

### Community Buildings

The Parish Plan Consultants gave professional advice and assistance to Ladybirds Playgroup regarding accommodation alternatives.

The Parish Plan Consultants also gave professional advice and assistance to Misterton Methodist Church in addressing the issues identified in the Parish Plan.

Map's Community Buildings Group has met several times, and taken professional advice on the future of Misterton Village Hall and Victoria Institute, with the result that Misterton Parish Council will, subject to the agreement of the Village Hall trustees, take over trusteeship of both buildings with a view to rationalisation.

MAP is looking at the needs of West Stockwith's Gertrude Morris Hall with a view to obtaining funding for any necessary improvements.

Subject to contract, the old Co-op shop is soon to become 'The Misterton Centre' with services being jointly provided by Bassetlaw District Council, Misterton Parish Council and Nottinghamshire Police. Hopefully other partners will join us as the centre becomes established.

The desirability of improving community buildings, including the Library and all the buildings on the Youth & Community Centre site, has been stressed to Nottinghamshire County Council.

### Review of Parish Plans

After the Countryside Agency ceased funding parish plans in 2004, a survey was commissioned to find out the effectiveness of plans already published. The Misterton & West Stockwith Joint Parish Plan was one of ten, nationwide, selected for analysis, which involved a detailed group discussion with a researcher from Cambridge. We like to think that the positive information we provided helped to encourage Defra to reintroduce funding for parish plans to the tune of £1m.

### Last Word

The next newsletter will be out in the autumn, in which we'll give a full update of developments since the spring newsletter, but don't forget our councillors surgeries, Parish Council meetings, or the availability of the Clerk to the Council. You can also use the contact details opposite. We try to keep everyone up-to-date with significant developments using Misterton & West Stockwith Parish News (available at the Co-op - ask at the checkout). You can also read approved minutes of meetings, etc. at the Library and Post Office, pubs, club, various shops and cafes and on the web site: [www.mistertonvillage.org.uk](http://www.mistertonvillage.org.uk)

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## Introduction

We've decided to devote the whole of the summer newsletter to achievements made since publication of the Misterton & West Stockwith Joint Parish Plan in December 2003. These achievements are all related to the goals of the Parish Plan and many were brought about through the involvement of the Parish Council and Misterton Area Partnership (MAP). We sometimes hear the odd voice criticising MAP as a village institution because it covers West Stockwith as well as Misterton. Well, of course it does: the Misterton ward covers both villages. And we're proud to have West Stockwith as a neighbour, and to work with the council and organisations there! The Parish Plan is divided into seven sections. A summary of each follows:

## Economic Health

Misterton Parish Council part funds the Rural Retail Project, introduced into Misterton by Bassetlaw District Council, bringing financial assistance (£18,000 to date) to small businesses.

Broadband has been introduced into the area, MAP having supported the lobby group.

The new Misterton village website was launched last year by the Parish Council: [www.mistertonvillage.org.uk](http://www.mistertonvillage.org.uk)

The North East Bassetlaw Forum (NEBF) was launched (Beckingham, Everton, Gringley on the Hill, Misson, Misterton, Walkeringham and West Stockwith) – supported by Bassetlaw District Council and Nottinghamshire County Council – feeding local needs into the Local Strategic Plan. NEBF is a 3 year pilot project and the area was chosen because of our proactive stance on parish plans. It is the first forum in Bassetlaw.

Two public meetings have been held in Misterton by North Notts. College to promote training available in working at an airport. MAP organised these meetings.

Misterton Community Operations Group (COG), on which the Parish Council is represented, is promoting training skills locally.

Banking facilities have been provided at the new Misterton Co-op.

## Community Services

MAP and the Parish Council jointly promoted a well-attended village consultation event in April 2005, to consider various community issues in Misterton. Strong support was given to current local initiatives.

A Misterton Housing Needs Assessment is about to be launched in partnership with Bassetlaw District Council and Nottinghamshire Rural Community Council - funded by the Countryside Agency and supported by the Parish Council. NEBF is to devote its September meeting entirely to local housing issues.

Progress is being made on finding local accommodation for the district nursing service.

Quarterly newsletters have been introduced by the Parish Council, and are distributed to every household.

New notice boards have been provided by the Parish Council at Grange Avenue (making four in the village) and by the Lincoln Co-operative Society at the new Co-op.

Bassetlaw's video-conferencing system is shortly to be introduced in Misterton – possibly initially at the Youth & Community Centre, before moving to The Misterton Centre – see below for more information under Community Buildings.

MAP is in negotiations with Langley Homes regarding the need for community benefit from redevelopment of the former Jenkins Newell Dunford site, including safeguarding the future of Misterton Sport Social Club, provision of a new doctors' surgery and provision of live/work units.

## Culture and Education

Citizen of the Year Awards have been introduced by the Parish Council.

A local annual learning plan, local learning guides and family learning week have been introduced by Misterton COG.

Better Library opening times have been introduced; the Parish Council contributed to consultation on them.

## Recreation and Sport

A MAP Recreation & Sport Group has been set up, and helped to bring about the following:

- Negotiations with Langley Homes are currently ongoing to secure permanent ownership of Misterton Sports Field.

- A skatepark has been built on Misterton Sports Field, and is hugely popular.

- Public use of Misterton swimming pool was introduced this summer.

- UEFA football coaching was introduced in Misterton last

football season.

- A leaflet is in production by Bassetlaw Sports Development on recreational and sporting activities in Misterton and West Stockwith.

## Environmental Quality

The Parish Council has made an approach to Bassetlaw District Council about the possibility of having a new conservation area in Misterton, centred on the junction of Church Street, Haxey Road and High Street.

Work is continuing by the Parish Council to protect the common land on the canal side next to the former Packet Inn.

Dog-waste bins have been provided by British Waterways along the canal.

New dog waste bins are to be provided by the Parish Council in Misterton – existing bins to be stickered as suitable for bagged dog waste.

The need to protect the field at the rear of Misterton Youth & Community Centre has been stressed to Nottinghamshire County Council.

## Access for All

A MAP Access for All Group has been established, and has helped to bring about the following:

- A transport needs assessment has been carried out by NEBF, funded by Nottinghamshire Rural Community Council. The results are currently being analysed.

- Work is continuing on the need for a new railway station in Misterton.

- Bids have been made to Nottinghamshire County Council for interactive speed signs and new pavements/cycleways in Misterton.

A helpful development has been the recent establishment of a private hire business in Misterton.

NEBF is represented on the Robin Hood Airport Consultative Committee.

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