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## Note from the editors

If you have ever been on Crewkerne station platform and wondered who looks after the wonderful planters there (like the one on our front cover), you can find the answer in this month's feature on the Friends of Crewkerne Station by Gail Coleshill.

Maureen Albert has very generously shared a recipe this month for something you may well have had at a Misterton Jubilee party - we can't wait to try it out! And just because the Jubilee is over doesn't mean there's nothing to celebrate as there are quite a few events happening in the village this month and next advertised in this edition, which is lovely to see.

*Jacquie Lyus and Sarah Watt*

**Deadline for entries** for the August magazine is Thursday 21st July.

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All remains quiet in the village for the resilience team, probably because of the good weather we have been enjoying in June. As mentioned last month, local authorities are keeping focussed and inviting attendance from communities in Somerset to events they organise. Members of MERT have attended meetings on flooding and a water forum looking at a broad swathe of water related issues.

It is good to have support from experts, what worries us is how we translate the information into practice when the need arises. MERT would welcome more help with water issues which could be by getting more involved with other volunteer groups, to share knowledge, or being part of our team as a flood volunteer, so we are better prepared when the weather gets wetter in winter. We need to be organised rather than spontaneous in the actions we take so if you would like to contribute, please let us know.

*Phil*

MERT member

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Last month in my first report in the magazine as the new Parish Council Chair, I had the benefit of a completed council meeting but for this report the meeting will occur after the deadline for report submission. Therefore, I will let you know that which I know has happened and that which I think will be of interest but is yet to happen. The Historical Society and the Community Asset Register held by SSDC have both received submissions of concern at the possible change of use of the WI community hall because of the stated intent to auction the building. Both organisations have the power to delay or prevent in some way a change of use. It may be that the best way forward is a proper consultation on options with the community. Much work is needed to resolve the best way forward for our cemetery. New legislation concerning difficulties with ground water in cemeteries will have to be resolved before the planned cemetery extension can go forward. The Friends of Misterton Cemetery Chapel (FoMCC) have dissolved themselves and entrusted the future of the Cemetery Chapel to the Parish Council and myself as the new chair, possibly because I was instrumental in forming FoMCC in the first place.

Misterton lit its beacon with others for the Jubilee celebrations. The village also showed its fair share of patriotic visual displays if perhaps not as strong as it might have been in the past. It has been suggested that the community spirit is not what it was 20 years ago so perhaps that is something we should be concerning ourselves with. Because it may take some time to replace our clerk the meeting on 21st June will consider proposals to form working groups for Cemetery, Roads, History and Community, Finance and Amenities which are easier to manage in the absence of a clerk but allow the work of the council for the community to continue. This structural change can also lend itself to co-opting villagers for their expertise and industry.

Roads remain a concern and a request at very short notice by BBC Outside Broadcast TV was accepted and Misterton featured on the programme about HGVs on 25th May. It covered three Somerset areas; Bruton, North Perrott and Misterton on the same topic but those who saw the broadcast will realise that only Misterton came up trumps with a first class HGV driven jam, featuring my wife Diane. I thought it was I as Chairman to do the job but the BBC wanted a female to balance its broadcast and I am sure people will agree Diane, having been deputy chair of the council for many years and a current Speed Watch participant with a real interest in the road problem, did a far better job than I.

*Paul Bradly*

Chairman

Misterton Parish Council

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## Letter from Anne

I listened to the church bells ringing this morning, and wondered what they meant to people - an irritating noise? A call to prayer? A reminder, hopefully of our God of love.

That led me to thinking about noise and silence.

I wonder – have you ever been on a retreat, or even better a silent retreat? Retreats can be for a few days or even just a few hours, but it is time taken out to think, to reflect, not only on our faith, but on how we are leading our lives, what our priorities are, and also to make sense of relationships, and to some extent the world.

And then, silence.

In our increasingly busy lives, silence becomes something we can even be fearful of. Many households have television and radio on all day, and yet it is only in the silence that I believe we can truly stop and just be. Dairmaid MacCulloch has written an excellent book entitled 'Silence: a Christian History', which explores the many ways in which we have used silence in our faith journeys over the years and is a fascinating read.

Jesus needed space to be silent and to retreat, we see many mentions in the Gospels.

Luke 5:16 'But Jesus often withdrew to lonely places and prayed.'

Mark 1 35 'Very early in the morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left the house and went off to a solitary place.'

The Retreat Association website has many interesting led retreats as well as silent retreats. Why not take a look?

Retreats can be life changing experiences and at the very least help us to put things back in right perspective. If you are at a stage in your life when this is not practical, why not just seek out an hour in a solitary place and pause in silence to give thanks to God, to count your blessings, and to reflect on your life?

*NB If you are interested in crafts as well, why not join me as I lead a craft retreat 14th to 18th November at Sheldon on the edge of Dartmoor? For more details go to [www.sheldon.uk.com](http://www.sheldon.uk.com).*

With every blessing

Rev Anne Charlton

## Refugee charities

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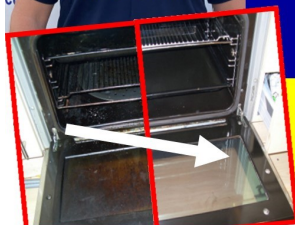
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*Carol Walker*

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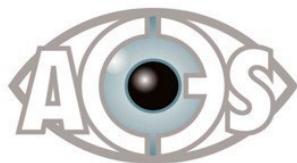
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Wayford: 10:00am BCP - Fr G Reilly

Hewish: 11:45am BCP - Fr G Reilly

### **Sunday 10th July 2022: Trinity 4**

Misterton: 11:00am BCP - Rev B Keyes

Haselbury: 9:30am BCP - Rev CJ Davis

North Perrott: 9:30am Holy Communion (CW) - Fr G Reilly

### **Sunday 17th July 2022: Trinity 5**

Misterton: 9:30am BCP - Rev CJ Davies

Haselbury: 11:00am Family Service - Home Team

### **Sunday 24th July 2022: Trinity 6**

North Perrott: 9:30am BCP - Rev CJ Davies

Haselbury: 11:00am Holy Communion (CW) - Rev A Daynes

### **Sunday 31st July 2022: Trinity 7**

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The FOCS grew from a group campaigning to keep the booking office open in the threat of closure. The MP at the time, David Laws, supported the campaign and fortunately the station stayed open although with reduced hours. Nowadays the rail company prefers to appoint station ambassadors rather than a ticket office clerk, whose role is principally to help passengers and rail users in any suitable way rather than just sell tickets. Recent changes with the rail operating company have meant that the Department for Transport has taken responsibility for South Western Railway and the post at Crewkerne is being staffed by temporary ticket officers at the moment. That should change soon for a permanent station ambassador working from 6:00am until 12.30pm every day except Sunday.



FOCS has developed from a campaigning group to a community group who work alongside the South Western Railway company to provide a better environment for travellers and station users and to help with friendly advice without encroaching on the role of station staff. They report on any faults or difficulties found at the station, help with litter picking, look after the planters with flowers, help promote rail travel and liaise with other stations

and members of the rail company. The history group has a good collection of information and photographs which have contributed to the information board on the platform. The information board has been set up by the Blackmore Vale Community Rail Partnership of which the FOCS are an active member. Recently the FOCS won the annual cup for the best decorated station at Christmas.

Probably what is best known is the wonderful seasonal display of flowers on both platforms and we have learnt over the years what grows best in the planters. We tried half barrels before the cattle trough planters but found that the wood did not last. We have also tried unsuitable plants like cosmos which although looking beautiful grew too tall and wanted watering too frequently. Of course, keeping the plants looking good means constant regular watering in dry spells, and good care. The Misterton side of the track which is not open to passengers has given us some interesting times. Firstly, we wanted to clear some of



the detritus on the platform without taking away all of the moss and weeds which help to make it look natural. This meant negotiations not only with Network Rail who have responsibility but also the owner of the Old Coalyard which has been developed into a small housing enclave. Now we have a locked access on to the platform and a tap to keep the planters watered by a rota of volunteers.



We attend many local fairs and fetes with our information stall and help to promote rail travel as well as attract volunteers to help with the care of wild and cultivated planting at the station. Many of our volunteers live in Misterton (as does the station) and we would love to see more of you at our Thursday morning 'work ins' at the station. There are also many supporters who pay an annual sub of £10 or £5 and receive regular newsletters about the FOCS and the railway including information about special tickets. Meetings are normally on a Wednesday evening at the Globe Inn but over the last two years we have met over Zoom.

Do get in touch if you would like to join us or if you have any historic or useful information about the railway. We have an address now at the station or you can reach me, FOCS secretary, on [gail.coleshill@gmail.com](mailto:gail.coleshill@gmail.com) or 07811 657798.

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*Gail Coleshill*

Secretary, Friends of Crewkerne Station



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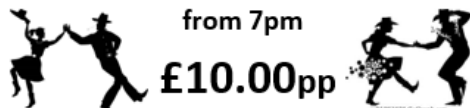




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### Tea Party at Misterton First School

We would like to invite you to a tea party on Friday 22nd July at 10am.

This will be an informal gathering where the children will share some of their memories, some songs and poems. You can sit and chat to others about your memories of the school and there will be an opportunity to look around the school and revisit some of your own memories. This will be a ticketed event.

Please contact Ashlands First School if you would like to attend on 01460 73437.

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## Misterton traffic

Many may have seen our traffic problem featuring on the BBC West programme on Thursday 26th May. The request came from the BBC at very short notice through the parish council and despite trying to get others in the timescale, the only ones available were Paul and I. The next day coming back from Ilminster we pulled into Knowle Lane to see that it was blocked further up by a contractor repairing potholes and a few minutes later out of our front window a van turning round at the bottom of Knowle Lane, having reversed from the blocked lane. We did not see any road signs signalling the blocked lane. A little later one of our neighbours who normally parks in front of our house (as we know parking in Misterton is at a premium) called to point out that the capping stone on our front stone wall had been knocked and moved. The marks, doubtless of some vehicle, are clearly shown in this photo and only three feet away the pillar holding our gates which would have been the cause of much more damage. Coming so soon after the programme this makes me believe there are two lessons; a) when a vehicle is parked in front of the property or in the case of the pavement the pedestrian is protected from such likely damage in our narrow roads and b) if we are to succeed in improving the situation it is essential that all such incidents are noted and recorded centrally, perhaps in the first instance to the parish council and subsequently the police and the roads authority.

*Diane Brady*



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## Misterton Gardeners Association

This month's meeting will be a BBQ at Mike and Cheryl Newman's house at The Poppies, Silver Street. We aim for this to take place on Friday 29th July commencing 6.30pm but obviously it is a bit weather dependent. As ever, non-members are welcome to come to this enjoyable village event – we do look forward to seeing you. There will be a small charge (£5) for all attendees. The flower of the month contest for members will take place as usual so do bring your best flower along.

July is often the hottest month of the year and a good time to sit and enjoy your garden. Of course, there are still things to be done so keep your plants looking good by dead-heading and regular watering. Weeds thrive in warm weather so put your hoe to good use!

For apple trees the so-called June drop may well have extended in July. It is a natural process, designed to stop trees bearing too much fruit and later breaking branches with their weight. However sometimes the process needs a helping hand – so do pick off the smaller developing apples if your tree is well laden. You will be rewarded in the autumn with larger and better fruit. Tomatoes, whether grown in the greenhouse or outdoors, will need regular feeding. As will beans, courgettes and indeed almost everything else. We find that Tomorite is a very balanced fertiliser, good for virtually all vegetables, flowers, and shrubs.

Haven't the roses been good this year? Ours have been full of flowers and hardly any black spot. How difficult it is to say which rose has been best!! We are going through a phase of liking orange-coloured roses and have just bought a replacement one named Super Trouper at Groves Bridport (using our 10% off Misterton Gardening Club discount of course!!) Here is a photo of it.



*Diana Dyke*  
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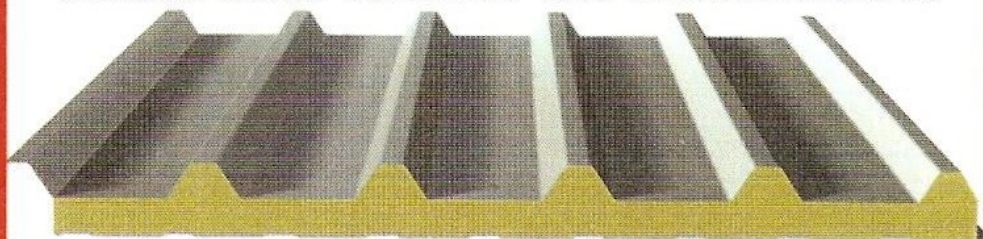
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## Mum's Border Tart

After making two tarts for a Misterton Jubilee party, Maureen had requests for the recipe so she said she would put it into the magazine and here it is! Quantities below are for a round tart tray of approx 7in diameter. However, Maureen is used to doubling the quantities and using a 9in flan dish. This is because it is tasty and morish!

### You will need:

Shortcrust pastry to line the tin. No need to prebake but pop it into the fridge to cool while you mix the filling.

Leftover pieces can be used to make a lattice on the top if you wish.

### Ingredients for the filling, using two bowls, one for each:

A cupful of caster sugar mixed with one egg.

A cupful of sultanas mixed with 2oz melted butter.

Now mix all together and add approx 1 level dessertspoon of cornflour. The mixture should be softer than a sponge cake mixture, but not sloppy.

Fill the pastry case.

Cover in a lattice if you wish.

Bake in a moderate oven for about 25-30 mins until golden brown and firm. If you are doubling the quantity and using a larger dish, it will need longer, about 45 mins.

Cool.

It will keep happily in an airtight container for a fortnight out of the fridge, but you will eat it before then!

Happy eating!

*Maureen Albert*





## *St Leonard's Church Flower Festival*

Plans are going ahead for the flower festival over the Bank Holiday weekend of 26th/27th/28th August.

We will be offering tea/coffee and cake in the garden at Finials, next to the church, and there will be a home produce stall in the garden too.

We will need volunteers please to help run the stall, to serve the teas and to steward in the church.

Please contact Sue 01460 78430 or Cheryl 01460 75025.



## **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.

If you are a retired professional or business man living in the Crewkerne area, why not consider joining us? Contact David Bryant on 01460 74422

## Friends of Misterton Cemetery Chapel

On Wednesday 1st June the Friends of Misterton Cemetery Chapel was dissolved. We had achieved all we set out to do in 2004 when the future of the chapel was in doubt. With the help of the village and area around, we leave the chapel in perfect condition and a very healthy bank balance of £3,918.06.

We would like to thank all who worked so hard to achieve our aims. We have now placed the care of the chapel in the hands of Mr Paul Bradly.

*Pam Entwisle*

(last Chairperson)

## Misterton Tennis Club



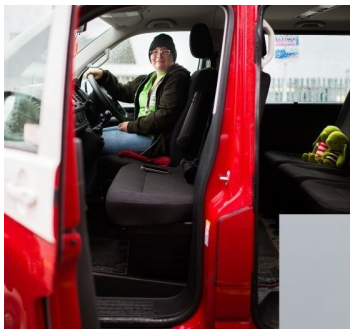
After five matches, the men's team have reached the halfway point in the league. Misterton men's home form has been particularly strong this season, and they are currently in second place, only three points behind Somerton men's B team, who we are due to play away in our last match of the season at the end of July.

The ladies' team did amazingly well last season to reach the heady heights of League 1 and, not surprisingly, they have struggled this season. However, there are hopes for success in the second half of the season with Beth Lacey's arrival back from tennis scholarship in America.

I would also like to thank Steve Beach for his sterling work for five years as secretary of Misterton Tennis club. He has been a pleasure to work with and I don't know who will replace him, any offers?

*Bob Waterhouse*

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- 3rd 1946: The Stone of Scone is returned to Scotland from Westminster Abbey
- 8th 1822: Percy Bysshe Shelley, the leading romantic poet, drowns
- 9th 1877: The inaugural Wimbledon Lawn Tennis Championship is held
- 12th 1910: Charles Rolls (of Rolls-Royce cars) is killed in a plane crash
- 13th 1923: Sale of alcohol is banned for under-18s
- 18th 1920: The Cenotaph is unveiled
- 22nd 1946: Bread is rationed, though it never was during the 1939 - 1945 war
- 23rd 1940: The Local Defence Volunteers are renamed as The Home Guard
- 26th 1978: The world's first test-tube baby is born in Manchester
- 30th 1966: England win the Football World Cup

*John Coquet*



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July 2022

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Tuesday July 19th	Memories of Misterton school service	1:30pm	St Leonard's Church
Tuesday July 19th	Parish Council meeting	6:30pm	WI hall
Friday July 29th	Gardeners Association BBQ	6:30pm	Poppies, Silver Street



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