

Nottinghamshire Crimestoppers

Volunteers are being sought to become members of the Crimestoppers Committee. The work is varied and interesting as well as challenging. Activities include fund raising to meet costs, working in partnership with the police, statutory bodies and other like minded groups. Volunteers would have to commit to attending meetings and give some of their own time. Contact Sue Langley on 07818567696 or email sue.langley@crimestoppers-uk.org.

Parish Council Information

Misterton Centre Opening Hours

The Misterton Centre now has new opening times for Tuesday to Friday of 9.30am to 2.00pm. Saturday remains the same, 10.00am to noon. The Clerk will be in the office on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 10.00am to 3.00pm.

Contact Information

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**Your Parish Council
would like to wish you
all a very Merry
Christmas and a Happy
New Year**



New Look Newsletter

We hope that the new format of the Newsletter will be easy to read as well as informative. One of the cost-saving ideas is that the printing will be partly or wholly sponsored. So if you would like to help, please get in touch with the Clerk. Even a small amount will help and your name or business will be acknowledged if you wish.

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Newsletter of Misterton Parish Council

December 2010

Chairman's Message

Welcome to the first Newsletter from your new Parish Council. We hope to produce one Newsletter every quarter and will use this to update the village on what we are doing. We hope you find it informative and interesting.

After a difficult start with the majority of the Council new to the job and using a locum clerk, we are now beginning to find our feet. The Council's main objective is to reduce the precept, although this may be difficult in these times of cost cutting, but we will do our best. Another objective is to get more people involved and taking an interest in the workings of the Parish Council. We are here to serve the community of Misterton and with your participation we can all make Misterton a better place to live.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year.



Ian Trossell



New Clerk takes up her post

One of the major changes for this Council has been the appointment of a new Clerk to the Council. The Council had operated for a period with a locum Clerk before Angela Harrison was appointed in September. Her background is a legal one, as she is a qualified solicitor in civil litigation, employment law and public liability. She has proved an excellent and hard working choice and has already mastered many of the intricacies of Parish Council work.



She is backed up by Pauline who runs the front office of the Misterton Centre as the first point of contact. Our new cleaner Violet is another valued member of our team along with Brian our groundsman, who together help keep our offices, play areas and streets clean and tidy.

Parish Council News

As many of you will know, earlier this year a number of changes happened within the Parish Council. At the end of the mandatory four year cycle, a number of the Councillors stood down after many years of service. As there were only thirteen candidates for the posts, no election was held. The membership of the Council has a very broad spectrum of experience and knowledge of both Council matters and outside interests.

One of the features picked up by some members of the public, was that the term "Quality Parish Council" had to be dropped. The reason was very simple. One of the conditions of becoming a Quality Parish Council was that the Clerk had to have the relevant qualification. It was found that very few Clerks in Nottinghamshire possessed it and the likelihood of appointing a Clerk with the necessary qualification was remote. A new application will be made to the Quality Parish Council Scheme once the new Clerk achieves her Certificate in Local Council Administration.

In the meantime, the Council is determined to deliver an open and quality service for the residents of Misterton. To this end, six of the new Councillors have attended courses to broaden their "Council" knowledge and bring fresh ideas to the meetings. Any further, relevant courses will be attended by as many members as possible.

Victoria Institute

At the November Parish Council Meeting an update was given on the progress towards revitalising the Victoria Institute. Following discussions with representatives from Bassetlaw DC and Nottinghamshire CC an application has been submitted for a grant to carry out a feasibility study. This will help us determine what, if anything, can be done with the Institute. The Friends of the Victoria Institute are now looking to tidy up both the inside and the outside of the building and are looking for volunteers to help.



Artist's impression of a new look Victoria Institute

Bottle Bank

The bottle banks situated behind the Victoria Institute have now been reopened at weekends following a move by Misterton Parish Council.

The weekend opening hours for both Saturday and Sunday are 10.00h until 16.00h

Please recycle this newsletter responsibly.



Land for Allotments

Misterton Parish Council are currently looking for land in and around the village which would be suitable for use as allotment gardens. If you are a landowner or know any



one who is and has suitable land available then please get in touch with our Clerk, Angela Harrison whose contact details are on the back page.

Residents of Misterton who are interested in applying for an allotment should in the first instance contact The Misterton Centre where we are compiling a list of applicants. We also understand that allotment gardens currently under construction at the school will also be available for community use.

Openness and transparency

One of the objectives of the new administration is to be more open and transparent in all its dealings but in particular with members of the public. Since being elected the new administration has:-

- Published a list of Agenda items on all village notice boards prior to Parish Council Meetings

- Included details of all expenditure in Council minutes

- Introduced a public discussion period at Strategic Review Committee meetings

- Removed most of the restrictions which were previously applied to questions being asked by members of the public at Council meetings

- Abolished the Code of Conduct for members of the public attending meetings which many residents felt was very restrictive.

We hope this will encourage even more residents to attend our monthly Parish Council meetings and to ask questions and make recommendations to further improve and enhance our village. One idea for the New Year is that one or two meetings may be held in the Fire Station Community Room, hopefully giving residents in that area a chance to get to a meeting and put forward their views.



New village signs & pavement repairs

The four new village signs have been up for some time and have been well received. The Malcolm Moody-designed signs are at the four main entrances to the village.



Following previous lobbying and with the backing of a very detailed report sent to the Highways Authority by the Parish Council, long stretches of the pavement on Church Street and Carr Lane have been completely re-tarmaced.