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Note from the editors

We are celebrating Misterton Pre-School this month, which has now sadly closed its doors for good after 30 years. As you can see from our front cover, it recently received an Ofsted Outstanding rating, which is a fantastic achievement for all concerned to be proud of. To find out more and see some photos from the archives, turn to Jackson Marshall's article in the centre spread. We wish all those moving on from the pre-school the best of luck.

Jacquie Lyus and Sarah Watt

Deadline for entries for the October magazine is Thursday 21st September.

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The start of September sees some quite considerable work at the bottom of Knowle Lane closing it for a month. Not very convenient for access but hopefully it does mean the drains, they are working on, will be more efficient and protect the centre of the village from flooding when the autumn rain comes. We will keep an eye on progress.

The long-awaited training to use a defibrillator is planned for October, all those who have expressed an interest will get notified of arrangements in due course.

We hope you continue to have a good summer.

Phil Clifton

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When we decided to cancel our planned July parish council meeting because both the clerk and I were scheduled to be away for several weeks, we reinstituted an August meeting. At the time we did not anticipate there would be so much to report but there is, and I will try my best to be succinct.

The finance working group held a successful quarterly meeting to monitor progress and made two recommendations for MPC approval. These were to transfer £25,000 of our funds to our interest-bearing account and to set up a digital account with a monthly transfer of £3,500 to make regular payments easier without risking security for the majority of the funds that we hold on your behalf. We have also benefited from a substantial VAT repayment which will help pay for future unplanned tasks such as tree felling and necessary hedge cutting back.

There is good news on the cemetery in that, having modified our planning application, we now have approval to use the extension as a garden of remembrance for interments only. This change has been necessary because recent laws on phosphates prevented the original concept. We shall be formulating future tasks to recover land for the cemetery from many years of encroachment by the boundary hedges. In the meantime, increasing the number of grass cuts and opening the chapel at the beginning of each month seems well received.

We continue to check the recreation grounds and its facilities on a regular basis. As with the cemetery we have increased the frequency of grass cutting. It may not be widely known that for some time CCTV cameras have monitored and recorded views of the car park. More recently we have added a more accurate camera that covers the whole area and reacts to movement. There are four images recorded constantly and we are looking at the best way to combine monitoring the past images into our regular checks. We are also aware of essential work to cut back/down trees and hedges on the recreation ground and are preparing a programme of works.

Our road working group has drawn up a spreadsheet in our efforts to make the village more liveable and most importantly, safer. We are asking for help from everyone. If you witness vehicles driving on the pavement (which is a criminal offence) or other bad driving, please send photographic evidence to our clerk (mistertonpc@gmail.com). We will do the rest which may include requesting the police to take action. The road through our village is historic and was built for horse and cart. It falls woefully short of the government requirements of an HGV route, yet the county council still proceeded with the designation. On high-risk areas such as Tunnel Steps we are seeking quick return solutions. Any information we receive on changes to our roads, closures etc. we post on the MPC website

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.*

immediately we are made aware. Please check here regularly.

Finally, I am disappointed to have to report criminal behaviour by residents in our community. Recently this has entailed damage to the telephone box bookstore, stripping the bark off trees in Old Mill Estate and human excrement on our paths. Our problem with the irresponsible behaviour of some dog owners not taking away their dog excrement continues and must stop. The fine for anyone caught is £1,000. If there is no improvement, we may have to consider closing the recreation grounds to dogs.

Paul Bradly
Chairman



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Our next meeting will be on Tuesday 5th September at The Globe in Misterton at 7:00pm. Our speaker on this occasion is Jan McNeill and the title of her talk 'How a Sassenach became a whisky distillery guide' which promises to be very entertaining. 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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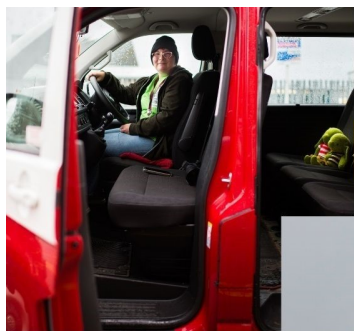
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Misterton Gardeners Association

Our meeting this month is on Friday 29th September at 7:30pm in the village hall. Our speaker is Claire Hart, and her subject is 'Growing through the ages'. Claire, who has been with us before, is an entertaining speaker and will have plenty of colourful slides to illustrate her talk.

The flower of the month competition is still going strong, so do bring along your favourite flower.

As ever new members and guests are very welcome. It is a great way to get to know other villagers.

September is usually a cooler month than August and of course the days are getting shorter. Perhaps there is not too much to do in the flower beds this month but if you have a fruit or flower patch you will be gathering much of the rewards of your earlier hard work. Dig up any remaining potatoes or the slugs will get at them. Some of the earlier maturing apples are ready for picking, as are almost all plums. Go blackberrying; we have many places in and around Misterton where you can gather fruits from the wild. Many of our local lanes and walks have hedges full of blackberries this month. It was always something that many villagers did when I was young. And of course, these days most of us have freezers - blackberries freeze splendidly.

There are some flowers which come into their own this month. Michaelmas daisies (or asters to give them their proper name) add so much flower power to our gardens in September. There are a huge number of cultivars available with different heights and flower sizes but all carrying a huge array of daisy-type blooms. They come in many colours - white, pink, purple, red, and blue. The latter colour is my favourite, like those in this photo.



Finally, following my article in the July edition, someone has contacted me with some more information about the painter Arthur Knighton-Hammond, who lived in The Old Court in Church Lane. Apparently, Arthur was a lettuce addict and ate one every day to 'maintain his health and live a long life'. Well, he did live until the age of 94, so perhaps there is something to be said for this.

John Dyke

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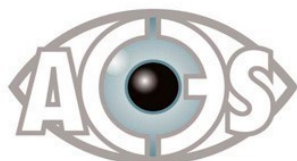


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September is normally the start of a new academic year at Misterton Pre-School, but sadly not this year. After 30 years of providing a great start to generations of children's education, we closed our doors for the last time in July. We wish staff and children all the best for the future as they start new jobs, schools, and pre-schools this September.



**Misterton
Pre-School**



Past and present children, parents and staff joined us for a farewell celebration in our last week. It was a great opportunity to reminisce about topics we covered, Christmas performances, visits to see animals, village walks and even a trip into Crewkerne to see Queen Elizabeth II when she visited (see left).

Fashions, uniforms, and logos have changed over the years as the pre-school developed. New parents and committee members, as well as the wider village community, supported us and helped to raise funds.

Additional facilities, including the outdoor area and the allotment, provided even more opportunities for children to learn and grow.

The high quality of education provided by the pre-school was acknowledged in the Ofsted inspection in spring this year. The committee and staff were all thrilled that Misterton Pre-School was judged Outstanding. What a great achievement and a real high point to end a brilliant 30 years.

Jackson Marshall



Left - staff past and present



Farewell celebration

Right - pupils past and present



The pre-school over the years - can you spot anyone you know or even yourself?



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Paul Bradly

MPC Chairman

Lost and found

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But how to live it? Have a good work-life balance? Maintain good relationships? Eat our five a day? All good things...

Yet this goes deeper. Here in the first Psalm, God makes clear his first principle for fruitfulness:

**His delight is in the law of the Lord,
and on his law he meditates day and night.**

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With my prayers and best wishes

CJ Davis

* A modern version of the Gospels is a good place to (re) start



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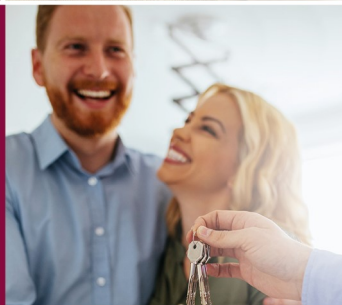
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Each year special events are held to which our partners, as well as other guests, are invited – a ladies lunch in May, an autumn supper, a Christmas lunch and a summer outing.

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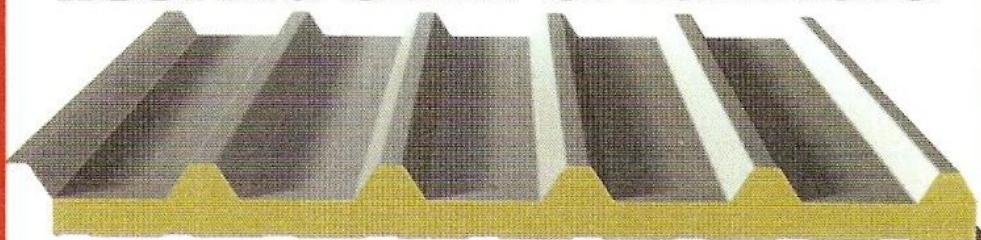
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Sunday 10th September 2023

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North Perrott: 9:30am HC-CW CJ Davis

Misterton: 11am CW A Daynes

St Bart's, Crewkerne: 11am tbc CJ Davis/tbc

Sunday 17th September 2023

Misterton: 9:30am CW CJ Davis

Wayford: 9:30am HC Robin

Haselbury: 11am Family service tbc

Hewish: 11am HC Robin

St Bart's, Crewkerne: 11am tbc CJ Davis/tbc

Sunday 24th September 2023

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Events in world history that happened in September.

- 1st 1939: The opening of the Second World War when Germany's army invades Poland
- 2nd 1666: The Great Fire of London starts in Pudding Lane
- 6th 1991: Leningrad is renamed Saint Petersburg
- 7th 1822: Brazil declares independence from Portugal after 322 years as a colony
- 11th 2001: In New York, the worst terrorist attack occurs in the USA's history
- 14th 1982: Princess Grace of Monaco is killed in a car accident
- 16th 1620: The Mayflower departs from England, bound for America
- 28th 1066: The beginning of the Norman Conquest of England
- 29th 1829: The British Police Force makes its first appearance
- 30th 1938: Neville Chamberlain returns from Germany, saying there would be 'peace in our time'

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WI meeting	Tuesday 5th September	7:00pm	The Globe
Parish council meeting	Tuesday 19th September	6:30pm	Village hall
Gardeners association meeting	Friday 29th September	7:30pm	Village hall

Friday 22nd September - 'Mysterious Vermeer'. A talk by Richard Kay of Lawrence Fine Art at 6:30pm for 7pm in the Hoskyns Memorial Hall, North Perrott. Cheese and wine will be served after the talk. Tickets £10 adults, £5 under 18s from G Hoskyns 01460 72883, J Falkiner 01460 76457 or the North Perrott Farm Shop. Proceeds to St Martin's Church.



Many thanks to the 50 or so people who attended the Three Counties Swing band on July 22nd. We hope to make this an annual event and it secured needed funds to the club.

It is now the end of the summer season in the Yeovil and District Leagues. Our men's team finished a creditable fourth in division 3 winning over 50% of their games and earning 68 points. In their final rearranged match against Wincanton, they won 9-3. Unfortunately, the ladies' team came bottom of a very challenging division 1. They still have one game to play but cannot improve their position.

If anyone in the village fancies a knock of tennis, please join us on for club sessions either on Sundays 10am-12 or Mondays 6:30pm-8:30pm.

Bob Waterhouse
Chairman

Misterton Village Hall

With the recent closure of the pre-school, we can now offer a variety of daytime hours for hire of the hall. Also, some evening hours; however, these are more limited.

If you are thinking of setting up a club or are an existing club looking for a new venue, please get in touch with us. We would be happy to show you around and discuss your requirements.

The hall has its own indoor bowling equipment available for use to anyone interested in starting up a group.

The hall is also available for one-off events, such as fayres, private parties, bingo, fundraisers etc.

For further enquiries please call Sue Kennedy (Secretary to Misterton Village Hall) on 01460 72660.

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