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Note from the editors

It's always fascinating to find out about the diverse hobbies our villagers have and this month Claire Jervis shares her love of beekeeping with us, as well as a few other interests. Anne Charlton has some exciting news and we have updates on some fundraising activities as well as the allotment competition that took place in July.

Deserving of a special mention is the Misterton Flower Festival that will be taking place over the August bank holiday weekend - definitely worth a visit for the amazing displays created by the talented flower guild and friends. Full details can be found on page 30.

Jacquie Lyus and Sarah Watt

Deadline for entries for the September magazine is Sunday 21st August.

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Misterton Emergency and Resilience Team

Our entry this month is slightly ironic when you consider that most of our contributions are concerned with flooding and its associated challenges. Having just experienced the hottest days of the year there is a need to consider the weather in all its forms particularly when it reaches such extremes. It is a timely reminder that climate change is going to impact us all more as we go forward.

The MERT core team met this week and will update our risk assessment to include hot weather issues. Our advice is to encourage everyone to take advice from responsible authorities, like the Met Office, for managing the heat. In addition, we anticipate the Misterton community will be helping each other where necessary as neighbourly support is so effective but if anyone needs support let us know and we will see what we can do to assist.

Otherwise have a great summer when the weather returns to normal and keep cool.

Phil

MERT member

Misterton Emergency and Resilience Team

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Wedding congratulations

Misterton Village Magazine would like to congratulate our regular contributor Anne Charlton and Rob Newport on their wedding last month - we are sure you will join us in wishing them every happiness in the years to come!

Anne was kind enough to send us some photos from the wedding to share with you all.



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News from the Parish Council and Recreation Field Trust



It is now three months since I took on the role of chairman for the Misterton Parish Council and it has not got any easier but I live in hope. A day after I was adopted the existing clerk resigned. Clerks fulfil an essential job; they are required to make sure that the council follows the legal requirements on both procedures and finance and they are the only paid member of the council. However they are not well paid for the work and capabilities required and in the current climate of high employment are difficult to find. The job adverts were placed in the appropriate places and, following a successful application, we are in the process of appointing a replacement. With no meeting ever scheduled for August it will be breathing space to get everything back on track and for those who have issues which have not been rapidly resolved I do apologise but we will get there. I am a great believer that Misterton is a worthwhile community and those of us living in Misterton need to work together.

From the start I was encouraged to do something about the intended sale by the WI for the WI community hall and after investigation I have proposed it as a suitable candidate for the Assets of Community Value held by SSDC. This was introduced under the Government Localism Act of 2011 and once accepted gives six months for the community to decide whether it wishes to take over any community asset that may be considered for sale by the owner. Like so many procedures it is not straightforward and it requires consideration by all parties. I hope that a suitable solution can be found without bad feeling. The news on the school shutdown will need further consultation but as of this last parish council meeting it seems likely it will be taken over as a school for special needs for a limited number of pupils in the southern part of the county. From the outset safety will be paramount, parked cars less and a facility that could be used after school hours if warranted. The first step has been to acquire funds to make it possible and we should soon hear more information.

Our first working group meeting on finances revealed many changes that were agreed by our last meeting and I should be able to report in the months ahead. The bottom line is that many outstanding tasks that have continued as outstanding tasks will be successfully concluded and that the cost to the tax payer should not go up but time will tell.

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Charity sale

A lovely day for Mike and Cheryl Newman's tea and shortbread in the garden along with a plant and gift stall in the drive. A total of £474 was raised for Macmillan nurses which was a fantastic result for just a morning's work. The raffle prize winners were:



Carol Walker - luxury hamper

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David Durrant - beer

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Letter from Anne

As I write this letter for August in early July, a wedding is forefront of my mind. This is not surprising as barring an unforeseen act of God I am getting married on 16th July to my lovely fiancé Rob at Haselbury Plucknett church. (Misterton, our first choice, lost out purely through lack of loos and young grandchildren!)

At 67 years young it is wonderful that we have found love and planning on setting out on a future together, and we are both very much looking forward to it, despite knowing that we are unlikely to make silver, gold or platinum anniversaries!

A common comment has been - why bother getting married at your age? I don't think it matters about age, but about making a commitment before God that we will do our very best to honour each other, our families and friends, and our place in the wider community.

What was interesting was that whilst I am the priest, and prayed regularly for a companion in life, Rob also had made his way to his family church in North Cadbury and prayed that he would find a soul mate. When we met it **was** a meeting of souls, and thus our house in Crewkerne is aptly named 'anam cara'. I could say this proves the power of prayer, but I would need to add, I had been praying for 25 years. God's time is not always our time!

Part of the wedding service says these words

'Marriage is a sign of unity and loyalty
Which all should uphold and honour.
It enriches society and strengthens community.'

That is why to us it is so important to make these vows before God.

Some words that I often use at a wedding service, when stood on the other side, as it were, are as follows

If there is righteousness in the heart,
there will be beauty in the character.
If there is beauty in the character,
there will be harmony in the home.
If there is harmony in the home,
there will be order in the nation.
If there is order in the nation,
there will be peace in the world.
So let it be.

I use these words because I believe them to be true, as much for my own life as for all those I have married over the years. Now my only problem will be to remember that I am not taking this wedding, and that someone else is in charge!

Rev Anne Charlton

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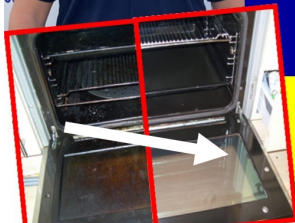
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INSPIRING WOMEN Our July meeting saw members enjoying a garden party at Marsh Cottage courtesy of Judy Welch. Our next meeting will be on Tuesday 2nd August commencing at 7:15pm in the WI hall. Speaker Brian Phelps (by Hook or by Crook) - interactive based on Call My Bluff; Competition is 'your favourite quotation'. Teas: Anne Taylor and Heather Passmore; flowers Margaret Turner. New and prospective members always welcome. Enq: Susan May 01460 73934, Carol Walker 01460 74808.

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Carol Walker

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Wayford: 9:30am BCP - Fr G Reilly

Hewish: 11:00am BCP - Fr G Reilly

St Bart's, Crewkerne: 11:00am HC - Rev D Newman

Sunday 14th August 2022: Trinity 9

Misterton: 11:00am BCP - Fr G Reilly

Haselbury: 9:30am CW - Rev A Daynes

North Perrott: 9:30am CW - Fr D Newman

St Bart's, Crewkerne: 11:00am HC - Rev B Key

Sunday 21st August 2022: Trinity 10

Misterton: 9:30am CW - Rev D Newman

Wayford: 9:30am HC - Fr G Reilly

Haselbury: 11:00am Family Service - Home Team

Hewish: 11:00am HC - Fr G Reilly

St Bart's, Crewkerne: 11:00am HC - Rev B Key

Sunday 28th August 2022: Trinity 11

Misterton: 5:30pm Celebrating Flower Festival - Rev CJ Davis

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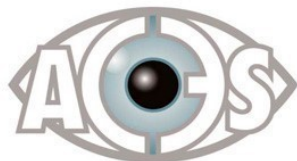
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Claire Jervis

Claire looked at nineteen houses during the three weeks that preceded her decision to move to Misterton from Woking in Surrey. She now lives with her two dogs in East Sidings Drive.

Her parents lived in Worcester Park, also in Surrey. Her father was a chartered surveyor, and her mother was a nurse who now lives in France with Claire's brother. After infants' school, Claire attended Cheam Common Junior Academy before going to Nonsuch School for Girls - again all in Surrey. She went on to study Fashion - Art and Design at Epsom College. In 1979, she moved to New York for a year to work as a nanny and stayed on there for nine months exploring the city. Back in England, she lived in Croydon before moving to Sutton and then to Woking.

In 1991 she married her husband, John. Claire had never lived in the area but was married in Bridport. It was convenient because her husband's mother and grandmother both lived in nearby Charmouth. Now separated from John, they own a house in France in which he lives. They have two daughters, Helen, and Rachael. Helen is a social worker in Bristol, and Rachael is a photojournalist who lives at Crystal Palace in London. Although Claire is dyslexic, she has ambitions to study English and English Literature in Yeovil. In the meantime, she goes to Bridport twice a week to attend Easy Read, a charity that runs classes for people with dyslexia. Jane is her mentor there, of whom Claire has nothing but good to say.

Some four years ago, Claire met Brigitte, her present beekeeping partner, at a apiary event in London. Brigitte lives near Woking, and the two of them now have a pair of hives in the garden of one of Claire's neighbours who takes the occasional jar of honey in lieu of rent. Claire plans to set up a business with Helen to sell honey-based cosmetics.

Beekeeping is an industry vital to agriculture and has a history going back several thousands of years. Pollination by bees accounts for 75% or more of the world's crops, including fruits, vegetables and nuts. Each of Claire and Brigitte's hives has about 70,000 bees, declining to 30,000 during the cold winter weather. A single colony produces between 60 and 100lbs of honey annually. The bees deserve their reputation for being busy. The occupants of a single hive have to fly at their average speed of fifteen to twenty miles an hour for about 55,000 miles to produce a pound of honey, and it takes eight bees their entire lives to make a single teaspoon of honey.

By Claire's account, bees have a caste system. There are three types of bees in a hive - the queen, the workers, and the drones. The workers are all infertile females and offspring of the queen. She has an enviable existence, lording it over all the others, laying up to 2,500 eggs a day and living for as long as two or three years, whereas the average worker bee lives



Brigitte and Claire

for only five or six weeks. The only downside for the queen comes when her egg-laying productivity wanes and the workers kill her off by smothering and stinging her. As well as killing off their mother every few years, worker bees have wretched lives: feeding, cleaning, nursing, and defending the hives. Then there are the drones - all males - whose main purpose in life, apart from collecting pollen, is flying off to mate with young queens from other hives who will start new colonies. If those drones only knew what would result from success in their lusty endeavours. A successful mating causes their reproductive equipment to be ripped off during the amatory process. Male bees have no stingers, but female bees do and die after using them.

When not looking after her hives, Claire works in a café/restaurant, The Kitchen, in Ilminster. She warns us against certain commercial honey sellers who adulterate their honey with sugar and syrups. The practice is known as Honey Laundering.

In her time, Claire has travelled widely in Europe to spend holidays in Crete, the Czech Republic, Greece, Italy, and Turkey. She has also visited Australia and Hawaii.

Ever since she was six years old, Claire has been fascinated by Rameses the Great, the third Pharaoh of the 19th Dynasty of Egypt, who lived some 3,000 years ago. He was, she says, six feet tall - unusual in those days - had red hair and wore a kilt, which intrigued her. He also successfully defended his kingdom against enemies and oversaw the building of the temple of Abu Simbel. He was partial to the ladies, having had more than 200 wives who gave birth to his 156 children.

Claire enjoys watching all the Star War films, but her favourite film is *A Star is Born*, featuring Barbra Streisand. Her record of choice is *Bat Out of Hell* by Meatloaf - who, sadly, is no longer with us. She dislikes soaps but enjoys *The Great British Bake Off* on TV. Her favourite novels are in the Avalon fantasy series by Marion Zimmer Bradley. Along with world-wide beekeepers, Claire celebrated the United Nations' annual World Bee Day on 20th May.

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Misterton Gardeners Association

This month's meeting will be on Friday 26th August at 7:30pm in the WI hall. The speaker is Paul Bygrave the Head Gardener at Forde Abbey. We all know Forde Abbey as it is only a few miles away, but I doubt if we know the history of its gardens. This is the subject of Paul's illustrated talk. I always regard Forde Abbey as one of the best gardens for miles around so this should be a very interesting evening for us all. The flower of the month contest for members will take place as usual, so do bring your best flower along.

August is a month of plenty. Tomatoes, runner beans and courgettes should all be very plentiful. But it is usually a very hot month, so everything in the garden will need to be well watered. Dead heading should be continued, not only roses but other spent flowers as well. Nothing looks worse than flowers that have gone over. If you have a wisteria (there are many in Misterton) now is the best month to prune it. Other jobs include pruning lavenders to keep their shape compact and watering and feeding plants in hanging baskets - properly done, this will see them well into autumn.

Generally, I - as many people - prefer plants whose 'flower power' goes on and on. Like roses, dahlias, and fuchsias. There are a couple of exceptions to this. I do love snowdrops when they first appear and mock oranges (whose smell is divine). But most of all I adore the plant which is commonly known as angels fishing rods. This comes out at the beginning of July and lasts only two or three weeks. Here is a photo of ours when it was out last month. Sadly, a photo cannot do the plant full justice. Its soft pinky-white flowers are so delicate and so very very beautiful, especially in the early morning sunlight. John often says that their sheer beauty reminds him (and makes him think about) the two angels on the wall behind the altar in Misterton Church.



Diana Dyke
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Ray Darch

Margaret, Robin, Christian and their families would like to thank everyone for their support throughout Ray's illness and passing. They would also like to thank @ Sue's Café for the splendid job they did after Ray's funeral.

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Charity walk

On Saturday 16th July I undertook a walk from Misterton to Mosterton. This was a fund-raising event to help fund Pancreatic Cancer UK. The charity is trying to find a way of diagnosing pancreatic cancer before it has passed the point of no return.

The normal survival rate is five years after diagnosis if you are lucky. The overall survival rate is 5% to 10%. I was diagnosed in 2003 and following an operation known as Whipples I have nearly made twenty years which makes me one of very few people.

Pancreatic Cancer UK organised a 'Big Step Forward'. The aim was to walk between one and four miles.

I opted to go to the Admiral Hood via Knowle Lane, a distance of 2.44 miles. This is a climb up to 607ft above sea level for the first mile and a half. Saturday was a hot day, but mother nature was kind in that hedges and trees formed a natural shelter for most of the walk. I was accompanied by two friends.

I would like to thank all those who sponsored me. I enjoyed the walk and will do it again next year all being well. If you would like more information, please go to the charity website www.pancreaticcancer.org.uk.

Iain Rowland



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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Misterton Flower Festival

St Leonard's Church, 26th, 27th, 28th August

After three years, the Flower Guild are presenting a Flower Festival in the church.

The theme this year is 'Anniversaries' which we thought was appropriate with it being Her Majesty's Platinum Anniversary this year.

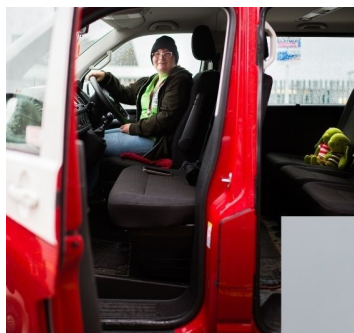
Do come along and see the beautiful flower arrangements and have a cup of tea or coffee with delicious homemade cake in the garden at Finials next to the church. There will be a stall selling home produce in the garden too.

The festival will be open from 10am to 5pm each day and please stay on for Songs of Praise in the church at 5:30pm on the Sunday - everyone is very welcome.

Donations of raffle prizes would be greatly appreciated; also any home produce, fruit, vegetables to sell on the stall.

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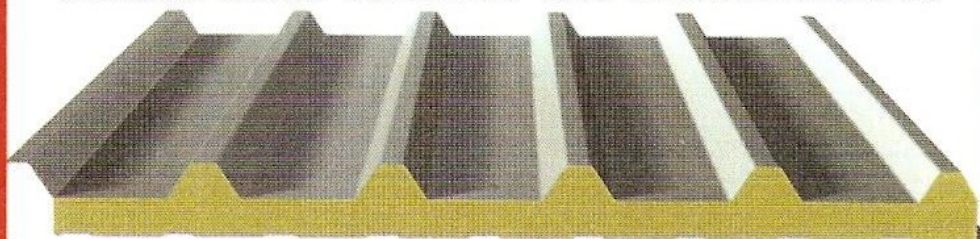
Misterton Men's team has continued its good run of form, and our prospects for promotion to division three are looking good. At the time of writing, we are leading the table, just two points ahead of Somerton B team, who have a game in hand, and who we are due to play in our last match of the season at the end of this month.

Misterton Ladies A tennis team had its first win of the season last week, in an away match against Sherborne Ladies B team winning 4-8. A nice boost to team morale after an unrewarding succession of matches. Four left to play to finish the season. We are likely to be relegated to Division 2 next summer, but for now we can enjoy some excellent high-level tennis.

As we are nearing the end of the match season, we are now organising our club tournaments; unfortunately, due to the hot weather forecast, the Ladies' Doubles has been postponed from Sunday July 17th. There is the annual Pimm's Tournament on Sunday August 14th at 4pm.

Bob Waterhouse
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- 4th 1914: Britain declares war on Germany
- 7th 1840: Climbing boys are banned as chimney sweeps
- 8th 1963: The Great Train Robbery
- 11th 1897: Birth of Enid Blyton, who sold more than 600 million copies of her books
- 13th 1964: The last judicial hanging is carried out
- 20th 1940: Winston Churchill pays public tribute to Battle of Britain pilots
- 23rd 1940: First night of the Blitz on London
- 24th 1875: Matthew Webb becomes the first person to swim the English Channel
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August 2022

Tuesday August 2nd	WI meeting	7:15pm	WI hall
Wednesday August 3rd	Coffee morning	10:30am	WI hall
Friday August 26th	Gardeners Association meeting	7:30pm	WI hall
August 26th - 28th	Misterton Flower Festival	10am-5pm	St Leonard's Church



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