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6th August 2022

Front Cover

Meg Clarke

Editorial

Welcome to the August issue. We have reached the month associated with sunshine, holidays and icecream.

There has already been a long spell of hot weather so we are practised in using the suncream, keeping hydrated and hunting for shade.

Whatever you do with friends and family stay safe and enjoy.

Best Wishes
Gemma

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50/50 shop open -
Every Tuesday & Friday
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THE PARISH COUNCIL



Parish Clerk: Sharon Jones, Honeysuckle, Hockey Hill,
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
- Daniel Lummis 07584630988
- David Nunn (Emergency Planning Co ordinator for Mendlesham Green, Tan Office and outlying properties) tel 767158
- Helen Orton tel 767741
- Liz Ward tel 766562

Meetings:

Wednesday 10 August 2022 Ordinary meeting 7pm, Old School Room, Mendlesham

Wednesday 7 September 2022 Ordinary meeting 7pm, Old School Room, Mendlesham

All welcome



Mendlesham Walking Group

No walking group in August. Look out for
September dates

MENDLESHAM 'SAT-CAF'

Saturday, 6th August 10.00 – 14.00

OLD SCHOOL ROOM, MENDLESHAM

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

July Draw Winner (Basket of Fruit):

John Player

(Kindly donated by Michael Exley)

MENDLESHAM 50150 STOP

Open Tuesdays and Fridays 2 - 4pm

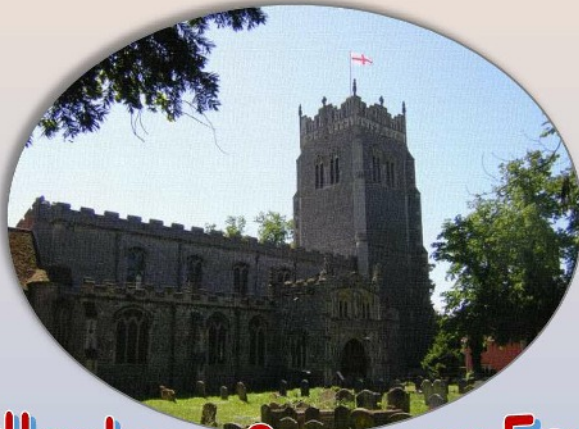
Browse our range of clothing and shoes for all the family,
plus jewellery, accessories, homewares, books and more.

Half price sale: 9 - 26 August

Saturday opening: 20 August 12.30 - 3pm

Find us in the green pavilion near the toddler play equipment on
Station Road, Mendlesham. What3words: ///novelist.thin.tint.

Friday 12th August
St Mary's Church – all welcome!



Mendlesham Summer Festival

- 7.00 pm Sung Mass, Blessing of Mendlesham's Best Real Ale, Procession & Benediction *Preacher: The Revd Fr James McCluskey, Vicar of St James the Great Colchester*
- 8.45 pm (approx.) BBQ & Beer Tent in South Churchyard - (wine & soft drinks also available)
- 9.15 pm approx. Fireworks to music.
Fireworks generously donated: lit from adjoining field with kind permission of owner. No charge, but please give generously in the bucket collection for St Mary's Church Funds

Please keep pets indoors during fireworks

Can you help?

The MCC needs someone to collate all our stock of items (from the May Queen Throne to Bunting and Beer Glasses) that we use for community events. A new storage area has been found and once an inventory has been drawn up we can operate a booking system for the loan and return of items.

The Volunteer will be co-opted to work alongside the Board of Trustees. Initially there will be a bit of time spent setting up, but after that a couple of hours per month on average, with a bit more for large events like the Street Fair, will be needed to support the system.

Please contact me or any of the other trustees. Judith 01449 766327
judith@milllodge.co.uk

News from “The 50/50 Shop” - August sale and a Saturday opening event.

What’s better than a bargain? An even bigger bargain, of course! We’ve got lots of stock in the shop and will soon be holding a half price sale.

Whether you’ve visited us before, or have never ventured behind our wooden door, there’s plenty for you to browse. You’ll find clothing and shoes for all the family plus jewellery, books, accessories, homewares and more.

We’re open every Tuesday and Friday from 2-4pm but we know not everyone can come along during the week, so we’re also having a special Saturday open event too!

Dates for your diary:

- **Half price sale: 9 - 26 August.**
- **Saturday open event: 20 August 12.30-3pm**

Our half price sale will see all clothing and footwear at 50% off (excluding uniforms).

We hope to see you soon!

Visit us:

- Open Tuesdays and Fridays from 2pm - 4pm.
- Head to the toddler play equipment and you’ll find us in the green pavilion facing the main field. For users of What3Words just type in: novelist.thin.tint.
- Cash only.
- Find us on Facebook, search “Mendlesham 50/50 Shop”.

Donations update:

Due to a high level of current stock we are still unable to accept any further donations at this time.



**COME TO
MENDLESHAM W.I.**



GROW, COOK & SEW

on

TUESDAY, 16th AUGUST

at 7 p.m.

**in Mendlesham School Hall
to be opened by Mrs. Kate Peacher
SEFWI Vice Chairman**

**50p Admission payable at the door
MENDLESHAM MEMBERS FREE**



**Produce Stall,
Book Stall,
Competitions,
raffle and tombola**



Please support the local W.I.

Mendlesham Community Charity Update

The role of a trustee is to oversee the work of the charity they are engaged with. The purpose of the Mendlesham Community Charity is to raise funds and use them to enhance our community. We do that by supporting the many volunteers who run events. For example, only recently we celebrated the Queen's Platinum Jubilee and had such fun at the Picnic in Mendlesham Green and the Big Lunch in Mendlesham. On a regular basis teams of volunteers run the 50:50 Shop, run the Tote and produce and deliver this Newsletter.

Behind the scenes, to support these events and to manage the funds available, the trustees ensure that policies and procedures are in place, risk assessments completed and all the volunteers are insured.

There are 5 Trustees and we are now looking for two more. Could you join us? We meet for 2 hours once a month and spend a few hours a month planning and preparing things. All you need is some good old fashioned common sense, a desire to support the community and, if you have a particular skill, expertise or life experience that you think would make a contribution, you would make a good Trustee.

Download an application form from the webpage on the parish website (just Google Mendlesham Community Charity) complete and email or drop off to one of the Trustees. Alternatively, just give one of us a call. (See below)

It would be great to have you on board! Applications will be confirmed at the Annual General Meeting on Monday 26 September 2022 at the School Community Hall 7.30pm.

Judith Howard-Rees (Lead Trustee) 01449 766327 judith@milllodge.co.uk	Vacancy (Secretary) Andrew Cullum 01449 767877 Cullumandrew@hotmail.com	Sally Lovatt (Treasurer) 01449 541725 sallypongo@gmail.com Teresa Mills 01449 766582 Teresa.mills56@yahoo.co.uk
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It's back!!

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- order form on **St Mary's church website: 'Summer Festival'** tab: www.stmarysmendlesham.org.uk or
- message on **St Mary's Facebook page:** <https://www.facebook.com/stmarysmendlesham> or
- write on list (on wheeled bier) **at St Mary's Church**

Prices:

Bottles: £3.50, Box of 12: £38

Payment on collection

Ready at the Summer Festival – Friday 12th August

Parish Council:

Mendlesham Neighbourhood Development Plan. Modification.

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

Good News.

Our Revised Plan has now moved another stage further in the required process.

You may recall that towards the end of last year, Mid Suffolk District Council appointed Janet Cheesley BA(Hons) DipTP MRTPI to carry out an independent examination of our draft modification of the Mendlesham Plan adopted March 2017. Janet decided that there was a need for further consultation with statutory consultees which was duly undertaken with Janet then continuing her work over the past few weeks. The examination was conducted through written correspondence. Locally, we had no ability to discuss or question Janet on her findings.

On Wednesday 22 June 2022, the examiner issued her final report. It recommends that, subject to further amendment, this modification draft NDP meets the Basic Conditions and should proceed to a local referendum. Further details of her findings and required amendments can be found on the Mid Suffolk District Council website as above.

At the time of writing, the required amendments to the documentation are being undertaken. We will keep you informed of the date of the referendum and update our Mendlesham web site very shortly so that you can review the amendments further to the examination report.

We intend to have a public drop in session in the Old School Room, Mendlesham:

Friday 12 August 2022 5-7pm

Saturday 13 August 2022 10am-noon.

Please come and have a look at our displays and ask questions so you know what you are being asked to support at the referendum.

Your support to attend and vote for the modification is vital to ensure after so much work, the plan can be adopted by Mid Suffolk District Council and become a legal part of the planning process and represent the local voice of Mendlesham.



Mendlesham Writers Group

Back in action

FREE !!

First visit
Intro Guidance Pack
Advice and encouragement
Guest speakers
Refreshments

2nd Tuesday Every Month
Old School Room
Mendlesham
7.30pm

Contact: Noel on 01449 766968
Or Just pop in
Bring a friend if you wish

Create something worthwhile in your own special way
No previous writing experience necessary

Mendlesham Baby and Toddler Group

Meets in the large hall of the Community Centre.



Tuesday Mornings
9:15 to 11:15



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

Contact Simona Pounds 07585093311

MendleshamBabyGroup@gmail.com
Facebook: Mendlesham baby toddler group
for further information.

Stowmarket Foodbank

Supporting individuals and families in crisis

St Mary's Church Mendlesham is a designated collection point for donations of food & toiletries etc. in 2 red boxes near the door. Download the

Stowmarket Foodbank App on your phone to see each week's urgent needs.

STOWMARKET FOOD BANK UPDATE no.2 - 2022



The first few months of 2022 have continued to be busy at the foodbank, with people still recovering from the effects of the pandemic, taking time off work due to ill health and now the added pressure of increased fuel costs. Amazingly, although demand for the foodbank has increased each year since we started in 2012, we continue to receive donations on a regular

basis, whether it's donated goods or financial giving. This generosity and support enables us to keep the foodbank running and gives us the capacity to help more people in need. Everyone who receives a food parcel is touched by people's kindness and appreciates the fact that there are people who care.

FOOD BANK STATISTICS

476 emergency food parcels were sent out in the first quarter of 2022, which equates to **1055** people being fed in our local area. A massive thank you to all our supporters. We could not have managed to support so many people without your help.



**Stowmarket
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Pop Up Shop



Wednesdays 10.30 - 12.00

FREE - Near end of date / damaged / excess stock

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No paperwork needed - Please bring your own bag / one bag per person

WANTED

Old laptop/tablets for re-homing. Please let us know if you have any old laptops or tablets that we can clear, re-set and re-home to families in our area.

We can now receive donations online via our **Facebook** page

<https://www.facebook.com/StowmarketandAreaFoodbank/> or website

www.livingit.org.uk

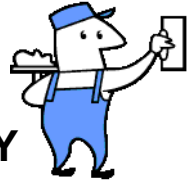
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MENDLESHAM EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION CHARITY 2022/23 Grants



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.

The Friends of St. Mary's Church

Invite everyone to their coffee mornings in the church every Tuesday between 1030 am and 1230 pm





Craft & Chat Group

**Every Thursday,
In the old school room 7-9pm**

Do you knit, crochet, sew, needlefelt,
make jewellery use a Cricut and so on?

Would you like to bring something along to work on and share your skill
with others who may want to learn?

The group is open to everyone who is interested. Please come along, It's a
very friendly relaxed group.

The charge is £2 per session
with free tea coffee and biscuits.

Any questions please call Julie Waghorn on 07752 335489
Or Julie Williams 01449 766006

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 25th August**

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.



I have recently been struggling financially, and I don't know how I'm going to afford to feed my family this month. My friend told me I could be eligible for Universal Credit – is this right?

You might be able to get Universal Credit if you're not working or on a low income. You can check if you are eligible by using the webchat at citizensadvice.org.uk/helptoclaim or calling for free on 0800 144 8 444. The line is open 8am – 6pm Monday to Friday.

Universal Credit has replaced older benefits such as Housing Benefit, Income Related Job Seekers Allowance and Child Tax Credits for most people. You'll get a single payment each month, rather than weekly or fortnightly. You may be able to get extra payments if you:

- look after children,
- work and pay for childcare
- need help with housing costs
- are disabled or have a health condition
- are a carer for a disabled person or you have a disabled child

There may also be other benefits you are entitled to, depending on your circumstances. You can use the benefit calculator to find out at gov.uk/benefits-calculators. If you need help, then Citizens Advice Mid Suffolk can do a benefit check for you.

If you are struggling to buy food, Citizens Advice Mid Suffolk can make a referral to your local food bank. They can also talk through your circumstances to see if there is other help they can provide or anything else you may be eligible for, such as help with your energy bills or school costs.

Citizens Advice Mid Suffolk can provide advice on this or any other issue, including debt, employment, benefits and family law. You can contact them on 01449 676060 or use the contact form at midsuffolkcab.org.uk/contact-us. For more information and our opening hours go to midsuffolkcab.org.uk.

Mendlesham Community Charity TOTE RESULTS

Mendlesham Lottery June 2022			
14th June		25th June	
Drawn at Mayfield Way		Drawn at Mayfield Way	
Chris Stannard	£35.00	Chris Coleby	£35.00
Jill Webb	£25.00	Gill Ruck	£25.00
Alison Williams	£15.00	Sheila & Stuart Larkin	£15.00
Ryan Sykes	£10.00	Pam Dawson	£10.00

If you would like to purchase Tote Tickets,
contact Jean Abbott 01449 766895

United Reformed Church

MURCies Coffee Bar

Friday - 12th August 2022 10am - 12pm

Knit and Natter

Monday - 8th & 22nd August 2022 2pm - 4pm

MENDLESHAM CAMERA CLUB



The next meeting will be on
Tuesday 2nd August -
in the Old School Room at 1930.

The challenge this month is to produce a village portfolio, pictures to promote your village. We submit the pictures 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

For our June meeting we spent a very pleasant afternoon in the garden of Maria and Peter complete with afternoon tea and Pimms to rather belatedly, but very sincerely celebrate the Queen's Jubilee. We are very grateful to our host and hostess for inviting us in their lovely garden and opening up their kitchen for the use of the catering committee. We were asked to wear red, white and blue and Brenda Jubly was awarded the best dressed member.

Our next meeting will be the Grow, Cook and Sew in the School Hall on Tuesday, 16th August – see the poster. Please give us a look. Entries to Shirley by Friday 12th August please. How are your nasturtium plants growing?

Members continue to meet once a month in the Old School Room for a knit, stitch and yarn group – next one on 3rd August, 10am to noon – tasty refreshments and plenty of yarn. Thank you to members who baked and helped run the stall at the FOMSA Summer Fayre.

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

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Mendlesham Over 60's **Minutes of June Meeting 2022**

Twenty five members attended this meeting. I started on my own as most of the committee were busy and could not attend as they had other commitments. There were several apologies. A list for a trip to Wroxham was sent around.

The speaker, Mr Colin Hopper, spoke on the history of "London Bridge".

Several London Bridges have crossed the Thames but the one he concentrated on was built in 1176 and took 34 years to build. They sank the footings in cement to stabilise the stone bridge. At 60 ft long and 20 ft wide houses were built on both sides – 12 feet was for road, 4 feet each side for houses. The houses protruded over the river and each level got bigger as they went up. Bottom floor was a shop which paid rent to the Bridge Trust. If a house caught fire it was pushed into the river so it did not spread and was rebuilt. This bridge stood for over 600 years.

The Millenium Bridge was not paid for out of our taxes but by the Bridge Trust. This was a very interesting talk and every one enjoyed it.

The competition was won by George Taylor, 2nd David Lambert and 3rd Colin Geyman.

31st August: Half Day Trip on paddle steamer

No Meeting in August

Members were thanked for attending and we closed with the anthem.

June 8th Our trip to Cromer

It was raining when we left Mendlesham but after a nice comfortable ride we pulled into Cromer and the sun came out. We went our separate ways to have lunch or shop. Then back on to the coach for East Runton Old Vicarage Gardens. The gardens were lovely and well kept. The teashop had a nice selection of cakes and plenty of plants to buy. It started to rain just before we were due to leave, so we headed back to Mendesham arriving about 5.30. A very pleasant day.



Stowmarket Wildlife Group – Suffolk Wildlife Trust

**The meetings will be held at the Village Hall,
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SEPTEMBER 2022

**Wednesday 28 September, 7.30pm – PUFFINS GALORE
With Simon Hooton**

Skokholm island off the Pembrokeshire coast with its thousands of puffins along with a multitude of other birds. This talk reflects of 50 years of visiting this special island and its wildlife. And of course, a lot of pictures of puffins.

Plus sale of the Trust's Christmas cards.

NOVEMBER 2022

Wednesday 30 November, 7.30pm – WILDLIFE SPECIAL

Our special evening with a variety of items planned.
Including a wildlife quiz, presentations, annual raffle and more.

Arrangements may change.

Please check the Suffolk Wildlife Trust website at
www.suffolkwildlifetrust.org/events for updated information about
these events.

CONTACT

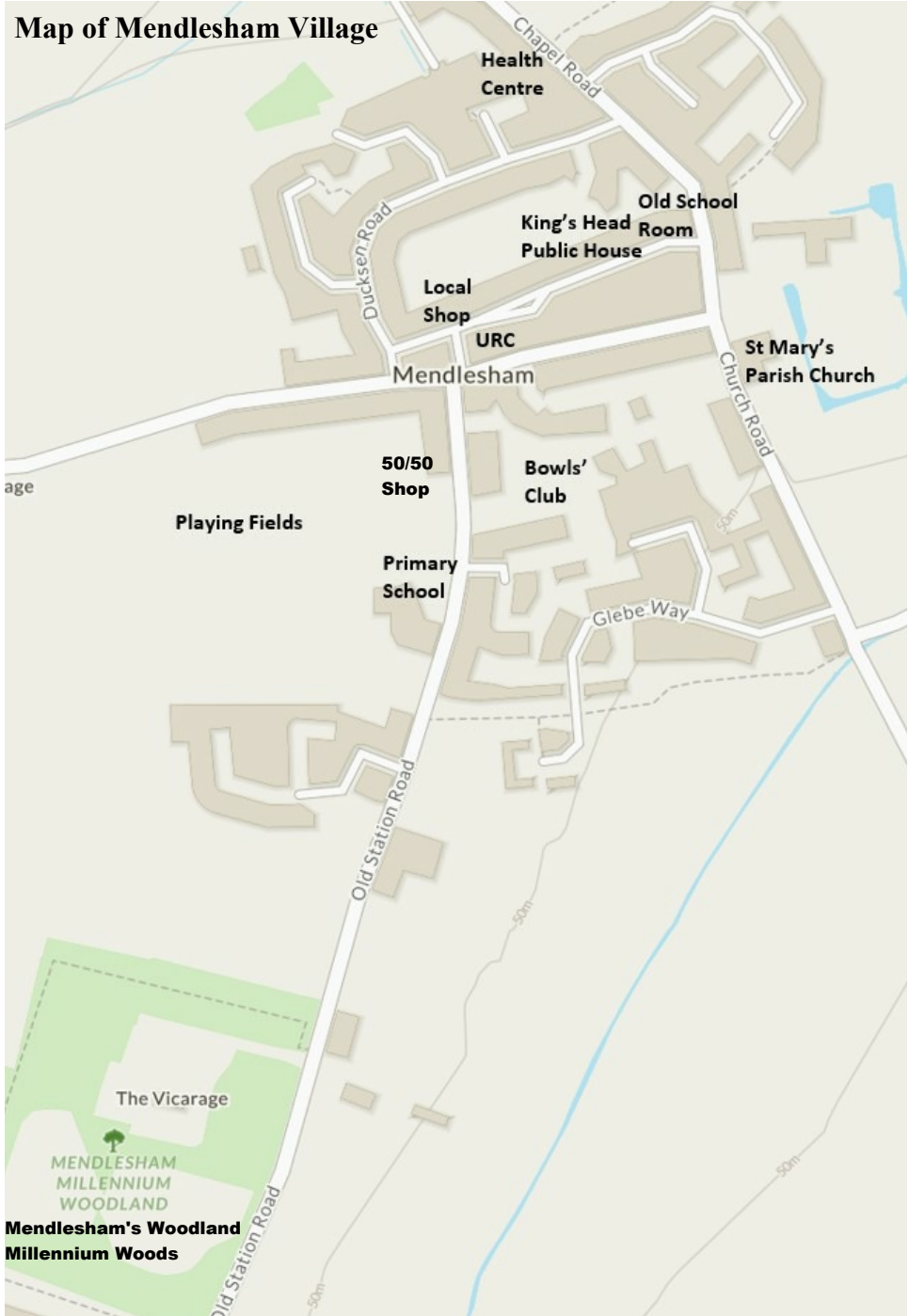
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Over 60's	Annette Taylor	01449 766552
Parish Council & Playing Field	Sharon Jones	01449 766139
Parish Party Committee	Rachel Roshier	07881 816622
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Saturday Cafe	Brenda Player	01449 768101
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United Reformed Church	Margaret Jackson	01449 766321
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Walking Group	Angela Pickup	01449 766483
Walking on Wednesdays	Alan	07790 124509
Woman's Institute	Anita Scruby	01449 766902
Writers Group	Noel Fletcher	01449 766968

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Map of Mendlesham Village



Mendlesham's Woodland Millennium Woods



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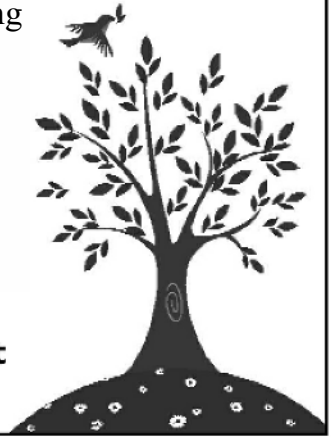
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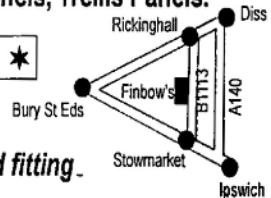
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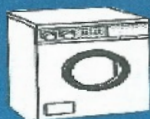
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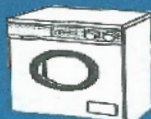
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*1 Sing to the LORD, sing praise in a new song;
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*2. Sing to the LORD and praise his holy name;
From day to day his saving work proclaim.*

This year as part of the United Reformed Churches celebrations for it's 50th year, they are having a hymn writing competition. This got me to thinking about how churches react to new hymns and songs.

Some would say “New Song? New song? You’ve got to be joking!” This is often the reaction that many worship leaders get when they have a new hymn/song in worship.

Congregations almost seem scared to try a new hymn, and do not have the confidence that they can pick it up quickly to sing it in worship. There is all something comforting about singing the familiar. (There is nothing wrong with that)

Often when I attend a meeting or conference, they have a hymn and we have no time to practice it, but it always goes well. Yes, it can be a challenge to learn it as you sing it but to me it can reflect what worship should be.

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Congregations can be very resistant to new songs and hymns as their words and music take them out of their comfort zone and into frightening new territory. If we can see new songs or hymns as a metaphor for new ideas, new ways of being, new ways of relating to others and new ways of being what God has called us to be, then the challenge is clear. Worship should not always be comfortable, we need to be challenged in our worship.

Once we pick up the courage to sing a new song or hymn, like the psalm shows us then the whole Earth can open up to our senses. The focus of our worship is a strong glorious God and his words are of joy, praise and rejoicing not scepticism, fear and uncertainty. It is not about how well we can sing or follow the tune or even how quickly we can read the words, it's about recognising that all creation will laugh out loud with Joy because God is in control overall and that includes us.

God's saving work is a new song, Heaven and Earth rejoices in a new song, the fields, forest and fishes sing a new song, so let's try new songs and hymns for ourselves. Our new voices may yet surprise us.

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Fr Philip Writes..

There are a number of days I want to draw your attention to this month. One of my favourite feasts is St Lawrence on 10th

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treasures of the Church.” The Prefect sentenced Lawrence to death and he was roasted alive over a slow fire on a gridiron.

One of the prayers at Morning Prayer says, **“Teach us to see you present in all; help us to recognise you most of all in those who suffer.”** So many people are wounded on the path of life and St Lawrence is a great example of how we should view all people with respect and care. At St Mary’s the last words the celebrant says after the blessing are: **“Go in peace to love and serve the Lord and to serve each other,”** – a good reminder of how we should go out in the love and light of Christ.



On 12th August we shall begin our festival weekend, called “the Patronal Festival” of the Assumption of our Lady. St John’s vision in the Book of Revelation (ch 12) speaks of the woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet and a crown of 12 stars on her head. This is the scriptural basis for Mary’s Assumption. The second reading at the Parish Mass (1 Corinthians 15 v 20 -26) affirms that Christ has been raised from the dead, **“the first fruits of those who**



have died. Just as all die in Adam, so all will rise in Christ, but each in their proper order” and the Church suggests the proper order puts Mary, Mother of Jesus, second after her Son.

This great feast is a reminder that we will one day die and stand before Jesus Christ, the just judge. (2 Timothy 4 v.8) The Assumption festival invites us also to pray for those who are dying.

**Do we pray for a happy death?
Are we ready to meet Jesus now?**

RIDE AND STRIDE



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Architect's Quinquennial Report

Mendlesham has a unique armoury over the north Porch, but the architect has discovered serious cracks in the lead roof and it is imperative that the lead is renewed as soon as possible. Otherwise the Tudor lining and roof – and the armour below – could be damaged by water infiltration. The **Friends of St Mary's** are doing sterling work to raise money for our beautiful church. As I write, we have no idea of the cost of repair but it is likely to be several thousand pounds. Added to this we have to remedy a number of electrical faults at more expense. It is 35 years since the church was rewired. All profits from Tuesday coffee mornings will go to these urgent projects and the Friends are planning more fundraising events in the Autumn.

LOOKING BACK



Following on from the July Newsletter: The Platinum Jubilee Celebration Event at St Mary's not only was an integral part of the village Jubilee celebration and hugely enjoyable and but also raised **£1,130 for church funds.**

PARISH CHURCH OF ST MARY'S MENDLESHAM - CHURCH CALENDAR FOR AUGUST 2022

Date	Church Festival	Mass	Intention (we pray especially for....)	Parish Intention
1	St Alphonsus	/	our Communicant life	Front Street / Old Orchard
2		9.30	the departed - August anniversaries	Old Market St / Braybrooke Close
3		8.00 am	greater faith in the healing ministry	Mill Road and Hobbies Lane
4	St John Vianney	9.30	all parish priests	Chapel Road
5	(OF TRANSFIGURATION)	9.30	peace of the world	Church Road / St Mary's Gardens
6		10.00	readiness for Christ's coming	Brockford Road
7	19th SUNDAY yr C	9.30	Parish and Congregation	Glebe Way
8	St Dominic	9.30	HM Queen Elizabeth & her government	Freelands
9	ST TERESA BENEDICTA OF THE CROSS	9.30	the people of Europe	Ducksen Road
10	ST LAWRENCE	8.00 am	all ordinands	Horsefair Close
11	St Clare	9.30	religious orders	Mason Court
12		7.00 pm	Society of Mary and O.L.W.	Mayfield Way
13	ASSUMPTION FESTIVAL	10.00	greater devotion to Our Lady	Mead Way
14		9.30	Parish and Congregation	Old Station Rd / Cuttings Close / Schools Close
15		6.30 pm	all who are bereaved	Middy Close / The Sidings
16	St Stephen of Hungary	9.30	the people of Ukraine	Wash Lane / Oak Farm Lane
17		8.00 am	those who are unemployed	Norwich Road / Bluehouse Lane
18	St Helen	9.30	the Society of the Holy Cross	Mendlesham Green
19		9.30	all who are persecuted	Tan Office
20	St Bernard	10.00	all refugees	Outlying houses
21	21st SUNDAY yr C	9.30	Parish and Congregation	Farms in Mendlesham
22	BVM Queen of Heaven	9.30	Walsingham	Local industries
23	St Rose of Lima	9.30	all lawyers, magistrates and judges	Pub & places of recreation
24	ST BARTHOLOMEW	2.30 pm	the sick: healing ministry	Mendlesham School
25	St Louis	8.00 am	those suffering addictions	SMF: Patrons of Mendlesham
26		9.30	the ACS Vocations weekend	Village Organisations
27	St Monica	10.00	those who are homeless	Fr Philip
28	22nd SUNDAY yr C	9.30	Parish and Congregation	Other places of Worship
29	Behaving of St John the Baptist	SB	pilgrimage to Walsingham	PCC and Parish Council
30		SB	ministry of deliverance	Local Doctors and Healthcare Workers
31		SB	all who reject the Gospel	Neighbouring parishes

SB: See Bulletin. Please check all times on weekly bulletin (available on church website) & notice sheet in porch



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