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Note from the editors

We can't quite believe that autumn is well underway this year already and we especially can't believe that this month marks the first anniversary of our editorship of the magazine! It's been an interesting journey so far but an enjoyable one so we hope you enjoy reading it as much as we do putting it together.

This month we bring you a trip down Misterton memory lane courtesy of John Dyke, who has lived in the village all his life. Our front cover is by Alison White, who is the daughter of Kate and Graham White, and as well as making us think of Halloween is also making us hungry for pumpkin soup.

Is it too early to say Happy Halloween?

Jacquie Lyus and Sarah Watt

Deadline for entries for the November magazine is Friday 22nd October.

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Misterton Emergency and Resilience Team update

The misty mornings and warm days are reminding us that early autumn is with us and it is time to think about the months ahead. The MERT we have a couple of issues we would like to cover.

Firstly we cannot ignore that there may be Covid challenges and we will continue to help support the village if there are. I have already emailed the extended MERT (60 volunteers who step up when needed) to ask if they will be available to help once again. I know the villagers help each other and MERT will also continue to assist and coordinate where we can.

With the rainy season approaching we also have this annual potential problem to deal with. If anyone has a property that could, flood during a storm, we have flood bags available and will supply them if properties are threatened.

On a more positive note, we are looking ahead to the Christmas Fayre (27th November 21) that the village is holding. MERT will have a table and as well as raising money we will be there to welcome suggestions and feedback, from the village.

Stay safe and enjoy the autumn season.

Phil Clifton

MERT Coordinator

philclifton@hotmail.com

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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Letter from the Vicar

Thanks to everyone who came along to the village meeting in Church in August. It was encouraging to see so many in attendance. Thank you as well to all those who worked so hard to organise and host the wonderful Garden Party – and to those who spent so generously securing much needed funds for the Church. The Parochial Church Council is glad to report that we have an offer to take on the role of Treasurer, which means that we will be able to continue as your Parish Church. Looking ahead, challenges undoubtedly remain in ensuring that warm feelings of support translate into concrete offers of help if St Leonard's is to continue to thrive in the years ahead.

In October, we celebrate Harvest Festival, with the aim of giving thanks. We recognise how much we are *given* and that responding to that is not about maximising our own interest, but rather just being thankful and recognising the source of all the joys and blessings in our lives. Our act of thanksgiving can be a prompt to take note of those who are less fortunate than ourselves and to reach out with hands of solidarity and gratitude. Such virtues are likely to be crucial as we continue to weather the storms of climate change, the pandemic and continuing uncertainty in a world gone slightly mad.

Details of the various ways you can celebrate Harvest this year are in the magazine, so whether it is through school or through Church be sure to come along and join the celebrations.

With every blessing in this season of thanksgiving.

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Retirement of our local vicar

The Reverend Jonathan Morris is retiring on 21st November 2021 after some fifteen years with us and the neighbouring parishes. The five village parishes of Misterton, North Perrott, Haselbury Plucknett, Wayford and Hewish are combining to make a farewell presentation to him (details in the November issue of this Magazine) and we invite anyone from Misterton who would wish to contribute to this, to do so by donating either in cash or by cheque (made payable to St. Leonard's PCC) and sending or delivering it to Carol Walker at 3 Bridge Farm Cottages, Silver Street, Misterton, Crewkerne TA18 8RD. Please ensure that this is done before Sunday, 31st October 2021. Thank you.

It is also our intention to present Jonathan and his wife, Beatrice, with some photographs as a memento of his time among us. This will include a photograph of the congregation attending the eleven o'clock service at St. Leonard's on Sunday, 10th October. If you would like to be in that photograph, then please do come and join us at the service.

Thank you.

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Do you remember this man?

According to our source his name was Mr Hall and he was a wartime (first? second?) school teacher at Misterton School but we have no more information about him.

If you remember Mr Hall, please get in touch and let us know!

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Welcome back to Misterton First School!



The children of Misterton First School have come back with their usual happy, smiling faces. Our two new Reception children have settled amazingly well and are loving exploring their new classroom. The Year 3s are enjoying their new classroom and are pleased to be back with some of their friends from Year 4.

Our new topic for this term, Environmental Heroes, has inspired the children to think about how we can look after our own local environment and how we can encourage others to do the same. The children in Oak class designed their own Environmental Superhero who would remind them how to look after our planet. The children in Cedar class have started their science topic finding out about what our bodies need to be healthy. They enjoyed making pizzas ensuring their toppings gave them a good balance of what our bodies need. They smelt delicious and I am sure they tasted great too!

Over this first half term, we have lots of fun activities planned. The children will be working across the classes, which will enable them to work collaboratively and aspire each other. Please visit our school web page for more updates.

While the sun continues, we will be outside enjoying the weather on our wonderful play equipment.

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Misterton past and present (part one)

The one question which I - and others who have lived in Misterton all our lives - is most commonly asked seems to be "How different are things in the village now compared when you were growing up?" There are many responses to this but foremost for me is that when I was young everyone here knew each other. Of course, the number of houses in Misterton were less than half that now. No Packers Way, no Bradfords site houses and very few in Station Road. Indeed, much of the land in Station Road and Broughtons Drive were allotments. And of course, there was much less traffic than today. Very few villagers had cars. And if you went outside the village, you either cycled or, if you could afford it, took the Safeways bus - on which Sis (the clippie) took the fares.

Of course, there was the station but this seemed to be a place of commerce - with railway sidings on either side of the station platform. Goods of all description (not least of all coal) came by rail for use in the surrounding area. I well remember my father collecting sugar beet pulp (from East Anglia) off a railway truck and shovelling it onto our tractor and trailer - to feed our cattle. Surprisingly perhaps, few people from Misterton seemed to use the railway for business or leisure. Quite simply most villagers couldn't afford the fares - which were relatively high compared with wages.

How did Misterton folk earn a living? Whilst a few cycled to Crewkerne for factory work, many found employment in the village itself. The railway and related activities in its sidings were major employers. There were the farms of course - together with Youngs in Mosterton Road, the knacker yard on the Dorset border (now Pattemores) - and jobs in the Post Office, the bakery and notably with Bill Sweet's enterprises in Silver Street. Bill started off with rabbits then diversified into poultry and eggs. The Egg Packing Station provided quite a bit of work by way of egg-collecting from farms in the area, to egg-grading and then shipping them to London. The MEPS (Misterton Egg Packing Station) lorry travelled to London twice a week laden with thousands of eggs. Whilst most jobs were carried out by men, ladies worked in the egg packing station - sorting and 'candling' the eggs. And a few did home gloving - stitching leather gloves together after they had been cut out at the glove factories in Yeovil and Stoke.

As now, football and tennis were the main village sporting activities. There was initially only one tennis court on the recreation field (a grass court) but the football club was very vibrant. With the village hall yet to be built, the teams changed in The Globe skittle alley and went back to the pub after the match. The three village pubs were very much part of village lives, largely male-dominated although gradually women began to appear in the 1950s. All of this was before televisions. The first person in Misterton with a television was Teddy Hardwick at Providence Cottage in Unity Lane. Teddy had a huge aerial in his garden and when atmospheric conditions were right was able to pick up signals from London. This changed when the Wenvoe transmitter in South Wales was built - just in time for the Queen's Coronation in 1953 and the The Swan pub (now Cedrics) was packed as my parents bought a set for this historic event.

At that time there was only one TV channel - how this compares with the multitude of channels you can receive these days. Without home entertainment of this kind, much more attention was given to village functions. There was a much-awaited annual concert in the WI Hut (located opposite Misterton Garage), this also accommodated the Harvest Supper which seemed to be a must-go event. The other get-together was village whist drives, now I guess (in non-pandemic times) taken over by our autumn and winter bingo sessions. We did not have street lighting when I was young. Not all were in favour of its introduction and, of course many of our neighbouring villages even today do not have this. Drive through North Perrott on a winter's night and you will realise how well lit Misterton streets are by comparison.

To be continued...

John Dyke



The old Egg Packing Station in Silver Street - pulled down to make the entrance to Packers Way.
What everyone knew as the Cart Shed is to the left.

Misterton Village Sale Day

The village sale day on August 14th raised a magnificent £446.70 from a raffle, tombola and donations. This has now been distributed to local groups, and has also provided us with funds to plant springtime bulbs for the tubs around the Village. Thank you to everyone who participated in any way.

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Misterton tennis club



A lovely mellow September afternoon and evening saw members enjoying our usual Pimms and Bar B Q Tournament. Thanks go to our Ladies A Team Captain Catherine Carins and her helpers for organising the event, which enabled players to spend some social time together.

Following the September committee meeting, it was decided to acquire a large picnic umbrella, which will fit with our round wooden picnic table and benches. This will afford some shelter from the sun for those waiting to play on those hot summer days. The table and fitted benches was a kind donation in memory of Mrs Joan Bull, who sadly lost her life while playing tennis in 2017. Joan was a great player and a continuously active member, supporting the club in so many ways over the years.

Always looking to encourage any tennis players out there who would like to join and feel they might like to play in matches - here are the dates for the Autumn Tournaments.

Mens Doubles Tournament – Thursday 16th Sept 6pm

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Crewkerne Probus Club



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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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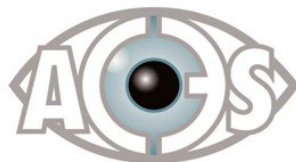


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United Service - Hewish: 11:45am Holy Communion (BCP) Rev J Morris

Sunday 10th October 2021: Trinity 19

Misterton: 11:00am Harvest Festival Rev J Morris

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

Sunday 17th October 2021: Trinity 20

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

North Perrott: 9:30am Harvest Festival Haselbury: 11:00am Holy Communion (CW)

Sunday 24th October 2021: Last Sunday after Trinity

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Misterton Football Club



Hello readers,

September saw the return of competitive football at the Recreation ground. At the start of the month the club hosted the Reg Eglon Cup Final. Perry Street & Yonder Hill beat Pen Mill Athletic United 4-1 in an entertaining game.

The Reserves kicked off PSL action at home to Shepton Beauchamp losing 8-2. This was followed by an exciting victory at home against Waytown Hounds and a closely fought defeat away to Coombe St Nicholas Reserves.

The First have yet to play at home and started the season with a 2-0 victory away to West & Middle Chinnock. Another away trip resulted in a 2-1 defeat at Forton. Currently, both teams sit mid-table.

The Vet's first fixture was postponed by the opposition as they were unable to field a team. This fixture has been rescheduled for October.

At the time of writing very few fixtures have been released by the league. The full list for the month is normally released after submitting the monthly article to the magazine. And, as we saw last month, some of the fixtures may be subject to amendment. Currently, the following are available:

Date	Time	Team	Opponents	Home/Away	Competition
25/09/2021	2:30pm	First	Chard United	H	Premier
01/10/2021	2:30pm	First	Halstock	A	Premier
02/10/2021	2:30pm	Reserves	Pymore	H	Div One
03/10/2021	11:00am	Vets	Combe St Nicholas	A	Vets
09/10/2021	2:30pm	Reserves	Lyme Regis	A	Div One

We look forward to seeing you at the Recreation Ground to cheer us over the next few weeks.

Just to let you know that the Football Club Christmas Bingo will be taking place at the Village Hall on Monday 20th December 2021.

Regards,

Martin French
MFC Treasurer

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Misterton Gardeners Association

The Garden Party that Misterton Gardeners Club held last month was very well attended - and was blessed with some lovely September weather. We had some new members join the club and I feel sure that they will enjoy our events when we really get going again next year. As I have always said, our club is not just about gardening: it is as much a social organisation where people - particularly those new to the village - can make new friends and be in good company. So do get in touch with me if you would like to join us.

The Fuchsia competition we held was well subscribed and it is amazing what some of our members did to raise a little plant (just three inches high) to a huge plant more than two feet in diameter. Our president Jeff White had a difficult job in deciding the winner. The best entries all came from the Silver Street and Packers Way area - it must be something about the air down there! Eventually he decided that the best one was raised by Margaret Small - so every congratulation Margaret. Her winning entry (now planted out in her garden) is shown below.

October is the time when apples are at their best and, if you are considering planting an apple tree early next year, now is a good time to be thinking about which variety to choose. Apple Day in England is traditionally on October 21st but in the West Country it is celebrated rather earlier - usually on the second weekend of the month. Many fruit farms locally have apple tasting events. The nearest one to us is at North Perrott so why not pop along to their Farm Shop either on Saturday 9th or Sunday 10th October and enjoy some Somerset apples at their very best. Apple tasting there is from 11am to 4:30pm on both days.

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INSPIRING WOMEN Our September meeting was well attended with a few new faces who came along to listen to the speaker. Our next meeting is on Tuesday 5th October at 7:15pm in the WI Hall. Our speaker is Sarah Roughsedge on the subject of Women's Finance. The competition is for "an old coin." The usual light refreshments will be served after the speaker. Teas: Rosemary Gay and Emily McKenzie. Flowers: Margaret Turner. New and prospective members are always welcome to join us for a few meetings, **without obligation**. Due to special rates during Covid, the membership fee from 1st October 2021 to renewal date of 1st April 2022 would be £11.20. Enq. Susan May, President (01460 73934), Carol Walker, Secretary (01460 74808).

REMEMBERING DOTTIE! 16th October from 2pm in the WI Hall.

Carol, Pam and Laura invite you to join them for light ref to celebrate Dottie's life, rather belatedly due to Covid and travel restrictions. Dottie was involved in many events (inside and outside the village) and **the invitation is extended to all who knew her**. In deference to her penchant for hats, you may like to wear one? But it's not compulsory!!

We ask you to observe the relevant Covid regulations at that time and look forward to seeing you there. Eng. Carol 01460 74808.

COFFEE MORNING Wednesday 6th October (10am-12noon) - all are welcome. An opportunity to catch up with fellow villagers over a cup of tea or coffee (free top ups). A small donation would be appreciated to cover costs. Raffle and sales table subject to availability of items. Please join us.

Carol Walker
01460 74808

Christmas cards

I cannot believe where the year has gone to but once again Christmas is only just around the corner. I am asking that instead of sending Christmas cards to local friends you donate a sum of money that in turn will be given to a local charity. The donation can be any sum. The amount will never be revealed, however your name and greetings will appear in the December edition of the village magazine.

The Charity this year is Crewkerne Voluntary Transport. Please donate as many Misterton people have used this means of travel and it is such a valuable service.

Donations can be handed to me at Knowle House, Knowle Lane or if easier I can collect. Please would you let me know by Wednesday 3rd November 2021 to enable me to get the names to the magazine committee for entry in the December magazine. Many thanks.

Diane Bradly
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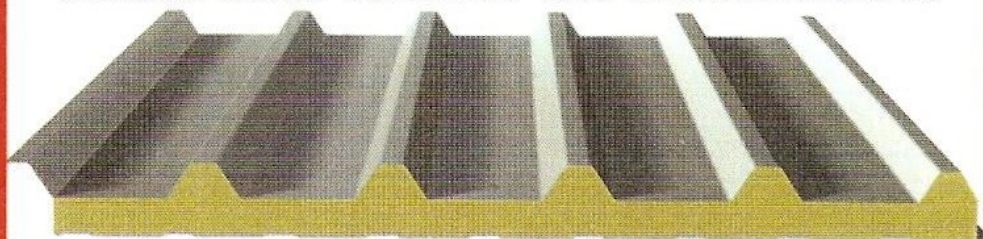
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Tuesday October 5th	WI meeting	7:15pm	WI Hall
Wednesday October 6th	WI coffee morning	10am	WI Hall
Saturday October 16th	Remembering Dottie	2pm	WI Hall
Tuesday October 19th	Parish council meeting	6:30pm	WI Hall

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