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Deadline for May Issue

6th April 2023

Editorial

Welcome to the April issue. We have travelled through the turbulent weather patterns of the previous month and hope for a calmer, warmer passage ahead. Spring flowers and shrubs have weathered the storm to delight us with colour.

We have much to look forwards to with the return of the Street Fayre on 1st May and the King's Coronation on the 6th. Let's all get behind the people organising those events for the benefit of our Mendlesham community.

Best Wishes
Gemma

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Every Tuesday & Friday
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Front Cover
Meg Clarke

THE PARISH COUNCIL



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- Mike Exley tel 766246 (Emergency Planning Co ordinator for Mendlesham)
- Denise Foster tel 768978
- Norman Foster tel 768978
- Brian Gardiner tel 766648
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- Daniel Lummis 07584630988
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- Helen Orton tel 767741
- Liz Ward tel 766562

Wednesday 5 April 2023 Ordinary meeting 7pm, Old School Room, Mendlesham

Tuesday 18 April 2023 Annual Parish Meeting and Public meetings to vote for Charity Consultations.

Wednesday 17 May 2023 - first meetings of the new Parish Council, further to the May election. Old School Room, Mendlesham:

7pm Annual Parish Council Meeting

7.15 pm Annual General Meeting Mendlesham Community Centre Charity

7.25 pm Annual General Meeting Mendlesham Memorial Playing fields Charity

7.30pm Mendlesham Parish Council Ordinary meeting.

Agendas for formal meetings for Mendlesham Parish Council, Mendlesham Community Centre Charity and Mendlesham Memorial Playing fields Charity are published via E News and Parish Notice Boards. Please note any extraordinary meetings may not be able to be published in this newsletter.



Mendlesham Community Café

(Payment by card preferred)

Saturday 1st April

10am - 2pm

Old School Room, Mendlesham

Come and join us for morning coffee, cakes, and
delicious and very reasonably priced lunches.

All food is locally sourced and homemade.

March Draw Winner
(Sandringham Sweet Selection)
Brian Abbott

Want to join our team?

We are looking for volunteers, so if you would like to get
involved in this much-loved community project, please pop in
and see us or call Helen on 01449 767741

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:

Tuesday 18 April 2023. Main Hall, Mendlesham Community Centre

We will be “open” from 6pm- 7pm sharp for residents of Mendlesham Parish, aged 18 and over to come and undertake a paper vote on the two following separate consultations over the period 1.2.23- 31.3.23 17.00 finish.

Please ensure that you bring some ID confirming that you reside in the parish. Please do come and vote- these are really important matters for the future of the Parish.

1. For the Trustee, Mendlesham Parish Council to apply to the Charities Commission for England and Wales, to merge Mendlesham Community Centre (Charity no 304795) and Mendlesham Memorial Playing fields Charity (Charity no 304794)

2. For the Trustee, Mendlesham Parish Council to apply to the Charities Commission for England and Wales to sell Mendlesham Community Centre building and associated pavements to Suffolk County Council. Mendlesham Community Centre charity intends to use the proceeds of the proposed sale towards funding a new community centre in the Parish.

7pm Public meetings: There will be two public meetings as above, to count and record the votes with the help of an independent adjudicator.

7.30pm Parish Meeting.

The Annual Parish Council meeting is an opportunity for the electors of the Parish of Mendlesham to meet and discuss items of interest to them. It is not a Parish Council meeting, although it is organised by the Parish Council.

The agenda will be published on Parish Notice Boards and E News closer to the time, but will include the opportunity to discuss any matters of concern or interest from Mendlesham Parish Residents and to note any reports received from parish organisations. Any representatives wishing to submit a report, please can you contact the Clerk **as soon as possible** to confirm you wish to submit a report and then ideally do so in writing, before **Friday 14 April**. Please note written reports will be uploaded to the Mendlesham web site.

As in the past part of this meeting will include Awards to individuals and organisations of the Parish for their service to the community.

Friends Of Mendlesham School Association

Easter Treasure Hunt

Come and solve the trail hidden in the Millennium Woods.

Find all of the clues to be entered into the prize draw.

All children receive a prize for entering.



Easter refreshments available and other competitions.

All proceeds go to Mendlesham School.



Good Friday
7th April

Millennium Woods

9:30 - 12:00

£5 per entry form

Start location: The Primary School Large Hall

(Entry forms to be collected from here)

Parish Council:

4 May 2023 Elections:

The term of office for our existing Mendlesham Parish Councillors is about to come to an end, with the process for nominations and election for eligible residents who wish to stand for Mendlesham Parish Council about to commence. This is the opportunity for a democratic process to select those to represent you at a local level from 9 May 2023.

Please consider if you are able to stand. **Do not assume that all existing Parish Councillors will stand.** It is also essential that we have at least 8 Parish Councillors stand for election for the Parish Council to continue to qualify to use Power of Competence, which then enables, subject to those regulations, increased flexibility for the Parish Council to spend to support the Parish.

By the time you receive this newsletter the closing date for submitting a Nomination to stand for Parish Councillor will be close. Correct Nomination forms have to be received in person (i.e., not post or electronic means) by Mid Suffolk District Council by Tuesday 4 April 4pm. There are local opportunities to take the forms to Mid Suffolk District Council, including Mendlesham has appointments at Eye, on 22 April and 24 April for any forms to be taken on behalf of anyone wishing to stand for Parish Councillor.

If you need any further information or help, please contact the Parish Clerk or MSDC Electoral Services Team.

MENDLESHAM OVER 60'S CLUB
COFFEE MORNING

Saturday April 15th from 10 am to 12 noon

At

The U.R.C. Chapel, Mendlesham

There will be cakes, raffle, tombola,

Bric-a-brac, books and puzzles



**Entry: 50p which includes
Tea or Coffee and Biscuits**

ALL WELCOME!



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.



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 6th April 2023**

Mendlesham Carpet Bowls Club

(and short mat bowls) 2023 season



Weekly indoor meetings are held 7.30pm –
10.00pm at Mendlesham School Hall every
Tuesday until April.

Old-timers and New-comers of any ability are
always very welcome to join the fun at our
friendly social local club

Annual subs £5.00, all players. Adult weekly playing fee £3.00
(includes tea/coffee drinks and biscuits)

Mendleshamcarpetbowlsclub@gmail.com

Mendlesham History Group

The medieval Port of Goseford and the changing Suffolk coastline,
Peter Wain

Wednesday April 19th, 7.30pm

Venue: URC Chapel

Non-members welcome - £4

Mendlesham Community Charity (MCC)

Charity No: 282391

April 2023 update

We wrote last month about the MCC and Trustees so now a word about our volunteers. They are our unsung heroes, supporting our ventures on a regular basis.

We could not function without the volunteers who run the 50:50 shop, collect the Village Tote monies, produce the Newsletter and deliver it in all weathers to every household.

Then there are the volunteers who run one off community events with our support, as well as those who run our ongoing community events. Last but not least there are those who offer to lend a hand for the bigger events, like the upcoming Street Fair on 1st May 2023.

As Trustees we may not say it very often; but we are very grateful for all that you do to support the community and the Mendlesham Community Charity.

Thank you one and all.



Thank You

PS We are always ready to welcome new volunteers!!!

MCC Trustees

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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

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 May Day Street Fayre

Bank Holiday Monday 01 May 2023
Old Market Street 12 – 5pm

Program entrance £3
On sale after Easter Weekend

- May Day Princess and Procession
- Food Market
- Variety of Stalls
- Hot and Cold Food
- Family Friendly Retro Games & Kids Area
- Maypole Dancing
- Live Music
- Craft Fair

Can you help?

Selling Programs at the Entrances and the Car Park
Putting up the Bunting and Clearing up afterwards

Contact

Alan Chattell thetallcanal@gmail.com 07790 124509
Judith Howard-Rees
Judith@milllodge.co.uk or 07770 74661

Proceeds to Mendlesham Community Charity
No. 282391



Mendlesham Walking Group

Saturday 8th April 2023

Meet at

Community Centre Car Park **10:00am**

2-hour walk led by Colin & Linda Easter bonnets optional!

AND

Walking on a Wednesday

Shorter, slower walk of about 1½ hours led by Alan

Wednesday 19th April 2023

Meet at

Community Centre Car Park **10:30am**

PLEASE WEAR STURDY WATERPROOF BOOTS

Dogs on leads welcome



Come and join us

Stay safe and keep walking

For more information please contact

Angela - 01449 766483

Alan – 07790 124 509



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

angiepickup@btinternet.com

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FOR ANY CHANGES TO ADVERTISED WALKS**

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Let's celebrate the Coronation of our new King !

Mendlesham is getting royal in May

Make a scarecrow on a royal theme.

Can be human or animal.

£50 voucher prize!



Special service at St Mary's 9:30am May 7th with prayers for our King and tree blessing for the late Queen with the presence of the May Queen and attendants.



Live music and Dance with Beat Deluxe 7:30pm Sunday 7th May in School Main Hall. Raffle for super prizes. Bring your own food, drink / alcohol and tableware. Tickets £6 (available in Mendlesham Stores)



Family day School Main Hall 12:00pm to 5:00pm Monday 8th May

Free admission . Lots of games

This is part of the national "Big Help Out" to encourage volunteering.

Supported by Mendlesham Community Charity



The Big Help Out is part of the Celebrations of the King's Coronation aimed to highlight the impact volunteering has on communities. The Mendlesham Coronation Planning Committee, supported by the Mendlesham Community Charity, wish to recognise both existing and new volunteers in our community and to provide, in Mendlesham, some kind of lasting Coronation memento/legacy.



The Big Help Out invites our Mendlesham Community to:

- Let us know your ideas for our community coronation legacy (such as benches, trees, garden, plaques)
- Get involved in a voluntary activity to raise or donate funds for our shared legacy items
- Bring the funds you have raised to The Big Help Thank You on Monday 8 May

Contact the Denise or Norman at fosters@fostermail.co.uk for more information.



FOMSA presents
An afternoon of children's entertainment
at the Street Fayre!



Bouncy castle, children's mechanical roundabout, retro games area, tombola, water fight arena, clay craft area, face painter and Maypole dancing.

Also a Tug of War competition!

Come along to the playingfields 12-5 for fun and games.

See you there!!!!

Parish Council:

Precept for 2023/24:

The Precept is the element of your MSDC Council Tax bill that comes to Mendlesham Parish Council to enable the Parish Council to provide the services that it provides for the year. Other Authorities, including the Police, Mid Suffolk District Council and Suffolk County Council set their own amounts to request from Council Tax payers as part of the Council Tax Bill.

Mendlesham Parish Council has agreed the budget and Precept for the year commencing 1.4.23. After very careful consideration, the Mendlesham Precept has been set at £51,000 (£44,000).

After changes to the Mendlesham tax base which takes into account those eligible to pay Council Tax and any changes in the number of properties in the Parish, this will mean for a Council Tax Band D property £89.58 pa (£75.38). This is an increase of 18.83%, £14.20 pa or £1.18 per month for Band D properties towards the Mendlesham Precept. We do understand that some live in properties that are not Band D and may experience financial hardship despite the property size. However, Band D is the category /information commonly used when providing Precept information.

The Parish Council is extremely aware of financial constraints likely to be experienced by residents this year. However, this decision was reached with reluctance, because there is a real need to maintain Parish Council spending power to help the community.

VILLAGE TOTE

Could you spare some time to become a Volunteer Collector for the village Tote? I am looking for a new Volunteer Collector for Horsefair Close. There are currently 12 members whose membership monies are due in January and July. I have collected the January Tote but need someone to take this on for July 2023's collection onwards. If you could spare some time to take this on, please contact Angela Pickup on 01449 766483 or angiepickup@btinternet.com. Happy to meet up and discuss exactly what's involved and hand over all paperwork. Thank you.

Mendlesham Community Charity TOTE RESULTS

Mendlesham Lottery February 2023			
2nd February 2023		16th February 2023	
Drawn at Mead Way		Drawn at Mead Way	
Mr. & Mrs. D. Crisp	£35.00	Hazel Cameron	£35.00
Mrs. I. Hart	£25.00	Mrs. H. Kendall	£25.00
Mr. & Mrs. Cannings	£15.00	Rob Cook	£15.00
Mrs. Battley	£10.00	Lois Pugh	£10.00

If you would like to purchase Tote Tickets,
please contact Angela Pickup on
01449 766483 or angiepickup@btinternet.com

United Reformed Church

MURCies Coffee Bar

Friday - 14th April 2023 10am - 12pm

Knit and Natter

Monday - 24th April 2023 2pm - 4pm

MENDLESHAM CAMERA CLUB



The next meeting will be on
Tuesday 4th April - in the Old
School Room at 1930.



Our challenge for April is 'Around
Town' - 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 this month a compositing presentation using
Affinity Photo.

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

29 members were welcomed to our February meeting celebrating our 97th birthday. In the business of the evening we heard proposals for a summer cruise on the Deben; a flower arranging workshop in June, a Coronation celebration garden party by kind invitation of Maria and Peter, promotion of the WI on our stall at the May Street Fayre and details of our Grow Cook and Sew. This year we are trying a Saturday Show – Sat. 15th July – schedules were distributed to all members together with provided seeds to grow a ‘pea in a pot’. A vote was taken to support the Stowmarket Food Bank for a year with our monthly tea fund and this was agreed, we will continue to fund raise and knit for the Moses basket project.

Jackie Norman was welcomed as the speaker – her topic Tudor clothing. Jackie took us through the layers of clothing Queen Elizabeth I would have worn from baby to adult. Jackie showed us examples of dresses of the time that she had researched and interpreted. Queen Elizabeth I was fortunate to have at least three dressers, possibly not so fortunate to have the layers and layers pinned together. It was interesting how clothing was influenced by foreign visitors to court. We were looking at upper class clothes of linen, silk and velvet and by the age of two the young ladies were being viewed for the marriage market. It is said on her death Queen Elizabeth I had amassed an amazing 2000 gowns. The audience had many questions to ask Jackie – a very engaging speaker.

Barbara was asked to cut the birthday cake and she proposed the toast with words about her first memories of the WI movement. We all enjoyed the cake made by treasurer Jackie and beautifully decorated.

Our April calendar:-

5th: 10am – 12 noon knit, stitch and yarn, Old School Room.

18th: 7.30pm meeting in the URC. Speaker Penny Simmonds, subject Reflexology. The competition – something calming.

27th: Group Meeting at Eye, Dream On, fashion show.

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

Mendlesham Over 60s Club, February 2023

Today's meeting welcomed 28 members. After the minutes were read our speaker was introduced. Wendy Smith, a Wimbledon Lines Person.

Wendy has been judging at tennis tournaments for 38 years! In spite of her experience she still has to apply every year for a place. Her ambition is to make it 40 years. She told us that the whole uniform is supplied to the judges, even down to their underclothes and socks.

Those who are accepted must train and judge tournaments all over the country. Only the best are allowed to serve on Centre Court. She was lucky enough to be picked when Andy Murray won and to do the Olympics in 2012. Wimbledon is very strict about its lines people and they are not allowed to speak to the players. A massive amount of food is consumed on match days and an awful amount of alcohol but they never seem to get any drunken behaviour. Other venues have dropped their high standards but it is hoped that Wimbledon and many others stay the same.

A very good speaker and an interesting insight into the world of tennis.

After tea we were reminded that our coffee morning is in April and we asked for volunteers to help and to contribute goods for our stalls.

Competition:

First: Norman Foster Second: Noel Fletcher Third: Annette Taylor.

Our next meeting - April 26th Norma Howard regarding 'medical dogs'. Competition: A dog ornament

We closed with the anthem.

FRIENDS OF ST. MARY'S MENDLESHAM

£5 per
person
includes
refreshments

QUIZ NIGHT

Teams
can be
up to
6 persons

SATURDAY 15TH APRIL 7.30 pm
at UNITED REFORM CHAPEL MENDLESHAM

Individuals welcome to make up teams

Draw - Refreshments supplied

To book a table contact **Graham Baker - 01449 766902**

*** Soup-er Friday ***

Every Friday in the Old Schoolroom 12-2pm Lunch

*Choice of soup with buttered bread roll

*Sausage roll * Cake * Endless tea and coffee

£2.50

* Everyone welcome *



**Books and magazines
free to take away too**



The rent of the Old Schoolroom is covered by a grant from Babergh and Mid Suffolk council under there Warm Spaces scheme

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.

Funded through Suffolk community foundation through the East of England Co-op lunch club/warm hub fund.

Announcing *Skulduggery in Stowmarket*, April 28th–29th 2023



Stowmarket Library's Skulduggery team is excited to announce this year's fast-approaching live event.

Join us at Stowmarket Library on Friday 28th for an evening with Tony Kent. Tickets are £7 each or £12 for two, including a glass of wine on arrival and light refreshments.

On Saturday 29th come & meet our guest authors: Ruth Dugdall, Lesley Kara, Amen Alonge, Simon Mason, Jane Casey, & William Shaw. Tickets are £5 per author, or £15 for all-day Saturday. Book your place

www.suffolklibraries.co.uk/whats-on/festival/skulduggery-in-stowmarket

I ordered a watch online for my partner's birthday. The company has since gone out of business. I keep phoning and emailing them but can't get through to anyone. If they don't send the watch, what should I do?

If the company has gone into administration, it may still be able to fulfil outstanding orders, but if the company is already in liquidation, you'll need to try to get your money back. If you're unsure about what state the company is in, the Citizens Advice website has information on how to find out.

As the company hasn't responded to your calls or emails, is there a shop or office you can visit or write to, to get an update on your order or request a refund? If that isn't possible, the next steps depend on whether it's a limited company (it will have ltd or plc after its title) or if it's a sole trader (someone who runs their own business) or partnership.

If it's a limited company, you'll need to get details of the administrator or receiver - the person dealing with settling the trader's debts. The names of those administrators will usually be on the website of the company that's gone bust. You should register your claim as a creditor on the GOV.UK website. Fill out the form with details of what you're owed and send it to the administrator dealing with the trader's debts. Unfortunately, there's only a small chance you'll receive any money back because you'll be last in a long list of creditors who need to be paid.

If you paid by credit card, you could also try getting your money back with a Section 75 claim to your card provider or bank. Full details about both these types of claims can be found on the Citizens Advice website. If the seller was a sole trader or partnership and not a limited company, pursuing a Section 75 is your best option.

Every case is different when traders go under, but you can call the Citizens Advice consumer helpline to find out exactly what your rights are on 0800 223 1133 or visit www.citizensadvice.org.uk/consumer

Citizens Advice Mid Suffolk can provide advice on 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. More information and our opening hours can also be found at midsuffolkcab.org.uk/contact-us.

Needham Market Community Council's 47th Art Exhibition and Sale
Sponsored by www.anythingsuffolk.co.uk

This easter weekend sees the 47th time the Art Exhibition has been held here in Needham Market.

Over this period of time the event promoted many local artists and is well established as a major event in the Artists calendar.

On display and all for sale will be a whole range of different Styles of artwork in many different mediums and covering many different subjects, Suffolk Scenes of both land and sea, abstracts of all types, still life, birds and animals, all this as well as Prints and cards from these artists, if you are looking for different cards this is a good place to look.

The event begins with a Cheese and Wine Buffett evening on Thursday 6th April, Tickets for this evening are available to purchase at £10.00 each (this includes 2 glasses of wine) from Lilac & Lilys High Street Needham Market, or Telephone 01449 720845 to order or email nmccartexhibition @btinternet.com

The exhibition is open from Friday 7th to Monday 10th April

10.00 am to 5.00p.m each day Entrance is £2.00 per adult Children FREE, refreshments are provided each day by the W.I so you are assured of home baked cakes along with teas & coffee.

If you are new to Needham Market this is a very good event in which to find out some of the things that happen in the Town

We look forward to seeing you during the weekend at the Community Centre School Street Needham Market IP6 8BB

Needham Market Community Council Reg Charity No 266076

A charity run by Volunteers Raising funds for the Town





**St George's Hall
Thwaite, IP23 7EE**

**Sat 22nd & Sun 23rd April
11am - 5pm**

Light Refreshments, Snacks and Cakes Available



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.

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	07756 761590
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 Art Group	Irene Hart	07889 508345
Mendlesham Community Charity	Teresa Mills	01449 766582
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
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 Chattell	07790 124509
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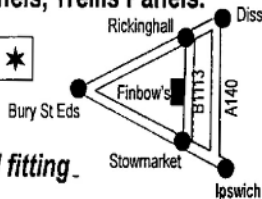
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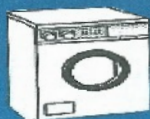
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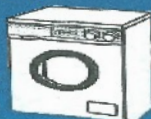
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At Easter new life comes into the world no matter how bad the world gets. Easter reminds us that God is constantly re-creating and we are part of that re-creation, if we only accepted that call that Jesus Christ gave from the Cross and become God's People, accepting the new life He offers.

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1st Apr: 5.00pm

8th Apr (Holy Saturday): 7.30 pm

15th, 22nd & 29th Apr: 10.00 am

Weekday Mass: offered every day.

See times on calendar on church website and porch notice

For pastoral visits, Marriage Baptism (Christening), etc- contact Fr Philip

Sacrament of Reconciliation: see church website & porch notice

You are welcome to any of our services, as are your children.

EVERY TUESDAY COFFEE & CAKE

in church.

10.30-12.30

No Charge, but donations welcome to Friends of St Mary's.



Sun 2nd Apr: PALM SUNDAY: 9.30

Thur 6th Apr: MAUNDY

THURSDAY: 7.30pm - Last Supper; 8.30pm -11.00pm: Silent prayer in 'Garden of Gethsemane'

Fri 7th April: GOOD FRIDAY:

2.00pm - Liturgy (1 hour)

Sat 8th April: HOLY SATURDAY

7.30pm – Easter Vigil & First Mass of Easter. Shared party afterwards

Sun 9th April: EASTER DAY

9.30 – Parish Mass & blessing of chocolate eggs for children

Sat 15th April: *Friends of St Mary's Quiz night – URC – 7.30 pm*

Tue 25th April: 2.30pm - monthly Healing Service. All welcome

Sun 30th April: 9.30 – Parish Mass, Crowning of May Queen; 11.15 approx. - Procession around village



**Fr Philip
Writes**

**Holy Week and
Easter are**

**celebrations of the death and resurrection of
Jesus. How meaningful are they in our daily lives?**

On Good Friday Jesus died on the cross. He forgave the penitent thief and he forgives us. We simply need to accept that

forgiveness; our sins are merely a handful of dust thrown into the ocean of God's great love. We, too, are called to be people showing forgiveness in our lives. A powerful example of this comes from a lady called Corrie ten Boom, who had been incarcerated in a Nazi concentration camp during World War II. After the war she toured Europe giving talks, urging rival nations to forgive one another. One night after a talk in Munich, a man came up to her and extended his hand in a gesture of reconciliation. She recognised him as one of the most hated guards in the camp she had been in. She simply couldn't take his hand. But she prayed: "**Jesus, help me – I can't forgive him!**" She recounts how instantly a higher power helped her to take his hand in forgiveness. That night Corrie learned a great truth that Jesus, who taught us to love our enemies, empowers us to do this too. All we need to do is to ask for that power.

Easter is about new life and resurrection. George Orwell said, "**Either life is a preparation for something greater and more lasting, or it is meaningless, dark and dreadful.**" Heaven is not just a continuation of this life with a few extras thrown in. Jesus made it clear there is no comparison between this life and that of resurrection. In the chapel of the Holy Cross in St Mary's (the former south porch) are four modern wallpaintings which depict some symbols of the resurrection. One of these is a butterfly. That, of course, evolved from a chrysalis, which in turn evolved from a caterpillar. Though the creature is the same throughout these three states, none of them bears any resemblance to the others, and the last state – the butterfly - is so much more beautiful than the first – the caterpillar. So it will be for us. One of the prayers in a Requiem Mass says of death: "**Life is changed, not ended.**"

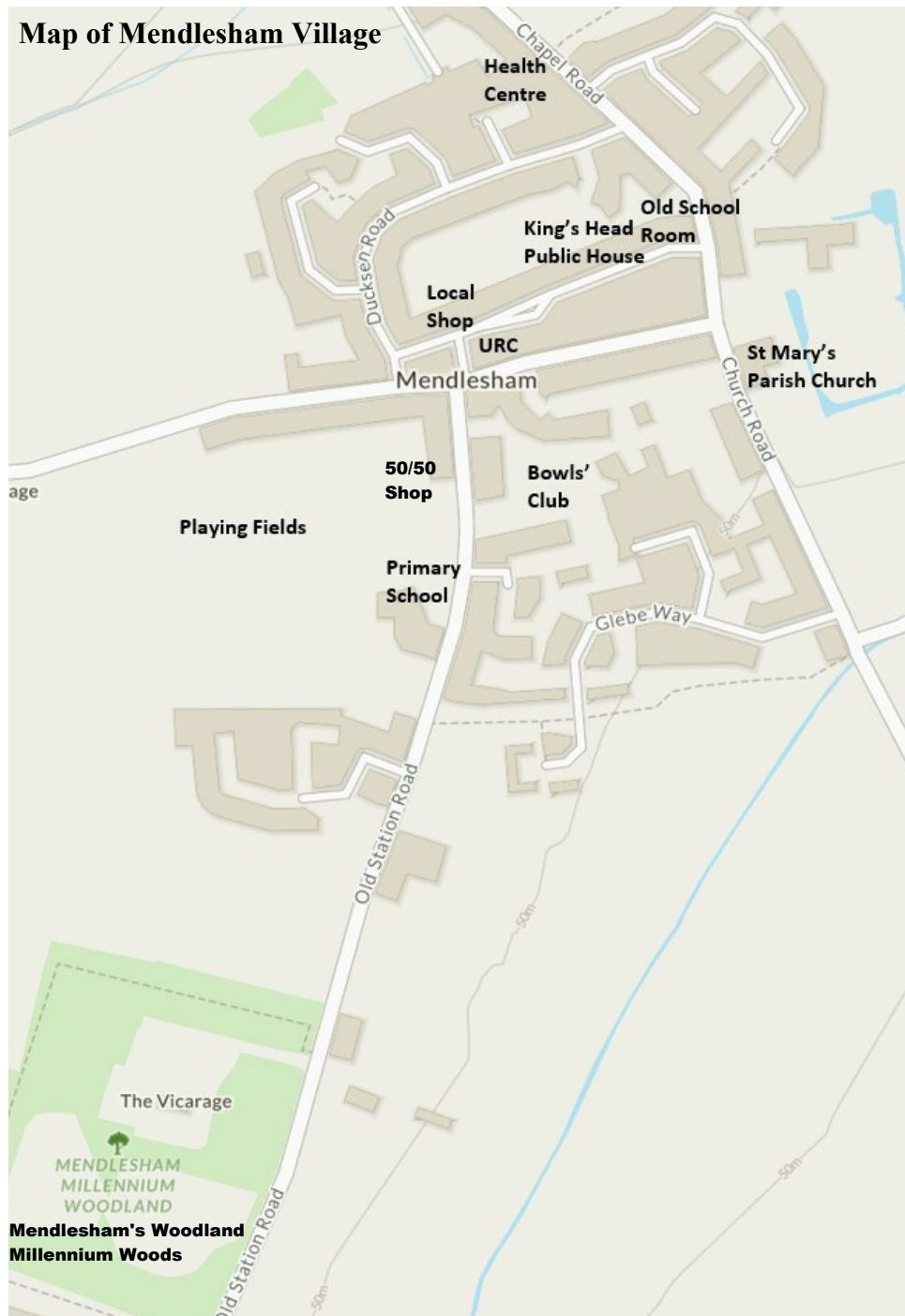


On Easter Day we bless candles for our departed loved ones at the parish Mass, praying they will be 'changed from glory into glory, 'til in heaven they take their place'... "May they rest in peace and rise in glory." As Jesus said of God the Father: "... **he is God, not of the dead, but of the living; for to him all people are, in fact, alive.**" **Happy Eastertide!**

For more news, information, obituaries + daily service calendar which can't fit into the 2 pages now allotted to the Parish Church, see 'This Month's Newsletter' and 'What's On at:

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