



Misson Community Association

Chair's Annual Report for 2022/2023

Introduction

2022/2023, my first year as Chair of MCA, has been an exciting and eventful year. It has been important to move on from the disruption caused by the Covid pandemic whilst continuing to maintain some caution. The committee has been further strengthened with 3 new members and we now have a hard-working and skilful team. Sue Howard, as secretary, continues to bring great organisational skills, events management and creativity to the committee. Andrew Oldham became treasurer which has given Spencer Robey a well-earned break from the finances. Spencer has continued to be a crucial link in supporting general maintenance and building work. Sue Scott brings great experience in the policy writing, grant funding, and a wider knowledge of local government systems. Michael Cooke has provided invaluable support with events and hall maintenance. Although Lizzie Clifton has moved away, she continues to support as a Trustee and attends events whenever possible.

Hall Bookings

The well-established regular bookings have resumed, these include, Slim Club, Art Club, Thimbles, Messy Church, Book Swap, Village Clean Up, Misson and Springs WI and Line Dancing. In addition, a yoga group which started in November, is now well attended and popular.

There have been more ad-hoc bookings for birthday parties, a baby shower, a private music tuition event and RD Jewellers who have visited the village twice valuing and purchasing jewellery from villagers. It would be good to build on this success and increase these bookings in the future.

Special Events

Queen's Platinum Jubilee

In collaboration with the Church and Misson Parish Council, we had a splendid bank holiday weekend to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee in June. On the Friday there was a Town Crier (Rev Becky) and a group of children all dressed up who marched around the village reading the national decree for all villagers to hear. In the evening many villagers gathered together to witness the lighting of the beacon. On the Saturday, there was a parade of our very own Village Queens around the village followed by an afternoon of sports on the school field. Street parties completed the festivities on the Sunday.

Village Show and Scarecrow Competition

The number of entries into the village show increased this year and once again, it was a roaring success because it was twinned with the Annual Scarecrow Competition which attracts families from outside the village too. The judges have asked to meet with our committee to discuss changing some of the categories in 2023 to keep up with the changing times.

Christmas Fayre

Making the Christmas Fayre on a different day to the Bawtry event was a wise decision. The atmosphere was fantastic, a real Community event. Stall holders were very pleased with the business on the day. A special shout out to Liz Rowe, a member of Thimbles, who donated a beautiful quilt that was raffled on the day.

Race Night

Once again, in collaboration with the Church, MCA organised a Race Night fund raiser at the beginning of March. The village came out in force to support this.

More events can be seen on the power point presentation. 'A year of MCA in photographs.'

Contributions to village life.

Our committee is acutely aware that the money generated should be used to benefit the village as well as pay for any building maintenance and repairs. In the last year we have subsidised the cost of hiring the hall by keeping the costs the same despite the increase in energy costs, funded a croquet set for use on the grass area outside the community bungalows and also funded new goal posts for the school field following some vandalism. MCA also organised the over-65's Christmas Lunch in partnership with The Angel Inn, this was a big success. MCA want to thank Spencer and Jan Robey for continuing to run Misson 100 Club and to Sue Howard who organised the street food vans that visited the village over the last year.



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Buildings Maintenance

As you will see on the annual accounts, there has been some significant building work and repairs in the hall over the last year. These include a new flat roof on the small room and a refurbished floor in the bar area that was treated for wood worm. Work to install a covered tank in the loft was triggered by a leak in the ceiling. The root cause of the problem was discovered and rectified. There have been several drain blockages which have been caused by paper towels getting blocked in the pipework. After speaking to all hall users, this seems to have been solved for now. The drains are old and have a very shallow slope which has added to the problems. The committee is concerned about the future cost of repairs. We have appointed a new cleaner, Georgia Whiteside, following the resignation of Trinity Phillips in December 2022.

Collaboration

As a small village, it is vital that the various groups in the village work together – it is the best interests of the Community. MCA want to maintain a positive relationship with the Parish Council, who own the village hall, work together with Misson Primary School, Misson Pre-School and St John the Baptist Church so that all the community benefits from our work. More collaboration is planned.

The Future

Misson Pre-School are relocating to the school in September 2023. Whilst this means a loss of valuable income for the Charity, the hall will be more available for private bookings, clubs and societies to during the day. We have been approached by several groups already. At the Christmas Fayre, we gathered ideas from the community so that we could plan ahead ready for September. The suggestions were gratefully received and were grouped into 3 categories. Since Christmas, we have started to action some of these ideas.

1. **Outdoor activity.** Ideas include; walking groups, walking and wildlife talks, guided walks around the parish, couch to 5k.

Action. Misson Walking Group started in February and meets on the 1st Wednesday of each month. The walk always includes a coffee break at True Fate Café.

2. **Children and Young People.** Ideas include; craft classes for young people, Lego club, first aid training for children, teenage games club, gardening club for kids.

3. **Socialising.** Ideas include soup and sandwich club, men's club, warm space, music events, visiting local theatre companies.

Action. MCA have signed an agreement with 'Live and Local', a charity who provide performances (formally known as Village Ventures). We are guaranteed 3 events from a menu that is available from April. For more information follow this link. www.liveandlocal.co.uk

4. **Arts, Crafts and growing.** Ideas include; Sewing classes for beginners, arts and crafts club, cooking on a budget, vegetable growing, open gardens.

5. **Indoor Sports and Games.** Ideas include; Table Football, table tennis club, indoor bowls, chess club, tai chi classes, walking football, bingo afternoons.

6. **Self-help Services.** Ideas include; A service to support the elderly, first aid training, mindfulness, travelling post office, repair shop and defibrillator training. 52 people attended the recent defibrillator training run by Yorkshire Ambulance Service.

We were especially pleased to take email addresses from people willing to help with events.

To enable MCA to continue as we are, there is a need to bid for various grant funding that is available to village halls for general repairs and maintenance. The current lease has an annual break clause which means that we would not be granted any funding. This was identified by Sue Scott when she joined the committee this year. We have approached the Parish Council to ask for the annual break clause to be removed from the lease and we are awaiting a decision.

I would like to finish by putting on record our sincere thanks to the many villagers who help out with all our events, even though they are not on the committee. We would not be able to function without the support of these friends of 'Misson Community Association.'

Janis James, Chair of MCA 2022/2023