



# The Mickfield Messenger

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## From the Parish Council

### Speeding

The Clerk confirmed that we have been notified by the Clerk to Wetheringsett Parish Council, that they may be interested in sharing a mobile warning sign. This would be in the form of mobile flashing 'slow down' camera rather than the hand held speed guns. We will pursue the options available and advise you of costings etc.

### Planning

An application was discussed regarding change of use for the former Water Garden site. We heard several objections from members of the Public. These were based on light and noise pollution as well as sustainability. The Council considered these and have decided to object to the application.

### Village Centre

MSDC have had a site visit with Mike Heyhoe and it would appear that the present facility meets all the requirements for hiring at present. We are still pursuing the few recommendations that would enhance the facility and will revert as soon as possible.

### Play Equipment

We are aware that the 'Baby' swing has a problem at present and are taking steps to get it repaired. Please do not allow your children on this equipment until it is repaired. Thank you.

### Bench

The newest bench appears to be covered in bird droppings! We are considering cutting back some of the branches and also cleaning the bench. Again, watch this space.

**Date of next meeting is the 7th September at 7.30pm in the Village Centre**

## Police & Crime Survey

### A message from the Suffolk Association of Local Councils ...

In light of government cuts to policing budgets, a survey is being conducted with UCS as part of the evidence based policing approach to ask the public about their opinions on crime and anti-social behaviour, and their experiences and encounters with police. The results from this survey will feed into the Police change programmes in Norfolk and Suffolk to inform the review and redesign of policing to meet the financial challenge whilst continuing to provide an effective and efficient police service.

I would be grateful if you could help us in getting as many responses as possible by sending the attached link to the parish councils for them to send out to their local communities.

[www.ucs.ac.uk/communitysafetysurvey](http://www.ucs.ac.uk/communitysafetysurvey)

## Silver Leaf

### Appeal for HELP.

Remember the appeal on the back of last month's Messenger? The appeal that you *were* going to reply to, but never quite got around to doing, and then forgot? Well - GREAT NEWS - there's still time!

**Silver Leaf is at risk of folding** as the village fundraising group, due to lack of members. Without active support and interest from people within Mickfield, Silver Leaf and its activities will be unsustainable.

We recognise that some events have been more popular than others, and we'd like new people with new ideas to suggest and help us organise more - and more popular - events. As well as more ideas, we also need more people to help with the planning, organisation and running of events, and - even more than this - to actively support the events.

So please - PLEASE - contact Sally or Nickey for a chat about your ideas or offers of help. **PLEASE.**

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## Village Events

With thanks to Sally & Nickey for their almost-tireless organising of many village events, here's a quick overview of what's happened and what's happening in the near future.

### Cream Teas & Cakes

This was one of the loveliest events I can remember in Mickfield, even bearing in mind the success of last year's fete.

It was very low key but the weather held (against the predictions of all the weather forecasters and most sceptical observers of the clouds!), the scones were delicious and the people turned up.

The village History Club's small but very well done exhibition was truly inspired – thanks go to Sally Garrod for the idea – and provided a real talking point for long-standing villagers and relative newbies.

Thanks are also very much due to the Mickfield Evangelical Church, who provided (and assembled) a marquee, some tables and chairs, emergency cutlery and – most significantly perhaps – a bouncy castle, which they also manned throughout the afternoon.

The result? A profit of just over £150 for the village fund which will go towards the over-60s Christmas Lunch in December.

### Mickfield Village Fete

We want to hold a fete again next year.

There will be a meeting in the village centre on **Monday 19 October 2015 at 8.00pm** to discuss what precisely we will do and to try to get things in place so that such things as we are going to do can happen.

It would be very good to see some more faces at this planning meeting – whilst village events are gratifying in the end (usually!), they are tiring and, for short periods, quite time consuming.

None of us on the ad hoc organising committees is a person with loads of time to kill and all of us would be delighted to have a few more people to share the burden with.

Of course, 'twas ever thus – but still, if anyone feels like bucking the trend, no-one would complain!

### Annual Quiz

Please look out for the date of annual quiz – likely to be in late October or early November.

Tickets for this go fast and space is limited.

You can have a team of up to 6 and you'll get some kind of delicious refreshment in the middle of the evening. Bring your own alcohol but soft drinks available.

The price has not yet been set, but the £7.50 a ticket asked last year is unlikely to go up very much in these days of austerity!

If anyone feels they could volunteer to help with either making or distributing refreshments, this would also be very much appreciated.

**EXTRA VOLUNTEERS ARE ALWAYS VERY MUCH WELCOMED AND EVEN MORE APPRECIATED!**

## History Club

There will be no meeting of the History Club during August - the next meeting will be in September, look out in next month's Messenger for details.