



The Mickfield Messenger

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From the Parish Council

Next meeting - Mon 13th October at 7.30pm in the Village Centre

There has been no meeting of the Parish Council since the last Messenger, and so no news from the Council in this Messenger.

The next meeting is on 13th October, and everyone is welcome to attend.

THE Quiz

* * >>> 21st November <<< * *

After the huge success of last year's Quiz (the Village Centre was absolutely packed to capacity), the annual quiz makes its return on 21st November.

The cost will be as last year (£7.50 per person) and there will be a hot supper and soft drink provided; you may bring your own wine if you want something stronger than orange juice. Tickets will be available from the beginning of October. Please book your places early to assist us with planning the catering and let us know whether you have any special dietary requirements.

Tickets are available from all the "usual sources" - try phoning Sally on 711564.

If you call soon, you'll avoid having to use eBay to get a last minute ticket.

The EASTER EGG Hunt

Seriously ... please read (it's not about Easter!!)

For the last two years, the children's Easter Egg has been very poorly attended. Those who came enjoyed the event but this does not change what appears to be the fact that the event is not something that the village wants any more, perhaps because there are not sufficient young children in the village?

You may know that, historically, the Easter Egg Hunt was used as an opportunity for 'the village' to give a present to its youngest residents; there was no Christmas party or Christmas present because it was felt that the children were inundated with Christmas parties.

We would like to continue to give a present to residents aged 16 and under, but we do not want to spend the time - or the money - organising an event that is not wanted or buying chocolate eggs that are effectively wasted.

We have thought about alternatives. **We propose a "family" treasure hunt** (the constitution of 'a family' would not be strict or in accordance with any legal definition), to take place in or around May. Any child of 16 or under resident in Mickfield who took part would receive a gift and there would be a prize for the winning team.

We would welcome your views on our proposal. You can let us know by emailing Sally at sallyblackmore@btinternet.com or phoning her on 711564. If you have other - or better - ideas, please feel free to pass them on.

(Before anyone suggests it, the Parish Council has informed us that the very successful bonfire nights that once took place in Mickfield were - and would now be - effectively hamstrung by 'Health and Safety'.)

OUR VILLAGE CENTRE

In last month's Messenger, we asked for ideas for events that could take place in the Village Centre. We've had a few suggestions;

- A monthly bake, bring & taste event (we might even get a TV programme out of that).
- Running group-based music/art/language lessons (1 teacher/demonstrator to a group of learners).
- Hosting a Mickfield-memories meeting (a venue for people to meet and reminisce).
- A weekly mud-wrestling competition (that's another TV show).
- A monthly book sale (or even a more widely ranging "bring & buy" sale).
- More wine tasting events (these have happened previously, though few can remember them).
- Developing our morse code skills (whilst we wait for modern-day Broadband in the village).
- A card games evening (no money involved!!).
- The Mickfield Mouse society enquired about holding a regular race night in the Centre.

The Parish Council will be debating use of the centre, and how it might need updating to support new uses, at the next meeting (13th October). So, if you have more ideas, let us know by email to the Messenger, a note through Davina's door or attend the meeting.

Please remember that we are only a small village so keep your ideas/thoughts realistic, but let us have all of them and let's develop the village centre as the centre of the village's activity.

I PROMISE

Auction of Promises

The Friends of Debenham High School are running an Auction of Promises on Friday 17th October, starting at 7pm in aid of a new minibus.

With professional auctioneer, Hayden Foster hosting and a variety of promises, a lively and entertaining evening is expected.

Promises so far include, a hot air balloon trip, sailing experience, Ipswich Town football club signed memorabilia, as well as a week in France . Perfect gifts for yourself or friends include; tuition, pampering or help with domestic side of life.

Can't make the date? Closed bids are welcome, see our website for details:

<http://www.debenhamhighschool.suffolk.sch.uk/Parents/FriendsofDebenhamHighSchool/>

Ticket price includes curry and rice, Adults £7 , children £5. Friends will be running a licenced bar.

Tickets are available through the school office, telephone 01728 860213 or email:

office@debenhamhighschool.suffolk.sch.uk

Hope to see you there!

ADVERTS IN THE MM

Whilst space is usually at a premium, we can advertise events, wanted and for sale items in the Messenger. !! FREE !!

Pleaser send them the details of any ads to Messenger@MickfieldVillage.co.uk or post a note through Davina Lynks' door (1 Dragon Cottage). We will place it in the Messenger as soon as space allows (please let us know if the advert is time sensitive).