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<https://mistertonparishcouncil.org.uk/village-information/village-magazine/>

The fantastic photo on this month's cover was taken by a local amateur photographer, Sean Cox, of the corner opposite the allotments in Silver Street. And last month's cover artist, Natasha Rand, is the subject of this month's article by John Coquet.

*Jacquie Lyus and Sarah Watt*

**Deadline for entries** for the September magazine is Friday 20th August.

Contributions please to [mistertonmagazine@gmail.com](mailto:mistertonmagazine@gmail.com) or through the letter box at Chestnut Lodge, Broughtons Drive.

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## Allotment competition

We are pleased to announce the winners of the Allotment Competition 2021, which we understand from the judges was a very difficult decision as the standard this year was exceptional. Our thanks to all allotment holders but, in particular:



1st prize DEREK ELSWOOD (Village Hall site)

2nd prize HARRY LEWTHWAITE (Village Hall site)

3rd prize JAMIE BEAN (Silver Street site)



There will be a presentation of prizes at the WI Hall on Wednesday 4th August at 11:00am. Light refreshments will be available.

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## News from the Parish Council and Recreation Field Trust



It was good to be back together for our first 'in person' meeting, held at the Recreation Ground on a sunny July evening. We were joined by Misterton FC, practicing in the background and two local residents. Although there is no PC meeting in August, we aim to be back face to face (guidance and restrictions permitting) from September – all details to be published on [www.mistertonparishcouncil.org.uk](http://www.mistertonparishcouncil.org.uk).

I'm sure you will agree that the newly restored Silver Street fingerpost is a fine addition to our beautiful village and our thanks go to Somerset Forge for another job well done. This completes the restoration of the village's historic fingerposts, the remaining ones being of a newer construction and thus still under the control of the County Council.

Two planning applications were considered. One relating to land at Bullring Farm, and one at Wellspring Farm. Members could not see a reason to object to either application.

Parking was once again on the agenda. The County Council has decided not to proceed with proposals to put double yellow lines between Misterton Garage and Unity Lane, but the Parish Councillors continue to feel that parking here presents a difficult and potentially dangerous situation to vehicles forced out into oncoming traffic on a bend. Parish Councillors have resolved to write again to the County Council with their concerns. Thank you to all those who contributed to the County Council's consultation – all views are important in informing the way forward for the village.

As always, any issues you wish to raise with the Parish Councillors/Rec Field Trustees can be sent via email [mistertonpc@gmail.com](mailto: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

**WELCOME INFORMATION LEAFLET** for newcomers to the village - a useful leaflet telling you all you need to know about Misterton is available on our website at Misterton Parish Council; alternatively, if you would like a copy via email or a hard copy, please contact the Parish Clerk at [mistertonpc@gmail.com](mailto:mistertonpc@gmail.com). ***Village businesses who advertise in this leaflet should forward any amendments to the Parish Clerk.***

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## **Misterton Emergency and Resilience Team update**

With the next phase of Covid relaxation starting on Monday 19th July, by the time you read this we will all be under new guidance.

There is masses of information available about what is changing and whilst it should be good news for all of us, some of the village (like me) may be a little apprehensive about the pace of change. To help with this the following is the advice I have taken from the Covid Champions group who are part of Spark Somerset who provide support and guidance to charities and community groups in the county. I hope this is some help and please get in touch if you need more information.

How can we support people who are struggling with restrictions easing?

1. Go at your own pace (if you want to keep wearing a mask then do so)
2. Don't avoid things entirely (maybe meet with one person instead of a group)
3. Get your information from the right sources (MERT can help with this)
4. Discuss any changes with others
5. Make time to relax

<https://www.nhs.uk/every-mind-matters/coronavirus/tips-to-cope-with-anxiety-lockdown-lifting/>

### **Flooding Update**

Flooding occurred on the evening of Monday 28th June at the Irish bridge in Newbery Lane. Warnings had been posted for possible flooding with disruption to traffic earlier in the day by the Met Office.

Three inches of rain had fallen over three days and an inch and a half of it late afternoon of the 28th. The stream ceased to flow through the pipework under the bridge at 18:00 and flooded onto the lane in both directions and to a depth of two feet on the gauge. The speed of the torrent was extremely fast and traffic could not pass safely in either direction. All three pipes under the road were blocked and safe access could not be gained to clear them.

In the morning of Tuesday the 29th water was still crossing the lane but it was possible to clear the pipes which were blocked by streamside plants washed out by the water and the usual collection of dead wood. The lane was covered with up to 4 - 5 inches of silt. The bulk of the silt was removed by Darren and Julie (Morgan Sweet) in the morning and the lane was hosed/brushed down in the afternoon by Phil Clifton, Sally Gray and Pete Meakins (members of the Village Emergency and Resilience Team).

On Friday 2nd July Nigel Poole dug out the excess of stones and gravel that get deposited at this pinch point every time the stream flash floods, and returned with his neighbour Tim to bag up. The bags of gravel and stones were removed by none other than Graham White. In the seven years that we have had the privilege to live in Misterton, Graham has removed in the region of 300 half bags of stone and gravel taken from the stream. So many thanks to Graham, Darren, Julie, Nigel and, Tim for their much appreciated help.

For once Peter and Jackson Marshall (The Thatched Farmhouse) were able to cope and were not overwhelmed by flooding off the field in Henley Road or surface run off from the A356 Henley Road and Cathole Bridge Road. Knowle Lane remains our biggest problem and despite a highways attendance over three days to clear drains and gulleys in the village (15th, 16th and 17th June) we again have blockages which we report back to Highways through the Clerk to the Parish Council.

Stay safe all

*Phil Clifton*

MERT member

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### Misterton Emergency and Resilience Team

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**Friday Meet, Greet & Eat** - Clubs meeting weekly with Special Roast Lunch

**Baby & Toddler Groups and Dance Classes** - groups for a mixture of ages

**Monthly Hairdresser from November** - Attending once a month for cuts & styles

### Old Favourites.....

**Monday Memory Group** - For people with dementia or memory loss.

**Henhayes Knitters** - A knit and natter session for all ages and abilities.

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Pair of white 2-drawer bedside cabinets	55	49	49
Pair of blonde 2-drawer bedside cabinets	71	51	48
Wood and cane headboard for king-size bed			
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Under counter 3-drawer Beko freezer			
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Standard lamp with up/downlighters			
2 heavy decorative garden planters			

## Misterton tennis club



Edward House with his mother Emma organised a Tennis Marathon in aid of Dementia UK on Saturday July 17th at the tennis club. Edward, who is a junior at the club and lives on a farm in Badgers Glory, played non stop on a very hot afternoon after organizing 12 players to hit with him for six hours. He raised more than £500 for the charity as part of a National Event.

The Ladies are still doing well in their matches beating Sherborne and Chard recently in The Yeovil and district league.

Regards  
*Chris Ellis*

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We have received a request to remind residents to park sensibly and safely in the village. Areas of very dangerous parking include along the main road from Misterton Garage to the Silver Street turning and on the bends near the junction of Turnpike Green and The Avenue. There is a serious accident waiting to happen at present and everyone has a responsibility to promote safety in the village. The police are monitoring the situation and will give out warning notices and then fines for persistent dangerous parking.



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## Natasha Rand

But for Natasha's initiative, our village would not have its own miniature library and art gallery in the otherwise redundant telephone box in Silver Street. She was instrumental in its change of use to what she calls a community space, and readers may remember her article about it in the May edition of this magazine.

She was born in Piddington, a Northamptonshire village, where her parents own a Citroen garage. She has a brother who lives in Kent where he runs an engineering company. Her father – originally from Southampton – sails and does sub-aqua diving. Natasha's mother is an avid reader and a keen walker.

Natasha went to the local village school before attending a comprehensive school in Roade, also in Northamptonshire, and completing a foundation course in Art and Design at Nene College. From there she went on to De Montford Leicester University where she graduated BA (Hons) in English Literature and Visual Arts, specialising in print making. Between her second and third years there, she found time to spend nine months in Canada, working in Vancouver and Banff. After a few years working as an exhibition designer, Natasha went on to study for her post-graduate certificate in Education at Plymouth University.

She met her husband, Salisbury-born Ed there where his best friend happened to be Natasha's brother. Ed works for the RNLI as a learning-experience designer who constructs educational material for the RNLI College. They were married in Piddington and lived in South Petherton before moving to Lopen for a time. Fourteen years ago, after viewing their charming cottage in Unity Lane, they bought it a week later at auction and have lived there ever since. They share it with their sons – Seth, Solomon and two slinky black cats, Edith and Mary.

The couple own a VW camper van in which they visit West Bay, Lyme Regis, Charmouth and Eype for swimming trips with their sons.



In her time, Natasha has taught Art and Design all over Europe for Erasmus, an EU-funded education programme. It has taken her to the Czech Republic, Germany, Italy, Latvia, Norway, Spain and – on one occasion -- far from the EU to Peru. She worked as head of Art and Design at Heathfield Community School in Taunton, where she was an assistant head teacher before starting her own business in 2019.

A very community-minded person, and a talented artist herself, she has become a freelance creative tutor and engagement producer through her own company, Creative Generation, working closely with Yeovil Art Space. It offers young people an alternative Visual Arts education that inspires their imagination and confidence. Natasha is a member of two local organisations -- Creative Crewkerne and the Crewkerne Business Group -- as well as running the Creation Generation art club in the town. Further, she has produced packs of creative activities for school-age children and their families as part of the 'Together We Are Stronger' community project. That is in addition to her work as an Engagement Producer for Yeovil Art Space, which is a charity running community Visual Arts programmes. Natasha's most recent project has included the production of eighteen podcasts about the experiences of local people during the Covid pandemic's lockdowns and, among the more elderly, their recollections of life during the Second World War. Visit [www.yeovilartspace.uk/together](http://www.yeovilartspace.uk/together) to find out more.

In what little spare time she has, Natasha enjoys swimming and paddle boarding off the Dorset coast. She practises yoga and likes modern folk music. In fact, the whole family is musically inclined. She is learning to play electric bass guitar, and Ed and the boys all play acoustic versions. Unsurprisingly, she has always enjoyed foreign travel. She likes to watch travel and DIY programmes on TV, and is particularly fond of Return to the Chateau. She admits to being an Archers addict, does not read much but likes to listen to audio books.

She deserves our gratitude for her innovations, not only in Misterton but in the wider community, too.

*John Coquet*

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North Perrott: 9:30am Holy Communion (CW)      Haselbury: 8:00am Holy Communion (BCP)

#### **Sunday 15th August 2021: Trinity 11**

Misterton 9:30am Holy Communion (CW) Rev J Morris

North Perrott: No service today

Haselbury: 11:00am Holy Communion (CW)

#### **Sunday 22nd August 2021: Trinity 12**

Misterton: 8:00am Holy Communion (BCP) Rev A Daynes

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August 15th	Mrs L Boalch to check	-	-
August 29th	Mrs S Coquet	-	-



## 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.

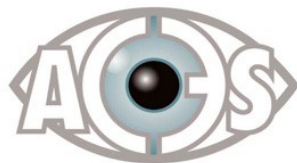
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### **Anyone for badminton?**

The Misterton badminton club will be resuming shortly & new members would be very welcome. After months of lockdown, it is a great opportunity to do something local, sociable and maybe get a little fitter too! We are a small friendly group who do not take things too seriously and your skill levels are not as important as having an enjoyable hour.

We meet every Tuesday from 7:30pm to 8:30pm in the Village Hall on the Recreation Ground.

For further information please contact Terry Worman on 01460 .74575

We look forward to hearing from you!



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## Misterton Gardeners Association

For our garden it has been a mixed year. The early potatoes, the courgettes and the onions have been OK – but not as plentiful as last year. The runner beans and the tomatoes look as if they are going to crop well but are rather late in coming. One success has been cucumbers - these are notoriously difficult to propagate but I managed it this year with a variety named Carmen. I have four cucumber plants in the greenhouse and one outside. Both have cropped well - those in the greenhouse in particular. The cucumbers they have produced are so much different from those you buy in the shops. They are much sweeter and crisper.

The flower garden has been pretty good also. But the wet weather has meant that weeds have been more prolific too. How I wish we could get rid of all our bindweed and ground elder. Slugs too have been in good form - and have had more than a few nibbles at the dark leaf dahlias I planted earlier. Nonetheless they are flowering well - the Bishop of Llandaff (red flowers) and the Bishop of York (yellow ones) have added a lot of colour to our garden.

To keep everything going keep dead heading your flowers - dahlias and roses in particular. Trim lavender once flowering is over. Do the same for herbs to encourage fresh growth - and if anyone wants some mint, do call in as ours have spread crazily this year. Finally keep everything well-watered if we have a dry spell - not least hanging baskets.

*John Dyke*

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*Rose of the month - Deep Secret*



## Chaplaincy update

Thank you all so much for your ongoing thoughts and prayers for Wadham. Whilst the school is quieter with less students around, the site is still busy with end of year exams for all remaining students and preparations of the school site for September 2022, when Wadham will welcome Years 7 and 8 as well as the new Year 9s that year.

We were sad to say goodbye to our Year 11 and 13s especially in the circumstances that meant much of the usual ways were restricted or cancelled. However, I know you will join me in praying for them as they look to their futures after such a difficult 18 months to be studying for GCSEs and A Levels.

Much of my time is spent supporting students in 1:1 meetings, sometimes planned and other times as the need arises. It has been a tough time for all the students, and many are finding life hard at the moment.

I have always been in awe of how the staff cope with all the different things school life throws at them, and never more is this true than in the last few months. From working through guidelines of assessments for exams to ensuring the site in every aspect is Covid safe. They all deserve medals for how they have coped with the last year, and I really hope that they all get time to rest well during the holidays.

This however will be my final update as school chaplain as I will be leaving Wadham at the end of the term, I have been called to serve a Baptist Church in South Northamptonshire as their Minister. I will be really sad to say goodbye to the school but will continue to remember them all in my prayers. Thank you to all of you who have supported and prayed for me and the school during my time here.

When I started at Wadham I had thoughts of what I would be doing as chaplain; collective worship, prayer spaces, supporting students and staff! One of the things I quickly realised was the value of being the only person in the school that had time. Because of the unique nature of the role, I was able to have time for everyone, be that a member of staff popping their head in my office or a student struggling with life at home, more often than not I was able to say, come, sit, I've got time. Whilst yes there have been other things that I have done, with 'Thought for the Week' and Collective Worship, there has been so much value in having time. It should never be underestimated how important it is to just listen, and the biggest privilege of being Wadham's chaplain was being able to listen, to show care in the sitting with. As a chaplain described it on one of the training days, we 'loiter with Holy intent.' Who wouldn't love a job where that is one of the main priorities!

Please do continue to pray for the school, all the staff and students and for God's provision for a new Chaplain to serve the school.

Every Blessing,

*Abby*

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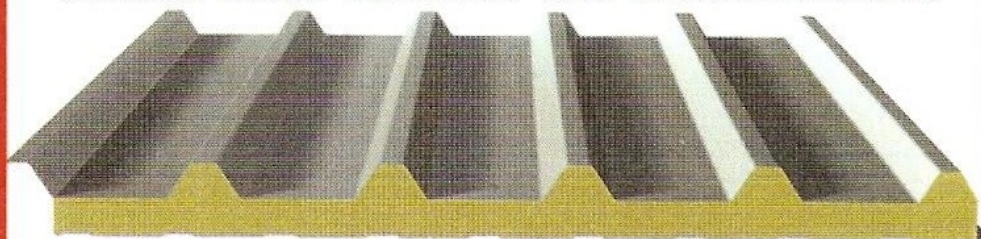
**INSPIRING WOMEN** Misterton WI will hold their first meeting since March 2020 on Tuesday 3rd August at 7:15pm. Yippee!! This will be purely a social meeting to get back into the groove! We will be serving cheese and wine with French sticks and a variety of chutneys followed by home made cakes and posh biscuits!! Oh! and, of course, alcohol (with tea and coffee available for those who prefer it)!! A free raffle will take place with prizes provided by committee members. New and prospective members are welcome to join us without obligation. Enq. Susan May 01460 73934, Carol Walker 01460 74808. **Subject to any Government restrictions that may be kept in place.**

**COFFEE MORNING – Wednesday 4th August 10:30am.** Our first coffee morning since March 2020 – all are welcome!! Light refreshments, free top ups (voluntary donations appreciated). We will also be presenting the prizes to the allotment winners at 11:00.am (see separate entry in magazine). Enq. Susan May 01460 73934, Carol Walker 01460 74808.

To book the WI Hall please contact Margaret Small on 01460 78453 or at [smallmargaret47@gmail.com](mailto:smallmargaret47@gmail.com).

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Wednesday August 4th	WI coffee morning	10:30am	WI Hall
Sunday August 8th	Garden party	2:30pm	Dry Close, Newbery Lane
Saturday August 14th	Village sale day	11:00pm	Around the village

## Forthcoming events

**Village show** - Saturday October 9th.

More details to follow in the next issue of the magazine!

## Raffle prizes for village sale day

Please do consider donating raffle prizes for the village sale day in order to support Misterton Pre School and also Misterton Action Group (MAG) who are responsible for the planters, the wildflowers and the general future tidying of the village.

Details of the sale and how to donate can be found on page 16.

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