

# WELCOME TO METFIELD

**We hope you find the following information useful.**

## **METFIELD PARISH COUNCIL**

The Parish Council has 9 councillors and meets every 2 months on Monday evenings in the village hall. Residents 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

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

Mr Peter Mortimer, Chairman, Tel- 01986 785396

Mrs Sue Hatchman,

Mr Terry Godbold,

Mr Peter Schwier,

Mr Peter Twiss

Mrs Debbie Fowler

Dr Chris Osborne

Mrs Cecilia Pryce

Mrs Jillian Dowsett

Meetings are held every 2 months in the village hall and all residents are welcomed to attend. Please see the notice board for the Agenda.

Meeting dates for 2018 – Jan 15<sup>th</sup>, March 5<sup>th</sup>, April 23<sup>rd</sup> (Annual Parish Meeting), May 8th, July 9th, Sept 10<sup>th</sup>, Nov 12<sup>th</sup>.

Information can be found on the village website at [Metfieldsuffolk.com](http://Metfieldsuffolk.com)

## **DISTRICT COUNCIL**

Mid Suffolk District Council

Endeavour House, Ipswich.

Local office – 54 Ipswich St, Stowmarket.

Tel. Customer Service line – 0300 1234000

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

**REFUSE COLLECTION-** Tuesdays (alternating rubbish and recycling)

There is a Recycling Centre at Broome, near Eye. Items for recycling are accepted free of charge but a small fee is liable on general rubbish. This privately run and times can be found on their website.

### **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

### **DENTIST**

Bupa Dental Care, 24/26 Redenhall Rd, Harleston. Tel. 01379 854466

There are also surgeries in Halesworth and Eye.

### **VETERINARY SERVICES**

These are available in Harleston – 01379 852146

And Bungay – 01986 892771

### **PARISH CHURCH of St John the Baptist**

Services are normally at 9.30am each Sunday.

Rector- Rev. Susan Loxton, The Rectory, doctors Lane, Stradbroke, IP21 5HU  
01379 388493 email – revsusan@gmail.com

Church Warden - Mrs Judy Game 01379 588017

Members of the Parochial Church Council are

Susan Loxton	Judy Game
Sylvia Wareham	Ray Game
Beryl Martin	Gordon Lindsay
Gail Chilcott	

Stephen Mulligan - Treasurer

Details of the Services, church and village events are in the 'Six Sense' magazine is produced monthly and distributed to all the 6 parishes served by our Rector.

## **OTHER DENOMINATIONS**

There are Methodist Chapels in Fressingfield and Harleston.  
United Reform and Catholic Churches are in Harleston.  
There is a 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.

## **BORDER HOPPER**

This is a 'dial a ride' service with a pick up from your door to take you to doctors/dentists/ hairdressers/ train station etc.

To use the service you need to become a member and pay a membership fee and fares are priced on the distance travelled. This can be to doctors appointments, hairdressers etc or to visit relatives or friends.

Membership fees are £6 for 6 months or £10 for 12 months.

Some outings are arranged for members throughout the year to pub lunches, seaside, boat trips, shopping etc.

For details and to book ring- 01379 854800 giving at least 24 hours notice

Office hours are 8.30am- 5pm Mon to Fri

or go to their Website - [www.borderhopper.org](http://www.borderhopper.org)

## **LIBRARY**

The Saxmundham Mobile Library van calls at Metfield Church every 4 weeks, on Friday mornings from 10.15 -10.45 am.

The dates for 2018 are – 26<sup>th</sup> January, 23<sup>rd</sup> February, 23<sup>rd</sup> March, 20<sup>th</sup> April, 18<sup>th</sup> May, 15<sup>th</sup> June, 13<sup>th</sup> July, 10<sup>th</sup> August, 7<sup>th</sup> September, 5<sup>th</sup> October, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> November, 28<sup>th</sup> December.

There are also branch libraries at Halesworth and Bungay (Suffolk) and Harleston (Norfolk).

## **METFIELD COMMUNITY SHOP**

The shop is run by volunteers and is open -

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

Volunteers are always needed and welcome to join this very important venture.

A range of goods are sold – newspapers, groceries, delicatessen foods, locally produced meats, fruit and vegetables, bread and cakes cooked on the premises.

There is a library of books to swap, donate or just to take and enjoy, and 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

## **VILLAGE HALL**

Our Village Hall is an important centre to meet with neighbours and friends at the variety of events held during the year. The bar in the Meadow Room will be open most weekend evenings.

Regular classes are held in the hall. See the notice board or 'Six Sense' for details.

The hall or Meadow Room are available for private hire. For details contact Eve Peck – 01379 586432

## **VILLAGE MARKET -**

1<sup>st</sup> Saturday in the month 9am -12noon. Village Hall.

For details ring Eve Peck -01379 586432 or Lorraine – 01379 586307

## **GARAGE**

Metfield Garage, Christmas Lane. Tel- 01379 586219

## **MILLENNIUM WOOD**

This wood was founded and planted in 2000 on land adjacent to Metfield airfield. There is free access to this wood which is a pleasant walk from the village.

Winks Meadow owned and maintained by Suffolk Wildlife Trust is nearby. Rare orchids can be seen in spring.

## **ALLOTMENTS**

Situated on Christmas Lane the allotment land is owned by Metfield Charities and run by Metfield Association of Allotment and Leisure Gardeners. As well as individual plots there is a Community Orchard and social area where events are held regularly.

For more details contact Metfield Charities 01379 586386

### **The following organisations 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 Christine Christian (01379 853977)

#### **CARPET BOWLS CLUB**

Mondays -7.15-9pm for novice and experienced players

This meets between September and the end of May in the village hall. For details please contact Joey and Eve Peck - 01379 586432

#### **YOGA**

Wednesdays – Iyengar Yoga 7.15 -8.45pm contact Andrew Beattie 07944 891910

Thursdays 1.30- 3 pm suitable for all ages and abilities - Contact Angela Sheffield Tel - 01986 782227

Fridays – Chair Yoga – 9.15-10.15am

Gentle yoga – 10.30 -11.30am Contact Rosie Wright - 07791257915

#### **BELL RINGING**

Practices are held on Tuesday evenings.

#### **TOTS AND TOYS GROUP**

Tuesday mornings – 9.30 am – 11.30am in the village hall. Please drop in.

#### **FRIENDS' CAFÉ**

Tuesdays – 12noon to 3pm in the Village hall.

This is a lunch time meeting open to all ages.