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Note from the editors

We are sure many of you will know that Misterton has recently gained a very welcome addition, Mallabones café! We are very pleased to support the café in our village and look forward to the music and other events they are planning to host. More details of the first one can be found on page 16.

Hope to see you there soon!

Jacquie Lyus and Sarah Watt

Deadline for entries for the December magazine is Tuesday 21st November.

Submissions for inclusion in the magazine please to mistertonmagazine@gmail.com or through the letter box at Chestnut Lodge, Broughtons Drive.

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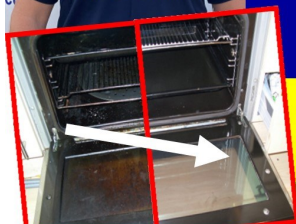
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After a successful litter pick earlier this year in March, we have planned another one as part of efforts to improve the community. Misterton Parish Council have bought our own equipment which will allow more frequent events to be organised. The next one will be on Saturday 18th November starting at 10am. Due to the amount of equipment and possible weather challenges we are asking volunteers to let us know in advance if they plan to attend so we can organise effectively. If you would like to be part of the team, please let me know and we will keep you updated as we get closer to the event.

Phil Clifton

MERT member

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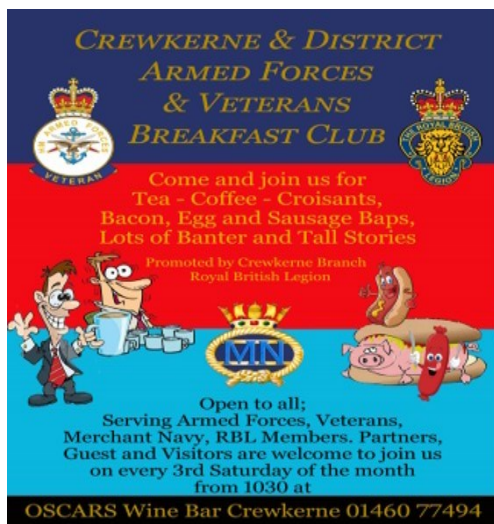
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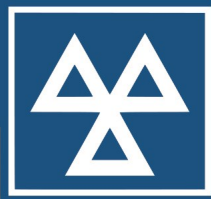
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Last month I reported that we needed a replacement clerk as the current incumbent had resigned for family purposes. For this reason, we will not be pursuing new initiatives until the clerk post is filled. So far those we have felt might suit the post have not accepted the role for a variety of reasons. In the meantime, our current clerk has agreed to delay her departure by one month. If anyone has thoughts or ideas, please contact me on 01460 76761. In addition, we are using normal channels to publish our requirement.

Our previous initiatives are coming to fruition. As I write the overgrown trees and hedges at the recreation ground have been cut back and this week the same action should be taken at the cemetery. Following this we should be able to initiate working parties and improve both the recreation ground and cemetery. At our council meeting on 18th October reports were received and acted upon following meetings of the finance and roads working groups. We agreed the purchases of a second Speed Indicator Device with 2 solar panels to be installed at either end of our main thoroughfare. We agreed purchases and installation of a picnic table with wheelchair access next to the children's area and a seat and tree celebrating the coronation for installation on the bank now cleared of shrubs.

Roads and drains remain a concern but do not fall within the authority of MPC. Anybody can report a blocked drain or other road problem to Somerset Council by following this link www.somerset.gov.uk/roads-travel-and-parking/report-a-problem-on-the-road/ and I would encourage you to do so. Knowle Lane drain replacement looks successful but already the drains old and new are filling with leaves. We place road closures on our website. Next week the village will be cut in two by a closure of Middle Street. On the second day of the closure on 24th October the planned burial at the cemetery has required imaginative planning which we hope succeeds. New drains may be adding to old problems in the Silver Street drains. With the help of villagers, we have gathered data of photographs of vehicle breaches throughout the village which we will be sending to Somerset County Council and Highways for them to take action.

We need your help to keep our village clean and have agreed that the next village clear up will take place at 10am Saturday 18th November starting at Sunnyside (on the corner of Middle Street and Silver Street). This should permit those who wish to visit Mallabones for coffee/food after they have made their contribution to the clear-up. Finally, last year we were unable to provide a 'warm hub' (a place to meet with others to have a warm drink and a chat) but think that this year it may be possible. If you feel a 'warm hub' may be attractive to you, please let us know via our clerk on mistertonpc@gmail.com or 07917 753361.

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.***

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Donations can be handed to me at Knowle House, Knowle Lane or if easier I can collect. Please would you let me know by Monday 13th November 2023 to enable me to get the names to the magazine committee for entry in the December magazine.

My email is paulbradly3@gmail.com if you would like to send me a message to let me know that you want to take part. Many thanks.

Diane Bradly
01460 76761

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Misterton Gardeners Association

Our meetings for 2023 have now finished. We will begin again in March next year preceded by our ever-popular Sunday lunch get together at the Admiral Hood in Mosterton.

I always regard November as a clearing up month. The growing season is completely over now but there are a few jobs to be done in the wake of it. Take down your runner beans and sweet peas, collect the dahlias after the first frost and store them in a frost-free place until next year. Clear out your greenhouse if you have one and ideally give it a wash down before winter proper sets in. Gather up fallen leaves and compost them. And finally, particularly on sunny days, tidy up your flower and shrub borders; you will appreciate you did this when next spring comes around.

In some ways it has been a funny year. April was warm and sunny and made for an excellent fruit set for plums and pears. Early May was more challenging and there were one or two really hard frosts. At this time, we lost a number of really quite precious plants from our garden, most notably our much-loved angels fishing rod plant which has been with us for nearly thirty years. Apples did not set as well although the cider varieties did better as their blossom comes later. June was unbearably hot – too hot to stay in the garden for long. July on the other hand was much wetter than normal. Our courgettes, cucumbers and tomatoes have been superb this year and we picked the last of them in mid-October.

Of course, the weeds flourished well in 2023. Not least the ground elder and the bindweed. What an interesting plant bindweed is – if it were not so persistent and fast growing, I am sure we would much admire it. As we do its near cousin the blue morning glory pictured here.

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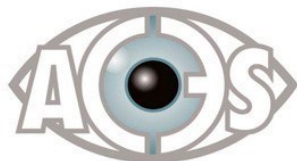


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Mallabones Café has been open for a few weeks and we are really pleased at the reception so far, thank you from Chris and Zoey!

Saturdays have been our most popular day and breakfasts and lunches served from Wednesday onwards have also been well attended. We have also launched a new website mallabones.co.uk with a full café menu and an events calendar. The venue is available for bookings now so give us a call or send an email. Mallabones is also on Facebook and Instagram, and you can click through to them from the website.

From December 2023 we will be presenting special events in partnership with HandsOnTV (handsontv.co.uk). These events will be a mixture of live music performances, quiz nights, the occasional magic show and stand up comedy. Our first event is a special performance by folk legend Steve Knightley (of Show of Hands fame) on Saturday 16th December 2023 who will be performing Dark Tales from the West Country, a mixture of songs and stories. This will be a sit down/table event with food included. A bar will be available. Tickets will be £30 each, limited to 50 people and available online at handsontv.co.uk/live-session/8.



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Our next meeting will be on Tuesday 7th November at The Globe in Misterton at 7:00pm. Our talk will be on 'Mercy Ships'. 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
01460 73934



We are now in the tournament season. The first event, the ladies' doubles was won by Catherine Carins and Kate White. The other events will take place over the next few weeks. Last Sunday we held our AGM at the club. Please contact me, Bob Waterhouse, on

07967 535117 if you fancy a knock on either Sunday mornings 10am-12 or Monday evenings 6:30pm-9:30pm. Please put a note in your diaries that the Annual Misterton Tennis Club bingo will be on Monday December 11th. Doors open at 6:30pm and eyes down at 7.30pm.

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Letter

As I write in mid-October, the world is bleak. Beyond the evil of the Ukraine war, the Middle East has fallen into horror. Israelis tortured, killed, and taken hostage including women and children. In Gaza women, children and defenceless civilians suffering terrible pain, grief, and fear...

Such evil easily overwhelms us and we switch off to escape. But let us at least...

Pray for them all - *"Lord have mercy..."*

Remember - those who suffered to make the world less horrific for us. *"At the going down of the sun, and in the morning, we will remember them"*.

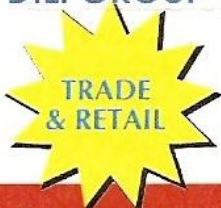
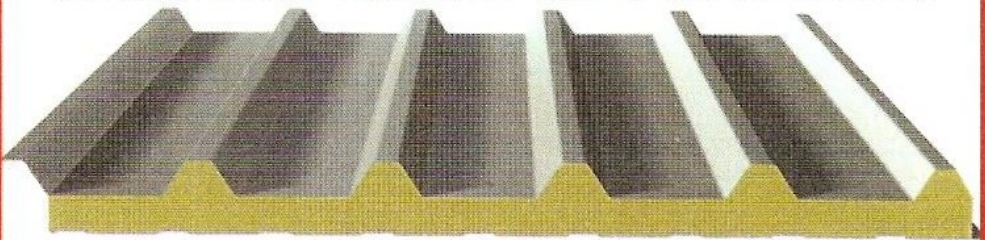
Act - as they did, where we can.

Hope - Remembrance Sunday also remembers the great sacrifice that opened the door to God's eternal peace. We are commanded to pray for that peace - *"Thy Kingdom Come"* and invited into it - if only we will come...

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Phil Clifton wins award

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The nomination from Misterton Parish Council was Phil Clifton, pictured below receiving his award. Phil's nomination read:

Since settling in Misterton, Phil has become fully involved in the community. He is the driving force behind the Misterton Emergency Resilience Team (MERT) – an organisation which plans resilience activities for the village.

Phil maintains the four defibrillators and acts as point of contact for requests from less able residents for help with transport, shopping and medicine collection.

Phil is a true asset to our village and thoroughly deserving of our nomination.

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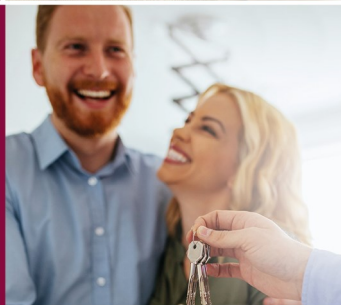
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In this month...

Events in world history that happened in November.

- 9th 1895: Introduction of x-rays by William Roentgen in Germany
- 10th 1871: Henry Stanley finds David Livingstone in Africa: 'Dr Livingstone, I presume.'
- 17th 1869: The Suez Canal opens after ten years of construction
- 18th 1477: William Caxton prints the first book in the English language
- 19th 1703: The 'Man in the Iron Mask' dies in the Bastille. His identity is still unknown
- 20th 1917: The first use of tanks in battle occurs during the First World War
- 22nd 1497: Vasco Da Gama becomes the first voyager to sail around The Cape of Good Hope
- 23rd 1859: Birth of the outlaw Billy the Kid, whose real name was William H Bonney
- 26th 1922: Howard Carter and Lord Carnarvon are the first to enter Tutankhamen's tomb
- 30th 1874: Birth of Winston Churchill

John Coquet



Crewkerne Proboscis Club

Proboscis 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 Proboscis Club organises meetings for lunch on the last Wednesday of each month. These are held at the **Windwhistle Golf Club** at 12:15pm for 1:00pm. The two-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.

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WI meeting	Tuesday 7th November	7:00pm	The Globe
Christmas bingo	Every Monday starting 13th November until 18th December	6:30pm	Village hall
Village clear up	Saturday 18th November	10am	
Parish council meeting	Tuesday 21st November	6:30pm	Village hall

Misterton Football Club



Misterton first team are sat at the top of the Perry Street premier division.

The club is looking forward to continuing the good form and looking to maintain top spot .. Christmas number one is the target!

POS	Team	P	W	D	L	GD	PTS
1	Misterton First	6	4	1	1	19	13

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