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## Note from the editors

As you can probably tell, this month we are going all out for the coronation and our esteemed writer John Coquet has unearthed some perhaps lesser-known facts about King Charles III in lieu of an exclusive interview. (Cover photo credit: Chris Jackson)

On a less happy note, we say goodbye this month to Anne Charlton, who has written some beautiful letters for us over the last 18 months. Thank you Anne and we wish you well in your next adventure in life.

*Jacquie Lyus and Sarah Watt*

**Deadline for entries** for the June magazine is Sunday 21st May.

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The Misterton Emergency and Resilience Team (MERT) activities have been fairly quiet this month although the heavy rain has meant we have been keeping any eye on the stream and drains. Luckily there was not any significant flooding.

We still have plans to run another automated external defibrillator course in the summer and so if you are interested and have not registered for it, previously, then let us know and we will add you to the list.

As we mentioned in the magazine last month, the litter pick went very well. Now looking ahead to the village coronation celebration on Sunday 7th May we are hoping that the community will do local clear ups of any litter near to your homes, so the village looks its best. We have a team that will make sure the recreational ground is looking good as we prepare for the event.

We need a few items for the coronation event, in particular a white or black board for announcements on the day. If you have one which you are willing to lend, please let us know. In addition, help on the day is always welcome so if you can spare a couple of hours to support this village event again it would be great to hear from you.

*Phil*

MERT member

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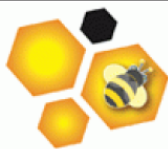
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When you receive this there will only be a few days to go before our planned village event for the coronation on the recreation field and in the village hall when we are hoping to see as many of you as possible. The parish council has worked hard to make sure that the access to the event and any car parking needed is free. Equally participation in the events organised will also be free.

Artists in the village have been written to inviting them to display their talent at the art show. The 'Royal' dog show will have several competing classes which will be purely for fun. We would ask dog owners wanting to join to register with the organisers (by the show ring) at least thirty minutes before the start which is scheduled for 2pm. Come and have a look at the cars, all from the village, which will be on display with the chance for you to pick your favourite - the lucky owner will get a valeting prize. The music will start with an 'open mic' where musicians in the area of all age groups are encouraged to compete for money prizes. Anyone interested should send an email to [mistertontalentshow@gmail.com](mailto:mistertontalentshow@gmail.com) as soon as possible. Seating and tables will be available both inside and outside. You are welcome to bring your own picnic but if not canned drinks and alcohol will be for sale along with a hog roast and veggie burgers. We are planning many activities for the younger members including a coronation mug for all villagers under the age of 17, so please do make sure they all come along.

Finally, of course, this sort of event does take a lot of setting up and packing up and it would be greatly appreciated if as many villagers as possible could come and help from 08:00 hours onwards on the 7th. Anyone who can spare an hour or so should ideally let councillor Phil Clifton know (01460 73815 or [philclifton@hotmail.com](mailto:philclifton@hotmail.com)).

Our last council meeting, held on 18th April, continued to report successful completion of tasks in the village. The speed indicator device which was first discussed twelve years ago is now in my garage awaiting a small amount of work by Somerset County Council before it can be set up. The cemetery gates have been painted and will shortly be placed in their new position. Many other minor tasks have also been completed and by the time you receive the magazine we should have an additional powerful camera for the CCTV coverage at the recreation ground in place.

*Cemetery clear up in progress*



Let's see if we can fill the village with bunting and balloons. Looking forward to seeing you all on May 7th.

*Paul Bradly*  
Chairman



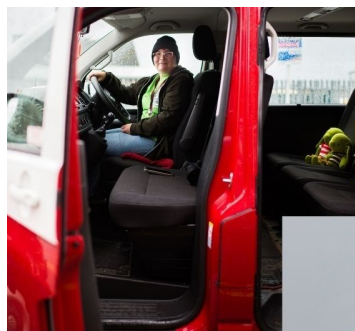
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## Misterton WI

Our next meeting, which is also our AGM, will be on Tuesday 2nd May commencing at 7pm at The Globe in Misterton. Our speaker on this occasion is Margaret Harper - magical glass jewellery. Ladies you are welcome at any of our meetings as guests or prospective new members and we look forward to meeting some of you in the future.

*Susan May*  
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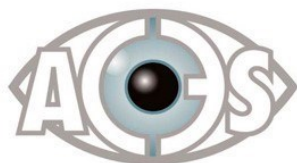


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Each year special events are held to which our partners, as well as other guests, are invited – a ladies lunch in May, an autumn supper, a Christmas lunch and a summer outing.

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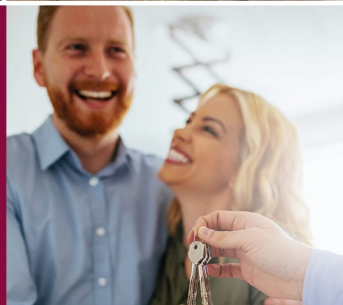
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## King Charles III

Our new King, Charles Philip Arthur George, will be the oldest monarch in British history to be crowned, and the first to be divorced. He married Diana, the late Princess of Wales, after meeting her only thirteen times beforehand. He was also the longest-serving heir to the throne, having been named heir at the age of three.

He was the first heir to the throne to attend school and then break a long-standing tradition by going up to Cambridge where he was awarded a degree in archaeology. He speaks Welsh, and plays the cello, piano and trumpet. An avid gardener, he is an accomplished artist who specialises in painting landscapes in watercolours. His paintings are very collectable and have brought him more than three million pounds. In his time, he has flown fixed-wing aircraft and helicopters, and was the first member of the Royal Family to be granted his RAF wings. He also served in the Royal Navy, having first enrolled in the Britannia Royal Navy College. In 1975, Charles spent an hour underwater while exploring the remains of Henry VIII's flagship, Mary Rose, which sank in the Solent in 1545. He has written a book for children, too. Its title is *The Old Man of Lochnagar*.

To honour his efforts to protect the world's rainforests, Charles has had his name used for a newly discovered species of frog in Ecuador. The frog's official name is *Hyloscirtus princecharlesi*.

In 1970, he and his sister, Princess Anne, were invited by the US President Nixon to stay at the White House for the weekend. Afterwards, he was reported to have said, 'That was the time they were trying to marry me off to the President's daughter, Tricia Nixon.' On another occasion, he sent flowers to the singer, Barbra Streisand. She later commented, 'You know, if I'd played my cards right, I could have wound up as the first Jewish princess.'



Charles is a patron, president, or a member of over 400 charities. As an example of his private generosity, he once sent a bottle of Scotch to the singer, Ozzy Osbourne, who had injured himself when his quad bike crashed. At the time, Charles was unaware that Ozzy was a recovering alcoholic. Not that it has been all about talking to flowers and stroking the trees that Charles has planted. When he was fourteen, and in a pub on the Isle of Lewis, he ordered a cherry brandy for himself. The outcome was that his bodyguard lost his job.

Our King is careful about what he eats. He refrains from eating meat or fish for two days a week. Similarly, on one day a week, he doesn't eat dairy products. One of his favourite dishes is lamb with wild-mushroom risotto. As to his recent health, and despite being fully vaccinated, he has contracted Covid-19 twice last year. He is also noted for his so-called sausage fingers, very pink and uncommonly puffy. His great-uncle, Earl Mountbatten, once urged Charles's parents to have his ears surgically pinned back. They declined to accept his advice.

One hopes that his forthcoming coronation is not a shambles as was Queen Victoria's in 1838. The ceremony in Westminster Abbey lasted a full five hours and had been entirely unrehearsed. Benjamin Disraeli said afterwards that the whole thing had left a lot to be desired. The Archbishop of Canterbury forced the coronation ring on Victoria's wrong finger. The Queen managed to get it off at last, saying later that she'd done it with the greatest difficulty and with great pain. She had to use a bowl of iced water to relieve the damaged digit. The Bishop of Durham handed her the ceremonial orb at the wrong moment. The Bishop of Bath and Wells accidentally turned over two pages at once of the order of service, and Victoria had to call him back to make him read it properly. For some, at least, the highlight of the ceremony was a peer who tripped while ascending the altar steps and then rolled down them. Other peers retired to St Edward's chapel as part of the service, and Lord Melbourne moaned that the chapel's altar was littered with sandwiches and bottles of wine.



Apparently, the code word for King Charles' coronation is Operation Golden Orb. It is ideal, leaving no clues to puzzle over. However, we hope that King Charles' coronation is flawless. Long may he reign.

*John Coquet*

## Letter from Anne

We all need kind spaces and kind people in our lives.

I came across these words from Christina Rossetti recently, written as a hymn:

'O ye who taste that love is sweet,  
Set waymarks for all doubtful feet  
That stumble on in search of it.

Sing notes of love: that some who hear  
Far off, inert, may lend an ear,  
Rise up and wonder and draw near.

Lead lives of love: that others who  
Behold your life may kindle too  
With love, and cast their lot with you.'

By showing love to others the ripple effect travels throughout our communities. Very often we never see the end result, and neither should we, that could lead to arrogance. Love strengthens communities. Kind people strengthen community.

Of course, sadly the reverse is also true. Love is thwarted by thoughtless and unkind words, rumours, and innuendos.

Let us thank God for the kind spaces in our communities, the shops, pubs, cafes, care homes, schools, and churches, and let us resolve to follow the words of Christina Rossetti and to extend the love we show to our neighbours and others.

This will be my last newsletter as I have been appointed as an Associate Minister to King's Somborne, a lovely village in the Test Valley in Hampshire, and we will be leaving Crewkerne at the end of May, to return in five years' time. Rob and I would like to thank all of you in Misterton who have been so supportive over the last difficult year and look forward to renewing our friendships in 2028.

*Rev Anne Charlton*



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## **Misterton Tennis Club**

I am very pleased to tell you that our winter mixed team managed to stay in division two of the Yeovil and district tennis leagues. They eventually finished with 55 points in fourth position.

I have a major date for you to put into your diaries (see poster on page 31 for more details). On Saturday July 22nd from 7pm the tennis club is privileged to host The Three Counties Swing Band in Misterton village hall. It promises to be a fantastic night with superb live dance music. Tickets are £15 per person and includes a free glass of wine and cheese and biscuits. Please contact Tim Bradley on [tim.bradley@bradleyconsulting.co.uk](mailto:tim.bradley@bradleyconsulting.co.uk) for tickets.

*Bob Waterhouse*  
Chairman

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## **Misterton Gardeners Association**

Our meeting this month is on Friday 26th May at 7:30pm in the village hall. Our speaker is Claire Hart, and her subject is 'gardening through the ages'. Those who have heard Claire before know that she is an entertaining and informative speaker with plenty of slides to show us.

Our flower of the month competition continues so bring along a flower from your garden. As ever new members are most welcome to join us. It is a great way to get to know others living in our village.

May is my favourite month in the garden. Long daylight hours, pleasant weather for the most part, with everything in the garden coming to life. Of course, there is the prospect early in the month of a May frost. So, protect half-hardy annuals and any tender shoots popping their heads out of the ground. Similarly earth up your early potatoes. Weeds are growing too so get to work on them. If you are tempted to clip your hedges, check first for any nesting birds.

A final few words about daffodils. What a wonderful species they are. They are so varied and give all of us so many months of winter and early spring pleasure. Although we think of them as typically English, Spain has the greatest variety of species, and they are also found in North Africa. They grow in many habitats ranging from sea level areas to sub-alpine meadows. They are almost over in Misterton now, but we always look out for one or two flowering in May. Pheasants Eye (see photo) is the most reliable if you want a really late flowering daff.

*John Dyke*  
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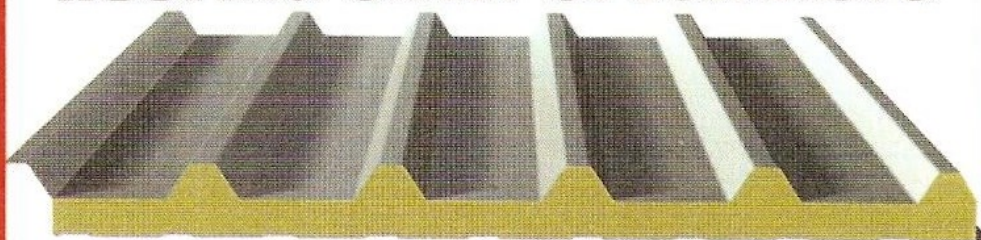
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### Church services May 2023

Unfortunately, a confirmed service rota was unavailable by the deadline set for the printing of the May magazine.

Should it follow previous months, the services at St Leonard's Misterton would be:

2nd Sunday (14th May) 11:00am

3rd Sunday (21st May) 9:30am

Following confirmation, the details will be posted on the church door and notice board. Details of the services in the other churches of the benefice can be gained by contacting Rev Davis at the above phone number or email address.

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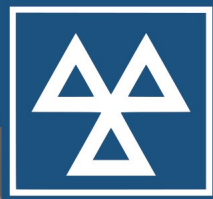
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## In this month...

Events in world history that happened in May.

- 2nd 2011: Osama bin Laden is killed by US Special Forces
- 5th 1929: The Wall Street crash in America
- 6th 1937: The German airship, Hindenburg exploded in America after a trans-Atlantic flight
- 7th 1915: A German submarine sinks the Lusitania
- 10th 1994: Nelson Mandela becomes President of South Africa
- 12th 1820: Birth of Florence Nightingale
- 14th 1607: Establishment of first British settlement in America at Jamestown, Virginia
- 15th 1796: Development of a smallpox vaccine
- 20th 1927: Charles Lindberg makes first non-stop flight from USA to Europe
- 24th 1844: Samuel Morse sends first telegram. It reads: 'What hath God wrought?'

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<b>Coronation celebrations</b>	Sunday May 7th	11:00am	Village hall/recreation field
<b>Parish council meeting</b>	Tuesday May 16th	6:30pm	Village hall
<b>Gardening club meeting</b>	Friday May 26th	7:30pm	Village hall

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Tips for National Walking Month

Somerset Day - take part in Somerset's biggest ever quiz

Somerset Dementia Wellbeing Service roadshow  
carers week

The full article can be read online here:

[somersetagents.org/village-agent-newsletters/](https://somersetagents.org/village-agent-newsletters/)

## King's Coronation

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