



# The Mickfield Messenger

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## From the Parish Council

### **Mendlesham Bio Mass Burner**

The appeal is still with the Planning Inspectorate. Our original objections were re-iterated and sent in. No decision has been made to date. We will continue to keep you updated.

### **Road Closure**

The crossroads on the A140 junction at Mickfield turning are now completed.

The next set of roadworks should be the resurfacing of the Debenham Road down toward Debenham from the crossroads of Stonham and Wetheringsett Roads. It is estimated that works will take place in May – yes this year!! Once we have more information, we will update you.

### **Bus Service**

The following is an update from Suffolk County Council regarding the services through, or close to, Mickfield;

Suffolk County Council, Passenger Transport is obliged to assess the need for local sponsored bus services. There are three route corridors contracts that are due to expire in August 2014, which is the end of the permissible period. Therefore, we are at the early stages of the tender process. The following services may have revised timetables:

Contract 114 covers services 113 and 114 between Ipswich, Debenham, Thorndon, Eye and Diss currently operated by Simonds of Diss.

The 114 contract is extremely expensive to operate and in common with all current procurement the amount of subsidy is being scrutinised and challenged by officers to secure better value for money.

We will soon be reviewing several options for the continued provision of the service in the future.

Contract 116 covers services 115 and 116 between Ipswich, Henley, Coddensham and Debenham currently operated by Galloway.

Contract 118 covers services 118 and 119 between Ipswich, Framsdon, Framlingham, Otley and Stradbroke currently operated by Galloway.

We would ask that these contents are forwarded to as many residents as possible. In addition, we would welcome any feedback and suggestions.

If you have any feedback or suggestions to share with Suffolk County Council, please address them to [Andrew.Gee@Suffolk.gov.uk](mailto:Andrew.Gee@Suffolk.gov.uk). Mr Gee is the Senior Transport Officer.

### **Broadband Upgrade**

Our County Councillor, Andrew Stringer, confirmed that Mickfield should be included in the newest roll out though don't raise your expectations of anything superfast just yet. The talk was of "at least" 2Mb/s speeds, which are a long way from the connection speeds that many other areas of the country enjoy. It appears that the original upgrade plans still left us and many others in Suffolk suffering from very low coverage or even none in some areas. There has now been further funds made available to resolve this problem. This should be completed by Spring 2015.

### **The Village Centre**

Spring has arrived and with it brought a profusion of snowdrops and daffodils on the field.

We are continuing our efforts to improve the Wildflower area and hope to get it cut and seeded this year. Again, watch this (or that) space!!

### **Dates for Parish Council meetings in 2014**

Apr 14th. May 19th. July 7th. Sept 1st. Oct 20th. Dec 15th.

Meetings start at 19:30, in the Village Hall. Everyone is welcome to attend.

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## Wanted

### A cleaner and gardener

Is anyone interested in some cleaning and gardening work?

A couple of hours a week for general house cleaning and perhaps the same again for general gardening work. Please contact Shaobin at the White House on Debenham Road directly.

## Silver-leaf

### Find those Eggs—\*\* NEW DATE \*\*

**PLEASE NOTE that the date for the Egg Hunt has changed to Saturday April 26th—the Saturday after Easter.** It will still be at the Village Centre, from 10.00. It's an event for the whole family, Mums and Dads will be able to enjoy a cuppa and some homemade cake if they don't want to join in all the games.

Now it's just **50p** per child to enter (max £1.50 per family), and every entrant will win an egg!

Please let Lorraine know if you'll be coming (so we don't run out of cake or eggs!) on 01449 710099.

## Save Here

### Community Buying

Although the cost of heating oil seems to have fallen a little from its painful peaks, there are ways in which you can still cut the cost a bit more.

By ordering through Community Action Suffolk, you can benefit from the power of bulk buying.

Take a look at [CommunityBuying.org.uk](http://CommunityBuying.org.uk), or have a word with Rachel Turner for more information.

## Alan (always) knows

We did think that perhaps we were being a bit too hopeful with last month's request ... But, with **HUGE THANKS to Alan Favell** (who is quickly becoming our very own expert on everything related to the history of Mickfield), we have some names for some of the people in last month's photo.



Winnie Clements

Mrs Stanley Oakes  
might be Claude Tydeman?

Mr & Mrs Billy Keeble

Mr Walnes  
Burt Oxbarrow

Stan Baker

The photo was taken—by Alan's brother Billy—before the annual day out to Felixstowe, sometime in the late 50s or early 60s.

Perhaps we should re-start the outings — an annual Mickfield day-trip to Felixstowe. Please let Davina know how many tickets you'd like.