

# Misson Parish Newsletter

Following the positive feedback received about the format of the recent Annual Reports, we are trialling a magazine style Newsletter which includes news items from a number of different Parish Groups. Let us know what you think!



MPC warmly welcomes the voluntary initiative to facilitate a public consultation about the possibility of a Village Park and Playground for all access and all ages. Please consider taking time to share your views with the organisers. See pages 7 & 8

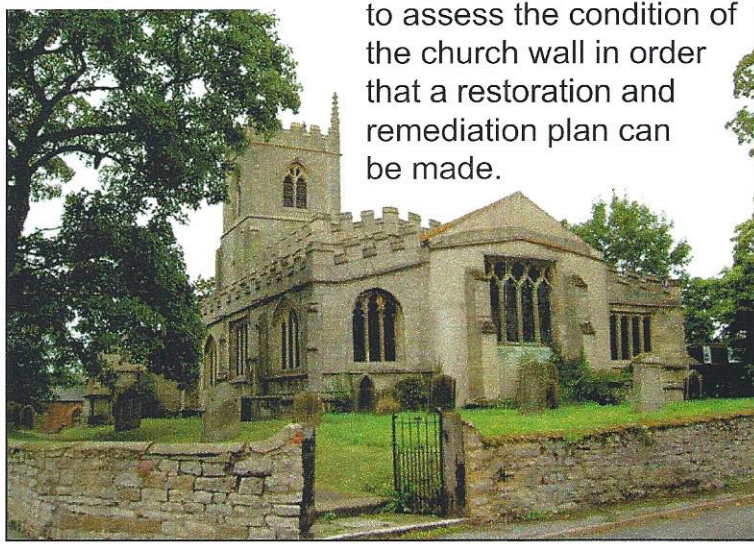
### Do you have recordable Closed-Circuit Television at your property?

Following the recent spate of unwelcome visitors to Misson who have committed crime, Misson Parish Council was asked if CCTV was permitted on properties within the Conservation Area. The answer is that CCTV is indeed permitted. Furthermore, wherever you live in Misson Parish, if you have recordable CCTV at your property, would you consider being part of a register that might be made available to Nottinghamshire Police in order to gather evidence that can support detection and prosecution of criminals? If so, please would you declare your willingness by email to Parish Councillor Ken Shephard at [ken.shephard@missonparishcouncil.org](mailto:ken.shephard@missonparishcouncil.org) or by contacting Mark Hooper, our Parish Clerk on 07952 332376, or by writing to him at 43 Almond Grove, Worksop, S80 1AU .



A church has stood in Misson since the 12<sup>th</sup> Century. The church now in the centre of the village has been on that site since the 13<sup>th</sup> Century and the Medieval Church of St. John the Baptist is a Grade 1 listed building. Site of two recent local family weddings supported by our socially distanced community, the Church of England is responsible for its maintenance and upkeep. However, responsibility for the church wall and the churchyard sits with Misson Parish Council. MPC has instructed a Structural Engineer

to assess the condition of the church wall in order that a restoration and remediation plan can be made.



**Fracking Update** : Permission granted to drill exploratory wells on the site at Springs Road, expires in November, after which iGas is required to remove all equipment and restore the site to its original condition. Whilst this may draw a line under this development, it should be noted that there has been no change to Government policy on shale gas exploitation or the Planning Guidance that requires local authorities to support future applications. The reason little is happening with shale gas nationally is down to economics rather than policy; iGas declared a £59m pre-tax loss for 2019.



### RIVER LANE

Thank you to those who have helpfully addressed with Misson Parish Council (MPC), further matters regarding River Lane. Due to the level of concern raised by some residents at the July Parish Council meeting, MPC will now include the ongoing mowing of the riverbank area at the bottom of River Lane in the official Lengthsmen schedule. The first cut was done on Monday July 6<sup>th</sup>, leaving some parts unmown to preserve biodiversity. In addition, the Parish Council has continuing and regular contact with Nottinghamshire County Council, Anglian Water, Nottinghamshire Wildlife Trust, and senior Environment Agency officers as it strives to restore the condition of the River Lane river bank, for the benefit of all parishioners.



## Newington Quarry Restoration Project

Misson Parish Council continues to have a strong working relationship with both Hanson and Nottinghamshire Wildlife Trust (NWT) and has received an update from Janice Bradley, NWT Head of Nature Recovery. There is continuing concern regarding the prolonged and unprecedented backed up water levels across the Newington Quarry site. Having been flooded for some 9 months, Hanson and NWT are awaiting a report from the Environment Agency Reservoir Engineer, and are particularly interested in understanding why the Slaynes Lane Ditch has not worked as it should. Work will continue with the Environment Agency to ensure the substantial flooding recent events are unlikely to recur, but rather, manage the potential for high flood water levels occurring for short periods. Hanson has started to slowly pumping out the lake in Newington West, now the risk of disturbing potentially scarce breeding birds has ended. This will eventually enable completion of final extractions and land forming. In addition it will ensure the previous restoration is repaired and completed. There has been a great deal of rare bird interest on the site over the last few months.

Some of the birds have been attracted by the flood lakes, but others because of the shallow wetlands and muddy margins designed as part of the restoration. There is high confidence that as a result, the finished site will be of exceptional wildlife importance.

**Misson Neighbourhood Plan** is currently being updated to bring it in line with the changes in both national and local planning policy. There will be a public consultation period later this year.



### Nature is thriving, right on our doorsteps

From recent Bird surveys carried out on the Pollybell Organic Farming Estate we learn that, in relation to other areas of the UK, Pollybell Estate is in the top 1% for priority farmland birds for range of species and for abundance of red listed Yellow Wagtail. The area has also been found to be in the top 10% for the abundance of Corn Bunting, Lapwing and Linnet. Line Bank has been listed in the top 1% for the Turtle Dove. This is great news for wildlife and the natural environment where we live. There is a plan for Matthew Guest to start leading bird walks on the farm in the future, so that villagers might enjoy some of this wonder first hand.

Report from Matthew Guest, a Parish Lengthsman, and a grower and conservationist on the Pollybell Estate.

