

Christmas Lights

The Christmas lights brightened up Windmill Gardens, the Churchyard and the Methodist Chapel. The overall comments were very favourable. A big thank you must go to the owners of the Misterton Pizza House for their kind co-operation and generosity in allowing us to use their electricity for the lights.

2011 Census

The latest Census will take place on the 27th March 2011. If any resident wishes to earn a few extra pounds, the Census Officers often need help on the day and afterwards. Contact Mrs Una Key, Census area manager.

Email:- e102@census.gov.uk

Joint Burial Committee

Over the next few weeks there will be some major overhauling work done at the Old Burial Ground at Misterton Church and the Haxey Road Cemetery. This will include a full safety check by official inspectors of all the various monuments in the two areas, a new pathway and turning area, clearing brush and pruning trees and repairs and renovation of the gates in the Old Burial Ground.

Councillors

Ian Trossell, Chairman	890704
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Nikki Jaggard-Smith	891629
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Misterton Centre Opening Hours

The Misterton Centre opening hours are Tuesday to Friday 10.00am to 2.00pm and Saturday mornings from 10.00am to noon. The Clerk will be in the office on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 10.00am to 3.00pm.

Thank you

Thanks go to three anonymous sponsors who have helped to pay for part of the costs of this edition. Every little helps to keep the costs down.

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New Receptionist

Following Pauline's departure to pastures new in Scotland after serving The Misterton Centre so well, a new receptionist has been appointed. Natalie Palmer took up her position on the 7th February. We wish her every success. The Council would like to thank all the Councillors who held the fort in the interim period.

Your new Council members

Vice Chairman, Barry Cooper

Barry has lived in Misterton for 30 years. He was in the Education Service for nearly 40 years before retiring. Since then, his time has been taken up with trying to keep his house clear of cobwebs, his garden free from weeds and his old Triumph TR3 free from rust. During the summer he tries to use his 1959 sports car whenever the weather permits. Apart from his work with the Parish Council, he is involved with the North Notts Lions' Club of which he has had the privilege of being President three times. He is also Chairman of The Joint Burial Committee, a Governor of the RNLI and a member of the British Racing and Sports Car Club and he still finds time to do a bit of photography.



Library News

Members of Misterton Parish Council met with representatives of the Library Service who told us that the library looks likely to move into the front part of the Old School, with a complete make over of the internal area, including furniture, shelving and equipment. We understand the opening hours are still to be fixed with approximately ten hours being allocated. There will also be opportunities for volunteers to run activities out of library hours. A decision has not yet been made about the former library building.

Picture shows Worksop's new £8.5m flagship library.



Please recycle this newsletter responsibly



A Wintry Misterton

It was with great relief, except perhaps from the children, that we saw the end of the snow in January. The extreme conditions certainly brought out the best in many areas of the village. Councillors and other villagers visited the more vulnerable members, clearing snowed-in paths, helping with shopping and generally keeping an eye out for them. Some of the more energetic residents helped clear some of the minor roads, whilst the County Council provided the snow ploughing and gritting of the main roads.



All Saints by Michael Greenwood

One area of concern was Gravelholes Lane and the School end of Grovewood Road. This is a regular bus route and double decker school buses also use that section. Several Parish Councillors and residents have

made strong representations to the appropriate authorities to have the area placed on the gritting schedule. A meeting was held between the Clerk and interested residents, concerned about the road conditions. The reply from County, on request for further gritting, so far has been that if it is included another area has to be removed. Any resident may contact the Highways Authority of Notts County Council, voicing their concerns and we would encourage people to do so.



Grovewood Road by Ian Snell

Street Lighting

In an energy saving project, the County Council has proposed a change to the street lighting in the Misterton area. The likely option in our area is to convert some lights to switch off between midnight and 5.30a.m. Consultations have been taking place between the Emergency Services, the Accident Investigation Team and Safer Communities, with assessments by the Highways Engineers. Teams will then contact the appropriate Parish Council for its views. Our Councillors will be walking the village, at night, to ascertain areas where the lights need to be kept on. More information can be found on Notts CC website at www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk



If anyone has a 4x4 vehicle which they could make available to First Responders in extreme weather conditions, could you please contact Martyn Johnson on 01427 892649 or 07866 567600 or email him on mbjohnson@btinternet.com

Precept

Following the recent Finance Committee Meeting, we are pleased to say that the precept will remain at the same level as last year, at £49,750.00. The Council has managed to do this by making savings in expenditure where possible. However, it will still be a very tight budget to keep.

The main items and outgoings, for the following year, are: Salaries - £16,700; Insurance - £4,800; Audit - £1,000; Misterton Centre - £8,000, Grass cutting etc. £7,000 and Joint Burial Committee - £4,000. These are only approximate figures and are only intended to give a general idea as to where the precept goes in a year.

Don't speed through our village

By the time this Newsletter is delivered the Village should have its first inter-active speed sign. At this point in time, the location has not been finalised.



Three sites have been discussed in Council: the entrances to the Village on Newell's Terrace, from Haxey past the Cemetery and Gringley Road near the Cooper's Bridge. Each site has to satisfy the County's criteria not just the speed of vehicles. The first sign will be given and erected free by the County. If we wish to erect more signs, they will cost around £7000.00 each. Notts County Council will then maintain them and supply the power.

Who's who in the new village directory

Work is ongoing to produce a new Village Directory for Misterton and West Stockwith. It will be loosely based on the old one which came out in 1997 and which is past its sell-by date! The Council hopes to include as much information as possible over a wide range of jobs, organisations and services. A copy will be delivered to every household in the area. For further details, contact the Misterton Centre.

Local Policing

P.C. Nathan Thomas and P.C.S.O. Stephanie Jones continue to police our village. The Parish Council, in accordance with the Police Service Level Agreement, currently receives a monthly written report on incidents and arrests and a personal report every quarter. This will be reviewed at the next North East Bas-setlaw Forum meeting on 22nd. March 2011.

Our Beat Manager says, "Crime for the beat area remains low", for further details go to www.police.uk and type in your postcode for a detailed analysis of crime in your area.



The next Beat Surgery will be held at The Misterton Centre on 2nd April at 10.30am

The Misterton Neighbourhood Policing Team can be contacted on

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