



# The Mickfield Messenger

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## From the Parish Council

### **Mickfield Fete**

There is more elsewhere in the Messenger but our thanks to the Committee, fellow Councillors, Mickfield Evangelical Church and St Andrews for enabling this to go ahead. It was a great success.

### **Mickfield Village Centre Wildflower meadow**

This area is continuing to be the subject of attention. During June, Suffolk Wildlife Trust came to the Meadow to assess the condition and give advice on the maintenance. We await their written report.

### **Mickfield Village Centre**

As the field is continuing to improve with thanks to our contractor (Alpha Rural Services), it was felt that breeding boxes may be appropriate. Perhaps a hedgehog 'house' and an Owl Box.?

Any other ideas? Please let us know – it is your Centre too.

### **Mendlesham Bio Mass**

The Appeal has been set by the Planning Inspectorate. It will be held at the Council Chamber in the Council Offices in Needham Market. **It is scheduled for 10am on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> August.**

Documentation relating to the appeal can be viewed on the Council's website [www.midsuffolk.gov.uk](http://www.midsuffolk.gov.uk).

Select "View a planning application" and enter the reference number 0759/12, then click on the "document" tab. We will update in the September newsletter.

### **Lights out!**

To mark the 100th anniversary of Britain entering the First World War, everyone in the country is asked to turn off all lights, with the exception of a single candle/lamp, on **4<sup>th</sup> August from 10pm to 11pm.**

### **Landfill**

The Energy from Waste site in Gt. Blakenham is expected to reach full capacity by the end of July. It is expected that all residual waste will be disposed of at the Plant, with no need to take waste to landfill.

### **Suffolk County Council – Public Transport**

Following the recent review of bus services for our area, services 113, 114, 115 and 116 will continue to operate as-is for a further year. Service 116 (Ipswich to Debenham) will also run on Sundays to the end of the year, with a free (sponsored) service offered on Sunday 20th & 27th July.

### **Speeding**

We are aware that Mickfield has its share of speeding motorists. In their latest report to the Parish Council, the Mid Suffolk Safer Neighbourhood Team of Suffolk Constabulary is trying to enforce speed restriction and various traffic violations. This may take the form of a 'flashing' speed indicator or the roadside 'Slow Down – 30mph' sign. We will keep you updated.

### **Next Mickfield Messenger**

The Messenger is normally delivered at the beginning of every month, either through your letterbox or by e-mail. As we had an additional run to celebrate the Fete/Flower Show, and as the next Parish Council meeting is on 1<sup>st</sup> September, we will NOT run an August Messenger.

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

Sept 1st. Oct 20th. Dec 15th. Meetings start at 19:30, in the Village Hall.

## Check Now !!

### **Water / Oil warning**

Please be aware that Anglian Water have identified a problem with someone in Mickfield, who has used the sewage system to dispose of a quantity of fuel/oil. There is an outside chance that a residents' central heating oil is leaking from a tank, so please check yours.

Anglian Water will continue to monitor the situation and offences can result in fines being imposed.



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## The Fete

### The Mickfield Village Fete (message from organiser-in-chief, Sally Blackmore);

The fete on 14 June 2014 was a real success and a real community effort!

Everyone who attended seemed to have a lovely time and it was fantastic to see such a range of ages and just to see so many people at a Mickfield event.

Feedback has been so overwhelmingly positive that a decision has already been taken to do it all again next year. You can book the date in your diary now - it will be the same weekend - on 13 June.

Profit was just over £500. Some of this money will go to the general village, but we are going to plough much of it back in to buy some of our own games for next year.

Congratulations to those who were victorious in the various competitions; we hope that those who went home with one - or more - of the amazing raffle prizes are now enjoying them. As for the flower festival ... the church looked and smelled so beautiful ... Gillian worked incredibly hard and deserves credit for the drive and energy it took to make the flower festival happen.

We are all very **very** grateful to everyone who helped. There are too many to mention by name but without any of those contributions it is hard to see how the fete could have been the success that it was. There was also a strong core group of people who attended meeting after meeting to get everything in order so that there could be a fete at all. **THANKS TO YOU ALL** 😊

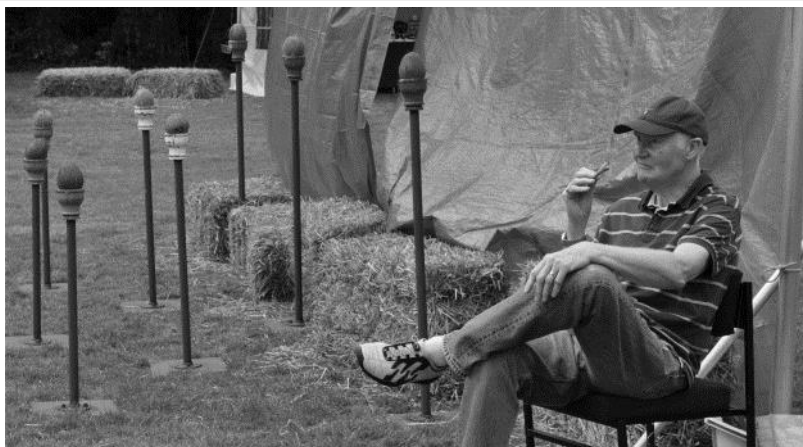
## Caption Compo

### What was he thinking ...

Taken at our recent Mickfield fete (have we mentioned the fete?), this pic of one of our residents having a well-earned\* break.

But what was he thinking??

Answers on a postcard, post-it note, or email please, but Mike will be judging the entries himself, so keep it clean folks ...



\* so he claimed.

## WANTED

### Can you help?

We've had a few requests for help recently—someone to help with a little garden tidying or keeping the church clean, or a large gate for the meadow—so this will become a regular Messenger section.

Contact us with any requests for help, either via Davina's letterbox (Dragon Cottages) or email to the Messenger. We reserve the right to edit (or ignore) any unsuitable requests!

**This month's request** is an easy one ...

Have you got, or do you know of, some unused or spare land in or close to Mickfield?

The land is to be used for dog agility training (personal basis, not as a business) so needs to be fairly flat grassland and capable of being secured to prevent dogs (or equipment) from wandering off!

For sale (ideally) the ground will be weeded and kept mown throughout the year. It could also be landscaped if desired.

The ideal would be an acre, although anything from 1/2acre up to 5 acres (if you've got 5 acres that you'd like to be maintained for you!) would be suitable.

If you can help, please call Nicola on 710058, or email Messenger@MickfieldVillage.co.uk.