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Editorial

Welcome to the May issue. What an exciting month we have. On the 1st Mendlesham Street Fayre is making a comeback since its forced closure in 2020. There will be entertainment and activities for all ages. Then on the 6th King Charles III will be crowned, probably the first Coronation many of you will have experienced in your lifetime.

As if this was not enough, there have been glimpses of warm, bright sunshine in between the showers and colourful flowers to enjoy.

*Best Wishes
Gemma*

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50/50 shop open -
Every Tuesday & Friday
see page 3 for further details
Also Open Street Fayre day 1st May

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
- Norman Foster tel 768978
- Brian Gardiner tel 766648
- Sandie Judd tel 0333 006 2706
- Daniel Lummis 07584630988
- David Nunn (Emergency Planning Co ordinator for Mendlesham Green, Tan Office and outlying properties) tel 767158
- Helen Orton tel 767741
- Liz Ward tel 766562

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.

Wednesday 7 June 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.



Mendlesham Community Café
NO CAFÉ IN MAY

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 50/50 SHOP

OPEN FOR THE STREET FAIR
MONDAY 1 MAY 12-4PM

Clothing and shoes for all the family, plus jewellery,
accessories, homewares, books and more.

OPEN TUESDAYS AND FRIDAYS 2-4PM

Find us in the green pavilion near the toddler play equipment on
Station Road, Mendlesham. What3words: ///novelist.thin.tint.



Mendlesham's Coronation Celebrations

We hope that you will help us to celebrate our new King!



Make a scarecrow on a royal theme and win a £50 voucher for Mendlesham Stores.

Can be human or animal. It can be displayed either in your own garden or on the Green in Old Market Street . Judging takes place on Friday 5th May. To enter send an email to fosters@fostermail.co.uk or phone 01449 768978



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 Hall. Raffle for super prizes including a luxury hamper. *Bring your own food, drink /alcohol and tableware (including a battery table light if you wish)*



Tickets £6 on the door with card only (also available in Mendlesham Stores – cash only please)

Family Day 12:00pm to 5:00pm Monday 8th May

In School Hall. Free admission . Under 16's to be with an adult.

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

If you an individual or a group and would like to either give us your views about (1) what you might like the community Coronation legacy to be OR (2) would like to make a donation towards the legacy, then please contact Denise or Norman at fosters@fostermail.co.uk

It is unlikely that a decision will be made about the legacy until after the Coronation when we are in a better position to know how much money has been raised. Even then, depending on the choice, we may need to raise additional funds after the Coronation to complete its purchase.

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.



MENDLESHAM BOWLS CLUB

Cuttings Lane, Mendlesham
(parking opposite at the play park)

WELCOMING NEW MEMBERS!!

New to the village or have always wanted to try your hand at lawn green bowls?

Phone John Player on 07747-592899 for details.



Mendlesham History Group

Melford Hall and Beatrix Potter, Dave Steward

Wednesday May 17th, 7.30pm

Venue: URC Chapel

Non-members welcome - £4

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 4th May 2023**

Mendlesham Community Charity

Mendlesham May Day Street Fayre

Bank Holiday Monday 01 May 2023
Old Market Street 12 – 5pm IP14 5RZ

Admission by Program £3 per person
Under 16 free entry

Car Parking £2 per Car – Cash or Card Reader
No Dogs on Playing Fields or Car Park Car-sharing and cycling encouraged

On Sale in Village Shop

**May Day Princess
and Procession**

With Suffolk Samba Band

**Artisan Food Market &
a variety of Street Stalls**

Including Nags Shed Horse Box Bar

Hot and Cold Food

Including teas and Coffees at St Mary's Church

Family Friendly Retro Games & Kids Area

Friends of Mendlesham School Association (FOMSA Fete)+

Maypole Dancing

Live Music from Stage

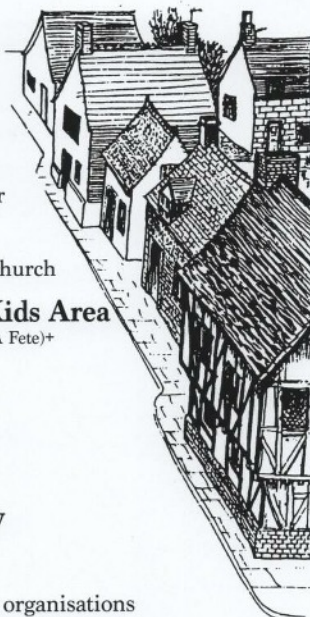
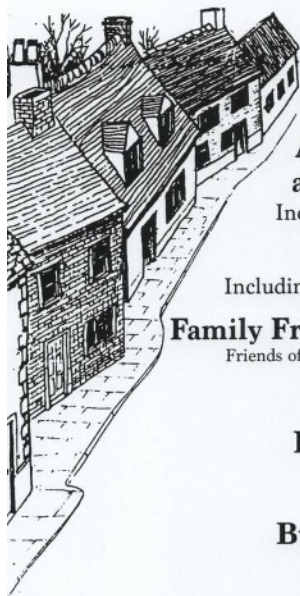
Craft Fair

Bygone Farm Machinery

Prize Draw

All proceeds to local community and associated organisations

Mendlesham Community Charity No. 282391



Parish Council news:

Please be aware that the length and content of Parish Council Snippets i.e., the content published in this newsletter, which does vary according to the time of the year, may now be less detailed due to the space available in this paper newsletter, free of charge. Therefore you will now be more likely to see “ headlines” directing you to other communication means such as E News, the Mendlesham website and the Parish Noticeboards. We do understand that this may present difficulties to those of you, unable to see electronic communications, but hope family, neighbours will help as required.

Parish Council:

4 May 2023 Elections:

At the time of writing, Mid Suffolk District Council have confirmed that we have 10 nominations for the position of Parish Councillor. This means that we will not have an election but will have a vacancy which will need to be filled in due course. Terms of office for outgoing Councillors ends on 9 May, with subject to completion of the formalities, the new Parish Council term then commencing.

Please see the website after 9 May.

Cllrs Brian Gardiner and Cllr David Nunn have decided not to stand for another term of office. Both have dedicated many years to their roles of Parish Councillor and we thank them very much for their much valued contributions. We also welcome and thank Charles Orton who has been duly elected

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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
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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



"They Shall Grow Not Old"

Edric Wright ; Gordon Hunt ; Norman Salisbury ; John Simmons ; Rowland Scott .

Whether you are a veteran or a new-comer to Mendlesham parish, I doubt that these five young men mean anything to you. They too lived at Mendlesham Green or on the outskirts of the parish. These 5 young men paid with their lives so that we are free to live here today.

Rightly, their names were recorded on a marble plaque, on an inside wall of Mendlesham Green Baptist Chapel. When the chapel closed and was sold as a private residence, the plaque was transferred to an outside wall, at the entrance to the chapel graveyard.

Naturally, over the years, the weather has taken its toll and the lettering disintegrated. Thankfully, it has been re-lettered but at considerable cost to the small graveyard maintenance fund. This peaceful place is lovingly maintained by two former Mendlesham men, without any labour cost to the parish. Their loved ones, like mine, rest there.

Obviously machinery and fuel cost money and the memorial repair has dented the meagre balance! I did apply to the Parish Council for a grant but this was not possible. The parish originally provided land, after the war, as a Memorial Playing Field. These five young men never had the opportunity to play football there.

So, in the hope of providing some help to that graveyard fund and this memorial, I hope to hold a Quiz Night, in Mendlesham United Reformed Church, on Friday 12th. May. A contribution from the event will also be given to the URC, which is serving this parish well as a meeting place - as well as the house of God - whilst we await the new village hall.

If you are passing the chapel site at the Green, stop for a minute and see for yourself. Obviously, only a small percentage of parishioners are 'quiz people' but it would be nice to think that a few residents acknowledge what these five young men did for you and Mendlesham. Any voluntary donation will be acknowledged. Thank you.

Ken Abbott, 3. Ducksen Road, Mendlesham. IP14 5SD.

Mendlesham Walking Group

Saturday 13th May 2023

Meet at

Community Centre Car Park **09:45am.**

PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF MEETING TIME

2-hour walk led by Richard & Mary around Crowfield

AND

Walking on a Wednesday

Shorter, slower walk of about 1½ hours led by Alan

Wednesday 17th May 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

**PLEASE CHECK FACEBOOK SPOTTED IN MENDLESHAM
FOR ANY CHANGES TO ADVERTISED WALKS**

MENDLESHAM URC CHAPEL

QUIZ
NIGHT

With Kenny Abbott

Friday 12th May at 7.30pm

Teams of up to 4

£4.00 per head to include
light refreshments

*** **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

Mendlesham Community Charity TOTE RESULTS

Mendlesham Lottery March 2023			
2nd March 2023		16th March 2023	
Drawn at Mead Way		Drawn at Mead Way	
John Clark	£35.00	Judith Howard-Rees	£35.00
Alan Lawson	£25.00	Mr. A. Huggins	£25.00
Jane Curtis	£15.00	Denise Taylor	£15.00
Mr. & Mrs. Saunders	£10.00	Mr. & Mrs. M. Favager	£10.00
30th March 2023		If you would like to purchase Tote Tickets, please contact Angela Pickup on 01449 766483 or angiepickup@btinternet.com	
Drawn at Mead Way			
John Taylor	£35.00		
Julie Williams	£25.00		
Graham Baker	£15.00		
Sue Duszynski	£10.00		

United Reformed Church

MURCies Coffee Bar

Friday - 12th May 2023 10am - 12pm

Knit and Natter

Monday - 22nd May 2023 2pm - 4pm

MENDLESHAM CAMERA CLUB



The next meeting will be on
Tuesday 2nd May - in the Old
School Room at 1930.



Our challenge for May is a
composite image, putting into practice things were learned at the last
meeting; or an image of a flower. 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

Members and guests enjoyed the March meeting – celebrating our 97th birthday with a meal at The White Horse. We now look forward to the programme of events for the summer, starting with the stall at the Street Fayre. It is proposed to make this a promotional event too to advertise the WI and encourage new members. The stall will be a change for us as we are usually to be found in the Old School Room serving refreshments – please still come to find us!

At our May meeting the resolution being proposed at the National Annual Meeting about Clean Rivers for people and wildlife will be discussed. We vote for or against the resolution and this will be taken by our delegate, Jane to the meeting in Cardiff later in the month. We are a small cog in a big wheel that can, combined make a difference.

At our meeting there will be a bring and buy plant and seed stall. The competition is for a flower arrangement in a wine glass and there will be time for a chat.

As I write this – Easter weekend - the daffodils the WI have planted around the village over the last two years are looking lovely. Our thanks to those who donated bulbs and to members who took time out to plant them.

Our May calendar:-

1st: stall at Mendlesham Street Fayre

3rd: 1000-1200 Knit, Stitch and Yarn in the Old School Room.

16th: meeting in the URC at 7.30.

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

MENDESHAM OVER 60s CLUB – MARCH 2023

Twenty-seven members attended our March meeting. As it was the AGM day we decided to have our speaker first.

Mr Peter Heskith's topic was "Around the world on a container ship"

After getting stranded abroad and following a break he decided to go onto a container ship as an observer.

He sailed on the Georgia which was loaded with containers. We were shown how the massive cranes locked the containers on, not only on top but also in the hold. The height of the load make the ship look very top heavy. He was allowed to go anywhere he wanted but had to inform them if he left his cabin. He dined with the crew which were mainly Philippine, Chinese, Polish and German, and conversations were recorded. He was allowed on the bridge as long as he kept out of the way.

High winds hamper loading and unloading. It looked very tight going through the Panama Canal and easier through the Suez Canal. Much larger ships are being made so the Panama is being enlarged. The noise on board is very loud and non-stop but he said he never got bored. We were told it cost £10,000. A very interesting talk, but I think I would prefer a cruise ship.

Competition First: Brian Mayes Second: Colin Geynor Third: Linda Geynor

After tea we checked members who are doing stalls for our coffee morning on April 15.

We could not do a proper AGM as our Treasurer could not get there so this will take place next meeting.

Next meeting May 31st - Mr Noel Fletcher, Helicopter Crewman

Competition - a helicopter in any medium.

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.



Mid Suffolk

I recently started a new job where my boss has told me I'll have to work on bank holidays. This was never the case in my old job. Can my employer make me work on a public holiday, and should I get paid extra if I do?

When it comes to bank holidays, whether or not staff have to work is up to their employer, and you don't have to be paid more if you do. Unless your contract says you'll be paid extra for working bank holidays, you will just be paid your normal amount.

The situation will vary from job to job and may depend on a number of factors such as whether your place of work is open on bank holidays, your hours of work and crucially, what your contract says.

Take a look at your contract, if you have one, to find out what your personal situation is. Your contract might say you will always get bank holidays off but it could say you are sometimes required to work or will always be required to work. If your place of work is normally open on a bank holiday you'll probably be asked to work at least some.

Your contract might say something like: "In addition to bank and public holidays, your annual entitlement to holidays is X days". This means you get public holidays off in addition to your annual leave entitlement but it might not mean you're entitled to take the specific days off. You may be required to work a bank holiday, in which case you should get another day off instead.

Alternatively, it might say something like: "Your annual holiday entitlement (inclusive of bank and public holidays) is X days" - this means you have to take bank holidays off as part of your annual leave entitlement. Bank holidays will either be deducted from your annual leave allowance (so you'll have to book all bank holidays as paid time off) or counted as additional holiday days.

If you don't have a contract, the legal default position is that your employer can tell you when you can or can't take time off.

If you find you need to resolve an issue with your employer, first ask for an informal chat, where you can raise your concerns. If this doesn't get you anywhere, you may need to raise a formal grievance. If you need advice on this, Citizens Advice Mid Suffolk can help.

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.



This year's Suffolk Walking Festival's 16-day programme offers over 70 delightful walks over 350 miles across Suffolk's beautiful landscapes. Walk with an archaeologist in the Valley of the Kings at very heart of an Anglo-Saxon Kingdom. Explore the heart of The Brecks in a unique landscape of gorse-covered sandy chalk soils characterised by purple heathland, tall pines and rare wildlife. Uncover the hidden history of West Stow Country Park. Discover the Island of Secrets on the mysterious Orford Ness. Experience Spring Wildlife at RSPB Minsmere. Meet the Blyth Otter Group watching estuary birds at Hen Reedbeds. Learn about the poet Edward Fitzgerald. Spectacular riverside walks include a River Orwell Ramble, a Martlesham Meander, and Waldringfield Wander along the River Deben. You can also try some Japanese Shinrin-yoku Forest Bathing. And there's starlit adventure on a woodland night exploration at Sutton Hoo. The brand new 4 day Challenge Walk will take you through five beautiful medieval Wool Towns in South Suffolk!

Back this year are the ever-popular Walk n' Water River trips with a boat in Sudbury; an exclusive walk with Sweep the sheepdog on Orford Ness; a twilight safari in an ancient woodland; and the intriguing stories of ancient smugglers and shipping routes on Dunwich Heath. Lots of walks for everyone, heritage trails, and foraging walks including cream teas.

The festival kicks off at Thornham Walks on Saturday 13 May with refreshments and 5 launch jaunts. It then runs every day until 28th May. Tickets are on sale from early March. Visit www.suffolkwalkingfestival.co.uk for more details of the programme, sign up to regular newsletters, and your buy tickets early!

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
Church and Town Estate	Mike Favager	01449 766007
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Computer Club	Giles Godart-Brown	07500 042836
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Explorer Unit	Jonathan Freeman	07756 761590
Football Club	George Yardley Angela Lockwood	07894 512712 07845 471154
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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
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Village Recorder for Mendlesham	Geoff Clarke	01449 766447
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Walking on Wednesdays	Alan Chattell	07790 124509
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Writers Group	Noel Fletcher	01449 766968

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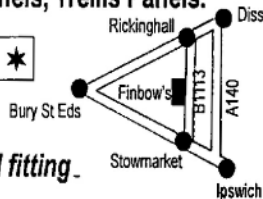
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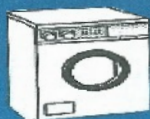
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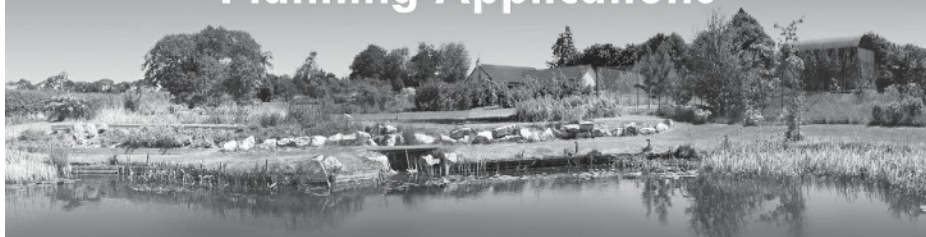
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Proverbs 21:1-2

¹The LORD controls the mind of a king as easily as he directs the course of a stream. ²You may think that everything you do is right, but remember that the LORD judges your motives.

This May we see the Coronation of King Charles III and Queen Camilla, for most of us this will be the only time in this country that we will see a new monarch crowned, for others the last coronation will be a distant memory. Most of us have known only one monarch, our late Queen Elizabeth, so this Coronation will come with mixed feelings, the ending of the Second Elizabethan Era and the start of the second Carolean Era (not as easy to say)

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King and Queene. Reply All this I Promise to doe.

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14th – 20th May: Christian Aid Week

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May is known as 'Mary's Month'.

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It is the month of the Coronation of King Charles III. We pray that he, too, will listen and respond to God's call, so God will be born in him and he will live his life and serve this country and the commonwealth according to God's will.

It is the month of the **Ascension** of Jesus into heaven. A high point in any relay race is the moment when one runner passes the baton to another runner. The Ascension of Jesus might be compared to the passing of the baton; Jesus 'passes the baton' of God's kingdom to others to continue the work he began on earth.

It is the month of **Pentecost** when the Holy Spirit of God was released in the first community of Jesus' followers, so they were empowered to 'carry that baton' – to tell and show others about the life and love of Jesus and endure the persecution of those who tried to thwart them.



May is also the month when **Christian Aid week** takes place. A woman saw a little girl in the street who was poorly dressed and ill-nourished. The woman was angry and said to God, **“Why do you let her suffer in the world you created? Why don't you do something about it?”**

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Like Mary, may we hear God's will and respond to it.

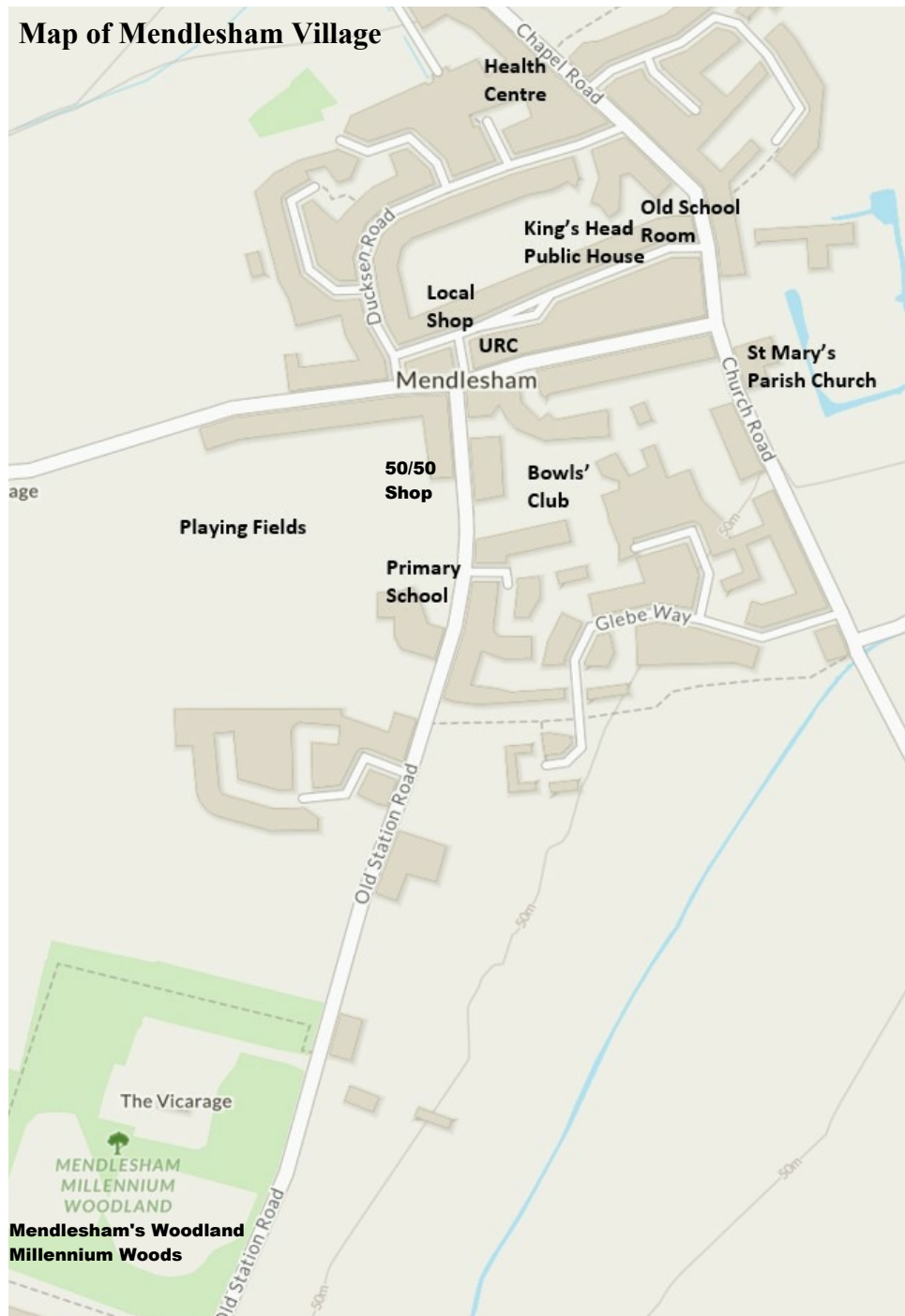


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