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Editorial

Welcome to the June issue. I hope that you have good memories to treasure from recent national and parish celebrations? Now it is time to move on with optimism and hope.

We seem to have waited a long time for sunny warm days this year but nature is now rewarding us with bursts of vivid colours. Perhaps you have already booked dates for a holiday or have tasks to do at home. Whatever your plans, enjoy!

Best Wishes
Gemma

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

Front Cover
Meg Clarke

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Wednesday 7 June 2023 Mendlesham Parish Council Ordinary meeting 7pm
Wednesday 12 July 2023 Mendlesham Parish Council Ordinary meeting 7pm

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.

Community events:

Thank you to the organisers and all who helped in whatever capacity and those who attended the Mendlesham Street Fayre, Coronation events and Parish Meeting. It was great to see the community come together to enjoy and celebrate.

Parish Meeting:

Community Awards were presented to:

Volunteer of the Year Award: Julie Williams

Lifetime Achievement Award: Leslie (Bub) Lummis

Lifetime Achievement Award: John Downey.

Please see further information and photos on the Mendlesham Website.



Mendlesham Community Café

Saturday 3rd June

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.

May Draw Winners

Simnel Cake – Helen & Chris Hart

Easter Egg - 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 01449 767741



MENDLESHAM 50150 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

June 2023 update

The Street Fair held on 1st May 2023 was back in full swing after a four-year gap! It was a brilliant day and luckily the sun mostly shone. The short rain shower mid-afternoon failed to dampen participants spirits. We hope that the changes made this year helped to make it an enjoyable family event for all. There was a wide variety of food and drink options and stalls, as well as a Craft Fair, live entertainment and activities for children on the playing fields. The Procession, Samba band, Morris and Maypole dancers all contributed to the ambience and success of the day. All in all, we hope there was something for everyone.

A huge thank you to all our volunteers without whom the event would not have run as smoothly as it did. Especial thanks go to Judith Howard-Rees who co-ordinated the event with great enthusiasm and energy together with a tremendous team of lead volunteers who ensured the day was successful. A great deal of time and effort went into the planning and booking process as well as the setting up on the day and of course the clearing up afterwards, it could not have been achieved without our wonderful team of volunteers. It was worth it, thank you! Thank you also to all our sponsors who donated money gifts.

The Street Fair is our major fundraiser and the profits generated will go towards supporting future events and activities in Mendlesham. If you have any ideas or suggestions about how we can use our funds please let us know we are always happy to hear from you.

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(parking opposite at the play park)

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Mendlesham Writers Group

Back in action

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First visit
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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 Street Fayre

On behalf of the Event Team, I would like to say a huge thank you to all the volunteers and village organisations who helped make our 40th street fayre a success. We raised just over £8,000! Easily covering the £5,000 budget needed to run the event. Thanks also go to all our sponsors and the residents on Old Market Street and Front Street for giving us their support.

Every pound raised goes back into the Mendlesham Community Charity who's Trustees are then at liberty to support other events and projects within our community.

On a personal note, I would like to congratulate the Event Team, (and the MCC trustees who also stepped up as volunteers) many who had not been to a Street Fayre before. Well done for climbing a steep learning curve. And finally, thank you to those with experience who provided support and guidance.

In the spirit of The King's Big Help Out Day, why not volunteer next May to help out at the Street Fayre? We desperately need more volunteers – many hands make light work, as they say. You only need to spend an hour or two either during the lead up to the event or on the day.

There will be a vacancy for an Event Coordinator. A manual has been created, recording all the things that need to be done with room for adding improvements. If you have transferable skills of organising events, working well with people and good communication skills with a desire to make a contribution to your local community, this post is for you. The planning of the next Street Fayre starts in September.

For more information, either contact me directly: Judith Howard-Rees 07770 746619 judith@milllodge.co.uk or contact the MCC Secretary, Letitia Goode at letitia.goode@mendleshamcommunitycharity.com



Winner of Royal Scarecrow Competition Announced

Mendlesham parishioners were invited to use their imagination and construction skills to make a scarecrow on a Royal theme to celebrate the Coronation of King Charles 3rd.

Brian Abbott and Kenny Abbott, who judged the fifteen constructed scarecrows over the Coronation weekend, were highly impressed with the quality of every scarecrow. They both agreed on the winning entry which demonstrated both originality and humour. (pictured below).

The winner was announced at the live music and dance event on Sunday 8th May as being Jo Jessop of The Cedars, Mendlesham Green. Jo wins a £50 voucher to spent at Mendlesham Bakery and Stores. Well done Jo!



Mendlesham Community Charity who sponsored the events over the Coronation Weekend would like to thank all of the entrants and Brian and Kenny for judging.

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 1st June 2023**

Parish Council:

Public Vote and Meeting 18 April 2023 :

Thank you also to those of you made the effort to vote, some of whom then stayed on for the Parish Meeting, but also those who were fitting in a vote before doing other things that evening.

The results of the votes were:

A: Mendlesham Community Centre and Mendlesham Memorial Playingfields Charity - to apply to The Charity Commission to merge the two charities.

Total 51 votes, Yes 47, No 4

B: Mendlesham Community Centre – proposal to sell the Community Centre building and pavements to Suffolk County Council.

Total 50 votes, Yes 43, No 7

Particular thanks to Cllr Ann Arnold Wetheringsett Cum Brockford Parish Council who provided an independent verification of the votes.

We are now able to move on with this project. The Charity intends to use the proceeds of the proposed sale towards funding a new community centre which will be financially and environmentally sustainable and provide modern facilities for the community for the next thirty or so years. Please be assured that the Charities are trying to move this as quickly as possible.

Thank you to all who attended our consultation events and have provided comments at each stage of the process. There will of course be more consultation for you to be involved in as the project progresses.



FOMSA: Friends Of Mendlesham School Association

Easter Treasure Hunt

We were delighted to hold our Easter Treasure Hunt in the village woodland. This year's trail, by request, was based on a maths theme. Everyone who entered had maths problems to solve to crack the code as to who was Mendlesham's cheeky Easter Egg smasher. On entering the hall everyone could see the crime scene in front of them and thankfully everyone was able to solve who did it! We also had an easier trail for the younger children who came. They had to find Easter items in the woods and count how many items there were. Once the trail was complete back in the hall there were Easter refreshments to enjoy, a 'Guess the name of the duckling' stall and 'How many easter treats were in the jar' stall. There were also hard-boiled eggs to decorate and some fantastic designs were created.

This Year's Winners

First Prize

Second Prize

Third Prize

Younger maths
trail



62 easter treats in the jar



The name of the duckling was Beakie



We would like to thank Debbie, Community Champion at Stowmarket Tesco's and Jimmy's Farm for donating items that we used for prizes. We would also like to thank The Parish Council for giving us permission to use the woodland and the parents, family members and FOMSA Committee that made the delicious refreshments. Finally, we would like to thank all the people who helped on the day with setting up and running the event. We took £632.02 on the day. It was so lovely to see the school and village community and beyond come together for a fantastic morning.

Mendlesham Walking Group

Saturday 10th June 2023

Meet at

Community Centre Car Park **09.45a.m.**

PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF MEETING TIME

2-hour walk led by Phil & Anne around Rickinghall/Botesdale

AND

Walking on a Wednesday

Shorter, slower walk of about 1½ hours led by Alan

Wednesday 21st June 2023

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

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**Every Friday
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tomato**



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Mendlesham's Woodland:

Unfortunately, following a commissioned professional report, we have had to contract remedial works for some of our larger trees to either remove them or reduce their bulk/size. This was due to safety concerns or to maintain the health of the Woodland. Whilst the species of the trees affected varied, the large Turkey Oaks are unfortunately now coming to the end of their lifespans, so this is something that we will continue to keep under regular review. Thank you to John Michell and volunteers for maintaining the woodland for us all to enjoy.

New Trees and hedging:

We have also had a number of new trees and areas of hedging planted by volunteers with donations of plants over the last winter. Thank you again to all involved. Overall we have achieved a net gain and an improvement for our environment for the generations to follow.

Jubilee Gardens:

The refurbished Mendlesham Village Sign is back and a new tree has been planted. Thank you to all involved.

Mendlesham Community Charity TOTE RESULTS

Mendlesham Lottery April 2023			
13th April 2023		27th April 2023	
Drawn at Mead Way		Drawn at Mead Way	
Mr. J. Bidrala	£35.00	Mrs. E. Driver	£35.00
Mrs. K. Warren	£25.00	Mrs. G. Ives	£25.00
Mr. I. Sano	£15.00	Mrs. D. Davey	£15.00
Mrs. S. Lawrence	£10.00	Mr. D. Howlett	£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 - 9th June 2023 10am - 12pm

Knit and Natter

Monday - 12th June & 26th June 2023 2pm - 4pm

MENDLESHAM CAMERA CLUB



The next meeting will be on
Tuesday 6th June - in the Old
School Room at 1930.



Our challenge for June is 'events'
and/or 'colour pop' - putting into practice what we learned last month. These
will be displayed, admired and discussed. In the second part of the meeting a
member will talk about a photography related topic.

The club is a small group of mixed photography ability and new members
are always welcome.

For details please log onto the
website:<http://www.mendleshamcameraclub.co.uk/> or contact
mike@favager.co.uk

At our April meeting Penny Simmonds, the speaker, had us all practising reflexology techniques on our own hands. Penny explained about the complementary therapy – I think we were all surprised to be able to work on our own hands rather than the reflexologist working on our feet.

Jane had been our delegate at the Federation annual meeting at Trinity Park and gave a comprehensive report of the days events. Laura Wright had been the guest speaker at the afternoon session and had the audience singing Frère Jacque in the round.

We look forward to a decoupage workshop and a flower workshop later in the year. Suggestions were made at starting a book club and theatre group. And how are your peas growing? Each member were given 5 peas to grow one specimen for our Grow, Cook and Sew – this year on Saturday, 15th July.

We joined the Dove Group at Hartismere School for a fashion show by Dream On of Eye, with founder Bridget as master of ceremonies. We learned a great deal about her extended social enterprise that aims to improve the lives of women, the enterprise includes the Blossom Charity, the Pink Trolley and the sculpture trail in Eye – remember the pigs?. A friendly evening with the other six WIs in the Dove Group – Bacton & District, Occold & Redlingfield, Stoke Ash, Gislingham, Eye and Earl Stonham. Eye were excellent hosts.

A very special card was sent to Buckingham Palace to celebrate the Coronation. Jane designed and made an individual card inspired by flora and fauna and the flowers of the four nations. Thank you Jane.

Also a big thank you to all who supported the produce stall at the May Fayre.

Our June calendar:-

7th: 1000-1200 Knit, Stitch and Yarn in the Old School Room.

20th: Coronation Garden party by kind permission of Maria and Peter.

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

MENDLESHAM OVER 60s Minutes for April 2023

Thirty-one members came to today's meeting. We started with our speaker, Mrs Norma Howard on 'medical dogs'. Most dogs can be trained to sniff out illness, except those with shortened noses, such as bulldogs. It costs £600 a month to train a dog. They do this with urine samples and if they get it right they are given treats! They are very good at letting diabetics know when they need their insulin. They also detect cancers, Parkinsons, Malaria and Covid. It is a charity run organisation so relies on donations.

It was a very interesting and informative talk.

After tea Pauline informed us of our finances and answered questions. We now have a new secretary, Mr Noel Fletcher. We also have 3 new community members, Mrs Gill Fletcher, Mrs Jenny Mayes and Mrs Barbara Downey to help run the club. A list was sent round for our trip to Bungay and Great Yarmouth in June.

Winners of the dog competition were as follows:

First: Di Lambert

Second: Jean Martin

Third: George Taylor.

Next Meeting: June 28th trip to Great Yarmouth.

Mendlesham Green Memorial.

Coronation events and publishing deadlines dictate that I must get this note to Gemma days before the fund-raising quiz. Therefore, I cannot quote figures but I can say "thank you" for donations I have already received. I hope for a good turn-out on the 12th. at the URC, where I know we will have a fun evening. More in next month's Newsletter and, as stated, individual acknowledgments will be sent out in due course. My thanks, Kenny.

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Monday Morning meet-up



We are now open again!

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Mendlesham Baby and Toddler Group

Meets in the large hall of the Community Centre.



Tuesday Mornings
9:15 to 11:15



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Contact Simona Pounds 07585093311

MendleshamBabyGroup@gmail.com
Facebook: Mendlesham baby toddler group
for further information.



Mid Suffolk

Citizens Advice Mid Suffolk are looking for volunteers to provide vital support in the community – can you help?

The charity supports people all over Mid Suffolk from their office in Stowmarket, providing free, confidential, independent and impartial advice. Demand for the charity’s services has continued to increase, and the wonderful team of volunteers are paramount to the help Citizens Advice provide.

The team are seeking volunteers from all kinds of backgrounds to support local people with their problems. No experience is necessary as full training will be provided.

Citizens Advice volunteers come from all walks of life and choose to volunteer for a variety of reasons. Volunteers are often looking for ways to make use of their skills or to gain valuable experience and make use of the fantastic training. They also enjoy the opportunity to meet different people and be part of a friendly, welcoming team of existing volunteers. They find it rewarding to support local people and make a difference to their lives.

Current volunteers at Citizens Advice said:

“You gain skills and experience that stay with you for life. There is a great support system in place...it makes you feel like you are part of something great.”

“The most enjoyable part of volunteering is seeing the difference we make. You meet a person who might be nervous and not know what will happen to them - in some cases they will be quite distressed. At the end of the day they leave smiling and thanking you for all that you have done for them.”

“As a volunteer, you’re made to feel an equal and valued member of the team. Volunteering with Citizens Advice is not only mentally stimulating but also very rewarding.”

“I volunteered to help others, but didn’t realise how much I would get back! I love the feeling of satisfaction at the end of the day and the feeling you get from being part of a brilliant, friendly, professional and happy team.”

Interested in volunteering? Citizens Advice Mid Suffolk would love to hear from you! Go to midsuffolkcab.org.uk/volunteer or call 01449 676060 for an informal chat.

An Act of Kindness

A Mendlesham resident who enjoyed the Street Fayre and Procession has kindly donated three valuable 1977 Silver Jubilee Crowns (pictured) to be given to the 2023 May Fayre Princess and her two attendants.



The kind resident wishes to remain anonymous.

Family Fun Day Winners

As part of the May Coronation Celebrations, families enjoyed a Fun Day, sponsored by the Mendlesham Community Charity and Cllr Andrew Stringer's locality budget.

There were lots of games and crafting activities including some competitions. Prizes and certificates were awarded to winners Erin Millin and Henry Gant.



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 DIRECTORY

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Walking on Wednesdays	Alan Chattell	07790 124509
Woman's Institute	Anita Scruby	01449 766902
Writers Group	Noel Fletcher	01449 766968

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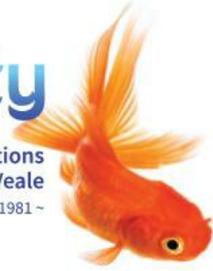
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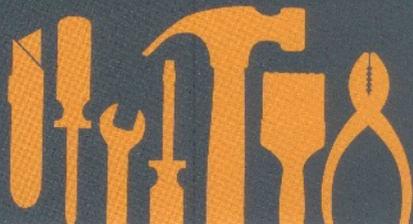
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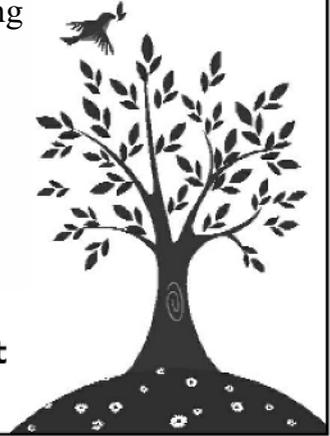
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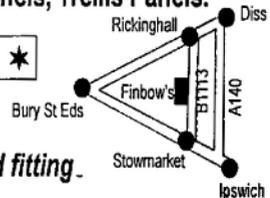
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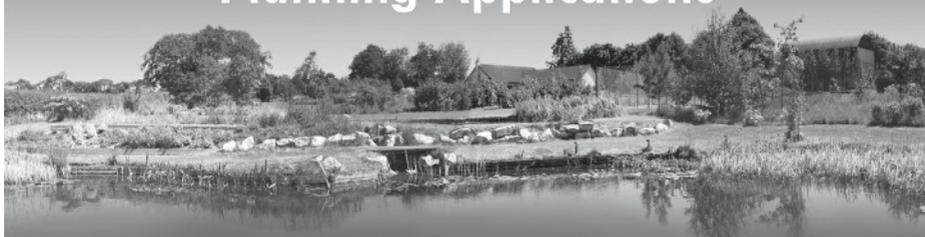
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Matthew 28: 11

28th "Come to me, all of you who are tired from carrying heavy loads, and I will give you rest. "

As we start the summer, we find our thoughts turn to holidays, and find that June is a quiet month as far as the Christian calendar goes with no special Sundays, a time when in most churches the ministers' letter turn to talk of the forth coming holidays, the ones that they are going on or have been on.

Well for once this minister is not going to talk about holidays, instead I am going to use it as a reminder that God never takes a holiday and churches do not either, the work still goes on, even though at times things seem to stop for a while.

Churches still need to be cleaned, sermons written, summer fairs happen, church garden parties happen whether it rains or the sun shines!

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But most of all the mission of the church still happens, whether we are on holiday or not people still want to hear the good news that Christ came to show, and we still meet with others and have the opportunity to speak to them, not in a pushy way but in a caring way.

We may not attend our own church but even on holiday many of us attend other churches, and whether it is in another church we have a chance to share with other Christians the love of God.

So, if you are on holiday or not, even if things in church go quiet for a bit, remember the work of God still goes on.

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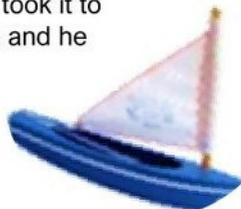
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Fr Philip Writes

The feast of the Most Holy Trinity falls on 4th June.

A little boy made a boat and took it to
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lost it. Some time later he spotted it in a beachcomber's
shop. He went home, emptied his moneybox, then
returned to the shop and bought back his boat. As he
came out of the shop he hugged his boat and said, ***"I made
you, I lost you and now I've bought you."***

This is a picture of God. God as Father – Creator – has made us,
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“God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son....” So God the Father is Creator and God the Son is Redeemer – the one who bought us back.

A little girl asked, *“What is God like?”* then blurted out: *“God is like the wind.”* There is a prallel between the wind and God. The wind can be a gentle breeze – a symbol of God’s gentleness, and it can also be a tornado – a symbol of God’s power. We need God’s life in us and for this we need God the Holy Spirit to work within us – a Spirit of both gentleness and power.



There is a beautiful Russian Ikon of the Holy Trinity depicting the 3 Divine Persons – Father, Son and Holy Spirit – sitting at a table behind a dish of food. But there is a vacant place. This is meant for you and me and for all God’s family to share in the life of the Holy Trinity, as it conveys openness, hospitality and welcome, particularly for those who feel ‘outsiders’. God made you, he lost you and has redeemed you and he wants to breathe new life in you by the power of the Holy Spirit. May we be more open to the life of God in our own lives and ‘take our seat’ at that vacant place at his table.

The other great feasts this month are **Corpus Christi** (*11th June*) and **St Peter and St Paul** (*kept here both on the eve - 28th June and on the day – 29th June*). It is important to believe that Jesus is truly present in the Blessed Sacrament (*it was he who said of the bread and wine: “This is my body” and “This is my blood”*) and by receiving him that we go out and reveal him in the world by the lives we lead.



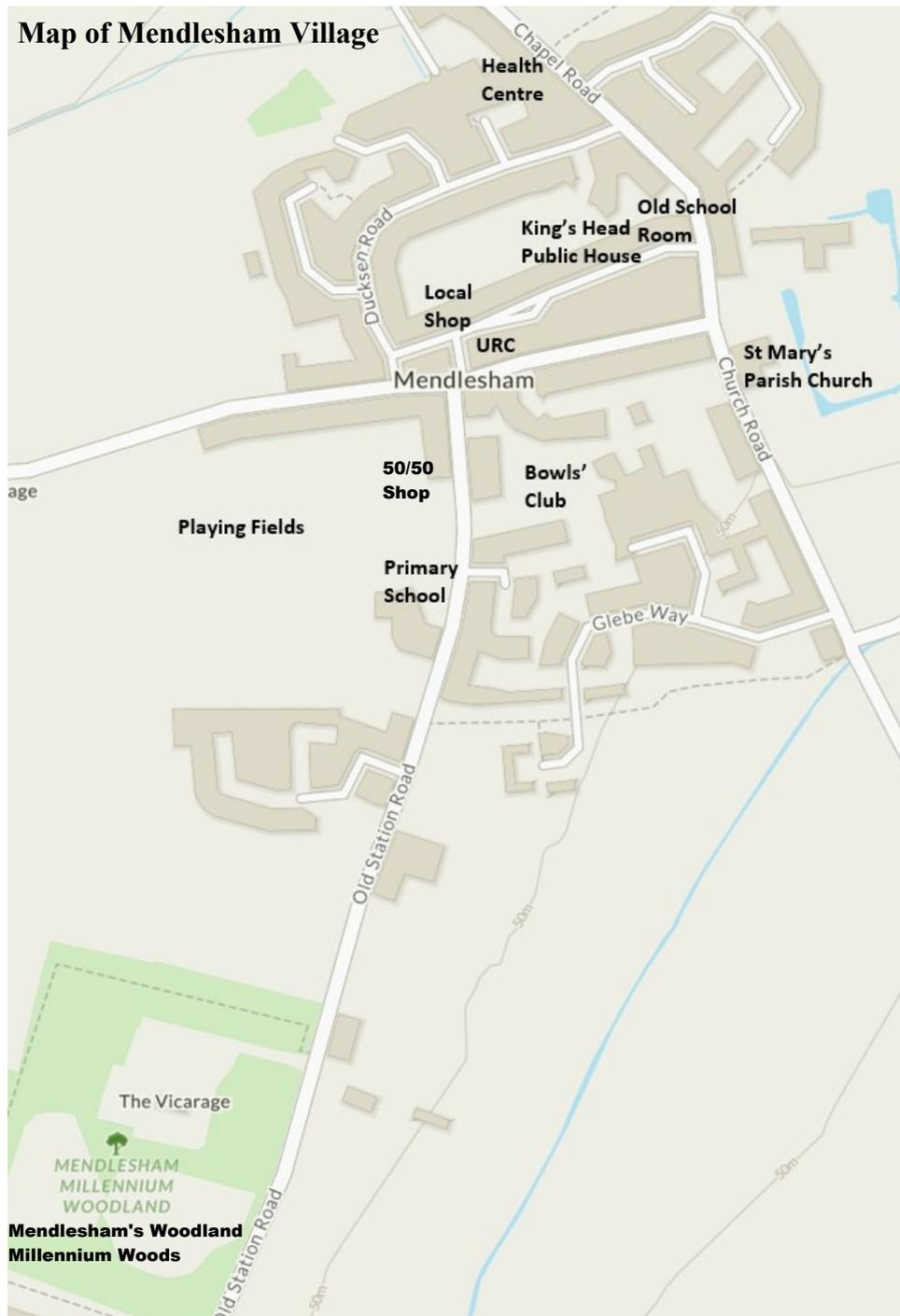
St Peter and St Paul were the founder apostles of Christ’s Church:

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