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Note from the editors

The end of summer is always bittersweet; days shorten while shadows lengthen and for some this means the end of freedom and a return to academic routine. However, the start of autumn also feels like a new beginning with plenty of things to look forward to - crisp sunny autumn mornings, watching the trees turn all sorts of amazing colours, donning knitted layers as the weather cools. Our cover is a subtle nod to these seasonal changes, by Alice Watt who is studying an illustration degree at Arts University Bournemouth.

In the centre of this month's edition you will find a questionnaire about the use of our local community halls - please take the time to complete and return it to the parish council.

Jacquie Lyus and Sarah Watt

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As ever the weather has a big influence on what MERT is focussed on. With the heavy rain this week I am sure many of you will have been reminded of the issues it brings. We have noticed that the combination of summer vegetation growth followed by rain makes the roads and drains even more of a challenge due to the amount of debris involved.

MERT is interested in any knowing of any pinch points that you are aware of and will try to help with advice and appropriate action where feasible. Please be aware we are a very small core team and not the emergency services who are able to deal with the bigger problems.

Phil

MERT member

Misterton Emergency and Resilience Team

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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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News from the Parish Council and Recreation Field Trust



Autumn beckons and activity at the parish council still seems constantly busy. Most importantly we have a new clerk. For those not familiar, the clerk fulfils a very important role. They are responsible in law for the council achieving its financial and legal responsibilities. They are the only employee and work with the unpaid parish councillors. They are not employees of the public. Our new clerk, Jane Thicknesse, remains also clerk to the smaller village of South Perrott, Dorset but lives in Mosterton. When you are able, please welcome her and help make her time successful.

For a small council such as Misterton, the cemetery may be its most important responsibility. At the end of the week, I will witness the first burial as chairman. Typically, there are up to five of these each year and the much-discussed extension is not urgent. It is important to keep everything in good order which we have been doing with work from councillors and villagers in both cemetery and chapel, but we are far from finished.

A great success of teamwork has been the presenting of our byelaws on our Misterton website. I was receiving requests for different uses of Misterton owned land for which I realised there should have been byelaws. Councillor Paul Gillard came to the rescue having retained them on his phone when they were thrown out with the broken notice board. He passed the information to the rest of the Council including Councillor Abbie Rousell who in her time as stand-in clerk, became a dab hand at servicing the Misterton website. In due course we will be repairing notice boards. If you are able, I would encourage everyone to become familiar with the many aspects of the Misterton website. Take for example the WI descriptions which surprised me in declaration of community support. If any reader has concerns about the sale of the WI hall, can I encourage individual action to David Crisfield at SSDC, email david.crisfield@southsomerset.gov.uk. Please also fill the survey in this month's magazine and send it back to Misterton Council. We will do the rest.

Paul Bradly
Chairman



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Dennis Evans

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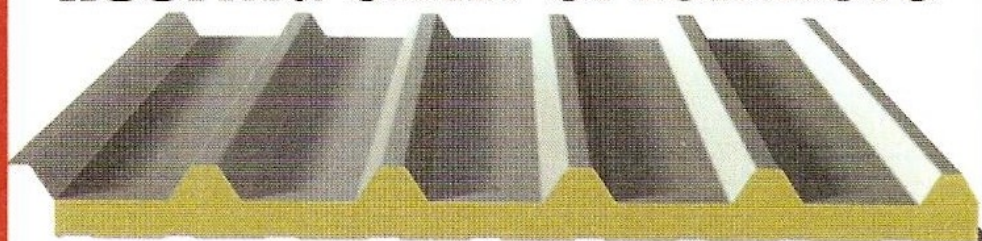
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Letter from Anne

As I write this article, I am staying in deepest Cornwall in a tiny Airbnb imaginatively created from an old cart shed. (There is a reason for this; my daughters and grandchildren are all staying nearby so we are having some lovely family time.)

However, there is one huge problem for me. The whole cottage is full of clutter, tasteful clutter, but clutter, nevertheless. A quick count reveals nineteen large glass vases and bowls, seven table lamps, and two large model yachts. The small bedroom alone has seven pictures on the wall and three mirrors.

Is not our life like this sometimes? There is so much clutter around we cannot see what is really there. I long to clear the place and take it back to being true.

It makes me want to work harder to clear the clutter from my life and get back to what is important, love, community, neighbours, praising God both in song and in quiet moments, Meeting together with others to talk about what's important in life.

I wonder how much clutter you have?

Jesus went away to a quiet place to pray.

Can I suggest that sometime in September we plan in some time out, to get our priorities back right again, to read a little more scripture, and watch a little less television, and talk a little more about the important stuff of life. I promise I will try, but first I have to move aside the twelve cushions and five rugs so I can find a space to sit down.

Rev Anne Charlton



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Kate White

Caring for others has always played an important part in Kate's life. Caring runs in her family. She has spent all her working years as a nurse. She has two daughters. One of them is a nurse at a children's hospital in Cardiff, while the other designs publications for Welsh Women's Aid - also based in Cardiff. Kate's sister, who lives in Sussex, is a nurse too.

Kate was born in Bridport hospital in 1958. Her parents were farmers in Mosterton before they converted their barns, granaries, and stables to holiday cottages. Prince Charles was a patron of CoSIRA, the Council for Small Industries in Rural Areas, which supported farmers who wanted to change their farms to other activities. He presented her parents with an award in the 1980s at Highgrove House on his Gloucestershire estate. Kate had a pony for several years and rode with the Seavington and Cattistock hunts and also entered it into horse shows.

Between the ages of four and eleven, Kate went to St Martin's school in Crewkerne before going on to Beaminster Comprehensive. Her schooling finished, she moved to Weymouth College to undertake a pre-nursing course. Her first paid job was a part-time one at the George Hotel in Crewkerne where she worked behind the bar and waited at table in the evenings and at weekends. As soon as her course was completed in 1979, she became a nurse at Southmead Hospital in Bristol. From 1981 she spent four years working on the surgical ward at Yeovil hospital before becoming a community nurse in the Chard area.

As a young woman, she was a member of the Pax Players, taking part in dancing, singing, and acting in plays - all of them being staged in Mosterton village hall. She started dating Graham, her future husband - himself a farmer at Misterton's Mill Farm - in her final year at Weymouth College. Like Kate, Graham also comes from farming stock. His father, Jeff, owned Mill Farm, and Graham's grandfather and an uncle once owned a farm on the outskirts of Crewkerne near Wadham school. Kate met Graham at a Young Farmers club, and they were married in 1983, spending their honeymoon in Corfu. May next year will mark their 40th anniversary of living in their house in Misterton, in which Graham had been born.

Kate's parents owned a powerboat at Lyme Regis. She learned water-ski racing there and competed in races at Lyme and Weymouth but didn't involve herself in the 5ft high ramp-jumping. As she says, "I've no head for heights." Her best result was coming third in a race at Weymouth where she was up against stiff opposition. For instance, the winner was the national champion. Kate was also a keen hockey-player at school and used to participate at Westlands and Beaminster hockey clubs.

When not working as a community nurse, she used to help her mother in the business of holiday lettings. Her final nursing job was as a community nurse in the Yeovil area. Kate was part of a team invited to the Doctor of the Year ceremony at the Grosvenor Hotel in London. There, the team won an award for its work in a skin clinic. At another time she also gained an award for 25 years' service in the National Health Service. "It didn't amount to much," she says. "It was nothing more than a plastic cube with the letters NHS on it."



She and Graham have had many foreign holidays. They went to Corfu, Italy, Portugal - where Graham always enjoyed playing golf - the USA, St Lucia, Turkey, and lots of small Greek islands while on a motor cruiser with friends. Travelling solo, Kate went several times to Hong Kong to meet up with a friend who lived there. She also visited Corfu, Majorca, Malta, Milan, New York, Paris, and Tuscany. With other members of the Young Farmers club, the Whites toured the USA in four campervans in 1982. The trip, lasting rather more than three weeks, ranged from New York to Canada and visited Los Angeles on the way. The high spot for Kate was seeing Niagara Falls.

Although she played flamenco guitar when she was young, she describes herself as being a rock chick back in the 1970s and dressed accordingly. Unsurprisingly, she has been - and still is - a devotee of the Rolling Stones and other similar bands. Kate used to play squash at

Merriott Squash Club, one of the two squash-only clubs in the county, but her sporting activities for the last forty years have been limited to tennis, playing as a member of Misterton's club where she used to be chairman. She plays ladies doubles there and competes as part of the Yeovil and District's A team. Kate used to play for Seaton in the Ladies Exeter and District league and occasionally involves herself in mixed doubles at Ilminster tennis club.

Her books of choice are detective novels. She enjoys solving crosswords and puzzles of all sorts. Having no interest in soaps, her favourite television programmes are action films and detective dramas - the gorier the better. Kate enjoys cooking, painting, dressmaking and doing upholstery. She and her husband are valued members of our community.

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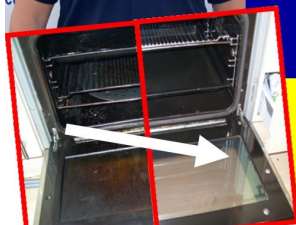
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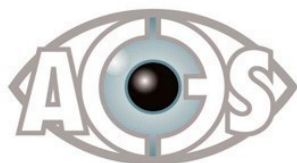
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Misterton lifestyle questionnaire

I am sure by now most of you will have got the message that there has been a change of responsibility at the top of Misterton Parish Council, and I am now responsible for delivering to all of you citizens together with my fellow councillors. There are many reasons for me to want to explore whether we can open up activities in our changing world that will suit us best in the near future. We do have facilities and we have a certain amount of money and I do know there are lots of willing and enthusiastic residents but at the moment it is not gelling together.

Over my many years of work and voluntary work I have believed it better to steal other people’s ideas rather than try and work up your own. It is for this reason on the other side of this page I have presented the latest list of clubs and societies from the two Hanney villages of Oxfordshire. I do not see these as exclusive but hopefully they will encourage other ideas. Currently in addition to our pubs we have three potential meeting halls namely the village hall, the WI community hall and now most recently the potential of Misterton School after 4pm. Each is probably best suited to different activities both by their size and by their location. Already there are many clubs and societies, but it would be useful to ascertain what other activities are looked for and see if we can make best use of the facilities that could be available.

Can you spend a few minutes and indicate what sort of facilities you would like to make the village more enjoyable for you and your family. Once you have marked the page, please return it either to the council letter box just inside the gate in the WI hall or to my own letter box at Knowle House, Knowle Lane in the centre of the village. Failing a good return, we have to revert to knocking on your door to collect the reply.

Paul Bradly
Chairman

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Clubs and societies at West and East Hanney, Oxfordshire

Badminton club - meets every week	YES / NO
Bellringers - learn the ropes	YES / NO
Book club - meets every month	YES / NO
Bowls club - meets every week	YES / NO
Brownies and Guides - meets every week	YES / NO
Rainbows - meets every week	YES / NO
Community coffee morning - meets every week	YES / NO
Community woodland working party	YES / NO
Cricket club - occasional friendly games	YES / NO
Flood group - holds a monthly working party	YES / NO
Gardening club - meets every month	YES / NO
History group - meets every month	YES / NO
Occasional golfers society - meets quarterly	YES / NO
Scouts, cubs and beavers	YES / NO
Senior citizens club - meets every month	YES / NO
Table tennis - meets every week	YES / NO
Tennis club	YES / NO
Wheeler's cycling - meets twice monthly	YES / NO
Wine circle - meets every month	YES / NO
WI - meets every month	YES / NO
Youth football club - trains at the rec every week	YES / NO
Royal British Legion branch - meets bi-monthly	YES / NO
Royal British Legion bingo - meets every week	YES / NO
Singing club - meets every week	YES / NO
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Carol Walker

Misterton WI

Wreath making

The Ile Valley Flower Club are holding a wreath making session on December 10th at Misterton village hall from 10am until midday. Costs, what to bring and who to book with will be in the November magazine.

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Wayford: 9:30am BCP - Rev CJ Davis

Hewish: 11:00am HC - Fr G Reilly

St Bart's, Crewkerne: 11:00am HC - Rev CJ Davis

Sunday 11th September 2022: Trinity 13

Misterton: 11:00am BCP - to be named

Haselbury: 9:30am BCP - Rev CJ Davis

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

St Bart's, Crewkerne: 11:00am HC - to be named

Sunday 18th September 2022: Trinity 14

Misterton: 9:30am BCP - Rev CJ Davis

Wayford: 9:30am HC - Fr G Reilly

Hewish: 9:30am HC - Rev D Newman

Haselbury: 11:00am Family Service - Home Team

St Bart's, Crewkerne: 11:00am HC - to be named

Sunday 25th September 2022: Trinity 15

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

Haselbury: 11:00am HC CW Harvest Festival (+ lunch) - Rev A Daynes

St Bart's, Crewkerne: 11:00am Harvest Festival for all ages - Rev CJ Davis

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Misterton Gardeners Association

This month's meeting will be on Friday 30th September at 7:30pm in the WI hall. Our speaker is Micky Little, and his subject is 'Bulbs: their selection and growing'. Micky has been with us previously - he is a knowledgeable and entertaining speaker. So do come along. Prior to this meeting we are having a garden party at our home at Appletrees, Unity Lane on Sunday 11th September at 2:30pm. Nothing elaborate, just teas and cakes - and a walk around our garden if you wish. This will be free to members - guests are also welcome to join us (for a small charge). It was the intention to judge the fuchsias (which we gave out at our March meeting) but the hot weather has put paid to a lot of them. However, if yours has managed to survive do bring it with you - as there is a prize for the winning entry.

September is usually a cooler month than August and of course the days are notably shorter. However, if you have a fruit or vegetable patch now is the time to gather in your harvest. Our beans have not done as well this year but maybe the cooler and damper September weather may help them along. On the other hand, we have had a bumper year with our courgettes and cucumbers - the cucumber variety which we grow (Carmen) has kept going on and on. Our tomatoes have been mixed with the outdoor ones doing rather better than the ones grown in the greenhouse - I think it has been too hot for them.

In the flower garden, this is a good time to plant new perennials - especially towards the end of the month. It is the time too to plant wallflowers, pansies, forget-me-nots and other spring bedding plants in pots and borders. Also plant some spring flowering bulbs like crocuses, daffodils, and fritillaries. And keep your hanging baskets going by dead-heading

and regular feeding. We have grown dark-leaved dahlias for a couple of years now. Their leaf colour shows up their flowers to good advantage. Our favourite is called After Eight - see the photo to the left.

Finally, September always has some very pleasant days. So do take a rest and enjoy your garden. It may be a long winter...!

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Church locations

Has anyone noticed that Ordnance Survey maps often show the same distances between local parish churches? For instance, as the crow flies, Misterton church is equidistant from those at South and North Perrott. The same distance separates the church at Stoke Sub Hamdon from Montacute's.

A greater yardage exists between the church at East Coker and Hardington Mandeville's and is almost identical to that between the churches at Stoke Abbott and Beaminster, as is the distance from Stoke Abbott's to Broadwindsor church. The same distance separates the churches at Middle Chinnock and East Chinnock.

After the conversion of England to Christianity in the 7th century, Pope Gregory urged that Christian churches be built on old pagan places of worship. So, it seems that equal distances between nearby pagan (later to become Christian) sites were important for some long forgotten reason. What can it have been?

And how did our pagan ancestors trace distances to within a few yards as the crow flew. After all, many of their old places of worship have hills between them and aren't visible one from another, except from the air. It makes you wonder. But however they did it, shared distances between parish churches are found all over the southern counties and, possibly, further afield.

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Misterton Football Club



Hello readers,

September is with us and this brings the start of the Perry Street League 2022-23 season. Once again, we have two sides entered into the PSL. Things remain the same as for last season with the first team in the premier division and the reserves in division one.

The club have also registered a side in the Somerset Veterans League. This season the vets are in group 4 playing against the likes of Forton, Coombe, Langport, West and Middle Chinnock, West Dorset, Westlands and Ilchester.

The club held a patron's draw to raise funds for a new kit and training tops. This was well supported by generous local businesses and individuals. A total of 29 entrants went into the draw and the winners are detailed below:

1st prize - Sponsors of the first team kit - **The Windowman**

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3rd prize - Sponsors of the reserve team warm up tops - **Barrett Bros. Butchers**

The club committee would like to express their thanks and appreciation to all of those who donated and made it a successful event.

An initial batch of fixtures, for September, have been released by the league as detailed below:

Date	Time	Team	Opponents	Home/Away	Competition
3rd Sep	2:30pm	First	Forton	H	Premier
3rd Sep	2:30pm	Reserves	Forton Reserves	A	Div One
10th Sep	2:30pm	First	West and Middle Chinnock	A	Premier
10th Sep	2:30pm	Reserves	Dowlish Wake and Donyatt	H	Div One
17th Sep	2:30pm	First	Coombe Reserves	A	Premier
17th Sep	2:30pm	Reserves	Shepton Beauchamp Reserves	H	Div One
* 24th Sep	2:30pm	First	Barrington	H	Premier
* 24th Sep	2:15pm	Reserves	Thorncombe	H	Div One Cup

Note: *At the time of writing both of these fixtures are listed as being played at the rec at the same time.

As always, we look forward to seeing you at the recreation ground to cheer us over the next few weeks.

Regards,

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Here are a couple of photos of the bridge taken over the years. The top one (thanks to Margaret Symes) is probably pre First World War. The bottom one (which my daughter Julie Douth gave me) is taken from a village postcard dating from the 1950s.

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- 3rd 1939: Britain declares war on Germany
- 4th 1962: The Beatles have their first recording session
- 6th 1620: The Mayflower carries the Pilgrim Fathers to America
- 7th 1533: Queen Elizabeth I is born
- 11th 1915: The first Women's Institute opens
- 20th 1258: Consecration of Salisbury Cathedral
- 23rd 1848: Commercial production of chewing gum begins
- 24th 1776: Inaugural St Leger horse race
- 28th 1745: 'God save The King' first sung as the national Anthem

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