

# **WELCOME**

**To**

**The Parish of Mendham**

**The two villages of**

**Mendham and Withersdale Street**

**We hope you find this information useful**

# Welcome Pack for new residents

Hello and welcome to the Parish of Mendham made up of the two villages of Mendham and Withersdale Street. This is a thriving community with plenty of activities with which we hope you will join in.

## Mendham Parish Council

The Parish Council represents both Mendham and Withersdale Street villages. It has up to 9 councillors and meets every two months. Villagers are welcome to attend the meetings to hear about village matters and planning applications. If you require information or help you can contact the councillors who are listed on the Parish website. The Parish Clerk is Liz Frere-Smith, Weston House Cottage, Mendham IP20 0NL Tel: 01986 782479  
email: [mendhamparishcouncil@gmail.com](mailto:mendhamparishcouncil@gmail.com)

The Parish Council website provides information about the Parish Council and the local Community Council as well as news and events taking place within the Parish. Visit the site at: [www.mendhamwithersdale.org.uk](http://www.mendhamwithersdale.org.uk)

## Suffolk County Council

You can make general enquiries and be directed to any Council services on 0345 606 6067 or visit the County Council website at: [www.suffolk.gov.uk](http://www.suffolk.gov.uk)  
The local County Councillor is Peter Gould Tel: 07740 595375 or  
Email: [peter.gould@suffolk.gov.uk](mailto:peter.gould@suffolk.gov.uk)

## Mid Suffolk District Council

You can get information about the district council by visiting their website: [www.midsuffolk.gov.uk](http://www.midsuffolk.gov.uk) or by emailing [customerservice@msduk.com](mailto:customerservice@msduk.com)  
The local District Councillor is Lavinia Hadingham who can be contacted on [Lavinia.hadingham@midsuffolk.gov.uk](mailto:Lavinia.hadingham@midsuffolk.gov.uk)

## Refuse Collection

Refuse collection is on a Monday (apart from bank holiday weeks) and alternates between landfill (black top bin) and recycling (green top bin). Details of collection dates and what can/cannot be recycled can be found on the District Council's website: [www.midsuffolk.gov.uk/waste-services/](http://www.midsuffolk.gov.uk/waste-services/)

A brown garden waste bin is available from the council for which a charge is made. This is collected on the same day as the general waste bin (i.e. black bin).

## Police

We have a Community Police contact at Eye Police Station tel. 01986 835300

## Doctors

There are two medical practices serving the parish:

Harleston Medical Practice, Bullock Fair Close, Harleston, tel. 01379 853217  
(There is a pharmacy in the surgery.)

Fressingfield Medical Centre, New Street, Fressingfield, tel. 01379 586227  
(There is a pharmacy in the surgery.)

Boots the Chemist is situated in The Thoroughfare, Harleston.

## Defibrillators

There is a defibrillator at the Village Hall on the outside wall to the right of the front door and another in the Telephone Kiosk in The Street in Mendham.

## Dentist

Bupa Dental Care, 24/26 Redenhall Road, Harleston, tel. 01379 854466. There are also surgeries in Halesworth, Beccles and Eye.

## Six Sense

This is the monthly Parish magazine which is delivered free of charge to every household in the Parishes served by our vicar. It always includes news from the villages, details of community events and advertisements for local businesses.

Email: [editor6sense@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:editor6sense@yahoo.co.uk)

## Parish Churches

The Rector for the Parish is the Rev'd Canon Susan Loxton tel. 01379 388493 and the Assistant Priest is the Rev'd Peter Schwier tel. 01379 586517

They also cover the villages of Weybread, Fressingfield, Stradbroke and Metfield. Details of services and special events can be found in Six Sense, the magazine for the six villages, on the village noticeboards and at the Churches. There are two churches in the Parish and the contacts are:

All Saints, Mendham	Revd Diane Ekins-Powell	01986 788750
St Mary Magdalene, Withersdale	Marj Hudson	01379 586408

## Schools

Mendham School is situated in the heart of the village. It has a Nursery and Primary School pupils up to year 6, (11 years old). The Head of School is Miss Susie Collins 01379 852520. The school runs a Breakfast Club from 8.00am, a lively After School Club until 6.00pm most evenings and a Holiday Club as required during school holidays. They are now part of the Waveney Valley Partnership having federated with Hoxne. Pupils leaving Mendham School after year 6 can opt to go to Stradbroke, Hartismere or Thomas Mills. There is a school bus service available from the village to these schools. Or they can opt to go to Bungay or Archbishop Sancroft (no bus service available to these).

## Metfield Community Shop

The shop is run by volunteers and is open as follows:

Monday - Friday	8.00am - 4.00pm
Saturday	8.00am - 2.00pm
Sunday	9.00am - 12.30pm

Telephone no is 01379 586204

## Mendham and Withersdale Community Council

Our Community Council (MenWithCoCo) was founded in 1978 to promote friendliness and community spirit amongst the people living in the Parish. It is a registered charity with each village organisation represented on it.

Additionally, many residents are personal members. The cost of membership is only £10.00 per person per year. This includes entry into the Community Council's TOTE, with cash prizes, which is drawn monthly. The Community Council contact is Dawn Dawson Email: [dawn.dawson@btinternet.com](mailto:dawn.dawson@btinternet.com)

Organisations represented on CoCo are:

Parish Council – contact Mark Shortt 01379 854861

Village Hall – contact Jill Kent 01379 852559

MUGA (Multi Use Games Area) – contact Tracey Tompkins 01379 852969

Horticultural Society – contact Linda Hunter 01379 852085

Women's Institute – contact Lesley Lane 01379 586302

Over 60's – contact Jill Kent 01379 852559

Mendham Sick Fund – contact Mark Shortt 01379 854861

Withersdale Sick Fund – contact Lesley Lane 01379 586302

FOMSA (Friends of Mendham School) – Vacant

Mendham PCC – contact Kate Carless 01379 588090

Withersdale PCC – contact Marj Hudson 01379 586408

Boules Team – contact John Brownfield 07809775180

## Bus Services

There are no scheduled bus services in the Parish. The Boarder hopper is a 'dial a ride' service. There is a small registration and annual subscription of £10.00 per annum, but once registered concessionary bus holders travel free of charge. For details tel. 01379 854800

## Village Hall

The Village Hall is situated on the eastern side of Withersdale Street. There are a variety of events held there on a regular basis and various other events take place throughout the year. The hall is available for private hire. For details and all information regarding the hall call 0800 612 7323 or visit the Village Hall website: [www.mwvillagehall.com](http://www.mwvillagehall.com)

## MUGA (Mult-Use Games Area)

Situated behind the Village Hall, the MUGA provides a wide range of outdoor sports facilities. Using the latest technology, it can be used all year round with floodlighting to extend its use into the evening. Club or family memberships are available. Call Tracey Tompkins tel. 01379 852969 or visit the Village Hall website [www.mwvillagehall.com](http://www.mwvillagehall.com) for details.

## Boules (Petanque) Piste

The village boules piste is situated on the playing field adjoining the Village Hall. It is free for all to use except on Tuesday afternoons when the Boules team practice or some Sundays when matches are being played. Taster sessions are run (weather permitting) in conjunction with the monthly Village Hall produce market. If you would like to try playing boules, join the team or get further information then please contact:

John Brownfield 07809775180 or email: [johnbrownfield50@gmail.com](mailto:johnbrownfield50@gmail.com)

## Pubs

The Sir Alfred Munnings hotel in the centre of Mendham has 5 bedrooms, a highly reputable restaurant and serves drinks and meals between Tuesdays and Sundays. Contact Mark on 01379 854861 or visit the website:

[www.siralfredmunningshotel.co.uk](http://www.siralfredmunningshotel.co.uk)

## Garages

There are no garages or petrol stations in Mendham or Withersdale Street.

Local vehicle repair garages are:

Metfield Garage, Christmas Lane, Metfield tel. 01379 586219

Cathedral Garage, The Street, Weybread tel. 01379 852666

The nearest petrol station is Budgens, 50 London Road, Harleston

## Veterinary Services

The nearest Veterinary Surgeries are based in Harleston.

Oakwood Vet: tel. 01379 852146 (for small and large animals)

Cherry Tree Vet: tel. 01379 852999

## Newspapers

Newspapers can be delivered throughout the villages. For new orders please contact Patricks of Halesworth tel. 01986 875229