

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. This is a thriving community with plenty of activities which we hope you will join in.

Mendham Parish website

Currently under development

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.

Suffolk County Council

You can make general enquiries and be directed to any Council services on 08456 066067.

Local County Councillor Guy McGregor 01379 668434

Mid Suffolk District Council

Website: midsuffolk.gov.uk

Email: customerservice@msduk.com

Local District Councillor: Lavinia Hadingham

Lavinia.hadingham@midsuffolk.gov.uk

Refuse Collection

Mondays alternating between landfill and recycling. See the waste page for details and dates at

midsuffolk.gov.uk/waste-services/household-waste-and-recycling/

Police

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

Doctors

**Harleston Medical Practice, Bullock Fair Close, Harleston, 01379 853217
(there is a pharmacy in the surgery)**

Fressingfield Medical Centre 01379 586227

Boots the Chemist are 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, 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

All Saints Mendham

The Church Wardens are Thelma Brown 01379 852700 and Gordon Lascelles 01379 852258. Secretary Sue Olver 01986 782287

St Mary Magdalene Withersdale Street

The Church Wardens are Marj Hudson tel. 01379 586408 and Keith Lawson tel. 01379 586269

The Vicar for the Parish is the Rev. Susan Loxton tel. 01379 388493 and the Assistant Curate the Rev. Cathy Bladen tel. 01379 588311

They also cover the villages of Weybread, Fressingfield, Stradbroke and Metfield. Details of services and special events can be found in the Parish Magazine, on the village noticeboards and at the Churches.

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 8.00 am, a lively After School Club until 6.00 pm 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 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).

Bus Services

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

Metfield Community Shop

The shop is run by volunteers and is open as follows

Monday to Friday

Summer 7.30 am – 6 pm

Winter 8 am – 6pm

Saturday

Summer 7.30 am – 5 pm

Winter 8 am – 5 pm

Sunday

10 am – 1 pm

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 www.siralfredmunningshotel.co.uk

Garages

Mendham has 2 local vehicle repair garages

Metfield Garage Christmas Lane 01379 586219

Halfway Garage (Vics Auto Repairs) Mendham Lane 01379 854331

Village Hall

The Village Hall is situated on the Metfield side of Withersdale Street. There are a variety of events held there on a regular basis and various 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 mwvillagehall.com

MUGA (Mult-Use Games Area)

Situated behind the Village Hall, club or family memberships are available. Call Tracey Tompkins 01379 852969 or visit mwvillagehall.com for details.

Petanque (Boules) Piste

Situated on the field adjoining the Village Hall. Free for all to use except on Tuesday afternoons when the Boules team practice. If you would like to join the team contact Granville Brown 01379 852700

Newspapers

Newspapers can be delivered throughout the villages, for new orders please contact Patricks of Halesworth 01986 875229

Veterinary Services

The nearest Veterinary Surgeries are based in Harleston

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

Cherry Tree Vet. 01379 852999

There is also a surgery in Bungay tel. 01986 892771

VILLAGE ORGANISATIONS REPRESENTED ON MenWithCOCo

Mendham & Withersdale Community Council – (MenWithCoCo)

contact Kathy Ferrar 01379 852125

Village Hall – contact Jill Kent 01379 852559

MUGA – contact Tracey Tompkins 01379 852969

Horticultural Society – contact Linda Hunter 01379 852085

WI – 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 Vicky Rusby 01379 854951

Mendham PCC – contact Lesley Allen 01986 782321

Withersdale PCC – contact Marj Hudson 01379 586408

Boules Team Captain – contact Granville Brown 01379 852700