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## Note from the editors

Our cover this month by Juliet Shurvinton is putting us in mind of long summer holidays spent on the beach. We just need the weather to cooperate so we can make it a reality!

The spotlight this month is on a local icon, the Liberty Trail. We thought you might like to know a bit about the history behind this national trail that goes through our village. And if the weather makes you keen to eat al fresco, we've got a barbecue recipe for you that made our mouths water just reading it!

*Jacquie Lyus and Sarah Watt*

**Deadline for entries** for the September magazine is Monday 21st August.

Submissions for inclusion in the magazine please to [mistertonmagazine@gmail.com](mailto:mistertonmagazine@gmail.com) or through the letter box at Chestnut Lodge, Broughtons Drive.

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In the meantime, we hope you all continue to have a good summer.

*Phil*

MERT member

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## News from the Parish Council and Recreation Field Trust



With no council meeting in July and our clerk on leave for a well-deserved break, I had hoped that these few weeks would prove to be quiet, but it has not been so. A few weeks ago, we experienced robbery and vandalism in the village. Added to that our village has become further plagued by increasing traffic with numbers gaining in busy periods to over 700 vehicle per hour, a significant increase on the previous 300 to 400 recorded. In order to find a way to resolve these problems, over which your council has no statutory powers, the council decided that the clerk would keep a factual data base and the facts would be reported to the relevant authority whether it be police, county council or National Highways. The Highways are responsible for designating the A356 through our village as an HGV route even though our road width and shape falls short of their requirements. At the beginning of June, Parliament authorised an extension in the length of HGVs by a further 2.1 metres. This will serve to make life worse for those living in Middle Street. The council will seek to resolve matters, but it would help greatly if individual residents were to take action. In all cases what we want is photographic evidence.

Villagers complained to the police about vandalism of the telephone box in Silver Street. Anyone with more information should contact the police on case number 5223146183. Concerns over traffic misbehaviour should be referred to Highways and copied to parish council. The problem with dog poo continues. This is a matter for county council, copied to parish council. They will need evidence and have the authority to fine offenders the sum of £1,000. Working together we will be best able to resolve the many problems confronting the village.

*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](mailto:mistertonpc@gmail.com). ***Village businesses who advertise in this leaflet should forward any amendments to the Parish Clerk.***



### Misterton WI

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday 1st August but will NOT be held at The Globe in Misterton as we will be enjoying an morning meeting out instead. 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



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Crewkerne Probud 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.

If you are a retired professional or business man living in the Crewkerne area, why not consider joining us? Contact David Bryant on 01460 74422



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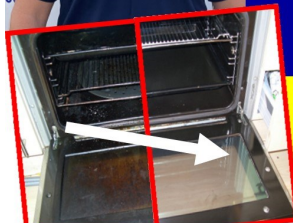
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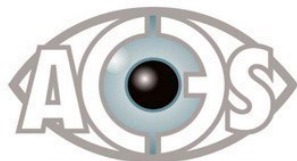
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## Misterton Gardeners Association

Our meeting this month is on Friday 25th August at 7:30pm in the village hall. The speaker is Francis Burroughs and his subject is 'Illegal immigrants'. Not people but plants!! There are so many plants that have come into our country - largely uninvited - that have made their home here. We now take many of them for granted but learning what they are, how they came here and when remains a mystery to most of us. So undoubtedly, we all shall learn a lot from Francis.

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.

August is usually another hot month so do keep everything watered and well fed. This month is usually a very productive time in the vegetable garden. Tomatoes, courgettes, and beans should all be plentiful. And, since the soil is still warm, it is not too late to plant some lettuce (little gem is ideal), radishes and even a sowing of fast-maturing carrots such as Adelaide. For flower gardeners this is a less hectic month but do keep dead heading and ensure that any tall flowers (such as dahlias) are well supported.

Back to roses. Last month I wrote about one of our favourite roses named deep secret and wondered why it changed colour over the weeks from a rich burgundy to a vibrant and vivid scarlet red. Someone got in touch with me and stated, "it's all in the name". So, I suppose some secrets are best hidden. I picture it again - a little battered by the recent rain.

*John Dyke*  
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## The Liberty Trail

Those of you who are keen walkers will have heard of the Liberty Trail. It starts at the Iron Age hill fort at Ham Hill Country Park and finishes at Lyme Regis. It winds its way through local villages, one of which being Misterton which was originally called 'Minsterton' meaning 'enclosure around the church'. Before our village it goes through Haselbury Plucknett passing just west of North Perrott. The trail then hops over the railway line near the mainline Crewkerne Station heading westward to Wayford. The trail is approximately 28 miles long and visits many beautiful villages along the way.

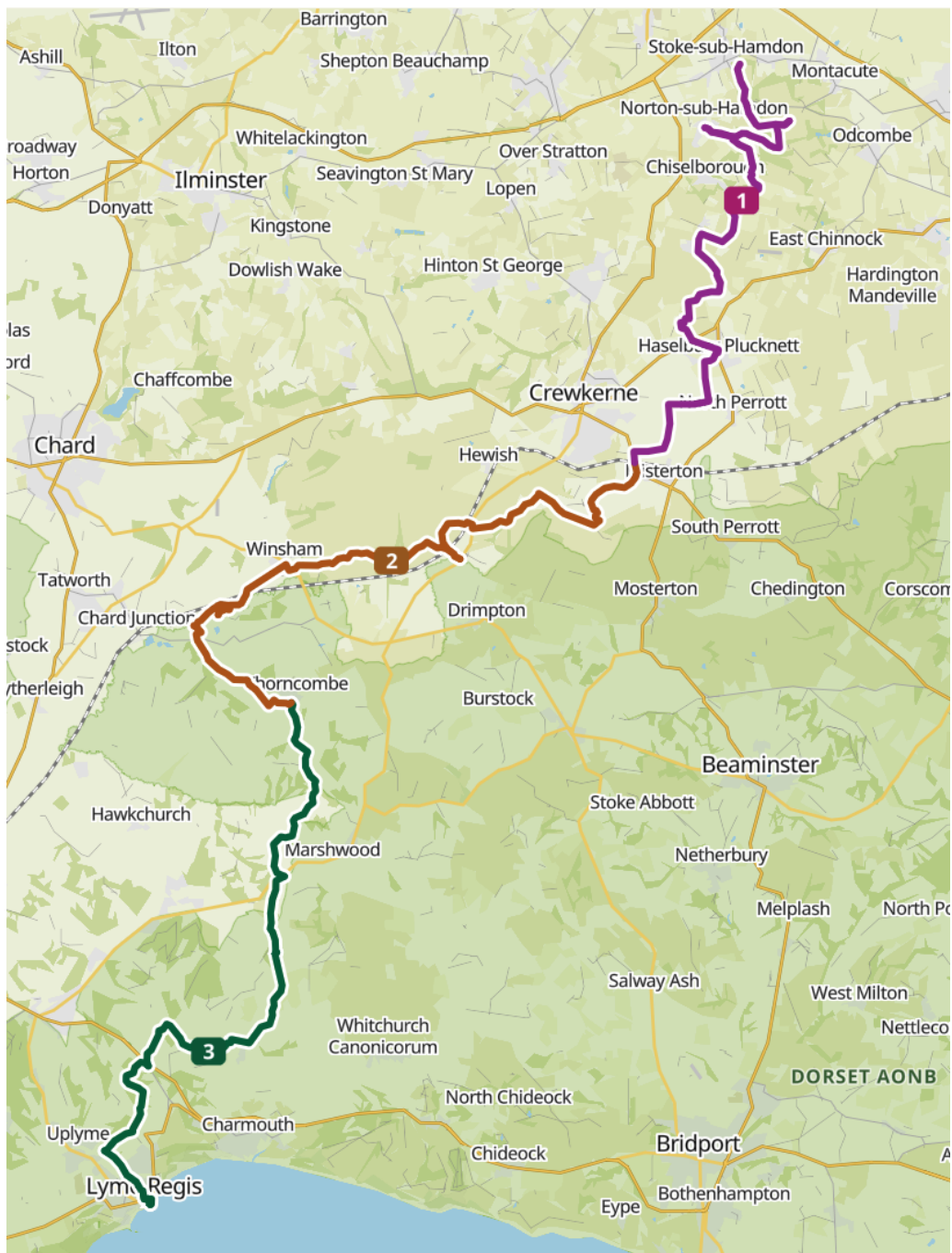
The history of the Liberty Trail is quite interesting. It started in the second half of the 17th century. England had gone through a civil war and King Charles II was on the throne. It was a period of political unrest. Who was going to succeed Charles as none of his legitimate children had survived although he had had many illegitimate offspring. The Duke of Monmouth who was the King's eldest illegitimate son born in 1649 rose to be a very politically important Protestant figure, although he had to flee to Holland to escape political turmoil in the 1680s.

On King Charles' death the King's Catholic brother succeeded him and became King James II. However, Monmouth had his sights on the English throne and decided to return to the more Protestant West Country. Many men came to support him from Somerset and Dorset villages, many of them being from farms armed with scythes and agricultural implements. They wore green sprigs tucked into their hats and had a rallying call of 'Liberty to People of God'. James heard of Monmouth's landing at Lyme Regis and the Monmouth Rebellion was quashed. Monmouth was captured in Hampshire and executed on 15th July 1685.

The Liberty Trail follows the footsteps of some of the villagers who marched to Lyme Regis to join forces with Monmouth in that fateful year. The trail can be walked in two days although three would allow you to visit places of interest along the way.

*Jacquie Lyus*





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8 garlic cloves, roughly chopped

2 tbsp chopped thyme

1 bay leaf

1 tsp ground cumin

½ tsp paprika

3 tbsp dark brown soft sugar

4 tbsp soy sauce

4 limes, 2 juiced, plus 2 halved to serve

1.5kg mix of chicken drumsticks and wings, lightly scored

200ml ketchup

### For the smoke mix (optional)

handful of thyme sprigs

handful of bay leaves

1 tsp ground allspice

reserved chilli tops (see above)

To prepare the meat, tip all the ingredients, except for the chicken and ketchup, into a blender or mini processor. Add a pinch of salt and blitz to a rough paste. Tip two-thirds of the paste into a large bowl with the chicken, and massage the marinade into the meat. Cover and leave for at least 1 hr at room temperature, or up to 48 hrs in the fridge.

Meanwhile, make the barbecue sauce. Tip the remaining paste into a small saucepan and bring to a simmer. Cook for 5 mins until it thickens and becomes darker, then add the ketchup and cook for 5 mins until sticky. Tip into a container and set aside.

Light the barbecue, ensuring the coals are piled up at one end and leaving only a couple of coals on the other side. Lay the chicken on the emptier side. If you're making the smoke mix, carefully scatter all of the ingredients directly onto the piled-up coals. Cover the barbecue (with the vents open) and cook the chicken for 20 mins. Remove the lid and turn the chicken, then cover again and cook for a further 20 mins.

Remove the lid and move the chicken across the grill so it's above the piled-up coals, then



baste with some of the barbecue sauce, keeping enough aside, in a separate container, to serve later. Cook for 10 mins, adding a few more coals if you need to and turning often, until nicely charred and cooked through - a digital thermometer inserted through the thickest part of the meat should read at least 65°C.

Put the lime halves on the grill, over the coals, cut-side down for 3-4 mins until charred. Serve the chicken with the lime for squeezing over and reserved barbecue sauce for dipping.

## Letter

“Who made these beautiful changing things,  
if not one who is beautiful and changeth not?”

*The Beauty of Creation Bears Witness to God - St Augustine*

A year and a half into living in Somerset, I am still amazed by the beauty of this part of the world. I love the undulating folds of the land, the summer light as it falls on them, the sweep of the fields down from North Perrott to Misterton. I wonder where you find most delight...

For the Christian, of course, they are more than just beauties in themselves. They point beyond themselves to the God of beauty who made them - so beautiful in Himself that to gaze upon Him will be overwhelming bliss and heaven forever. Seen rightly, every earthly beauty is a foretaste of that.

With warm best wishes and prayers that we would find delight in His beauty...

*CJ Davis*

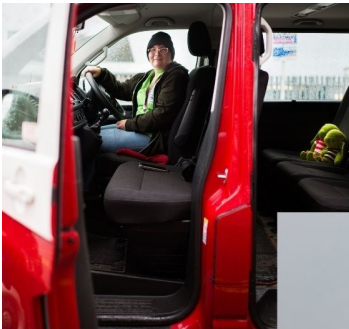
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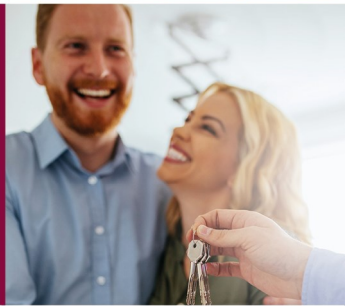


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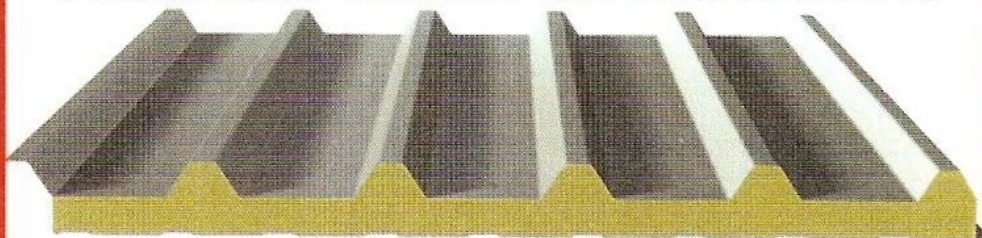
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Misterton: 11am BCP G Reilly

St Bart's, Crewkerne: 11am HC D Newman/B Key

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Wayford: 9:30am HC B Key

Haselbury: 11am Family service A Daynes

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#### Sunday 27th August 2023

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- 1st 1838: Slavery is abolished in Jamaica
- 2nd 1990: Iraq's army invades Kuwait
- 4th 1901: Birth of Louis Armstrong
- 13th 1961: Construction of the Berlin Wall dividing West and East Berlin
- 16th 1977: Elvis Presley dies
- 21st 1959: Hawaii becomes the USA's 50th state
- 26th 79AD: The Vesuvius volcano erupts and destroys Pompeii
- 27th 1910: Birth of Mother Teresa
- 29th 1792: 900 sailors drown when the English battleship Royal George sinks
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<b>WI meeting</b>	Tuesday 1st August	Morning	Tbc
<b>Parish council meeting</b>	Tuesday 15th August	6:30pm	Village hall
<b>Gardeners association meeting</b>	Friday 25th August	7:30pm	Village hall



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Bob Waterhouse  
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