



# The Mickfield Messenger

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## From the Parish Council

### **Mendlesham Bio-mass Burner**

By now I am sure you are all aware that the planning application has been withdrawn. It is our understanding that the subsidies had been lowered, or even withdrawn, making the project less viable.

### **The Wildflower Meadow at Mickfield Village Centre**

What a difference a cut makes!

The meadow was cut in August and it has made the field look so much bigger. It is due to be cut again in October if sufficient growth merits it. It will be so good to see the growth in Spring. Hopefully we will see more wildflowers than weeds and rough grass.

### **Broadband Connection in Mickfield**

We have been assured that our broadband speeds will be significantly increased before the end of this year. There have been preparatory improvements at the exchange in Stonham Aspal and we learned that connections in Mickfield should see a speed increase within the next few months.

How wonderful will that be!

### **Public Footpaths**

Various Public Footpaths have been reported as impassable. We in turn have contacted Suffolk County Council and await their response.

If you see a Footpath that requires work, whether it be clearance, way markers or Public Footpath signposts, please let a Parish Councillor know and we will action it.

We are lucky enough to have various walks locally that we can enjoy.

### **Speeding in Mickfield**

We have received numerous reports of vehicles speeding through the village.

Whilst it is not exclusively so, most instances appear to happen during school and work runs.

In the Police report at the July Parish Council meeting, it was noted that they are enforcing speed limits in rural parishes where a specific need has been identified.

Traffic monitoring will be set up as SDR's (to collect the data) and the use of the Speed Indicator Device (speed read-out with the smiley - or not - face) to assess the need for further action.

Be warned!!

### **Thefts in Mickfield**

It has been reported that a catalytic converter was stolen from a car in the village.

This is the only incident during the summer.

### **Citizen's Advice Bureau**

Whilst not in our parish, Debenham Childrens Centre will be the venue for a Citizens Advise Bureau twice monthly. It will be held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday from 9.30am to 12.30pm. Whilst not exclusively, we are informed that the advisers will have particular expertise in debt problems and solutions.

Next meeting of the Parish Council at 7.30pm on 13<sup>th</sup> October 2014 (in the village centre). As always, everyone is welcome to attend.



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## OUR VILLAGE CENTRE

**Firstly**, We are looking for a volunteer to assist with the operation of the Village Centre.

This would largely be taking bookings, ensuring that the Hall is open for them and ensuring that it has been left in a clean condition when the event has been finished.

We were very grateful to Charlie Spinner, who undertook this role for a long period.

Would you be interested in helping? Please contact the Village Hall Chairman Mike Heyhoe on 01449 711615 or [mikeheyhoe@yahoo.com](mailto:mikeheyhoe@yahoo.com) or Davina Lynk on 01449 711926 or [davinalynk@btinternet.com](mailto:davinalynk@btinternet.com)

and **Secondly** ...

Would you like to see more events take place in the Hall?

Would you like to see it updated so that we could host more celebrations and events?

For example, currently food for most events is prepared elsewhere and the hall kitchen is used merely to warm/chill and serve food. It does not meet current Health standards as it needs a non slip floor, another sink and other small items. The bathroom facilities are also restricted.

The Parish Council will be debating use of the centre, and how it might need updating, at the next meeting. If you have ideas, let us know by email, 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.

## ADVERTS IN THE MM

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

Please 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).

## SIX VILLAGE NEWS

This is a fine newsletter but should really be called the 5 village news as Mickfield rarely has articles in it.

Do you have anything that you wish to add? Maybe a Coffee morning, a coach trip, an upcoming event, or even a parcel of land to rent/sell/lease? It would be great to see Mickfield more prominent.

## THERE'S A RUMOUR

As you'd expect of a publication like the Mickfield Messenger, the editorial staff rely on their network of undercover, in-the-field, investigative reporters to gather content for each edition. Typically, we ensure that reports are corroborated and supported by more than one source to ensure we maintain our journalistic standards, but we're making an exception for the following item, due to its likely interest ...

The - **THE** - Annual Mickfield Quiz is making a return this year (because that's how often annual events typically occur).

Unfortunately, the line to our reporter was then cut off abruptly and we've been unable to re-establish contact, so we have no more details yet. Just keep the date free in your diaries. All the dates!

More details in next month's Messenger.