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6th November 2022

Front Cover
Andrew Cullum

Don't forget the Parish Church & URC from page 43

Editorial

Welcome to the November issue. The changing colours in the garden and hedgerows confirm the arrival of winter. As temperatures fall there are concerns about the cost of living and higher fuel bills but don't sit around and worry. Put on your winter coat and join others for a warm drink and company at the many social hubs in the village.

It is good to remember those lost in our past but better to look forwards with hope for the future.

Best Wishes
Gemma

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Every Tuesday & Friday
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THE PARISH COUNCIL



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Wetheringsett, Suffolk IP14 5PL

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Email: parishclerk@mendleshampc.org

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

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- 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
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- Liz Ward tel 766562

Wednesday 9 November 2022 Ordinary meeting 7pm, Old School Room, Mendlesham

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

All welcome

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 17th November**

MENDLESHAM 'SAT-CAF'

Saturday, 5th November 10.00 – 14.00

OLD SCHOOL ROOM, MENDLESHAM

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

October Draw Winner (Harvest Hamper):

Jill and Guy Wiltshear

(Kindly donated by Brenda Player)

MENDLESHAM 50150 STOP

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 the Mendlesham Community Charity.

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's Neighbourhood Plan Modification :

We now have a date for the referendum. Please see the following statement from MSDC. Please also keep an eye on our Mendlesham web site <https://mendlesham.suffolk.cloud/mendlesham-parish-council/neighbourhood-plan/17-11-22-referendum/> and Parish Noticeboards for further notices regarding the referendum.



Referendum Information Statement

A referendum on the Mendlesham Neighbourhood Plan 2018 - 2037 will be held on Thursday 17 November 2022. The 'Mendlesham Neighbourhood Plan 2018 - 2037' has been prepared to update and replace the plan that was first adopted by Mid Suffolk District Council in March 2017. The original policies are retained, some are updated, and there is a new policy that relates specifically to residential development proposals.

There is a statutory process which must be followed before this updated Neighbourhood Plan can be 'made' (adopted). That involves holding a new referendum, which is conducted in accordance with procedures similar to those used at local government elections. Those entitled to vote will be asked to answer 'yes' or 'no' to the following question:

'Do you want Mid Suffolk District Council to use the Neighbourhood Plan for Mendlesham to help it decide planning applications in the neighbourhood area?'

If more than 50% vote 'yes', then Mid Suffolk District Council will be legally obliged to 'make' (adopt) this neighbourhood plan as part of its development plan framework.

A person is entitled to vote in the referendum if;

- He or She is entitled to vote in a local government election in the referendum area; and
- He or She has an address at which they are registered to vote within the referendum area and are over the age of 18 years on the date of poll.

The referendum area is identical to that which was originally designated as the Neighbourhood Plan Area, and follows the parish boundary. A map can be found within the referendum version of the Plan (see link further below).

Expenses can be incurred by an individual or body during the referendum period for referendum purposes but are subject to a limit calculated to be £2,431.21

The number of persons entitled to vote in the referendum by reference to which that limit has been calculated is 1,173

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Copies of the specified documents (meaning those listed below) can be viewed by going to www.midsuffolk.gov.uk/MendleshamNP

- The referendum version of the Mendlesham Neighbourhood Plan 2018 - 2037
- The Independent Examiner's Report on the submission draft version of this Plan
- The Written Representations on the submission draft Plan and the Parish Council Response to these, both of which were submitted to the Independent Examiner.
- The Written Representations made at the examination consultation stage, and the Parish Councils Response to these.
- A Decision Statement (published on 1 August 2022) which confirms that, subject to modification, the draft Plan meets the basic conditions and other legislative requirements, and that it can proceed to referendum, and
- A Statement (this document), setting out general information relating to the referendum.

Printed copies of the Plan and the other documents have also been deposited at the Kings Head Public House, 6 Old Market Street, Mendlesham, IP14 5SA, where they can be viewed on request during normal opening hours.

The Counting Officer, Mid Suffolk District Council Friday 7 October 2022



Christmas Gift & Craft Fayre

SUNDAY 27th November

Community Centre (at school)
Mendlesham Stowmarket IP14 5RT
From 10.00am - 4.00pm.



Avoid the hassle of town, come along and shop in peace - enjoy a lovely cuppa and a delicious piece of cake or sausage roll, before choosing from a huge variety of original gift ideas to delight family and friends with.

Also a raffle with FAB prizes

A perfect way to spend a Sunday afternoon.

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Mendlesham Neighbourhood Development Plan Modification

**A referendum on the Mendlesham Neighbourhood Development
Plan Modification will take place on**

Thursday 17 November 2022

The question that will be asked of those entitled to vote is ...

"Do you want Mid Suffolk District Council to use the Neighbourhood Plan for Mendlesham to help it decide planning applications in the neighbourhood area?"

What does the Mendlesham Neighbourhood Development Plan Modification offer you?

It gives you, the residents, a voice in the future of the parish.

It contains new and updated local policies that will help shape our local community.

If adopted, it becomes part of the statutory planning framework for this parish, and will be used by Mid Suffolk District Council when it makes decisions on future planning applications.

What do the policies aim to do?

Keep the parish as a rural community

Support new development that is suitable for our rural environment

Provide additional affordable housing

Support small local business development

Protect our historic environment

Provide guidance for building design requirements

Provide High speed broadband.

Maintain and improve our green areas and open spaces

Maintain and improve our Public Rights of Way and countryside access

If the plan is adopted the parish will continue to receive 25% of the developer's contributions collected by Mid Suffolk District Council through the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL). This money can then be used to further improve our local services and environment.

Where can I see the plan?

You can view the Plan and find out more about the referendum process by visiting:

<https://www.midsuffolk.gov.uk/planning/neighbourhood-planning/neighbourhood-planning-in-mid-suffolk/mendlesham-neighbourhood-plan/www.midsuffolk.gov.uk/MendleshamNP> and <https://mendlesham.suffolk.cloud/mendlesham-parish-council/neighbourhood-plan/17-11-22-referendum/>

A paper copy is available at the King's Head pub in Old Market Street, Mendlesham for you to look at (but not take away).

Where do I vote?

The Old School Room, Old Market Street, Mendlesham, IP14 5SA,
[voting hours 07:00 hrs - 22:00 hrs] or register with
Mid Suffolk District Council (if you haven't already) for a postal vote.

Please vote on Thursday 17 November 2022



**Mendlesham
Community
Charity Presents!**

**Fireworks
Music & Food
Licensed Bar**

Mendlesham Football Ground
6th November 6 till 8 pm
Tickets £5 Gate : £4 Advanced
Under 16's £2 or £1

Tickets available from
Mendlesham village shop and Kings Head Pub

Mendlesham Community Charity (MCC)

Charity No: 282391

MCC update

Annual Report 2022 (full copy available on request)

At the **Annual General Meeting**, held on 26 September, which was open to everyone, Judith and the 4 other trustees (Sally, Teresa, Andrew and Letitia) presented the achievements of the past 12 months.

From amending the **MCC Constitution** and reviewing all the associated **Policies and Procedures** to raising funds to support our community, the charity is now in good shape to continue the work started so many years ago. We are financially sound, enabling us to put on a Guy Fawkes Night on Sunday 6 November and bring the return of the Street Fayre on 01 May 2023, as well as continuing to support village activities. Our **audited accounts** stood at a total of £12,191.12 of which £2,407.26 is held in reserve.

If you would like to support the MCC, attend our general meetings, and hear directly from the Board of Trustees, then please get in touch and we will add you to our **Volunteer Members Database**.

If you would like to put on an event for people to enjoy and raise funds for the future or have a community project or activity you would like us to support, please contact us. We have an **Event Planner/Support application form** and can provide guidance for running events.

As always we thank our **Newsletter Teams** for producing and delivering the newsletter to every house, our **50:50 shop team** and **Village Tote team** for giving us the pleasure of participating and raising funds. Thanks also go to Mark Brennan Co-opted Trustee to help with our IT projects (including a new website) and John Player who is working closely with us to run the Street Fayre.

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At the meeting, in line with our Constitution, following a lively interaction about the MCC activities, those present were asked to **vote on retaining the current trustees** for another year. It was unanimously carried. Thank you for the support.

We were also able to **welcome to the Board of Trustees, Nathalie Crisp**. Her contact details are below.

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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**



Thank You



Thank you to all that showed up and supported our tractor run on Sunday 25th September to raise money for Cancer Research UK (Breast Cancer Appeal). We could not have achieved it without the support of the tractor drivers that showed up thank you.

A big thank you goes out to Karon from Stackyard Nursery for all your help and support. Also thank you to Daphne Lambert for her wonderful cakes and thank you to our chef James on the BBQ lastly thanks to everyone else for their help and support.

In total with the help and support of everyone we have managed to raise
£1055.00

The Friends of St. Mary's Church

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



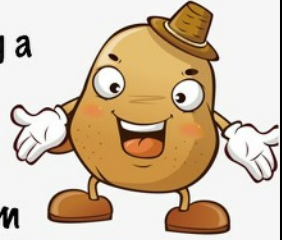
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The Friends of St Mary's Church are holding a

Spud Bash

at the United Reformed Church Mendlesham



on **Saturday 26 November 12:00-2:00.**

Come and enjoy a delicious Jacket Potato with a choice of fillings, a slice of cake, and a cup of coffee or tea for only £7.00. There will also be a raffle.

Mendlesham Walking Group

Saturday 5th November 2022

Meet at Community Centre Car Park **10.00a.m.**

2-hour Walk Around Mendlesham & Mendlesham Green

Led by Alan

AND

Walking on a Wednesday

Shorter, slower walk of about 1½ hours led by Alan

Wednesday 16th November 2022

Meet at Community Centre Car Park **10.30a.m.**

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

Alan - 07790 124 509

If you would like to join Mendlesham Walking Group, please e-mail Angela :

angiepickup@btinternet.com

Mendlesham Educational Foundation

Recently there was an article in the newsletter regarding a Mendlesham Parish Charity, the Church and Town Estate, however, another charity exists called the Mendlesham Educational Foundation. Mendlesham Educational Foundation was established by the will of Henry Jessop in 1556. The charity seeks to support the educational needs of the Parish of Mendlesham, and has over time been modified to account for changes in educational needs.

The “Scheme” a document modified in 1982 and sealed in September 1983 outlines how the Mendlesham Educational Foundation should be constructed and operate. The scheme states that the:

“Trustees shall apply the income of the Charity in promoting education (including social and physical training).... In promoting the education of persons under the age of 21 (this was changed in 1991 to under 25) who or whose parents are resident in the Parish of Mendlesham and who are in need of financial assistance. The awards are to such persons scholarships, exhibitions, bursaries, maintenance allowance or grants tenable at any school, university, college of education or other institution of further (including professional and technical) education approved by the trustees”. The scheme also allows for support to voluntary organisations within the parish or neighbourhood providing social and physical training, this would include groups such as the scouting and guiding movements.

The charities income is from dividends on investments, rent from land and property (Old School Room and Old School House) and donations. The investment portfolio is managed by an independent financial advisor who maintains close contact with the trustees with regular financial updates. Of course the funds are not limitless and it remains the duty of the Trustees to ensure longevity of the scheme, by financial management. Awards made will be made with regard to the Foundations financial situation at that time, the trustees will also adjust the amount of an award offered accordingly. All applications are reviewed by the Trustees and if an award is agreed payment will be made by cheque to the recipient.

The large proportion of awards each year are made to students attending educational establishments across the country, the list below demonstrates the awards made over the last 10 years to student education in the parish.

2012/13 21 students £13,710	2013/14 25 students £15,900
2014/15 25 students £15,750	2015/16 24 students £14,775
2016/17 20 students £11,366	2017/18 22 students £13,800
2018/19 25 students £16,650	2019/20 30 students £18,900
2020/21 30 students £18,450	2021/22 24 students £16,275

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In addition to supporting students, village youth organisations, Mendlesham Primary School and individuals with special educational needs have all been supported each year. Total donations vary from year to year with the average support given totalling between £25,000 and £35,000 each year.

The annual report is presented at the Parish Meeting and submitted to the Charity Commission annually.

If you would like more information regarding Mendlesham Educational Foundation please contact the clerk Mike Favager at mike@favager.co.uk

VILLAGE TOTE

After many years running the Village Tote, Jean Abbott has now passed the baton to me, Angela Pickup. Thank you to Jean for all your hardwork with the Tote.

If you would like more information or are looking to join the membership for the monthly draws, please contact me on 01449 766483 or angiepickup@btinternet.com There are two draws each month with prizes of £35, £25, £15 and £10 respectively.

If you would like to volunteer to become a collector, please contact me as above.

New members and collectors are always very welcome.

I don't know that I can match Jean's record for years of service, but I am looking forward to this new challenge.

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.

Shoeboxes for the homeless and their dogs

It's been a very challenging year for everyone, not least for the homeless and their dogs. With everything going up, its been tough for those on the streets as people have had less to spare to help.

It's no life for any person or dog to live on the streets with no place to call home. This Christmas we are again hoping to bring a little Christmas cheer to these people and their 4 legged friends to say that they have not been forgotten.



I am organising shoeboxes for homeless people and their dogs and I am hoping that you will be able to help.

Suggestion for the shoeboxes Thermal gloves, socks, hats, scarf, roll-on deodorant (no aerosols) toothbrush & paste, soft sweets, chocolate, plasters, wet wipes, windup torch, aluminium thermal blanket, dried coffee/soup sachets, notepad, pens, envelopes, stamps and a really nice touch would be to include a Christmas Card.

Doggy box Dried dog food, treats, chews, toys, collar, lead, bowl, dog coat, fleece blanket.

All the above are just suggestions please feel free to add anything you think would be useful.

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

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

Boxes or items can be dropped off at my house any time from now
until Saturday 10h December.

My contact details are - Julie Williams 17 Front Street,
Mendlesham, 01449 766006 neil.williams38@btinternet.com

***Many thanks in advance for your
kindness and generosity xx***

Mendlesham Community Charity TOTE RESULTS

Mendlesham Lottery September 2022			
6th September		17th September	
Drawn at Mayfield Way		Drawn at Mayfield Way	
Sue Palmer	£35.00	Tom Head	£35.00
Pauline O'Conner	£25.00	Bridgette Pipe	£25.00
Fiona Sinclair	£15.00	Roger Palmer	£15.00
Dawn Smith	£10.00	Rita Turner	£10.00
1st October		If you would like to purchase Tote Tickets, Contact Angela Pickup on 01449 766483 or angiepickup@btinternet.com	
Drawn at Mayfield Way			
Alan Ward	£35.00		
Diane Hop-Bird	£25.00		
Gillian Child	£15.00		
Hazel Foster	£10.00		

United Reformed Church

MURCies Coffee Bar

Friday - 11th November 2022 10am - 12pm

Knit and Natter

Monday - 14th & 28th November 2022 2pm - 4pm

MENDLESHAM CAMERA CLUB



The next meeting will be on
Tuesday 1st November - in the Old
School Room at 1930. The challenge this month is for black and white
pictures. We submit 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

Later in November we will be decorating a Christmas tree in Abbots Hall as part of the Stowmarket Christmas Tree Festival. This year the theme is Christmas Around the World – so we are busy knitting little Christmas trees, making card flags and researching other countries customs. Do drop in and see the festival. Felix Navidad!

We were far from thinking about Christmas at our September meeting, when Jonathon Huggins aided by his daughters helped us all make a 3D Origami flower – after showing how to fold a tiny rectangle of paper numerous times, we were all given a kit of ready folded shapes for the flower. The themed competition for an item made from paper resulted in 1st Anne Heaton with a colourful peacock.

23 members were present - several missing the evening due to holidays or ill health.

Anne opened the meeting with a minutes silence to remember Queen Elizabeth II. Jane had made and sent a sympathy card to Buckingham Palace on our behalf.

Members were urged to buy some bulbs to continue the planting around the village and in the churchyard started so successfully last year

The calendar for November:-

2nd 10am – 12 noon knit, stitch and yarn, Old School Room, followed by a catering group meeting for approx. half an hour. (This has to be confirmed.)

15th 7.30pm in the U.R.C. our Annual Meeting with social time.

26th am handicraft workshop in the Old School Room tutored by Jane.

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

CHRISTMAS GIFT AND CRAFT FAYRE

In aid of Cancer Research UK

27th November in the community centre (attached to the school) If you would like to book a table for £10 please

email me for a booking form
neil.williams38@btinternet.com

OVER 60s MEETING – September 2022

Only 25 members attended this meeting. We welcomed one new member - Lillian Hockley.

Our speaker was Mr Bryan Thurlow and his topic was Musical songs. Brian fell in love with music hall when watching The Good Old Days on TV as a child. He set up a variety group with two friends and they performed at Bury Theatre Royal. He sang some very cheeky songs that would never be allowed in today's WOKE society. Lots of the theatres were in the east end of London and the Methodist church tried to get them closed down but did not succeed. In the early days food and drink were served during shows and it became very rowdy. Theatres were built for variety shows and there is still a variety theatre in Brick Lane, East London.

It was a very enjoyable talk which we all enjoyed.

Competition - First: Pat Lockwood Second: Ivy Down Third: Jean Martin

Next meeting - November 23rd - Ann Wilding on the topic of Crafts

Competition - a hand-made bookmark

The meeting closed with the anthem and we remembered that it is now King not Queen!

1st Mendlesham Brownies and Guides
are holding their annual



COFFEE MORNING



At Mendlesham United Reformed Church

Saturday 12th November from 10am

Come enjoy tea, coffee, cake, raffle, tombola
and Crafts made by the Brownies and Guides

Pop in, we would love to see you!

Service of Light

*for parents & relatives
of children who have died*

*whether through illness, accident, trauma, cot death,
stillbirth, miscarriage or any other cause
- of whatever age - and however long ago -*

St Mary's Church Mendlesham

**Saturday 19th November
11.00 am**

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

coffee, tea & cake served afterwards

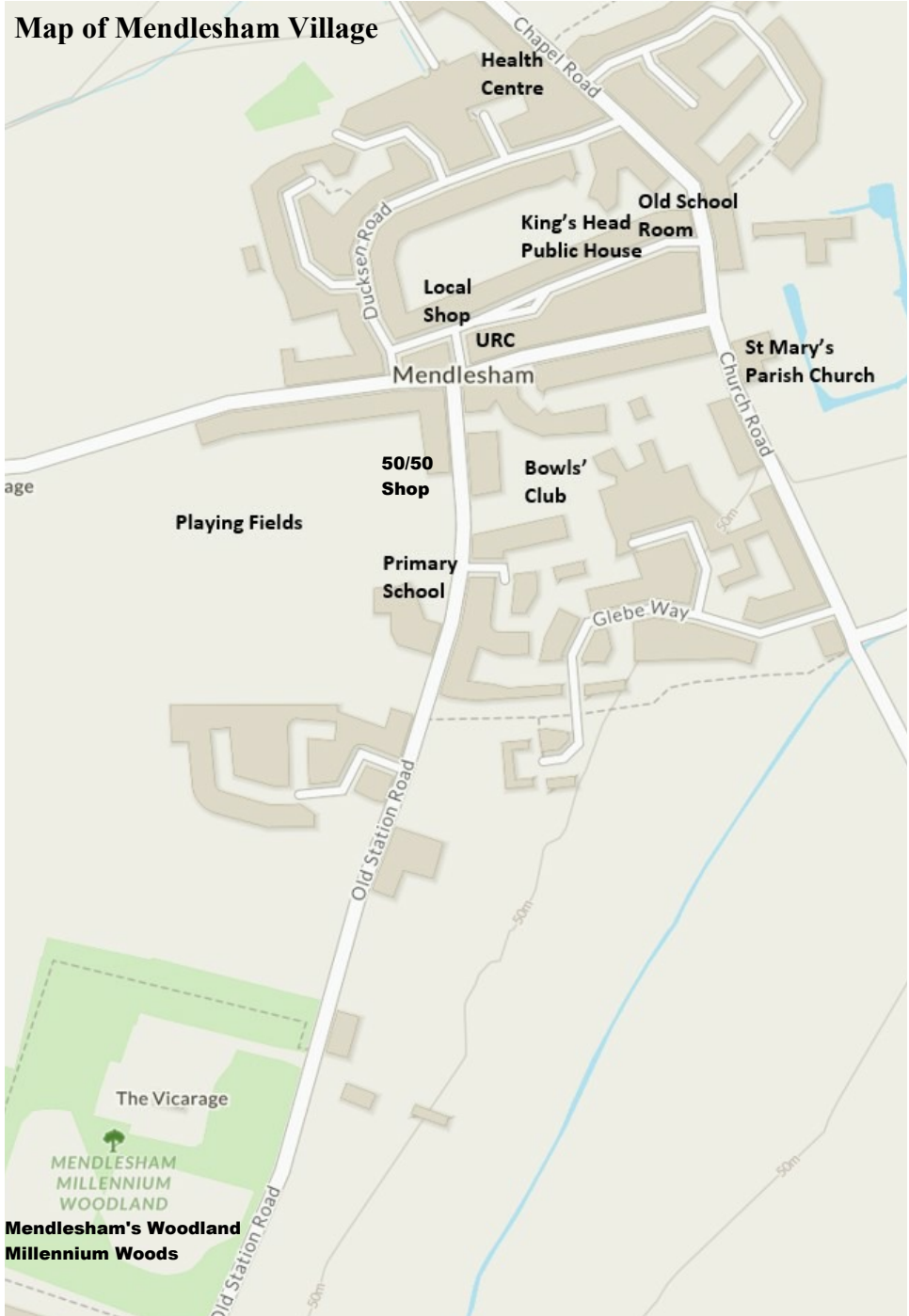
www.stmarysmendlesham.org.uk

MENDLESHAM DIRECTORY

1 st Mendlesham Guides	Emma Munday	01449 768843
3 rd Monday Book Club	Doug Williams	01449 766498
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
Friends of Mendlesham Health Centre	Phil Tucker	01379 678400
History Group	Sue Michell	01449 766434
Mendlesham Community Charity	Judith Howard-Rees	01449 766327
Mendlesham Education Foundation	Mike Favager	01449 766007
Old School Room Bookings	Daphne Lambert	01449 766320
Over 60's	Annette Taylor	01449 766552
Parish Council & Playing Field	Sharon Jones	01449 766139
Parish Party Committee	Rachel Roshier	07881 816622
Rainbows	Becky Froude	07774 581503
Saturday Cafe	Brenda Player	01449 768101
St Mary's Parish Church	Father Philip Gray	01449 766359
St Mary's Church Council	Chris Elstone	07530 769676
Toddler Group	Simona Pounds	07585 093311
United Reformed Church	Margaret Jackson	01449 766321
Village Recorder for Mendlesham	Geoff Clarke	01449 766447
Walking Group	Angela Pickup	01449 766483
Walking on Wednesdays	Alan	07790 124509
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Writers Group	Noel Fletcher	01449 766968

If you have any amendments to the information on this page, please email the editor at gemma.green1202@gmail.com or call on 07733 333659 so they can be corrected. Thank you

Map of Mendlesham Village





STONHAM ASPAL
PRE-SCHOOL

Where learning is FUN
For Children aged 2-5 years

We offer play-based provision in our purpose built premises. We have an outdoor area where we spend large parts of the day, with a big sandpit, slide, playhouse and a mud kitchen for messy play.

We work in partnership with parents to plan individually for each child, maintaining detailed notes and photographs which we use to identify how to support each child in meeting their full potential.

Please contact us for more information
Call: **01449 711593** or Email: stonham-aspal@btconnect.com
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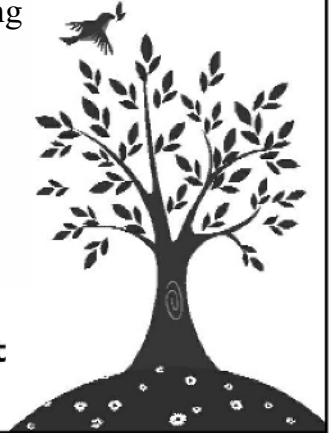
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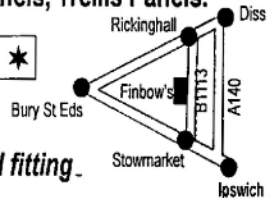
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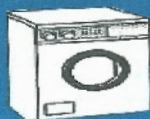
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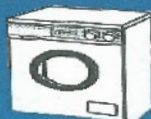
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As Christians it can often be hard to understand wars in whatever context, but we do not have to like war to sometimes see it as a necessary evil, but at this time of remembrance it should be used as a time to stand back and take stock, to encourage governments to take stock, also to find other ways than war to make the world better for everyone. We will all come in different ways to remember, some will go to Church, some to the Cenotaph, others will do it quietly on their own. What is important is that we remember and pray and that through remembrance, comes reconciliation and peace.

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from the Reserved Sacrament,
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WHAT'S ON THIS MONTH

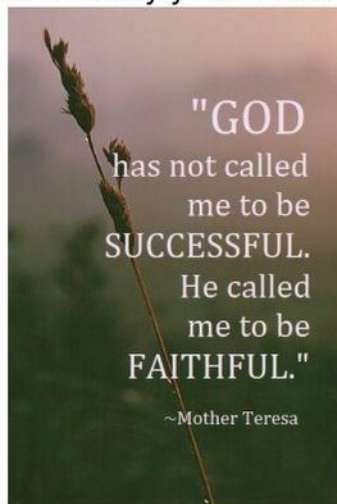
Sunday worship also **LIVESTREAMED** every week at 9.30. and also available afterwards. Visit <https://www.facebook.com/stmarysmendlesham>

1st Nov	<u>ALL SAINTS DAY (ALL HALLOWS)</u> 9.30: Sung Mass, followed by coffee in church 10.30 -12.30 6.30 pm: said Mass. (also said Mass on the eve at 3.00 pm)
2nd Nov	<u>ALL SOULS</u> – Day of prayer for all the departed 9.30: Requiem (said) 6.30 pm: Sung Requiem & blessing of graves in churchyard
6th Nov	9.30: Parish Mass & blessing of candles. All are given a candle to light and place on the Lady chapel altar for departed loved ones
7th Nov	9.30: Requiem – November anniversaries
8th Nov	9.30: Requiem for Hazel Lockwood. 10.30 – 12.30 – coffee morning in church 1.30 pm Funeral for Hazel Lockwood followed by cremation
11th Nov	10.45: short service to observe Remembrance at 11.00 on 11/11. Mendlesham School will be taking a prominent part. Coffee/tea after; no charge, but donations welcome for Friends of St Mary's
13th Nov	<u>REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY</u> 9.30 Sung Mass of Requiem, laying of wreaths at parish & US memorials. Uniformed organisations Parade service
15th Nov	9.30 – Mass: 10.30 – 12.30 – Coffee morning in church
19th Nov	10.00: First Mass of Sunday 11.00: <u>SERVICE OF LIGHT</u> for parents & relatives of children who have died. See flyer elsewhere in newsletter Coffee/tea afterwards
20th Nov	<u>CHRIST THE KING</u> 9.30: Parish Mass & Procession of the Blessed Sacrament 11.30: PCC meeting & lunch in church
21st Nov	Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary in the Temple 1.30 – 2.25 pm: Silent prayer before the Blessed Sacrament 2.30 pm Mass, laying-on of hands & anointing (Healing Service)
22nd Nov	9.30: Mass; 10.30 – 12.00 – Coffee morning in church
26th Nov	10.00: First Mass of Sunday 12.00 – 2.00 pm: URC Chapel: Baked Spud Bash for Friends of St Mary's. (Getting the roofs watertight will cost £20K)
27th Nov	<u>ADVENT SUNDAY:</u> 9.30 Parish Mass & blessing of Advent Wreath

Father Philip writes...

“You must stand ready, because the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.”

I have written about prayer for the departed for many years in the month of November, which is dedicated to prayer for the dead. I have never written on being prepared for our own death. We do not know what lies around the next bend on the road of life. At death we leave everything behind and set out for a new existence, relying only on God's promise. His call is to be faithful to God and one another in spite of our setbacks and failures. We should draw courage and hope from St Teresa of Calcutta (Mother Teresa) who said, **“God has not called me to be successful. He called me to be faithful.”**



Death is the greatest event in life, yet it catches many people unawares. To some it comes literally like a thief in the night, but the call of Jesus is to **BE PREPARED**. Every morning I say the words from the hymn: **“Lord, for tomorrow and its needs I do not pray. keep me, my God, from stain of sin just for today. And if today my tide of life should ebb away, give me Thy Sacraments divine, Sweet Lord, today.”**... and each evening, at Night Prayer: **“May the Lord grant us a quiet night and a perfect end.”** and I commend this to you.



One day a monk was sweeping the floor in the monastery and someone asked him what he would do if he knew he was going to die within the hour. He replied: **“I would make the sign of the Cross and go in sweeping the floor.”** In other words, he would go on attending to the duty of the moment.

So how are we to prepare for death? It is essential **to be at peace with God and our neighbours**. In Wednesday's Night Prayer, there is the following short Scripture reading: **"Do not let resentment lead you into sin; the sunset must not find you angry. Do not give the devil his opportunity."** (Ephesians 4 v 26-27) We should get our lives in order now.

There is a fable about 3 student devils preparing to go to earth and their teacher asked what strategy they had decided to get people to sin. The first devil said: ***"I'll tell people there is no God. Enjoy life."***

The second devil said: ***"I'll tell people there is no hell. Enjoy life."***

The third devil said: ***"I'll tell people there is no hurry. Enjoy life."***
The teacher said to the third devil, ***"Well done: that is the best reply."***

Someone else wrote: **"I can't be prepared for death too soon, because I can't be sure when too soon will be too late."** At Morning Prayer we are reminded: **"Today, if you would listen to his voice, harden not your hearts."** May we live each day with the intention of being at peace with God and our neighbours and be ready to meet Christ either at our death or the end of time.



FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

Holy Matrimony

1st Oct: Emma Clare Howlett and Christopher Peter Groom

LOOKING BACK

We sent a bumper collection of food, bedding, clothing & toiletries for the homeless people cared for by St Martin's Housing Trust, Norwich. Thank you to Mendlesham School for their most generous support. It was good to have your harvest service in church once again.

LOOKING AHEAD

I hope to begin Enquirer's Classes on Christian faith and worship. Please contact me if you would like a refresher course or become a Communicant member of our church. Fr Philip

PARISH CHURCH OF ST MARY'S MENDLESHAM - CHURCH CALENDAR FOR NOVEMBER 2022					
Date	Church Festival	Mass	Intention (we pray especially for.....)	Parish Intention	
1	ALL SAINTS	9.30 SUNG 6.30pm said	Parish and Congregation	Front Street / Old Orchard	
2	ALL SOULS	9.30 said 6.30pm SUNG	all the Departed	Old Market St / Braybrooke Close	
3	St Victorinus	9.30	Bible Societies	Mill Road and Hobbies Lane	
4	St Charles Borromeo	9.30	Christian renewal	Chapel Road	
5		10.00	all who are bereaved	Church Road / St Mary's Gardens	
6	32nd Sunday year C	9.30	Parish and Congregation	Brockford Road	
7		9.30	the departed (November Anniversaries)	Glebe Way	
8		9.30	Hazel Lockwood RIP (Requiem)	Freelands	
9	DEDICATION OF ST JOHN LATERAN	9.30	all church conservation societies	Ducksen Road	
10	St Leo the Great	9.30	The Guild of All Souls	Horsefair Close	
11	St Martin of Tours	9.30	St Martin's Housing Trust, Norwich	Mason Court	
12	St Josaphat	10.00	Parish and Congregation	Mayfield Way	
13	REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY	9.30	those who died in the 2 World Wars & since	Mead Way	
14		9.30	departed benefactors of our church	Old Station Rd / Cuttings Close / Schools Close	
15		9.30	departed members of catholic societies	Middy Close / The Sidings	
16	St Margaret of Scotland	9.00	HM King Charles & his Government	Wash Lane / Oak Farm Lane	
17	St Elizabeth of Hungary	9.30	all who care for the sick	Norwich Road / Bluehouse Lane	
18		9.30	departed relatives and friends	Mendlesham Green	
19		10.00	Confraternity of the Blessed Sacrament	Tan Office	
20	CHRIST THE KING	9.30	Parish and Congregation	Outlying houses	
21	Presentation of Our Lady	2.30 pm	the sick: Healing Ministry	Farms in Mendlesham	
22	St Cecilia	9.30	Walsingham	Local industries	
23	St Clement	9.30	persecuted Christians	Pub & places of recreation	
24	St Andrew Dung-Lac	9.30	the Church in Vietnam	Mendlesham School	
25	St Catherine of Alexandria	9.30	all in prison	SMF: Patrons of Mendlesham	
26		10.00	our observance of Advent	Village Organisations	
27	ADVENT SUNDAY	9.30	Parish and Congregation	Fr Philip	
28		9.30	those who have died by suicide	Other places of Worship	
29		9.30	all the dead who are forgotten	PCC, Parish and Community Councils	
30	ST ANDREW	9.30	the mission of the Church	Local Doctors and Healthcare Workers	

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