



The Mickfield Messenger

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From the Parish Council

Speeding

At our last meeting we discussed the findings of the Speed Data Recorder which had been placed on the Debenham Road, east of the crossroads.

Whilst there was a good proportion of vehicles speeding, with some vehicles travelling through the village at over 60mph, the layout of our village does not allow a policeman to stand at the crossroads with a speed gun for reasons of safety.

We asked if it were possible to position the Mobile Speed Camera Van in Mickfield, but we do not have enough vehicles coming through the village in a 24 hr period to warrant use of the Van. Additionally, there are no schools in the village and no high level of Road Traffic accidents (either factor would support deployment of the Van).

The only possibility therefore, is to have a flashing Vehicle Activated Sign (VAS). We are investigating the cost and possible positioning of this.

If the cost proves prohibitive, we would hope that another village with similar problems may share a sign (the sign can be moved to different locations as necessary).

More on this in due course.....

The Meadow at Mickfield Village Centre

This has now had its second cut this year and we would hope that next Spring we will see more wildflowers than previously. The Orchids of this year would be a boon again as we would be able to see them better. The grass has also had its last cut.

Play Equipment - Mickfield Village Centre

This has recently undergone its annual ROSPA inspection. It passes with only minor notations such as that the slide needs painting and access should be more limited so that young children cannot go on it unsupervised. Again, updates to follow.

Mickfield Village Centre

You have received a questionnaire with your Messenger this month. Please take the time to fill it in and give us some guidance as to what the Mickfield residents want from your Centre.

Beware - there are fraudsters about!!!

We have been advised that there is a scam that con men posing as Policeman or bank officials, are targeting people to gain access to their bank account.

DO NOT GIVE THEM ANY INFORMATION OVER THE PHONE!! No Policemen or bank official would ask you for full details of your bank account. There is a poster on the Village Noticeboard giving further details.

Dog Fouling

Some dog owners are still allowing their dogs to foul our footpaths. The footpath around Elm Farmhouse is particularly badly affected. It's really not hard to take poo bags with you (you know you're going to need them) and **clear up after your dog**. Put the bags in the bin provided.

Next meeting of the Parish Council will be at 19.30 on Monday 15th December 2014 at the Village Centre

THE Quiz

* * > > > **SATURDAY 22nd November** < < < * *

NOTE THE CHANGED DATE

After the huge success of last year's Quiz (the Village Centre was absolutely packed to capacity), the annual quiz makes its return on 22nd November.

There are still a few places available - but not many. So contact Sally on 711564 or Lorraine on 710099 if you want to come along. The cost will be the same as last year (£7.50 per person) and there will be a lasagne, pudding and soft drink provided. Let us know when you book if you would like the vegetarian lasagne option. You are welcome to bring your own bottle (or bottles) if you want something stronger than orange juice to drink, or to try to bribe the quizmaster.

Did we mention the date ...

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What would you rather be doing on a Saturday evening in November???

(no replies are actually required)

Xmas Lunch


Christmas Lunch - FRIDAY 5th DECEMBER

The annual over-60s Christmas Lunch will be held at the Mickfield Evangelical Church on Friday 5th December.

Emma will be doing the catering again, so you know that you're in for a treat!

Children from the Sir Robert Hitcham Primary School will be singing after lunch. Please let Sally or Lorraine (numbers above) know **as soon as possible** if you are of an appropriate age and would like to attend.

Tree Dedication Ceremony - SUNDAY 9th NOVEMBER



In remembrance of Arthur W Offord and William Green, the two men of Mickfield who gave their lives in the First World War, two bird cherry trees will be planted in the grounds of St Andrews Church, and a poem will be read from The Great War.

The ceremony will be held in the grounds of St Andrews at 10.00 on Sunday 9th November, followed by refreshments.

NO MORE EGGS?

So what else ...

As it has appeared that there's little interest in the Easter Egg hunt, we asked last month for suggestions of alternate events that would allow us to give a small present to, or arrange some sort of event primarily for, the younger residents of the village.

Ideas are still welcome - please email Sally at sallyblackmore@btinternet.com or give her a quick call on 711564.