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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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6th May 2024

Front Cover

Meg Clarke

Editorial

Welcome to the May issue. At last we have been able to venture out in warm and sunny weather, dare I say it, without rainwear! The warmth of the sunshine puts a spring in our step and a motivation to join in the many activities Mendlesham has to offer. I wish you all a happy month.

*Best Wishes
Gemma*

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FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL



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tel 01449 767158.

Temporary Emergency Planning Co Ordinator for Mendlesham: Please contact the
Chairperson.

Wednesday 8 May 2024

Mendlesham Annual Parish Council Meeting 7pm Old School Room, Mendlesham *
Followed by AGM for Mendlesham Community Centre Charity
Followed by AGM for Mendlesham Memorial Playingfields Charity
Mendlesham Ordinary Parish Council meeting 7:30pm

* The Annual Parish Council meeting is a Parish Council meeting, held annually,
which deals with the election of the Chair and representatives for various
duties/committees for the forthcoming year.

Wednesday 5 June 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.



Mendlesham Community Café

(Payment by card preferred)

Saturday 4th May

10am - 2pm

Old School Room, Mendlesham

Come and join us for our **May Day Celebrations**. Our usual menu is available but with **Coronation Chicken and flat bread** as a special dish. Our new cake and dessert makers continue to be a success and so are not to be missed in May.


Our April Draw Winner

(A Easter Egg and a Simnel Cake from
Betty's in Harrogate)

was won by Andy Davey and Colin Geyman

Want to join our team?

We are looking for volunteers, so if you would like to get involved in this much-loved community project, please pop in and see us or call Helen on 01449767741



Mendlesham History Group

Wednesday 15th May at 7.30pm

East Anglian Place Names

talk by Martyn Roper

URC Chapel

Non-members £4 on the door

Are you on Facebook?



If so have a look for
‘Spotted in Mendlesham’
&



‘Spotted in Mendlesham Green’

pages to keep up to date with what's going on in the villages.

Mendlesham Community Charity (MCC)

Charity No: 282391

May 2024

The clocks have gone forward so spring is on its way; the evenings are lighter for longer now, even if the mornings are darker to start with.

Newsletter

Please can you continue to send in your articles, puzzles, notices, reports, jokes, and recipes to the newsletter team. We cannot promise a date for publication but they will be used and the more you can send in the more entertaining and informative the newsletter will be for everyone. A huge thank you to all our volunteer newsletter deliverers who do a great job in making sure every household in the parish gets a copy each month come rain or shine!

Summer Fair to be held on Saturday 22nd June 2024 between 12 noon and 6.00pm on the Mendlesham Playing Fields

The organisation of the Parish Summer Fair on 22nd June 2024 is well in hand. We are hoping for fine weather on the day; though being British stall holders usually arrive with shelters just in case.

As well as the Craft Fair in the main hall of the school, we will have hot food stalls (with some tables and chairs to sit and eat at) a bar, live music, stalls of all kinds, children's activities, exhibitions, demonstrations and of course a prize raffle. All in all, it should be an enjoyable day.

Please remember though that the Parish Council **DO NOT ALLOW DOGS** on the playing field at any time, so you will need to leave your four-legged friends at home.

We would encourage you to walk, cycle or car share to the event if you can.

Web site

<https://tinyurl.com/MendleshamCC>

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Happy Retirement, Sharon

Sharon Jones has now retired from her duties as Clerk to Mendlesham Parish Council after an amazing 21 years of service. Her dedication, efficiency and patience are well known and will be missed by councillors and parishioners alike. This was reflected in the collection of over £500 which enabled a garden bench, a voucher for a luxury overnight stay at the Oaksmere in Brome and a rose bush for her garden. Thanks to all who made the Retirement Event such a success and included Parish Councillors past and present.



Thank you from Sharon Jones

Further to my retirement as Parish Clerk for Mendlesham, please may I thank everyone who has contributed in whatever way to my "send off."

I have been really touched by the wonderful cards, emails, verbal comments, gifts, messages for my memory book and the surprise goodbye event.

Thank you to everyone for your support and guidance over the years.

I am not totally disappearing, I hope to continue supporting the School, Mendlesham Community Land Trust and living in Wetheringsett, very much rely on Mendlesham services.

I wish Amy your new clerk, the Parish Council and the community, all of the very best for the future.

Regards

Sharon Jones

MENDLESHAM CAMERA CLUB



The next meeting will be on
Tuesday 7th May in the Old
School Room at 1930.



Our challenge at this meeting is
to produce images of a woodland path, we take a look at these on the
screen and then a club member gives a short presentation of a
photography related subject.

There is always time for a cup of coffee and a biscuit.
The club is a small group of mixed photography ability and new
members are always welcome. We pay a fee at each meeting to cover
the cost of the hall.

For more details please contact mike@favager.co.uk or take a look at
the website <http://www.mendleshamcameraclub.co.uk>

Creative Writing

With
Mendlesham Writers Group

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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

D Day Do



Free



Free

D-Day marked a turning point in World War II, remembering the sacrifice of those who gave their lives in pursuit of peace

Join us 7.30-10.00 on Thursday 6th June
Scout Field Mendlesham Green



1940's dress
optional but fun



Peace tree to remember those who gave their lives

Food and drink available

Music and laughter



Fun and games to play

Camp Fire and songs

Please be warned air raid sirens will go off at 7.30pm and 9.30pm to start the celebration and to introduce the address by Father Phillip before lighting the Beacon

Betsy Self

Thank you to everyone who went to Betsy Self's cremation at The West Suffolk Crematorium on Friday April 5th. It was lovely to see so many people from Mendlesham who came to say their goodbyes to my mum. John Self.

Parish Council:

Parish Councillor vacancy:

Mendlesham Parish Council are able to fill the vacancy by co-option. If you wish to find out more and then apply about the Parish Councillor role, please look at our website, ask a Parish Councillor or the Parish Clerk. The deadline for receipt of applications is 31st May 2024 5pm.



ART EXHIBITION
18 May SATURDAY NOON-6PM → 19 May SUNDAY NOON-5PM
PREVIEW 17 May FRIDAY 7.30-9.30PM
Contact Libby Brooks for more information
onartexhibition@btinternet.com

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 2nd & 30th May 2024**



Mendlesham Walking Group

Saturday 11th May 2024

Meet at

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

2-hour walk led by Alan



AND



Walking on a Wednesday

Shorter, slower walk of about 1½ hours led by Alan

Wednesday 22nd May 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

Alan - 07790 124 509

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

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Friends Of Mendlesham School Association : Easter Treasure Hunt

We were delighted to hold our annual Easter Treasure Hunt in the village woodland on Good Friday. This year's trail had 10 giant eggs hidden in the woods. Each egg had a letter and everyone had to rearrange the letters to make the words 'Good Friday'. There were also 10 general knowledge questions based on rabbits and chickens as part of the trail. These gave everyone a challenge, in fact, there were no full marks, but 8 families got 8/10 correct so the winner was picked from those.

Once the trail was complete back in the hall there were Easter refreshments to enjoy, a 'Guess the name of the bunny' stall and 'How many easter treats were in the jar' stall. There were also Easter head bands to make with chicks, bunnies or eggs. We also had an Easter themed photobooth. This year we added a BBQ with bacon and sausage rolls for sale - this was a sell out and a welcome start to the day.

This Year's Winners

First Prize



Second Prize



Third Prize



'Eggstra' quiz winners

80 easter treats in the jar

The bunny was called Maple.



We would like to thank the following people:

- Debbie, Community Champion at Stowmarket Tesco's for donating items for prizes.
- Mendlesham Community Café for donating £100 towards our prizes.
- Danielle for donating the balloon and the Riches family the bunny.
- The Parish Council for giving us permission to use the woodland.
- The parents, family members and FOMSA Committee that made the delicious refreshments.
- All the people who helped on the day with setting up and running the event.
- Finally, everyone who came along to support our fundraising.

We took £864.35 on the day for the primary school and it was so lovely to see the school and village community and beyond come together for a fantastic morning of fun.

Mendlesham Airfield Association

Join the Mendlesham Airfield Association and be a part of a team to preserve the rich history of Mendlesham Airfield and the heroic deeds of the 34th Bomb Group during World War II.

We are a **team** committed to honouring and sharing the incredible stories of Mendlesham Airfield and its brave servicemen. With artifacts, documents, and a passion for history, we aim to bring these stories to life

Volunteer with us!

Ready to join us? Make a difference and join our team

General Assistance: No special skills required, just a willingness to help

Cataloguing: preserving and cataloguing resources for future generations

Exhibitions: developing, maintaining and staffing exhibitions

Audio/Video Development: creating resources that bring history to life

Marketing: Help spread the word about our mission

Specialist Skills: Share your unique expertise with us

Contact our secretary, Don Mobley on
Tel: 07398 300952 or oneisbingo@gmail.com

Mendlesham Community Charity TOTE RESULTS

Mendlesham Lottery			
14th March 2024		28th March 2024	
Drawn at Mead Way		Drawn at Mead Way	
Jill Wiltshear	£35.00	Mrs. P. Baker	£35.00
Deana Davey	£25.00	Mr. J. Duszynska	£25.00
Ted Simmonds	£15.00	Mr. C. Dawson	£15.00
Angela Lockwood	£10.00	Mr. K. Shelton	£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 May 2024 10am - 12pm

Knit and Natter

Monday - 13th May 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



26 members and partners enjoyed the March meeting – a meal out at Bacton Bull. The monthly knit, stitch and yarn sessions continue to be well attended – members bring their handicraft along and enjoy the company plus a cup of coffee and homemade cake or savoury. 11 attended the last one. We were glad to contribute knitted poppies to a project to commemorate those who served under British D-Day command and lost their lives during the D-Day landings 80 years ago. The display of 1475 giant silhouette commemorative structures with poppies attached are being installed in Northern France.

We also hosted the Group meeting at Mendlesham in March. The seven local institutes of Bacton & District, Earl Stonham, Eye, Gislingham, Occold & Redlingfield, Stoke Ash meet twice a year. The speaker at this meeting was Gary Powell, a retired Met. Police officer, who gave an illustrated talk about some London Squares and people associated with them.

For the diary:

May 1st: Knit, Stitch and Yarn in O.S.R. 1000 – noon.
£2.50 per meeting.

May 21st: Our meeting in the URC 7.30pm – resolutions and supper.

Competition: flowers for the table in a cup and saucer.

At this meeting we will discuss and vote on the resolution to be presented at the National AM.

May 29th/30th: Suffolk Show - visit the WI stand for a cup of tea!

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

MENDLESHAM OVER 60s CLUB – 27TH March 2024

Twenty-seven members joined us for today's meeting.

Our speaker, Amanda Southerland – TV and Film costumer maker.

Amanda told us of her journey getting to where she is today. She attended the London College of Fashion, she worked very hard and won fashion student of the year. She had jobs at various fashion houses, then had the opportunity to work for the Royal Opera House and designed opera and ballet costumes. She was always looking to better herself and managed to get a job with TV/film costume makers. She designed for lots of top shows – Les Miserable, East Enders, Jesus Christ Superstar and many others. However, she wanted more and started her own business making hats, fascinators and jewellery. Amanda started making jewellery from soft drink cans and milk bottles, which are lovely. She brought with her lots of the jewellery, hats, brooches etc that she had made for us to buy. It was so nice we all spent more than we intended.

She was a very good speaker and a very talented lady.

Competition

First: Laurence Salisbury

Second: Pat Lockwood

Third: Jenny Mayes

After tea we had our A.G.M.

Paul Allen will remain as Treasurer

Val Lawes will be secretary

Annette Taylor as chair

Paul gave us a rundown of our finances.

Final arrangements were made for our Coffee Morning which we hope will be a success.

Next Meeting

31st May – Susan Dawson “Miss Whiplash”.

Competition “a seaside post card”



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

Dates for 2024

May - 3rd, 17th, 31st

June - 14th, 28th July - 12th, 26th

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

Supported by a grant from BMSCC

Stowmarket Lions Annual Boxing Dinner raises over £10,000 for local causes

Stowmarket Lions, in association with Eastgate Boxing Club, recently held their annual Ernie Pearce Memorial Boxing Dinner at the Debenham Leisure Centre. A capacity crowd of over 300 enjoyed a brilliant display of amateur boxing together with a delicious three course dinner with the event raising over £10,000 for local causes.

The Ernie Pearce Memorial Boxing Dinner, which is now in its 30th year, is one the biggest fundraising events on the Stowmarket Lions calendar.

Commenting on this year's event Stowmarket Lions Club President Bob Cuff said 'the event has sustained longevity through the constant support of local businesses and individuals and I, on behalf of the club, would like to express my thanks for this continued support.

The event takes months of planning and commitment from many people to ensure it is well organised and runs smoothly, my thanks to all who have been involved in the planning and to those who helped on the night.'



A great crowd enjoying a brilliant night of boxing

If you would like a table with friends or colleagues at next year's Boxing Dinner scheduled for Friday 21 March 2025 then please contact us at boxing2025@stowlions.org.uk

Upcoming Events

Lion Ride Sportive – Sunday 9th June

Our Lion Ride Sportive takes place on Sunday 9th June in aid of Lions Brain Tumour Research Appeal and Lions Charities. There's a choice of 3 route lengths 25k Family, 50k Intermediate or 100k Challenge all through Suffolk's beautiful countryside and villages.

Entry from £25 with Team entry also available.

Brain tumours kill more children and adults under the age of 40 than any other cancer.

Please consider joining this ride in aid of Lions Brain Tumour Research Appeal and Lions Charities.

For further Lion Ride information and online entry please go to stow-lions.org.uk/lion-ride

Mendlesham Airfield Exhibition at the Middy Railway Museum

We're thrilled to report the success of our recent exhibition at Middy Railway Museum over Easter Weekend about the Mendlesham Airfield during WWII. Over the two days, we had an incredible turnout, with more than 110 visitors signing our visitors' book. And with some entries representing whole families and not every visitor signing in, our total attendance likely surpassed 150 individuals – a testament to the community's interest.

The feedback from our visitors has been overwhelmingly positive, with many expressing their gratitude for the opportunity to delve into the history of Mendlesham Airfield and the courageous airmen who served during World War II.

Among the treasures shared with us during the exhibition were a remarkable embroidered "tea towel" from 1944 adorned with airmen's signatures, along with a curious thermometer gauge, both offering tangible connections to the past. Additionally, we were privileged to hear the incredible story of Phil and Anne Webb's encounter with a 99-year-old "Mendlesham" veteran pilot in America, who shared his experiences of flying 35 missions during the war.

We're also grateful for the enthusiastic support of the railway staff who took the time to visit the exhibition, adding to the warm and welcoming atmosphere.

In summary, we were really pleased with the success of the Exhibition, enabling us to both celebrate and commemorate a significant chapter in our Community's history. Thank you to everyone who attended, contributed, and supported our endeavour.

The next opportunity to visit the Exhibition will be on 12 May 2024. Stay tuned for updates on our ongoing mission to secure a more permanent home for our cherished memorabilia and artefacts. Together, let's continue to preserve and honour our heritage for generations to come.



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

Unfortunately, when it comes to bank holidays, whether staff have to work is up to their employer, and you don't have to be paid more if you do. The situation will vary from job to job and may depend on several factors such as whether your place of work is open on bank holidays, your hours of work and crucially, what your contract says.

Look at your contract, if you have one, to find out what your personal situation is. Your contract might say you will always get bank holidays off, but it might say you may sometimes be required to work them or will always be required to work. But if your contract says you get bank holidays off you shouldn't be asked to work.

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

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

A common misunderstanding around bank holidays is that employers have to pay you extra for working them. This is not the case. Unless your contract says you'll be paid extra you will just be paid your normal amount. If your contract says you are entitled to bank holidays but you're asked to work, you should be able to take a different day off in lieu. Your employer must follow what's set out in your contract. If they don't, you should raise this with them.

If you don't have a contract, the legal default position is that your employer can tell you when you can or can't take time off. If you'd like to request a bank holiday off, use the normal method for requesting time off.

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

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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Carpet Bowls Club	Roger Fouracre	01449 766229
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If you have any amendments to the information on this page, please email the editor at gemma.green1202@gmail.com or call on 07733 333659 so they can be corrected. Thank you

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.

To Advertise here
email Keith on
shelton@live.co.uk

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.

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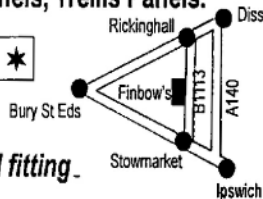
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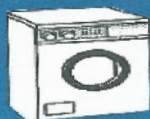
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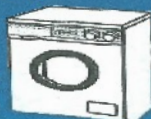
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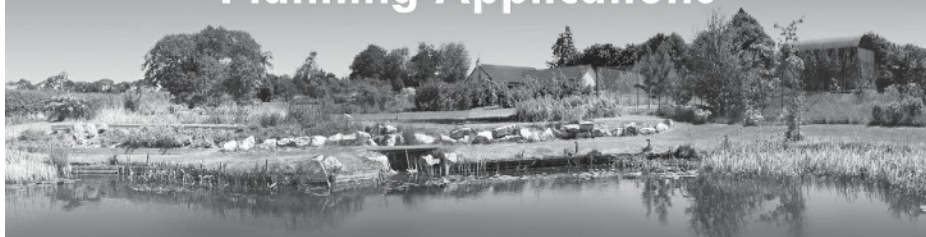
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Ascension Day is when we remember Christ ascending to be with his Father in Heaven, the last time he was to appear to his disciples here on earth. Pentecost is the Birthday of the Church, when the spirit was poured out on the Disciples, which marked the beginning of the Church.

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The challenge that each Pentecost gives us, is first to look back to that first Pentecost, to when the first Disciples were thought to be drunk, but were indeed infected by the Holy Spirit, to learn from them and to move forward in the power of the Holy Spirit. In our secular society Church is not as relevant as it once was, and our challenge is to show the world that the Church can still be relevant to them, and to us.

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In his speech to the fledgling Church, at that first Pentecost Peter spoke the words of the prophet Joel:

“This is what I will do in the last days, God says “I will pour out my spirit on everyone. Your Sons and Daughters will proclaim my message, your young men will see visions, and your old men will have dreams yes even on my servants both men and women, I will pour out my spirit in these days, and they will proclaim my message.”

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Fr Philip Writes

Jesus rose from the dead and he is our life. The lives of the early disciples were transformed by Jesus, and our lives can also be transformed if we are open to him. I give two true stories:

The first is an example from Walsingham: In the Guild of All Souls Chapel there are glass panels in black & grey, depicting death, gloom, pain and despair. Towards the altar the colours become brighter, finishing in yellow and white: these depict the Resurrection bringing hope from suffering. A man visited the chapel. His wife had left him and taken their 3 children to live with another man. One day that other man was repairing a car engine in the kitchen and it caught fire. The three children were killed. This pilgrim had lost his wife to someone else and his 3 children had been killed – effectively by that other

Eastertide concludes on 19th May.

The Christian faith is founded on one fact:

man. As can happen, the pilgrim had since come in contact with a loving, caring church and went to Walsingham to have his children remembered for ever on the day of their deaths. He also came to pray there before being Confirmed. Out of his tragedy, bitterness and suffering, his life was transformed by Jesus' resurrected life, which he experienced now.

Another example is a man I will call David, who tried to end his own life, but when he was aware he was outside his body in what seemed like a tunnel of light, met his father who had died 2 years before. I quote his words: *"Since that time my life has been very different. God is a reality.... Christianity is, in fact, much fuller than I had come to realise."* The Good news of Eastertide and Pentecost is that Jesus wants to work miracles in us. Please ask yourself: **What miracle does God want to work in me?**

Mendlesham Heritage Fair

Mon 6th May
Mendlesham Church/yards
12.00 – 5.00



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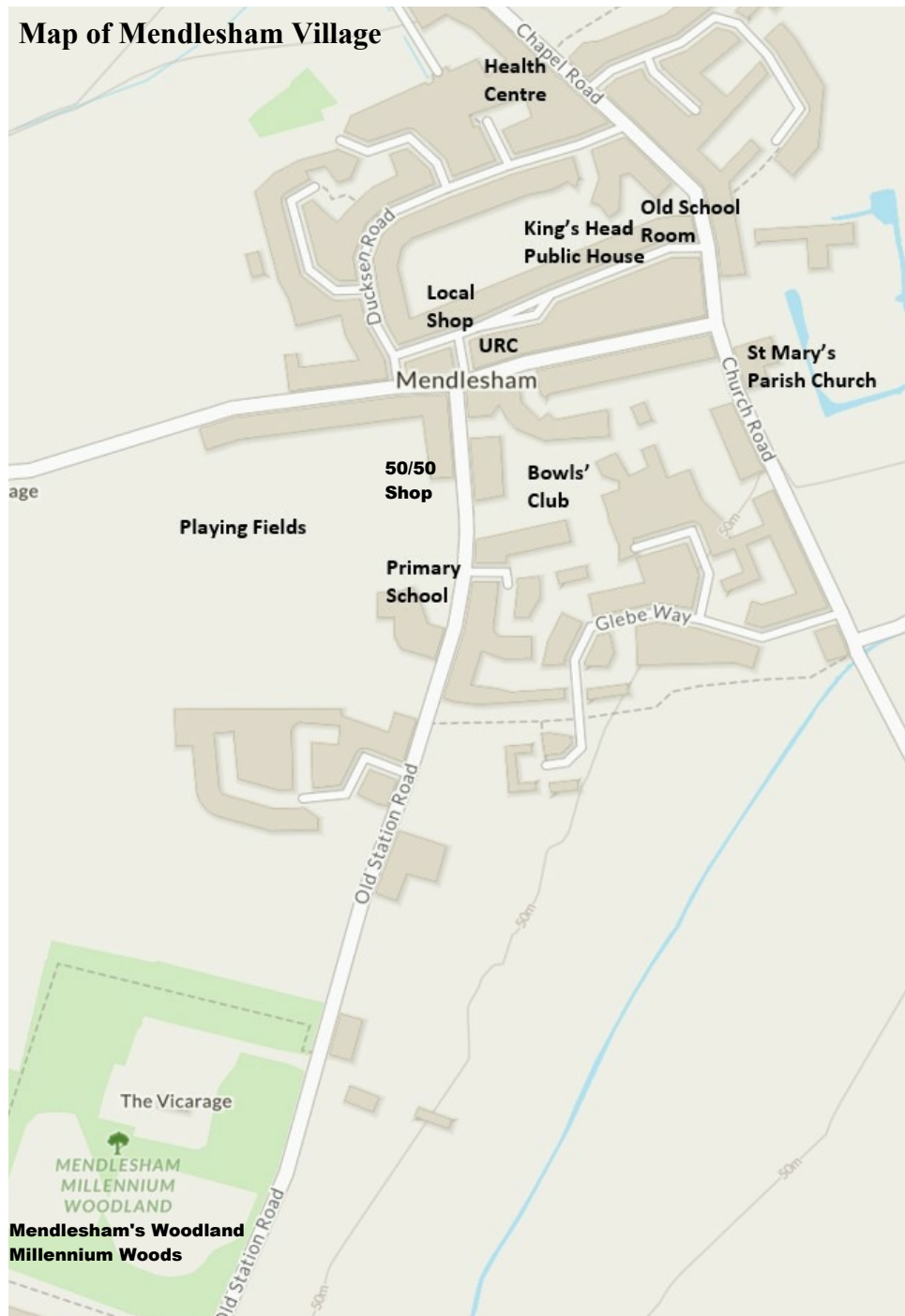
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