

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 Caroline Cardwell, Street Farm, Rumburgh IP19 01X, 01986 781349 or email: carolinecardwell@hotmail.com

Mendham Parish Council website

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

Suffolk County Council

You can make general enquiries and be directed to any Council services on 08456 066067 or visit the County Council website at: www.suffolk.gov.uk
The local County Councillor is Guy McGregor 01379 668434 or email: guy.mcgregor@suffolk.gov.uk

Mid Suffolk District Council

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

Police

We have 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

Oasis 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 at editor6sense@yahoo.co.uk

Parish Churches

The Vicar 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:

All Saints, Mendham. The Secretary is Sue Olver tel.01986 782287

St Mary Magdalene, Withersdale Street. The Church Warden is Marj Hudson tel. 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 to Friday:

- Summer 7.30am – 6.00pm
- Winter 8.00am – 6.00pm

Saturday:

- Summer 7.30am – 5.00pm
- Winter 8.00am – 5.00pm

Sunday:

- All year 10.00am – 1.00pm

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 £6.00 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 Kathy Ferrar tel. 01379 852125.

Organisations represented on CoCo are:

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 Mary Watson 01379 852578

Mendham Sick Fund – contact Mary Watson 01379 852578

Withersdale Sick Fund – contact Lesley Lane 01379 586302

FOMSA (Friends of Mendham School) – contact Avril Mattocks 01379 640040

Mendham PCC – contact Kate Carless 01379 588090

Withersdale PCC – contact Marj Hudson 01379 586408

Boules Team – contact Granville Brown 01379 852700

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

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 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 details, contact Granville Brown tel. 01379 852700

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

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

Nearest petrol station is Esso, 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