



The Mickfield Messenger

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From the Parish Council

Report from October's Parish Council meeting

We discussed the ROSPA report after their inspection of the play equipment in the meadow.

The main item raised was the presence of lichen/moss on the safety matting. We had asked the grass cutting contractor to treat it, and whilst they had started, it wasn't satisfactorily completed at the time of the inspection. The other item raised was that one of the supports for the small swing is starting to decay and will soon need replacing. Both items are being actioned and we will report on progress next month.

We have had several reports of Hare Coursing in the area. If you see any suspicious activity please do not intervene yourself, but instead discretely take photos, vehicle registration numbers and any other details you can and report immediately to the Police on 01473 613500. This is a 24-hour line. The Police are aware of the incidents and are working to catch those responsible, so your information and call will be helpful.

On a similar matter, there have been some burglaries, and attempted burglaries, in Mickfield. These have been on the edge of the village. Please double check any outbuildings to make sure that they are secure, keep vehicles locked, and don't leave valuables out in the open. Again, if you see anything, please report to the Police.

Our local PC and PCSO also wanted to remind everyone to check that fuel stores are secure, and to remember to wear reflective clothing and carry a torch if you're out and about in the ever-lengthening hours of darkness. Should you need to, you can contact the Mid Suffolk Central Police Team by **calling 101** and asking for them.

The Village Centre relies on the monies raised from events held there and our use of the recycling banks to maintain the building. The paper and bottle bank are well used (lots of empties!), but the textile/clothing bank is much less well used. So, if you've got any unwanted items of clothing, please pop them in the recycling bank when you take your next load of empties. Also see our other update overleaf.

The sign, warning of children playing, missing from Stonham Road has been reported, again. The clerk is going to chase for a third time to get this sign replaced.

And finally ... There is talk of the Mendlesham Biomass going to an appeal. At the time of writing, nothing has been formally received, but we're keeping a watchful eye on it. A **very** watchful eye. More as soon as we hear any news.

HELP (1)

Vandalism in Mendlesham

Police are appealing for witnesses after an incident of arson at a playground within a park in Mendlesham.

The incident happened in Mendlesham Recreation Park in Old Station Road between 12pm and 12.30pm on Sunday 27 October, damaging playground equipment and fencing.

A bit of a long-shot, but if you know or hear anything about this, please contact PC Martyn Barker in Stowmarket (dial 101 and quote ref ST/13/3106) or you can call Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555111.

HELP (2)

The History of Mickfield

In the next few weeks (or quite possibly, couple of months), we'll be adding more photos of Mickfield and its residents through the ages to the village website www.MickfieldVillage.co.uk. If you have any photos that you'd be happy for us to use, we'd love to borrow them, scan them, and publish them on the website. The original will not be damaged in any way and will be returned promptly.

We've already received a few photos, but we'd really like more! Contact Davina, or Messenger@MickfieldVillage.co.uk

Silver Leaf



LAST ORDERS. The Village Quiz - Nov 23rd @ 7.30pm - Get your tickets from Lorraine Foulger (01449 710099).

Tickets for this event may actually have sold out now. But if you'd really like to come along to compete (in a very relaxed and really not very competitive competition), please call Lorraine to check if there are any left.

A two course supper is provided, in the ticket price (£7.50/hd). Tea, coffee and squash is provided. Or feel free to bring your own bottle (or two).

Choose team mates (max 6 per team), pick a name and try "Only Connect" on BBC4, Mondays, 20:30 for a gentle warm-up.

The Fête

HELP, IDEAS and VOLUNTEERS for the 2014 **Mickfield Village Fête.**

Sally Blackmore is starting to organise this and would appreciate all ideas and offers of help. More, more and more please!

Contact Sally on 01449 711564 or sallyblackmore@btinternet.com.

more Mickfield Messenger ...

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From Mark at St Andrews

Remembrance Sunday is 10th November.

There will be a service at St Andrews at **9am**. This will include the two minutes silence and the reading of all the names of those from Mickfield who served in the First and Second World Wars and subsequent emergencies.

It's always a very poignant and moving service, and as other aspects of our lives seem to get ever faster and more fleeting, this is an opportunity for us to pause, to take a breath and remember some of those without whom our lives today would certainly be very different.

Re
Cycle



Using our village re-cycling bins

As we reported in the parish council news, it would be really helpful to village finances if people used the textile/clothing recycling bin at the village centre a little more.

In a helpful co-incidence, local Councils are trialling a special textile recycling bag. This is available free-of-charge from the Debenham Resource Centre (Library) at Cross Green, or from the Debenham Post Office. Once you've filled the bag, you can place it in the green recycling bin.

We've had a couple of questions about the bottle banks, and whether we can put any colour of glass in the bottle recycling bin that's marked "green glass only".

And the answer is yes. You can safely ignore the "green only" notice on the bin and use it to **recycle any colour of glass**.

And
Finally

Rubbish & Recycling dates for the Christmas period

Not long now ...

We'll add these dates to the website soon, but if you want to note them down on your calendars ...

Rubbish collection due on Weds 25th December will take place on Tues 24th December.

Recycling collection due on Weds 1st Jan will take place on Thurs 2nd Jan.

(apart from all the clothing & textiles that you've put in the village recycling bin of course!!)

Brown bin collections are suspended between Mon 23rd December 2013 and Fri 3rd Jan 2014. When collections re-start in the New Year, the collectors will collect your Christmas Tree (real trees only!!) if left next to your brown bin.



This is **one of the excellent photos** that we've received, and which we'll be adding to the website gallery at some point soon.

Can you identify the building??

(Yes, we do know already!)

Email us at **Messenger@MickfieldVillage.co.uk** if you think you know where it is.

First reply gets a namecheck in next month's Messenger!
(what better prize could there be).

Thank
you

Thanks to everyone who ...

... turned out for the Village litter pick last Sunday morning. We now have a cleaner village.

A good group of us had an invigorating stroll around the village, collecting empty drinks cans, sandwich wrappers, bits of old newspaper, plastic bottles, car hubcaps, crockery and cutlery, coins, antique gold watches and even the occasional £10 note.

Bet we get more volunteers for the next one!