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The Mendlesham Community Charity launch their website in August.
Why not have a look.

Here is the QR Code and the Website address:

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

<https://tinyurl.com/MendleshamCC>



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

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Deadline for September Issue
6th August 2024

Front Cover
Jennie Lummis

50/50 shop open
Every Tuesday & Friday
2pm - 4pm
see page 5 for further details

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Editorial

Welcome to the August issue. How lucky we are to have such diverse weather patterns that never cease to be a ready topic of conversation with all we meet. We Brits are made of sturdy stuff however and can shrug off grey days and heavy rain to celebrate better those wonderful sunny days of warmth and colour. Enjoy the holiday season, BBQs and icecream in equal measure.

Best Wishes
Gemma

FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL



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Please contact the Chairperson.

Wednesday 7 Aug 2024

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

Wednesday 4 Sept 2024

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.

E News:

Would you like to keep up to date, via email, with events or information for Mendlesham Parish and surrounding areas? If yes, please subscribe to our E News following the link on our website homepage <https://mendlesham-pc.gov.uk/> or contact the Parish Clerk

Mendlesham Community Café

(Payment by card preferred)

There will be **NO** Café in August owing to
Staff holidays.

The next Café will be:

Saturday 7th September

10am - 2pm

Old School Room, Mendlesham

June Draw Winner

(A Wimbledon themed Hamper)

Gilly Newstead

New volunteers? Contact Helen 767741

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.



Monday Morning meet-up



**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.

Mendlesham Community Charity (MCC)

Charity No: 282391

August 2024 Summer Fair

The sun finally showed its face for the Summer Fair on the 22nd June, though there did of course have to be a couple of showers. This was a new venture for us locating all the activities for the day on the Playing Fields and we hope you enjoyed it. We have been delighted with all the positive feedback received.

50:50 shop

The 50:50 shop finally re opened at the end of June after all the health and safety issues relating to the building were satisfactorily resolved by the Parish Council. We hope that you have been in for a look and have made a purchase or two!

Newsletter

Thank you for continuing to send articles, items, and puzzles in for the newsletter. It really makes a difference to include these.

Grants

Remember that as a village charity we are willing and able to assist any group with a donation toward a specific item, activity, or trip. We can also help with the planning and funding of an event.

Please do give us suggestions for events large or small which you think Mendlesham Community Charity could run for the village.

You are welcome to contact one of us to talk things through, details are below.

Web site

<https://tinyurl.com/MendleshamCC>

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near the toddler
play equipment
on Station Rd,

Mendlesham



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MENDLESHAM CAMERA CLUB



We have a break in August - so
our next meeting will be on
Sept. 3rd -
more about that next month.



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

Parish Council:

Mendlesham Parish Council have submitted their response to the National Grid
Norwich to Tilbury consultation.

This response has included the views of the Parish Council and the views of
parishioners that had submitted comments and attended the meeting on 24th
May 2024 and is available to view on our website -

<https://mendlesham-pc.gov.uk/news/>

Creative Writing

With
Mendlesham Writers Group

You are Welcome

FREE !!

2nd Tuesday Every Other Month

Old School Room
Mendlesham
7.30pm

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

Contact: Noel on: 01449 766968

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

Mendlesham Walking Group

Saturday 10th August 2024

Meet at

Community Centre Car Park **10.00a.m.**

2-hour walk led by Judith



AND



Walking on a Wednesday

Shorter, slower walk of about 1½ hours led by Alan

Wednesday 28th August 2024

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

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If you would like to join Mendlesham Walking Group, please
e-mail Angela : angiepickup@btinternet.com

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New Bus Service is Coming !!



A few months ago, Mendlesham Parish Council consulted with local social groups and with individuals regarding our bus services.

People said that they were pretty happy with the services to Ipswich and to Diss but that they would like a regular bus to Stowmarket that went on more than just the one day per week.

We put in a bid to the Suffolk County Council for a slice of some

Government funding that had come down to improve rural services.

64 bids went to SCC and ours was one of just 12 that were successful.

We have been working with SCC to finalise routes and timetables.

Now, we are delighted to say that **our new daily, Monday to Friday, service will be launched in late August and start regularly in early September.**

The service will be free, after 0930, for people with bus passes and will go from the usual stops in Mendlesham and Mendlesham Green each morning returning around lunchtime.

There will also be a new bus stop on Chapel Road near our Health Centre. A full timetable will appear in the September Newsletter.

Other parishes will also benefit from the service. Before arriving in

Mendlesham, on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, it will visit

Gislingham, Finningham and Wickham Skeith. On Tuesdays and

Thursdays it will start in Finningham and visit Westhorpe,

Wyverstone, Bacton and Cotton on its way to us. The journey will go

through Saxham Street and Stowupland and will go via Cedars Park

and call close to **Stowmarket Train Station** before completing the

journey in Stowmarket town centre. From Mendlesham the journey

will take around 30 minutes.

We have the funding for a period of two years and we hope that people

will use the service so that it becomes viable and sustainable after that

time. **It really is "USE IT OR LOSE IT"**

Mendlesham Parish Council



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!

Friends & Food Friday

In the Old School Room 12-2pm

MENU

Heinz tomato or
 chicken soup
 & buttered roll

Or

Panini with a choice
 of fillings -
 ham, cheese,
 tomato , bacon

Plus A piece of
 homemade cake

£3.00

Plus Endless tea
 and coffee

Always books, jigsaws and magazines to borrow

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Mendlesham Community Charity TOTE RESULTS

Mendlesham Lottery			
6TH JUNE 2024		20TH JUNE 2024	
Drawn at Mead Way		Drawn at Mead Way	
ANNE WEBB	£35.00	PAUL LING	£35.00
MRS. E. COLE	£25.00	JANE JONES	£25.00
ANNE HEATON	£15.00	ANITA FLYNN	£15.00
ROGER PALMER	£10.00	MIKE LAWRENCE	£10.00

If you would like to purchase Tote Tickets,
please contact Angela Pickup on
01449 766483 or angiepickup@btinternet.com

United Reformed Church

MURCies Coffee Bar

Friday - 9th August 2024 10am - 12pm

Knit and Natter

Monday - 12th August 2024 2pm - 4pm

Friends of St Mary's invite you to

Coffee and Cake

Every Tuesday morning 10 till 12

All welcome!

No charge... donations welcome



Anita opened the meeting with 16 members present. A comprehensive report of the National Annual Meeting from our delegate was read, we heard of the rousing rendition of Jerusalem accompanied on the Royal Albert Hall organ and the result of the resolution about Dental Health which was passed with a 95% majority. We now await to see how this progresses. The meeting topic was violence against women and the guest speakers Mel B, Nazir Afzal and actor Timothy Watson from the Archers all spoke about experiences of the subject.

We are grateful of a donation of £100 for our Centenary fund from Jane's plant stall – thank you Jane. Examples made at the decoupage workshop were admired and Maria and Anne thanked for taking the class. Our congratulations to our team who competed and the SEFWI quiz and came second.

Paula was welcomed as our speaker for the evening. Paula is from a local charity - Suffolk Prickles Hedgehog Rescue and gave a presentation entitled Saving Suffolk's Hedgehogs. Hedgehogs are endangered, the charity has two main aims – to look after ill, injured or orphaned hedgehogs and to understand the ecology and behaviour of the hedgehog. The charity is run by volunteers and the main expenses are vets bills, food and bedding. They have 17 resident hedgehogs in their hogspital at the moment. Our competition for a prickly leaf was won by Jill.

A draw made for two £100 bursaries for a course or workshop of the members choice resulted in Val and Linda being the lucky winners. We were urged to think of ideas to celebrate our centenary in 2026, perhaps something for the members and something for the community. The August meeting is the members meeting and volunteers were requested to run the evening.

For the diary:

Aug. 7th: Knit, Stitch and Yarn in O.S.R. 1000 – noon. £2.50 per meeting.
Aug. 20th: Monthly meeting – talk about Hostas by Melanie Collins of Mickfield Hostas. This is an open meeting and plants will be available to buy. Competition is for a natural decorative leaf.

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

Mendlesham Over 60s Club

Our half day outing to Felixstowe on 26th June was enjoyed by the small number of members attending . The sun shone and a relaxing day was had by all.

We have another trip on the 28th August. We are going to Norwich for lunch, leaving the King's Head at 9.30. On the journey home we plan to call at a garden centre for refreshments, returning late afternoon. Watch out for posters in the village.

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 22nd August 2024**

Mendlesham Baby and Toddler Group

Meets in the large hall of the Community Centre.

Tuesday Mornings

9:15 to 11:15



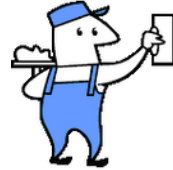
Come and join us for a drink, snack, activities and a large space to play in.

Contact Simona Pounds 07585093311

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



MENDLESHAM EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION



Are you planning to go to college or university later this year 2024/25? The above Charity has limited funds available to award grant assistance to eligible students under the age of 25 living in Mendlesham, or whose parents live in Mendlesham. To apply for consideration please request application details from the clerk Mike Favager, by email mike@favager.co.uk. or phone 07540 288388

Completed applications must be received before 24th September 2024 to be considered for the autumn term payment.

Is this You...?

Are you proud to be part of our community? Have you got energy, ideas, a little time to spare and enjoy being part of a team? Then come and join us on Mendlesham Parish Council. It is an exciting time to be a Parish Councillor as we are embarking on a project to create a new Community Centre. Also for you to have the opportunity to consider planning applications big and small and extending the usage of our play facilities. Most importantly to ensure that the precept that you contribute to, is appropriately spent. No previous experience is needed just your enthusiasm for the parish and a willingness to take part.

If you are interested why not contact one of us for more information. Our contact details are at the front of this Newsletter. We would love to hear from you.

Helen J Orton – Chair 01449 767741

34th Bomb Group Exhibition

The Mendlesham Airfield Association (MAA) was recently reconstituted to create a 34th Bomb Group Exhibition with the artifacts, photos and documents originally displayed in the Fleece Pub, Mendlesham. The exhibition can be viewed in the 'Old Ticket Office' at the Middy Railway Museum during opening hours throughout the season.

The exhibition stands as a tribute to the extraordinary valor and steadfast commitment of the United States Army Air Forces (USAAF) airmen. These brave individuals risked their lives in the face of immense danger during World War II to defeat tyranny and secure peace for the world. The exhibition not only commemorates their heroic efforts but also educates visitors about the crucial role these airmen played in shaping the course of history.

Through an array of artifacts, photographs and personal narratives the exhibition brings to life the captivating stories of the 34th Bomb Group. Visitors are transported back to an era when the skies were battlefields and every mission carried the weight of the free world's hopes. The display highlights the technical prowess of the aircraft, the strategic importance of their missions and the personal sacrifices made by the airmen.

The exhibition tells the story about the relationship between the Bomb Group, the Middy railway supporting their operation and the Mendlesham community. Visitors will discover how the railway served as the lifeline for the Bomb Group, enabling the efficient transportation of essential supplies, munitions and personnel.

The exhibition sheds light on the profound impact the Bomb Group had on the local community. Through personal stories, photographs and artifacts it portrays the camaraderie and mutual support that developed between military personnel and local residents. The enduring support and hospitality from Mendlesham residents became an integral part of the Bomb Group's daily life, providing not just practical assistance but also moral support during challenging times.

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Moreover, the exhibition explores the lasting legacy of this relationship by demonstrating how the bonds forged during the war years left an enduring imprint on the Mendlesham community. Testimonials from veterans and local residents offer passionate reflections on how this shared experience shaped their lives long after the war ended.

By honouring the legacy of these gallant airmen, the exhibition serves as a reminder of the price of freedom and the everlasting impact of their service. We pay tribute to those who fought with an unyielding spirit, which ensured that future generations could live in a world free from oppression. The 34th Bomb Group exhibition at the Middy Railway Museum is more than a historical display, it is a celebration of human resilience and a solemn pledge to remember and cherish the sacrifices made for peace and liberty.

Don Mobley - Secretary for the MAA.



“View of part of the Mendlesham Airfield Association exhibition”

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ON

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10.00 --- 12.00

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Draw

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Try other flavours too, Orange Curd, Elderflower Curd, Blackcurrant Curd, all are delicious.

By Anne Webb



I've just had my bathroom re tiled, but I'm not happy with the work.

At first, things seemed to be going well, but then the tradesperson left to do another job and I had to chase them for updates. They did eventually come back and finish the job, but the work was rough around the edges. They also left all the old tiles and plaster for me to dispose of, which I wasn't expecting. I've now got the invoice, but I don't think the price reflects the work done or the service I got. Can I challenge this?

It's always frustrating when you run into problems with home improvements. If the work is to a degree you consider to be unfinished or unsafe, you should be able to get the tiler to come back to fix it.

Under the Consumer Rights Act 2015, that Act says that work, in this case by a tiler, should have been completed with 'reasonable care and skill'. If this isn't the case, then the law has been broken. You are legally entitled to ask that the problem is fixed (if they provided the tiles as well as the service, as in this case) or get money refunded (if they just provided the service and you bought the tiles). Either way, the tiler should fix the problem or refund you in a reasonable amount of time, without causing too much inconvenience. As you've received the invoice for the work but not paid yet, now would be a good time to ask them to fix the issue or you can negotiate a lower price for the work.

Speak to them in person or contact them in writing/email. Template letters can be found on the Citizens Advice website. Take photographs of the problem. Make notes about what happened, including dates and times. And gather any paperwork and receipts. You can find more information on the Citizens Advice website about steps you can take, including using 'alternative dispute resolution', which is a way of solving disagreements without going to court.

Citizens Advice are currently seeking volunteers to join them at their Stowmarket office. If you are interested, please call us on 01449 676060.

If you would like to become a volunteer with Citizens Advice, please visit our website for more details <https://midsuffolkcab.org.uk/volunteer/>

Citizens Advice Mid Suffolk can provide in depth 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 midsuffolkcab.org.uk/contact-us. Opening hours are Monday-Thursday 9.30am – 3.30pm and Friday 9.30am – 12.30pm.

MENDLESHAM DIRECTORY

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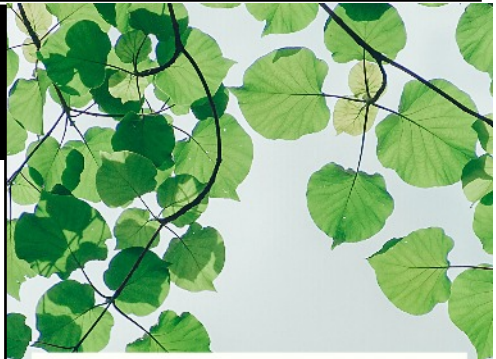
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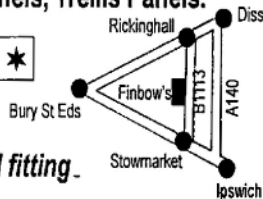
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
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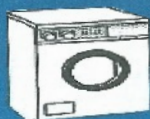
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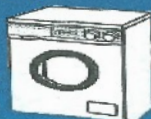
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Isaiah 43: 18-19

¹⁸But the LORD says, " Do not cling to events of the past or dwell on what happened long ago. ¹⁹Watch for the new thing I am going to do. It is happening already - you can see it now! I will make a road through the wilderness and give you streams of water there.'

At this time of year there seems to be a lot of change going on, children starting school, moving school, some moving onto college or university, others starting work. As I write this, we've just had a general election and a new government with Labour taking power and Sir Keir Starmer the new Prime Minister

Even in the church this is a time when some churches have their ministers move on, or even retire, and they may even get a new minister. People don't often like change, they like things to stay as they are, with what they are comfortable with and what they are used to and what they feel safe with. But change does happen, whether we want it to or not, from the changing of the seasons to the changing of the weather. Plants have to grow so that we can eat, the days get lighter and longer then shorter and darker.

As we grow older, change is all around us and sometimes we need to expect it to change, because without change how can we hope things will get better, how do we get better at things? If we don't learn and grow.

So, we look forward to new things starting for some, some things staying the same, but we must remember that change happens whether we want it to or not. Sometimes we need things to change, sometimes it is a must.

We may know by now some of the things our new government will want to do, whether for the better or not!

The time always comes when we have to try new things and to keep moving forward, the Church at times is not always the best at change. When the church needs to change, it is God challenging us in new ways of mission and how He want's His Church to grow and bring about the kingdom of God.

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As hymn goes:
*Through all the changing scenes of life,
in trouble and in joy,
the praises of my God shall still
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It reminds us that God walks with us when we change. When we grow, whether that's in knowledge or just in life, he's there beside us and working with us. God does not change, He never changes but he encourages us to change and to think differently, to grow, to change our path, our direction in life and walk a different way. The Church that will not Change will not Grow! Change is constant. We cannot stop it, yet throughout these changes, God is constant. As Christians we have a focus to become more Christ like. And this can come with sacrifices and being open to be changed from the inside out by God.

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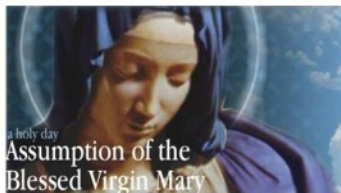
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Fr Philip Writes

When I was first involved in the Ministry of Healing, a priest said to me I had to **“let go and let God”**. Jesus has given us a model of how to **“let go and let God”** in Mary, Mother of God. Mary is a model of faith. To say “Yes” to God and never go back on this commitment required deep faith on her part. She teaches us how we ought to respond in faith to God, for God had invited her to become a mother in a manner that was contrary to all the laws of nature – and in days when illegitimate pregnancy was punishable by death. But Mary had to **“let go and let God.”**

Mary is a **model of life in the Spirit**. The Holy Spirit instantly worked in Mary to create a new life. St Matthew records that: “... before they lived together, she was found to be with child ‘through the power of the Holy Spirit’.”



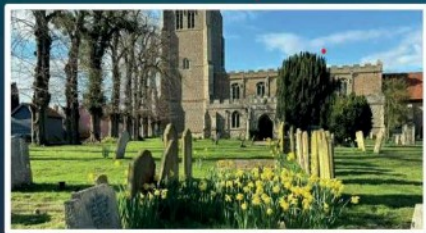
Mary **lived the word of God**. A woman was once so moved by Jesus' teachings that she cried out, "Blessed is the womb that bore you and the breasts that nursed you," (Luke 11 v 27). Jesus replied, "YES, but more important are they who hear the word of God and nurture it."

Mary is a **model of Prayer**. Luke tells us that "His mother kept all these things carefully in her heart" (Luke 2 v 51) Again, she "**let go and let God**". Like Mary, we should be prayerful people. Our witness will be effective only to the degree we are prayerful. When prayer fades out, power fades out. Communal prayer is the mortar that binds individuals into a dynamic Christian family.

May we allow the Holy Spirit to lead us and allow his power to work within us so that we, like Mary, may become more Christ-like in the world today.

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.....until last year, when someone investigating her family tree discovered one we hadn't heard of before. It lists names of Mendlesham men against arms or armour. The question now is: are there any more unresearched papers mentioning the armour ... and what do they tell us?

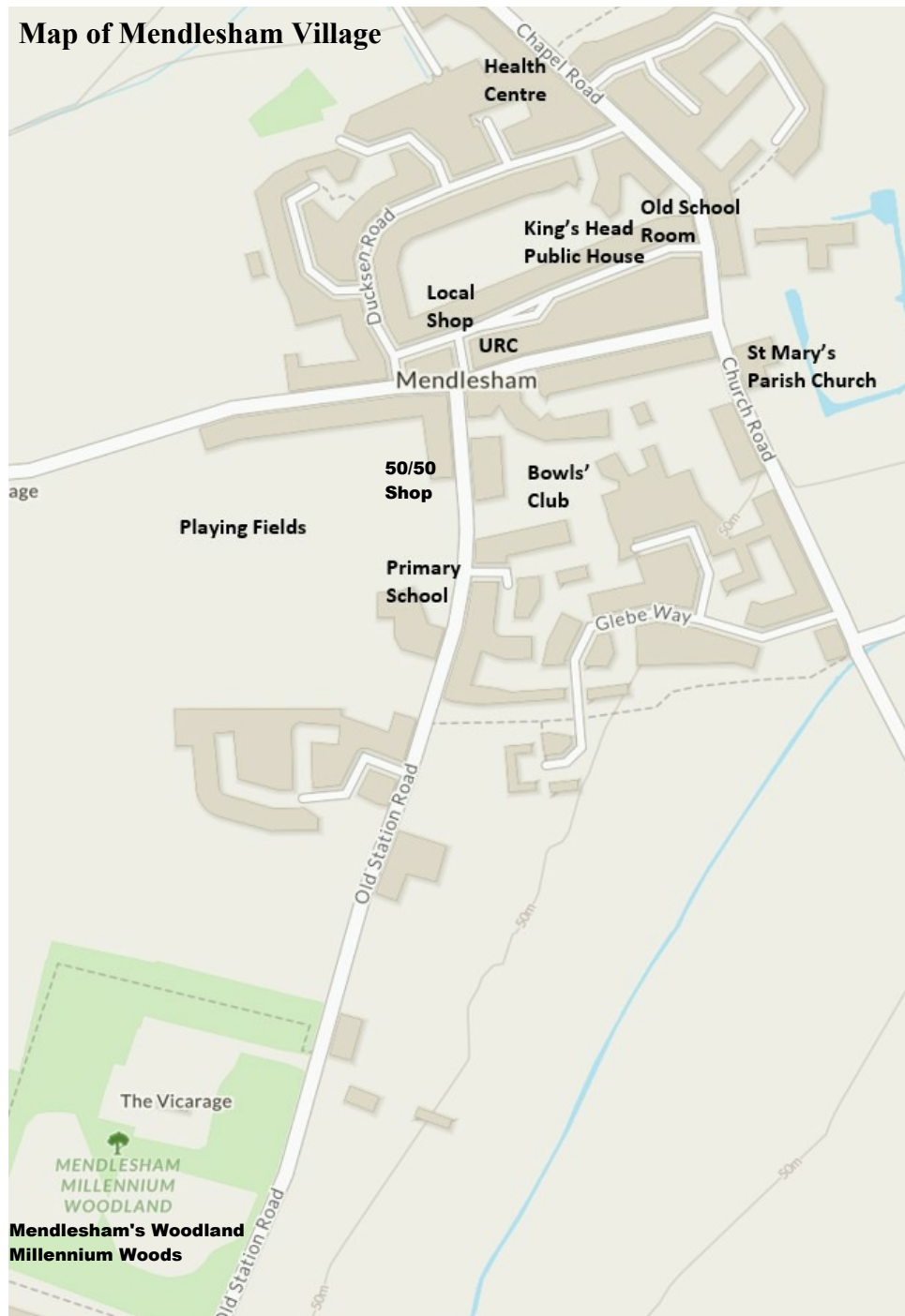
The National Lottery Heritage Fund has given a grant towards researching armoury-related documents and anyone interested can take part.

We haven't space to tell you more here, so please look out for more information on the Parish Council e-news & church website.....

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