

## WORLD WAR ONE CENTENARY

To commemorate the centenary of World War One the Parish Council would like to have a small cross laid for each fallen soldier recognised on the War Memorial on Bosworth Road at the Remembrance Service this year which is to be held on November 11th.

There are 44 soldiers in total and if there are family members of those listed who would like to take part in this ceremony please get in contact. You can email for more information including requesting a list of the soldiers named on the memorial by contacting [info@meashamparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:info@meashamparishcouncil.gov.uk)



## POLICE WARNING

Police are warning people to watch out for rogue traders offering to paint or maintain drives and then charging excessive fees.

To report a suspected rogue trader call the Citizens Advice consumer helpline on 03454 04 05 06 and tell them you want to report a trader to Trading Standards.

Any suspicious activity witnessed needs to be reported to the Police by calling 101 or reporting online at <https://leics.police.uk/report-online>

## LATEST SPEED SIGN STATISTICS

The latest stats are from 14.05.2018 to 05.06.2018 on Tamworth Road, lamppost no 9 facing outgoing traffic.

Average speed : **36.7 mph**

Max recorded speed : **80 mph**

Total number of vehicles : **61893**

## NEW GARDENING GROUP

In association with Measham Medical Unit PPG on Mondays 10am - 12pm, starting on Mon 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2018.

Please meet at St Laurence church hall, Measham at 10am.

There is no charge to take part and refreshments will be provided after. Parking is available in the church car park.

We hope to work on several plots around Measham.

Complete beginners or champion gardeners are all welcome!

For more info, contact Linda on 07452991949.

## NEXT PARISH MEETING

The next meeting of the Parish Council will take place on Thursday July 13th at the Cemetery Boardroom on Bosworth Road at 7pm. All parishioners are welcome to come along to council meetings with a period of time set aside at the beginning to raise questions with members.





## A WORD FROM COUNCILLOR STEVE LEARY.....

As the newest member of Measham Parish Council (MPC) I've been asked to say a few words on why I became a Councillor. I was invited to become one because for the last few years I've been involved in major planning issues that have in the past and will in the future, continue to affect Measham.

Through my involvement with the Minorca Opencast Protest Group (MOPG) from 2008 to when coal extraction was completed in 2014, I learned a lot about planning policy. Although we lost the battle, the local community ended up over £1.5m richer as UK Coal paid out more, per ton of coal extracted, than ever before as the price they had to pay to overcome opposition. We also kept our eye on the site once approval had been given so that when two of the operators of the site went bust, our insistence that a restoration bond, the first for such a site in Leicestershire, be provided, insured that the site was restored.

No peace for the wicked though, as then in 2015 HS2 Ltd announced that they were planning to change the route for HS2 from following the A42 to the west of Measham, to a route which skirted the Eastern edge of the village. I was instrumental in creating MAPA, the Measham, Appleby, Packington and Austrey HS2 Action Group, which successfully campaigned to prove that this new Eastern route did more local damage than the previous western route. As well as doing the press releases which launched the campaign and filled up St Laurence Church with hundreds of people on a memorable evening in December 2016, I researched and wrote the section in the MAPA submission on the economic effects of the proposed new route, which would have affected 36 businesses employing 680 people and generated £76m to the local economy. Our objections proved conclusive and we now have the route, unfortunately, almost back to where it was.

HS2, as a planning issue, is going to be with us for a long time to come. It's an example, a big one, of the fact that changes in land use and property is always happening within Measham Parish, be it building an annex to a house, to a major application for new houses, to a major infrastructure project such as HS2. To enable the Parish Council to keep all the current planning applications under review and give them due consideration and make comments on your behalf. Measham Parish Council recently changed how it works to accommodate planning applications. From May 2018, the Parish Council now meets twice a month, once as a Planning Committee that will deal with all planning issues and once as a normal Council Meeting, dealing with all the other issues other than Planning. Both meetings are open to members of the public to attend and speak.

At the initial meeting of the MPC Planning Committee in May 2018, I was elected Chairperson of this new committee. If any parishioners do have a question or issue to do with planning do get in touch with me via the Parish Office.

I'm a retired lecturer who has been living in Measham for 14 years. I helped to organise the first two Heart of the Forest festivals. I'm also a Grandfather with two daughters and three grandchildren.

*Steve*

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