

Sports Field

We've made some progress in our attempts to help the Cricket Club over their problems in providing cricket teas. Agreement has been reached in principle to alter the internal layout of the sports pavilion in order to make the necessary provision – to be mainly funded by the Parish Council, but with labour provided by the Cricket Club.

Something else we've agreed to do is to replace the ancient cricket sightscreens with new ones – funded mainly by the Parish Council but with a contribution from the Cricket Club.

Dare Programme

One of the initiatives we financially support is DARE (Drug Abuse Resistance Education), which had looked under threat recently. However, we're very pleased to hear that DARE is to continue as a teacher led programme, supported in part by some of the existing DARE police officers and by officers from the Safer Neighbourhood Teams within Nottinghamshire Police.

Highways

We're still working hard to persuade the County Council to resurface Minster Road, and are currently awaiting confirmation one way or the other. We've also talked to the County Council about having Albion Terrace, York Terrace and Grove Wood Terrace adopted as public highways, but unfortunately it isn't going to be possible. We'd like to see more parking restrictions on Wharf Road, but it won't be possible in the short term as the County Council has recently introduced a three year moratorium on the introduction of more double yellow lines.

The Floods

Following the floods of 25th June, we'll be taking up specific points of concern with the relevant authorities.

Last Word

The next newsletter will be out in the autumn, in which we'll give a full update of developments since this newsletter, but don't forget that it's now easy to pop into The Misterton Centre whenever it's open. You can also use the contact details below. We try to keep everyone up-to-date with significant developments using Parish News. You can also read agendas and approved minutes of meetings, etc. at The Misterton Centre, Library and Post Office, pubs, club, various shops and cafes and on the web site:

www.misterton-notts-pc.gov.uk

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People

We're pleased to report that Alan Stead has been co-opted to the Parish Council to fill the seat vacated by Mark Tillen, and we wish him well in his new 'career' as a parish councillor. Unfortunately, however, Sandra Farmer has recently resigned, so we need to replace her as well. Sandra was a parish councillor for many years, including several years as Chairman, during which time she served the community in an exemplary manner. Her energy and no-nonsense approach will be missed.

At the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council, Hazel Brand was re-elected Chairman and Maurice Simmons Vice-Chairman.

Speaking of Hazel, we're extremely proud of her participation in the Race for Life 5km charity run in Doncaster last month. She was due to have been joined by Cllr Jane Moffett, but she had to stand down due to an injury. Hazel raised over £250 in sponsorship for Cancer Research UK.

Parish Council Publications

Whilst our team of young people do an excellent job in delivering our publications throughout the village, we wish to point out that deliveries won't be made to dwellings with no obvious letter box and dwellings with dogs roaming free. In addition, we're now posting material to some of the more-remote properties. Copies of our publications are freely available in The Misterton Centre.

Websites

Don't forget, we now have two websites. The official Parish Council site is www.misterton-notts-pc.gov.uk, where you can read most things you need to know about us. The community site is www.mistertonvillage.org.uk, which contains a wealth of local information, and has a message board which you can use to express your concerns, suggestions, praise and grumbles!

Citizen of the Year Awards 2006

At the Annual Parish Meeting on 8th May, Mr. Jim George, Chairman of Nottinghamshire Association of Local Councils, presented the Parish Council Citizen of the Year Awards to Miss Rachel Clifton (senior award) and Master Jack Douglas (junior award).

Rachel received her award in recognition of her longstanding service as Clerk to Misterton and West Stockwith Joint Burial Committee over the last ten years, having recently left the post. The Parish Council felt that her community spirit in carrying out the work, including visiting the cemetery in all kinds of weather to mark graves out, etc., was commendable. The way she carried out her duties was a credit to her. She stayed in post for probably a year longer than she wanted - after giving notice of her intention to leave - because of the difficulty in replacing her.

Jack received his award in recognition of his community-spirited nature, being extremely willing and always keen to help. For example, at last year's Misterton spring clean, he was one of only two young people who turned out to help. He was also a great help at the Misterton summer gala, when the organisers were pleased to have him around.

The Misterton Centre

Chief Constable of Nottinghamshire Police, Steve Green, formally opened The Misterton Centre on 11th June. Amongst approximately 50 guests present on the day were Councillors Wendy and Mike Quigley, Chairman and Leader respectively of Bassetlaw District Council, County Councillor Ken Bullivant, District Councillors Raymond Simpson and Hugh Burton, and Mrs. Lynda Ogilvie, County Secretary of Nottinghamshire Association of Local Councils.

Mr. Green described The Misterton Centre as a model of best practice.

After the official ceremony, guests enjoyed an excellent buffet lunch at Misterton Sport Social Club, provided by Dovecote Café.

Nottinghamshire Fire and Rescue Service now has its own notice board and leaflet racks in The Misterton Centre, giving advice on fire safety. A wide range of other leaflets and advice are also available, and copies of all Misterton planning applications can be inspected there. Don't forget that our MP, District Councillor, Clerk to the Parish Council and A1 Housing all have their surgeries there now.



Best Kept Village Competition

By the time you read this we'll know if we've reached the final round of the competition. Please continue your efforts on the assumption that we've been successful. Win or lose, your efforts help to make Misterton an even nicer place to live. In reviewing last year's performance, the judges commented on the huge, recent improvement in Misterton. Some readers will be aware that there were people who had real doubts over our entry in last year's competition, and yet look what happened when everyone pulled together!

Also, a reminder that you've until 31st July to submit your entries for the Misterton Most Improved Property Competition. Although last year's winner and runner-up prizes were for improved gardens, we're looking for any improvements – not just gardens. All we need are before and after photos – send them to the Clerk to the Council.

Calor English Village of the Year Competition

Unfortunately we haven't made it through to the final round. We represented Nottinghamshire in competition against villages from seven other counties in the Central England Region, and seven had to be disappointed, although we've yet to be told which village was successful. Nevertheless, we're proud of our performance, and remain optimistic that we might win one of the regional awards to be announced at the awards presentation in London in September.

Our thanks go to everyone who attended our presentation to the judges in April, and particularly our volunteer presenters, for whom it must have been a nerve-tingling experience. Thanks also to the Methodist Church, for making the hall available and to the ladies who provided an excellent cream tea for those present. Last but not least, thanks to the (anonymous) local business whose sponsorship of our booklet: "Embracing the Future" made its publication possible. The booklet, which was distributed to every household in Misterton has proved to be very popular generally, being a valuable snapshot of Misterton village life in 2006/07. The CPRE (Notts. Branch) has been showing copies around the county, and has commented: "it is providing encouragement and inspiration". Copies are available free of charge in The Misterton Centre.

As part of our entry we sponsored a children's art competition on "What I like about living in Misterton". It was a great success, with over 90 entries.