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Front Cover

By Denise Foster

Editorial

Welcome to the July issue. Can we really be half way through the year? Time rushes on but birdsong and hungry fledglings have entertained and we are so lucky that colour surrounds us in our parish plus lots of activities to engage with. Many people have booked holidays once more and I am sure that these will bring change of scene and respite benefits so longed for over the last two difficult years.

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50/50 shop open -

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THE PARISH COUNCIL

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Meetings:

Wednesday 13 July 2022

Ordinary meeting 7pm, Old School Room, Mendlesham

Wednesday 10 August 2022

Ordinary meeting 7pm, Old School Room, Mendlesham

All welcome

MENDLESHAM 'SAT-CAF'

Saturday, 2nd July 10.00 – 14.00 OLD SCHOOL ROOM, MENDLESHAM

Pre-Ordering or Take-Away Orders, phone the Café on 01449-767727 from 10 a.m.

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

June Draw Winner (£20 Meat Voucher): Norman Foster

(Kindly donated by Malcolm Warwick)

MENDLESHAM 50150 SHOP

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

Have clothing to donate? You receive 50% of the sale price, with the rest to village community funds. Ask for details.

Open Tuesdays and Fridays 2 - 4pm

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

Mendlesham Walking Group

Saturday 2nd July 2022 Meet at Community Centre Car Park 10.00am

2-hour Mystery Route Walk PLEASE NOTE DIFFERENT START TIME FOR SATURDAY WALKS

AND

Walking on a Wednesday Shorter, slower walks of about 1½ hours led by Alan

Wednesday 20th July 2022 Meet at Community Centre Car Park 10.30am

PLEASE WEAR STURDY WATERPROOF BOOTS

Dogs on leads welcome

Come and join us

Stay safe and keep walking



For more information please contact Angela - 01449 766483 Rachael – 07971 910 279 Alan - 07790 124509 (Walking on Wednesday)

If you would like to join Mendlesham Walking Group, please e-mail Angela : <u>angiepickup@btinternet.com</u>

News from "The 50/50 Shop" how we're helping to Reuse, Reduce, Recycle.

According to an article by Earth.org*, the fashion industry, especially since the rise of fast fashion, is among the most damaging industries for the environment, responsible for 10% of global carbon emissions and 20% of global wastewater.

Fast fashion is particularly worrying - cheap and speedy production of low quality clothing to respond to current trends. In recent years this has seen people buy several items at low prices, to wear only once or, at best, a handful of times.

So, instead of buying new clothes to update your wardrobe, how about considering pre-loved items instead? This can benefit not only the environment, but your wallet too - and who doesn't love saving some money!

At the 50/50 Shop we've been helping local residents to reuse, reduce and recycle for 30 years. Here's how...

Reuse:

• Our community shop offers pre-loved clothing for men, women and children plus shoes, handbags and accessories. There's sure to be something for everyone!

• We also stock books, homewares and more.

Reduce:

• We give a new lease of life to items which may otherwise have been sent to landfill.

• Buying second hand limits the environmental impact compared to buying brand new.

• Our items are low cost, reducing household expenditure (which could be particularly helpful for during the current cost of living crisis when budgets are stretched).

Recycle:

• When we cleared our leftover winter stock a few months ago we donated good quality warm clothing for men, women and children to help the people fleeing Ukraine.

If you haven't already visited us we hope you'll give us a try!

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.

• Find us on Facebook, search "Mendlesham 50/50 Shop".

Important update:

Following a lot of recent donations we are unable to accept any further stock at this time. We have a large number of sellers and really need customers too!

*Source: https://earth.org/data_visualization/impacts-of-fast-fashion-on-theenvironment/

Mendlesham Celebrates the Jubilee in Style!

Mendlesham broke out the bunting for a series of events to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

The county-wide torch relay came through Mendlesham on 24 May where three local heroes, Pris Colchester, Jean Abbott and Mike

Favager, carried the torch cheered on by our schoolchildren and parishioners. Our torchbearers were transported in an electric rickshaw setting off from the Health Centre where the staff got involved too.

Before the end of term, children at Mendlesham Primary school celebrated



with various activities including crown-making.

Celebrations continued on Wednesday 1st June with around 20 children, under the guidance of Denise Foster and a professional artist, painting the container on the playing field in a Jubilee theme. We are grateful to Roddy Lawes for fixing and painting the boards that we used as a canvas.

On Thursday we had the beacon lighting at Mendlesham Green where

around 100 people enjoyed. refreshments sold by the 1st Mendlesham Scout Group. The scouts led singing around the campfire and Father Phillip gave an address, prayers and a blessing.

Friday, 3 June saw a large number of parishioners enjoying a celebration at St Mary's Church. Superb live music was provided by Lou Sextey and Ant Ripley. People were able to quench their thirst with specially brewed Elizabeth Ale kindly donated by the King's Head, Mendlesham.

The Mendlesham Community Charity sponsored a picnic on Children's Playing Field at Mendlesham Green on Saturday 4 June.

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There was a competition for the best Platinum Jubilee dessert. This was won by Anne Webb with Helen Orton in second place. A competition for crowns made by the schoolchildren was won by Elodie Caudwell. There were several activities for children including biscuit icing that proved very popular.





Then, on Sunday 5 June, the Mendlesham Community Charity sponsored a "Big Lunch". It had been intended to hold it in Old Market Street which would have been closed to traffic and set out with tables. However, in the light of a horrendous weather forecast, the venue was changed to the former Community Centre Main Hall.

Around 160 people brought their own food and enjoyed music and games throughout the afternoon.

There were prizes for the best fancy dress, on a 1950s or royalty theme. for children and for adults. Steve Pickup was the winner with Phil Webb coming second. Sophie won the children's fancy dress. There was also a prize for children's crowns won by Oliver Lane. Parishioners got festive by decorating outside their homes in red, white and blue with a Platinum Jubilee theme. Winners of prizes for the best decorated homes in the parish and in Old Market Street were announced.

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The best decorated house in the parish was won by 36 Horsefair Close. 1, The Thatch Mendlesham Green coming second. The runner-up was "Vespers" Church Road. The best one on Old Market Street was No. 23 with No. 26 in second place. The runner-up was No. 31.



During the day the Mendlesham Camera Club help an exhibition of work in the Old School Room.

To complete the celebrations, at 5:00pm, people were invited to a Thanksgiving Service in St Mary's Church.

We are most grateful to the following local businesses for sponsoring superb prizes:

Bacton Bull

Bull Auberge Eye

Four Horseshoes Thornham

Golf Adventure Park Stonham Barns

Mendlesham Bakery and Store

Mendlesham Fish and Chip Shop

The Owl Sanctuary Stonham Barns

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Walnut Tree Thwaite

White Horse Stoke Ash

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SUMMER FAIR

Organised by Friends of Mendlesham Primary School To b<mark>ook</mark> a stall or find out more contact Danielle: doofletch@msn.com



Parish Council: Jubilee events:

A huge thank you to everyone who helped organise, donated, provided equipment and skills, plus everyone who attended and supported the events of the Jubilee Weekend. We are extremely fortunate to have such a vibrant community.

Whilst publishing photos for the public domain are now required to have considerations for safeguarding and permissions from individuals, it would be great to have a record of these events to provide a historical "taste" for the future. A photo gallery has therefore been set up on the Mendlesham website and if you would like to contribute your photos, please make sure those clearly identifiable also consent, then send them with your name and contact details to the parish clerk email: parishclerk@mendleshampc.org.

Parish Council: Financial Audits for the year and

Financial Audits for the year ending 31.3.22 :

Internal audits for Mendlesham Parish Council, Mendlesham Community Centre Charity and Mendlesham Memorial Playingfield Charity have now been completed. Further information is available on the Mendlesham web site.

A Notice for the Exercise of Public Rights for the period 13 June to 22 July 2022 for this accounting period, is also now available on the Mendlesham Website and Parish Noticeboards.

Parish Council:

Friday 15 July 2022 4pm at Mendlesham Playingfields.

An Inauguration ceremony for the MUGA (Multi Use Games Area), WSA (Wheel Sports Area) and Table Tennis Equipment at Mendlesham Memorial Playingfields will take place on 15 July. This event is to thank everyone who has helped in whatever capacity to deliver our new fantastic playing field resources. All welcome.

Mendlesham Community Charity Update

Thank you to everyone who helped run the Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations – both on behalf of the MCC and other organisations. The Community of Mendlesham and Mendlesham Green is most definitely out and about and up and running!

BREAKING NEWS! The MCC are up for sponsoring the village Street Fair in 2023. We have dusted down the plans for a revamped format (as per the Fresh Start Project that had to be abandoned due to the pandemic) and we are now looking for **someone to Coordinate the event**. We know that there are a great many people out there who will be offering support on the day and who are willing to help set it up, but it needs someone to oversee the event. You will have the full support of the Trustees and a Pre Prepared Plan based on years of experience from those who have done it before. **PLEASE STEP UP** and contact Judith for more information.

The Board of Trustees have been meeting every month since September 2021 and I would like to thank them for all their hard work. We have new ways of working, including registering all our volunteers, upgrading our insurance, policies and procedures to cover all our activities and enabling events to be run again. Last but not least, and the main reason for our existence, to give back to our community. We will be taking a break in August and then holding our **Annual General Meeting in September** where we hope you will come and join us.

Meanwhile, **Many Hands Make Light Work** - we are seeking two more people to join the Board of Trustees. **Please step forward to join us**.

Complete an application form on the parish webpage or contact a trustee.

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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



Our Village Recorder

A "Village Recorder" records the day to day events in a village so that an accurate, historical record is held. At the end of every year, a brief report is sent to the Suffolk Local History Council who administer the Local Recorders Scheme and retains these records along with many other Suffolk's villages as an historical archive for the future.

Visit www.slhc.org.uk/recorders to find out more

Geoff Clarke has been the Village Recorder for Mendlesham and Mendlesham Green for over a decade and, due to his expertise and experience in film and film archive, he has chosen to make visual records. Over the years many of us have enjoyed seeing the previous years' events at local village groups.

We are so grateful for Geoff to do this on our behalf. Look out for a tall man with a badge and a camera! If you have seen something 'going on' that depicts special events or changes in our village, do let him know. Equally, if you do not wish to be filmed or photographed, just politely say. No one will be 'named or shamed' and you never know, you may be a star in years to come when archives are looked at and people coming after us see just who lived, shaped and loved our village.

To contact Geoff directly visit the Mendlesham Directory in this newsletter.



MENDLESHAM CAMERA CLUB



Thank you to all who called into our exhibition on Jubilee Street

Party day. We do hope you will consider coming to join us - we are a small, friendly group of mixed photography ability -

why not pop in on Tuesday, 5th July and see.

7.30pm in the Old School Room.

We have been busy so no challenge set us yet for July, please keep an eye on the website: http://www.mendleshamcameraclub.co.uk/ or contact mike@favager.co.uk. We are grateful to Mendlesham Community Charity and Cllr Stringer for their support of our exhibition.

TOTE RESULTS

Mendlesham Lottery May 2022						
14-May		28-May				
Drawn at Mayfield Way		Drawn at Mayfield Way				
John Downie	£35.00	Sally Lovett	£35.00			
Bill Foster	£25.00	Donna Brown	£25.00			
Carolyn Triscott	£15.00	Pauline O'Conner	£15.00			
Sue Palmer	£10.00	Ferdie Vincent	£10.00			
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If you would like to purchase Tote Tickets, contact Jean Abbott 01449 766895



Mendlesham Green celebrated in style with a village picnic to mark the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. Thanks to Alison and Doug Williams, Rachel and Steve Crooks, Anne and Phil Webb, Lorraine and our star Master of

Ceremonies - Keith Shelton for all your help in planning for the day and setting up everything that made the playing field look so wonderful. Thanks also to Carolyn Triscott and Judith Howard-Rees for their judging skills and all those who took part in our 2 competitions. Thanks also to those who undertook activities on the day they were all a great success. Special thanks for all who attended, there was approximately 100 at one point. We were also blessed with the weather. We will definitely hold a village picnic again next year!

Helen Orton and Ward

United Reformed Church

MURCies Coffee Bar

Friday - 8th July 2022 10am - 12pm

Knit and Natter

Monday - 11th & 25th July 2022 2pm - 4pm



At the May meeting we discussed and voted on the resolution to be presented at the Annual Meeting in Liverpool. Our members supported the resolution on Women and Girls with ASD and ADHD and our vote will be taken by our delegate to the meeting in Liverpool. After the discussion a supper prepared by the committee was enjoyed. At the time of writing we are looking forward to our June meeting and a tea party in a member's garden. Let's hope the sun will shine on us.

We have entered some of the classes in the Federation Showcase to be held in Needham Market Community Centre on Sat. 23rd and Sun. 24th July. As well as the competition entries also on display will be work produced by the Creative Stitch graduates and a Legacy Exhibition by Stitch 21 plus stalls and refreshments will be available. Entry on the door £5, advance tickets from SEFWI £4.

The WI will be serving tea and cake at the FOMSA fete on July 2nd – please give us a look. July will be a busy month for us – we have beach combing in Felixstowe booked, a flower arranging workshop, a trip to the Sandringham Flower Show and a booking for providing an afternoon tea. We are getting back to 'normal'! Also coming up fast is our Grow, Cook and Sew on August 16th – one of our challenges on the schedule is to grow a nasturtium from given seeds. Are yours growing yet? More about the show next month.

As well as the above, we will meet to knit, stitch and yarn on 6th July 1000-noon in the Old School Room and our meeting 19th July in the URC at 7.30pm This is the members meeting, when members take the meeting and the committee have a well-deserved rest. The speaker booked for that meeting, David Murton will give a beginner's guide to astronomy. The competition is for a night time photo.

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

MENDLESHAM OVER 60s CLUB – May 2022

Thirty-one members were welcomed to our May meeting. We had one guest, Wendy Robbins, who decided to join our club by the end of the meeting.

The shield for the most points in our monthly competitions was awarded to Jenny and Ray Mayes. They both had the same number of points.

The W.I. asked if any of our members wanted to join them in their outing to Sandringham Flower Show on 27th July.

Our speaker, Mr Peter Davidson spoke on the subject of the history of Dr. Banardos. At the time he started his homes he was not a doctor but later qualified. He met a young lad on the streets late at night who told him he had no mother or home and he decided no child should be sleeping in the streets and set up a home for boys in the east end and a few years later set one up in Barkingside for girls. These children were cared for and taught skills to aid them in life. A lot of these children were sent to Wickham Skeith in Suffolk. According to the 1901 school register 5% of the children were Banardos children and by 1911 20% were Banardos children. Many settled in with families, some helping on farms but girls mostly on domestic help. Lots of these children were sent to Canada – some were happy but others were not.

Dr Banardo ran these homes on donations. He died in 1905 having boarded 4,500 children.

A very interesting talk.

Competition:

First: George Taylor, Second: Enid Lambert, Third: Brian Mayes

<u>Next Meeting</u>: 27th July when Georgette Vale will speak on the subject of Lucille Reve.

The competition will be "War memorabilia"

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

Stowmarket Wildlife Group – Suffolk Wildlife Trust

The meetings will be held at the Village Hall, Stowupland, IP14 4BQ



Admission £3.00.

<u>JUNE 2022</u>

Wednesday 29 June, 7.30pm – SUFFOLK OTTERS With Meg Amsden and Nicky Rowbottom

We rarely see otters because they're mostly active at night. Trail cameras have brought a revolution to our understanding of where they are and what they get up to.

Using first-hand data, photos and a film – Caught in the Act – composed of video clips from volunteers across the county, Meg and Nicky will tell some of the story of otters in Suffolk; how we lost them completely and how they're doing now.

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.

<u>CONTACT</u> John Thompson - 01449 676471 - swtstowmarket@gmail.com

Christian Aid Week

A wonderful result from Mendlesham Parish this year, totalling £1614.08



(£1516.18 + £98.90 Gift Aid)

The Coffee Morning at the URC raised £200,

House-to-House collections in Mendlesham and Mendlesham Green raised £1086.18

Online donations raised £230.00 Thank you to everyone who supported this worthwhile cause.

THANK YOU

to everyone who helped to make the Platinum Jubilee celebration event at St Mary's such an enjoyable and successful event.

There are far too many to name individually, but we are grateful to **everyone** who helped and all who supported it.

However, a special mention should go to **Paul Allen** for kindly donating the beer, to our entertainers **Lou Sextey** (vocals & guitar) **Ant Ripley** (guitar) and **Chris Elstone** (drums) for donating their talents and to **Stuart Larkin** and **Simon Furze** for their hard work in setting up and manning the Parish Council's P.A. system.

Thanks to their generosity – and to that of **everyone** who donated draw prizes and/or provided countless delicious things to eat –although the final expenses have yet to be calculated at the time of writing, the total raised for St Mary's funds will be in the region of an amazing **£1,000**.



A friend of mine was recently victim to a WhatsApp phone scam, and ended up sending money to someone. I always though "I'd never fall for it" but the messages the scammer exchanged with her seemed so plausible. It's made me feel a little nervous, as I feel it could so easily have been me. How can I keep myself safe from scammers?

Phones and computers are a brilliant resource for staying connected with family and friends. However, they are also an opportunity for scammers to hide behind a screen and try to trick people in parting with their money. There are still plenty of phone call scams, such as pretending to be from the victim's bank, as well as newer scams like on WhatsApp and Facebook.

An increasingly common scam on WhatsApp is a scammer messaging someone claiming to be a loved one, who desperately needs some money to get home or another urgent need. As the scammer will use a generic term like "it's mum, I need help" or "dad, can you help me", people can often get caught in trying to help and are tricked into transferring money. If you get a message like this, call the number you already have for that loved one to hear their voice and speak to them. You can then confirm whether the request is legitimate.

There are many other scams similar to this, so if your unusual contact does not fit this example, it does not mean it is legitimate.

This checklist can help you decide if something is a scam:

- You don't recognise the individual or organisation. If you do recognise them, have they contacted you in the normal way?
- You can't confirm their identity. If they say they are calling from a trusted source such as a bank, contact your bank directly to confirm their identity. Be aware that scammers can stay on the line after you have hung up, so do this from a different telephone or go into the bank.
- You've been asked to hand over money or personal information. Don't give out pins, passwords, or seemingly random information. Never send money to someone you don't know
- It seems too good to be true. "Get rich quick" often means "lose money fast"!
- You've been asked to pay in an unusual way. Such as online vouchers

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.

When Football Banned Women

Did you know women's football used to be bigger than men's football 100 years ago?

In 1914 when a generation of young men signed up to serve king and country, thousands of women left behind took on male roles considered too dangerous for women. As these women working together formed strong bonds which spilled over onto playing fields. Informal kick bouts became popular and they were encouraged by their bosses for good health and morale. To start with, the novelty of women football teams was used to raise money for war charities with crowds flocking to the women's teams take on teams of injured soldiers and women from other towns. The most famous wartime team was Dick, Kerr Ladies FC from Preston. Their first match in 1917 drew £10,000 and by 1920 a Boxing day match against St. Helens Ladies was watched by 53,000 spectators at Goodison Park, with another 14,000 locked outside the ground trying to get in.

However this so called golden era of women's football was short lived. As the men arrived back from the front, women were expected to return to domestic life and in December 1921 the Football Association published a report that gave reasons why women's football matches should be banned from their pitches. It said that football was "quite unsuitable for females" that there were complaints about "the conditions under which some of these matches had been arranged and played" It wasn't until 1971 that the FA finally lifted the ban and over the following years women football has gained in popularity again.

The Friends of St. Mary's Church

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





Craft & Chat Group

Every Thursday, starting 3rd February 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 Shop15.15 - 15.30Mendlesham Playing Field15.35 - 15.50Mendlesham The Green16.00 - 16.20

The van's next visit is Thursday 28th July

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.

Did you know

There is a small local charity, established many years ago, that can support individuals and families in the parish of Mendlesham who are facing tough times?

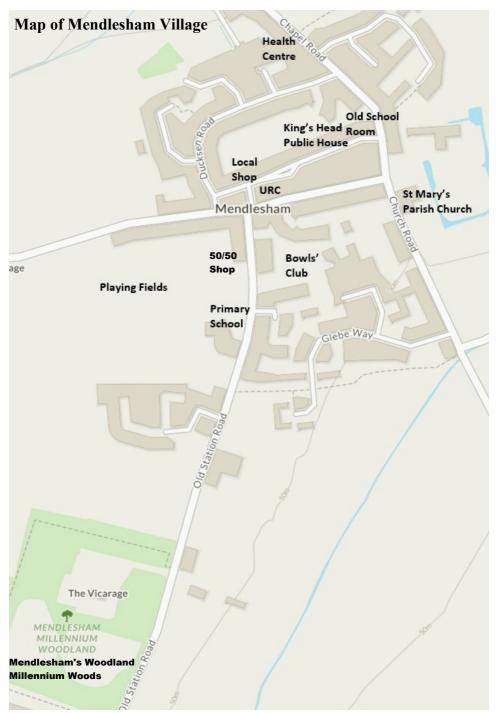
The Town Estate was established in 1905 and has been supporting Mendlesham people every year who require some financial help – whether that's with fuel bills, hospital visits or bereavement costs.

Despite there being limited funds available, we want to make sure that this money goes to help those who really need it. Each request made is addressed on an individual basis and the level of support is agreed at the discretion of the trustees.

So, if you find yourself struggling to cover costs due to illness, bereavement, redundancy or unemployment, do get in touch or ask your health visitor/social worker to contact Mike Favager mike@favager.co.uk who will provide a Hardship application form for you (or your support worker) to complete.

MENDLESHAM DIRECTORY				
1 st Mendlesham Guides	Emma Munday	01449 768843		
3 rd Monday Book Club	Doug Williams	01449 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	01449 766985		
Brownies	Brenda Stannard	01449 766308		
Camera Club	Mike Favager	01449 766007		
Carpet Bowls Club	Roger Fouracre	01449 766229		
Church and Town Estate	Mike Favager	01449 766007		
Community Centre Hall	Becky Herbert	01449 672531		
Computer Club	Giles Godart-Brown	07500 042836		
District Councillor	Andrew Stringer	01449 780339		
Explorer Unit	Jonathan Freeman	01449 766676		
Football Club	George Yardley Angela Lockwood	07894 512712 07845 471154		
F.O.M.S.A	C.P School	01449 766224		
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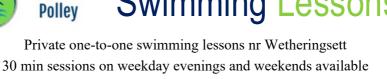
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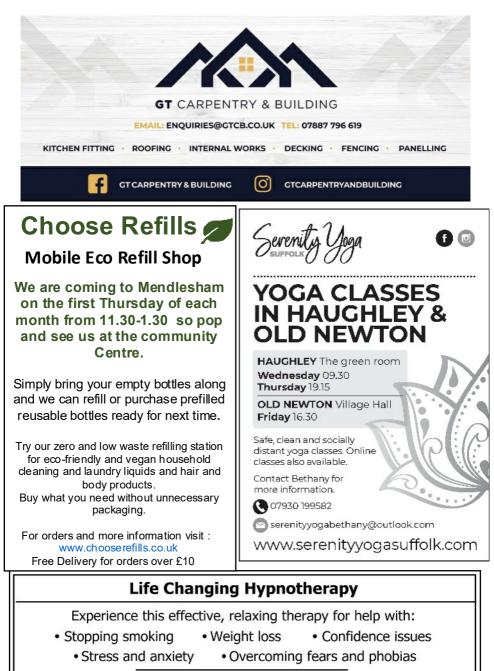
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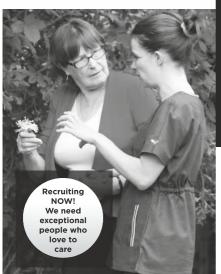


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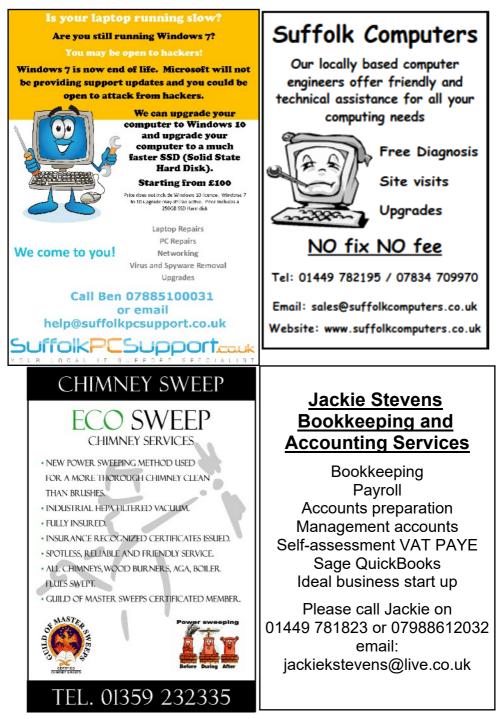
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10th
10.45am - Mr Stephen Horrex
24th
10.45am - Mrs Mary Durrant

MURCies Coffee Bar – 2nd Friday from 10.00 - 12.00 (8th July)

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Psalm 121: 1-2

I look to the mountains; where will my help come from? ²My help will come from the LORD, who made heaven and earth.

As we start the summer, we find our thoughts turn to holidays, a time to refresh ourselves, (if we are not stuck at the airport with our flight cancelled), to unwind and forget our worries and to do something different.

With perhaps less things going on in the churches it is also a good time for the churches to reflect on their work, but also to remind ourselves that God never takes a holiday and in churches there is still some work to be done even though at times things seem to stop for a while.

Churches still need to be cleaned, sermons written, summer fairs happen, church garden parties happen whether it rains or the sun shines!

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But most of all the mission of the church still happens, whether we are on holiday or not, people still want to hear the good news that Christ came to show, and we still meet with others and have the opportunity to speak to them, not in a pushy way but in a caring way.

We may not attend our own church, but when on holiday many of us attend other churches, (some will now join via Zoom whilst on holiday), it is still a chance to share with other Christians the love of God.

So, if you are on holiday or not, even if things in church go quiet for a bit, remember the work of God still goes on.

But if you are away on holiday, have a good one.

Yours Robert

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<u>Daily Mass</u>: see calendar on back page, porch notice & bulletin

Daily Morning & Evening Prayer *see porch notice*.

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2 nd July	2.30 pm: Stuston -Tour of round towered churches; on to Wortham & Roydon
4 th July	2.30pm: Mass & anointing – monthly healing service
6 th July	6.00pm: Mass in thanksgiving for restoration of the shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham in St Mary's Little Walsingham 100 years ago.
7 th July	9.30: Requiem – Fr Timothy, 1 st anniversary
9 th July	2.00pm-5.00pm: Strawberry Fayre – strawberry cream teas at church – Friends of St Mary's
17 th July	9.30: Parish Mass2.30 pm: meet at Southburgh for Norfolk churches tour;on to Wood Rising, Cranworth & Shipdham
18 th July	9.30: Requiem – July anniversaries
20 th July	6.00 pm: West Tofts – Guild of All Souls annual Mass. Celebrant +Norman, preacher, Fr Harry Williams, Vicar of Walsingham
24 th July	9.30: Parish Mass 11.30: PCC meeting & shared lunch

LOOKING AHEAD PATRONAL FESTIVAL WEEKEND FRIDAY 12TH AUGUST

7.00pm: Blessing of Mendlesham's Best Platinum Jubilee Ale, Sung Mass – preacher Fr James McCluskey, Vicar of St James the Great, Colchester – Procession & Benediction

8.30 pm (approx.): Beer Tent, Hot Dogs & Draw in S. churchyard

9.15 pm: Fireworks to music

Further details in August magazine





In July the Church begins a long series of 'Green' Sundays. The vestments and altar frontal are green – a symbol of growth. We should all be growing in our faith and at the start of the holiday season it is so easy to become slack. Jesus makes it clear for all time that Christianity is not to be identified as a list of doctrines, beliefs, membership of a particular denomination or even the Bible – important though all

these are. A Christian is, fundamentally, someone who is known by love. Jesus said:

"A new commandment I give you that you **LOVE** one another.

By this all people will know you are my disciples."

For all our religious devotions, loyalty to a particular church, ability to quote scripture etc., we cannot legitimately call ourselves Christian if we are not committed to being loving Christians.

Any church can be full of people taking part in all kinds of magnificent ceremonies and at the same time be a hothouse of prejudice, infighting and bad will. Jesus formed a community whose members went out healing and preaching. It was a community which organized help for widows and orphans, to the sick and to social outcasts. The final test for belief in Jesus is not just knowing our Bible or creed but our concrete love for human beings

and each other. We are supposed to love one another so people say, as was said of the first Christians:

"Look how they love one another. They must be disciples of that man Jesus."

Christian love cannot be marketed but only witnessed. Words can touch people and churches can impress people, but only a joyful, loving community can lead people to lasting conversions.



Fr Martin Israel wrote: "Love is the keystone of the arch that joins the soul to God"

Love must find its expression I action. We need to ask ourselves: 'How clearly do I see Jesus in His Church?'

The Church is not the problem - but its

members are. However, let us not become too discouraged: Another person wrote:

"Such perfect churches there may be, but none of them are known to me. But still, we'll work and pray and plan to make our own the best we can."

May we show Christ's love more and more to those we meet.

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At the lighting of the Platinum Jubilee Beacon I quoted the words of the Archbishop of Canterbury 70 years ago about HM Queen Elizabeth II:

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asked us to pray for her." The beacon is a sign of the light of Christ that has sustained her for 70 years. It not only gave light but as it burns it gives of itself. We thank God for Her Majesty's faith in Christ, the Light of the World and her dedicated service to our country and Commonwealth.

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To Sue Palmer who has completely restored the cover for the font in the North Porch in beautiful solid oak.



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	PARISH CHURCH C	JF ST MAR	H CHURCH OF ST MARY'S MENDLESHAM - CHURCH CALENDAR FOR JULY 2022	LENDAR FOR JULY 2022
Date	Church Fee	Mass	Intention (we pray especially for)	Parish Intention
.		9.30	Christian unity	Front Street / Old Orchard
2		10.00	Additional Curates Society	Old Market St / Braybrooke Close
e	14th SUNDAY year C	9.30	Parish and Congregation	Mill Road and Hobbies Lane
4	St Elizabeth of Portugal	2.30 pm	the sick; healing ministry	Chapel Road
Ŋ		7.00 am	all conservation societies	Church Road / St Mary's Gardens
9	RESTORATION of SHRINE OLW	6.00 pm	thanksgiving for Walsingham	Brockford Road
2		9.30	Requiem: Fr Timothy - 1st anniversary	Glebe Way
ω		9.30	all recently ordained	Freelands
ი		10.00	better care of our neighbours	Ducksen Road
9	15th SUNDAY year C	9.30	Parish and Congregation	Horsefair Close
7	ST BENEDICT	9.30	the people of Europe	Mason Court
12		9.30	all who reject the Gospel	Mayfield Way
13	St Henry	8.00 am	HM Queen Elizabeth & her Government	Mead Way
14	St Camillus of Lellis	9.30	all carers	Old Station Rd / Cuttings Close / Schools Close
15	St Bonaventure	7.30 pm	our Communicant life	Middy Close / The Sidings
16	Our Lady of Mounty Carmel	10.00 am	the Friends of St Mary's	Wash Lane / Oak Farm Lane
17	16th SUNDAY year C	9.30	Parish and Congregation	Norwich Road / Bluehouse Lane
18		9.30	the departed: July anniversaries	Mendlesham Green
19		9.30	deepening of our discipleship	Tan Office
50		8.00 am	peace of the world	Outlying houses
21		SB	the Suffolk and Norfolk Churches Trusts	Farms in Mendlesham
2	ST MARY MAGDALENE	9.30	Walsingham	Local industries
23	ST BRIDGET	10.00 am	ministry of Reconciliation	Pub & places of recreation
24	17th SUNDAY year C	9.30	Parish and Congregation	Mendlesham School
25	ST JAMES	9.30	this diocese and its bishops	SMF: Patrons of Mendlesham
26	Ss Joachim and Anne	9.30	all grandparents	Village Organisations
27		SB	all searching for faith	Fr Philip
28		9.30	those who have lapsed	Other places of Worship
59	St Martha & Lazarus	9.30	home & family life	PCC and Parish Council
R		10.00	those who are terminally ill	Local Doctors and Healthcare Workers
31	18th SUNDAY year C	9.30	Parish and Congregation	Neighbouring parishes
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