

# Mickfield Messenger

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## From St Andrews

### St. ANDREW'S TOWER:

The Tower has been the focal point of the village for over 700 years - you will remember the festivities three years ago that marked its anniversary - around a hundred people were involved in that as you may know from Lucy's wonderful stitch work on display in the Church. At the time we asked Graham Palmer if he would very kindly make us a clock which has been in evidence (facing the village) since then; we are very grateful to Graham. Many churches have towers and ours, like the others, has three main purposes - first it points 'heavenwards' in traditional belief; (though we all now know that heaven is not situated on a cloud!). This benefits the spiritual heart of the village where so many have been buried over the centuries in hope of eternal life. Secondly it houses bells; Mickfield's historic bells were removed in 1982 but we have put two back (with help from Rex) to let everyone know when prayer is being offered every day so that those who would like to join in (wherever they are) can briefly do so. Thirdly it has a flag on top which we try and keep flying despite the wind which sometimes blows it down. Again this is a symbol that the Church is alive and well. Since St. Andrew's Day in late November we have been flying St. Andrew's flag but on St. George's Day this month we shall change it for St. George's flag in honour of the nation's Patron Saint. The restoration of the Church in 2004 made access up the tower much easier and if you would like to go up it please let Mark know next time you come to church. You can see virtually every house in the parish from the top, especially when there are no leaves on the trees.

*Mark Wright*

### SILVER LEAF

Many thanks to those who supported the Easter Egg Hunt on a very wintery 23<sup>rd</sup> March. A lovely time was had by all who attended with a small profit being made on tea, coffee and raffle. Thanks to Vanessa for her coordinating and organisational skills and Charlie for running the raffle. Thanks to those who supplied raffle prizes.

*Sally - Silver Leaf*

Welcome to the World and  
Mickfield



*Alice Grace Carter*  
Born 6 February 2013

A daughter for Sally & David  
And a sister to play with for  
Harry  
**CONGRATULATIONS**

From Mickfield Parish Council -

**The Mendlesham REP**

This has been in abeyance for some while awaiting answers from the applicant. It would appear that these have now been addressed. The Parish Council will be reviewing these at our April meeting. The Planners at MSDC have not yet offered an opinion.

**Mickfield Jubilee Garden**

No news on this at present due to the inclement weather! No seeding can be done as yet. Grass cutting normally starts in April but think it will be somewhat delayed.

**Mickfield Village Website**

This will be further updated soon. We try to maintain it with all the latest news as well as Agenda and Minutes of the Parish Council.

**Parish Council Vacancy**

There are currently no vacancies for Parish Councillors.

**Highways**

Although there has been quite a lot of patching, the cold weather continues to break up the road surface. Highways are ongoing with their work. Should you have a problem close to you, please feel free to either report it to the Parish Council or ideally, report it online to 'Fixmystreet'. Next meeting is 15<sup>th</sup> April, 2013 in the Village Centre at 7.30pm.

*Davina Lynk, Chairman, Mickfield Parish Council*