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Note from the editors

The resident in John Coquet's spotlight this month is internationally renowned artist Tony Piper. Having edited the village magazine for several years now, we are blown away by how much creative talent Misterton holds and are always pleased to be able to share this talent with you.

The summer is peak season for village, town and county shows and Misterton is no exception. For this year only the village flower show is returning on 17th August so please do support it whether by entering or just spectating! More details can be found on page 8.

Jacquie Lyus and Sarah Watt

Deadline for entries for the September magazine is Wednesday 21st August.

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News from the Parish Council and Recreation Field Trust



Dear residents

I am delighted to report that there have been some positive developments for Misterton over the past little while. On the recreation ground the access to the children's play area has been improved and a new swing suitable for all has been installed. Fairly close by is a new gate on Tunnel Steps which has been installed as a safety measure to prevent people from inadvertently stepping out or tripping and falling into traffic which occasionally mounts the pavement. Still to be completed is the re-painting of the MUGA (scheduled for the second half of August, weather permitting), the installation of another new bench and replacement/re-fixing of the concrete posts around the car park.

Another new initiative is the formation of a junior football team for Misterton Football Club. Plans are already underway, and more details will be available soon.

On a less positive note, there has recently been an increase in flyposting throughout the village. It is suggested that this is reported directly to Somerset Council (<https://www.somerset.gov.uk/roads-travel-and-parking/flyposting-and-graffiti>). Another problem is the bump in Knowle Lane (caused by recent Somerset Council drainage work) which the parish council considered a safety issue and requested to be highlighted by a slow sign. Somerset Council have rejected this as they do not consider it a serious impediment to highway users – please write directly to them to raise your safety concerns.

I would also like to draw your attention to the Community Bus (CB3) which runs between Bridport and Crewkerne on Saturdays. At the recent parish council meeting it was agreed to donate £150 to support this very useful service which is run by Beaminster Town Council. The timetable can be found at <https://bustimes.org/services/cb3-bridport-beaminster-yeovil>.

And finally, the parish council is looking for a volunteer to be the Misterton trustee for the Matthew Chubb Almshouses in Crewkerne. For further details about this worthwhile (and not particularly onerous role) please contact the clerk.

Graham White
Chairman



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Village hall flower show 17th August

Final deadline for completed schedules is the 12th August. You can obtain copies of the schedule from Jacquie, Chestnut Lodge, Broughtons Drive, 01460 78526.

Posting boxes: Paul and Diane Bradly, Knowle House, Middle Street
Graham and Kate White, Sunnyside, Middle Street
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The hall opens at 8am for the acceptance of exhibits and closes for judging at 10:30am.

The hall and cafe will then reopen at 11:30am. Don't forget that the winners of the Family Novelty Item will be photographed and go on the front cover of the magazine.

We will gratefully accept all donations of home baking, cakes, scones etc for the cafe. For more information, please call either Christine Perrin on 01460 76824, Cheryl Newman 01460 75025 or Pam Glazier 01460 929915.

All profits are being donated to the village hall restoration. See you all on the 17th!

Pam Glazier



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Crewkerne Probus Club

Probus 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 Probus 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

On 2nd July we held our monthly meeting during the early evening in the beautiful garden of our President Judy Welch. Fortunately, the weather was kind to us on this occasion, and we enjoyed an evening of chatter, fun, friendship... and food and drink! A super social occasion.

Members gathered at Jan's in Newbery Lane for a coffee morning on Friday 12th July when donations were collected for the community bus. The sun made a short appearance too, enabling us to wander around the garden. We also welcomed Geoff White to our coffee morning... always a pleasure to see him.

25th July saw us make a visit to the beautiful Somerset lavender fields... just a stunning spot. Afterwards we had lunch at the Packhorse Inn, South Stoke, near Bath.

 ****AN OPEN INVITATION TO ALL MISTERTON VILLAGERS**** We invite you to join us at an open meeting on Tuesday August 6th at the Hoskyns Hall in North Perrott at 7:30pm when we will feature a speaker from the War Graves Commission. There will not be an entry charge for this event, but donations to the War Graves Commission can be made. Tea and coffee will be served at the end of the talk.

All are welcome to this event but please call Judy on 01460 78931 or Jan on 01460 77599 to book as places are limited.



So, ladies, do give us a try as we have a full and interesting programme for the rest of 2024. In September we resume our meetings at the Globe on Middle Street at 7pm on the first Tuesday of the month.

The committee



Members at the Hoskyns Hall in June enjoying the friendship of a group meeting



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By now the new floodlight columns have been erected and the lights attached soon. Hopefully the new lights will benefit both the club and our understanding neighbours mutually. A big thanks to all members who took part in the arduous task of preparing the ground and putting the posts in place.

This season has been challenging for the men's tennis team. We have played seven games so far in Division 3 with a possible 70 points up for grabs. From the seven games we have managed to win five points. The team have worked hard for what points they have acquired and a big thank you must go to everyone who has played this season, especially to Paudie, Jason, Graham and Roger. It is impossible to avoid relegation this year and the club will hopefully attract players into the league team to help them survive next season in Division 4.

The lower divisions of Yeovil & District tennis league have improved immensely over the past few years. The standard of tennis is very strong. This makes the smaller clubs struggle to compete with the bigger clubs who can call on a larger membership to fulfil their fixtures.

Nine matches now played, and not in a great position in the league for Misterton ladies A team. One win against Yeovil (8:3) and a couple of losses against Ilminster (4:7) and Wincanton (9:2). However, with three more matches yet to play and strong teams planned for all three, we are optimistic that we can shift our position back up the league table and keep our place in Division 2.

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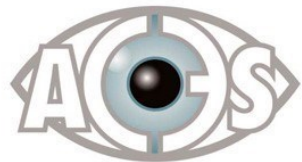
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Anthony Wilson Piper



Tony Piper is a successful artist who lives in Church Lane. He was born in 1935 in Hertfordshire and grew up on his father's farm which extended to eighty acres. In addition to crops there were numerous pigs and chickens. He was educated at a co-ed school - somewhat unusual in those days. While there, he learned to throw the discus and javelin. His father was English, but his mother was Swiss. Tony also had a sister and a brother. The latter made a name for himself as a racing driver in the Ferrari factory World Sportscar team and participated in three Formula One World Championships Grands Prix. Tony himself spent his youth in helping to build fast cars. Later, he found time to spend eight

years learning karate under a Japanese instructor.

In 1952, Tony enrolled at the Central School of Arts and Crafts in Holborn, one of the first schools to teach industrial design, finishing with a diploma in mural painting and design. His studying fees were augmented by working at nights in coffee bars and soup kitchens, also as a railway station porter. In 1957, he left the school to undertake his national service in the army.

He met his future wife, Peter, in Hampstead in 1959. She was a German Jewish refugee who was sixteen years older than Tony. She came to England in 1938, only to find herself on a list of refugees to be deported back to Germany. She had spent about three years living incognito in London before being given complete clearance when she arrived in court. They were married in Hampstead Registrar's office in 1965. They settled in London, though their travels as a married couple tended to be in the south of France, but chiefly in southern Germany. Meanwhile, Tony discovered that his various acquired skills could be put to good use as a builder. He opened his first business in Hampstead and plumbed his first house in Knightsbridge with a plumbing manual to guide him. The venture was followed by maintaining slum properties in Kilburn, and he spent eight years converting and restoring actors' properties all over London, courtesy of a friendly agent, Peggy Thompson.



Before they married, they helped a police constable who commandeered a car to detain an escapee from Broadmoor, Peter having sustained a broken arm during the fracas. An MP complained that it was unfair to lock up such a young man!

The Pipers left London in 1977 and moved to Peter's village in the Black Forest in Germany where her parents used to take her. While the Pipers were there, they bought an old school in in the village of Wolpadingen which Tony restored. He also ran a picture gallery for other artists in the area. His painting continued apace, so much so that German TV showed his paintings several times during primetime. By the way, his preferred portraiture consists of acrylic or emulsion paints on board rather than oil paints on canvas. He also has a worldwide clientele. Tony is understandably reluctant to have any of his portraits at his house. Instead, he uses art galleries with security provisions.



After several years the couple moved to Misterton in 1992. Tony then set about constructing a studio in their garden which was used for teaching local people to do life drawing.

When Tony became a Crewkerne Town councillor, he was responsible for painting the portraits of fellow-councillors who had supported the funding of the Aqua Centre and to welcome the millennium. He had done the same for Peter's childhood friends who had returned after the war to rebuild her village. He also drove a community bus in the Crewkerne area after completing considerable training.

Very sadly, Peter passed away in 2016. In recent years, Tony has divided his time between Henley and Misterton. Henley is home to an ex-girlfriend, Lise. He has known her for sixty-seven years and half his time is spent with her.

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Misterton Gardeners Association

Our meeting this month is on Friday 30th August at 7:30pm in the village hall. We have a new speaker namely Jenny Short from Lyme Regis. Jenny has been recommended to us by other gardening clubs and her subject is 'A history of gardening styles'. Sounds interesting with plenty of slides as I understand.

Our flower of the month contest continues so bring along your favourite garden flower. As ever visitors and new members are very welcome even if you do not have a garden.

Traditionally August is a hot month so if it is this year keep your plants well watered. The usual plea about dead heading applies to many plants as it encourages new buds to come and prolongs early and late autumn colours, not least with roses. Wisteria and lavender have been great this year and now is the time to prune both. The vegetable garden comes into its own in August. So, harvest beans, beetroots, carrots and onions. Tomatoes will be ripening by now but pinch out new growth as their flowers will not have time to properly set. A good feed of a balanced fertiliser will encourage those which have already set to keep you supplied with home grown tomatoes for weeks ahead.

One plant in our garden with which I have a real love/hate relationship is monbretia. When in flower it is absolutely stunning (see photo of the one outside our greenhouse). This only lasts for a couple of weeks and after that it becomes a real nuisance. It gets tall and ungainly - indeed its spread is such that many gardeners regard it as an invasive weed. The one we have was named Lucifer by botanists reflecting its rather devilish spreading habit. There are other more acceptable variants, but I have yet to find any which are as colourful.



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200g caster sugar	2 lemons, zested and juiced, plus extra zest to decorate
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150g self-raising flour, plus 2 tbsp	200g blackberries, plus extra to serve
50g ground almonds	150g icing sugar

Heat the oven to 180°C/160°C fan/gas 4. Butter and line a 20cm square or round cake tin with baking paper. Whisk together the sugar and butter until pale and creamy, then add the eggs one at a time, beating well in between each addition.

Fold in the flour, almonds, baking powder and lemon zest, and mix until it becomes a uniform batter. Fold in the milk to loosen the batter slightly. Toss the blackberries with the 2 tbsp of flour to coat, then fold into the batter. Scrape into the tin and smooth over the top.

Bake for 50 minutes to 1 hour or until golden, well risen, and a skewer comes out clean when inserted into the middle. Leave to cool on a wire rack. Mix the icing sugar with enough of the lemon juice to get a drizzling consistency. Drizzle over the cake to serve, with more blackberries and lemon zest.



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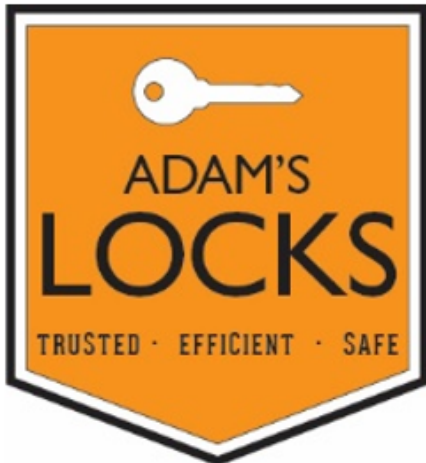


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Misterton Village Hall

This past month has seen several members of the village hall committee continuing to work behind the scenes, gathering quotes and planning for various much-needed projects to update the hall and to ensure it continues to serve the community for years to come.

All these essential renovations and improvements will require funding, be it from grants that may be available or general fundraising events. From updating the kitchen to improving the energy efficiency of the heating, each project aims to enhance the hall's functionality and sustainability. However, these ambitious plans require substantial financial support, and this is where the community's involvement becomes crucial.

One of the most exciting events on the horizon is the long-awaited return of the Misterton Flower Show, set for 17th August. Absent for many years, this beloved tradition is being resurrected for one year only, promising to be a vibrant celebration of local horticultural talent. The flower show offers a wonderful opportunity for villagers to come together, showcase their gardening skills, and contribute to a worthy cause.

We encourage everyone to participate in the flower show, whether by entering your prized blooms or simply attending to admire the displays. Your involvement not only revives a cherished tradition but also supports the fundraising efforts for our village hall. Entries are open, and we eagerly anticipate a dazzling array of vegetables, flowers, cakes and jams. If you have misplaced your entry form from May's magazine, email mistertonvillagehall@gmail.com and a copy will be emailed to you.

The village hall is a bustling hub of activity, hosting a variety of clubs that cater to diverse interests. As a charity, we take pride in providing a welcoming space for regular group meetings and one-off events, fostering connections among our residents. Our regular users of the hall are highlighted below. Please contact the group organiser if you would like to attend any of the following:

- Monday** Table tennis 3-4pm (Mike at michaelsevenoaks1234@gmail.com)
 Tai Chi 6-7pm (Morag at morag@masterworksinternational.co.uk)
- Tuesday** Karate 5-7pm (Steve at pegasuskarateclub@hotmail.com)
- Wednesday** Breeze Dance 4-8:45pm (Joanne at sivell3@aol.com)
- Thursday** Yoga 9:30-10:30am (Barbara at yogawithbarbara@hotmail.com)
 Karate 5-7pm (Steve as above)
- Friday** Gardening Club 7-8pm, last Friday of the month (John Dyke 01460 77233)
 Table tennis 2-4pm (Mike as above)

We are also equipped with mats for short mat bowls and are eager to revive this traditional game at the hall. If you're interested in starting or joining a short mat bowls group, we would love to hear from you.

Beyond these regular activities, Misterton Village Hall is available for one-off events. Whether you are planning a party, meeting, or special gathering, our venue is ideal. For enquiries about rates and availability, contact Joan Sweetman, our bookings secretary, on 01460 74994 or 07753 164496. Our rates are very competitive, and we often have good availability to accommodate your needs. The committee's vision is to make the hall the centre of village activity and your continued support is vital if we are to achieve this. Please let us know if you have any ideas for events that you would like to see the committee promote or if you have any observations about the hall that you would like to make.



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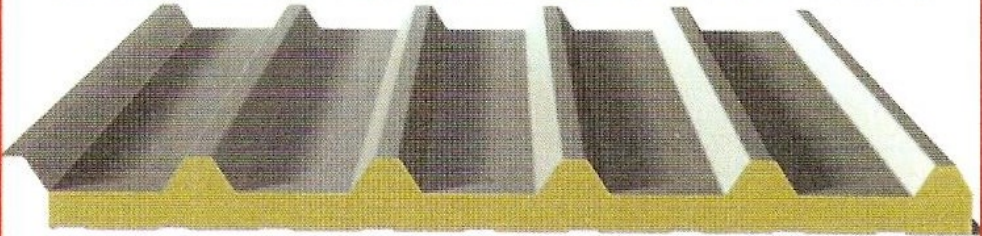
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Mallabones

The last year has flown by and Mallabones is approaching its first birthday! We opened at the end of August last year, and have gone from strength to strength, becoming an integral part of the village. We are planning a celebration in September, so we do hope you will come and raise a glass with us!

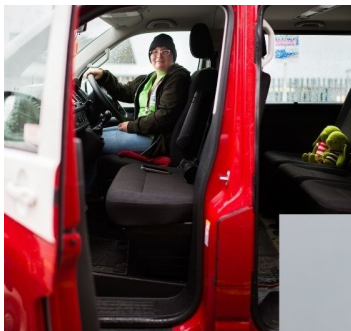
Thank you to those who came to our recent quiz - a very fun evening which I hope you all enjoyed. Please look out for our next one - remember there are £50 of Mallabones vouchers to be won!

We are also hosting a book club which is proving popular and growing in numbers with each meeting. It is usually at lunch time on the first Wednesday of the month, but posters in the entrance hall will give you all the information. The next meeting is August 7th at 12:30pm, and the book under discussion is 'The Giver of Stars' by Jojo Moyes. The book club is free and open to all, but please support Mallabones by treating yourself to coffee... and why not have a freshly baked cake to go with it?! Huge thanks to Jo for running it.

We are thrilled to announce our next music event - a double bill! 'Just Like Clay' is a collaboration of the Trouble Notes and Good Habits, combining their unique styles of joyous, string lead folk fusion. Both bands tour the world, and we are so lucky to have them come together to play in our little venue! If you enjoyed Tribubu you will love this!! They will be playing on Friday 13th September and tickets can be purchased via this link: <https://handsontv.co.uk/live-session/13>.

The event will also be filmed for subscriber viewing via HANDSONTV. Tickets are £40 and a light supper will be provided.

We hope you are all enjoying the summer - do come and make the most of the sun with our outside seating area. We are dog friendly, and they can cool down too with our homemade doggie ice cream. We look forward to seeing you soon!



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With best wishes and prayers

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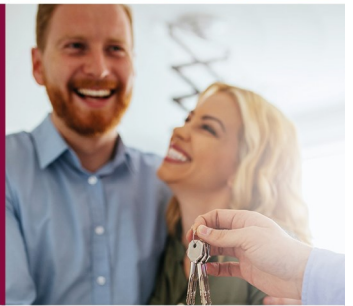
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Book club	Wednesday 7th August	12:30pm	Mallabones
Village flower show	Saturday 17th August	See page 8	Village hall
Gardening club	Friday 30th August	7:30pm	Village hall
WI meeting	Tuesday 3rd September	7pm	The Globe
Parish council meeting	Tuesday 17th September	6:30pm	Village hall back room

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Church services August 2024

Sunday 4th August 2024 *Trinity 10*

Wayford: 9:30am HC CJ	Hewish: 9:30am HC Bob Key
Haselbury: 10:30am HC CW	North Perrott: 9am HC CW
St Bart's, Crewkerne: 11am HC CJ	

Sunday 11th August 2024 *Trinity 11*

Misterton: 11am HC David Newman	Haselbury: 10:30am HC BCP
St Bart's, Crewkerne: 8am HC and 11am morning prayer	

Sunday 18th August 2024 *Trinity 12*

Haselbury: 10:30am family service Ian Stobart	North Perrott: 9am HC BCP
Hewish: 11am HC David Newman	Wayford: 9:30am HC Bob Key
St Bart's, Crewkerne: 8am HC and 11am morning prayer	

Sunday 25th August 2024 *Trinity 13*

Misterton: 9:30am HC David Newman	Haselbury: 10:30am HC CW
St Bart's, Crewkerne: 11am All age service and 6pm informal communion	

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