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

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6th October 2022

Front Cover

Meg Clarke

50/50 shop open -

Every Tuesday & Friday
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Editorial

Welcome to the October issue. We are witnessing changes in the air both nationally and locally. Some of you might find these disturbing, possibly causing some anxiety.

However, we should be heartened that after such a long, hot, dry summer rain did eventually fall on Midsuffolk. Against the odds, trees and shrubs have produced an abundance of edible fruit. Green is showing where the earth was burnt and brown. Flowers still display their magical colours. We are very blessed to be living in this parish and those surrounding.

Best Wishes
Gemma

THE PARISH COUNCIL



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Queen Elizabeth II

At the time of writing, we have just received news of the sad death of Queen Elizabeth II. Mendlesham Parish Council shares with everyone sympathy and condolences for the Royal Family at this time of their personal loss, but also recognition and thanks for a lifetime of committed service for the County and the World.

As we enter a period of National Mourning, we are currently waiting for further guidance as to what we can do or not with regard to Parish Council business and also appreciate by the time you read this the national period of mourning may be over.

However, please remember that we are able and will communicate whatever via E News and the Parish Notice Boards for any matters that cannot be published in time via this newsletter.

Meetings:

Wednesday 5 October 2022 Ordinary meeting 7pm, Old School Room, Mendlesham

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

All welcome

MENDLESHAM 'SAT-CAF'

Saturday, 1st October 10.00 – 14.00
OLD SCHOOL ROOM, MENDLESHAM

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

September Draw Winner (Luxury Cheese Board):
Val Remington-Hobbs
(Kindly donated by Kelly Spencer)

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 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.

Parish Council:

Conclusion of External Audit

Our external audit for the year ending 31.3.22 has now been concluded with no further action as required. Further details can be found on the Mendlesham Parish website for the longer term

<https://mendlesham.suffolk.cloud/mendlesham-parish-council/finance/>

and the Parish Notice Boards until the end of September 2022.

Parish Council:

Mendlesham's Neighbourhood Plan Modification :

Many thanks to everyone who attended our events on 12/13 August 2022.

It was great to be in a room with the buzz of interested people talking about something that matters so much to them as individuals and the Community.

We also had several comments about the professional displays and documents and detailed work achieved on behalf of the residents.

We will continue to keep you advised of any further news on the Referendum and the final documents. If you were unable to attend this event, please contact the parishclerk@mendleshampc.org or telephone 01449 766169 so we can then help with any questions.

Parish Council:

Mendlesham's Woodland:

Please note further to a professional survey of the woodland trees, there will be works over the Winter period, by contractors as well as volunteers, that may require short term closure of the woodland as there are some trees, some large, that will be felled or trimmed.

When we know more we will inform you by posters and E News. However, for your own safety at these times, please do not enter the Woodland.



WICKHAM SKEITH GARAGE SALES

SATURDAY 1st OCTOBER, from 09.00.

Maps and information available from village hall from 08.30

MENDLESHAM STREET FAYRE

1st May 2023

MENDLESHAM NEEDS YOU!



Have you ever watched in disbelief at the end of a blockbuster movie as the credits for cast and crew scroll down endlessly before your eyes? Just how many people does Hollywood need to make a film?! From producer and director right down to the crew itself, some with strange job titles such as key grip, best boy and stunt double, the list is staggering.

On a slightly lesser scale the Mendlesham Street Fayre, too, requires the support of a large crew of people in and around the village, all making their own contribution, large or small.

With Production in the capable hands of the Trustees of the Mendlesham Community Charity, I, for reasons which escape me at present, have landed the role of 'Director' for 2023, though Co-ordinator would seem more appropriate. And I feel somewhat overawed!

Together we need to rouse and motivate residents, long-standing and recent, young and old, to join our team and make this the best Street Fayre ever!

Therefore, in the first instance, I am looking for 'Assistant Directors' or Team Leaders if you prefer, each to be responsible for one of the twenty or so areas of activity listed below. The activities may well lend themselves to the Team Leader's own particular area of expertise, or not! They can then gather around them their own team of friends, family and useful contacts to fulfil their task. They will be fully supported by the Trustees and myself.

Provisional list of tasks*:

Parking/Street Closure; Locations - Halls, Churches, Marquees, Field Space; Bunting/Decoration; People Flow; Toilets; Advertising – Manual/Digital; Signs; Sponsorship (Money/Prizes/Equipment); May Princess/Prince and Procession; Food Stalls; Craft/Book Stalls; Prize Stalls; Village Organisations; Entertainers/Bands/M.C.; Children's Activities; VIP Management; Support Services (e.g. Police, St. John's Ambulance/Fire Service); Trailer/Stage; Risk Assessment/Insurance; Tickets/Programmes/Posters; High Viz/Walkie Talkie/Phones; Money Distribution/Collection; Clearing Up Team; Celebration Event(s) - Concert on Saturday 29th April

* This list is flexible. It may grow. Items may overlap or need to be split.

TO JOIN OUR TEAM ...

Contact John Player:

Tel. 01449-768101; Mob. 07747-592899; email: johanneslusor@gmail.com

(GO ON! I DARE YOU!)



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 History Group

We are back hopefully for a full season starting in October!

The first talk is:

'History of Landguard Fort'
by David Wood

Wednesday October 19th, 7.30pm
Venue: URC Chapel

Non-members welcome - £4

Are you on Facebook? If so have a look for



'Spotted in Mendlesham'
&
'Spotted in Mendlesham Green'



pages to keep up to date with what's going on in the villages.

MCC Update

As autumn approaches, the Mendlesham Community Charity can truly say that it is back on a firm footing. **Thank you** to everyone involved. So many exciting things ahead!

We are upgrading our **Newsletter** to a more modern look whilst still providing information and on village activities and organisation. Did you know that the first Newsletter was produced in 1981? It has been in continuous production ever since.

Whilst the cost of producing the newsletter is mainly covered by income from advertising, this year we have invested in an IT program to enable our editor, Gemma Green, to improve the layout. Behind the scenes the **Newsletter Team and Distributors** continue to work together to bring you a copy right to your door, and for that we give them a **HUGE thank you**.

We have our **own website!** It will include information as in the paper newsletter and much more besides. We are grateful to Mark Brennan who produced it in conjunction with the Newsletter Team and the MCC Trustees. **Mark, Thank you.**

Volunteer Members and Supporters are now registered on a database, in accordance with the UK General Data Protection Act. Volunteers are covered by the MCC insurance – from Trustees to newsletter deliverers, tote collectors, the 50:50 Shop team and event organisers. **Thank you to everyone for volunteering and supporting the MCC.**

The Street Fair is back! John Player is co-ordinating a team of volunteers to bring to a new look Fair on 01 May for us all to enjoy and as well as raise funds for the MCC, participating stall holders, village organisations and groups. If you would like to help, please contact John on 07747 592899 or contact a trustee for further information.

The Street Fair is the main source of fund raising for our community after the 50:50 Shop and the Tote. If you would like to help us run the traditional Pancake Races and Guy Fawkes Night or put on a Community Picnic, Live Music or any other event, please step forward and contact a member of the Board of Trustees.

To support fundraising events, we provide insurance cover, management of risk and can loan equipment such as bunting, tables, chairs, glasses and a throne! All items owned by the MCC are being upgraded and stored in one place for loaning out. If you need anything, just contact us.

And finally, if you need support for a community initiative, let us know. We currently support the Meet Up Monday Café, have provided start-up costs for community groups and most recently provided funds for a PVC Greenhouse for Mason Court Residents

We need 2 more Trustees! Want to join us? Contact any of us to find out more

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FRIENDS OF ST. MARYS

QUIZ NIGHT



FRIDAY 28TH OCTOBER

7.30 pm

AT UNITED REFORM CHAPEL

£5 Per person -

Teams up to 6 Persons

Individuals welcome to make up teams

Draw

Refreshments supplied



MENDLESHAM ART GROUP



We are a group of friendly, like minded people who like to meet to paint and draw together two afternoons, the 2nd and 4th Tuesday each month, in the Old School Room, Old Market Street from 2.00pm to 4.30pm.

Some of us are still beginners whilst others of us are more experienced artists. We like to swap ideas, advise and help each other, when needed.

Would you like to come and join us? If so, we would be delighted to see you.

New members are always made very welcome.

For more information, call Irene Hart on 07889408345 or just come along to one of our meetings one afternoon.

Irene Hart

Mendlesham Walking Group

Saturday 1st October 2022

Meet at

Community Centre Car Park For A **10.00a.m.**

Prompt Depart

2-hour Walk Around Great & Little Finborough & Buxhall
(approx. 6 miles)

Followed by lunch at The Chestnut Horse

Led by Richard & Mary

AND

Walking on a Wednesday

Shorter, slower walk of about 1½ hours led by Alan

Wednesday 19th October 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

News from “The 50/50 Shop” - get cosy with a good book.

The end of October sees the changing of the clocks, a sure sign that autumn is underway and winter is around the corner.

Wrap up warm.

With the days getting darker and temperatures getting cooler we're here with our new season stock, with lots of warm, comfortable clothing for men, women and children. We might also have some waterproofs, too! Whatever size or style you are looking for, come along and have a look through our rails. You never know what you might find.

ISBN thinking about you.

Or rather, have you been thinking about a good book? Reading can be a great way of relaxing, and also reduces stress, benefits mental health and can help improve focus and memory skills. We have a wide range of titles in stock with novels just 50p each. (Have you read the book about anti-gravity - it's impossible to put down.)

And finally, don't get a fright this Hallowe'en!

We have a small range of Hallowe'en clothing in store, so you can “trick or treat” your children to a new outfit without breaking the bank. That'll give them pumpkin to talk about.

We hope to see you soon and don't forget your purchases support the Mendlesham Community Charity

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](https://www.what3words.com/novelist.thin.tint).
- Cash only.
- Find us on Facebook, search “Mendlesham 50/50 Shop”.

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FOMSA

Friends of Mendlesham School Association

Mendlesham Primary School is having a Bag 2 School Fundraising collection.

If you have any unwanted items from those listed below then please bag them up ready to recycle them whilst raising money for the school.

Please fill bin bags with **GOOD** quality:

- Men's, Ladies' and Children's clothing
- Paired shoes (tied together or elastic band around)
- Handbags,
- Hats
- Bags
- Scarves and ties
- Jewellery
- Lingerie
- Socks
- Belts
- Soft toys
- Household linen
- Household curtains
- Household towels
- Household bedding (bed sheets, pillow cases and duvet covers).



The company **DO NOT** accept:

- *Duvets and blankets*
- *Pillows and cushions*
- *Carpets, rugs and mats (including bath, shower and toilet mats)*
- *Soiled, painted, ripped or wet clothing*
- *School uniforms with and without logo*
- *Corporate clothing and workwear*
- *Textile off cuts, yarns or threaded material*

Please bring your filled bags to school on:

Wednesday morning 28th September at 9:00am

Please leave bags near the front of the school, not blocking any of the entrance doors. A FOMSA member will be there to show you.

Please note we do not have anywhere to store filled bags so please wait until the collection date before bringing them to school.

Thank you in advance for your support.



Mendlesham URC Chapel

Saturday 22nd October

10.00 - 11.30am

CAKES, BOOKS, DRAW,
TOMBOLA, BRIC A BRAC

All proceeds to Chapel funds

Parish Council:

Fly Tipping and Anti Social behaviour:

Over the weekend of 3 and 4 September, Mendlesham Playingfields was the subject of antisocial behaviour including noise, bins moved and litter that had to be picked up.

The Police attended further to a 999 call.

There were also two separate incidents of fly tipping, at other locations around Mendlesham village.

Thank you to the residents who reported these matters to the Parish Council, Police and Mid Suffolk District Council Cleansing Department.

Please note investigations are ongoing and we hope that those responsible will be found and penalised accordingly. In the Crown Court the maximum penalty is **5 years jail and/or an unlimited fine**. In the magistrates' court, persons convicted of fly-tipping can be fined an unlimited amount, jailed for 12 months, or sent to The Crown Court for more severe penalties.

SUFFOLK CARERS NATTER:

A chance for family carers aged 55+ to come along to our FREE natter group, enjoy some "you" time, share experiences, make new friends and enjoy a cuppa and cake. These take place on the second and fourth Tuesday of the Month starting 11th October from 2-4pm at Langhams Café, 4 Market Place, Stowmarket, IP14 1DP

For more information please contact: 01449 707030 or email
info@communitiestogether-ea.org



Mendlesham URC Chapel

Sunday 2 October
Morning Parade Service at
10.45am
The Rev'd Robert Sheard

.....
Harvest Praise
at 3.00pm
The Rev'd Robert Sheard

All Welcome

All gifts will be donated to the
Food Bank.

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.

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 20th October**

Mess-Free Mendlesham

You might have noticed how, thanks to the work of our street-cleaner Mark, the centre of the village remains attractive and litter-free.

Mendlesham Green and the village approach roads do not have the benefit of Mark's good work so the Parish Council has launched a new initiative, sponsored by Cllr. Andrew Stringer, called **Mess-Free Mendlesham**.



The idea is that, once a month, a group of volunteers, litter-pick one of our approach roads or Mendlesham Green. Volunteers will be kitted out in appropriate high-viz vests and have the use of picking tool and bags. They will also have an induction on safety.

We already have some volunteers and our litter-picking events will be on **the last Saturday morning of each month for around one hour**.

If you fancy joining our small group, please contact Norman or Denise Foster on 07532242292 or at fosters@fostermail.co.uk

Help to keep Mendlesham free from litter.

The Friends of St. Mary's Church

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



Mendlesham Community Charity TOTE RESULTS

Mendlesham Lottery August 2022			
6th August		20th August	
Drawn at Mayfield Way		Drawn at Mayfield Way	
Judith Howard-Rees	£35.00	Caroline Hills	£35.00
George Francis	£25.00	Carolyn Triscott	£25.00
Liz Hails	£15.00	Angela Lockwood	£15.00
Jilly Newstead	£10.00	Chris Coleby	£10.00
If you would like to purchase Tote Tickets, contact Jean Abbott 01449 766895			

United Reformed Church

MURCies Coffee Bar

Friday - 14th October 2022 10am - 12pm

Knit and Natter

Monday - 10th & 24th October 2022 2pm - 4pm



MENDLESHAM CAMERA CLUB



The planned visit to Beyond

The Image Gallery in October is postponed and we will be meeting as usual on the first Tuesday, 4th Oct. at 7.30pm in the Old School Room.

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

In August we came back with our 83rd Grow, Cook and Sew after a forced break of two years. Understandably entries were down – but we managed 212 and are grateful to everyone who contributed despite the gardens being parched and the kitchen being unbearably hot in the heatwave. We were pleased to welcome back Kate Peacher, WI Advisor, Editor of our WI County newsletter to open the show and present the awards:-

The Alice Pizzy Memorial Vase (pot plant & cut flowers): Linda Cole; runner up Julie Denny.

The Juby Cup (for floral art): Julie Denny.

W.I. Diamond Jubilee Cup (jar of jam): Shirley Furze, runner up Jackie Yeldham.

The Valeria Hunt Memorial Cup (Victoria sandwich): Jackie Yeldham, runner up: Chris Coleby.

The Joan Rogers Memorial Trophy: (knitting or crochet in thicker plys): Barbara Mack, runner up: Jane Qusted.

The Tye Cup: Jill Nibloe; runner up: Julie Denny.

The Lawton Cup: Shirley Furze, runner up Linda Geyman.

The Flower Show Secretaries Cup: Jane Qusted; runner up Sheila Mayes.

Men Only class: (Beer Bread): 1st Peter Cole; 2nd Andy Davey; 3rd Colin Geyman. **Children and Grandchildren's Class:** A4 picture of a butterfly: 1st prize: Finley, Evie, Elodie and Molly.

Thanks to Evie who presented a basket of roses to Kate with our thanks.

This year's challenge to grow a nasturtium from a given seed failed miserably, most eaten over one night by black beetles. The charity class was the little knitted bobby buddie bear and these will be donated to local police officers to give to children traumatised by incidents or crimes. Some of the proceeds from the trading stall will be donated to the Moses basket project we are supporting.

Our sincere thanks go to the judges and visitors who contributed to a successful friendly show and to members who exhibit and willingly provide items for sale, prizes, and give time to put up the tables, steward, prepare and run sideshows, serve refreshments, arranged the basket of roses, sell tickets, write labels and the many jobs that contribute to the evening. Shirley was thanked for administering another show and was presented with a bunch of sunflowers as this is the 70th show either she or her mum have secretaried. The first show the then Miss Knock appears on the schedule as secretary is 1939 – 11 years were missed because of the war and more recently 2 for covid.

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The calendar for October - knit, stitch and yarn, Old School Room on Wed. 5th 10am – 12 noon, Group Meeting at Earl Stonham on 12th and our full meeting in the U.R.C. on 18th October 7.30pm. If you are interested in joining us please contact president Anita (766902). You will be made welcome.

MENDLESHAM OVER 60'S CLUB

Thirty-two of us set off for our trip to Wroxham Barns. We arrived about 12 noon and went our separate ways to look round the shops or have lunch.

At 2 pm we were back on the coach to Horning for our trip on The Broads. We boarded The Southern Comfort paddle steamer at 3 pm. The crew gave us a running commentary, pointing out the very expensive houses bordering the broads and explained that they have to have very deep piles to support them. Wild life and reed beds were also pointed out. A pleasant way to spend an afternoon! We arrived back in Mendlesham just before 6 pm.

Next Meeting:

October 26th – Jeanne Mason on being a Concord Hostess.

Competition: An aircraft in any medium.

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!

I've got loads of problems with my house that I've been putting off fixing - a faulty boiler, a window that won't shut properly, broken light fittings. The list goes on! I want to sort it out but I've had bad experiences with dodgy builders in the past. How do I find someone I can trust?

Making home improvements can be stressful, but there are a few steps you can follow to help it go smoothly.

First, find a Trading Standards 'approved trader'. It's also worth checking if they're a current member of a trade body. Trade bodies have codes of practice and can help resolve problems if things go wrong. Ask who they're registered with and then check the trade body's website.

For any gas and electric fixes, only use certified traders - it's dangerous to use someone who doesn't know what they're doing. You can check the Gas Safe Register at gassaferegister.co.uk for a list of traders and use a registered electrician from electricalcompetentperson.co.uk who can certify their own work.

It's always helpful to get references or recommendations where possible. Ask your friends, family or neighbours if they know of anyone they'd recommend. You can also ask the person you hire for examples of work they've carried out in the past. Try to avoid contractors who won't give references - it's a sign they could be dishonest.

When you find someone, ask for a written quote - this is different to an estimate. A quote is legally binding and the tradesperson can't change it without a good reason - for example, if you ask for extra work to be done. It's worth comparing quotes from several contractors to make sure you're getting a fair price.

Next, get a written contract. This should cover exactly what you're paying for and everything you've agreed on, including timings, payments, who will pay for materials and any subcontractors if needed. When it comes to payment, it's best to opt to pay in stages rather than upfront. Try to pay by card if you can - this can give you extra safeguards if something goes wrong.

Finally, make sure your trader is fully insured. Keep copies of receipts and your written contract. These will be important as evidence if things go wrong. It's also helpful to take photos of any problems if they arise.

If you have a problem with a contractor and you're not sure what to do, call the Citizens Advice consumer helpline on 0808 223 1133.

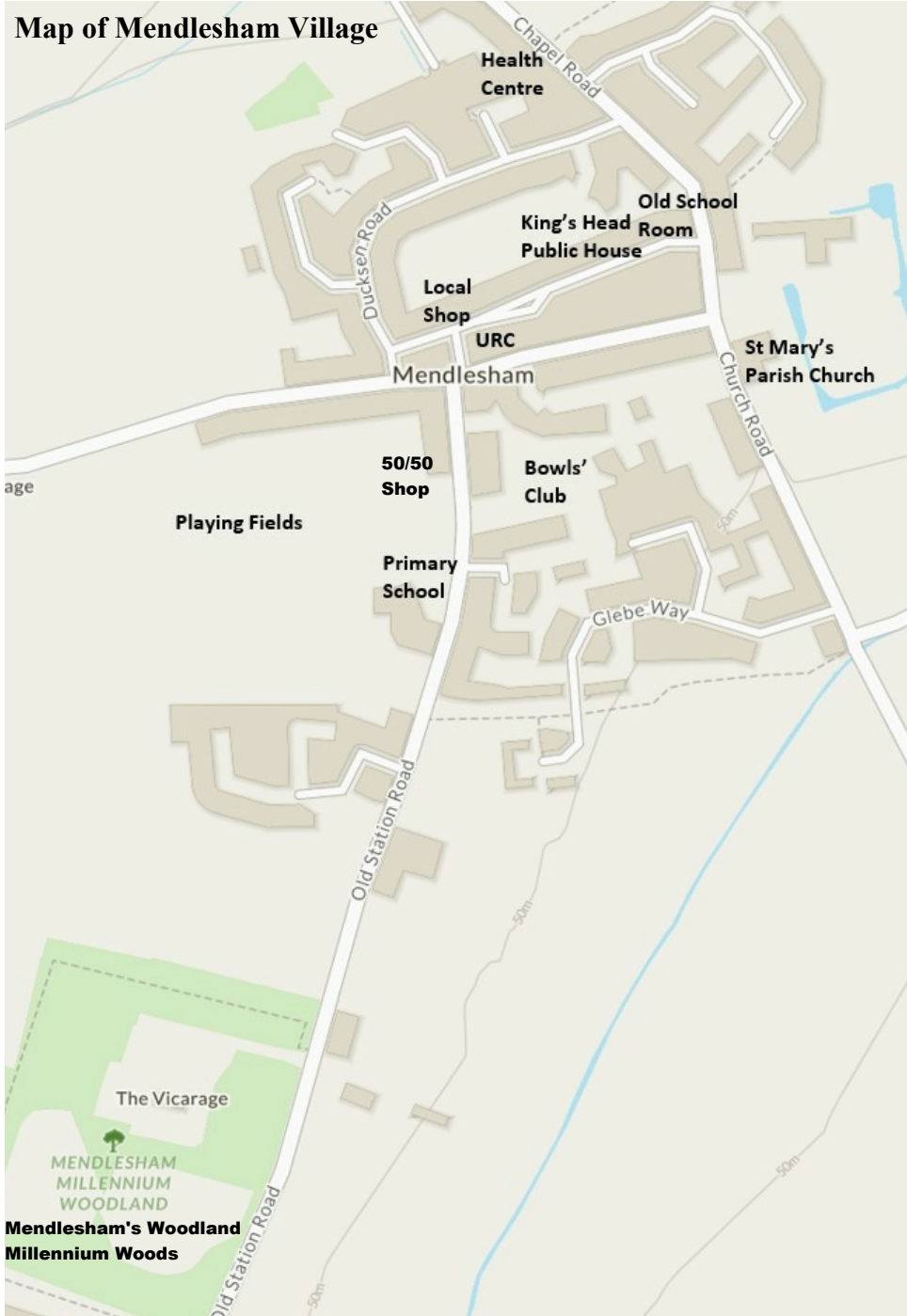
Citizens Advice Mid Suffolk can provide advice on other issues, including debt, employment, benefits and family law. You can contact them on 01449 676060 or use the contact form at midsuffolkcab.org.uk/contact-us. For more information and our opening hours go to midsuffolkcab.org.uk.

MENDLESHAM 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
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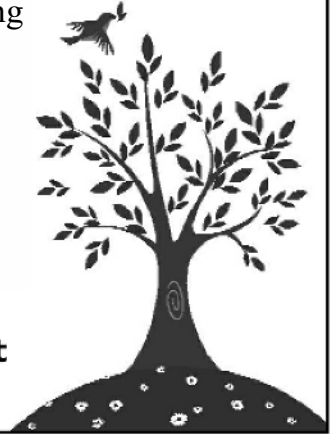
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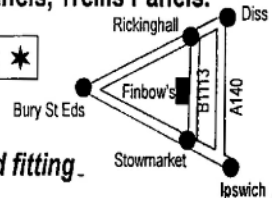
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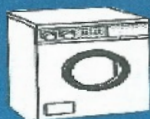
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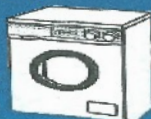
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We plough the fields, and scatter the good seed on the land, but it is fed and watered by God's almighty hand: he sends the snow in winter, the warmth to swell the grain, the breezes and the sunshine, and soft refreshing rain.

At this time of year, in churches and schools our thoughts turn to Harvest festivals, and the singing of our favourite Harvest Hymns, and woe betide a minister if they do not include a particular harvest hymn. One harvest hymn that I would call a Marmite hymn because it is loved or hated in equal measures, I have had equal complaints, whether I have had it at a harvest service or not, the hymn "We plough the fields and scatter". The hymn comes from Germany, Written by poet Matthias Claudius, "and was published in 1782 and set to tune Wir pflugen in 1800 by Johann A. P. Schulz. It was translated into English by Jane Montgomery Campbell in 1861.

In 1777, Matthias Claudius had become ill and returned to Christianity after leaving it in his 20s. During his illness he wrote a number of poems which, "We plough the fields and scatter" was one of them. In 1782, a friend invited him over for dinner and asked him to bring one of the Christian poems he had written. It is said to have been based on Psalms 144 and originally had 17 verses. The poem was then published as a peasant's song.

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From there, it was published across Germany in a number of hymnbooks. The majority of these cut down on the original 17 verses with the publishers often deciding to start with the 3rd verse which started with "We Plough The Fields And Scatter".

In 1862 in England, Jane Montgomery Campbell, who was proficient in the German language, started to translate a number of German hymns into English. She translated the hymn into English as "We Plough the Fields and Scatter"; however, she did not make a strict translation from the original German but ensured retention of the hymn's original focus of giving thanks to God for the harvest. She taught the hymn to the children at the Church of England parish school in London where her father was the rector. (Perhaps this is why not everyone likes it as we had to sing it so many times as school and even church harvest services.)

Today this hymn is predominantly used as a hymn to give thanks to God for the harvest. This year our harvest may not be as abundant as usual with the lack of rain but we still have a lot to be thankful for.

Happy Harvest. Robert

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Confessions - Saturday 1000-1045 (Our Lady's, Stowmarket)

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Daily Morning & Evening Prayer
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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 Oct	2.00pm: Wedding: Christopher Groom & Emma Howlett
2nd Oct	9.30 Parish Mass & Blessing of good clothing, bedding, toiletries for St Martin's Housing Trust Norwich ('night shelter')
3rd Oct	7.30 pm: Deanery Pastoral Committee
4th Oct	9.30 – Mass: 10.30 – 12.30 – Coffee morning in church
6th Oct	Parish Pilgrimage to Walsingham 12.00 Mass; 2.30pm: Sprinkling at the well; 4.00pm: Benediction. Please contact Fr Philip or Hazel Spalding if you are interested. <i>"No matter how we explain Walsingham, we cannot explain it away. And I am one of the thousands to whom it has been a Jacob's ladder, a point of meeting between heaven and earth."</i> (said by a bishop who was one of thousands of pilgrims who continue to flock to Walsingham since by Fr Patten rebuilt the Holy House in 1931.)
7th Oct	10.00 Mendlesham School Harvest service: in St Mary's. All welcome
8th Oct	2.00pm – 4.00pm: Tour of the Church by Fr Philip. £5 per adult, including refreshments. Children free of charge.
8th & 9th Oct	HARVEST THANKSGIVING: 9.30 Parish Mass All our harvest produce will go to St Martin's Norwich for the homeless. Vegetables, tins and packets of food welcome
10th Oct	9.30 Requiem Mass – October Anniversaries
11th Oct	9.30 – Mass: 10.30 – 12.30 – Coffee morning in church
18th Oct	ST LUKE: 10.30 – 12.00 – Coffee morning in church 2.30 pm Mass & Healing Service
25th Oct	9.30 – Mass: 10.30 – 12.30 – Coffee morning in church 7.30 pm: Deanery Synod
28th Oct	7.30 pm: URC: Quiz for Friends of St Mary's. £5 per person; teams of up to 6 people. Draw. Refreshments provided
29th Oct	BRITISH SUMMER TIME ENDS Clocks go back; 1 hr extra in bed!
30th Oct	FEAST OF DEDICATION 9.30 Parish Mass & dedication of Friends of St Mary's boxes at the end. See 'Fr Philip Writes '

HARVEST THANKSGIVING

An opportunity to pause and thank God for all his gifts; our food, clothes, toiletries, bedding etc. - and to show love and concern for those in need. Please bring any of these gifts to church. Graham and Anita usually go to St Martin's Norwich with the gifts on Sunday after Parish Mass.

Father Philip writes...

This Summer has been a challenge to the Friends of St Mary's. As I wrote in an article in the

September newsletter, the Architect's Quinquennial Report highlighted roof trouble: 1) a split in the lead on the nave roof. This will have to be repaired, but for some time we have known the whole of the nave roof



will have to be re-leaded. 2) the roof to the armoury (north porch) has 2 large splits in the lead and will have to be renewed as soon as possible. I am grateful to Chris Elstone and Graham Baker for the temporary work they have done to prevent further damage. We are also going to need some

electrical work done; it is over 35 years since the church was rewired. Fire extinguishers also need renewing. We need to raise £20,000 as quickly as possible – hence the Friends are arranging many fundraisers over the next months. Please contact the chairman, Jean Martin, or secretary, Amanda King, if you would like a collecting box.

In the book of Genesis, Jacob wakes from a dream in which he has a vision of angels ascending to God and says,

**“How awesome is this place!
This is none other than the House
of God and the Gate of Heaven!”**



Having found this place, Bethel, he kept going back to it, as did his children for generations. Their focus was the big stone Jacob had set up, anointed and called **‘The House of God’**. The stone was the place where God was at home with Jacob and Jacob was at home with God. It was Jacob's place of security.

One of the great features of St Mary's Mendlesham is that so many people find a home there. It is a place to feel uplifted and enabled to

face life. The building, its statues, its candles and incense are there to celebrate God being at home with us and we with him.

Unlike Jacob, we have no need to go to historical spots like Bethlehem or Calvary, because Jesus is present in every Mass and his Sacramental Body is reserved in the Tabernacle. St Mary's is a Eucharistic Church – Mass is offered daily. Here God meets his pilgrim people and leads them onwards. St Mary's is a place where we can make ourselves at home in the Sacrament of Reconciliation – returning home with the same



welcome as the Prodigal Son. St Mary's is a building to bring us to our knees, because prayer exudes from its stones. I believe the architecture, daily worship and presence of Christ in the Blessed Sacrament, together with the reservation of the oils for the sick all add up to a place of which the poet TS Eliot wrote in 'Little

Gidding': "You are not here to verify, Instruct yourself, or inform curiosity Or carry report. You are here to kneel Where prayer has been valid."

It is not unnatural or strange to lift our hearts and minds to God in this place. That is why in or around 1200 the Bishop anointed the walls of the church with holy oil to be set apart for ever. **Please give generously so we can continue to maintain what has been here for over 800 years for future generations.**

LOOKING AHEAD: NOVEMBER CANDLES

Please order these soon; there is a list in church. The candles will be blessed on Sunday 30th October and burn in church in daylight hours in memory of our departed loved ones. I regret that, because of rising costs, we will need to charge £8, as more than one candle is required to ensure they last throughout the entire month.

PARISH CHURCH OF ST MARY'S MENDLESHAM - CHURCH CALENDAR FOR OCTOBER 2022					
Date	Church Festival	Mass	Intention (we pray especially for....)	Parish Intention	Parish Intention
1	St Thérèse of Lisieux	10.00	the mission of the Church	Front Street / Old Orchard	
2	27th Sunday year C	9.30	Parish and congregation	Old Market St / Braybrooke Close	
3		9.30	our care of our neighbours	Mill Road and Hobbies Lane	
4	St Francis of Assisi	9.30	our care of our planet	Chapel Road	
5		9.30	deepening of our prayer life	Church Road / St Mary's Gardens	
6		()	Parish Pilgrimage to Walsingham	Brockford Road	
7	Our Lady of the Rosary	8.00 am	Society of Mary	Glebe Way	
8		10.00	all who work on the land	Freelands	
9	28th Sunday year C - HARVEST THANKSGIVING	9.30	Parish and congregation	Ducksen Road	
10		9.30	the departed - October anniversaries	Horsefair Close	
11		9.30	St Martin's Housing Trust, Norwich	Mason Court	
12		8.00 am	the Stowmarket Foodbank	Mayfield Way	
13	St Edward the Confessor	9.30	HM the King and his government	Mead Way	
14		9.30	Christian unity	Old Station Rd / Cuttings Close / Schools Close	
15	St Teresa of Avila	10.00	all lawyers and magistrates	Middy Close / The Sidings	
16	29th Sunday year C	9.30	Parish and congregation	Wash Lane / Oak Farm Lane	
17	St Ignatius of Antioch	9.30	persecuted Christians	Norwich Road / Bluehouse Lane	
18	ST LUKE	2.30 pm	the sick; Healing Ministry	Mendlesham Green	
19		8.00 am	readiness for Christ's return	Tan Office	
20		9.30	divided families	Outlying houses	
21		9.30	all prisoners and those who care for them	Farms in Mendlesham	
22		10.00	Walsingham	Local industries	
23	30th Sunday year C	9.30	Parish and congregation	Pub & places of recreation	
24		9.30	the ministry of healing	Mendlesham School	
25		9.30	the mission of the Church	SMF: Patrons of Mendlesham	
26	Ss Cedd and Chad	8.00 am	Additional Curates Society	Village Organisations	
27		9.30	tyrannical rulers	Fr Philip	
28	SS SIMON AND JUDE	9.30	our Bishops	Other places of Worship	
29		10.00	Friends of St Mary's	PCC and Parish Council	
30	FEAST OF DEDICATION	9.30	Parish and congregation	Local Doctors and Healthcare Workers	
31	ALL HALLOW'S EVE (Hallowe'en)	3.00pm	those who dabble in the occult	Neighbouring parishes	
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