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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>

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Here is a link for guidance on submitting articles for the
newsletter

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**Deadline for December Issue
 6th November 2023**

Front Cover
 Bob Roberts

Editorial

Welcome to the November issue. As Autumn colours confirm the coming of Winter don't be despondent but dig out the woollen garments and get along to the many social gatherings in the village. We think of the many displaced people caught up in wars, famine and natural disasters and recognise how lucky we are to live in this wonderful community.

This is a month when it is right to remember those lost in our past but better to look forwards with hope for the future.

Best Wishes
 Gemma

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THE PARISH COUNCIL



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Wednesday 8 November 2023

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

Wednesday 6 December 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.

Parish Council:

E News:

Please remember that you can subscribe to the Mendlesham E News via <https://mendlesham.suffolk.cloud/>



Mendlesham Community Café

Saturday 4th November

10am - 2pm

Old School Room, Mendlesham

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

All food is locally sourced and homemade.

(Payment by card preferred)

October Raffle Winner


(Autumn Cozy Hamper)

Paul Allen

Want to join our team?

We are always looking for volunteers to support this popular community event. If you would like to get involved, please pop in and see us or call Brenda on 07502 375253.

Special thanks goes to Andrew Doherty and his team at Tesco Stowmarket for generously supporting Mendlesham Community café.



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.

Mendlesham Community Charity (MCC)

Charity No: 282391

November 2023

Firework display

Just a reminder that our fireworks display is on 5th November on the playing field. Gates will open at 4.45. The Scouts will be cooking burgers and hot dogs. Entry is £2 for adults, children are free. The display will be at approximately 5.30. Please remember NO private fireworks or sparklers are allowed.

NEW FOR SUMMER 2024

After feedback from this year's Street Fair, Trustees have decided to try something new for 2024. We are in the early stages of planning a local event in one central village location for everyone in Mendlesham, a Summer Fair to be held on Saturday June 22nd 2024 between 12 noon and 6pm on the playing fields. Entry will be **free**. The location means it should be a walkable distance for many although we realise not for those living in Mendlesham Green - sorry!

We hope to have live music, a number of food stalls, a licensed bar, ice cream, and a coffee stand. There will be a variety of children's activities and games plus a craft fair in the main school hall.

The event is still in the early planning stage and we are open to suggestions. Would you like to have a stall? Could you provide some music? Or would you like to demonstrate what your club or group does? Please contact one of us for a chat.

We want to make it a relaxing event where you can sit, listen to music, enjoy a drink or an ice cream, or have something a bit more substantial. We hope the sun will shine and you can while away a summer's afternoon chatting with friends and neighbours, browsing stalls, and keeping the children occupied with a game or two.

Web site

Mendlesham Community Charity website – our website is live please visit us on <https://tinyurl.com/MendleshamCC>

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**Mendlesham Community
Charity Presents:**

Fireworks and Food!

Sunday 5th November

Mendlesham

Playing Fields

4.45pm to 6.15pm

Food will be provided by the Scouts

Tickets: £2 at the gate

**Under 16s must be accompanied by
an adult but entry is free**

**Personal fireworks or sparklers are
not permitted**

Mendlesham Carpet Bowls Club

(and short mat bowls)

2023 - 2024 season

Keep fit and active

New comers and Experienced bowls players
are always very welcome

Annual subs £5.00. Weekly Playing fee £3.00
(Includes tea/coffee and biscuits)

Mendlesham Primary School Hall

most Tuesdays from September 5th

7:30 - 10:00pm

Email contact: rfouracre230@gmail.com

Affiliated to the Suffolk Carpet Bowls Association

Creative Writing

With

Mendlesham Writers Group

You are Welcome

FREE !!

First visit
Creative Writing Guidance Pack
Advice and encouragement
Guest speakers
Refreshments

2nd Tuesday Every Month

Old School Room

Mendlesham

7.30pm

Contact: Noel on: 01449 766968

**Create something worthwhile in your own special way
No previous writing experience necessary**

MENDLESHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Parish Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer (part time)

Mendlesham Parish Council invites applications for the varied and rewarding post of Parish Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer.

In your role as Parish Clerk and RFO you will be an employee of the Parish Council, responsible to the Parish Council as a whole and implementing the decisions that result from its meetings.

The post requires attendance at all meetings (generally one evening a month), organising, preparing and publicising meetings, minuting and publishing minutes, providing and publishing financial statements, administration and responsibility for all finances and submitting to internal and External Auditors each year, managing the Parish Council website together with all general administrative tasks and ensuring that all business is within the legal requirements set for Local Government. The role also requires administration of the Community Centre Charity and the Playing-fields Charity to which the Parish Council is sole Trustee to both.

The role is mainly home based and supports flexible working of a minimum 840 hours per annum (70 hours per month). Pay and annual leave will be in line with NALC guidelines. Salary is dependent on experience and qualifications and will be within the SCP 16-22 grading (£13.70 - £15.30 per hour). This will be reviewed after a successful 6-month probationary period.

The successful candidate will be able to show they have good interpersonal, organisational, communication, IT and numeracy skills. A good understanding of basic accounting, Word and Excel is essential.

A CiLCA qualification would be an advantage but not a necessity as training and support will be provided including commencing CiLCA training within 12 months of starting in the role if not already qualified.

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

To apply, or ask for more information, please send an email to Councillor Paul Allen at pcllrallen@gmail.com. We will then provide you with an application pack.

The deadline for completed applications is 4pm on Friday 17th November 2023.

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 the Old Station Road area. There are currently 19 members. I have collected the Tote for the remainder of 2023, but it would be great to have someone new onboard to take over this round from January 2024. 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.

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 16th November 2023

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Mendlesham Walking Group

Saturday 11th November 2023

Meet at

Community Centre Car Park 10.00a.m.

2-hour walk (4½-5½ miles) led by Alan

Will include a 1-minute silence at 11.00 a.m. for
Remembrance Day

AND

Walking on a Wednesday

Shorter, slower walk of about 1½ hours (3 miles) led by Alan

Wednesday 15th November 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

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

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.





Keep an Older Person Safer

Cold calling is not illegal. However, any trader that ignores a sticker or notice on a door stating that the occupier does not wish to receive cold calls may be committing a criminal offence.

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Angela Gifford, Managing Director



MENDLESHAM CAMERA CLUB



Thank you to all who visited our exhibition in September, we do hope some will be encouraged to join the club. The winner of the public vote for your favourite image in the exhibition was 'Cuddles' taken by Bob Roberts - sorry Bob, no prize just the honour! (See front cover)

The club meets once a month on the first **Wednesday at 7.30pm next one being 7th November** in the Old School Room. The club is a small group of mixed photography ability and new members are always welcome. Each month we have a challenge, November being 'something old', we admire the submissions on the screen this will be followed by a presentation by one of our members on repairing old photos. There is time for a cup of coffee and a biscuit. We pay a fee at each meeting to cover the cost of the hall.

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

Mendlesham Educational Foundation - Volunteer Trustees Wanted

The Mendlesham Educational Foundation are seeking a number of new trustees to replace existing trustees who have already retired. The role is purely voluntary, is not arduous, with meetings taking place only four times per year, some running decisions and discussions are made electronically. However, it is a very rewarding role helping to support youth groups and education within the parish up to the age of 25. The role would suit anyone with a willingness and interest to contribute to the community. In particular the trustees are looking to increase the existing skill set to include volunteers with a medical background or parents with younger children, although this is not a prerequisite for volunteering, just a wish list.

If you would like more information please contact the Clerk - Mike Favager mike@favager.co.uk or by phone or text on 07540 288388.

History and How the Charity Operates.

The Mendlesham Educational Charity was founded in 1516 by the will of Henry Jessop. The income for the charity is from dividends on investments, rent from land gifted to the charity over time, and a small income from the hiring of the Old School Room. This annual income is used to benefit the young of Mendlesham under the age of 25, by offering grants for 16-25 year olds in part-time or full-time education, youth groups benefit such as Scouting and Guiding, Football. These grants are applied for annually open to anyone living in the parish, and are granted at the discretion of the trustees. The amount awarded is dependent on a number of criteria, primarily the current financial situation of the Charity at the time of the awards.

To put some substance on the grants awarded:

In 2022/23 grants were awarded to 29 students (£17,035), 8 Youth Groups (£2400), Mendlesham Primary School (£8400) and other individual specialist awards.

In 2009 grants were made to 46 students attending further education in college or university, 11 village youth groups, Primary School, Toddler Group and towards paint for the St Joseph's Centre. A total of £33,040 was distributed in 2009 with 2010 being very similar.

Please be a volunteer

Mike Favager

Clerk to the Mendlesham Educational Foundation

Reg No 271762

For more information on what it means to be a Trustee of a charity have a look at the Charity Commissions Website.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/the-essential-trustee-what-you-need-to-know-cc3/the-essential-trustee-what-you-need-to-know-what-you-need-to-do>

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
Or
Panini-
cheese & ham
or cheese &
tomato

And

Piece of
homemade
cake
And
Endless tea &
coffee



£2.50

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Mendlesham Community Charity TOTE RESULTS

Mendlesham Lottery			
14th September 2023		28th September 2023	
Drawn at Mead Way		Drawn at Mead Way	
Mr. B. Baully	£35.00	Mrs. K. Lummis	£35.00
June Proctor	£25.00	Mr. P. Jermyn	£25.00
Mrs. T. Mills	£15.00	Mrs. K. Clark	£15.00
Mrs. J. Rendell	£10.00	Mr. A. Sommers	£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 - 10th November 2023 10am - 12pm

Knit and Natter

Monday - 13th & 27th November 2023 2pm - 4pm

Mendlesham History Group

Wednesday November 15th at 7.30pm in the URC Chapel

‘East Anglian Place Names’

Martyn Roper

Member subscription for the season is £15 per person,
plus a £1 for each talk.

Non-members are also welcome at £4 on the door.



What's on at Cotton Village Hall

Keep the date free 17th November - Quiz night

Pub Night 24th November 6-10pm

For more details contact Sharon Lear 07968117625

Or Village hall chair Stephen Winder 07944883791

Charity number 292467

22 members attended our September meeting. Jill was thanked for organising the very successful cruise on the River Deben, followed by lunch at the Maybush. We have some more interesting things coming up – Jane’s Christmas workshop, and plans for a private showing of a film at the Regal in the Spring. The challenge is to choose which film we would like to have screened. In previous years we have decorated a Christmas tree in Abbots Hall as part of the Stowmarket Festival. As Abbots Hall are not taking part this year, it was proposed we supply and decorate a tree in Mendlesham church. We plan to decorate the tree with hand crafted traditional decorations in Christmas colours. We were urged to submit photographs for selection for the 2024 SEFWI calendar – the subject ‘A Suffolk Garden’. Anita had us reminiscing with a piece about how things were in the 1950s. With her bursary, Linda had attended Cambridge Art Makers on a glass stumping course and explained what she had made.

The speaker was welcomed - a return visit of Pip Wright, author of twenty-seven books with another one on the way. This time he told us about the Plague in Suffolk. Talk about how the black death – a hot weather disease - was spread by rats and fleas causing many deaths in local towns. Val thanked Pip for his talk and slides. The monthly competition for a mask was won by Julie.

For the diary:

Nov. 1st: Knit, Stitch and Yarn in O.S.R. 10am – noon.

Nov. 21st: WI Meeting in the U.R.C. at 7.30pm.

Nov. 25th: Jane’s Christmas Workshop. This is full and there is a waiting list for this popular annual event – this year we are making Suffolk Puff Christmas trees.

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

Mendlesham Over 60's Club

Our September meeting was attended by twenty two members. We were a bit thin on the ground as we had fourteen members either ill or on holiday.

After the minutes were read our speaker. Mr Richard Giffin, was introduced. Not the ghost story but about "The Angel of Hoxton".

Harriet was born in Ixworth. She was married, had four children and they lived on the Oakley Estate under the care of Sir Edward. He was good to his poor residents. Harriet lost her husband and a fourteen year old son and she gained an adopted daughter called Agnes.

She administered to the sick, although not the most healthy herself as she suffered colds every month. Harriet helped all the poor, made clothes, took them to the station when they had to travel but mainly attended the sick. Although she would not attend those with cholera. She helped those from surrounding areas as well. She would sit with the dying, attend those in childbirth and help when there was an epidemic of measles and so forth. All along with looking after her own brood. She died at the age of 61 and although they called her the Angel of Hexton there has never been a memorial for her.

A very interesting talk.

Competition: 1st Norman Foster 2nd Denise Foster 3rd Annette Taylor

During tea a list was sent around for our Social Afternoon with fish and chips on October 10th at 1pm in the URC.

Members were thanked for coming.

Next Meeting: November 22nd Paula Short – "Castro's Cuba"

Competition: Spanish dancer in any medium



A warm welcome awaits you at the

Mendlesham Art Group

Meet every 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month.

2pm - 4.30pm in the Old School Room.

£10 yearly subscription. £4 per session (includes a drink and biscuits)



This is an informal friendly group where everyone can create what they want in their preferred medium and style.

Help and advice given if wanted!

Christmas Day.

As this notice should appear in November's edition, Christmas will be rapidly approaching. For the vast majority of us, this is a very happy time of year. However, for some, it can be sad and the loneliest of days. Don't be alone this Christmas unless, of course, that is what you prefer.

Once again, JAM Community Pot will be providing a free, three-course, Christmas Day lunch and suitable entertainment at The United Reformed Church hall in Stowmarket. We would be very pleased to have your company - individuals, couples, of all faiths and none, young or old - or in between! In the past, our big family has numbered over 100 and even during the covid years, although we missed your company, around 80 meals were delivered out.

If you would like to come and join us this year, please contact Michelle on 07810 456512, for further details and to book your place. Transport can usually be arranged. We look forward to seeing you - you will be made welcome.



Christmas

Coffee Morning

Saturday 9th December
10am - 12pm
Mendlesham Community Centre

Hot and Cold Drinks Selection of Cakes

Christmas Prize Draw

Scouts 
1st Mendlesham

All proceeds towards Mendlesham Scout Hut Project



Mendlesham
Primary School
LEARNING FOR LIFE

Children starting school September 2024?

OPEN EVENING

7th November

Mendlesham Primary School 5.30pm – 6.30pm

Although it seems early to be thinking about this, applications opened in September. If your child will be 4 years old before 31st August 2024, you will need to apply for a school place by 15th January 2024. Details of how to apply for Primary School places can be found on <https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/children-families-and-learning/schools/school-places/apply-for-a-primary-school-place-2024-2025>

Of course if you have a school aged child you are welcome to contact us anytime to discuss your child joining us, however, the Open Evening gives you a chance to meet the Willow Class (reception) staff, find out what our children do and see for yourself what the learning environment looks like.

No appointment necessary, we look forward to meeting you.

Tessa Sait
Executive Headteacher

Old Station Road, Mendlesham, Stowmarket, Suffolk IP14 5RT
01449 766224



JOHN MILTON
ACADEMY TRUST



Mendlesham Annual Parish Party AGM

Back in the 1950s, Mendlesham put on a party for residents of a “*certain age*”. A lot has changed since then, but the Mendlesham Annual Parish Party is still going strong, and planning is already underway for the 68th party to be held on **Saturday 23rd March 2024**.

In the lead up we will be hosting our Annual General Meeting (AGM) to review the previous party and discuss new ideas and the future of the event. This year’s event will be open to everyone.

AGM will be taking place on **Monday 27th November at 7.30pm**
Old School Room, Old Market Street, Mendlesham

The current committee will have reduced to 4 members after the next party and so, to ensure the future of this much-loved event, we are looking for a few more members. The party is held once a year with a fundraising event (or more depending on the bank balance) and then a few meetings leading up to the party. The party itself does take up a whole day with preparation and then clearing up, but it is very rewarding and extremely enjoyable. We have a great team of helpers without whom it would be impossible to put on the event and it would be lovely if any of those people would like to become more involved. Equally, if you would like to help on the day then please come along too.

The current committee have worked hard to ensure the party is in a good position to continue for years to come but equally, new ideas and fresh eyes are always welcome.

Save the Dates ...

Saturday 13th January 2024 – Free Coffee Morning

From 10am to 12 noon in the United Reformed Chapel. Come along for free tea/coffee and biscuits. There will be a tombola and raffle to help raise funds. This has become a great social event and a chance to catch up with friends old and new.

Saturday 23rd March 2024 – PARTY!

Main Hall in Mendlesham. More information will be shared in due course.

If you are unable to attend the AGM and wish to become involved, or and would like to know more about the party, please don’t hesitate to contact me, Rachel Roshier (Chairperson) on 07881 816622 or via email rachelroshier@gmail.com.

New Parish Councillor required

Mendlesham Parish Council have been authorised to proceed and co-opt a new Parish Councillor further to the vacancy since the May 2023 elections.

Being a Councillor is all about giving back to the community. By bringing your energy, passion, and hard-working attitude you can help make a real difference to the Mendlesham.

Being a councillor is a varied and fulfilling role for which you don't need any experience or special qualifications, and you'll gain lots of new skills, experience, knowledge, and confidence. Training and support are available.

Good Councillors have the following skills:

- Have good communication skills
- partnership and team working
- problem solving, questioning and analytical skills
- being flexible, adaptable and open-minded
- being organised and having good time management

The most important attribute is to care about our community and be willing to take an active role.

If you are interested in applying for this position, you need to be:

- A British or a citizen of the Commonwealth.
- At least 18 years old.
- Registered to vote in the area or have lived, worked, or owned property there for at least 12 months before an election.

(See https://www.electoralcommission.org.uk/sites/default/files/pdf_file/Part-1-Can-you-stand-for-election-P-and-C.pdf for further information or contact the Parish Clerk)

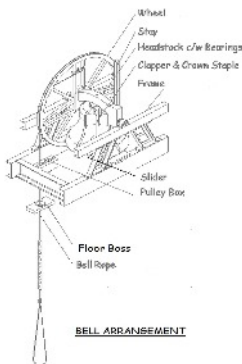
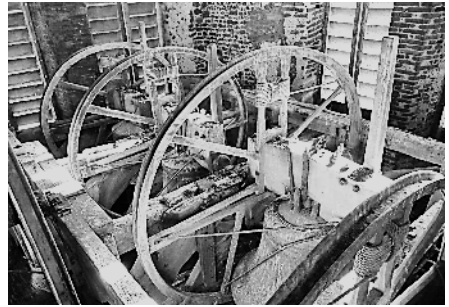
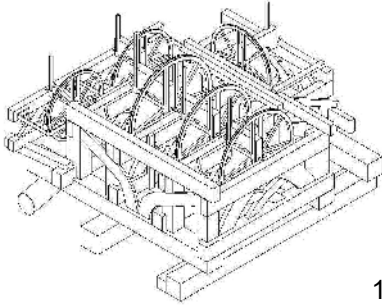
Mendlesham Parish Council welcome and are committed to the inclusion and recognition of all regardless of race, culture, ability, ethnicity or gender identity and expression, sexual orientation, marital status, religious affiliation, and socioeconomic status.

If you want the opportunity to be a catalyst for change, to give a voice to your community and to architect the future of Mendlesham then consider becoming a Parish Councillor.

To apply, write to the Parish Clerk by **1ST December 2023**. You need to include brief information about yourself, including name, address, work/ life history experiences and the skills that you think you would be able to bring to the Parish Council, and why you wish to stand.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Parish Clerk or any Parish Councillor. All candidates will then be asked to attend the Parish Council meeting of 6 December 2023 to meet the Councillors and ask or be asked any questions before a decision is reached at that meeting.

Mendlesham Church Bells#



1. Drawing of the Mendlesham Bells. The frame for two bells was added in 1897. Seen to the left, this overlooks Church Road. (other way round in picture 2)

2. Frame failure can be seen in the centre of the picture next to the biggest (Tenor) wheel.

3. The Frame has moved right and is chafing the wall as bells ring. The frame should not be touching the wall.

4. Beetle damage. See how frame is supported on a tree trunk.

5. Modern Cast Iron Frame, this one is in Earl Stonham (Restored 2004).

6. Picture of Debenham Bells, restored in 1932.

7. Bell Assembly.

Church Bells

The sound of church bells is considered by many to be a pleasant part of life in England, for example imagine playing bowls or cricket on a sunny evening hearing the bells ringing in the background. The 'Music' is created by pulling bells full circle up and down the ringing order changing by one place at a time to a defined sequence which is known as a 'method' or it's called by a conductor. Bellringing is a team activity that stimulates the brain and helps keep you fit... it also makes a glorious sound! It is an exercise for the body and the mind for people from all walks of life, men, women and children ranging in age from about 10 to 90. It involves concentration and application. It is about technique, not strength. Many consider ringing to be their contribution to church life, calling people to worship, others do it for the pure pleasure it brings. In Suffolk ringing is presided over by The Suffolk Guild of Ringers with a Guild Management Committee and a Ringing Master (male or female). You can join once you have learned how to ring 'rounds'. There is a thriving, well run website, www.Suffolkbells.org.uk. - "*you name it, it is on there*". Similar organisations govern the art area by area throughout the UK. The Guild President is the Diocesan Bishop, The Rt Revd Martin Seeley, supported by a distinguished list of Vice Presidents including the Bishop of Dunwich and over 600 bell ringers. In the UK the controlling body is the Central Council for Church Bell Ringers whose meetings include representatives from Suffolk and similar associations throughout the country. There is a national weekly magazine (A4) called 'The Ringing World' with a superb cover embodying a photograph competition of church scenes and a short write up inside, by a local person describing it. Suffolk is divided into four districts. NE(*ast*), SE, SW and NW. All have a Chairman, Ringing Master and Committee. There are monthly events including visits to other towers, competitions and social events. Churches which have bells generally have their own Band of Ringers which often include husband, wife and family members. Any ringer can visit another tower and is welcomed openly, '*good evening what would you like to ring!*' Ringing Bands become a 'family'.

On problems with oak bell frames: The principle destructive agents of oak belfry structures are wet rot and death watch beetle. Ventilation is usually sufficient to inhibit the spread of dry rot. Wet rot softens the timber which is then prone to beetle attack. Joints are especially vulnerable and beetle larvae eat away the dowels and heartwood joints which then become further loosened and damaged by movement caused by ringing bells.

Shoebboxes for the homeless and their dogs

It's been a very challenging year for everyone, not least for the homeless and their dogs. With everything going up, its been tough for those on the streets as people have had less to spare to help.

It's no life for any person or dog to live on the streets with no place to call home. This Christmas we are again hoping to bring a little Christmas cheer to these people and their 4 legged friends to say that they have not been forgotten.



I am organising shoeboxes for homeless people and their dogs and I am hoping that you will be able to help.

Suggestion for the shoeboxes Thermal gloves, socks, hats, scarf, roll-on deodorant (no aerosols) toothbrush & paste, soft sweets, chocolates, wet wipes, windup torch, aluminium thermal blanket, dried coffee/soup sachets, mug & spoon, notepad, pens, envelopes, stamps and a really nice touch would be to add a Christmas card.

Doggy box Dried dog food, treats, chews, toys, collar, lead, bowl, dog coat, fleece blanket

All the above are just suggestions please feel free to add anything you think would be useful.

All the shoeboxes stay local. They are taken to the night shelter in Ipswich and also to the soup kitchens and hostels. Any extra go to Bury and Norwich.

If you cannot do a shoebox but would still like to help with a donation, any of the items listed would be very much appreciated. I made an extra 15 boxes from donations last year which really boosted the total.

Boxes or items can be dropped off at my house any time from now **until Saturday 10th December.**

My contact details are - Julie Williams 17 Front Street, Mendlesham,
01449 766006 neil.williams38@btinternet.com

Many thanks in advance for your kindness and generosity xx



Christmas Gift & Craft Fayre



SUNDAY 26th November

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USAAF Memorial

Yesterday (27th Sept.) the son and grand-daughter of an airman based at USAAF Mendlesham visited the memorial. The airman's first bombing mission was on Christmas Eve 1944 - he was just 19 years old; he survived the war and is still alive. The visitor was so surprised and grateful that there were fresh flowers on the memorial and was assured that there always is. Thank you to the twelve people who willingly arrange the flowers on the monthly rota.

Monday Morning meet-up



We are now open again!

**Every Monday morning
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EVERYBODY welcome. If you are on your own, retired, widow, widower, new mum/dad, looking for work or whatever your situation...

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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.



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Friends of Mendlesham School Association



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

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

Please fill bin bags with *GOOD* quality:

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

*The company **DO NOT** accept:*

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

Please bring your filled bags to school on:

Thursday morning 9th November at 9:00am

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

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

Thank you in advance for your support.

Stowmarket District Lightweight Hike Competition

Scouts
1st Mendlesham



This is an annual competition held on the 7/8th October. The start point was Otley Scout HQ and there were 13 teams representing six Troops from the District.

The Scouts hiked 12.4kms to Debenham Sports Centre on day one. Day 2 they hiked 11.6km for a circular hike back to Debenham Sports Centre. They camped at the Sports Centre. During their stay, they cooked an evening meal on Trangia's (portable stoves), pitched their tents. In the morning they cooked breakfast and packed their tents away.

Preparation for this competition

Over a couple of weeks on Troop nights, the Scouts were given the checkpoints and grid references. They then had to plot their route on OS Explorer maps, calculate the distance, times and compass bearings between checkpoints and then allocate arrival times at the checkpoints and the destinations. The Scouts had to carry all their kit in rucksacks. Clothing, tents, food, cooking equipment, sleeping bags and mats.

Results

Each team were allocated points for their route cards, timings, bag packing, meals, tent and site cleanliness, teamwork and attitude.

This was their 3rd attempt with the same members, that is why they called themselves '3rd Time Lucky' and so they were, by winning the competition. They will be presented with the shield in the next few weeks.

We also had an Assisted Team (2 adults walked with them, but the Scouts had to do all the work themselves) of 4 new Scouts, one having moved up from Cubs just a few weeks ago. They did the same preparation with a bit more help from the Leaders. They also only carried their personal kit. I am pleased to say, they finished joint 7th, so an amazing achievement for a group of young Scouts who have never experienced this before.

The Troop Leaders and parents are very proud of all the Scouts, they did an amazing job and not complaining. They certainly had a good night's sleep on Sunday. Not all teams finished the hikes, so this shows the commitment our young members had.

WELL DONE MENDLESHAM SCOUTS.





Mid Suffolk

A family has moved into the house next door and is being a nuisance, yelling late at night over a loud television and leaving bin bags strewn over the front of the house. I don't want to antagonise them in case they become threatening. What can I do?

Anti social behaviour (ASB) can have a big impact on someone's quality of life, so we can understand how frustrating this situation must be.

You could try to resolve problems by speaking with your neighbour, if it's safe to do so. Explain the effect their behaviour is having and ask them to stop. If the problem continues, keep a record of incidents, which will come in handy if you decide to take the matter further.

If your neighbour has a landlord, you can ask your neighbour's landlord to speak to them on your behalf. If your neighbour lives in social housing, their landlord should have a policy for dealing with antisocial behaviour.

If you've tried everything but the problem persists, ask for an "Anti Social Behaviour Case Review". You can do this by reporting the issue to the council, the police or a social housing provider. It means these agencies have to work together to find a solution, if the ASB meets the threshold. These agencies have powers to deal with ASB, in ways such as:

- Civil injunctions
- Criminal behaviour orders
- Public space protection orders
- Community protection notices
- Dispersal powers
- Closure powers

More information on how ASB case reviews, including how to request a case review, the threshold for it being dealt with and the process for it being dealt with can be found on

www.gov.uk/guidance/anti-social-behaviour-asb-case-review-also-known-as-the-community-trigger

If you are not online, or you need more help with this, please get in touch and we can give you more information.

If your neighbour becomes violent, you should call the police on 999.

Citizens Advice Mid Suffolk can provide advice on this issue and much more, including debt, finances, employment, benefits and family/relationships. You can contact them by phone 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.

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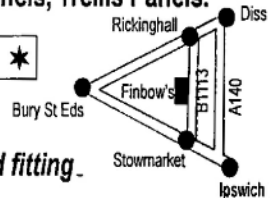
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
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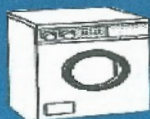
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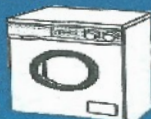
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As shown below

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5th	3.00pm	Mrs Veda Berriman
12th	10.45am	Remembrance Sunday – Rev'd Robert Sheard - HC
15th	2.30pm	Afternoon Fellowship - TBA
26th	10.45am	Mr Stephen Horrex
29th	2.30pm	Afternoon Fellowship – Mrs Mary Durrant

MURCies Coffee Bar – 2nd Friday from 10.00 - 12.00

(10th November)

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John 20: 31

“But these have been written in order that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through your faith in him you may have life.”

I have a replica of The Gospel According to Saint John, that was given out by the Scripture Gift mission Naval and Military Bible Society, in World War One. 43 million of them were given out. It reads on the front “Active Service” 1914-1918. Please carry this in your Pocket and read it every Day.

At the front of it, Lord Roberts (Field Marshal Frederick Sleigh Roberts, one of Britain’s most successful military commanders of the 19th century. He won important victories during the Second Afghan War and revitalised the British campaign in the Boer War), wrote on the 25th July 1914,

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“I ask you to put your trust in God. He will watch over you and strengthen you. You will find in this little book guidance when you are in health, compassion when you are in sickness, and strength when you are in eternity.”

Even though these words were written nearly some 110 years ago, they are still true for today. Whether it is as we remember those who have lost their lives in the first world war and all wars since then, or just in our daily struggles, that we can take comfort that God walks with us.

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SPECIAL EVENTS

Sat 4th Nov: 11.00 **SERVICE OF LIGHT** for
parents/relatives/friends of children who
have died.

Mon 6th Nov: 2.30 – **MONTHLY HEALING
SERVICE** - laying-on-of hands/ anointing

Fri 10th Nov: 10.40: Mendlesham **School
Remembrance Service** in St Mary's

Sun 12th Nov: **REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY**
9.30: Sung Mass of Requiem for the
Fallen in War.

Sun 26th Nov: **CHRIST THE KING.** 9.30
Sung Mass, Blessed Sacrament Procession

Fr Philip Writes

November is the month of special prayer for the dead. We read in 2 Maccabees 12 v 43-45: *'Judas, the leader of the Jews, took a collection from the people individually.... and sent it to Jerusalem to have a sacrifice for sin offered... in which he took full account of the resurrection. For if he had not expected the fallen to rise again it would have been foolish to pray for the dead... that was why he had this atonement sacrifice offered for the dead, so they might be released from their sin... ' Life does not come to a standstill after physical death. As life goes on, so the need for prayer must also go on. We pray for*



all who have died – our family, friends, those who have died unmourned, children miscarried, stillborn, aborted, those who have died in the 2 World Wars and since, those who have no known grave, those who have died by suicide, those who have never had the opportunity to know God’s love and forgiveness, those who have died before they could be reconciled with those they have hurt. We are only too aware of how little we know and understand about life beyond the grave. We pray that heaven may be open for them in their journey *‘to be changed from glory into glory, till in heaven they take their place.’* We pray that all may find freedom to become the people God intends them to be. We must never judge the lives of the dead.

There is a fable that at the end of the world, a great banquet was held in Heaven. The Apostles were waiting for Jesus to sit down but he was standing at an open door looking down at earth. He was looking for Judas Iscariot, hoping he might change his mind and repent. Someone wrote: *“The best thing to give to an enemy is forgiveness, to an opponent tolerance, to a friend your heart, to your child a good example, to yourself respect, to all - love.”* May we apply these wise words to the departed.

“Rest eternal grant them, Lord, and may light perpetual shine upon them. May they rest in peace.”

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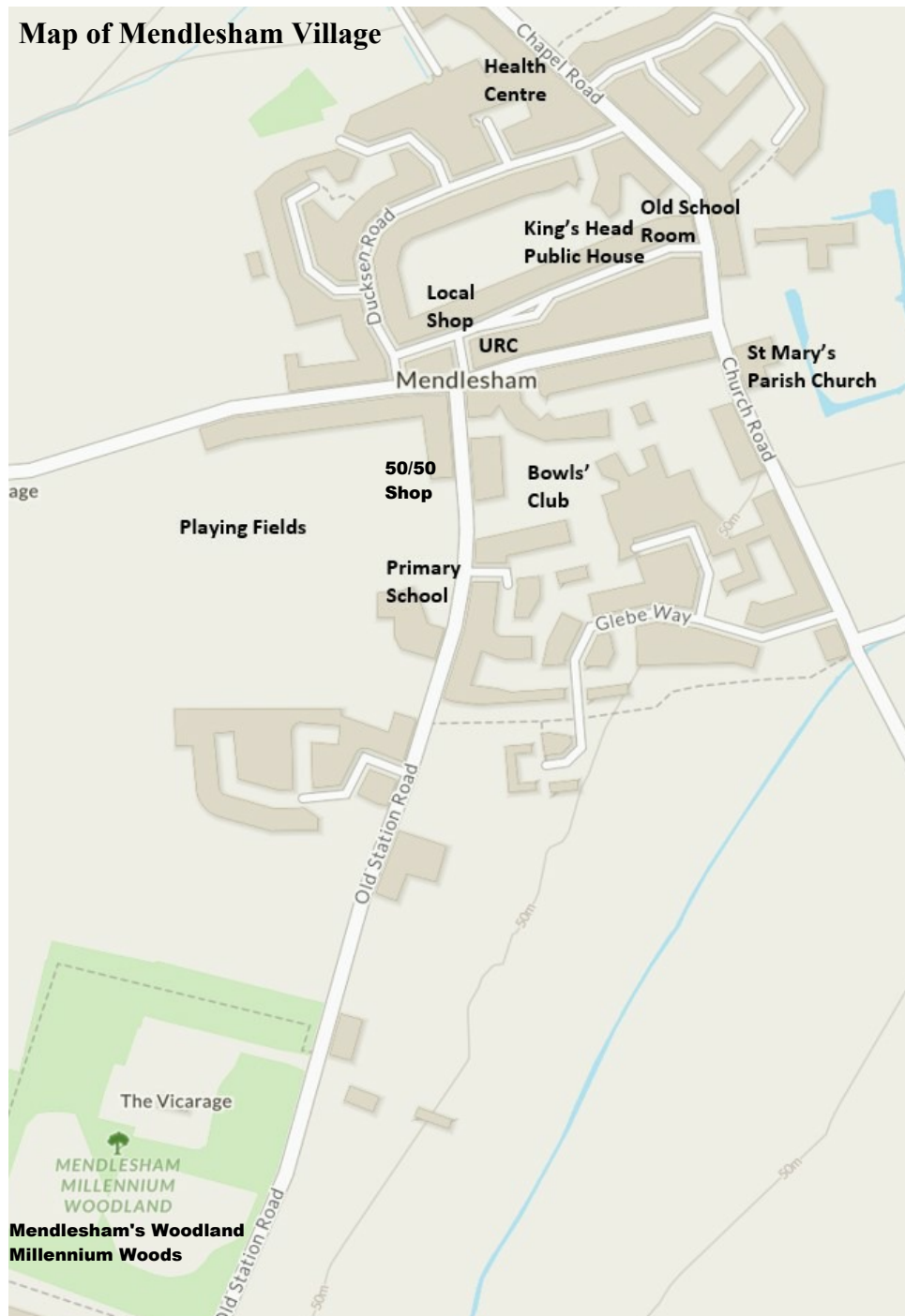
Covid restrictions forced its closure to the public, but St Mary’s PCC has exciting plans for better conservation and display of this amazing heritage, plus greater community involvement.

As there’s no space to say any more here, look out for updates in the Mendlesham Parish Council e-newsletter and on St Mary’s Website.

For more news, information + daily service calendar which cannot fit into the 2 pages allotted to the Parish Church, see ‘This Month’s Newsletter’ and ‘What’s On at:

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