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

### Deadline for July Issue 6<sup>th</sup> June 2022

Don't forget to keep up to speed with  
the URC and  
Parish Church from page 47  
onwards.

#### Editorial

Welcome to the June issue. How  
great that there seems to be a  
general movement towards  
socialising again. It seems to have  
taken so long.

This month is so special with the  
Queen's Platinum Jubilee to  
celebrate: torch procession, Family  
Picnic on the Green and  
Mendlesham Street Party to name  
a few events. Look for the details  
in your Newsletter.

*Best Wishes*  
*Gemma*

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**50/50 shop open -**  
Every Tuesday & Friday  
see page 3 for further details

## THE PARISH COUNCIL



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### Meetings:

**Wednesday 8th June 2022** Ordinary meeting 7pm, Old School Room,  
Mendlesham

**Wednesday 13th July 2022** Ordinary meeting 7pm, Old School Room,  
Mendlesham

All welcome

### Parish Council:

#### **Mendlesham Revised Neighbourhood Development Plan:**

The Mid Suffolk District Council Reg 17 Independent Examination, notice of focused consultation has now come to an end and Janet Cheesley BA(Hons) DipTP MRTPI has resumed her independent examination of our modification draft NDP.

For further information see

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

# MENDLESHAM 'SAT-CAF'

**Saturday, 4<sup>th</sup> June 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.**

**May Draw Winner (Bird Feeder Kit): Ivy Down**

**(Kindly donated by Helen Orton)**

## MENDLESHAM 50/50 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 4<sup>th</sup> June 2022

Meet at

Community Centre Car Park **10.00am**

2-hour Walk led by Rachael

**PLEASE NOTE DIFFERENT START TIME FOR SATURDAY WALKS**

Please feel free to dress in Red, White & Blue as part of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebration Weekend



AND



Walking on a Wednesday

Shorter, slower walks of about 1½ hours led by Alan

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> June 2022

Meet at

Community Centre Car Park **10.30am**

Come and join us!

Stay safe and keep walking!

For more information please contact

Angela - 01449 766483 Rachael - 07971 910279

## OBITUARY

### JOAN HILL

Joan was born on 18<sup>th</sup> May 1925 in Suffolk. She moved a number of times during her young life as her father was a Baptist minister. Joan trained as a nurse in London during World War 2 and nursed in London, Kent and Devon, where she met her first husband Frank. They spent many happy years together until he died. Joan married Arthur in 1970 and retired from nursing. They lived in happy retirement in Devon until Arthur died in 1993. In 2001 Joan moved back to Suffolk to be near her wider family. She quickly built a happy and active life with W.I., St Mary's church, Friends of St Mary's, Over 60's. Flower club and Jubilee Ladies' Choir. After the first Covid lockdown Joan had a hip replacement and although she recovered from this it left her much less mobile. Sadly this, combined with heart failure brought on a decline in her health and she died in April, just a few weeks short of her 97<sup>th</sup> birthday.

**On Sunday, 5<sup>th</sup> June**



**Mendlesham Camera Club**



**will be exhibiting their work in  
the**

**Old School Room**

**to coincide with the Jubilee Street Party celebrations**

**Open 1100 - 1600**

**Static and digital displays will be on show.**

**Free entry**

**Please come and have a look at our work and consider  
joining us.**

**We are a small, friendly group of mixed photography ability and  
meet once a month on the first Tuesday at 7.30pm in the Old  
School Room.**

**More details [www.mendleshamcameraclub.co.uk](http://www.mendleshamcameraclub.co.uk)**

**We are grateful to Mendlesham Community Charity and Cllr  
Stringer for supporting this event.**



**Our next meeting will be in the Old School Room on  
Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> June at 1930.**

**The challenge for us in June is to produce photos to try and sell an  
item. We submit our 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.**

**New members are always welcome.**

**Thank you to everybody who volunteered in any way to make the  
CRAFT FAIR on 2nd May such a success in raising £370.10 for URC  
Chapel funds.**

**Meg Clarke**





# Queen's Platinum Jubilee "Big Lunch" Street Party

Old Market Street Mendlesham  
Sunday 5 June 1p.m. to 5p.m.  
Thanksgiving Service at St. Mary's at 5p.m.

Bring your lunch. (No BBQs please)

Music provided.

Children's activities.

Car drop-off point.

Prizes for best Royalty-themed or 1950's dress.

Prizes for best decorated houses in Parish— red, white and  
blue with Platinum Jubilee theme.

(To be judged daytime on 3 June)

*If you have queries or would like to help please email*

*[mpc@fostermail.co.uk](mailto:mpc@fostermail.co.uk) or phone 07532242292*



Sponsored by the Mendlesham Community Charity







**St Mary's  
Mendlesham**

**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June**

**Platinum Jubilee Community  
Celebration**

**South Churchyard: 12.30 – 5.00**

**beer tent with Elizabeth Ale, wine, hot  
dogs, ice cream, soft drinks, music,  
afternoon teas, children's activities**

**Church Open**

**Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June: 5.00pm**

**Thanksgiving Service  
in Church**

**all welcome!**

## **CONGRATULATIONS!**

To Krystal Vittles, who has been awarded the British Empire Medal for her services to public libraries. Krystal is head of service delivery for Suffolk Libraries and played a central role in establishing the mutual society which runs Suffolk Libraries, which is the first of its kind.

The awards citation says she has "been a trailblazer in exploring alternative delivery models and brokering partnership working, and leveraging her expertise in working with young people, to enhance and improve library services for the people of East Anglia."

It also says: "She spearheaded Suffolk Libraries' successful bid to become an Arts Council National Portfolio Organisation and co-designed a programme with young people and local artists to increase youth access and involvement with culture."

### **UK Power Networks (UKPN) – Priority Register for Vulnerable People.**

At the last visit of the Rural Coffee Caravan, we received info on power cuts and the help that UKPN can provide for older or vulnerable customers. This involved identifying people to UKPN, putting them in a priority category for various forms of help including the provision of a rechargeable torch. One torch was left with us and that was given away at a recent meeting of the Over 60's Club.

Several people have requested these and we have made enquiries with UKPN. Unfortunately, we are not able to pass on names as the company needs to verify need with people directly.

Therefore, anyone wishing to go onto the priority register is advised to ring UKPN on 105 and give their details.

Denise Foster

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**James Bristow Baker** - died 5<sup>th</sup> March 2022

Jim was the son of Stanley John Baker and Mary Ann Hill. He was born on the 23<sup>rd</sup> June 1925 at Vine Cottage, Mendlesham Green. He was the second youngest of 9 children. At the age of 5 he had to walk a mile and a half whatever the weather, to attend the school. During some play times the Mid Suffolk train used to stop at the Mendlesham station and passengers would often throw out half pennies and farthings onto the road. If lucky enough, after school he would take his gains and walk down Front Street to Arthur and Rosie List's sweet shop where he would buy sherbets and sticks of liquorice.

In 1931 at the age of 6, the family moved to Elm Farm, Wickham Skeith where he lived for 14 years. There was no electricity or running water so pond water was sieved through muslin to catch any unwanted bugs then this water was used for cooking and washing clothes. The nearest drinking water was over a mile away. He attended the school at Wickham Skeith until he left at the age of 14. He had little choice of work other than on the farm with his father who fattened cattle for Russell Fenning at White House Farm, Mendlesham. Then when Russell was short staffed he went and helped him with his free range poultry. He enjoyed the poultry work so he stayed with Russell and soon began to run the poultry on his own

In January 1945 he married Hazel Hales, a young girl from Cotton whom he met at a village dance. They lived at Elm Farm until 1946 when he started to create their home at Glenhaven where they raised their four children. The poultry business was thriving so in 1968 the company known as Fenning & Baker Poultry was formed and Jim became its Managing Director until he retired in 1993 at the age of 68 after 53 years at the farm. He had many loyal staff including John Lambert and Derek Webb.

Jim was very interested in the husbandry of livestock and served on many committees. He was involved with Thames Valley Eggs and became a director. In 1980 he was elected Vice Chairman and finally in 1989 he became its chairman, retiring in 1998 at the age of 73. At one point he was on 11 committees and served as chairman for 10 of them. He was a much respected man within the Poultry world and even travelled to Moscow, New York, Rome and Romania to attend Poultry Conferences in the 60s.

He was interested in village life and was a member of the Mendlesham Bowls club and became its Captain for 18 years. He served as a Parish Counsellor for 19 years. He was a committee member and chairman of the old village hall. He became a trustee of the Church & Town Estate in 1964 and was still there over 55 years later. In 1972, he became a Trustee of the Education Foundation Trust and served for 47 years and was its Chairman for 27 years. He was Chairman of The Pensioners Parish Party for twenty years until he eventually became of age to sit down at the party. In recent years he was a committee member of the Friends of St Mary's helping to raise money for the maintenance of the church. He also liked to travel and with his wife Hazel had many holidays and business trips around the world.

## CONNECTING COMMUNITIES MID SUFFOLK

A new travel service is now available for residents of local villages including Mendlesham and the Green. It is set up for people wanting to go to hospital appointments, the station, meetings, leisure events, shopping, social gatherings etc. and who have no means of getting there.

The mini bus holds 4 people in seats plus a wheelchair. The bus needs to be booked in advance and the fare is paid by card to the driver.

The hours are operational from early morning to early evening and on board there is information about other services. Connecting Communities is a charity and the driver is trained with Covid guidelines in place about keeping the bus clean in between journeys.

The current price list is:

- 1 to 4 miles £2.50
- 5 to 7 miles £4.00
- 8 to 10 miles £5.50
- 11 to 13 miles £7.00
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Registered Carers remain free when supporting a passenger.

It is a personal, convenient travel service and is slightly more than a traditional bus fare and half the price of a taxi. A free bus pass cannot be used on this mini bus service.

It may be helpful for people without transport of their own and who cannot get out of the village easily to attend appointments.

**TO BOOK AND FOR MORE INFORMATION**

Please contact 01449 614271 or [www.bsevc.co.uk](http://www.bsevc.co.uk)

## Mendlesham Community Charity Update

The trustees are pleased to let you know that we have been able to support the United Reform Church fundraising Craft Fair and the Photographic Club Exhibition both held in May, have helped the Writers Group and the Craft and Chat Club restart post covid and continue to support the Meet up Monday Café, as well as supporting a Child Art Event to mark the official opening of the MUGA in the playing fields. We are delighted to support the Street Party Events in Mendlesham and Mendlesham Green for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations followed by a Family Fun Day on the playing fields in September.

This is what the MCC is here for. To raise funds so that we can support our community.

At the moment our main source of income is from the 50:50 Shop and the Tote and we thank those wonderful folk who have continued to run these fundraising activities throughout the pandemic.

We also thank the Newsletter Team who have continued to publish a copy, and, when able, deliver to your door each month as well as produce a PDF copy for the parish website. The cost of the newsletter is covered by advertising from local businesses and we thank those organisations who have continued to pay for adverts, giving us a free newsletter to every household in the parish.

The MCC insurance covers all our volunteers from delivering the newsletter, collecting the tote money and running the shop to participating in MCC fund raising events and acting as trustees. We are working on updating the required policies and procedures to minimise risk and ensure that we are working effectively and in accordance with the laws of the land – which includes Data Protection. Our thanks go to the volunteers helping to establish a secure, electronic record of our accounts, the data we hold on volunteers (essential for contacting people and recording their voluntary roles), the minutes of our meetings and the way in which we operate. We hope that by the end of the year to have our own website with public access to information about us, our activities and up and coming events.

If you would like to undertake a fund-raising activity or need some support for your group/organisation – contact a trustee or go to the Parish Website and download an Event Planner/Support form to complete and give to a trustee.

Enjoy the June celebrations and the summer to come!

### Join the MCC Board of Trustees!

We need two more trustees! Please step forward to join us. Complete an application form on 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**

## 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.

## United Reformed Church

### MURCies Coffee Bar

Friday - 10<sup>th</sup> June 2022 10am - 12pm

### Knit and Natter

Monday - 13<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> June 2022 2pm - 4pm



**Parish Council:**

**Mendlesham Parish Meeting:**

Thank you to those of you who were able to attend the Parish Meeting on 19th April, we hope that you enjoyed celebrating the great work residents and organisations undertake on behalf of the community.

Reports and detailed nominations for each of the successful award winners can be found on the Mendlesham Website at

<https://mendlesham.suffolk.cloud/useful-info/annual-parish-meeting/>

**Community Awards** were presented to:

**Carolyn Triscot:** For her role as Chairperson of Mendlesham Community Council and contribution to the community.

**Eric Bauly:** For winding up the Church Clock twice a week for over 51 years

**Peter Freeman:** For a scouting career of over 35 years and contribution to the community.

**Jan Kelly:** For her kindness and technical skills, not only in her professional role at Mendlesham Health Centre but also supporting the Community as a volunteer.

**Mendlesham Walking Group:** For providing mental well being and physical health activities for all and monitoring our Rights of Way.

**Andrew's Angels:** To anyone who during the Covid restrictions and lockdowns extended a helping hand to a fellow parishioner who was in need.

**Mendlesham shop:** Minesh Patel, his family and all of the team at Mendlesham Bakery who during the many lockdowns and the isolation of Covid 19, have literally kept our community going, and all of this with a smile and good cheer.

**Queen Jubilee Torch Nominations:** Our Community Champions are:

**Jean Abbott:** What has Jean not been involved in? In particular her work for Mendlesham Community Council and St Mary's Church.

**Pris Colchester:** Parish Clerk, Secretary for Mendlesham Charities, School Governor over so many years. Supporting Roy and with their family providing a history of Mendlesham Parish. Support to the farming community.

**Mike Favager:** Mendlesham's First Responders, Secretary to Mendlesham Charities, Camera Club originator, Ex Parish Councillor and volunteer helping the community.



# TOTE RESULTS

Mendlesham Lottery April 2022			
30 <sup>th</sup> March		16 <sup>th</sup> April	
Drawn at Mayfield Way		Drawn at Mayfield Way	
June Proctor	£35.00	Gill Ruck	£35.00
Shirley Elliston	£25.00	Jenny Martyn	£25.00
Di Lambert	£15.00	Paul Jermyn	£15.00
Julie Knock	£10.00	Karen Absolum	£10.00

## News from “The 50/50 Shop” - Mendlesham’s best kept secret?

Within the village, tucked away on the playing fields, we have a hidden gem - the 50/50 Shop. Entirely staffed by volunteers, it has been running for over 30 years and over recent months we have been delighted to see many new faces visit.

If you haven’t been before you’ll find a treasure trove behind the wooden door! Open every Tuesday and Friday from 2pm - 4pm, with the occasional Saturday opening, 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.

It’s a simple concept - we take in new, or good as new, clothing, shoes and accessories, selling these on. 50% of the sale price is allocated to the person who donated the items, with the other 50% going towards village funds. This form of income helps to fund items such as the play equipment and other parish purchases.

Alongside clothing for men, women and children we have a good selection of books plus have expanded our range to include homewares. All non-clothes items are sold with 100% of monies to village funds.

At the end of the season we hold a sale event, making our bargains even cheaper! Leftover stock gets cleared ready for the new items and recently the winter stock, with good quality warm clothing for men, women and children, was donated to help the people fleeing Ukraine.

You’ll find all of our latest news on our Facebook page, simply search “Mendlesham 50/50 Shop” and we also regularly share posts to the Spotted in Mendlesham page too. If you have any questions please call into the shop and speak to one of our volunteers.

Next month: how we’re helping to Reuse, Reduce, Recycle.

Our April meeting opened on a sad note with a minutes silence to remember our oldest member and great WI supporter Joan Hill. We were pleased to provide refreshments for family and friends after Joan's funeral as she had requested.

At our April meeting, the speaker was Hawk Honey, his talk was entitled The Forgotten Bees and told us about different types of bee and played a video of their nest building. Such busy bees.

Our annual subscriptions are now due and I am sure we all appreciate the subsidy each member is receiving from accumulated funds.

To widen our WI friendship and afford a more expensive speaker at the bi-annual gatherings, a number of local WIs join together for a 'Group' meeting. Our Group includes Bacton and District, Earl Stonham, Eye, Gisleingham, Redlingfield, Occold and Stoke Ash. Recently Bacton hosted a meeting in Wyverstone village hall and Charlie Haylock spoke to us about his involvement with the Netflix film The Dig, employed as a Suffolk dialect coach. Charlie recounted what lengths Ralph Fiennes went to immerse himself in the Suffolk dialect and avoid sounding like a West Country cowboy. Charlie had us in fits of laughter and impressed us with his repertoire of dialects. This was our first group meeting since lockdown and was lovely to get together for a chat. Bacton made excellent hostesses.

Our knit, stitch and yarn mornings continue to be well attended – 13 being at the May one, the June one will be on Wed. 1<sup>st</sup> June in the Old School Room from 1000-noon.

Our full June meeting will be an afternoon tea in a member's garden to celebrate the Jubilee – that will be Tuesday, June 21<sup>st</sup>

We are getting back to 'normal' and have things to look forward to – an organised beach comb at Felixstowe in July, an outing to the Sandringham Flower Show, a flower arranging workshop and winter visit to the Thursford Christmas Spectacular.

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

## MENDLESHAM OVER 60s CLUB – 27<sup>TH</sup> April 2022

Paul welcomed 34 members to this meeting. We started with one minute's silence as Joan Hill, a longstanding member, had passed away.

We had apologies from Jan and Jack Kelly and Linda Geyman.

Our speaker, Dr Geoffrey Kay, presented the topic "Over here, over sexed and over paid".

He told us he was not born until 1947 so did not experience things first hand. He had collected stories and facts and figures over time. Americans at one time out-numbered locals 7 to 1. They were mainly airmen and, of course, they had lots of chocolate and food stuff we had long been deprived of!

The competition was 'Something American'.

First: Enid Lambert, Second: David Lambert, Third: Linda Stocker.

After tea we had the A.G.M. Paul gave a rundown of the last six months and a report on our finances. Paul was voted to carry on as Treasurer and the rest of the committee, Linda Stocker, Jean Martin, Janet Huggins and George Taylor have all agreed to carry on. There were no other volunteers to serve on the committee. In the absence of any other volunteers Annette Taylor was voted to take over as Chairperson, which leaves a vacancy for a secretary. We will need one soon.

With the A.G.M. over, Annette thanked members for their support and she promised to do her best for them.

A list was sent round for our trip to Cromer and East Runton Vicarage Gardens on June 8<sup>th</sup>.

Next Meeting: June 29<sup>th</sup> – Colin Hopper "History of London Bridge".  
Competition: London landmark in any medium.

Annette thanked members for coming and Marcel led us in the anthem to close the meeting.

## **Fifty Years of Brownies (1972-2022)**

In 1969, I finished my teacher training and started my career as a Primary School teacher. My first appointment was at Bacton Primary School where I stayed for 5 years. At that time teachers were expected to take on voluntary roles within the community. Today this is very difficult because the workload of a teacher is far greater than it was in the 60s, 70s, or even the 80s. Once a year, I helped with the Mendlesham Pensioners' Christmas party as its secretary and also preparing foods and serving at the tables. However, I wanted to do more within the community and considered setting up a Saturday morning creative group for young children or perhaps a Saturday Playgroup. But at that time Playgroups were becoming popular and a meeting was held in the old village hall and it was decided to run a playgroup for 3 to 5 years olds on Tuesday and Thursday mornings which meant with my teaching commitments I was unable to assist. Then a colleague at school told me about her role as a Ranger Guider within the Stowmarket Ranger Guide unit. I became very interested and volunteered to help at several Brownie Packs within the Stowmarket and Haughley District over the next 2 years. Finally, I went on a residential course for Guiders at Hengrave Hall near Bury St Edmunds.

Now I was ready to set up my own Brownie Pack. Ideal as Mendlesham did not have any Guiding units within the village. My next task was to find a willing helper. Fortunately my then sister-in-law, Val Baker (now Lawes) agreed to be my Tawny Owl. So on the 7<sup>th</sup> June 1972 we held our first Brownie Pack meeting in the Old School Room when 11 girls came along to join. These girls were – Christine and Pauline Woods, Kathryn Sives, Louise and Wendy Squirrell, Mary and Wendy Steward, Michelle Dove, Sally Sanders, Susan Foster and Valerie Briggs. A sub paid at that time was the princely total of 3 pence per girl. By the end of July, 3 more girls had joined us – Karen Murphy, Karen Talbot and Sadie Tomkins. At that time the girls were divided into 3 Sixes – Elves, Pixies and Gnomes. My sister Jennie Lummis also came along to help us as a Unit Helper. By the end of the year we had 20 girls on our books. As a full pack was 24 girls we were now feeling that this was a very worthwhile and successful commitment. We planned many exciting meetings covering the 8 points of the Guiding programme whereby the girls learnt to be wide awake, to keep fit, to do their best, to make things, to be friendly, to lend a hand and to help at home. There were many interest badges which they could work for as well taking part in district concerts, entertaining at the Pensioner's party, inter pack sports, camp fire singing, Maypole dancing at the Street Fayre, a Maori concert whereby the girls sang a Maori love song with actions, performed a Poi dance and the Maori stick game, and of course activities whereby money was raised for the pack and various charities.

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I was Brown Owl with the 1<sup>st</sup> Mendlesham Pack for 30 years and retired in 2002 after having served 7 years as District Commissioner for the Haughley District. During my time as Brownie Guider (Brown Owl), I had several willing helpers, Tawny Owls and Snowy Owls. In fact, the Pack could not have run without them.

For several years Maureen Clark and her daughter Gillian helped. Maureen did go on to open the Guide Company in the village with Elizabeth Creegan. Brenda Hunt, Paulette Hammond, Hannah Smith, Lorraine and Tracey Welham were also helpers giving up their free time. Dorothy Froude stood in when Val Lawes retired until she took over the Guide Company. When Dorothy left I was so lucky that Brenda Stannard already a Guider, moved into Mendlesham and stepped in to be my Tawny Owl and Angela Cole volunteered as Snowy Owl so for several years we made a great partnership taking Brownies on 9 Pack Holidays which we ran every 18 months. We took away total of 18 Brownies each time to Felixstowe (five times), Shotley, Woodbridge, Sutton and Hengrave Hall. We had a great team of helpers – Jodi and Sue Palmer, Dorothy and her mother (Mrs Allen), Olive Peel and Cheryl Elmer.

With a flourishing Brownie Pack in the village it was good to have a Guide Company and a Rainbow Unit to complete the Guiding family. We have had several girls coming back over the years to help within these units as Young Leaders which does help them when applying for a job or entrance into University or looking for personal development opportunities. They are able to show they have leadership skills and are capable of organising activities. Today, Brenda Stannard and Emma Munday (Kathryn Sives' daughter) run the Brownie Pack and also the Guide Company. The Rainbow Unit is run by Becky Froude with Katharine Robinson (my daughter) as the unit helper. These leaders are devoted and trained volunteers who have given up their free time to give young girls fun, guidance on making friendships and how to be kind to others and also educating them about the world we live in.

I have very fond memories of my time as a Brownie Guider. There are lots of stories to tell of times during a Pack Holiday especially when the girls did not get off to sleep until past midnight. Also, many hours were spent planning the meetings, trying our best to give the girls a fun time and playing a part in organising District events or a Pack outing. If there is anyone who would like to help with any Unit meetings or think they might like to do leadership training just speak to Brenda Stannard, Emma Munday or Becky Froude because Girl guiding does need willing, committed and dedicated helpers.

*Brenda Juby*

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# Easter Treasure Hunt

## Friends of Mendlesham School Association



After a two-year break due to the pandemic, it was fantastic to once again be able to hold our Easter Treasure Hunt.

We just wanted to say a massive thank you to everyone that came to this year's hunt with it being our best attendance to date.

On Good Friday a trail of Easter Bonnets was hidden in the woods in the village. Everyone had to guess who would normally wear each bonnet. We also had an anagram puzzle and an eggstra general knowledge quiz. We had 66 families enter. Every child that entered received a medal and a sweet treat. All the correct entries from the trail then went into a draw to win 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> prize hampers and a bottle of wine and an Easter egg for the general knowledge quiz.

We had Easter refreshments on sale, a 'Guess the name of the bunny' stall and 'How many eggs are in the jar' stall. There were hard boiled eggs to decorate and some fantastic designs were created.

An amazing £677.22 was taken for the school, along with a further £55.81 for Ukraine from potting and selling sunflowers.

We would like to thank Debbie, Community Champion at Stowmarket Tesco's and Colchester Zoo for donating items that we used for prizes. We would also like to thank The Parish Council for giving us permission to use the woodland and the parents, family members and the FOMSA Committee that made the delicious refreshments. Finally, we would like to thank all the people who helped on the day with setting up and running the event.

Once again, thanks for everyone's support in making a lovely morning whilst supporting the school.

Kind regards, FOMSA (Friends of Mendlesham School Association)

### Our Winners

First Prize



85 sweets in the jar



Second Prize



'Eggstra' general knowledge quiz



Third Prize



The name of the bunny was Hutch

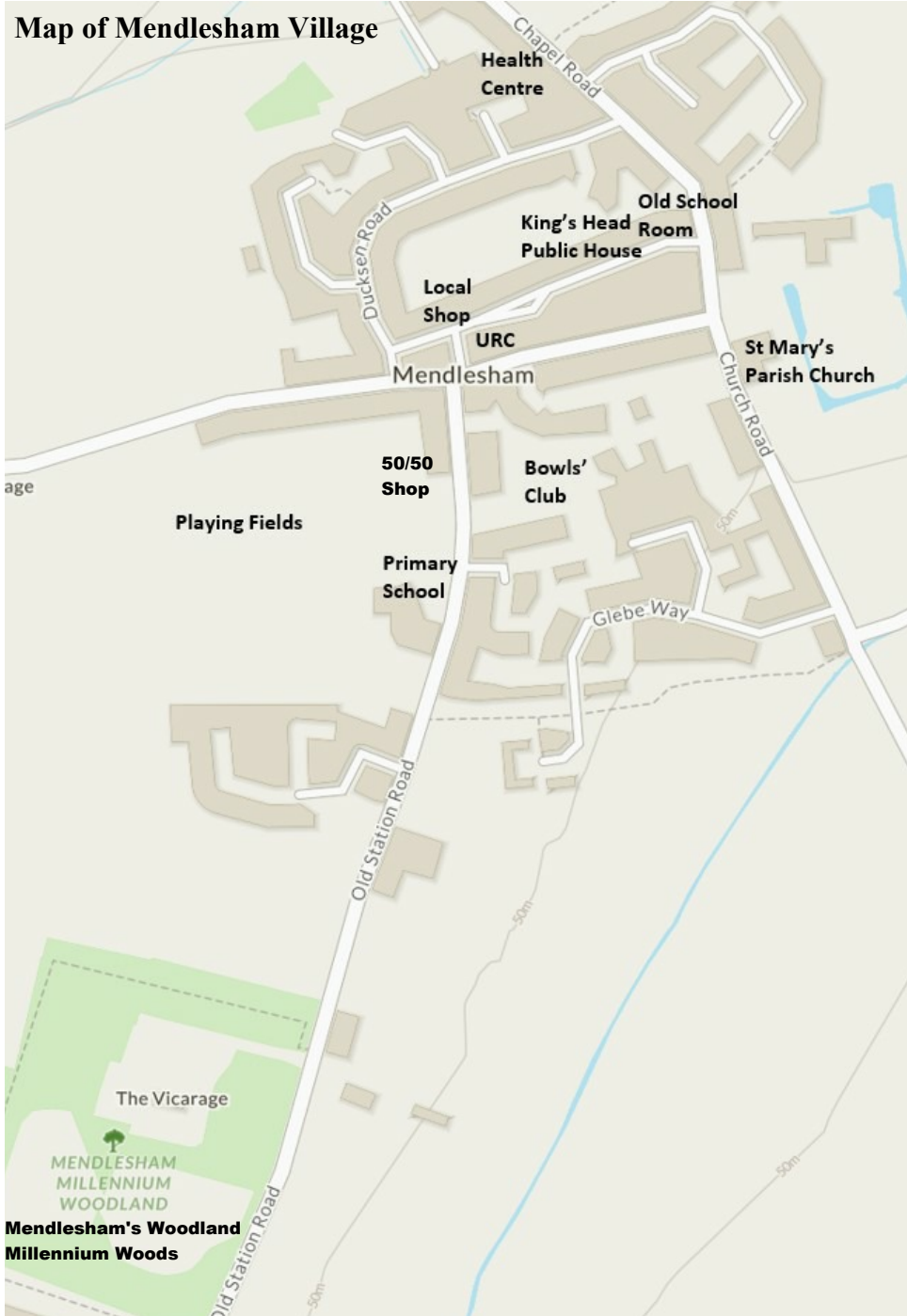


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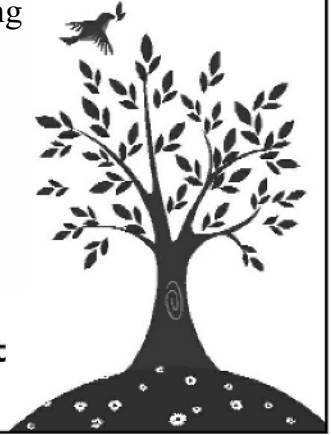
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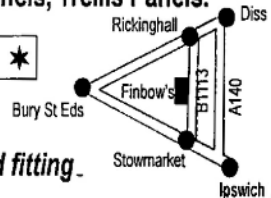
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
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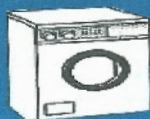
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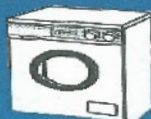
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**Services for June** as shown below

- 1<sup>st</sup> 2.30pm** Afternoon Fellowship - Mrs Ann Edwards  
**5<sup>th</sup> 5.00pm** at St Mary's for service of Celebration and Thanksgiving for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee  
**12<sup>th</sup> 10.45am** Rev'd Norman Tharby  
**15<sup>th</sup> 2.30pm** Afternoon Fellowship - Mrs Mary Durrant  
**26<sup>th</sup> 10.45am** Rev'd Mary Playford

**MURCies Coffee Bar - Friday from 10.00 - 12.00 (10<sup>th</sup> June)**

**Knit & Natter - Monday 13<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> June, 2.00 - 4.00pm**

*Psalm 181: 24 This is the day that the LORD has made;  
let us rejoice and be glad in it.*

June is a time of celebration, 2<sup>nd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> of June we have an extended Bank holiday to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, a celebration to mark 70 years of Queen Elizabeth II being on the throne. When I have heard the Queen speak about what inspires her in her reign, she always seems to refer to her faith in God. Her faith seems to be one of her main stays in how she conducts herself as Queen. We could all do well to learn this from her.

On 5<sup>th</sup> June we also have the Churches Birthday, Pentecost which is the festival of the windy, fiery Spirit of God, perhaps the most imaginative of all the Christian festivals, which is on the 50th day after Easter (in Greek Pentecost).

We remember that the Holy Spirit came down upon the apostles, and filled the early Church with the Spirit, they began to speak in many languages and shared with others the great things God had done, and that is how the church was born, after that many believed and started to meet for prayers and teaching, sharing life together and breaking bread.

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So Pentecost is the birthday of the Church and that is worth celebrating, but not only that: Pentecost is also the feast where we remember what the church is for. In many Churches and traditions, this is the time when we remind ourselves that the Church is called to mission, to sharing with others the good news of Jesus Christ – in word and in deed.

Perhaps this year we do need to celebrate particularly with all that we have been through, remembering that God walks with us in both in Joy and sorrow.

Robert

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Friday 10<sup>th</sup> June: 4.00 pm

Saturdays 18<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> June: 4.00 pm

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<b>4<sup>th</sup> June</b>	10.00 am: First Mass of Sunday
<b>5<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>PENTECOST</b> 9.30: Parish Mass 5.00 pm: <b>HM Queen Elizabeth Platinum Jubilee Thanksgiving Service – ALL WELCOME</b>
<b>7<sup>th</sup> June</b>	9.30: Mass (said); 10.30 -12.30: Coffee & cake in church
<b>9<sup>th</sup> June</b>	7.30 pm Mass. 8.00 pm – 8.45pm: Silent prayer in front of the Blessed Sacrament for the peace of the world
<b>11<sup>th</sup> June</b>	10.00 am: First Mass of Sunday Tour of Round Towered churches – see poster in church
<b>12<sup>th</sup> June</b>	9.30: Parish Mass 11.30: PCC meeting & shared lunch in church
<b>13<sup>th</sup> June</b>	2.30 pm: Mass (monthly healing service)
<b>14<sup>th</sup> June</b>	9.30: Requiem Mass – June anniversaries 10.30 -12.30: Coffee & cake in church
<b>19<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>CORPUS CHRISTI</b> 9.30: Parish Mass & Procession of the Blessed Sacrament
<b>20<sup>th</sup> June</b>	9.30: Mass 7.30 pm: Archdeacon's Visitation at Barham, when Andrew & Chris will be readmitted as churchwardens
<b>21<sup>st</sup> June</b>	9.30: Mass (said); 10.30 -12.30: Coffee & cake in church
<b>28<sup>th</sup> June</b>	9.30: Mass (said); 10.30 -12.30: Coffee & cake in church
<b>30<sup>th</sup> June</b>	9.30: Mass. 7.30 pm: Deanery Synod <b>TBC</b>

### FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

**Holy Burial**

**29<sup>th</sup> April: Joan Hannah Hill, aged 96**



## Fr Philip Writes..

**St Mark's Gospel has two endings:** The original Gospel ends abruptly at chapter 16 v 8... ***“And the women came out and ran away from the tomb because they were frightened out of their wits; and they said nothing to a soul, for they were afraid.”*** The 12 verses which now finish the Gospel are considered by scholars to be a slightly later addition by another person than Mark. At Theological college we rather wrote off verses 15-20 because of that, but we actually have very important lessons to learn from them. They read as follows:

'And he said to them, 'Go out to the whole world; proclaim the gospel to all creation. Whoever believes and is baptised will be saved; whoever does not believe will be condemned.

These are the signs that will be associated with believers: in my name they will cast out devils; they will have the gift of tongues; they will pick up snakes in their hands and be unharmed should they drink deadly poison; they will lay their hands on the sick, who will recover.'

And so the Lord Jesus, after he had spoken to them, was taken up into heaven; there at the right hand of God he took his place, while they, going out, preached everywhere, the Lord working with them and confirming the word by the signs that accompanied it.'

Perhaps Mark's original point was that we should all fill in the story of the Risen Christ in our lives, as quite clearly the women did say something to other people or nobody, including ourselves, would ever have heard about the Resurrection. In the rest of his Gospel Mark had described what Jesus did in his public ministry as a prelude to what he continues to do now through the church. So what do we learn from the concluding section?



- 1. The Church has the task of SPREADING THE GOOD NEWS.** It is the duty of the Church – and that means every Christian- to tell the story of the Good News of Jesus to those who have never heard it. One recent Pope said there are 8 Sacraments of the Church: the 8<sup>th</sup> is the lives of Christians, which should be signs of God’s grace. One prayer we say at Morning Prayer is: **‘Help us to manifest your resurrection by our way of living.’**
- 2. The Church has the task of HEALING.** Christianity is concerned with people’s bodies as well as their minds and spirits. Jesus came to bring health to the body, mind and spirit.



- 3. The Church should be a CHURCH OF POWER.** In the colourful language of venomous snakes and poisonous liquids is a conviction that the Christian is filled with a power to cope with life.
- 4. The Church WILL NEVER BE LEFT ALONE.** Always, Christ works with it, in it and through it in preaching, teaching and healing, particularly through the laying on of hands and anointing of the sick with oil.

The Good News of Easter and Pentecost is that Jesus wants to work a miracle in us if we open our hearts to him. Please ask yourself: ***“What miracle do I want Jesus to work in me?”*** You have only to read the Acts of the Apostles to see a remarkable parallel between the life of the early Church and the life of Jesus. Jesus healed and so did the early Church. Jesus expelled evil spirits and so did the early Church. The Church is the extension of Jesus in space and time and at St Mary’s we are here to fulfil these words: ***“God sends no churches from the skies: out of our hearts they must arise.”***

**I pray these words may be fulfilled in our parish.**

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Date	Church Festival	Mass	Intention (we pray especially for....)	Parish Intention
1	St Justin	8.00 am	Christian Unity	Front Street / Old Orchard
2	Ss Marcellinus & Peter	9.30	peace of the world	Old Market St / Braybrooke Close
3	St Charles Lwanga	9.30	the people of Uganda	Mill Road and Hobbies Lane
4		10.00	HM Queen Elizabeth	Chapel Road
5	<b>PENTECOST</b>	<b>9.30</b>	<b>Parish and Congregation</b>	<b>Church Road / St Mary's Gardens</b>
6	BVM Mother of the Church	9.30	the Society of Mary	Brockford Road
7		9.30	people unjustly deprived of liberty	Glebe Way
8		8.00 am	the Friends of Friendless Churches	Freelands
9	OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, ETERNAL HIGH PRIEST	7.30 pm	Additional Curates Society	Ducksen Road
10	of St Barnabas	9.30	the Church's mission in this parish	Horsefair Close
11	St Barnabas	10.00	all preparing for Baptism	Mason Court
12	<b>MOST HOLY TRINITY</b>	<b>9.30</b>	<b>Parish and Congregation</b>	<b>Mayfield Way</b>
13	St Anthony of Padua	2.30 pm	the sick: Healing Ministry	Mead Way
14		9.30	the departed (June Anniversaries)	Old Station Rd / Cuttings Close / Schools Close
15		8.00 am	spiritual renewal	Middy Close / The Sidings
16	St Richard of Chichester	9.30	all taking exams	Wash Lane / Oak Farm Lane
17		9.30	refugees	Nowich Road / Bluehouse Lane
18		10.00	our Communicant life	Mendeslam Green
19	<b>CORPUS CHRISTI</b>	<b>9.30</b>	<b>Parish and Congregation</b>	<b>Tan Office</b>
20	St Alban	9.30	our churchwardens, Andrew & Chris	Outlying houses
21	St Aloysius	9.30	all suffering from HIV and AIDS	Farms in Mendeslam
22	SS JOHN FISHER & THOMAS MORE	8.00 am	Walsingham	Local industries
23	BIRTHDAY OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST	9.30	protection of unborn children	Pub & places of recreation
24	MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS	9.30	all searching for faith	Mendeslam School
25		10.00	Stowmarket Food Bank	SMF: Patrons of Mendeslam
26	<b>13th Sunday of Year C</b>	<b>9.30</b>	<b>Parish and Congregation</b>	<b>Village Organisations</b>
27	St Cyril of Alexandria	9.30	the people of Ukraine	Fr Philip
28	St Irenaeus	9.30	persecuted Christians	Other places of Worship
29	<b>SS PETER AND PAUL</b>	<b>9.30 &amp; 7.30pm</b>	<b>Parish and Congregation</b>	<b>PCC, Parish and Community Councils</b>
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