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Note from the editors

Our cover this month is a beautiful seasonal scene by Keiron McDonnell, who produces some amazing paintings in his spare time. And in John Coquet's spotlight is Sharon Bacigalupo, who has already led a varied and fascinating life at a remarkably tender age!

Dare we say it, Christmas is only next month and here in Misterton we are bringing you not one but two Christmas fairs in November! Please put the dates in your diaries and support these local events if you can as they will be raising money for good causes that benefit our village.

Jacquie Lyus and Sarah Watt

Deadline for entries for the December magazine is Friday 19th November.

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Mr Hall - Misterton School teacher

After our appeal for information in the October magazine, we had a call from Gordon Boalch who remembers Mr Hall. He said he was a teacher that came to Misterton with evacuees from London in the middle of World War II in about 1941. They set up school in the Chapel and then joined the main school where Mrs Philpotts was the headmistress. Gordon said Mr Hall put the fear of God into the children and thinks he stayed for about two to three years.

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Misterton Emergency and Resilience Team update

The MERT team are continuing with ongoing resilience activities and in this entry we would like to update you on them.

We have been intending to arrange another course on defibrillator training for some time now. As the training providers are now able to deliver it again, due to changes in Covid rules, we are trying to get a session set-up for very early next year. The value of automated external defibrillators (AED) is regularly in the news and as we have four defibrillators in the village offering training for the community is really important. We will confirm a date as soon as we have one and invite those who are interested to join the session.

As you will know we have had a beautiful September and October (so far), so as yet the village has not had major problems with rain. However, as things can change very quickly, we continue to monitor drains in the village and are trying to work with landowners so if flooding occurs we are as ready as we can be to deal with it. For those with Riparian Rights we asked for permission to hold your details, with a closure date at the end of October, to enable us to conform with General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR). We have had some responses and there are still a number of gaps in our records. We will modify our records at the month and so if you would like to be on our radar and receive communications directly, please provide your permission for us to do this

Finally on an upbeat note, MERT are part of the village fayre (27th November). We will have a table at the fayre so we will be available to chat to anyone who would like to discuss our activities. Do come along for some Christmas cheer – you will find more details in the magazine.

Stay safe.

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

The last Sunday of the Church's year is called Christ the King. It is as though the liturgy gives us one final throw of the dice to be drawn into the mystery of the Kingdom of God. Our ideas of Kingship most likely conjure up images of power, prestige, wealth, and recognition. We might even include more specific things like castles and servants, pomp and circumstance. None of that though has anything to do with the Kingship of Christ, who dies in shameful circumstances, without power or influence, wealth, or prestige. Not even any sense of God being with him. A very different King to the one we may imagine or even want, with a very different Kingdom in which to live.

The readings on that Sunday take us back to the events of Holy Week – the crescendo of Christ's short life on earth. Some say a better phrase for the Kingdom of God might be the Dream of God which Christ came to show and tell through story and action as he wandered the hills of Galilee and travelled to Jerusalem for the final confrontation. A world built on the foundation of love – for oneself and others and revealed through acts of forgiveness, compassion, and generosity; all so different from what we usually take for granted as the benchmarks of success. This Kingdom of God has inspired women and men through the ages and continues to do so today. This Kingdom inspires me, with its whispering call for transformation, its insistence on another way and its invitation to us all to change direction in which we look for meaning and happiness in our lives.

I am glad therefore that my last service in these wonderful villages will be the Feast of Christ the King on the 21st November. The service will be at 11:00am at St Michael's in Haselbury and you would be very welcome to come along. After some 15 years we will be moving on, leaving with so many good memories of our time spent here. It has been a joy to have served in these communities and I thank you all.

When I was first ordained somebody said your main work is to keep the rumour of God alive. That phrase has always stayed with me, capturing the fragility and vulnerability of a way of life that seems both elusive and compelling. I hope and pray that you hear the whisperings of that rumour and that you may be drawn to the boundless possibilities of the Kingdom of God.

With many thanks and every blessing,

Rev Jonathan Morris

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United Service - Wayford: 10:00am Holy Communion (BCP) Rev J Morris

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

Sunday 14th November 2021: Remembrance Sunday

Haselbury: 8:00am Holy Communion (BCP) Rev J Morris

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Misterton: 10:55am Remembrance Service Rev J Morris

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Sunday 21st November 2021: Christ the King

United Service - Haselbury: 11:00am Holy Communion (CW)

***Please note that this will be the last service that Reverend Jonathan Morris will take before
he retires***

Sunday 28th November 2021: Advent Sunday

No service in Misterton on this Sunday

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Thank you so much for your help.

Misterton Family History Request

My grandmother Lily Vera Gould was born in Misterton village in 1905. Her parents were William Pearce and Susan Hellier and lived at Unity Lane in which I believe to be the two cottages at the bottom on the right. I assume that it was two cottages then and they only lived in one of them. Susan's family were originally from Haselbury whilst William was from South Wales and was a horse dealer. I am trying to find out information on my grandmother's mother's side. I know her mother and father moved to Wales leaving her with her grandparents at about 2-3 years old and she was brought up by an Aunt Sally (Gudge) whose christened name was Sarah. Her grandparents George and Elizabeth (nee Osbourne) Hillier had 18 children but only 12 (!!!) children survived by 1911 and all were girls. The spelling of these surnames is loosely based as it depended on how the enumerator of the census wrote them down. Does anyone who lives in Misterton or had relatives that did and is still around to pass on some memories?

Please could you let me know on 01460 74300/07506 959412 or email me on dennis.hollamd@gmail.com (the spelling is correct).

Dennis Holland



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We were all ready to go on our Autumnal walk through Misterton when the heavens opened. We waited a while, put on our wellies, zipped up our coats and pulled on our hoods. We were off! Mrs Baker was the leader, as she knows Misterton like the back of her hand. Along the way, she told us interesting facts about Misterton. We found out why Packers Way is called what it is. Do you know? If not ask one of the children. One of the houses used to be a turkey farm and at Christmas Mrs Baker would help her mother pluck turkeys! She also pointed out the Scottie dog along one of the house's walls. Have you seen it?

During the walk Oak class were also spotting signs of autumn and taking photos of the physical and human features which we will use in our Geography display. The Reception children were busily looking for animals. We saw pigs, snails, butterflies, goats, cows, horses and sheep. We ended our walk at St Leonards Church where the children from Cedar class used their photographic skills to take photos of the church, which we will be using for someone special in our local community.

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A HAPPY CLIENT

Sharon Bacigalupo

The much-travelled Sharon was born in Highgate, London, in 1969. She has a younger brother and sister. Her father owned a building company, and her mother worked as a hairdresser until she had the children. Sharon's junior and secondary schools were both in north London.

Her first job after leaving school was an apprentice florist. She attended Southwark College and was awarded a City and Guilds qualification in Floristry, Horticulture, Botany and Business Studies. She used to buy her flowers from Buster Edwards, one of the Great Train Robbers who made off with today's equivalent of £55m. Having served nine years in prison, Buster was reduced to owning a flower stall outside Waterloo station.

When Sharon was nineteen, she went to stay with friends in Germany and was there for a year. She spent a few months in a bakery where she made the templates for gingerbread houses for a living. Then she moved on to a chocolate factory, packing the product and making up gift boxes. In between her jobs, she travelled widely in Europe, principally in France, Belgium, Luxemburg and all around Germany. After her year abroad, she returned to England to take up more floristry, spending about eighteen months in a Kensington shop where Jerry Hall, Diana Rigg and Derek Nimmo were frequent customers. Sharon was also involved in creating floral arrangements for large events such as the Berkeley Square Ball, and weekly ones for the foyer of the Ritz Hotel.

However, she was still infected by the travel bug. So, when a friend suggested going on kibbutz in Israel they were there within a couple of weeks. Sharon worked on two kibbutzim: Ayelet Hashachar, a large kibbutz in northern Israel, and Kalia, which was extremely hot because it was sited near the Dead Sea. While a volunteer kibbutznik, she gardened, did washing up duties in the kitchens, picked plums and looked after Jewish refugee children from Mogadishu in Somalia where Jews were being persecuted. All the children in her care were under seven years of age. While there, she travelled around Israel before going on to



visit Cyprus, Egypt, and Turkey.

In 1993, Sharon decided to embark on a career in nursing, which has continued to this day. She returned to college to complete A levels before studying at the University of Herts, eventually graduating BSc in Nursing. Halfway through training, she took a placement in an acute psychiatric ward. Finding the experience inspiring, she decided to continue her training within this branch of nursing. After graduating, her first job was in an acute psychiatric ward in Barnet hospital where she stayed for seven years. She then moved on to specialise in older-adult mental health and has completed further post-graduate diplomas to support her specialism.

Her job funded a good deal of travel. Over the years, she visited Australia three times, and went to New Zealand, California, Nevada, and Bali. A club she frequented in Bali was blown up by dissidents a year later. She also travelled to Thailand, Malaysia, Mexico, Belize, and Guatemala.

Sharon met Leo, her husband-to-be, on a dating website. At the time, he was a City-based bond dealer, but now works from home. His parents live in Wales, though the family has its origins in northern Italy. Sharon and Leo lived together in Enfield before moving to Frome. After the relocation to the West Country, she worked as a memory nurse in Shaftesbury before moving on to be a community mental health nurse for older adults in Sherborne. In January 2020, she moved jobs again and is now an advanced nurse practitioner in the Frailty Service at Sherborne.

The couple were married in 2013 in Bath. They honeymooned, not in Bognor or Weymouth, but in Italy and Mexico. They moved to their house in Broughtons Drive four years later.

Having daydreamed of being a vet since she was eight years old, it's no surprise to learn that Sharon enjoys working with animals. Now she shares her life not only with Leo but also with Jasmine – a temperamental white mare – and two sausage dogs called Brenda and Stanley. As if they needed any more pets for their menagerie, Sharon and Leo acquired two sheep during last year's Covid-19 lockdown. Their names are uncommon but descriptive: Fergus, aka 'Big Nasty' and Paddy, aka 'Sick Note'. Paddy's had a few health problems but is all right now.

Sharon's penchant for globetrotting shows no sign of waning. The Bacigalupos have had lots of foreign holidays, visiting New Zealand, The Maldives, the Czech Republic, France, Mexico, and many places in Italy. They like walking, water sports, photography, shopping, and cookery. When not tending the mare and sheep, her indoor activities include cake-making, knitting, tapestry work and upcycling furniture. Her background in floristry has been welcome in Misterton where she's a valuable member of our Flower Guild.

Still ambitious, she hopes to study for a Master's degree (MSc) in Nursing at Exeter University. When she has time to listen to it, her favourite record – the one she'd like to have on a desert island – is David Bowie's *Rebel, Rebel*. The books she likes most are the *Game of Thrones* fantasy novels.

John Coquet

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Misterton tennis club



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More up to date news allows us to congratulate the winners of the Mixed Doubles Tournament....Jill Christison and Nick Watt. Congratulations also to the winners of the Mens Doubles...Nick Watt and Steve Beach.

Chris Ellis



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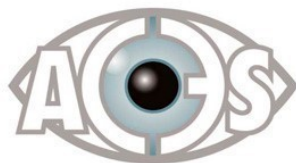
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Misterton Football Club



Hello readers,

The club has played five matches since I last wrote for the magazine. The First team endured a 5-0 defeat away to Halstock in the Premier Division. This was followed by an encouraging 1-0 victory over North Curry in the Somerset Junior Cup.

In the same period the Reserves won 2-0 away to Lyme Regis and suffered a 4-2 home defeat against Shepton Beauchamp Firsts in the Somerset Intermediate Cup.

The Veterans struggled to field a side in their first fixture of the season away to Coombe Vets. Injuries and late withdrawals saw the Vets field a squad of eleven players, that ended up losing 6-1.

Once again, 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. Currently, the following are available:

Date	Time	Team	Opponents	Home/Away	Competition
30th Oct	2:30pm	First	Crewkerne	H	Premier
30th Oct	2:30pm	Reserves	Shepton Beauchamp	A	Div One
6th Nov	2:30pm	First	West & Middle Chinnock	H	Premier
6th Nov	2:30pm	Reserves	South Petherton Res	A	Div One
14th Nov	11:00am	Vets	West & Middle Chinnock Vets	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

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Misterton Gardeners Association

November is the month when everything in the garden is beginning to go to sleep – if not asleep already. So do lift plants which will not survive well in Misterton gardens during winter. Dahlias in particular do not over winter if left in the ground. We dig them up, put them in the greenhouse and cover the tubers from frost with an old carpet. We used to do the same with cannas but for the last couple of years we have left them in the ground with a small covering of old leaves. They have mostly survived.

Other jobs this month might include planting out tulip bulbs and pruning roses to protect them from wind-rock. Talking of roses, ours have been great this year – and blackspot has been more or less absent from most. At the moment we still have a few roses out. My current favourite is Trumpeter (pictured below) which we bought from Groves Bridport earlier this year. Its flowers seem to go on and on.

Of course, leaves are falling off the trees by now. If you can, collect them and bag them up as leaf mould. This will make a wonderful soil conditioner – for use next spring or later years. In the old days Misterton gardeners used to go into the local woods and collect them. Beech and oak leaves were always considered the best.

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INSPIRING WOMEN At our October meeting, we welcomed three new members (Jane Garrett, Mary Lowe and Jan Davis) bringing our current membership to 26. Our next meeting will be on Tuesday 2nd November at 7:15pm. Our speaker will be Michael Malaghan - 'It Shouldn't Happen to a Writer'. Competition: Your Favourite Poem. Light refreshments will be served after the speaker. New and prospective members are always welcome - Enq. Carol 01460 74808 or Sue 01460 73934. Our Christmas Fayre will be on the 20th November (see separate ad elsewhere in the magazine) - we look forward to your continued support.

Dottie's Do - many thanks to all who attended, a great turn out. Special thanks to Cheryl, Sue Coquet, Jacks McDonnell and Anne Taylor, not forgetting all the other helpers. We couldn't have asked for better support! Carol, Pam and Laura.

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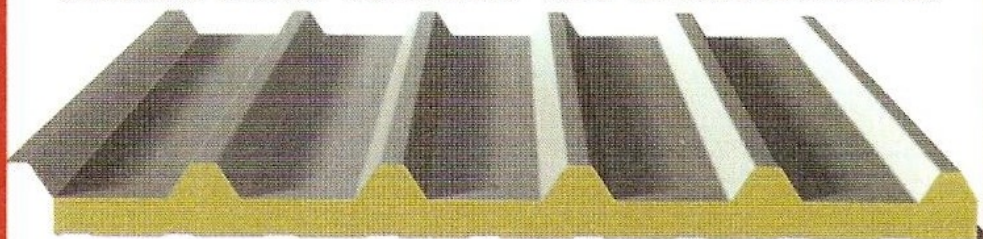
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Tuesday November 16th	Parish council meeting	6:30pm	WI Hall
Saturday November 20th	WI Christmas Fayre	10:30am	WI Hall
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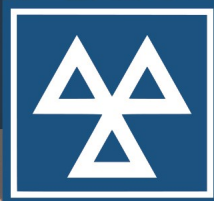
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