

## **Misson Community Association - AGM Wednesday 19th February 2020**

**Jan** open meeting. Hi everyone.

Mandy Walker resigned as Chairperson at the beginning of February. Many thanks to Mandy for her hard work and enthusiasm.

It was decided by the Committee that we should appoint a new Chairperson immediately. Ann Beacham, who has been on the Committee for a year now, kindly agreed to put herself forward and was therefore nominated by myself. This was seconded by Wendy Threlkeld and Lizzy Clifton and agreed unanimously.

**Ann:**

Welcome everyone and thank you for coming here tonight for the Misson Community Association AGM this evening.

As I have only just taken up the post of Chair, I will pass over to Reg Threlkeld as Vice-Chair who has written an annual report.

**Reg:**

2019 was another very busy year therefore I will read out a summary of the years' events.

But first I will start with thanks to the many people who give of their time and expertise to make Misson Community Association a success, the committee members and volunteers in the community who help regularly in various ways to organise and or help with our events. I won't mention individuals, in case I miss someone out, but you are all very much appreciated.

**Events:**

**April:** saw the Easter Bunny Treasure Hunt on a warm and sunny Easter Sunday, with 35 entries, it was a family fun filled day for the children, even some of the adults enjoyed a leisurely walk around the village helping the children find the woolly bunnies made by Thimbles.

**Also in April** was the Annual Village Spring Clean Up Day, this was a success with over 80 sacks of weeds & litter etc collected by volunteers - equipment is provided by Bassett-law District Council & excellent refreshments were yet again provided by Misson & Springs Womens' Institute.

**July:** Hanson Quarries UK once again kindly offered a free walk-about around their landscaped wildlife areas of ponds and streams which turned out to be one of the hottest days of the year. The walk was led by John Ingham, Hanson UK Principle Landscape Architect. Rare birds, wildfowl and insects were thriving in their new habitat and we can only hope that due to the recent flooding that the wildlife will recover.

**September:** Annual Village Show & Scarecrow Festival: around 39 scarecrow entries were received and almost all produce categories were entered, an excellent weekend for everyone. The auction at the White Horse Inn raised over £1200, to go towards the community centre upkeep and future events. Misson Marine Club raised over £760 from the duck race, which will be kept separate for the community to benefit, in agreement with MMC.

**October:** Was a busy month with two events: the superb Abbeydale Singers performing in St John the Baptist church, also an informative recycling talk from Bassetlaw District Council was held in the Community Centre.

**November:** Again a busy month starting with the village Autumn clean up: then later in the month Hambledon Theatre Productions gave a superb evening's entertainment with the classic comedy **Christmas With Steptoe and Son**.

And on the last day of the month was the Christmas tree lighting event on the village green, a joint venture with MPC, MCA, MMC. This was well attended with positive feedback. \***At the 2021 AGM Mandy Walker wanted it to be noted that this event was put on by several village volunteer groups.**

**December:** The Annual Christmas Fayre was a reasonable success but visitor numbers were slightly down on the previous year but still managed to raise £176 the majority of which was for the raffle of the magnificent quilt donated by Thimbles.

**Christmas lunch** for over 65's hosted by The White Horse Inn was a successful day, funded by MCA, MPC & BDC. Some 30 people attended and for those not able to physically attend, were grateful to have lunch delivered to their home.

**A Combined Quarterly newsletter** from Misson Parish Council & Misson Community Association is now delivered to every household with useful information on events, village groups and updates on various projects. This is alongside our articles in Bawtry Today and Bawtry News.

**The 100+ Club** continues to be successful now with 166 numbers sold which generates a good source of income. Numbers are drawn once a month with two major draws twice a year – numbers are still available at £12pp per year.

During the past year MCA also held book, plant and jigsaw swaps, with refreshments available to everyone. This is run by willing volunteers on a monthly basis on the first Saturday of every month, from 10am to 12 noon.

Misson Pre School continues to be the main user of the Community Centre, along with other regular groups which are Line Dancing, Thimbles, Art Group, Misson & Springs WI, Messy Church, Slim Club and Committee Meetings and private lettings.

During the year, further improvements to the centre have been made and will continue.

Thanks to Elizabeth Clifton, Janis James & Spencer Robey who are Trustees of the Misson Community Association Charity.

**For future reference The 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of VE Day** will take place on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May, this is being organised by MCA, MPC and various groups in the community - more information soon. We would welcome volunteers to help with various tasks.

The Community Centre is a great asset in a small village like ours, therefore we hope everyone will continue to use it and make the most of its facilities.

Reg Threlkeld  
Vice Chairperson