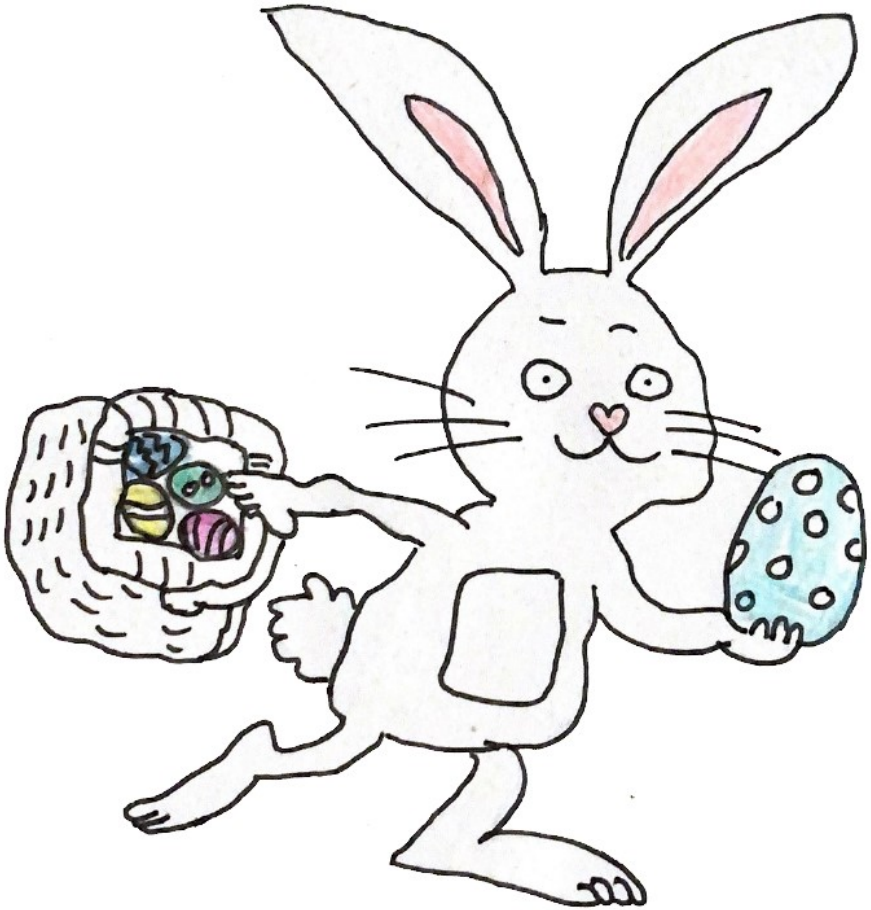


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Note from the editors

No doubt most of you, like us, are looking forward to the lifting of some lockdown restrictions in April, especially some of the sports that take place in the village.

This month we discover another local talent as Max Field shares her love of leathercraft with us. Our Easter cover is by one of the Christmas cover competition runners up, Arienne Scrase, whose cheerful bunny is definitely putting us in the mood for egg hunting!

We wish you all a very happy Easter.

Jacquie Lyus and Sarah Watt

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News from the Parish Council and Recreation Field Trust



The latest news from the County Council is that the Middle Street bridge works are now scheduled to begin on 6th April and last until 28th May. The Bridge team tells us the longer closure period is to allow the contractors to proceed more cautiously. As with any information we are given, this is to the best of our knowledge at the time of writing, which is several weeks before the Magazine hits doormats. The best way to keep up to date with changes is through the Parish Council website (www.mistertonparishcouncil.org.uk) and Facebook page (www.facebook.com/mistertonparishcouncil). This closure will be 24 hours a day.

The Recreation Ground Trustees are thinking about future improvements to the Rec and whether villagers would like to see outside gym equipment stationed in a 'fitness trail' around the field. We are interested in your suggestions and comments on whether you would welcome an outdoor gym, and if so, which pieces of gym equipment you would like to see included. Comments to the Clerk using the details below please! This project will be dependent on securing grant funding.

The Parish Council would like to thank Alan Newton for the shelving which is a welcome addition to the book swap in the Silver Street telephone kiosk. Please be Covid secure when you use the kiosk – hand sanitiser is provided, and please be considerate with the number of books deposited. We appreciate charity shops are not open but please only 'swap' books.

You may have noticed a lack of planning applications over the past few months. This is due to an issue with phosphates which has prevented the District Council from progressing most applications while Wessex Water design a plan to mitigate the issue. Thus, not much in the way of planning has come our way recently. Anyone interested in reading further information about the phosphates problem can do so here: <https://www.southsomeset.gov.uk/services/planning/somerset-levels-and-phosphates/>.

As always, any issues you wish to raise with the Parish Councillors/Rec Field Trustees can be sent via email mistertonpc@gmail.com, or by telephone to the Clerk on 07917 753361. The PC mailbox is now situated just inside the WI Hall gates and post is collected weekly. Stay safe and well.

Cllr Iain Rowland, Chair

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It is good to report that we have not had any calls on the new emergency phone system (see the article in the March magazine) which optimistically reflects no incidents in the village in the last month. As we progress towards spring let's hope better weather reduces some of the challenges we face in particular the threat of flooding.

Spark Somerset continue to supply information on the latest guidelines relating to the pandemic. I use the Residents of Misterton (Somerset) Facebook page to put up appropriate documents which hopefully will keep you up to date with the latest changing guidance. If you have any specific questions please let us know (contact details below) and we will find out more information where possible.

In the meantime we hope we can all keep safe and get vaccinated when the opportunity arises.

Phil Clifton

MERT member

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Misterton Emergency and Resilience Team

If an incident occurs in Misterton and you would like the assistance of the emergency and resilience team please call:

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Gardening notes

The old saying “April showers bring forth May flowers” is of course very true. But April is a mixed month. Misterton soils have not warmed up yet – so don't be in a rush to put seeds or plants into the ground. Unless of course you have still to plant out some early potatoes or onion sets.

You really do have to look out for unexpected frosts so if you have bought some tender plants, keep these under cover. And, if you can, drape some fleece over anything you want to protect, even small flowering fruit trees. Pear and plum trees blossom first and are therefore the most at risk. There are some wonderful specimen (and very old) Magnolia trees in our village, so keep your fingers crossed that they will not be badly affected by late frost this year. If you have not already done so, do walk around our streets, lanes and byways and take in their wonderful flowers before they disappear.

When the weather is suitable, it is time to give lawns a proper first cut. They will look so much better for it. Repair any bare patches with some good quality seed.

Of course weeds start to grow this month, so get them under control before they get out of hand. Feed your hungry shrubs and roses: they will repay this in a few weeks with beautiful flowers and vibrant foliage. On days when we get the inevitable April showers, check on any seeds which you have sown in containers indoors – and replace any which have not germinated.

John Dyke



Crewkerne Probus Club



Probus Clubs provide regular gatherings for those retired or semi-retired business or professional people who, in retirement, appreciate and value opportunities to meet others in similar circumstances and with similar interests.

Crewkerne Probus Club organises meetings for lunch on the last Wednesday of each month. These are held at the **Windwhistle Inn** at 12.15 for 1.00pm. The 2 course meal currently costs £15 per head and is followed by an after lunch speaker on an interesting topic.

Each year special events are held to which our partners, as well as other guests, are invited – a Ladies Lunch in May, an Autumn Supper, a Christmas Lunch and a summer outing.

If you are a retired professional or business man living in the Crewkerne area, why not consider joining us? Contact David Bryant on 01460 74422

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Letter from the Vicar

After a year of being open intermittently, I am delighted to say that St Leonard's will be open for services at Easter. There will be two services. One on Good Friday at 10:00am which will be a service of quiet reflection and then on Easter Sunday there will be a service of Holy Communion at 11:00am. There are still some restrictions, like we will have to maintain social distance, wear masks and there will be no singing, but it will be good to come together again for this the most important festival of the Christian year. Good too that we will be gathering on Good Friday as Easter Sunday with its celebration of the resurrection does not make a lot of sense without remembering the crucifixion which is what happens on Good Friday.

To encounter Christ crucified and resurrected is to see the world around us in new ways; to see through the prism of love and forgiveness; to not be bound by the death dealing ways of so much that we see around us – the rivalries and competitiveness; the jealousies and hatreds; the lack of concern for the flourishing of our earth and for the flourishing of each other both at home and abroad. The hope that was seemingly crushed with the horror of the crucifixion bursts from the tomb on Easter Sunday and together those early witnesses discovered that the trauma of the arrest trial and execution of the teacher they loved was not the final word.

And ever since, men and women through the ages have discovered the transforming power of that resurrected hope in their lives; sometimes revealed through gestures of service and help; other times through brave refusals to remain locked in tombs of despair and helplessness. Sometimes through small apparently insignificant actions, other times in joining together with others in finding new ways of living. In the face of impossible situations, hope makes the present bearable and the future possible and full of surprises.

It is a message that we so need to hear if we are to take seriously the slogan build back better as we come out of this pandemic. Are we ready to embrace the necessary changes to forge a different future that will be life giving for all? Are we ready to let go of the destructive patterns that so often shape our lives and inhibit us embracing what Easter comes to show us – a life lived in all its fullness?

Wishing you every blessing for Easter

Rev Jonathan Morris

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Leathercraft

I have always loved being creative and learning new skills. As a child, I was easily entertained with some paper and crayons. Once I was old enough to be trusted, my mother's Singer treadle sewing machine kept me busy making clothes for my Sindy doll. Unfortunately for my doll, I had little concept of shaping and ease in clothing resulting in Sindy's legs often being removed along with her trousers!

Sewing is a craft that has stuck with me over the years, and I was lucky enough to find a wonderful local tutor to help develop my skills. One of the final challenges I undertook with this tutor was to make a leather jacket. I loved working with a different material, and it led me to investigate further into leathercraft.



In Autumn 2019 I attended a weekend beginners leathercraft course in Tetbury, learning about the basic tools needed for leatherwork and being introduced to the techniques for hand-stitching leather. From that course I came away with a leather belt, a small coin purse and a fantastic sense of achievement. I did not want the course to finish. Hand-stitching leather is so challenging and completely absorbing, and from the first moment I knew it was something I wanted to explore further.

Since that course I have been honing my skills, discovering more about this craft and I started a Masterclass in Leatherwork at the beginning of this year. Sewing is just one of many skills needed; the accurate use of an awl resulting in neat, slanted stitches, even on both sides of the leather showing the true proficiency of the craftsperson. Knife skills are required, from how to hone and polish a knife to razor sharpness to how to cut through leather accurately even when the leather is 4mm thick. Even techniques for gluing and the type of glue needed within a project is examined as part of the Masterclass.



The dog has been a guinea pig for much of my practice, ending up with a dog collar for every day of the week with some to spare! Leather goods have also featured heavily in family Christmas and birthday presents over the past year.

At the start of this year, I took semi-retirement and received my first commissions for some leatherwork; three padded leather dog collars for three black Labradors. Next on my worktable is a small handbag, fully lined with zip closure and rolled leather handles. After that, there is a card-wallet, a watch strap, an overnight bag... and the list goes on. Plenty enough to keep me busy in this first year of semi-retirement.



Max Field

Creme Egg S'mores

Here's a fun Easter recipe for children - or adults with a sweet tooth. If children are cooking, please make sure a responsible adult is supervising.

Makes 6

3 creme eggs halved

6 marshmallows

12 digestive biscuits

Place the halved creme eggs on a plate and microwave on a medium-high heat for 10 seconds until soft but still in shape.



Place the marshmallows on a skewer (two per skewer) and heat them briefly under a grill until golden brown.

Divide the digestives between six plates and place half a softened creme egg on six of the biscuits and a toasted marshmallow on the other six. Spread out each marshmallow to cover a whole biscuit.

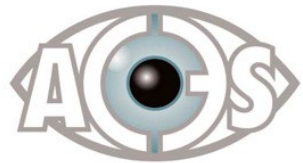
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Misterton Football Club



Hello readers,

It has been a while since I have provided an input to the village magazine. As you will have noticed, the recreation field has been silent on a Saturday afternoon due to the ongoing Covid 19 pandemic. Local league football has been one of its casualties, cancellation of the 2020-21 Perry Street league season becoming the latest victim.

Football has been given the go ahead to recommence from early April. Because of this, PSL are looking to organise a series of mini leagues for interested clubs; Misterton have registered an interest in taking part. The mini league is likely to commence on the 10th April and run throughout May. The exact details and fixture list are unavailable at this time.

April also sees the return of Veteran football. Misterton Vets have two home fixtures scheduled for April.

Current fixtures are:

Date	Time	Team	Opponents	Home/ Away	Competition
04/04/2021	11:00	Vets	Tintinhull Vets	H	Somerset Legends
18/04/2021	11:00	Vets	West Chinnock Vets	H	Somerset Legends
02/05/2021	11:00	Vets	Ilchester Vets	A	Somerset Legends

We look forward to seeing you at the recreation ground to cheer us over the next few weeks. As you will be aware, Covid 19 and lockdown guidelines will be changing between now and the middle of June. Your support and attendance at any of our fixtures should adhere to the Government guidelines in place at the time.

The football club would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a Happy Easter.

Regards,

Martin French

MFC Treasurer

Changes to refuse collections

Recycle More is coming to South Somerset this June, allowing you to recycle more from the kerbside every week. With more being recycled each week, rubbish will be collected every three weeks and collection days will change for some people. Take the first steps to being prepared by making sure you have enough containers and order more online if necessary at <https://www.southsomerset.gov.uk/services/waste-and-recycling/request-container/>. You can also follow [@somersetwaste](#) on Facebook for regular updates.

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Easter Day: Sunday 4th April 2021

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Easter 3: Sunday 18th April 2021

Misterton 9:30am Service of Holy Communion

North Perrott: No service today

Haselbury: 11:00am Holy Communion

Easter 4: Sunday 25th April 2021

Misterton No service today

North Perrott: 9:30am Holy Communion

Haselbury: 11:00am Holy Communion

Where next for St Leonard's Church

Regular readers of the village news will know that your Parish Church in Misterton needs help. We need to find people who will take on the roles of Treasurer, Secretary and Churchwarden, if we are to remain open. The congregation, while small, is faithful and loyal but we need help with the running of the Church. At our annual meeting this year we will be discussing what the future holds for St Leonard's. This is to give advance notice of that meeting, which will be held on Thursday 28th April at 4:00pm in St Leonard's Church. The Parochial Church Council would encourage everybody who is on the Church electoral roll to come along to that meeting. If you would like any further information do please contact either Jonathan Morris or Rob Jeffreys.

Misterton Tennis Club



For those who cannot wait to dust off their racquets, the tennis courts will reopen from 29th March, in accordance with Government Covid 19 guidelines. Those wishing to play may book a court through the online club booking system. A successful AGM was safely held, with 19 in attendance, and plans are in place to upgrade the clubhouse, which was built in 1997. The hope is to renew the timber on the south facing side of the building and to insulate the whole of the interior. It is also planned to give the kitchen area a makeover by replacing old units and worktops. With a view to making the facilities available to all, it is hoped to make provision for wheelchair access to the clubhouse within the upgrade. We are fortunate to have the facility of a tennis club in our own village, in a desirable location, so a clean and smart area for players and visitors to meet and refresh will be an asset. Whilst we all continue to work within the understandable Covid 19 restrictions, we look forward to the time when the club can plan some of the usual summer events.

Chris Ellis

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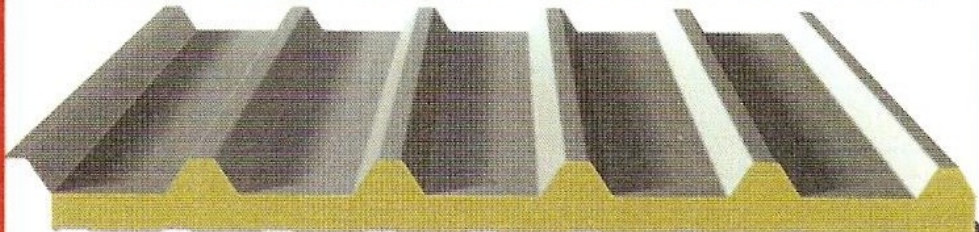


We are pleased to have again donated Easter eggs to all the children at Misterton First School. Even with the stepped lifting of restrictions, we cannot see ourselves opening the hall to the public before July. All being well, we will hold our first monthly meeting for some time on Tuesday 6th July at 7:15pm. However, we are keeping a close eye on Government announcements and will act accordingly. We continue to keep the hall in good order and have a lovely display of spring flowers outside the hall.

New and prospective members welcome - aged 18 upwards! As from 1st April 2021 (up to March 2022) we have a special offer of almost half price membership (usually £44 but reduced to £22.40). If you are interested please contact our president, Susan May, on 01460 73934 or smay20@btinternet.com, or our secretary, Carol Walker, on 01460 74808 or cewalker@hotmail.co.uk, for a chat and/or to request an information leaflet about what we do. We look forward to hearing from you.

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Thursday April 28th	Church Annual Meeting	4:00pm	St Leonard's Church

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A Garden Party is being held at Dry Close, Newbery Lane, Misterton from 2:30pm on Sunday 11th July. All proceeds to St Leonard's Church. More details will follow.
Enquiries phone 01460 929915.

Rotary International polio campaign

As you pass the Misterton stone at the top end of Silver Street you will find a lovely display of daffodils and crocus. The crocus were planted last year. They represent the colour of the dye used on children's fingers that have had a polio vaccine.

Several years ago Rotary International undertook a campaign to eradicate polio from the world. To date there are only two countries that have polio, they are Afghanistan and Pakistan. Rotary will continue with the campaign until this nasty disease is defeated.

If you would like any more information on the polio campaign or Rotary please contact Iain Rowland on 01460 78951.



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