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Note from the editors

As the weather heats up, we're daring to dream of lazy days in the sun and summer holidays in hot countries. If you're also looking for travel inspiration, we think you won't need to look much further than John Coquet's interview with Morag Campbell, who must be in the running for Misterton's most-travelled resident.

We love the delightfully inquisitive cow on this month's front cover, by Kieron McDonnell. Keiron has been kind enough to share a couple of his paintings with us, the first one having been printed in November last year. And look out for Misterton School's pupils' vocabulary costumes - we think they're all fab, but can you guess them all without peeking at the answers...?

Jacquie Lyus and Sarah Watt

Deadline for entries for the June magazine is Friday 20th May.

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Misterton Emergency and Resilience Team update

With the better weather that we have been enjoying recently there is a tendency to, quite rightly, look forward to the summer. At the same time some of the village are thinking ahead and have organised the clear up of the bottom of Knowle Lane. Due to the farmland and foliage, along the lane there is often a build-up of mud and leaves which due to the slope of the road gets washed down and fills the drains and silt traps.

MERT are lending a hand with the clearance of the lane so having contacted the local police to advise of our intentions, we met to move away debris in the lane. Equipped with tools, a tractor and trailer, high-vis jacket and walkie-talkies the team tackled the lane and hopefully have reduced the likelihood of flooding for the next few months at least. If this improves the lane we will look at repeating the exercise again in the autumn.

In the meantime we wish you a great summer and hopefully some enjoyable events in the village.

Phil

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Flower Festival at St Leonard's Church

We were unable to have a Flower Festival last August because of Covid so we are planning to try for this August bank holiday weekend. After three years a few of our flower arrangers have had to step down so we wonder if any of our newcomers to the village might like to help. You don't need to be an experienced flower arranger, just to like playing with flowers.

We also need help with cakes, teas and stewarding in the church so any offers of help will be gratefully received. There will be a meeting at 3pm in the church on Monday 9th May and everyone is welcome.

Sue Coquet 01460 78430 susancoquet1@icloud.com



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Letter from Anne

At the bottom of our garden we have a meditation bench, which is not used nearly as much as it should be. We are both retired and should therefore have time to stop, and to think.

Earth's crammed with heaven And every common bush afire with God But only he who sees, takes off his shoes, The rest sit round it and pluck blackberries And daub their natural faces unaware

Elizabeth Barrett Browning's words from her epic poem Aurora Leigh capture a problem many of us experience. When did you last stop and really look, feel, touch any part of God's wonderful creation?

We were lucky enough to spend a few days in Cornwall recently, and gazing in awe at the magnificent magnolias, azaleas and camellias gave a real reminder of the grandeur of God's creation.

Paying real attention to the world around us as well as to ourselves and to other people is the only way to grow in awareness and love. To be attentive means to give of ourselves, to stop being self-centred and to enter into a relationship of love, love with ourselves, love with others, love with creation.

Whatever our spirituality, it seems to me that if we are to become what we were intended to be, we need to concern ourselves not with other worlds, but with this world. Amidst the horrors of what is happening in the Ukraine, in Yemen, Somalia and many other places in the world, it is in stopping and thinking that we find the space to count our own blessings, and to see how we might contribute to helping others.

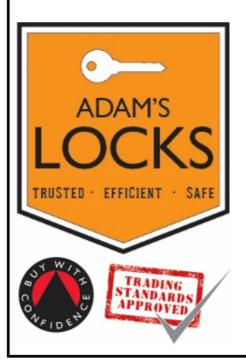
As part of that, we need to be properly attentive to ourselves. We cannot 'love our neighbours as ourselves' if we do not have proper respect and love for our own being.

Like Jacob (Genesis 28 10-17) we need to wake up out of sleep and say, 'surely the Lord is in this place - and I did not know it'. We are all offered such experiences, though often our sensitivities are dulled as we walk by unawares.

We need to reawaken our senses, and see the potential of each encounter, each person, each blade of grass, each bush, to reveal the glory of God. When the eyes of our heart are opened in this way, we will see a whole new world out there where our loving God is flourishing.

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Carol Walker

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Sunday 8th May 2022: Easter 4

Misterton: 9:30am Holy Communion (BCP)

Haselbury: 9:30am Holy Communion (BCP)

North Perrott: 9:30am Holy Communion (CW)

Sunday 15th May 2022: Easter 5

Misterton: 11:00am Holy Communion (CW)

Haselbury: 11:00am Family service

North Perrott: no service

Sunday 22nd May 2022: Easter 6

Misterton: no service

Haselbury: 11:00am Holy Communion (CW)

North Perrott: 9:30am Holy Communion (BCP)

Sunday 29th May 2022: Easter 7

St Bartholomew's Crewkerne: 11:00am Holy Communion (CW)

	Flowers	Brass	Cleaning
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Morag Campbell

It is curious that so few Misterton men are widely travelled or have worked abroad. On the other hand, many of our village's ladies have done both. But it is likely that Morag Campbell has outdone them all.

Morag was born on the Isle of Wight, but at the age of two she and her parents moved to Malta. They were both medics; her mother was a nurse, and her father was in the Royal Navy working as a histologist in the pathology laboratory at the naval hospital there. Morag spent nine enjoyable years in Malta. As she says, 'It was an idyllic life.' She attended a naval school on the island before the family moved back to England and settled in Gosport where she went to the local grammar school. Morag has a younger sister who lives in Wiltshire where she and her husband run a drone company that is much in demand by film and TV companies when they need filming to be done from altitude.

Morag's first job was in the Civil Service as a clerical officer in social services where she carried out home visits to assess claimants' need for monetary support. Prior to this she trained as a rural science teacher at Bristol University. She married her husband, John — also a teacher — in 1969. They honeymooned in Torbay and went on to live in a village outside Bath, after which they moved to Hampshire and then to Shropshire for a couple of years before relocating to Hooke in Dorset, just up the road from Beaminster. They divorced some years later. There were two children of the marriage: a son, Alister, and a daughter, Rebecca. Very sadly, Rebecca passed away two years ago. Morag has two grandchildren, seven and ten years old, who both live in Wellington.

Morag has twin passions. In the mid-1980s she came across a teacher of tai chi and immediately resonated with the ancient art comprised of specific flowing movements, which though actually a martial art originating in 14th century China, is more frequently practised as a moving meditation. It has mental and physical health benefits, including improved balance, brain function, pain management and improved quality of sleep. Morag has run classes in Misterton's WI hall since September 2021. The classes are small and open to all.

Her other passion is polarity therapy, which is less well known than tai chi. An eclectic blend of old-style osteopathy and Indian perspectives on subtle energy in the body, polarity is a hands-on system of healing that has remarkable effects on both body and mental emotional problems. She trained in England and broadened her knowledge with frequent visits to conferences in the USA where the bulk of polarity trainers lived. After a while she began cofacilitating on polarity training in Bridport, then Exeter, and finally to County Cork in Southern Ireland.

Early on in her career, an opportunity to run a training facility in Scotland appeared, and Morag found herself teaching a remarkable bunch of twelve women and one man in a hut on the side of a mountain overlooking Loch Ness. This was to be the start of her life as an international polarity therapy teacher. She ran polarity courses for eighteen years in Norway and helped to establish the Norwegian Institute for Polarity Therapy in Oslo. Trainings and workshops in Sweden, Austria, Italy, New Zealand, the USA, Canada, South Africa, and Switzerland all followed.



At the same time, she continued to attend conferences and offer guest presentations on other trainings in Boston, Cape Cod, New York, Phoenix, Alaska, Montreal, and Toronto. Morag is officially a Polarity Therapy Professional and a founder member of the International Polarity Education Alliance. She is so passionate about polarity that she has written five books on the subject, the most recent being published last year. She has also been active in producing videos and open learning on polarity therapy. In her busy life she has also found time to write three children's books, a book of poetry and – as a dare – a vampire book, but she is staying quiet about that.

Morag moved to Misterton in 2020, completing a cycle that began at St Francis School for boys in Hooke in 1974. In those years she had owned a tearoom called the Wooden Spoon on Hogshill Street in Beaminster, serving homemade cakes and cream teas, before working as a bank clerk in Lloyds Bank which was situated in The Square. Her musical tastes range from Johann Sebastian Bach to the Rolling Stones – a band she prefers to the Beatles. Having said that, her favourite band of all is Fleetwood Mac, and her favourite song is from a 1977 album of theirs. It is *Don't stop thinking about tomorrow* and is not a bad maxim for anyone to adopt in these troublesome times.

John Coquet



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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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Charabancs



In last May's issue of the magazine Carol Walker reported that 100 years ago members of the WI made a journey by Charabanc to the Bath Exhibition costing each member 2/-. Margaret Lamb kindly allowed us to print these photos taken from her late father's collection of charabanc trips to Weymouth in the early 1900s. The writing on the back of one of the photos tells us that the outing starting point was at Reads shop near Symes farm and that the shop then became Lane's Stores.

Charabancs were originally long four wheeled carriages that were horse-drawn and used for race meetings, hunting, and shooting parties. The first one believed to be used in Britain was presented to Queen Victoria by the King of France, Louis Philippe in the 1840s.

However, it was the arrival of the internal combustion engine in the late 19th century that allowed the British to modernise it. Consisting of an open carriage with five or more rows of unpadded seats, wooden wheels, and solid tyres with a top speed of 15mph.

Although charabancs were able to drive from one end of the UK to the other, because they were so uncomfortable they were better suited to sight-seeing excursions and annual factory outings. The speed and nature of the journeys meant that many journeys became mechanised pub-crawls with the coaches being full of drunken rabble. Many reports mention bawdy behaviour, flinging of beer bottles and loud singing. I presume this didn't include the WII

The charabanc didn't last long on our roads because of safety issues and towards the late 1920s they were sadly replaced with more modern motor buses with fixed roofs and higher speeds.

Jacquie Lyus



Misterton tennis club



From this month I have the onerous task of replacing Chris Ellis in giving the monthly report on the activities of Misterton Tennis Club. Chris has provided this service for almost twenty years now.

In February we had a very successful quiz night at the Globe which was won by the Misterton Mafia.

Our winter mixed doubles team successfully maintained their place in The Yeovil and District League division 2. This was a major achievement as it is a very competitive league.

Finally, this month we have lost the services of one of our longest standing members, Jill Christison. She first joined the club over thirty years ago. She has recently moved to the Bridport area and made the decision to join Bridport Tennis Club. We wish you well Jill and will miss your sunny company.

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Misterton Gardeners Association

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It is Flower of the Month again: so, if you wish, bring along your best May flower from your garden.

May is my favourite month. Usually, it is not too hot and not too wet, so a good time to be getting on with things in the garden. Misterton soils will be warming up and as they do you can now plant most vegetable seeds. Peas, runner beans, carrots, beetroot and lettuce do well in our garden. But in the early part of the month do watch out for a late frost – some things will need a bit of protection particularly early potatoes and half-hardy annuals. Best leave planting out courgettes and outdoor tomatoes until later in the month. The same goes for hanging baskets.

Of course, if you have a greenhouse, this will give most of the protection needed. We grow indoor tomatoes in ours, together with a new type of cucumber we have come across named Carmen. This is very prolific although, as ever with cucumbers, you do need to keep the plants damp.

The first roses come out this month. One of the very earliest we have is a tall spreading shrub rose called Canary Bird. It has dainty yellow flowers (see photo) which last just two or three weeks. The foliage is grey-green and in the autumn it has maroon rose hips. It's just a joy to see in early May and gives us much hope (of more roses to come) when it emerges.

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the children and staff were invited to dress up as their favourite word. Vocabulary is a focus area within our school development plan and we could not wait to see the creations the children came up with! During the day, the children shared their words and we made a glossary display to further expand our use of vocabulary. Below are a selection of the words, which the children created. Can you guess what the words may be? At the bottom are the answers. We trust you won't peep!













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10th 1940: Winston Churchill promises nothing but 'blood, toil, tears and sweat'

12th 1926: The General Strike ends

15th 1567: Mary Queen of Scots marries

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