

# WELCOME TO METFIELD

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This is our Welcome Pack, which we hope you will find useful

## METFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Council has 9 councillors and meets every 2 months on Monday evenings in the village hall. Villagers are welcome to attend these meetings and hear about village matters and planning applications. If you require help or information you can contact the councillors as listed below or

Mrs Lesley Silvester (Clerk) , 2 Street Barns, Tel- 01379 586191

Mr Peter Mortimer (Chairman) Tel- 01986 785396

Mr Bob Williams, (Vice Chairman)

Mrs Sue Glaysher,

Mrs Sue Hatchman,

Mr Terry Godbold,

Mr Peter Schwier,

Mr Gary McEvoy.

Mrs Barbara Vidion

Mr Geoff Elliott

Footpath/Tree warden – Peter Cook

## DISTRICT COUNCIL

Mid Suffolk District Council

131 High Street,

Needham Market,

Ipswich,

IP6 8DL

Tel. Customer Service line – 0845 606 6067

Email – [customerservice@csduk.com](mailto:customerservice@csduk.com)

## REFUSE COLLECTION

Tuesdays (alternating rubbish and recycling)

## POLICE

There is a Safer Neighbourhood Team serving our area, consisting of Police officers and police Community Support Officers. For non urgent calls ring –101. For general enquiries ring – 01986 835300 or in emergency ring 999

## DOCTORS SURGERIES

There is a doctor's surgery in Harleston and one in Fressingfield all of which serve Metfield.

1. The Surgery, Bullock Fair Close, Harleston. Tel. 01379 853217

2. Fressingfield Medical Centre, New Street, Fressingfield. Tel 01379 586227

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## DENTIST

Oasis Dental Care, 24/26 Redenhall Rd, Harleston. Tel. 01379 854466  
There are also surgeries in Halesworth and Eye.

## PARISH CHURCH

Services are normally at 9.30am each Sunday.

Vicar- Rev. Susan Loxton, Tel 01379 586040  
2 Tansy Meadow, Fressingfield, IP21 5RQ  
Email – susan.loxton@mypostoffice.co.uk

Church Wardens  
Mrs Judy Game  
Mrs Gail Chilcott

Lay Elders  
Mrs Sylvia Wareham  
Mrs Margaret Puddy  
Mrs Beryl Martin  
Mrs Gail Easthaugh

Members of the Parochial Church Council are

Gordon Lindsey  
Nick Rudge  
Gail Chilcott  
Maggie Lithgoe  
Margaret Preston  
Sylvia Wareham  
Jelly Weedon  
Barbara Bennett (Deanery Synod Representative)

Details of the Services, church and village events are in the 'Five Alive' magazine is produced monthly and distributed to all the 5 parishes served by our Vicar.

## Other Religious Denominations

Methodist Chapels in Fressingfield and Harleston.  
United Reform and Catholic Churches in Harleston.  
Baptist Chapel in Fressingfield.

## SCHOOLS

There is a primary school in Fressingfield for children aged 5 to 11 years and a nursery class for under 5's.  
The school is served by a school bus from Metfield. Children can also attend Mendham Primary School.

Secondary pupils can attend a High School in Stradbroke or Framlingham. These are also served by a bus.

## TRANSPORT

### Bus Service

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There is a 'First bus' service to Harleston on Wednesday morning  
Leaves Metfield Church at 10.40 am returning at 13.10pm from Harleston.

Passengers can also use the Schools bus leaving Metfield at 7.30am.

## Waveney Community Bus

This voluntary service runs on a weekly timetable to local towns calling at the villages on the routes. The Bus calls at the bus shelter by Field Close and at the shelter by the church.

Times as at Metfield Church

Tuesday	Bungay at	9.10 am	(leaves Bungay-12.00pm)
Wednesday-am	Halesworth	8.56 am	leaves Halesworth -11.20am)
Wednesday pm	Harleston	1.28 pm	(leaves Harleston-4.05pm)
Thursday	Bungay	9.07am	(leaves Bungay-11.55am)
Friday	Diss (via Harleston)	9.14 am	(leaves Diss-12.10pm)
Saturday – 1 <sup>st</sup> in month	Norwich	9.01 am	(leaves Norwich– 2.30pm)
Saturday 3 <sup>rd</sup> in month	Lowestoft	9.11 am	(leaves Lowestoft-2.30pm)

This service accepts free bus passes.

The bus is also available for private hire (14 passengers + driver)  
Contact no. 01379 586191

## Border Hopper

This is a 'dial a ride' service.

This is normally free to register and concessionary bus pass holders travel free.

For details ring- 01379 854800

## Pathfinder Service

This is also a 'dial a ride' service based in the Halesworth area but serving our village. Travel can be booked by phoning 01986 874479 (booking open 10am-1pm Mon – Fri) Concessionary passes can be used.

## Suffolk Community Car Service

This car service can be booked where no suitable public transport is available. Run by volunteer drivers this service is available for young and old disabled or not. A reasonable charge is made for these journeys.

To book ring – Bottesdale RBGNS 01379 897109 or WRVS – 01473 744739

## LIBRARY

The Waveney Mobile Library van calls at Metfield Church on monthly on Friday mornings from 11.15-11.45 am.

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The dates for 2013 are 1<sup>st</sup> Feb, 1<sup>st</sup> March, 29<sup>th</sup> March, 26<sup>th</sup> April, 24<sup>th</sup> May, 21<sup>st</sup> June, 19<sup>th</sup> July.  
There are also branch libraries at Halesworth and Bungay (Suffolk) and Harleston (Norfolk).

## METFIELD COMMUNITY SHOP

Our community run shop is run by volunteers. Full details on [www.metfield.org.uk/MS\\_homeNEW.html](http://www.metfield.org.uk/MS_homeNEW.html)

Monday to Friday	8am – 5pm
Saturday	8.30am to 2pm
Sundays	10am to 12.30pm
Bank Holidays	10.00 am – 12noon

A range of goods are sold – newspapers, groceries, delicatessen foods, locally produced meats and vegetables fruit and vegetables, bread and cakes cooked on the premises. There are many leaflets for local attractions and services for you to read while you enjoy a cup of coffee or tea!

Volunteers are welcome. Call in the shop or phone 01379 586204

The ‘Village Kitchen’, who operate from the back of the Village Shop provide cakes for the shop and can cater for your events. Please contact Lorraine. (01379 586307)

## GARAGES

.Metfield Garage, Christmas Lane. Tel- 01379 586219

## VILLAGE HALL

There are a variety of events held during the year and also regular classes most of which are listed below.

The hall is available for private hire. For details contact Eve Peck – 01379 586432

## Farmers Market

1st Saturday in the month in the Village Hall 9am -12noon.

## Organisations who meet in Metfield

### MENDHAM AND METFIELD W.I.

We are a small friendly group with a wide age range covering Mendham, Metfield and Withersdale. We meet on the first Tuesday in each month at various venues. The meetings usually have a speaker or demonstrator. We have an annual outing and an occasional meal out or theatre visit and summer evening ramble.

New members are always welcome, for further information contact Mrs Margaret Puddy, Tel- 01379 586477 or Mrs Christine Christian (01379 853977)

### CARPET BOWLS CLUB

This meets on Friday evenings in the village hall at 7.00 – 9.30 pm. For details please contact Joey and Eve Peck - 01379 586432

### RAINBOWS

for Girls aged 5 to 7 years meet Tuesdays 6 – 7 pm in the village hall.  
Please contact Stella McKenzie - 01379 586756

### YOGA

Wednesday evenings – 2 sessions 6.15-7.15 pm for beginners

7.30-9 pm for mixed ability

Friday mornings – Chair based Yoga

Contact Barbara Vidion Tel- 07774055531

Thursdays 1.30- 3 pm suitable for all ages and abilities

Contact Angela Sheffield Tel - 01986 782227

### GOOD COMPANIONS

(a group catering for the over 55's) This is an informal group meeting once a month for games and chat. There are coffee mornings and outings.

They meet on the 2nd Tuesday in the month - 2 pm in the village hall.

For details contact Rossi – 01986 782424

### BELL RINGING

Practices are held on Tuesday evenings. If you are interested contact the Bell Captain- Jenny Beckwith – 01379 586386

### PARENT AND TODDLERS GROUP

Tuesday mornings - 10 am – 12 noon in the village hall. Please drop in. £1.50 per family.

### DOG TRAINING CLUB

Thursdays at 7 – 10 pm in the village Hall

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