours in Christ.

Robert

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SUNDAYS

9.30 a.m. Parish Mass & Address

First Mass of Sunday:

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(PLEASE NOTE THE NEW TIME.)

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

Daily Morning & Evening Prayer
see porch notice.

For Pastoral visits, Baptism
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Reserved Sacrament, contact Fr Philip

Sacrament of Reconciliation

4.00 pm on Friday 3rd & 24th Sept and
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WHAT'S ON THIS MONTH OF SPECIAL NOTE
Mass offered daily. Sunday Parish Mass is also LIVESTREAMED
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1st Sept	9.30 – Requiem: September anniversaries
7th Sept	9.30 – Mass: 10.30 – 12.00 – Coffee morning in church
8th Sept	BIRTHDAY OF OUR LADY – 8.00 am - Mass
10th Sept	6.00 pm – Guided Tour of St Mary’s Church by Fr Philip. £5 to include refreshments. This is an opportunity to learn more about our historic church, which dates back to 1200 AD
11th Sept	Ride and Stride Day 9.00 – 5.00 pm.
12th Sept	5.00 pm Evensong at Mundon, Essex, near Maldon – a church cared for by the Friends of Friendless Churches. Preacher: Fr Philip
14th Sept	HOLY CROSS DAY 9.30 – Mass: 10.30 – 12.00 –Coffee morning
19th Sept	9.30 Parish Mass - PCC after Parish Mass
21st Sept	ST MATTHEW Fr Philip gives thanks for 52 years as a priest and 47 years as Vicar of Mendlesham. 9.30 – Mass 10.30 – 12.20 – coffee morning in church
24th Sept	OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM 9.30 – Mass 7.30 pm: Quiz night in URC for Friends of St Mary’s
25th Sept	10.00 – Mass: 2.00 pm – Round Tower Churches Society AGM at Ilketshall St Andrew
28th Sept	9.30 – Mass 10.30 – 12.00 – Coffee morning in church
29th Sept	Ss MICHAEL, GABRIEL & RAPHAEL , Archangels. 2.30 pm- Mass, laying-on-of-hands & anointing. Our first healing service after many months’ absence.

LOOKING BACK

1. Thanks to all who supported George, Max and Harry at their Confirmation & for contributions to the party afterwards.
2. Fr Philip celebrated a Requiem Mass for Fr Timothy on Fri 30th July and his funeral Requiem at St Barnabas Tunbridge Wells on 5th August. Fr Timothy had a great love of people and always ministered to them where they were. He fought for the Catholic Faith in the Church of England and his life was grounded in the Daily Mass and Offices (prayers) of the Church, from which he never retired. He assisted at St Mary’s, St Mary Elms Ipswich and St James’ Clacton, was always full of fun. May he rest in the peace of Christ.

Father Philip writes...

As we watch the harvest being gathered in we should be thankful that we do not go to bed hungry. Our problem in the developed

world is that most of us have too much food. It is estimated that the butter alone, if put into supermarket-sized packets, would reach half way to the moon. I regret that stockpiling food is accepted as normal. Martin Luther King had a simple answer: **“We can store our surplus food free of charge in the shrivelled stomachs of the millions of God’s children who go to bed hungry at night.”**

In describing the things on which followers would be judged, Christ put on the top of the list: “I was hungry and you did not feed me.” We are all called to share, after the example of the little boy in the feeding of the 5,000 (*John 5 v 1-11*). **“One of the disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother, said, “There is a small boy here with five barley loaves and two fish; but what is that between so many?”** We know what happened next.



We support Christian Aid; we support those in need at home locally through the Stowmarket FoodBank. At Harvest we support St Martin’s Housing Trust, Norwich, helping homeless people. Do we give – or do we walk away because we feel it encourages people to be lazy and ‘dependent’?



St Teresa of Calcutta (Mother Teresa) told how once in India she came across a family that had not eaten for days. It was a Hindu family. She took a small quantity of rice and gave it to the mother of the family. What happened next surprised her. That mother divided the rice into two halves and took one half to the family next door – which happened to be a Muslim family. Seeing this, Mother Teresa turned to the mother and asked, **“How much will you have left over? Are there not enough of yourselves?”** The woman replied simply: **“But**

they haven’t eaten for days either.”

“That,” said Mother Teesa, **“takes greatness.”** The woman’s greatness consisted in being able to look beyond her own and her family’s need.

A priest had just said Mass when a woman came into the vestry to say her shopping bag had been taken from the church. The priest expected her to say: **“What kind of person would steal from another in God’s house?”** However, without a trace of anger or bitterness, she said, **“Maybe the person who took it needs it more than I do.”**

It is easy to preach generosity, but this woman practised it. Hers was generosity from the heart.

At Mass the Word of God nourishes us in this banquet with His Body and Blood, so we in our turn are able to nourish others. Giving is not just giving things, but giving ourselves, our time, energy and love. Joy is one of the lovely fruits of generosity. You rarely meet a generous person who is sad – and you rarely meet a happy miser. Someone wrote: **“I cannot gauge my wealth by an inventory of what is in the bank. The only valid gauge is an inventory of what I have in my heart.”**



I hope we shall have a generous response to our harvest appeals next month.

3rd October: **9.30 Parish Mass & Blessing of good clothes, socks, blankets & toiletries for the homeless**

10th October: **Blessing of vegetables, tins & packets of food for the homeless in Norwich.**

I hope we shall have a school harvest service on 8th October to support the homeless. All year there are 2 red boxes inside church for the Stowmarket FoodBank which are emptied regularly. Our prayer this month should be:

“Lord, may I have a generous heart.”

FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

Holy Baptism

8th August: Erin Ava Lomax

Holy Confirmation (by the Bishop of Richborough)

22nd July: Harry James Elstone

Max Charles Morgan-Lucas

George Oliver John Jessup

Holy Burial

29th July: Michael George Denny, aged 64

cremated remains (Mendlesham Green)

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

Date	Church Festival	Mass	Intention (we pray especially for....)	Parish Intention
1		9.30	the departed; Sept. anniversaries	Front Street / Old Orchard
2		SB	peace of the world	Old Market St / Braybrooke Close
3	ST GREGORY THE GREAT	9.30	the conversion of England	Mill Road and Hobbies Lane
4		10.00	all with speech impediments	Chapel Road
5	23rd SUNDAY Yr B	9.30	Parish and Congregation	Church Road / St Mary's Gardens
6		9.30	those with disabilities	Brockford Road
7		9.30	all practising the ministry of Deliverance	Glebe Way
8	BIRTHDAY OF OUR LADY	8.00 am	Society of Mary	Freelands
9		9.30	victims of abuse	Ducksen Road
10		9.30	Christian Unity	Horsefair Close
11		10.00	Ride and Stride day	Mason Court
12	24th SUNDAY Yr B	9.30	Parish and Congregation	Mayfield Way
13	St John Chrysostom	8.00 am	all who are sick	Mead Way
14	HOLY CROSS DAY	9.30	the Society of the Holy Cross	Old Station Rd / Cuttings Close / Schools Close
15	Our Lady of Sorrows	9.30	all who are bereaved	Middy Close / The Sidings
16	Ss Cornelius & Cyprian	9.30	those who reject the Gospel	Wash Lane / Oak Farm Lane
17		9.30	forgiveness and reconciliation	Norwich Road / Bluehouse Lane
18		10.00	humility	Mendlesham Green
19	25th SUNDAY Yr B	9.30	Parish and Congregation	Tan Office
20	Ss Andrew Kim, Taegon & Paul Chong Hasan	9.30	Forward in Faith & The Society	Outlying houses
21	ST MATTHEW, Apostle, Evangelist	9.30	Fr Philip on his ordination anniversary	Farms in Mendlesham
22		8.00 am	Bishop Norman	Local industries
23	St Pius (Padre Pio)	9.30	the General Synod elections	Pub, Community Centre & places of recreation
24	Our Lady of Walsingham	8.00 am	Walsingham	Mendlesham School
25		10.00	all Communicants	SMF: Patrons of Mendlesham
26	26th SUNDAY Yr B	9.30	Parish and Congregation	Village Organisations
27	St Vincent de Paul	9.30	all carers	Fr Philip
28	St Wenceslaus	9.30	HM the Queen & her Government	Other places of Worship
29	Ss MICHAEL, GABRIEL & RAPHAEL	2.30 pm	the sick; healing ministry	PCC, Parish and Community Councils
30	St Jerome	8.00 am	theological students	Local Doctors and Nurses
SB: Please see Church website and weekly bulletin				



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