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From the Parish Council

Mendlesham Bio Mass Burner

We have just heard that there will be an “informal hearing” about this. We know no more yet.

Road Closure

The road from the village crossroads towards Debenham (Debenham Road to Stowmarket Road) will be closed from 6th May for 4 days for re surfacing. The diversion is via Stonham Road to the junction with Stowmarket Road at Mill Green. A map showing the diversion is displayed on the village noticeboard.

Village Centre

We have employed a new contractor to cut the grass and maintain the area.

They have already treated the play equipment matting and will ensure that it will pass the ROSPA inspection next time round.

Village Centre Gate

The glass recycling vehicle unfortunately had an accident with the gate to the village meadow, resulting in one destroyed gate.

The Parish Council would like to thank Mr Andy Bridges who donated a gate and installed it within 24 hours of the incident. Thank very much Andy!

Wildflower meadow

Our new grass contractor is to improve and maintain the meadow. Watch this space for updates.

THANKS to Jamie

Jamie - one of our village postmen - cut the hedge along the driveway between the Church and the Cemetery, completely voluntarily. Please thank him when you see him.

Charlie Spinner

It is with regret that we announce that Charlie has resigned from the Parish Council due to other commitments. Charlie has worked tirelessly over several years both as a Councillor and Village Centre contact. Whenever there was an event such as the Village BBQ's, Charlie would work tirelessly to assist in any way. Thanks Charlie, we will miss your happy smile!

Bookings for the Village Centre should now be made to Mike Heyhoe or Davina Lynk.

Dates for Parish Council meetings in 2014

May 19th. July 7th. Sept 1st. Oct 20th. Dec 15th. Meetings start at 19:30, in the Village Hall.

Oil Thefts



Protect Your Oil

At April's Parish Council meeting, our local PCSO gave another update about oil theft. Police have seen a significant rise in local thefts of oil during the winter months, with an average of 14 thefts per month.

Some simple measures that they recommend to reduce the likelihood of being targeted are;

- Screen your tank behind hedges or fencing
- Close and lock any gates that lead to your tank
- Conceal or cover any external pipes and fuel leads
- Install security lighting or consider installing CCTV as it can be a good deterrent
- Install lockable caps on the tank and use a closed shackle padlock
- Consider installing a tank alarm

Also, keep a regular check on the level of oil in your tank as it's not always obvious if it has been stolen. Alarms such as “Tank Commander” can even send you a text message if there is a sharp drop in levels.

Remember - the more difficult you make it for a theft to take place, the less likely it is to happen.

If you'd like any more information, contact your local Safer Neighbourhood Team by dialling 101.

The Fete

The Mickfield Village Fete

Or simply "the Fete" as it is known throughout Suffolk, will take place on Sat 14 & Sun 15 June and will run in conjunction with the St Andrews Flower Festival.

The Fete will be held on the village meadow on Saturday, starting at 2.00pm, with the flower festival running throughout Saturday and Sunday in the church.

There will be a range of traditional fete activities, with the following already confirmed;

- Coconut shy
- Splat the rat
- Childrens sports (as in sports in which children will take part)
- Rex Garrod will attend with Brum and Static Robot
- Violin duo
- Cake stall
- Cream teas
- Raffle

It is currently expected that the flower festival will involve flowers.

Full details of the final fete line-up will be published in the June edition of the Messenger, which will also include your **personalised** entry for the Grand Prize Draw.

We can not comment on rumours that the Fete will be opened or attended by a couple called "William and Kate".

Volunteers to help on the day are welcome - nay, needed - so please contact Silver Leaf if you can assist for a few hours, either at the Fete or the Festival. Please contact Sally on 01449 711564 or email sallyblackmore@btinternet.com to volunteer some time to help and to book your time to meet "W&K".

SATURDAY 14TH JUNE.

Mark it on your calendar now.

Dogs



A few months ago we published an article asking that dog owners clean up after their dogs.

You know what your dog is going to do on the walk - it's one of the reasons you take them for a walk - so go prepared and ensure that **you clean up after your dog.**

Unfortunately, we've had a few reports from some rather embarrassed dogs that their owners didn't get that message.

The evidence is quite obvious, smelly and messy, and is scattered freely along various footpaths around the village.

The Police are monitoring the situation under the new initiative, so ...

BAG IT. BIN IT. YOUR DOG, YOU'RE RESPONSIBLE.

