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Note from the editors

We would like to say thank you to Mike and Cheryl Newman and Pam Glazier for having a stall at the village sale and donating all the proceeds to the village magazine. Also to Libby Boalch for donating some of her needlework to that stall. It was lovely to have some village events again - well done to all those who organised, helped out and/or took part!

This month's seasonal cover is by one of our young local artists who is too modest to be named but clearly has plenty of talent.

We hope you have a good month!

Jacquie Lyus and Sarah Watt

Deadline for entries for the October magazine is Monday 20th September.

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Misterton Village Magazine is now also online!

<https://mistertonparishcouncil.org.uk/village-information/village-magazine/>

Misterton history

For any reader that may be interested, British History Online is a collection of 1,300 volumes relating to British and Irish history. These are very detailed works and the history of Misterton can be found online at <https://www.british-history.ac.uk/vch/som/vol4/pp62-68>

Appropriate copies are also held in most leading libraries.

Well worth the effort of pulling this website up on the screen and spending a few moments learning more about the history of our village. It may tempt you to delve further and discover more history of places that are of interest to you.

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For further details, a copy of the job description and person specification please contact the Council at mistertonpc@gmail.com or download at www.mistertonparishcouncil.org.uk. For an informal chat about the role please contact the current clerk, on the above email or by calling 07917 753361.

The closing date for applications is 5pm, Monday 13th September 2021. To apply please send your current CV and covering letter outlining why you would be a suitable candidate for the position to the above email address.

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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Like many in the village the Misterton Emergency and Resilience Team (MERT) had a table at the village sale on Saturday 14th August and apart from raising a little cash to support our activities it was great to see so many of the residents out and about having a good time. We anticipate using our profits to benefit the village in due course as the social mixing restrictions relax further (more about this in due course). Thanks to those who supported our stall and the others dotted around Misterton. In particular we would like to express our gratitude to Christine and Tony Perrin for their donation to support the efforts of MERT.

As you will have seen in the August edition of the magazine, we continue to monitor flooding issues in the village. This includes collecting evidence (photos) of issues we come across, checking the drains, and reporting back to our contact at Somerset Council via Misterton Parish Council. As the summer moves towards autumn, we will probably see more rainfall and so need to keep vigilant. Bearing this in mind please let us know of any flood related matters that impact you and we will include them in our reporting.

In the meantime, let's hope for some more decent weather for the rest of the summer and so more opportunities for the village to come together.

Continue to stay safe.

Phil Clifton

MERT member

philclifton@hotmail.com

Misterton Emergency and Resilience Team

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

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Village sale

Saturday 14th August saw the sun make an overdue appearance for the Misterton sale day. Stalls were dotted around our village from Knowle Lane to the end of Silver Street and people seemed to be enjoying the chance for a chat and the opportunity to bag a bargain or two in the process! The raffle tent and tombola were busy all through the event, and home bake stands sold out of produce. Chris and Jan provided live musical entertainment throughout, and towards the end of the afternoon dancers were spotted in the road opposite Turnpike Green. Our thanks go to Abri for allowing us to use the green for the hub of the event.

At time of writing the sale day has raised just over £500, which will be split between local groups - as we are so close to the deadline for the September magazine, we will share more specific details in October. We also plan to utilise the year-long public liability insurance policy we took out for the event further by holding a Christmas craft event, and another sale day in early summer next year.

Our sincere thanks to everyone who helped set up and dismantle the tents and gazebos, man the raffle, tombola, refreshments, and who participated by having their own stall. Also of course to all those who so very generously donated raffle and tombola prizes, and who supported the event in any way. Another fine example of a village community working together to help benefit others.

Viv and Jan MAG
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Letter from the Vicar

September can feel like a new beginning; schools are back and after the summer holidays things begin to pick up again. That same comfortable rhythm doesn't work this year or last year for that matter. This summer has been difficult; the intense weather events across the world in the shape of fires, floods and droughts speak to us of the reality of climate change and roar at us to change direction with as much power as any Old Testament prophet. Covid is still devastating communities and while we get ready for booster jabs, many in the world have not got near a first dose. It was a time of anniversaries too - ten years since the tiny poor country of Haiti was devastated by an earthquake, so again this summer followed by tropical storms. And the big one - twenty years since 9/11 triggered a new Afghan war, the Taliban are back in control in Afghanistan. The world round us feels frighteningly unstable.

Having said that, there are good things to savour too - young people securing the necessary results despite two years of disrupted education; tales of small acts of generosity and care lighting up a lonely life; anniversaries to celebrate - of weddings and special birthdays and being able to celebrate them together with friends and families. Marriages taking place again and people singing in celebration - I had almost forgotten how much I enjoy singing 'One more step along the world I go'!

As we go into autumn let us hope that progress continues - that schools will stay open, and sport continue; that those times of being together can continue safely. Let us hope too that bold and imaginative ways are found to tackle the persistent and enduring crises, like climate change and refugees that hold up a mirror to our lifestyles and our ease.

Back in Church we hope to be singing again soon and we can look forward to Harvest Festival - that great feast of thanksgiving when we gather to say thank you for all the good things that we have to enjoy - as well as remind ourselves that there are many who live precarious lives without food or shelter and whose lack is ours too.

We do hope you can come along to Church again - sometimes it is a case of losing the habit after a long period of enforced absence but your wardens have made every effort to make the environment safe. Come along and sing together - we cannot promise Sweet Caroline but Plough the Fields and Scatter is just as energising.

With every blessing for the month ahead

Rev Jonathan Morris

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through diligent practice of Tai Chi an economy of movement is encouraged, and vitality levels rise.

In addition, Tai Chi practise encourages better circulation, lowers blood pressure, and increases the lymph flow around the body as well as improving co-ordination and balance. This last benefit becomes particularly important as we grow older as it helps to reduce the risk of falls. It also has been found to reduce stress and anxiety and in some cases is beneficial in relieving chronic pain.

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Garden party

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It could not have been achieved without so much help from the people involved, the teas and cakes, plants, produce and bring and buy and of course the bar, not to mention all the hard work getting it together and not least packing away and returning all the borrowed tables and chairs etc.

Thank you all from Libby and Pam.





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Misterton Village meeting at St Leonard's Church on Monday 26th July

Thanks very much to everyone who came to the meeting in July in Church to hear about some of the problems that the local Church faces and to see if we can find ways forward. It was encouraging to see a good turn out and for people to be brought up to date with the situation that the Church is in. There have been one or two offers a help that we will be following up but whether it is enough remains to be seen. As you will have heard the problem the church faces is not enough people able to take on some of the responsibilities that must be done for a Parish Church to function. That remains the biggest challenge. It may be that with a decline in engagement with Church life that has gone on over many years, there are now just too many small village Churches, struggling to keep the doors open.

We will aim to keep you all informed over the months ahead and if in the meantime you have any questions or comments then please do get in touch – jonbea@cooptel.net.

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Last but not least, we can fully report on the very commendable initiative and effort of our Junior Member Edward House, who through playing his Tennis Marathon at the club, raised an amazing £1,100 in aid of Dementia UK. Well done Edward!

Regards
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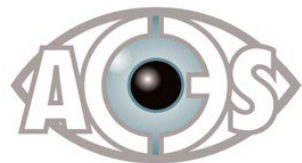
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Sunday 12th September 2021: Trinity 15

Misterton: 11:00am Holy Communion (BCP) Rev J Morris

North Perrott: 9:30am Holy Communion (CW) Haselbury: 8:00am Holy Communion (BCP)

Sunday 19th September 2021: Trinity 16

Misterton 9:30am Holy Communion (CW) Rev J Morris

North Perrott: No service today Haselbury: 11:00am Holy Communion (CW)

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Misterton Football Club



Hello readers,

September is with us and this brings the start of the Perry Street League Season for 2021-2022. Once again, we have two sides entered into the PSL. The Firsts will play in the Premier Division whilst the Reserves will play in Division One. We have also entered a side in the Somersets Veterans League.

The club has had a change of Chairperson over the closed season. We would like to take this opportunity to say a big thank you to Ben Rousell for all his efforts and support over the last seven years. We would also like to say welcome to Stacy Hawes for taking over from Ben in the role of Chairperson.

The club will once again be hosting the Reg Eglon Cup Final. This will be an evening kick off on Wednesday 1st September.

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

Date	Time	Team	Opponents	Home/Away	Competition
01/09/2021	TBC (eve)		Reg Eglon Cup Final		
04/09/2021	2:30pm	First	West Middle Chinnock	A	Premier
04/09/2021	2:30pm	Reserves	Shepton Beauchamp	H	Div One
11/09/2021	2:30pm	First	Forton	A	Premier
11/09/2021	2:30pm	Reserves	South Petherton	A	Div One
18/09/2021	2:30pm	First	Crewkerne	H	Premier
18/09/2021	2:30pm	Reserves	Combe St Nicholas	A	Div One
19/09/2021	2:30pm	Vets	Combe St Nicholas	A	Vets

We look forward to seeing you at the Recreation Ground to cheer us over the next few weeks.

Regards,

Martin French
MFC Treasurer

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Misterton Gardeners Association

Our Association is holding a Garden Party on Sunday September 12th. The venue will be our garden at Appletrees, Unity Lane commencing 2:30pm. The event will be open to all – not least anyone in the village who might be thinking of joining our club when we start our illustrated talks in the WI Hall next year. Do join us for a cup of tea and a slice of the delicious cakes which the ladies in our club will be baking.

Members of the association were each given a small fuchsia earlier this year - and those who still have them - please bring them and our President (Jeff White) will judge which is the best

Whether you are a gardener or not, come along for a pleasant couple of hours. For some great Misterton company (together with a few Crewkerne exiles). Autumn proper is not too far away - and a long winter lies ahead - so let's make the best of the few weeks left before the dark nights set in.

John Dyke

01460 77233

P.S. Hopefully by the 12th our garden will be full of September colour. And our roses will be having a late-season flush. Here's a photo of one of ours which I took last September. I think it is called Secret Perfume. It looks - and smells - wonderful.



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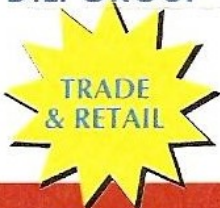
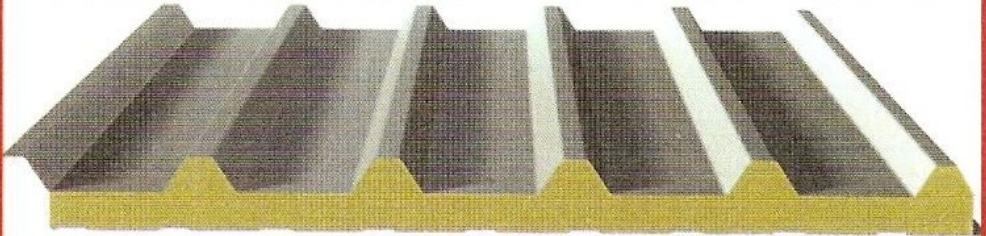
INSPIRING WOMEN At our August meeting we were pleased to welcome several prospective new members who we hope will join us at our next meeting on the 7th September at 7:15pm in the WI Hall. Our speaker is from the Medical Detection Dogs Charity and promises to be very interesting. The competition is for "a dog in any medium" (not live!); as usual light refreshments will be served after the speaker. New and prospective members are welcome with no obligation to join. Enq. Susan May, President (01460 73934), Carol Walker, Secretary (01460 74808).

If you have an interest in the Medical Detection Dogs Charity, you are welcome to come along to our meeting at 7:30pm.

COFFEE MORNING – our coffee morning in August was well attended when we awarded the prizes to the allotment winners. Our next coffee morning is on Wednesday 8th September 10 - 12 – all are welcome. An opportunity to catch up with fellow villagers over a cup of tea/coffee (free top ups). A small donation would be appreciated to cover costs. Raffle and sales table subject to availability of items. Please join us.

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The (not so humble) rhubarb plant

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Native to Northern China, its use and knowledge as a medicine rose from the second century BC to reach Arab physicians in the 10th century. Its popularity and value increased rapidly with rhubarb roots passing through the hands of traders along the Silk Road trading cities of Xi'an, Kashgar, Merv and Damascus, a journey taking many months. Such was the demand that its value equaled cinnamon and saffron.

The rise of the Russian Romanov Empire led to a monopoly of rhubarb being diverted through St Petersburg with the value of its seed reaching that of gold!!

In 1770 rhubarb was worth £30 million p.a. (today's money) to the UK alone so a cheaper source was needed.

About this time China allowed access to some of its trading ports. The British East India Company with their hundreds of ships trading with India via the Cape of Good Hope could easily divert to China to collect cheaper rhubarb.

The bottom fell out (pun) of the Russian monopoly as the price fell.

There is a mass of further information with political assassination and espionage thrown in.

I'm so glad that custard was developed by Alfred Bird in 1837 to complement it!!

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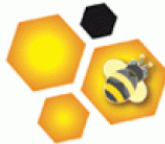


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August 2021

Tuesday September 7th	WI meeting	7:15pm	WI Hall
Wednesday September 8th	WI coffee morning	10am	WI Hall
Sunday September 12th	MGA garden party	2:30pm	Appletrees, Unity Lane
Tuesday September 21st	Parish council meeting	6:30pm	TBC

Thank you

I should just like to thank all those who sent me cards and such kind messages following the sudden death in Indonesia of my husband Michael. Very few villagers will have known him, as he had worked abroad in the cane sugar industry for nearly 50 years and when he was home, we used to dash around the UK or travelled overseas to visit family and friends. He had been home for five months and had returned to Indonesia in mid May, as work was accumulating there. We celebrated our 50th wedding anniversary in June.

Joanna Spitteler

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