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From the Parish Council

There has been no Parish Council meeting since the last Messenger.

Mickfield Village Centre

You all received a questionnaire with your Messenger in November.

A big thanks to Nickey Rooke, Nicola Vince, Mike Heyhoe and Andy Bridges for collecting the questionnaires door-to-door on Sunday 23rd November (lovely weather!) and to Nickey & Nicola again for compiling the results.

We've had some interesting suggestions that we're continuing to work our way through and consider.

The full answers will be collated and discussed at the next Parish Council meeting (which everyone is - as always - welcome to attend).

If anyone still wants to complete a questionnaire, or to make suggestions about how we could increase use of the Village Centre and build it into a real hub of activity for the village, please email Messenger@MickfieldVillage.co.uk, either with your comments/suggestions or to request a copy of the questionnaire.

Next meeting of the Parish Council will be at 19.30 on Monday 15th December 2014 at the Village Centre

THE Quiz

Many thanks to all who supported the quiz.

Over 40 people attended this year's quiz and more than £200 was raised for the village fund.

Big thanks to Lorraine and Nickey who worked almost tirelessly in the kitchen to make the refreshments arrive at the appropriate points and to clear up afterwards.

There was - as there has been before - a suggestion from some teams that we might make the quiz more frequently than an annual event. In principle, it would be possible to do the quiz more often if there's interest from the village.

Should we have the quiz more often than once a year?

Quarterly? Monthly?

Should we have a Mickfield quiz "league"?

Should there be rounds aimed at particularly age groups?

Could the complex scoreboard equipment withstand the extra use?

We would welcome feedback from you on this, either via the Messenger (email address above), or to Sally at sallyblackmore@btinternet.com.

Bin Dates

Refuse collection dates for Christmas/ New Year

Weds 24 Dec (rubbish) - no change.

Weds 31 Dec (recycling) - moved to Fri 02 Jan.

There is no brown bin collection during this period.



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Xmas Lunch

Over 60s Christmas Lunch

This was, once again, a lovely event.

Emma and her team produced a **superb lunch**, which was enjoyed by all.

We were delighted that Muriel and Alan Page, who do so much for St Andrew's, and Mike and Yvonne Burch, who were resident in the village for many many years were also able to join us.

After lunch, the Year 4 children of Sir Robert Hitcham Primary School (Debenham) provided really excellent singing and Christmas readings. It was a fitting finale to the event.

The Fete

After the success of last year's fete, the intention is to repeat the event. It is likely to be on the same weekend, so book this date in your diaries now ...

Saturday 13 June 2015

There will be a meeting of people interested in assisting early in the new year - please do volunteer if you have time or skills to offer or suggestions for attractions that you'd like to see at (or could contribute to) the Fete.

Drop us an email - to either Sally or the Messenger (both addresses on the previous page).

NO MORE EGGS

There was no feedback on our proposal for a Treasure Hunt to replace the Easter Egg Hunt.

We will try the Treasure Hunt idea - probably in May (but keep an eye on the Messenger for details).

We are intending the event to be both adult and child friendly, so get a team together and come along.

Heating Oil Prices

Prompted by the first real frosts of the year earlier this week, we thought it might be a good time to draw people's attention to the price of (heating) oil.

The graph shows the price per litre during 2014. From c60p/litre this time last year, it's now down to just over 45p/litre.

It might continue to fall ... but heating oil is now cheaper than its been for years, so now might be a good time to top up your oil tank and enjoy a warmer winter than we've been able to afford for a few years.



Church Services

There will - undoubtedly - be a number of services at both St Andrews and the Evangelical Church throughout the Christmas period.

Unfortunately, at the time of going to press, we don't have the details to be able to share with you, so please keep an eye on the Village noticeboard, and the signs outside both Churches if you want to attend any at either.

HAPPY CHRISTMAS to all

This is the last Mickfield Messenger for 2014, see you all sometime in the New Year ...