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Note from the editors

For our June cover we ran a drawing competition for the children at Misterton School to portray the Queen and were overwhelmed with the response! The winner was Wren Denslow, age 5 from Oak class with her joyful picture that depicts the Queen perfectly. Congratulations Wren and to all the children who took part! We couldn't print all their wonderful entries, but there are a selection on page 29 for you to enjoy.

Following with the Jubilee theme, John Coquet has also penned a fascinating article filled with things you may or may not know about our monarch. However you spend your extra bank holiday this year, we hope you enjoy!

Jacquie Lyus and Sarah Watt

Deadline for entries for the July magazine is Tuesday 21st June.

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With the better weather recently, things have been fairly quiet of late and so we do not have a great deal to report this month. Having said that, like all climate issues, looking ahead is very important and Somerset Rivers Authority are doing this by organising flood warden training in June. MERT have been approached to ask if we would like to attend and we are currently checking potential interest from the extended team. If you would like to be more involved and informed, please let us know and we will include you in future planning.

Phil

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The Misterton Parish Council meeting on the 17th May was the culmination of the latest series of local elections in which we saw two new councillors elected for county council to oversee, with their colleagues, the one-year transition merging district councils into one county unitary council. Misterton Parish Council election was also held in line with this and will be for a five-year tenure.

All councillors apart from our past chairman Iain Rowland were re-elected. Iain decided to retire after a seven-year stint for which we give him thanks. In his place I, Paul Bradly, a newcomer member of the Parish Council was elected as chairman. In the past I have been an active councillor on both Crewkerne and Wareham Town Councils and had extensive experience in school governorship and charity work as well as a career in the Royal Air Force and business. But above all I was born in Crewkerne, my great-grandparents lived and are buried in Misterton, and Diane and I have been in the village for twenty years and our daughter and son-in-law a little longer.

Our first meeting was very tiring as protocol requires that it was four meetings in a row as an annual event, but a few major items emerged, nonetheless. The planning permission for the enlarged cemetery has been challenged and work is needed. To help this we will be preparing a cemetery business plan which will be available for villagers to see. We agreed to proceed with the speed indicator devices to try and improve safety on our road. We will endeavour to re-institute the presence of police at our monthly meetings to help the village on problems such as speeding, bad parking and, unfortunately currently, robberies.

We have an excellent group of councillors and I hope to help, with inputs from the village, to form a one- through to five-year plan so that we can be at the forefront of gaining from the new structure of the unitary council in terms of much needed infrastructure. Finally, there is the worry of the long-term future of the school building and the WI community hall which will need urgent attention. If you have matters appropriate to the Parish Council, please feel free to contact me on paulbradly3@gmail.com.

The Parish Clerk and RFO (Louise) has decided to leave; therefore, we will now begin the process of advertising and trying to recruit a new clerk and RFO. If this would be of interest to you or anyone you know and you would like more information, please contact Louise on the parish mobile number 07917 753361. Finally, the parish will be celebrating the Jubilee with a beacon, although the villagers will not be allowed in the field for safety reasons.

Paul Bradly

Chairman

Misterton Parish Council

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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Letter from Anne

This month we are given time off to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, and whether we are royalists or not, her long life of devoted service must surely be an inspiration to us all.

As I was reflecting on her life, I paused at the psalms in the bible, and wondered if she, like me, had been thankful for the wonderful wisdom found there.

It is the place I turn to when in need of comfort – think of psalm 23 or psalm 139. It is a place to turn to when our trust in God, or indeed in mankind, is faltering; try psalm 121 or again 139. There are many psalms that encourage us to praise the Lord, enjoy ourselves; try psalm 136 or 138, and it is that praise we can celebrate as we mark her anniversary.

The very word 'holiday' derives from Holy Days, and originates from the early church setting aside days from the working year to visit shrines, and give people an opportunity to think about God and the saints.

Holidays and celebrations - what has all this to do with God? Well everything, because he rejoices when we rejoice. He laughs when we laugh, he smiles when we smile. (He also of course weeps when we weep.)

Wonderful occasions, when we come together either as community or as family builds memories and strengthens us all. They draw us together, and when we know each other, we understand each other better, and are in a stronger place to unconditionally love one another, which is God's ultimate aim.

John Cassian, one of the Desert Fathers said this – "If you live alone, whose feet can you wash?"

I hope very much that you will have an opportunity to celebrate this special occasion, and I urge you to dust off your bibles, have a good read of the psalms, and then seek out your neighbours and celebrate together.

And remember – "It is good to give thanks to the Lord, for his love endures for ever" (*Psalms 136 v 1*).

God bless Your Majesty and thank you for your devoted years of service.

Rev Anne Charlton

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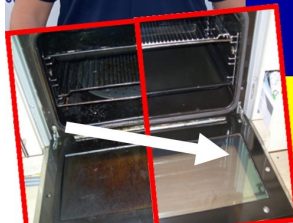
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Judging will take place during the last two weeks of June!

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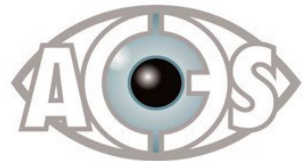
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Sunday 5th June 2022: Pentecost or Whit Sunday

Misterton: No service

Haselbury: 11:00am Holy Communion (CW) - David Newman

North Perrott: No service

Sunday 12th June 2022: Trinity Sunday

Misterton: 11:00am Holy Communion (CW) - David Newman

Haselbury: No service

North Perrott: 9:30am Holy Communion (CW) - Gerry Reilly

Sunday 19th June 2022: Trinity 1

Misterton: 9:30am Holy Communion (BCP) - CJ Davies

Haselbury: 9:30am Holy Communion (CW) - Gerry Reilly

North Perrott: no service

Sunday 26th June 2022: Trinity 2

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Due to unforeseen circumstances, we regret that the village sale day planned for July will now not take place. However, we do hope to be able to hold one for MAG next year. We do hope to invite you to join us some time this summer for a litter pick around the village.

Thank you
Viv and Jan



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The Queen

The Queen's Platinum Jubilee takes place on 3rd June and is marked by a one-off public holiday, giving her subjects a full eleven in 2022. Thanks a lot, Boris.

If one is looking for more public holidays than that, Myanmar is the place to be with 32 of them. Of course, one has to overlook the military coup, the human rights violations and the persecution of minorities. At the other end of the public holiday scale is Holland where the industrious Dutch have a mere nine.

When Her Majesty celebrates the 70th anniversary of her coronation, she will be the first British sovereign to attain it. Only Queen Victoria came close with 63 years. The Imperial State Crown our present queen wore in Westminster Abbey was made in 1937 and is set with 2868 diamonds, 17 sapphires, 11 emeralds and 269 pearls. It weighs 2.3lbs – a little heavier than a kilo bag of sugar. The Queen described it as 'unwieldy'. Some 81 per cent of the present population were not even born when she ascended the throne.

The Queen was christened Elizabeth Alexandra Mary, but her official title runs to 34 words. It is 'Elizabeth the Second, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and of her other Realms and Territories, Queen, Head of the Commonwealth, Defender of the Faith.' Not just Queen Elizabeth II, then. She signs her name as 'Elizabeth R.' The 'R' stands for Regina, the Latin word for Queen. Among her many other attainments, she speaks fluent French.



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She is the only surviving head of state in the world who also served actively in The Second World War, having joined the ATS (the Women's Auxiliary Territorial Service) as an honorary second subaltern, being promoted later to junior commander, the equivalent of captain. Her service number was 230873.



Like other brides-to-be at the time, she saved up her clothing coupons to have her wedding dress made. That was because wartime clothing rationing lasted until March 1949 – some fifteen months after she married Prince Philip in 1947. The couple were distantly related, Philip being her 3rd cousin. Interestingly, Winston Churchill was her 7th cousin, once removed, Even Megan Markle, the Duchess of Sussex, is her 15th cousin, twice removed. A distant ancestor was Vlad the Impaler, the despotic ruler of Transylvania in the 15th century who inspired Bram Stoker's novel, *Dracula*.

A busy sovereign, she has visited 128 countries in 270 official visits and has been served by fourteen Prime Ministers of the UK. Part of her duties involves giving the Royal Assent to all parliamentary bills. So far, she has approved more than 3,000. Among her privileges of office are not needing a passport, a driving licence, or registration plates on her cars. Nor is she liable to pay income tax. She also owns by right all 5,300 breeding pairs of mute swans in the country.

The Queen is noted for her devotion to Corgi dogs. Her first one was a gift for her 18th birthday. Since then, she has had at least thirty. On one occasion, a royal footman poured whisky into their water bowl. Instead of being sacked on the spot, he was merely demoted.

She moves with the times, too. Her first email was sent as long ago as 1976. And Buckingham Palace has its own ATM, installed there by Coutts bank at her request. As to her private life, it is kept private. But it is known that before lunch she likes a gin and Dubonnet with lots of ice and a slice of lemon. And she has worn the same pale pink nail polish for many years. It is sold by Essie and costs £8.

We all hope she enjoys her 70th anniversary. *Vivat Regina!* And long may she reign.

John Coquet



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Refugee Week 2022

Recently, as the war in Ukraine persists, we have been made much more aware of the painful experiences of refugees fleeing conflict or suffering injustice than ever before. There is an understandable desire to offer help and support, but also a feeling of impotence.

The week beginning June 20th is World Refugee Week. The theme this year is 'Healing' when individuals and communities will be urged to consider how people who have suffered such life-changing disruption can be supported through the process of rebuilding their lives.

Refugee Support Group (RSG) will be providing an opportunity for us to support the future for refugees.

Please join us in Ilminster on Thursday June 23rd from 10:30am to 12:30pm at 20 Silver Street, the house just before the Minster, where there will be coffee and homemade cakes and books to buy. It is a chance to meet your friends and other supporters and help to make a difference.

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It will be necessary to re-site the defibrillator currently situated on the building therefore if anyone has any suggestions as to where it might go please let us know.

Andrew Callow and Graham White

Misterton tennis club



This month the summer league matches have started. In the men's leagues our first match was cancelled after Sherborne pulled out of the league. We were soundly beaten 8 points to 3 at home by a very strong Chard A team on 5th May but bounced back to score a convincing 9 - 2 away victory over Martock. In the ladies leagues we lost to both South Petherton and then to Sherborne. It will be very difficult for the ladies in division one of the Yeovil leagues, but we wish them well.

A big thanks to our secretary Steve Beach for five years of sterling service to the club. He will resign as secretary after the AGM in the autumn. He will be a hard act to follow.

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Misterton Gardeners Association

Our meeting this month is on Friday 24th June at 7:30pm in the WI hall. Doesn't time fly... by then we will have passed (just) Midsummer's Day. Our speaker is Chris Bond, and his subject is 'Success in planting in the shade'. Almost all of us have a shady spot in our gardens and it is always a task in deciding what to plant there to brighten things up. Chris has made this his speciality, so do come along and learn how best to deal with these difficult garden spots.

Don't forget your flower of the month. By now there should be plenty to choose from!!

Yes, June is a wonderful month. Long days and most things are in full growth, but it does bring its challenges. Weeds and watering in particular. Do keep on top of your weeds; your precious plants should not have to compete for water, light, and nutrients. Ideally you should check all your plants daily and water them if the soil is dry – this is especially true of newly planted fruit trees and shrubs. If you have a greenhouse, open all the vents and doors on warm days and apply shade to prevent plants from overheating.

Of course, June is the month when roses are at their very best. Keep them well watered and give them a good feed with a balanced fertiliser – they will repay your care with masses of wonderful flowers. And the scent of many varieties will be very welcoming not least in the early morning. I have been asked whether there is a Platinum Jubilee rose. There is, and whilst it is not widely available it is a splendid rose to have. So do get hold of it if you can... it is pictured to the right.



Finally, in the context of our fuchsia competition, do remember the tip from Derek (the local expert who was our March speaker). That was to pinch out the tips of your fuchsias on Midsummer's Day. It will encourage bushy growth and more flowers.

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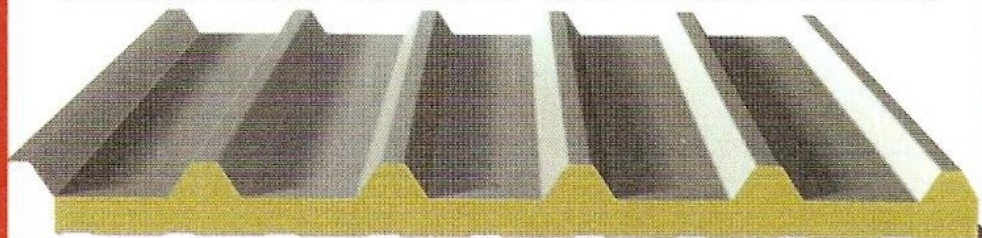
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I was very proud of all the Misterton children when I heard that they had entered the competition for the Misterton magazine. Their portraits of the Queen were wonderful and made me smile. I am glad everyone received a prize.

Well done Wren on capturing the Queen's true royal personality. A well-deserved winner.



Annie-Rae age 6 Oak class

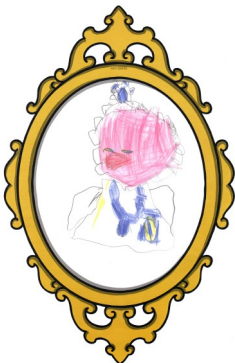


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Misterton WI hall update

No doubt many of you will have heard a rumour that our hall is to be sold, so this is to put the record straight. The decision to sell the hall has not been taken lightly nor without consideration for its value to the village.

The Parish Council (PC) were approached as early as May 2021 and on further occasions in respect of this matter, after which a final decision was eventually received from the PC declining our offer, in an email from the PC dated 21st January 2022.

Having received the PC's decision a Special Meeting of the WI was then held in February solely in respect of the future of our hall, which our members attended, when a secret ballot took place resulting in a unanimous decision to sell the hall. Two independent WI advisors were invited to this meeting and attended for the purpose of conducting the ballot, which they did.

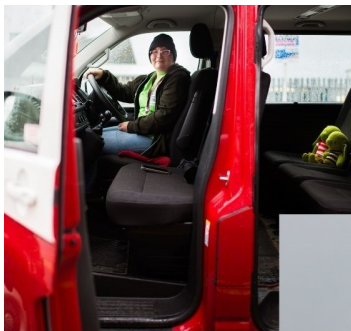
We have continued to fundraise until such time as ever-increasing costs have resulted in our expenditure outweighing our income. Had we not received the sum of £10,000 from the government during the pandemic we would have been in the red some time ago.

Having considered the advice of our nominated estate agent and solicitors they were then instructed to proceed to auction.

To conclude, despite having instructed matters to progress re the sale of the hall we have halted proceedings on one occasion in order to have sufficient time to consider a written communication and representations from a source other than the PC, in great detail with much deliberation and on several occasions. The trustees voted on this, resulting in a majority decision to proceed with the sale of the hall by auction being in the best interests of the WI in accordance with the terms of the WI constitution, the conditions imposed by the Charities Commission and the conveyance relating to the hall.

Susan May

(President) on behalf of trustees/committee



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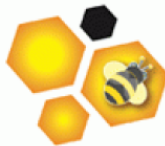


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- 1st 1946: First TV licences issued (£2 each)
- 2nd 1953: Coronation of Queen Elizabeth II
- 9th 1870: Charles Dickens dies
- 10th 1829: Introduction of Oxford and Cambridge university boat race
- 13th 1944: The first of many flying bombs is dropped on London
- 15th 1215: King John signs the Magna Carta
- 18th 1815: The Battle of Waterloo
- 21st 1675: Work starts on St Paul's Cathedral
- 22nd 1814: First cricket match played at Lord's
- 30th 1894: Building of Tower Bridge is completed

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June 2022

Tuesday June 7th	WI meeting	7:15pm	WI hall
Tuesday June 21st	Parish Council meeting	6:30pm	WI hall
Friday June 24th	Gardeners association meeting	7:30pm	WI hall

A note to dog walkers

Regrettably, we have had some recent reports of antisocial behaviour by local dog walkers, where filled dog poo bags have been left in private hedges. It should go without saying that this is completely disgusting for the house owner concerned. Please either take your bags home or put them in one of the bins provided around the village.

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