

# Mickfield Messenger

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There will be a STARLIT TEA PARTY at St. Andrew's on Sunday 6th January at 4.30 followed by Evensong.

Between tea and the service we hope to have some spontaneous entertainment; if you have anything (brief!) you would like to offer let us know! See you anyway!

## FAMILY COMMUNION SERVICE

Following the decision made at the Church meeting in November, the Third Sunday Communion service will in future be at 10am and will be a family event with provision for children. So do join us on 20th JANUARY at 10am for the first one. Yes, that's an hour extra in bed! There will still be Mattins at 9am but it will be said rather than sung.

From Silver Leaf Committee - *Sally Blackmore (for the Silver Leaf Committee)*

The Over - 60s Christmas Lunch - this year funded jointly by the Silver Leaf Fund and the Parish Council - was very successful. Although some regulars were unable to attend, still 30 people sat down to a delicious lunch. Everyone enjoyed themselves and we are grateful to Emma and her team, all the helpers, those who donated raffle prizes, the Mickfield Evangelical Church for allowing us to use the hall, and Alan Page, who stepped in at the last moment to provide impressive musical accompaniment to a few Christmas carols and songs after lunch.

There will be an update on Silver Leaf's plans and ideas for the New Year in February's messenger. In the meantime, we have eleven Jubilee mugs left over after giving one to each of Mickfield's 16 and unders in the summer. We would like to offer these too willing homes in return for a donation (minimum £2) to the Silver Leaf fund. If you would like to have one of the mugs, please contact Nickey on 710301. Mugs will be allocated on a first come first served basis. Once they are gone, they are gone.

We would be grateful for any offers of help and ideas for things that you would like to see happening in the village. Please contact Lorraine on 710099 if you are able and would like to be involved, or have ideas to share.

## **Parish Council News – Davina Lynk Chairman Mickfield Parish Council**

### **The Mendlesham REP**

This application is still outstanding. Mid Suffolk Planners are awaiting further information from the applicant. No decision will be made until this is resolved

### **Mickfield Jubilee Garden**

The area is now ready for grass seed planting in the Spring. We also have lots of 'whips' to plant as hedging and this will also be done by the same Contractor. We are awaiting a date when they will go in.

### **Damage to the Grass near entrance.**

This will also be levelled and seeded in the Spring.

### **Mickfield Village Website**

Please be aware that the Agenda and approved minutes are posted to the website as soon as approved.

### **Debenham Library**

Debenham library are seeking residents views on relocating the library from Cross Green to the Primary School. It is felt that as this is a larger venue, more activities can take place there amid better facilities. I am attaching the link for those of you that wish to express their opinion. It is:- <http://debenham.onesuffolk.net/home/have-your-say-on-hot-topics/help-shape-the-future-of-yourlibrary/>

### **Parish Council Vacancy**

This is still not filled and we have had no enquiries. Would you like to give maybe 60-90 minutes of your time every 6-8 weeks? It can be rewarding! Queries to the Parish Clerk please.

### **2013 meetings**

Next two meetings are on 28th January and the 4th March at 7.30pm in the Village Centre.

### **Bus Service**

We have been notified of the possibility of some of the buses from Debenham/Mickfield to Ipswich and return may be affected once the current contract expires in March. Quote:-

*'Bus Services affected particularly involve Services 115/6 Debenham-Crowfield-Coddenham-Henley-Ipswich. While I am not able to completely predict the outcome, at this point in time I am highlighting the early bus from Debenham at 07.15 to Ipswich which is of particular concern due the lack of patronage, Suffolk County Council is envisaging supporting the 16.35 journey from Ipswich, because it is well used. The 17.20 from Debenham-Ipswich is unlikely to continue and the 18.05 from Ipswich to Debenham is unlikely to be justified. In the case of both the 07.15 from Debenham and the 18.05 from Ipswich there are currently alternative buses (114) to and from Debenham within 15 minutes of these times. Journeys during the day are unlikely to be effected; any changes are likely to affect the extremities of the day' Unquote.*

We will keep you advised as soon as further information is available.

*The Parish Council wish you all a Happy and Healthy 2013.*