

Could we also draw attention to the need for people reporting crime to obtain a crime number. Otherwise the crime will not form part of the recorded crime statistics.

Best Kept Village Competition

We reluctantly decided not to enter the competition this year, owing to the number of buildings requiring attention. However, our Most Improved Premises Competition has gone ahead as usual, with judging in September.

Village Hall and Victoria Institute

We've finally disposed of the Village Hall. As well as being redundant and boarded-up for several years, the building has been a continual drain on the local Council Tax. All the money spent in maintaining both the Village Hall and Victoria Institute is recoupable from the proceeds of sale, which will have a beneficial effect on next year's Council Tax.

As regards the Victoria Institute, talks continue with the County Council with regard to redevelopment of the whole of the old school site, with a view to achieving a 21st century library and youth centre on site, together with private housing.

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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First the Bad News

Despite the Parish Council and MAP fighting for the past five years to help save Misterton Sports Social Club, we've been told that the Planning Inspectorate have granted planning permission for 78 houses on the Newells factory site, but without the need to provide a new club/community building. This means that the club will be left sitting on the edge of the new housing development, fighting for survival. We've been dealt a blow, but we'll continue working with the club to save it if at all humanly possible.

Now the Good

We're delighted to report that Misterton Parish Council is again the top parish council in England and Wales. We earned third place in the NALC/Aon Competition, but the first two places went to town councils. Last year we were placed joint second – again the other two in the top three were town councils.

Whilst a local council must be able to demonstrate continuing high standards of governance as a basic requirement, each year's placing in the competition depends on that year's discrete performance – so a high level of achievement must be demonstrated for the year in question. Our success shows that we've made a real effort to consult with residents, to keep them informed, and to be responsible stewards of parish resources.

People

We're also delighted to report that our Chairman, Hazel Brand, was chosen by Nottinghamshire Local Councils Association to represent Nottinghamshire parish and town councils at a Royal Garden Party at Buckingham Palace on 8th July. Hazel was chosen because of her leadership of this proactive Parish Council.

We welcome Wayne Flower as a new member of the Parish Council. Wayne has lived in Misterton all his life, and takes over from Ralph Rimington.

You Asked. We acted

Here are a few more examples of the ways in which we've been able to help local people recently. All the requests listed below were made at The Misterton Centre:

- After heavy rain, a large puddle covered half the road on Wharf Road. Within two hours of us contacting County Highways the gully was cleared and reported for further action to prevent a recurrence.

- A resident needed a taxi for travel to an airport. We provided a list of over twenty firms, with full contact details.
- The roads needed sweeping. Within two days of calling the District Council, they were swept.
- We now provide Health Walks leaflets, following requests from the public.
- A resident needed a gardener. We were able to provide a choice of gardeners.
- Residents are now making more use of the facility to inspect planning applications without having to travel to Retford or Worksop.
- We were able to provide a range of information to callers during and immediately after the recent town hall strike.

Don't forget, that if you've any public service enquiry, we'll try to either deal with it, or put you on the right track. Just call in The Misterton Centre.

Although usage of The Misterton Centre is steadily increasing, it has come to our attention that some people are said to be boycotting it because of the cost. Unfortunately, a recent newspaper article incorrectly stated that the development costs were met by us. The truth is that they were met entirely by the Co-op, who rent the building to the three partners. The total cost per Misterton resident this financial year, including payment to the Parish Council, District Council and Police, will be in the region of £4.70.

£4.70 per year per resident for a facility such as this has to be good value. One of the reasons to establish The Misterton Centre was the need to avoid residents having to travel to the main Bassetlaw towns to access certain services. The return bus fare to Retford is £4.90. With that in mind, we're pleased to report that Bassetlaw Citizens Advice Bureau is shortly to establish a video link to The Misterton Centre, which again will avoid the need for residents to visit Retford or Worksop.

Citizen of the Year Awards 2007

At the Annual Parish Meeting on 13th May, Cllr. Liz Jefferies, Chairman of Rural Community Action Nottinghamshire, presented the Parish Council Citizen of the Year Awards to Mrs. Shirley Moody (senior award) and Miss Annie Curtis (junior award).

Shirley was given the senior award in recognition of her community involvement, particularly with the Cubs, Scouts, Rainbows and Brownies. Because of this involvement she is always active at Remembrance Day, Christingle, and the St George's Day parade. She has also run classes in Misterton for North Notts College.

Annie organised, co-directed, starred in and cajoled other young people to perform in two plays, held at Misterton Methodist Church. The plays were very successful, well-supported, and raised vital funds for charity.

Outstanding Merit Award 2007

Councillor Jefferies also presented an Outstanding Merit Award to Mrs. June Ray. June lives at West Stockwith, and wasn't eligible for a Citizen of the Year award, which are only open to Misterton residents.

June was given the award in recognition of her involvement in running 1st Misterton Guides for the past 30 years. Due to her commitment and enthusiasm, this has been an extremely successful Guides unit, and many girls have benefited from their time in the Guides. She also takes the girls camping twice a year, which is a huge responsibility - even to Austria on one occasion.

She has run Misterton Ranger Unit for many years, which caters for the older girls, taking them on many visits. She is also an Assistant Guider at Misterton Rainbows.

She ran 1st Misterton Scout and Guide Band for a number of years. The band travelled to many places to lead parades, and to perform at functions both in the county and further afield. The Band was very successful, and due to her leadership won many trophies at British Youth Band Association competitions.

Local Crime

We thought it would be of interest for people to read of the crimes the Parish Council has reported recently, which have to be paid for out of the Council Tax:

- Public seats at Hillside Avenue and Windmill Garden vandalised
- Steel fencing in the sports field vandalised
- Standpipe in the sports field ripped off, creating great loss of water
- Play area fencing on the sports field vandalised
- Vandalism to the sports field grass surface x 2
- Play equipment on Church Meadow vandalised x 2
- Tree at Church Meadow destroyed
- Two planters stolen from outside Veterinary Surgery.

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