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**Mendlesham School 1908  
(St Joseph's Centre)**

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Why not have a look.

Here is the QR Code and the Website address:

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

<https://tinyurl.com/MendleshamCC>



Here is a link for guidance on submitting articles for the  
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We produce 12 issues per year which are delivered to every household in the location of Mendlesham.

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**6<sup>th</sup> October 2023**

**Front Cover**  
Andrew Cullum

**50/50 shop open -**  
Every Tuesday & Friday  
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### Editorial

Welcome to the October issue. If you are short of a conversation topic, the British weather is one that we can always fall back on. It is guaranteed to be hugely variable and surprising. Yet overall we seem to have our seasons and once more the crops are gathered in ready to celebrate harvest.

In a world that is ever changing it is good to have the security of long-held traditions. Enjoy the season and colours of Autumn.

*Best Wishes*  
*Gemma*

## THE PARISH COUNCIL



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### **Wednesday 4 October 2023**

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

### **Wednesday 8 November 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 Charity (MCC)**  
**Charity No: 282391**

**October 2023**

It is certainly autumn now- the season of mellow fruitfulness and weeds (at least in my garden!)

**Firework display – Mendlesham Playing Fields**

Just a reminder that there will be a short, professional firework display with low noise fireworks on Sunday 5th November. Gates will open at 5pm for the display at 5.30pm for about 15 minutes. We hope this means that younger children will be able to come as it should not be past their bedtime with school the next day. The Scouts will be doing burgers and hot dogs. There is no charge for children who will get a free glow stick on admission. The entrance fee for adults payable on the night will be £2.00 in cash or by card. Please NO private fireworks.

**Events**

We are already making plans for next year. If you are planning an event later this year or sometime next year please do get in touch as we may be able to provide funding as long as the event is open to everyone in the village of any age group and is not a private function.

**Website**

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

**Mendlesham Community Charity Trustees**

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# MENDLESHAM SCOUT GROUP

Do you have a youngster who would like to join either Beavers, Cubs, Scouts or Explorers?

As we start a new term, we have some new and exciting activities. We have spaces in all sections. We are also looking to fill some Volunteer roles, so please get in touch for your youngsters or if you would like more information about being a Volunteer

Please see below the details for each section.

## BEAVERS

6- 8 years  
Thursdays – 5.30-6.30pm  
Mendlesham Community  
Centre

## cubs

8 – 10<sup>1/2</sup> years  
Thursdays– 6.45 – 8.15pm  
Mendlesham Community  
Centre

## Scouts

10<sup>1/2</sup> – 14 years  
Mondays – 7.00 – 9.00pm  
Mendlesham Community  
Centre

## EXPLORERS

14 – 18 years  
Thursdays – 7.30 – 9.30pm  
Old HQ, Mendlesham Green

During the summer months all the sections may meet at the Old HQ at Mendlesham Green, weather permitting.

### ADULTS

Would you like to help at a section or would like to help with our fundraising and events.

If you would like further information on any of the above, please contact:-

**Martyn Bryant – Group Scout Leader – 01379 788998**

**[martyn\\_bryant@hotmail.com](mailto:martyn_bryant@hotmail.com)**

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# **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  
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**Mendlesham Primary School Hall**

**most Tuesdays from September 5<sup>th</sup>**

**7:30 - 10:00pm**

**Email contact: [rfouracre230@gmail.com](mailto:rfouracre230@gmail.com)**

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# **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**

**Parish Council:****St Joseph's Centre, Mendlesham**

For the last few years, Mendlesham Parish Council has received several resident concerns and questions about who owns and is responsible for the St Joseph's Centre. Questions have included who owns the building, what the relationship is with St Mary's, if it was sold who would be the beneficiaries and more recently concerns about the appearance of the building and safety of the grounds.

There have been several meetings with the St Joseph's Centre Trustees and earlier this year, the Parish Council asked Mid Suffolk District Council Planning Control to liaise with the Trustees as required regarding concerns relating to the safety of the site.

Parish Council research and dialogue with the Trustees has established:

**The Trustees of St Joseph's Centre:** The current Vicar and Churchwardens of St Mary's Church, Mendlesham. Father Philip, Andrew Fleming and Chris Elstone. Their contact details can be found in the parish magazine and via the St Mary's Church website.

Please would residents contact the Trustees direct with concerns or questions as Mendlesham Parish Council is unable to represent the Trustees.

**Beneficiaries of the Trust:**

Further to Parish Council research, including at Ipswich Record Office, with some additional information from the St Joseph's Trustees, it has been determined:

- 1866 The land was originally transferred from Glebe Land to a trust to make provision for "the religious education and education of poor children in the parish".
- The free hold title is vested in the vicar and churchwardens (although as far as we are aware is unregistered with the Land Registry).
- The "trust" is also not a Registered Charity with the Charity Commission and has nothing to do with St Mary's Church, Mendlesham (as far as we are aware).
- There is local evidence that the Parish has financed the property over the years.

The Trustees have reported they are currently working to update the Trust, including registration as required with appropriate organisations. They also support the need to work with the Parish Council and keep the assets of the trust for the benefit of Mendlesham Parish. However, this is a complex road involving solicitors, HM Land Registry and the Charity Commission, so will take a little time to finalise.

## **Parish Council:**

### **Dogs:**

Please note that dogs are not allowed at Mendlesham Playingfields.

There is a public footpath through the Playingfields at Mendlesham Green and we politely ask that dogs are kept on a lead whilst passing through the area.

Dogs are allowed, under close control at Mendlesham's Woodland.

All areas are used by residents including children. Dog litter brings health issues and is unpleasant for those who have to clean it up, either from shoes and clothing, or volunteers who work so hard to keep these areas clean and tidy for all. Thank you.

**Please pick up any mess and either take home or deposit responsibly at the nearby dog litter bins.**

## **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](mailto:angiepickup@btinternet.com).

Happy to meet up and discuss exactly what's involved and hand over all paperwork.

Thank you.

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# Mendlesham Walking Group

**Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> October 2023**

**Meet at**

**Community Centre Car Park 10.00 am.**

**2-hour walk led by Alan**

**AND**

**Walking on a Wednesday**

**Shorter, slower walk of about 1½ hours led by Alan**

**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2023**

**Meet at**

**Community Centre Car Park 10.30 am.**

**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

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

Angela : [angiepickup@btinternet.com](mailto:angiepickup@btinternet.com)

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FOR ANY CHANGES TO ADVERTISED WALKS**

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**‘Spotted in Mendlesham’**

**&**

**‘Spotted in Mendlesham Green’**  
pages to keep up to date with what’s  
going on in the villages.



# *Antiques Evening*



## *With James Grinter*

*Of Auctioneers Reeman Dansie*

*&*

*BBC 'Flog It' Fame*

*Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2023@ 7.30pm*

*St Mary's Church, Church Rd, Mendlesham, IP14 5SF*  
*£10 including Coffee, Tea, Wine & Cake (Pay on the night)*

*Bring an Antique*

*organised by the Friends of St Mary's in aid of the Church Restoration Fund*  
**The Friends of St Mary's**  
*registered charity number 284983*



## **MENDLESHAM CAMERA CLUB**



Patrick Foster from Beyond the Image at Thornham gave a presentation at our September meeting. Patrick spoke about his career in photography and showed us some black and white images from his portfolio and answered many questions.

We are grateful to Patrick for giving his time to come and speak to us.

Final arrangements were discussed for our own exhibition in the Old School Room on Sunday, 24th September.

The next meeting will be on **Tuesday 4th October** in the Old School Room at 1930. Our challenge this month is 'The sky by day or night' - these will be displayed 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](mailto:mike@favager.co.uk)



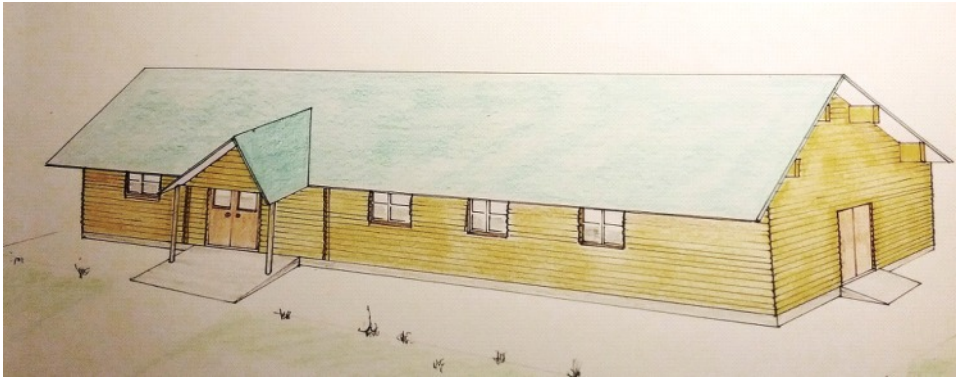
## Mendlesham Scout Project

Nine years ago the Mendlesham Scout Group HQ and activity hall, in Mendlesham Green was deemed to be structurally unsafe and was demolished.

Unfortunately no building was provided to replace it so the Scout Group took on the task of raising sufficient funds for a new building.



To date the Scouts have raised some £30,000 towards the new building and have recently received a very generous donation from a local businessman who has offered to provide all the necessary building materials to complete a weatherproof shell.



However, in order to complete the building, and resurrect all the scout and local social activities previously enjoyed, we seek further donations to support the project in terms of finance and professional ability in electrical, plumbing, decorating, finishes, furnishing and white goods.

If you feel that you *are* able to support this essential project, and help get the new building ready for all ages to once again enjoy those activities and social gatherings that were once the norm, please contact our

Project Coordinator, Noel Fletcher on 01449 766968 or our  
Group Scout Leader, Martyn Bryant on 01379 788998.

# 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

<b>Mendlesham Lottery</b>			
<b>3rd August 2023</b>		<b>17th August 2023</b>	
Drawn at Mead Way		Drawn at Mead Way	
Mrs. K. Doughty	£35.00	Mrs. J. Martyn	£35.00
Mrs. C. Triscott	£25.00	Mr. R. Avery	£25.00
Mr. K. Stannard	£15.00	Mr. S. Boxunght	£15.00
Mr. A. Hauwert	£10.00	Mrs. J. Shave	£10.00
<b>31st August 2023</b>		If you would like to purchase Tote Tickets, please contact Angela Pickup on 01449 766483 or <a href="mailto:angiepickup@btinternet.com">angiepickup@btinternet.com</a>	
Drawn at Mead Way			
Mr. S. Furze	£35.00		
Mrs. J. Wiltshear	£25.00		
Mrs. G. Fletcher	£15.00		
Mrs. G. Ives	£10.00		

## **United Reformed Church**

### **MURCies Coffee Bar**

Friday - 13th October 2023      10am - 12pm

### **Knit and Natter**

Monday - 9th & 23rd October 2023      2pm - 4pm

### THE LEAVES ARE LEAVING.

The yellows and reds of leaves in the autumn  
Delight the eye as long as we've got them.  
But October wind shakes the limbs of the trees  
And the leaves start leaving in response to that breeze.

They flutter to earth with barely a sound  
Like Autumn confetti adorning the ground  
And when it appears that no leaves are left  
The naked branches look sadly bereft.

Now that the branches appear to be sleeping  
Only one more day of repetitive sweeping  
But just when you think the leaves have all gone  
There are more on the ground the following morn!

*By Jack Kelly*

At our August meeting we discussed last month's Grow, Cook and Sew and how this could/couldn't be taken forward. It was felt the move to a July Saturday show was a good one, but more thought needs to be given to how to encourage more exhibitors and visitors. Final details of the cruise down the River Deben were given and dates for our diaries of planned workshops to look forward to. A thank you card from the King was passed around acknowledging the hand crafted card made by Jane sent for the Coronation. Following a cup of tea Jill tested our powers of observation, general knowledge and skill at anagrams with three quiz sheets. We were sorry to hear Jill will be standing down as secretary at the annual meeting.

On an idyllic September summer day 30 member of friends enjoyed a cruise down the River Deben from Waldringfield followed by lunch at The Maybush. A lovely trip and our thanks go to Jill for all the organising.

**For the diary:**

Oct. 4<sup>th</sup>: Knit, Stitch and Yarn in O.S.R. 10am – noon.

Oct. 17<sup>th</sup>: WI Annual Meeting in the U.R.C. at 7.30pm.

Oct. 18<sup>th</sup>: Group Meeting at Gislingham, speaker Lyn Whitehead subject textiles and clothing.

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

**Mendlesham History Group**

2023/24 Season begins on

**Wednesday October 18th at 7.30pm in the URC Chapel**

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.

The first talk of the season:

‘The rest of your natural life - Suffolk convicts transported to  
Australia’  
with Pip Wright

## Over 60s Club on 30th August 2023

On August 30<sup>th</sup> 22 of us boarded the coach at the Kings Head for our mystery trip. Once comfortably seated we proceeded to Pensthorpe conservation park.

Once a gravel pit, it is now a lovely preservation park, with lots of interesting walks, an abundance of wild flowers and sculptures to walk round.

A viewing gallery lets you sit and watch the wild birds and ducks on the pond. There is also a Flamingo reservation and a Heron compound, such graceful birds. We were asked to keep quiet as there were young in the nest.

An interesting but tiring day.

We returned to the coach just as it started to rain, so we were very lucky with weather. We got back to Mendlesham just after 6 pm.

Next meeting: 25th October - Jeanne Mason "A Concord hostess"

Competition: A plane in any medium.

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 19th October 2023**

## Still got it?

By Sue Johnson

How quickly children grow. It seems not much more than five minutes ago when our first granddaughter arrived, a bundle of love and cuddles, and yet here we are, in our back garden with her latest bike. This one is bigger of course, her lengthening legs have more or less outgrown the last one, knees catching on the handlebars as she peddles. Gradually she's going through our stock of second hand contraptions, battered relics of our own childrens' childhood stored in the shed for days like today. The sun is shining, there's lots of laughter; it is a joyful afternoon.

"Nana! Can you ride a bike?"

Can I? That's a good question! I used to be able to, and it's something you're not supposed to forget, but I haven't even owned a bike for several years, and it's many more since I actually rode one.

"Yes, of course I can! But I haven't got a bike anymore."

"You can borrow mine Nana. Show me!"

That's how much she's grown, because it isn't totally ridiculous to suggest I try to ride her bike. Except of course, that it is. I don't want to fall off, but worse, I don't want to make a fool of myself. She looks at me, smiling, proud of herself for wanting to share her bike. I cannot disappoint her. I can hear Papa chuckling at the end of the garden; he's stopped what he was doing. It seems he can't wait to see this either. No pressure.

Sitting astride the bike I dig deep for the courage to push down on the peddles. Just a few yards ahead of me is the house; if I don't make the corner from the garden path onto the patio this immovable brick wall is going to properly spoil my day. Better not to think about it.

"Come on Nana; you can do it!"

She believes in me. She's already dancing around, waving her arms in the air, getting ready to celebrate my success. I can't bear to disappoint her; there's nothing for it, take a deep breath and ...

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“Nana, you did it!” She sounds surprisingly surprised for someone who was so confident that I could do it just a few moments ago. I feel a little unworthy of her admiration, after all, I only narrowly avoided a collision with the wall, and wobbling around that corner had involved considerably more luck than judgement. But she doesn’t know that, and neither does she know how much my legs are now shaking!

Papa appears; he’s grinning.

“Well done, my sweet!”

I cannot make out whether he’s mocking me, or if he’s genuinely impressed. I decide to accept his praise, but decline the offer of a new bike so that I can practise. I sense the need for a distraction, something to change the subject and get me off the hook.

“Tell you what, let’s go and have an ice lolly.”

It works like a dream!

#### RUSSKA by Rita Salisbury

He sat by the door. He didn't look happy  
Usually he's such a cheerful young chappie.  
But the world he had known, so secure, oh so cosy  
Had suddenly changed and life didn't look rosy.

Carried from his warm bed, with sleep heavy eyes  
He had been taken outside under rain-laden skies  
A long journey by car. It had made him feel queasy.  
He was also feeling a little uneasy.

But then they had left him, his 'Dad' and his 'Mum'  
Off to some remote island in search of some sun.  
Would he see them again? Had he done something bad?  
These were the thoughts that were making him sad.

But 'Nana' and 'Grandad' well, they knew the score  
When they saw him so sad as he sat by that door.  
They gave him a cuddle, walked him down a long lane  
They fed him and groomed him and cuddled him again.

The next seven days were really quite fun.  
He chewed some things up and made Rabbits run.  
Dug some holes in the lawn. Life began to look up  
For Russka, the mischievous six month old pup!

## **The Church Bells - St Mary's Church, Mendlesham**

There are six bells in St Mary's our Parish Church. They are hung in an ancient oak bell frame which has deteriorated to an extent that it is irreparable. It is dangerous to ring them. Part of the frame was installed in the late 1490s when 2 of the existing bells were hung. A Royal census in 1553, recorded the existence of 4 bells. The frame was modified in 1612 and again in 1897 and has now become loose and badly worm eaten. In some timbers only half the section remains. However It is a Heritage Gem and it is certain that Heritage England will not allow it to be touched when an overdue restoration is undertaken. A new metal frame will be provided below and the existing one will be left in place. Bells are known by their weight/note, Mendlesham - 6 Bells, 15cwt In E (Tenor weight and tuned to the scale of E)

Does anyone have a recording of them ringing?

Like to hear what they sound like? Try Denningtons similar bells - a recording of those is on Suffolk Guild Website ([suffolkbells.org.uk](http://suffolkbells.org.uk) and click towers - 4 or more bells).

Bells were authorised for use in Christian churches in around 400AD and by about 650AD they had become common in the monasteries of Europe. The earliest English RING of church bells appeared in the 11th Century. Excavations have shown that bells were being cast in the churchyard but the earliest English foundries were built in 'Lyn' (Kings Lynn). Here metals could be brought in by sea and the finished product shipped to site on waterways. There are five Lyn bells in Ely Cathedral which are unringable and one of about 1380 in Little Cornard, All Saints, now the proud tenor in a newly restored ring of six. This bell has no date but markings cast on it indicate the name of the founder and therefore its origin. Soon after, foundries were built in Norwich and they were often owned by city dignitaries. This is where the first Mendlesham bells came from.

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Bell metal is extremely hard. It is an alloy of 78% Copper and 22% Tin, two soft metals, a variety of bronze. It is the hardness which causes them to ring when struck. Bell metal of these ratios has more elasticity giving it resonance and causing it to vibrate like a spring.

In the 1490s it seems the tower was heightened to above the clerestories which were added in the 1390s. One method of increasing the height of a tower was to build from the ground up on the outside thereby increasing the base to support the extra weight. Though not recorded, there are indications that this tower was raised like that. One indication can be seen in the frame of the west door, where there are differing layers of stonework. The second is the thickness of tower walls. Whether there are markings inside where the towers join at the top I have not discovered.

*Keep an eye out for more information and pictures in future newsletters.*

*By John Taylor*

### **Enid's Cheese Biscuits** (makes two dozen)

#### Ingredients:

6 ozs Plain Flour

4 ozs Butter

4 ozs Extra Mature Cheddar Cheese (grated)

good dash of Pepper

small pinch of Salt

1 Egg to brush over only

#### Method:

1 Mix together flour, butter, cheese, pepper and salt.

2 Place in fridge to firm up before rolling out to ¼" thick.

3 Cut into shapes; place on lightly greased baking tray.

4 Brush with egg.

5 Bake at 425F/220c for approximately 10 mins.

## 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...

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Facebook; Mendlesham baby toddler group  
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Secretary Alison Millin, Tel: 07841646569,

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Make sure the car's details are correct by using the DVLA's free online vehicle information checker. You'll need the registration number, MOT test number, mileage and make/model of the car to do this check. Also, check the car's MOT history for free on [gov.uk/get-vehicle-information-from-dvla](http://gov.uk/get-vehicle-information-from-dvla).

Keep a copy of both these results (take a screenshot or download the information) as well as the original advert or description of the car. You might also consider getting a private history check to see if the car's been reported stolen, still has money owing on it, or has been in a serious crash. This will cost about £20.

Inspecting the car is crucial before buying. Ideally, do this during the day when it's not raining (scratches are harder to see on a wet car) and take it for a test drive for at least 15 minutes and on different types of road, if possible. Check you have the appropriate insurance for a test drive (either your own or the seller's policy might cover you).

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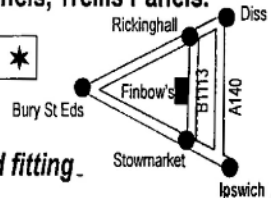
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
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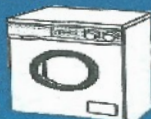
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## SERVICES FOR OCTOBER

As shown below

- 1<sup>st</sup>** 10.45am Harvest Festival - Parade Service - Rev'd Rev'd Robert Sheard  
**4<sup>th</sup>** 2.30pm Afternoon Fellowship - Mrs June Moss  
**8<sup>th</sup>** 10.45am Rev'd David Atkins  
**18<sup>th</sup>** 2.30pm Afternoon Fellowship – Rev'd Robert Sheard  
**22<sup>nd</sup>** 10.45am Mr Stephen Horrex

***MURCies Coffee Bar – 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday from 10.00 - 12.00 (13<sup>th</sup> Oct)***

***Knit & Natter – 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays from 2.00 - 4.00 (9<sup>th</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup>)***

Psalm 46: 10

*“Be still, and know that I am God! I am exalted among the nations; I am exalted in the earth.”*

As I sit here looking out of my study window, on a very hot September day, I am finding it hard to think about the cold days of October and the rest of the year to come, trying to think of what to write for the October Newsletters, I am distracted by the colours and plants in the garden, the lush green of the grass and bushes, the scene is one of peace, it is a restful picture.

This causes me to pause and think how often we stop and just rest in the peace of God, I suspect many of us (and I include myself in this) don't often take time out to rest in God, and when we do we have to fill the silence with words or noise.

It is good to stop, look and listen for God, we find God within the glory of his creation, in the flora and fauna, the people that pass by, and in the silence, the opportunity to hear God.

So, within our busy lives we must find time to stop to let God in, recharge the batteries and therefore we hear the call of God, to be the people he would want us to be, as the hymn writer wrote:

Be still, for the presence of the Lord,  
the Holy One is here.

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Come, bow before him now  
with reverence and fear.  
In him no sin is found,  
we stand on holy ground.  
Be still, for the presence of the Lord,  
the Holy One is here.

Be still, for the glory of the Lord  
is shining all around;  
he burns with holy fire,  
with splendour he is crowned.  
How awesome is the sight,  
our radiant King of light!  
Be still, for the glory of the Lord  
is shining all around.

Be still, for the power of the Lord  
is moving in this place;  
he comes to cleanse and heal,  
to minister his grace.  
No work too hard for him,  
in faith receive from him.  
Be still, for the power of the Lord  
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Thankyou Music,

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### MASS TIMES:

**Saturday (First Mass of Sunday) - 6pm**  
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**Sunday - 8:30am & 10:15am**  
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**Holy Days - 10am & 7:30pm**  
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Weekday Mass is usually 10am, see the weekly Newsletter or  
the Parish Website - [www.ourladystowmarket.org.uk](http://www.ourladystowmarket.org.uk)

All are welcome to "Coffee and Chat", 2 - 4pm on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the  
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## WORSHIP

**SUNDAYS: 9.30 a.m. Parish Mass**  
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**First Mass of Sunday:** Saturdays  
10.00 am except 21<sup>st</sup> Oct – NO MASS

**Weekday Mass:** Usually offered daily.  
For times, see calendar on church website and noticeboard.

For visits, Marriage, Baptism (Christening), Naming & Blessing etc - contact Fr Philip.

**Sacrament of Reconciliation:** see church website & noticeboard.

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

## **EVERY TUESDAY COFFEE & CAKE**

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## SPECIAL EVENTS

**1<sup>st</sup> Oct:** 9.30: Parish Mass & Blessing of clothing, bedding & toiletries for homeless people in Norwich.

**6<sup>th</sup> Oct:** 7.30pm: **Antiques Roadshow** in church with James Grinter of TV's 'Flog It' fame. £10 including refreshments. Bring an antique for valuation.

**8<sup>th</sup> Oct: HARVEST THANKSGIVING**  
9.30 Parish Mass & blessing of harvest produce for the homeless.

**12<sup>th</sup> Oct:** 2.30pm: Monthly Healing service.

**29<sup>th</sup> Oct:** 9.30: Parish Mass, Blessing of Friends of St Mary's Boxes & November candles for the Departed.

Fr Philip Writes .....

In 1948 John Betjeman wrote these words: "**Some learn their faith from books, some from relatives,**

**some (a very few) learn it at school. I learned mine from church crawling. Indeed it was through looking at churches that I came to believe in the reason why churches were built, and why despite neglect and contempt, innovation and business bishops, they still survive."**

I am sure that the vast majority of Mendlesham parishioners would be up in arms should St Mary's church be abandoned because it is so expensive to maintain. Over the Summer we have had extensive repairs to the roofs, alarm system and the



electrics and there is much more to be done: the glazing in the clerestory windows is loose and the 'Good Shepherd' window in the chancel needs urgent repair. The armoury needs considerable restoration before it can be open to visitors again. The last Sunday in October is the Dedication Festival when we thank God for this wonderful church consecrated in C1200 on the site of one even older, for the worship of God.



In his '**Guide to Suffolk Churches**', D P Mortlock says of St Mary's: ***"The church within is bright with light and beautifully kept."*** Roy Tricker writes: ***"Flickering votive lamps, the objects of piety and the Blessed Sacrament reserved here, create the atmosphere which brings people to their knees, in a building which is so obviously used and prayed in."*** Roy's words echo what John Betjeman wrote in 1947 in his pamphlet '**Atmosphere of a Church**'. I quote: ***"The purpose of a church is not to express the age which it was built or the individuality of its designer. Its purpose is more to worship, to bring a man to his knees, to refresh his soul in a weary land."***

Many of our visitors say there is something different about St Mary's. With 3 services every day it exudes serenity and prayer. I urge all of you, whatever your beliefs, to help us preserve it for this and succeeding generations. William Morris, founder of the Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings wrote: ***"These buildings do not belong to us. They belonged to our forefathers and will belong to our descendants unless we play them false. They are not in any sense our property to do as we like with them. We are only trustees for those who come after us."***



This is where I appeal to you of any faith or none. Please support Friends of St Mary's events (such as the Antiques Roadshow on 6<sup>th</sup> October) join the Friends of St Mary's and have a collecting box to raise funds for our lovely church. Full details from Graham Baker, Anita Scruby or Ferdi Vincent.

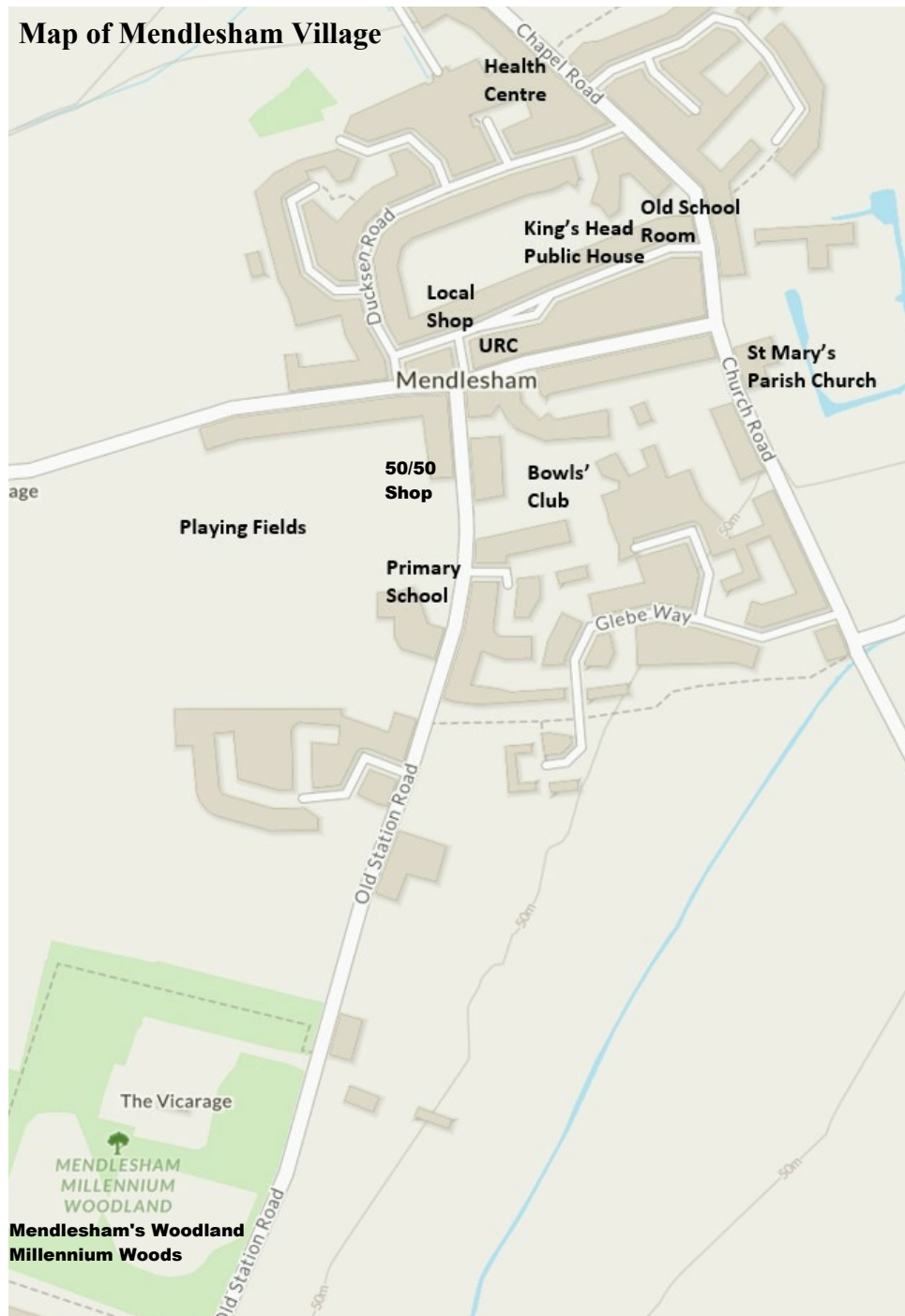
After our recent Summer Festival, Bishop Norman wrote to say, ***"Thank you for such a splendid Assumptiontide celebration at St Mary's. A thoroughly enjoyable evening... always a privilege to be with you and your folk for Mass. You are beacons of light in deepest Suffolk."***

**May we continue to be a beacon of light.**

For more news, information + daily service calendar which can no longer fit into the 2 pages now allotted to the Parish Church, see 'This Month's Newsletter' and 'What's On' at:

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