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Note from the editors

Our front cover this month is from the archives of the Friends of Crewkerne Station (photo credit: J Cornelius FOCS) and was taken 60 years ago to the month. A big thank you goes to Michael Frackiewicz, historian of the FOCS, who has contributed an article on the history of the station along with a wealth of photos, which can be found on page 18.

To keep your brain cells working after the festive period, our treasurer, Leo, has put together a new year crossword with a twist - head to page 28 to see if your local knowledge is good enough to win the prize!

On behalf of the committee, we wish you all a happy healthy new year.

Jacquie Lyus and Sarah Watt

Deadline for entries for the February magazine is Friday 20th January.

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Misterton Emergency and Resilience Team

As we now have another festive season behind us, I would like to start by wishing everyone a happy and successful new year.

Whilst we are only just into 2023, we hope there will be plenty to inspire the village. As the Misterton Emergency and Resilience Team (MERT) now have two representatives on Misterton Parish Council we will be working towards a more coordinated approach to supporting the village.

MERT intends to keep working on the issues that we have undertaken previously namely flooding and help with other adverse weather (like that at the start of December). In addition, we will look out for any new issues that might impact the village particularly those that might occur due to the current economic situation. Working with the parish council and continuing our liaison with the new unitary Somerset Council, from April 2023, means we will have greater ability to tackle anything that arises.

We have good news in that we have a new member of the core team. Bob Taylor moved into Newbery Lane with his wife Alyson last summer and has volunteered to be one of the team. He is very welcome and we look forward to working with him in the future.

As ever if you have anything you would like to raise with us please use our contact information which are in the magazine each month.

Phil

MERT member

MERT Contact Details

If an incident occurs in Misterton and you would like the assistance of the emergency and resilience team please call:

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My first few words for the new year are very personal and I would not normally be telling but I believe there are messages here that could save lives of fellow villagers and friends. On 26th November I was struck down by a stroke that totally paralysed my left side and affected my speech. 999 Ambulance might be there in two hours (for a category 1 event I believe the time should have been in the region of 18 minutes). My wife took the initiative and with the help of other members of the family and neighbours I was carried into the car and taken into A&E Yeovil. After tests and within an hour I received an intravenous injection and 15 minutes later was well again. I am very fortunate, but had I waited for the ambulance the chances are it would have been too late. Since returning Diane and I have decided that we need to fit ourselves with Careline in case, for example, I had been by myself. The message is for many, especially those by themselves to make sure in a similar emergency people can be alerted and action taken.

Now on to MPC matters, at last the new notice board has been erected and the byelaws posted in the recreation field and the safety measures that our inspector had been calling for are also erected. With the bureaucracy we have to comply with it took six months and is a good indicator of the difficulty of getting speedy resolutions.

The new cemetery charges are now on the website and will be applied from next year onwards. We were ridiculously cheap compared to the other cemeteries in South Somerset and it is our absolute duty to maintain this facility from council funds. I would like to see our MPC website as an automatic place to go for those seeking information about activities in the village so at our last meeting on 13th December, we agreed that we would give it a full overhaul in the forthcoming months. One of our councillors will lead but we will all take our part in reviewing section by section.

Finally, the most important discussion we had at our meeting in December was to agree that we would make available a celebration day for the village and its friends and families to commemorate the Coronation of King Charles III. Once again one of our councillors will take the lead but all of us will be working together with other members of the village to create a memorable event. We have decided that it will be a Misterton recreation field street party and will occur on Sunday May 7th 2023. The village hall has already been booked and some initial feelers put out. More information will be released as we get closer to the event, so please put this day in your diaries and let us make it a grand occasion.

Paul Bradly
Chairman

WELCOME INFORMATION LEAFLET for newcomers to the village - a useful leaflet telling you all you need to know about Misterton is available on our website at Misterton Parish Council; alternatively, if you would like a copy via email or a hard copy, please contact the Parish Clerk at mistertonpc@gmail.com. ***Village businesses who advertise in this leaflet should forward any amendments to the Parish Clerk.***

Christmas card donations

A big thank you to all those who donated money to save sending Christmas cards to friends in the village. A total sum of £200 was raised which is amazing, thank you all very much for your generosity. All the money has gone to Crewkerne Voluntary Transport. Hopefully we can do it again next year and perhaps even more people will take part and we can raise even more money.

Diane Bradly

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Letter from Anne

In a book I was reading recently, 'How to stop the pain' by Dr James B Richards it said this.

'Love is the governing factor in the kingdom of God; fear is the governing factor in the world's system.'

This short sentence stopped me in my tracks as I realised how significant it was.

I wonder what the governing factor in your life is - love - or fear? I wonder what governs the political leaders of our world?

We do fear so much don't we, illness, old age, unemployment, family breakdown, and yet in the Gospels, God calls us time and time again just to love one another and to trust in him for the rest.

Proverbs 3 5 'Trust in the Lord with all your heart and do not rely on your own insight.'

We all use any incredible amount of wasted energy worrying about things we can't change, and yes, it is important to take these things to God in prayer, but if we were just able to shift ourselves a little from a fear based life to a love based life, I am sure the kingdom of God will grow here on earth.

How do we release ourselves from the world's system? Dr Richards says this:

'We do this by accepting God, and when we accept that God is in charge and not us, we give up the right to be God in our own world. And when we give up the throne, we also give up the right to judge, in other words we surrender our views and opinions to his.'

Something perhaps to ponder as we begin another year.

May I wish you all a peaceful and blessed 2023.

Rev Anne Charlton



Mah Jong

Sometime in January, I thought it might be an idea to play Mah Jong at Knowle House. If anyone is interested in playing, please contact me on 01460 76761.

Diane Bradly



Misterton WI

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday 10th January commencing at 7:00pm at The Globe in Misterton. Speaker - Ann and Clive Barker on their campervan world travels. New members and visitors are always welcome.

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Wreath making

The wreath making session held at Misterton village hall on Saturday 10th December proved to be very successful.

The photo below is of Misterton residents who joined in with ten others from around the area.

The Ile Valley Flower Club were delighted with the response and thanks to everyone who helped setting up and dismantling (men included). We hope to repeat it in 2023.

Follow the club on Facebook and anything we are doing we will be pleased to see you.

Cheryl Newman



On the 12th of December we had a very successful bingo night raising valuable funds for the club. A big thank you to all villagers who attended on a snowy and bitterly cold night.

Our winter team is currently playing in Baltic winter match conditions. In the first week of December, we had a narrow defeat to Charmouth and the week before a win at Sherborne. We have lost two other matches to Chard and Yeovil but feel that the standard in division two is a lot higher than last year. All good fun and the matches all end with a hearty piece of homemade cake and tea. New players to play in the matches always welcome.

Bob Waterhouse
Chairman

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Church services January 2023

Please note that it is yet to be decided on who will lead the services. More information may be available on the St Bartholomew's website, stbartscrewkerne.org

Sunday 1st January 2023:

St Bart's, Crewkerne: 11:00am HC combined service

Sunday 8th January 2023:

Haselbury: 9:30am HC-BCP

Misterton: 11:00am HC-BCP

North Perrott: 9:30am HC-CW

St Bart's, Crewkerne: 11:00am HC

Sunday 15th January 2023:

Haselbury: 11:00am family service

Misterton: 9:30am HC-CW

Hewish: 11:00am HC

Wayford: 9:30am HC

St Bart's, Crewkerne: 11:00am HC

Sunday 22nd January 2023:

Haselbury: 11:00am HC-CW

North Perrott: 9:30am HC-BCP

St Bart's, Crewkerne: 11:00am all age

Sunday 29th January 2023:

St Bart's, Crewkerne: 11:00am HC combined service

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January 8th	Mrs C Perrin	-	Mrs K White
January 15th	CP to check	-	-
January 22nd	-	-	-
January 29th	-	-	-



Crewkerne Probus Club



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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



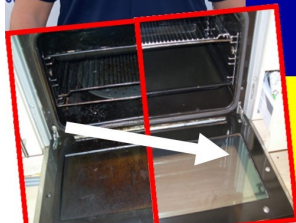
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Crewkerne Station - a brief history

Crewkerne station with a single-track line was opened in July 1860. Bands played on the platform to welcome the train of 20 carriages with LSWR Directors on board. The town had been decorated and thousands came to celebrate the event and a grand dinner with speeches was held at the Swan Inn in town. It rained all day and there was even an eclipse of the sun.

The station, designed by William Tite, now linked the town by rail to Waterloo and Exeter. Bradford and Son established sidings and buildings for incoming goods such as coal, fertilisers, and animal feedstuffs. This too allowed local companies to send their goods out by rail such as textiles, dairy produce and cattle, seeds, flowers and even rabbits! The early 1900s still saw horses used for shunting goods wagons.



The early 1900s still saw horses used for shunting goods wagons. Photo credit FOCS

1940s The war years saw the station handle military traffic and the arrival of evacuees. This was followed by the nationalisation of the railways in 1948. Later that year, on October 20th, a locomotive from the West Country Class No. 34040 was named Crewkerne at the station. Many townsfolk and local schoolchildren attended. One of the 2 nameplates can today be seen in the Chamber in the Town Hall.



Crowds on the platform during naming ceremony



Perrott Hill schoolboys on buffer beam

1950s Express trains such as The Atlantic Coast Express and Devon Belle could be seen passing through on a regular basis. However, in April 1953, the locomotive hauling one such train, Merchant Navy Class No. 35020 "Bibby Line", shed a brake block when passing through the station at high speed causing a section of the canopy on the up platform to collapse, evidence of which is still visible today.

This decade also saw freight traffic at its peak with the platforms piled up daily with goods. Six goods trains would serve the station each day despatching mainly sugar beet, cattle, and products such as Van Heusen shirts and Bonsoir nightwear

Demolished canopy shortly after the accident. Photo credit FOCS



A typical daily goods train



produced in town. Goods coming in would include coal, construction materials and cotton and silk for shirt production.

1960s Due to regional boundary changes on the railways together with the onset of private car ownership and the increase in road haulage, the station saw a gradual decline in both goods traffic and passenger figures. The goods yards closed in 1966 and the line, which had been double track for over a century, was singled a year later.



Now single track with a diesel train approaching from Exeter

1970s - 1990s During these three decades, the station saw its gas lamps replaced with electric lighting and new British Rail signage introduced. An error in the spelling of Crewkerne had to be quickly amended.



A lightning strike in 1982 resulted in part of the station building's chimney stack being demolished. Thankfully no one was injured. Most significantly however, in July 1992, the main platform was both widened and lengthened in order to accommodate the newly introduced longer diesel multiple units.

Today there are just a handful of signs left as evidence of a once thriving and bustling station, such as the signal box of the 60s and the original goods shed from the 19th century. A housing estate now occupies the old coal yard and today's timetable caters for very much increased passenger traffic, with a frequent service for both Waterloo and Exeter. Grateful thanks must go to all photographers/contributors, including Crewkerne Museum.

Michael Frąckiewicz
Historian FOCS

Local road closures

Somerset County Council have given notice of two temporary road closures affecting the Misterton area in January.

Temporary Road Closure: ttro815940SS - Seaborough Road, Misterton

Link to view the above road closure is <https://one.network/?tm=131792930>.

The works are expected to commence on 9th January 2023 and last for 19 days to enable SCC - Highway Maintenance to repair a damaged bank by installing Gabion Baskets.

The contractor has indicated that access for Emergency Services through the site is not permitted on this occasion.

Temporary Road Closure: ttro410661SS - Silver Street, Misterton

Link to view the above road closure is <https://one.network/?tm=131146460>.

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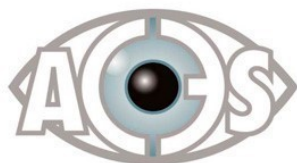


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A huge thank you to everyone in the area who attended our Bingo night, we raised over £1,000! Thank you so much! We just want to remind you we now offer a stay and play toddler group on a Friday afternoon 1:30-3pm so come along, have a play, and enjoy a cuppa and a cake!

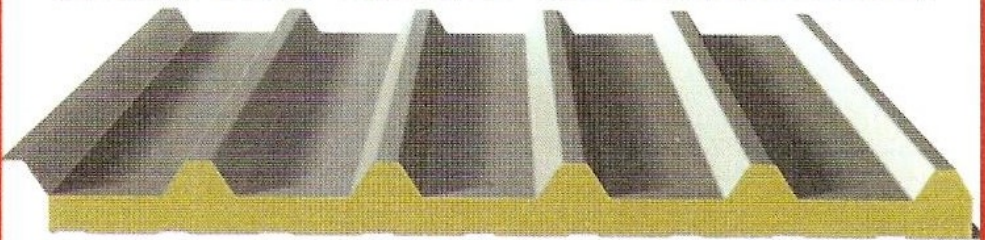
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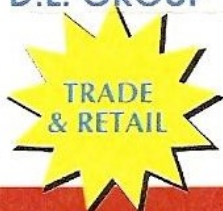


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Misterton Gardeners Association

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January is, of course, a good month for thinking about your garden for the coming year. So do consider what you are going to plant and make a list of things to get or do. If you have got a small vegetable patch (as I have) think about crop rotation. When I was growing up, the old Misterton gardeners used to plan this carefully. They used to say that different plants required different soil nutrients and that rotation helped reduce a build-up of crop-specific pest and disease problems. But there is more to do in the month other than armchair gardening. We do get some nice sunny days in January so when these occur get out and do some pruning of your roses and fruit trees. Check your winter protection measures like stakes, ties, and supports (these are often loosened by severe weather). And if you have an outside tap, make sure it is adequately protected against frost as there is nothing worse than burst pipes when the weather thaws.

Even in January there is a bit of colour in the garden if you plan things right. We have a couple of red barked dogwoods; they are wonderful on a sunny day glinting in the wintery sunshine. As is our witch hazel with its spicy, fragrant yellow spidery flowers. And of course, at the end of the month the first snowdrops appear - they give so much pleasure and make us think of the gardening year ahead.

John Dyke
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New Year crossword

This new year we bring you a crossword with a local flavour and a £25 prize for the winner! Answers to be submitted (in list form or within the crossword grid opposite) to the magazine email address or dropped into the letterbox at Broughtons at the end of Broughtons Drive by Friday January 20th. If there are multiple correct entries the winning entry will be picked out of a hat and the judge's decision is final. The answers and the winner's identity will be published in the February magazine. Good luck to all and many thanks to Leo Bacigalupo for putting it together!

Across

- 2. One letter different from here (9)
- 6. Runs from 19 across to 8 across (5,4)
- 8. Building next to the Recreation Ground (7,4)
- 9. Bridge Road (7)
- 12. Cafe (4)
- 13. Wine bar in oldest building in Crewkerne (6)
- 14. Local dairy products maker (10)
- 16. You can play basketball here (4)
- 18. ***** Green, off 4 down (8)
- 19. Route through the centre of the village (6,6)
- 20. Place of worship (2,8)

Down

- 1. They used to box eggs here (7,3)
- 3. Spherical pub? (3,5,3)
- 4. This local route is not paved with gold (6,6)
- 5. Boarding house for man's best friend (4,6)
- 7. Pub near the station (3,10)
- 10. Drive off Station Road (10)
- 11. Neighbouring villages, one called North one called South (7)
- 15. Bin yer since 1957 (7)
- 17. Manor on the hill (6)

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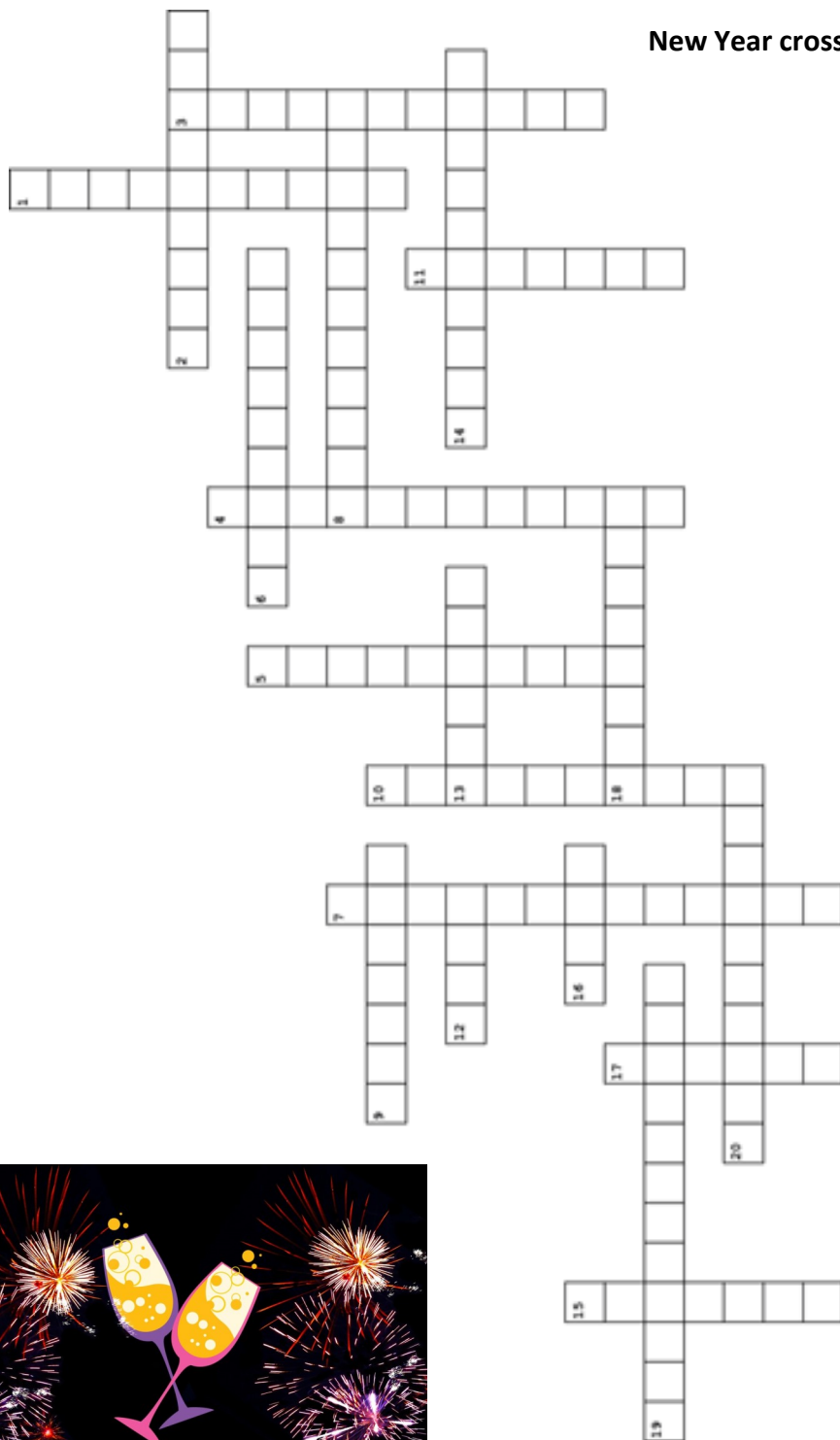
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- 1st 1958: The Common Market (the EEC) is formed
- 3rd 1521: Martin Luther is excommunicated by Pope Leo X
- 8th 1935: Birth of Elvis Presley
- 10th 1912: Maiden flight of a flying-boat plane
- 21st 1793: King Louis XVI of France is guillotined
- 24th AD 47: Roman Emperor Caligula is assassinated by his own guard
- 25th 1947: The American gangster, Al Capone, dies
- 26th 1875: The dental drill is patented
- 28th 1925: Iceland becomes the first country to legalize abortion
- 30th 1948: Assassination of Mahatma Gandhi

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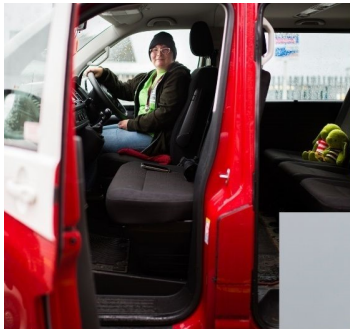
WI meeting	Tuesday January 10th	7:00pm	The Globe
Parish council meeting	Tuesday January 17th	6:30pm	TBC

Dates forthcoming

Misterton residents - where do you plan to be on Sunday 7th May 2023? It will be a shame to miss the Coronation celebrations planned for the whole community of Misterton, its families and friends at the Recreation Field Street Party. Make sure you put the date in your diary.

Paul Bradly

Misterton Parish Council Chairman



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