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Note from the editors

However you decide to see in the new year, we hope you enjoy our celebratory cover illustrated by Lara Hillier - we love its positivity! Also for our new year edition we bring you a new year quiz that will test your local knowledge. And speaking of local knowledge, the second part of John Dyke's memories of Misterton is published this month, a fascinating read.

Jacquie Lyus and Sarah Watt

Deadline for entries for the February magazine is Friday 21st January.

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Misterton Emergency and Resilience Team update

Firstly, we would like to wish everyone a very Happy New Year and hope that 2022 will be a good one for the village.

We finished 2021 by attending the Christmas fayre at the end of November and it was good to see those who could make it. We were particularly pleased to register those who were interested in the Automated External Defibrillator (AED) course which is running on 10th January at the Village Hall at 7pm. If you get this copy of the magazine before then and would like to attend, please let us know.

The downside to the start of the year is that we are in the middle of the winter and as we know this often brings the bad weather. To this end we are continuing to be vigilant to the risk of flooding and ask that you do the same. If you see any problems such as blocked drains let us know, including photographs if possible, and we will continue to report back to the flood authorities who work with us to try to address the issues we come across.

In your magazine there is a small, laminated card with some important phone numbers on it. Hopefully it will come in handy if you need to contact these utility companies. A big thanks to Misterton Garage for sponsoring the card to help MERT and support the community in Misterton.

Otherwise, we look forward to catching up as the year progresses.

Phil and the members of MERT

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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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Christmas card donations

A huge thank you for all those who supported the Christmas Card donations. A sum of £190 was raised and will be sent to Crewkerne Voluntary Transport.

Diane Bradly

News from the Parish Council and Recreation Field Trust



Things are generally quiet at the moment. A council meeting was held on the 14th of December where we had to comply with Covid restrictions. By the time you read this Christmas will be over and resolutions will have been made and broken. On behalf of the Parish Council, I hope you all had a good time.

There was only one planning matter for discussion at the last meeting which related to the CLR development which has finally started. We have taken this opportunity to remind the planners that Misterton would benefit from a relief road. The council are currently looking at speed indicator devices. This will hopefully remind drivers of their speed and in turn get them to slow down.

The council responded to a government consultation paper which concerned cemeteries where plot sizes would be larger. If this is implemented, then we would lose several plots in our cemetery. We replied to the National Association of Local Councils stating that the proposed plan would have a serious impact on our cemetery. I am pleased to say that they have submitted a report rejecting the proposals.

I hope that 2022 sees us climbing out of Covid restrictions and life returning to normal.

Cllr Iain Rowland
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Letter from the Vicar

Many years ago, I read an article in the Times which was entitled 'Do five simple things a day to stay sane.' It was written by a government think-tank and complied by more than 400 scientists – so it must be right! These were as follows:

Connect
Be Active
Be Curious
Learn
Give

What struck me was how relevant these were to our Christian faith, and certainly something to think about as we turn our thoughts to 2022.

John 15:12 says "This is my commandment: love each other just as I have loved you."

I do think by trying to follow the above, it may help us to bring a new normal back into the world, perhaps a kinder one than pre pandemic standards.

We have all been through a horrendous few years where our lives and those of our friends, our children and grandchildren have been turned upside down. I sense many of us (and I certainly include myself here) have become somewhat lethargic and apathetic, and this is certainly reflected nationally in attendance at churches, theatres, sports clubs, social clubs, and societies throughout the nation.

Perhaps to rise from that lethargy it may be a question of challenging ourselves to ensure we do one of each of the above once a week – connect with someone new, or a friend we haven't seen for a while, make that phone call – make sure we go for that walk, visit the gym – take time to find out a little more about our town/village/community – pick up a non-fiction book or perhaps read some poetry – give, of our money, our time, give of ourselves. That way we may even manage to end 2022 more sane than we started it.

I think the wonderful words of Howard Thurman sum it up.

When the song of the angels is stilled,
When the star in the sky is gone,
When the kings and the princes are home,
When the shepherds are back with their flocks,
The work of Christmas begins:
To find the lost,
To heal the broken,
To feed the hungry,
To release the prisoner,
To rebuild the nations,
To bring peace among people,
To make music in the heart.

Wishing you all a peaceful and blessed new year

Rev'd Anne Charlton

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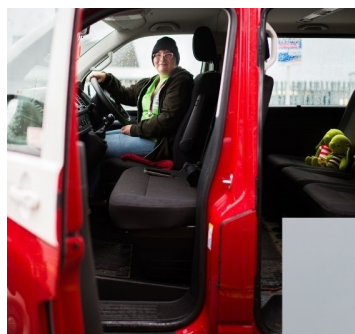
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Goodbye and thank you

This comes as a thank you for all the cards and good wishes that we have received to mark our moving on. Thanks too, for those who were able to come to Church and making it the lovely service that it was. And thank you to those who laid on the refreshments – baked the cakes and organised everything on the day. We would especially like to say a very big thank you for the truly generous gift that you collected for us! We will be sure to find something special to remind us of the many wonderful and rich years we spent in these villages as a family, where our children grew up and we are grateful for all we shared with you. We will treasure our many memories.

With all our love and with deep gratitude

Jonathan, Beatrice, Reuben, Joshua, and Jamie



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Misterton tennis club



During the month of November, the mixed doubles team who entered the league match against Charmouth mixed team were unsuccessful and beaten 4-6 but managed to win their second match at home the following week.

A slight alteration to the date of the Chairman's Christmas Bash, which it is now due to be held on Sunday club morning 2nd January 2022. This will of course be dependant on the course taken for the latest Covid protections.

A topical joke: Why didn't the tennis player change the light bulb? Answer: He refused to admit it was out!

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New Year quiz

For our quiz this year we bring you a picture quiz with a Misterton slant. The word Misterton has been spelt out below using letters from signs around the village but can you tell us which ones? If you needed an excuse to get out for a walk in the New Year, this is it!

Email us your answers to mistertonmagazine@gmail.com by Friday 21st January 2022 - the prize for the person with the most correct answers is £25 - so don't worry if you don't get them all, you could still win! If there is more than one winner, the names will be put into a hat and one drawn out at random. The judge's decision is final - good luck!



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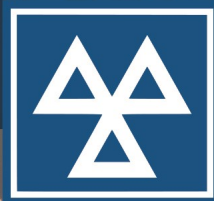
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Misterton past and present (part two)

As I mentioned in an earlier article, the Queen's Coronation in 1953 proved to be a bit of a watershed in Misterton's post war history. People gathered at my parents' pub (The Swan - now Cedrics) to watch the event. We were, I think, the fourth household in the village to have a TV at that stage. I suppose the same occurs these days – as our pubs often have Pay-TV for big sporting events which are unavailable on Freeview channels.

We certainly were cohesive as a community. As well as the pubs there were four shops. In Silver Street there was my parents' butchers shop (after they moved from The Swan in 1954) and further down – at what is now Gemini Cottage – there was a grocers shop. In addition, there was of course the Post Office Stores and next to the Baptist chapel, there was a Co op. You never went to any of these shops without having a chat with other customers. In fact, the village was very self-contained. One of our farmers had a milk round, another collected kitchen waste from householders to feed to his pigs. There was no waste collection (as we now know it) but then we didn't seem to generate much waste. Very little packaging and no plastics. Glass jars and bottles were always re-used. Whatever waste there was, (mostly tin cans) was either buried deep in gardens behind houses or taken by householders occasionally to fill a dip in the ground on unused land in Knole Lane.

We had a resident village Bobby (who lived in the house in Silver Street now named The Well House). The policemen were moved quite frequently in case they became too familiar with the locals. The most memorable Misterton one was PC Lombard. No one knew his Christian name. He rode a 'sit up and beg' bicycle and seemed quite frightening. As children we were all rather scared of him. The words "Lombard is coming" were enough to make us all scarper. Now even Crewkerne doesn't seem to have a regular policeman.

Weather conditions in Misterton in my youth seemed more extreme, at least in winter – when it always seemed to snow. Snow really did cut us off. Nearby villages like Mosterton and South Perrott were inaccessible – and it was a real trial to walk to Crewkerne. But Misterton people pulled together strongly when it snowed. I do think that was the other big difference between then and now. People used to help one another more – regardless of the weather. Perhaps that was a consequence of everyone knowing one another. That said, the Covid pandemic has seen us significantly pulling together more as a community.

Misterton School was well attended – but few, if any, children came from outside our village. At the time children stayed there until the age of 11 after which they went to either the Grammar School or North Street Secondary Modern, both in Crewkerne. It all depended on passing the 11 plus. Two buildings which have long since gone were what was called The Cartshed in Silver Street and The Tin Shed on the Rec. It was common for Misterton boys to marry village girls (many of whom they had gone to school with) and the two buildings seemed to act as a meeting point for young people.

Both places of worship (St Leonards Church and the Baptist Chapel) were quite well patronised. The former had a choir - we always sang from the gallery looking down on the congregation. At that time the church had real bells and the village vicar (who lived in what is now The Old Vicarage in Middle Street) only covered Misterton. Both the Baptist Chapel

and St Leonards had Sunday Schools and there was an annual outing for both children and accompanying mums to Weymouth. The NHS was in its infancy – there was no doctor living in the village. But the ones operating from the Crewkerne practises were frequent visitors and did many more house calls than today. We did have a resident district nurse – who lived in Station Road. Nurse Stevenson (Stevie to everyone) did the rounds in the village. She was so kind and loved by everyone. The village had a whip round when she retired and had a retirement party for her.



Misterton's District Nurse Stevie was presented with a gift on her retirement. She was like a second Mum to all the village babies – many of whom she had helped deliver.

Was it all better? I suppose that depends on your point of view. Will it all come back? Not as it once was. But as someone recently pointed out it does make sense for workplaces and houses to be located close together. And with the development of the internet, dwindling oil supplies, climate change, Covid restrictions and increasing need for self-sufficiency, perhaps a return to some sort of past is not so very far-fetched. In the meantime, let's preserve all our village facilities. Our school, our footpaths our halls, our pubs, our recreational facilities, and our remaining allotments.

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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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Church services January 2022**Sunday 2nd January 2022: Christmas 2**

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United Service - Hewish: 11:45am Holy Communion (BCP) Fr G Reilly

Sunday 9th January 2022: Epiphany 1

Misterton: 11:00am Holy Communion (BCP) Rev A Charlton

Sunday 16th January 2022: Epiphany 2

Misterton: 9:30am Holy Communion (CW) Rev A Charlton

Sunday 23rd January 2022: Epiphany 3

There is no 8:00am service in Misterton today

Sunday 3th January 2022: Epiphany 4

There is no service in Misterton today

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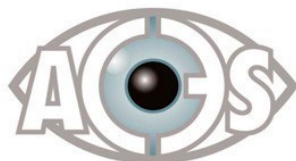
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Christmas village fayre

Our Misterton village fayre on 27th November was very well attended throughout the day, with the highlight being a visit from Santa who stayed in his beautiful Grotto until 2pm. Thanks to Hannah and her wonderful team of Elves for organising this on behalf of the Pre-School. It was very well run, and the children seemed to enjoy the reindeer food!

The Christmas kitchen kept visitors fed and watered throughout the event... thanks go to the team led by Carol P and everyone who supplied the home bakes, bread rolls, scones, soups, and other goodies.

As always, the raffle, tombola, guess the name of the reindeer and stocking fillers stall all did brisk business... and our thanks to the teams who ran these with humour and energy.

And of course, thank you to our commercial stallholders who offered a wide range of lovely goods, and who also contributed raffle prizes. All the prizes have been claimed.

Lastly, a huge thank you to the teams who helped with shopping and setting up for the event itself. And to those individuals who made personal donations and donated raffle and tombola prizes. We had 42 wonderful prizes. Thank you.

We raised the magnificent sum of £774.20 before expenses. Next month we will let you know how the monies will be distributed.

Next summer we hope to be able to hold another village sale day, and the tubs around the village have been planted ready for spring. We hope you enjoy looking at the great photos on the Misterton calendar too!

So thanks to all from Jan and Viv ... and Happy New Year!

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Misterton Gardeners Association

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January is the month when wassailing takes place in cider orchards. Not in Misterton now but there are many orchards in Somerset where this centuries-old tradition is still carried out. Thought to originate in pagan times, the idea is to ward off any evil spirits in the apple trees and to pray for the best possible crop in the coming autumn. Usually carried out in the evening, torches and bonfires are lit and sometimes shotguns are fired through the trees to kill off anything bad or unwanted in them. Then the tree trunks are drenched with some of the best cider from previous years in the hope that this will encourage the trees to produce a similar great crop in the ensuing season. Large quantities of the same good cider, often mulled, are consumed by all and verses like the following are chanted to the trees

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Misterton WI

In the latter part of 2021, we were pleased to welcome four new members, so we start the year with a total of 25 members. Our next meeting will be on Tuesday 11th January, commencing at 7:15pm. The speaker is Misterton-based Debbie Wallis who is going to talk about her job as a Development Manager at Barber's Cheese; title of the talk is 'Cheese is for Life not just Christmas' which will take us through the 'cheese calendar'. Debbie will also touch upon wine pairings. Cheese, chutney, and wine samples available. If you would like to join us for what promises to be a very interesting talk, please come along at 7:30pm (after business has concluded). The competition for members is 'Your favourite cheese recipe'. New and prospective members always welcome; enquiries Susan May 01460 73934, Carol Walker 01460 74808.

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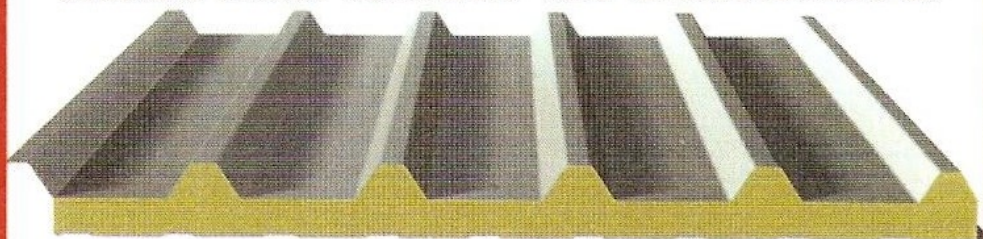
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- 1st 1962: Decca Records turn down The Beatles in favour of The Tremeloes
- 4th 1967: Death of Donald Campbell at 300 mph in *Bluebird* on Coniston Water
- 9th 1806: Lord Nelson buried in St Paul's Cathedral
- 10th 1918: Women over 30 gain right to vote in elections
- 13th 1893: Birth of the Labour Party
- 19th 1915: German Zeppelin airships bombard towns in East Anglia
- 24th 1965: Winston Churchill dies
- 27th 1926: John Logie Baird demonstrates his new television machine
- 28th 1807: London becomes the first city in the world to be lit by gas
- 29th 1596: Sir Francis Drake buried at sea
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January 2022

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Tuesday January 11th	WI meeting	7:15pm	WI hall
Tuesday January 18th	Parish council meeting	6:30pm	WI hall

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