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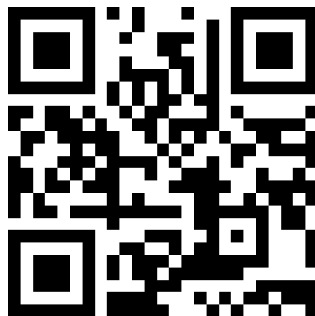
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The Mendlesham Community Charity launch their website in August.

Why not have a look.

Here is the QR Code and the Website address:



<https://sites.google.com/mendleshamcommunitycharity.com/home>

<https://tinyurl.com/MendleshamCC>

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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 August 2023

Front Cover
Gemma Green

50/50 shop open -
Every Tuesday & Friday
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Editorial

Welcome to the August issue. The British weather is always a topic of conversation and this month will probably live up to its reputation of sunshine and rainfall in equal measures. Some of you may have already taken the opportunity to get away on holiday while others are looking forwards to a break now that the school term has come to an end. Whatever your plans make sure that you sample icecream, picnics, takeaway food and buckets of fun!

Best Wishes
Gemma

THE PARISH COUNCIL



Parish Clerk: Sharon Jones, Honeysuckle, Hockey Hill,
Wetheringsett, Suffolk IP14 5PL

Tel 01449 766139

Email: parishclerk@mendleshampc.org

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

Your Councillors are:

- Paul Allen tel 766543
- Andy Davey tel 01449 768862 (Chairperson)
- Mike Exley tel 766246 (Emergency Planning Co ordinator for Mendlesham)
- Denise Foster tel 768978
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- Daniel Lummis 07584630988
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Wednesday 9 August 2023

Mendlesham Parish Council Ordinary meeting 7pm
Old School Room, Mendlesham

Wednesday 6 September 2023

Mendlesham Parish Council Ordinary meeting 7pm
Old School Room, Mendlesham

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 due to publication dates.



Mendlesham Community Café


Saturday 5th August
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.

July Draw Winner
(Afternoon Tea Hamper)
Chris Hame

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 Orton 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](https://www.what3words.com/#!/novelist.thin.tint).

Mendlesham Community Charity (MCC)
Charity No: 282391

August 2023

Mendlesham Community Charity website

We are launching our website in August 2023 on the address below. Apologies for the lengthy address but the MCC abbreviation was already taken! The website will give you up to date information about the charity, our calendar of activities and how to apply for funding. You are still welcome to contact us by phone or e mail if you prefer.

<https://tinyurl.com/MendleshamCC> or
<https://sites.google.com/mendleshamcommunitycharity.com/home>



Legacy

The Charity has been fortunate to receive a legacy from the late Peter Wyatt's family specifically for the benefit of older members of the community. We would welcome suggestions about how best to use this gift in his memory.

Annual General Meeting

The Charity will hold an Annual General Meeting on Wednesday 27th September 2023 in the Old School Room Mendlesham at 8.00pm. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Fireworks event 5th November

We will be organising a short low noise firework display on the Mendlesham Playing Fields on Sunday 5th November 2023 gates will open at 5.00pm. Further details will follow nearer the date.

Mendlesham Community Charity Trustees

Teresa Mills (Chair) 01449 766582
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MENDLESHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Parish Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer

Mendlesham is an active parish with around 1800 residents.

The Council is looking for a capable and enthusiastic Parish Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer, preferably qualified to CiLCA level or to be willing to train and qualify. Mendlesham Parish Council is sole trustee of 2 charities so the role will also include being secretary and treasurer to the charities.

The post is for a minimum of 720 hours per annum, excluding holidays, as required. Relevant training will be provided.

Pay and annual leave will be in line with NALC guidelines. Pay will be relevant to experience and qualifications.

Starting date will be negotiable and will allow for briefing and handover from our current Clerk.

To apply, please send an email expressing your interest to Councillor Paul Allen at pcllrallen@gmail.com. We will then provide you with an Application pack.

The deadline for completed applications will be **4pm on Wednesday 16th August**.

Cleaner Required for Holiday Let in Wetheringsett

I'm looking for a reliable cleaner with high standards to clean a 5 bedroom holiday let in Pages Green, Wetheringsett.

The property is let regularly so you're likely to be required weekly.

The property has a hot tub too, so emptying and refilling the tub will be required.

Wage negotiable.

Please call or WhatsApp
Marcus on 07825 585 631 for more details.



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**

Parish Council:

Mendlesham Parish Council has received a request from Mid Suffolk District Council to provide consultee comments for the following planning application:

Application for Reserved Matters- DC/23/03187

Location: Land North East Of, Chapel Road, Mendlesham

Proposal: Submission of Details (Reserved Matters) application and Discharge of Conditions 8, 16,17 and 26 under Outline Planning Permission DC/19/05915 for approval of Scale, Layout, Appearance and Landscaping in relation to erection of 20 dwellings, associated internal roads, parking, drainage infrastructure, open space and landscaping.

Comments are invited by MSDC by 28 July 2023. Full details of this application are available to view online by visiting <https://planning.baberghmidsuffolk.gov.uk/online-applications/> and putting the application number into the keyword search box at the bottom of the page.

If you wish, please also send your comments to parishclerk@mendleshampc.org before noon on 25 July 2023.

There will be an extraordinary meeting of Mendlesham Parish Council **Tuesday 25 July 2023 7pm Main Hall, Community Centre**, to consider this application and any others subsequently received.

All welcome. An agenda will be published closer to the time.

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 24th August**



Mendlesham Street Fair 1st May 2023

On Monday 1st May after months of behind the scenes planning Mendlesham welcomed the first Street Fair in four years. It was wonderful to welcome back so many people to the village keen to enjoy a day out. The sun mostly shone and luckily the rain showers were brief.

We hope you enjoy looking through the photo gallery of the day on our website.

Old Market Street was closed to traffic and lined with a variety of stalls including those serving food and drink as well as crafts and plants. A trailer kindly loaned by C J Frost was beautifully decorated with foliage and provided a great platform for the varied music acts.

Attendees were able to enjoy watching a Samba band, Morris dancing and children Maypole dancing. The May Princess and her two attendants were proudly paraded on a bike powered rickshaw, courtesy of Red Gables in Stowmarket

On the playing fields, the Friends of Mendlesham School Association organised a variety of children's activities.

The main school hall was filled with craft stalls to browse over.

A wonderful team of volunteers managed the car parking, public entry points and ensured all the rubbish was cleared.

St John's ambulance were present in case of any mishaps and there were mobile toilets available for comfort breaks.

We were delighted with how well the day went and with all the positive feedback we have received. The monies raised will be used by Mendlesham Community Charity over the coming year to support events and activities benefiting everyone living in Mendlesham.

Mendlesham Community Charity would like to thank all our sponsors and those who donated money and gifts for the raffle. Our thanks also go to Andrew Stringer for the provision of card readers through Suffolk County Council.

Mendlesham Walking Group

Saturday 12th August 2023

Meet at

Community Centre Car Park 10.00am.

2-hour walk led by Alan

AND

Walking on a Wednesday

Shorter, slower walk of about 1½ hours led by Alan

Wednesday 16th August 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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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.



CHARITY EVENT

by Meg Clarke

On reaching the venue in Ipswich the weather concerned me more than what I was about to do. On this British summer's day it appeared that the steady rain had no intention of easing.

I signed in, was given a number and joined the queue of people snaking their way between metal barriers. My number read 201. During the long wait I focused on my reason for being there. Completing the challenge would raise over £100 for the Red Cross Charity as well as saving face with my teenage daughter who had completed a similar event the previous year. I surmised that only in England could there be such friendly banter while standing two hours in incessant rain? A call for participant 197 shook me out of my reverie. Then 201 was called.

I moved forwards to get kitted up with a harness and flinched as the assistant pulled the straps tightly around my bum! Better some discomfort I guess than being pitched out on the descent. A hard hat and heavy duty gloves were added with instructions to follow a group of seven up a staircase to the roof top, twelve storeys high. Outwardly I was calm but aware of my increasing heart-rate. The stairwell offered temporary relief from the rain. I was shaking from the long cold wait, or was it fear? There was banter from a group of five office workmates and two friends clung to each other for moral support. I felt very alone!

Collectively we emerged on the roof of the Hospital Maternity Block, the rain continuing to punish us anew. I was led to a rig by a male guide warning me not to trip on the hazards by my feet. I kind of got the point of that! My harness was attached to a safety line while the attendant spoke reassuringly to me. He told me to look at him and walk backwards to the roof edge taking up the tension of the rope. I did as I was told. This was no time for argument or change of heart. Suddenly my heels lost ground contact. I was truly on the edge!

I was told that I was doing fine and to just keep walking backwards over the edge. I trusted the man and began walking down a vertical wall. I tentatively released the rope lock and eased downwards. My attendant called with encouragement, suggesting that I must have been fibbing about it being my first abseil as I was doing it so professionally. Buoyed by this positive feedback I released more rope and slid down a little faster albeit rather jerkily. Now I was passing whole storeys and getting braver by the minute. I pushed away from the wall and felt the exhilaration of being suspended by the ropes alone. Now I was positively flying through the air, confidence building with every floor descended. I bounced back to the wall and pushed off with my feet again. I kept the rope released longer and the descent increased in speed and thrill. Nine, ten, eleven storeys passed and then a shout from below that I was about to reach the ground. An assistant on the ground steadied me as I landed before releasing the ropes which were hauled above for the next volunteer.

"Wow! That was brilliant! Can I do it again right now?"

Friends of Debenham Library

This month on **Wednesday 9th August** is the **Lego Brickology Fun Day Workshop** from 2-4pm, sponsored by Denbury Homes.. It is for children 4+ accompanied by an adult. Booking is essential: call in at Debenham library, phone 01728 861940 or e-mail

maureen.john@suffolklibraries.co.uk

The next **Afternoon Tea** at the Library will be on **Sunday 10 September**, from 2-4pm. Come and enjoy cake, scones and hot drinks while you browse the books, read, chat or use the computers—or enjoy the garden outside, if the weather is fine.

The **Summer Reading Challenge** “*Ready, Set, Read!*”

started on Saturday July 15th and runs through the holidays

until September 10th. Come and

sign up for some Summer Reading Fun! You need to read six books during the summer holidays to complete the challenge, collecting stickers and other fun prizes as you read along. In September we have a presentation party with a certificate and medal presented to all those children who have completed the challenge.

Books, DVDs, WiFi, Computers, Printing/photocopying/scanning, CDs and audiobooks, downloadable films/music/audiobooks/ebooks, free reservations. The room is available for hire outside opening hours.

School Corner, Debenham IP14 6PL (next to the Primary School). Opening hours:

Tuesday: 0930 am – 1300 pm Wednesday : 1500 – 1930 pm

Saturday: 0900 am – 1300 pm Sunday: 1200 – 1600 pm

Tel: 01728 861940 www.suffolklibraries.co.uk/visit/locations-and-times/debenham-library

Facebook: DebenhamLibraryAndFriends

Email: debenham.library@suffolklibraries.co.uk

Did you know....?

Our Home Library Service is available for customers who cannot access the library.

The Friends of St. Mary's Church

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



Friends & Food Friday

Every Friday
in the Old School Room 12-2 pm.

MENU

Bacon roll
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**or cheese &
tomato**

**Piece of
homemade
cake**
And
**Endless tea &
coffee**



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Mendlesham Lottery			
8th June 2023		22nd June 2023	
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Mr. B. Clements	£10.00	Mrs. S. Percival	£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 - 11th August 2023 10am - 12pm

Knit and Natter

Monday - 14th August 2023 2pm - 4pm

MENDLESHAM CAMERA CLUB



The next meeting will be on
Tuesday 1st August - meet in the
Old School Room at 1930.



Bring your camera as we will head out into the village to capture some
images and come back into the hall to share the pictures we have
photographed.

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

The June meeting was very pleasant in the garden of Maria and Peter. We thank them for kindly hosting this for us in the lovely setting of their garden – and the weather played ball – just. Members bought a plate of food and Pimms was served – thank you to Maria and Peter and to all the bakers.

There were a few business items to discuss – payment for the Deben cruise was collected; Jill gave a report of the NFWI annual meeting she had attended. Jill found the responsibility of voting on the resolution daunting, but our members fully supported her decision to use her discretion. The draw was made for two £100 bursaries for a course of the member's choice and two lucky members names were drawn out of the bag – Maria and Linda – we await to hear about their choices. Congratulations to Barbara who has two 'reflections' photographs published in the 2024 WI calendar. Orders were being placed.

August calendar:

2nd : Knit, Stitch and Yarn, Old School Room 10:00-12:00

15th: Meeting in the U.R.C. at 7.30pm

New members will be most welcome.

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Mendlesham Over60s Meeting – 31st May 2023 **(omitted from July Newsletter)**

Thirty-two members attended today's meeting and a questionnaire was given out to members so that they could indicate how they would like the club to continue in the future.

Our speaker was Mr Noel Fletcher on the topic of 'Helicopter Crew'. Coming from an RAF family, at 16 he decided that was the path he wanted to pursue. He did his training and was part of the 4 minute warning in the cold war. He worked in the photography room but got fed up with the smell of chemicals and always being in the dark. He served all over the world and applied for and passed his exams to be helicopter crew. He had to learn to parachute jump which was very scary at first but soon got used to stepping out of the door. He also did 'search and rescue'. A very interesting insight into his working life.

Competition Results

1st - Denise Foster 2nd - Annette Taylor 3rd - George Taylor

After tea the minutes of last meeting were read. We had a good day on Street Fair Day and raised some funds for our club. Thank you to all who helped. Questionnaires were handed in, we thanked members for their company and closed the meeting.

We next meet up on July 26th for Brian Thurlow - Another Variety Talk.

Up-to-date Notes from the Over 60s Club for June 2023

June 28th – We set off at 9.30 from The King's Head for our trip to Great Yarmouth.

We stopped at Bungay on the way to have a coffee and then on to Yarmouth. It was a lovely day, not too hot and a nice breeze. We all did our own thing and got back to Mendlesham just after 6 pm; tired after a lovely day.

Our next meeting – August 31st – Mystery tour

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.

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.

We've booked a package holiday to Spain. It's our first time booking this sort of getaway, and a friend recently had a terrible experience when things went wrong on a similar trip. What sort of help is available if something does go wrong?

Hopefully you'll have a lovely time but if something does go wrong with your package holiday, the National Citizens Advice website at citizensadvice.org.uk/consumer has lots of information about what to do if something goes wrong with your holiday and what compensation you may be eligible for.

Firstly, tell the company or travel agent you booked with as soon as possible. This way you're more likely to be able to get it sorted quicker. If you don't say anything until you get home, you might get less or no compensation at all.

If the holiday you went on turned out to be lower in value than the one you originally booked you can make a claim for 'loss of value'. For example you paid for a deluxe room but only got a standard one, if it wasn't sorted out at the time you can claim back the difference in value.

You can also claim compensation for any extra money you have to spend while away, for example the hotel was a bus ride away from the beach rather than across the road as advertised. This is called claiming for 'out-of-pocket expenses'. If this does happen make sure you keep all your receipts for things like bus journeys.

If big parts of the trip you booked didn't happen or services weren't provided, for example a planned two-day excursion was cancelled and no alternative was organised, you can make a claim for 'loss of enjoyment'. You can also make this claim if something happens that causes you distress or disappointment, such as the pool was closed for the whole trip.

It's worth noting that there's no strict guidance on how much you can claim for loss of enjoyment but any claim you make must be reasonable. You can't get compensation if you simply didn't enjoy the holiday or if the problem was out of the holiday company's control - like bad weather.

Check the information you received when you made the booking to see what you're supposed to get. If you don't get the service you've been promised, you may be entitled to compensation for breach of contract. You might also be able to claim from your travel insurance – check if your policy covers this.

The Citizens Advice consumer helpline on 0808 223 1133 or an online adviser at citizensadvice.org.uk can help with more detailed consumer queries.

Citizens Advice Mid Suffolk can provide advice on issues including debt, finances, employment, benefits and family/relationships. You can contact them on 01449 676060, visit in person at Milton House, 5 Milton Road South, Stowmarket IP14 1EZ or use the contact form at midsuffolcab.org.uk/contact-us. Our opening hours are Monday-Thursday 9.30am – 3.30pm and Friday 9.30am – 12.30pm. For more information go to midsuffolcab.org.uk.



Traditional Music Day Stowmarket September 2nd 2023 www.eatmt.org.uk



On 2nd September we will be bringing East Anglian Traditional Music and Entertainment to the centre of Stowmarket. Expect Concerts, Workshops, Music Sessions, Talks, Exhibitions, Storytelling, Puppet shows, Music related stalls and Step Dance. Morris Dancers will be setting the town ablaze with colourful costumes and performances along and around the High Street.

There is a choice of 18 exciting and interesting ticketed events. Tickets are on sale on EATMT website or from The John Peel Centre.

On Friday 1st September our first ticketed event is a ceilidh to the music of the Hosepipe Band in the John Peel Centre.

We are also offering Free Events. Throughout the day there will be opportunities to sing, play in music sessions, or just listen to local musicians. You may wish to “have a go” step dancing, working jig dolls, maybe even join in with the odd Morris dance, or take the chance to relax and enjoy watching and soaking up the atmosphere.

A full programme can be found on our website www.eatmt.org.uk

We are a registered charity. If you wish to email or speak to us details are info@eatmt.org.uk – 07495 054669

Alex Bartholomew

MENDLESHAM DIRECTORY

1 st Mendlesham Guides	Emma Munday	01449 768843
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Brownies	Brenda Stannard	01449 766308
Camera Club	Mike Favager	01449 766007
Carpet Bowls Club	Roger Fouracre	01449 766229
Community Centre Hall	Becky Herbert	01449 672531
Computer Club	Giles Godart-Brown	07500 042836
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Explorer Unit	Jonathan Freeman	07756 761590
Football Club	Ashley Roshier	07909 113676
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Parish Council & Playing Field	Sharon Jones	01449 766139
Parish Party Committee	Rachel Roshier	07881 816622
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Toddler Group	Simona Pounds	07585 093311
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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

Brockford Sidings Dog Park

A fun and secure place to exercise your dogs in the countryside!

Bring your own dogs' toys or make use of our supplied agility equipment.

Park inside the field so no need for a lead! Shelter for rain cover and a clean water tap for dog bowls and washing your dog off also available.

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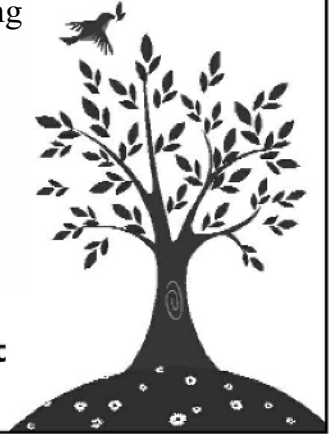
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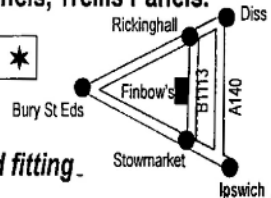
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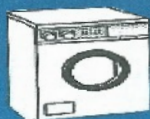
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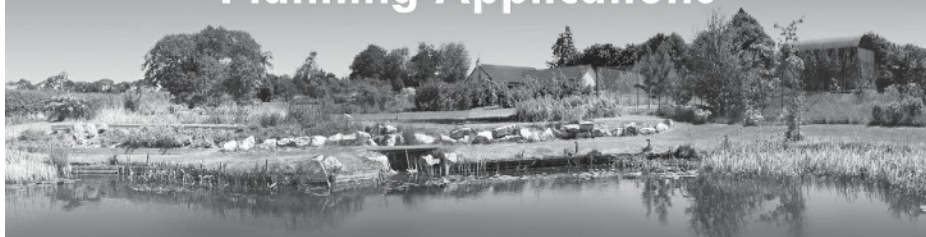
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Ephesians 4:4 from The Message Bible

⁴⁻⁶ 'You were all called to travel on the same road and in the same direction, so stay together, both outwardly and inwardly'.

How quickly the year has moved on, no sooner have the children started the school holidays than it is time for them to return, or even start college or even work. I wonder if you know the hymn One more step along the world I go

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Even though for many of us at this time of year life just goes on as normal, we need to be ready to face the challenges of our Christian journeying, not knowing where it will lead us, but using it as our prayer, the lines of the Chorus: From the old things to the new Keep me travelling along with you.

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The angry queen tries to kill Snow White with a poisoned apple. Snow White takes a bite and falls, as if dead. By chance (and because it is a fairy story) a prince comes to the house, removes the piece of poisoned apple and Snow White is instantly restored to health. They marry and live happily ever after.

There are parallels with the Bible, for the queen can be compared with Eve, who in the book of Genesis gave poisonous fruit to Adam, from which they both ultimately died. Eve, thinking she was fairest of all, was concerned only about herself.



As we celebrate the Assumption of Mary, we call her the ‘Second Eve’ – not because she was selfish, but quite the opposite. When a mirror is held up to her she always reflects Jesus (the second Adam). In the passage from St Luke’s Gospel which is read at the Mass on this Feast (Luke 1 v 46-55) Mary says, **“My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord... the Almighty has done great things for me...”**



When Mary’s earthly life came to an end, she was taken up into Heaven. This does not mean she never died but that she has reached her final glory, body and soul, with God in heaven, alongside her Son, Jesus. Mary, as 2nd Eve, was always open to God, where the 1st Eve was self-centred. The 1st Eve brought death: the 2nd Eve brought life. The 1st brought separation from God: the 2nd is in complete union with God in glory.

May we see Mary as the model of what we, too, can become, if we let Christ live in us. **May we reflect Jesus, as Mary did, and less of ourselves.**

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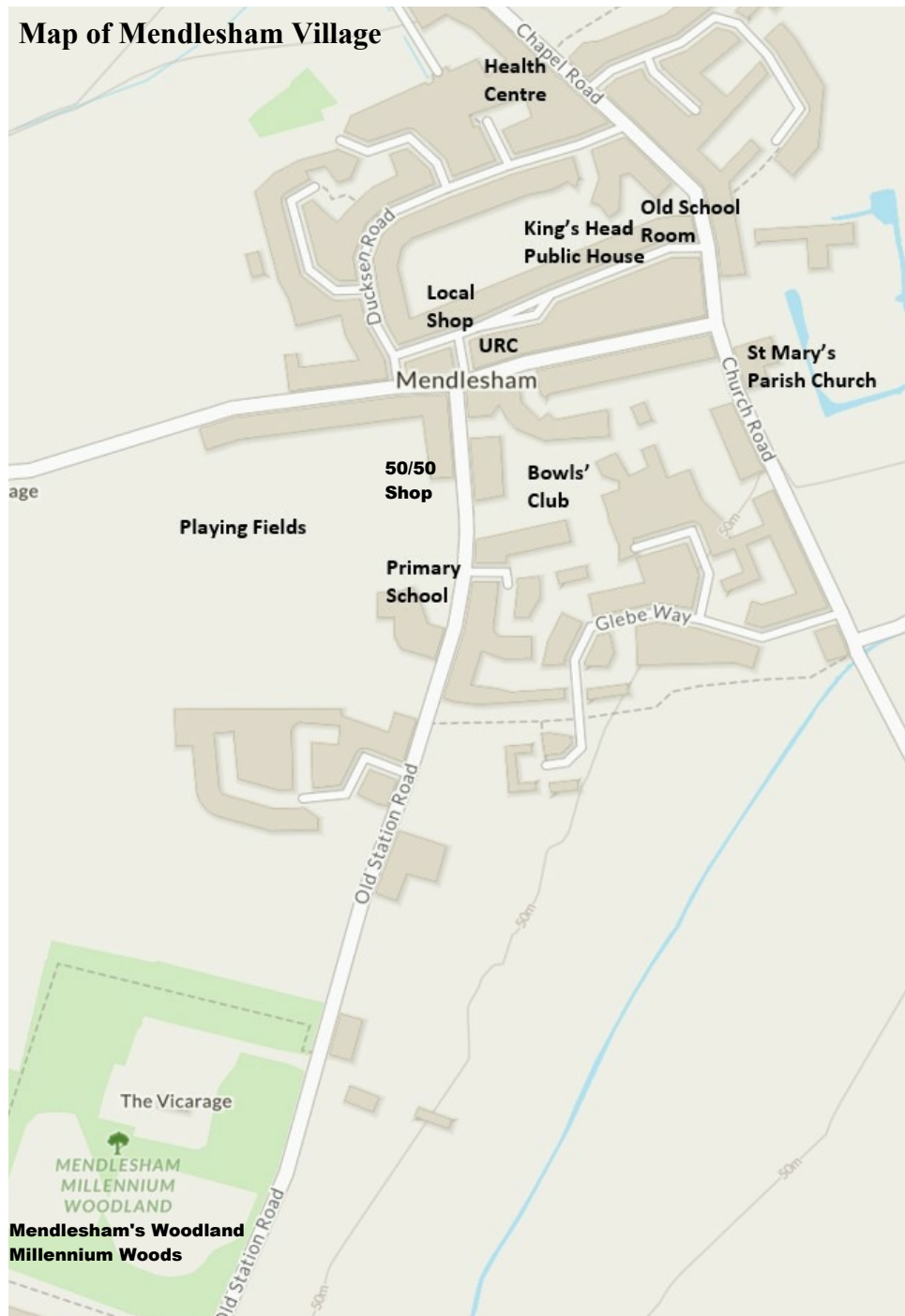
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