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Note from the editors

The stunning photo on this month's cover was taken on Max and Mark Field's epic trip to Norway in September, which you can read about on page 18.

We can tell everyone is starting to plan for Christmas already as we bring you a bumper issue this month full of festive events and happenings. Have you started your Christmas shopping yet?

Jacquie Lyus and Sarah Watt

Deadline for entries for the December magazine is Friday 14th November.

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Dear residents

First a quick reminder about the autumn litter pick on Saturday 2nd November at 10am. All are invited to meet at Sunnyside (opposite the school) where gloves, litter pickers and rubbish sacks will be provided.

2024 is disappearing quickly and soon it will be time for the Parish Council to start the process of preparing the budget and precept for the 2025/26 financial year. After successfully reducing the precept in 2023/24 and not increasing it for the current financial year, it is possible that an increase will be necessary due to costs going up and some being passed down from Somerset Council. Every effort will be made to keep any increase to a minimum but please be prepared.

On the subject of precepts Devon and Somerset Fire Service have recently released a survey about the level of precept for the fire and rescue service. They are hoping to hear from as many people as possible so please complete the online survey at this link <https://online1.snapsurveys.com/interview/769bb7ae-a2f9-44ef-a38a-39451587d1f4>. Further details are available on the Misterton Parish Council website.

November reminds us that winter is on its way with the likelihood of colder weather. This link is to a reliable website to assist anyone who would like more information on staying comfortable <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/keep-warm-keep-well-leaflet-gives-advice-on-staying-healthy-in-cold-weather/top-tips-for-keeping-warm-and-well-this-winter>. In addition, the MRT team contacts are listed in the magazine to assist where feasible.

And finally, the recent parish council meeting was attended by a number of residents expressing concern about the school. All comments were noted, and the parish council will continue to work with the school to try to alleviate as many of these problems as possible. For further information about the parish council and their current work, please see the minutes from the meeting which are available on the Misterton Parish Council website.

Graham White
Chairman

Misterton Resilience Team contact details

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We had a busy month in October; at our last meeting, Tony Foot from the Owsley Charity explained how their organisation helps out locally. This was a very informative talk about a little known but very important organisation. We also welcomed new member Janine into the fold. As this was our 104th birthday, we also enjoyed birthday cake, wine and a fun quiz. Several members brought along beautiful knitted items they had made for premature babies, another appeal from Head Office. The celebrations continued with an afternoon tea at the Shrubbery in Ilminster on 10th October to formally celebrate our birthday and we filled and wrapped ten shoeboxes with items for the annual WI appeal. The October coffee morning at Lynbrook was, as always, a chance to catch up with friends, and enjoy the remainder of the delicious cake made locally by Mandy Diaps for our birthday meeting! We made a collection for the upcoming Poppy Appeal. Many of our members also supported the 'Wear It Pink' day, held at Mallabones on the 18th.

So now we look to the rest of this year. At our meeting on 5th November, we look forward to welcoming Kevin Little, who will be telling his stories of 'A Fishmonger's Life'. Our meetings start at 7pm at the Globe on Middle Street in Misterton. Non-members are always made welcome so come and give us a try!

Our coffee morning in November will be on Thursday 14th when we celebrate King Charles Birthday at Mallabones. New ladies are always welcome so come and meet some of our members at this informal coffee morning. A collection for Crisis at Christmas, a charity to help the homeless, will be made.

Our next skittles match is on 20th November. We are always looking for ladies to join our team, when match evenings end with a light supper. We can usually arrange transport, so please let us know if you would like to join our skittles team.

Please phone Judy on 01460 78931 or Jan on 01460 77598 for more details.

The committee



Our lovely Birthday cake and October meeting at The Globe, Members enjoying a coffee morning at Mallabones in September, beautiful knitted items for premature babies, and our birthday tea at the Shrubbery in Ilminster

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Letter

**They will beat their swords into ploughshares
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As we come to Remembrance Day and think again of those who died so that we can be free

As we look with horror and pity at the Middle East

... with admiration and deep concern at Ukraine

As we fear the dangers of even wider war

Christians pray for today and for Christ's coming - foretold by Isaiah, with His days of endless peace.

Will you join me in that?

With warmest wishes and prayers

CJ Davis

Misterton Gardeners Association

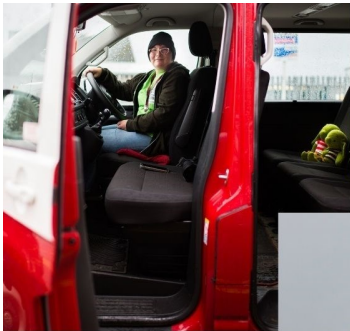
Our meetings for the year are now finished. However, we are already thinking about 2025. At our first meeting in March next year, I shall again be handing everyone a small fuchsia plug plant and we will be repeating our competition to see who grows the best one. Charlotte Steele was this year's winner - we were all amazed at how she turned a little two-inch high plant into something large and quite beautiful. Our March meeting will also see the judging of our daffodil contest; if you have not collected your three bulbs yet, get in touch with me.

If you have not finished your tidying up, it's not too late. Get any wooden tools under cover and, if you have an outdoor tap, cover it against frosts. Sweep up the leaves as they will make good compost if you bag them up. November is an ideal month for planting out tulip bulbs, either in containers or directly into the ground. And if you have not done so plant some more daffodils bulbs into a spot where you will enjoy them next spring.

It has been a pretty average year for roses (my favourite flower). The late spring meant that they were a little late in coming into bloom. But nature corrected this during the brief sunny spells we had in the summer months. As ever, I have been reflecting on which did the best. So very difficult as this seems to vary week by week and even day by day. One of my favourites is Dark Secret. We have two of them and neither are very prolific but from time to time each produces an absolutely stunning flower like that pictured here.



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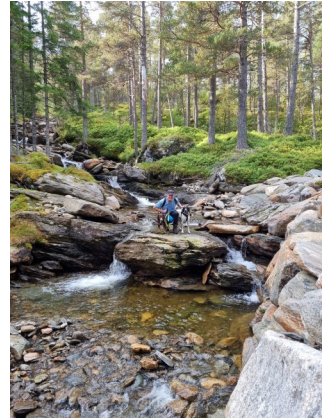
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Norway in a campervan with dogs!

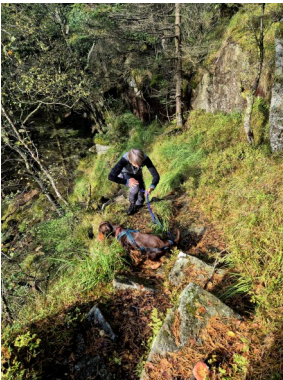
Around two years ago, Mark found an article on a Norwegian spearfisherman who arranged trips to the Lofoten Isles to spearfish for cod, and so sparked the idea for our own trip to Norway.

For 30 days, home was our campervan, and to add a little challenge to our trip, we took our two dogs. On 27th August we embarked on a 3,700-mile round trip to Norway, travelling through the tunnel into France, across Belgium, the Netherlands, Germany and Denmark until finally a ferry across from Hirtshals in Denmark to Kristiansand in Norway. Along the way we stopped at a vet in Germany for the dogs to be given their tapeworm treatment, a requirement for entering into Norway, I got stuck in a toilet at a campsite in Denmark and we discovered the AC in the van wasn't working and temperatures for most of our drive through Europe were around 32°C!

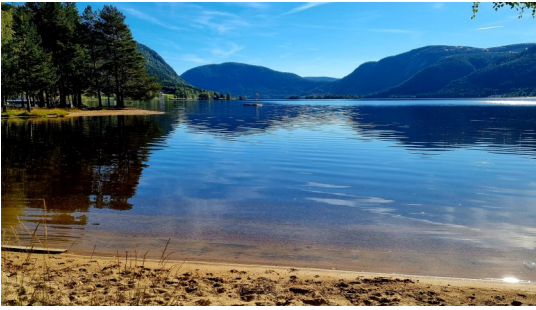


We had no particular itinerary for our trip apart from having ferry and Channel Tunnel crossings booked. With the assistance of a couple of camping apps to plan our overnight stays, we drove along the south coast of Norway across to Oslo, headed up to Trondheim, which was as far north as we travelled, and then made our way back south along the west coast and the fjords.

The scenery in Norway is truly spectacular and a lot more variable than I had imagined. The fjords are majestic, the mountains rising up high and often sheer from the sea's edge. You are never far from water, be it the sea, a river, lakes or waterfalls, and sometimes rain, which can be torrential! We travelled past towering mountains with glaciers visible at the top, and then one mountain pass led us to an area that felt more like Dartmoor, but on a much bigger scale; misty and bleak, with many lakes and waterfalls tumbling everywhere you looked. A hairpin road took us straight down from here to a wide valley floor and lush, verdant green countryside.



There is a great sense of pride the Norwegians have for their country and their countryside. There was no litter to be found



anywhere we stopped, even in the remote out-of-the-way parking areas for hiking trails. Even the verges were neat and tidy, and as for all the gardens, it would not surprise me if Norway has the highest proportion of robot mowers of any country, they were everywhere helping to keep front lawns and public spaces freshly mown.



Over the 22 nights we spent in Norway, we stayed on 17 different sites. Some we would definitely like to revisit, like the island near Trondheim where Mark successfully spearfished for cod; the hiking site high above Stavanger where we hiked to the top to enjoy 360° views across the fjords and down to Stavanger; and the lakeside campsite

surrounded by mountains and the sound of sheep bells in the pastures. Another memorable spot was high up above a fjord with the town of Molde beneath us. We spent the evening looking across to the other side of the fjord and watching all the ferries toing and froing from one side of the fjord to the other.



This was by far the longest trip we've ever taken in the campervan with the dogs. They were brilliant, taking it all in their stride and enjoying the experience of new places, the hiking, and for the spaniel, the swimming. The only real stress we had with them was to do with their paperwork, but we now feel experienced to cope with that. It was a trip of many highlights and has definitely given us the bug for more adventures abroad in the campervan with the dogs. And a final word for Norway, we will be back!

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Donations can be handed to me at Knowle House, Knowle Lane or if easier I can collect. Many thanks. Please would you let me know by Monday 11th November to enable me to get the names to the magazine committee for entry in the December magazine.

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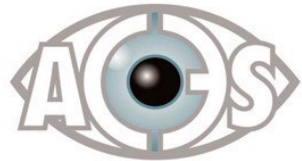
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We had a fantastic night on Thursday 10th October when President Chris Ellis officially turned on the new floodlights after a short speech outlining the long history of Misterton Tennis Club. This was followed by a successful mixed doubles tournament won by Nick Watt and

Heather Butt. At the end of September, we had our inaugural pickleball session led by Roger Lacey and Nick Watt.

Please note that on Monday 9th December we will again be hosting a Christmas Bingo night in the village hall. The doors will open at 6:30pm with eyes down at 7:30pm. Please contact Graham White on 07983 572774 to reserve a table.

Bob Waterhouse
Chairman



Congratulations to Misterton parish councillor Paul Bradley on being the well-deserved recipient of the Somerset Council Chair's Award for services to the community. Paul's many years of public service were recognised at the October parish council meeting as he was presented with the award by the Chair of Somerset Council, Cllr Mike Best.



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.

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Visitors to these parts of the south west are often surprised by the way the names of our towns and villages are pronounced locally.

Frome (pronounced *Froom*) is considered to be the most commonly mispronounced. Other contenders are Beaminster (*Bemister*), Chedzoy (*Chedzy*), Chideock (*Chiddock*), Puncknowle (*Punnel*), Rampisham (*Ransom*), Shepton Beauchamp (*Shepton Beecham*).

It is even more surprising in Devon. For instance, the village of Woolfardisworthy is pronounced *Woolsery*.

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Starting every Monday from 28th October through to 16th December join us for bingo at the village hall, raising funds for various local causes.

The hall's own fundraising Bingo Night takes place on 2nd December. All proceeds will contribute to vital improvements for the village hall. We're also collecting donations for our raffle and tombola. If you would like to donate, please drop off items with Diane Bradly at Knowle House, Middle Street and call on 01460 76761 to arrange drop off or collection. Your support makes a huge difference.

Looking ahead to 14th February, don't miss our groovy 70's Disco Night! Dust off your platforms and prepare to dance the night away. Tickets are £10 and will be available at Mallabones from 1st November. It's a perfect way to celebrate Valentine's Day with friends or a special someone. Many thanks to Hannah Palmer for organising this.

In other news, recent users of the hall may have noticed the upgrade to the heating system designed for improved user comfort and energy efficiency. This is the first of many upgrades planned for the hall and the committee is pleased to announce that we've secured a grant for upgrading access to the disabled toilets, which will coincide with planned renovations for the kitchen. These essential upgrades will enhance our facilities for everyone in the community. Your continued support at our fundraising events is vital in helping us move these projects forward.



A vertical poster for bingo at Misterton Village Hall. On the left, the word 'BINGO' is written vertically in large, colorful letters: 'B' (green), 'I' (blue), 'N' (orange), 'G' (purple), and 'O' (red). The background has a grey and white chevron pattern with colorful splatters. The text on the right reads: 'MISTERTON VILLAGE HALL BINGO EVERY MONDAY FROM 28 OCTOBER TO 16 DECEMBER DOORS OPEN 6:30pm EYES DOWN 7:30pm Light refreshments, Raffle, Tombola'.

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A vertical poster for a 70s disco night. The background is a gradient of red and orange. At the top, a purple globe with yellow stars is set against a sunburst pattern. The text reads: 'Love 1970s Disco Join Us For Memorable Evening MISTERTON VILLAGE HALL FRIDAY 14TH FEBRUARY 2025 7PM - 11PM TICKETS £10 AVAILABLE AT MALLABONES DRESSING FOR THE ERA WELCOME Proceeds to Misterton Village Hall Charity No. 277476'. A silhouette of a person in a 70s disco pose is on the right.

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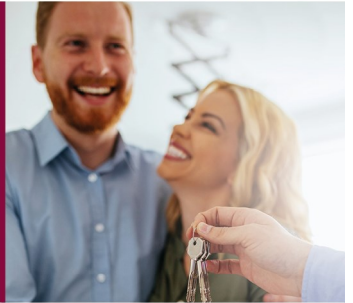
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Coffee morning	Thursday 14th November	10:30am	Mallabones
Parish council meeting	Tuesday 19th November	6:30pm	Village hall back room
Village hall bingo	Monday 2nd December	6:30pm	Village hall

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Church services November 2024

Sunday 3rd November 2024 *Trinity 23*

9:30am Hewish HC | 9:30am Wayford HC

11am HC St Bart’s, Crewkerne

10:30am Haselbury HC CW | 9am North Perrott HC CW

Sunday 10th November 2024 *Trinity 24*

10:50am Misterton Remembrance service

10:45am Wayford Remembrance service

8am HC and 10:45am Remembrance service St Bart’s, Crewkerne

10:55am Haselbury War Memorial followed by service in church A Daynes

Sunday 17th November 2024 *Trinity 25*

11am Hewish HC | 9:30am Wayford HC

8am HC and 11am Morning prayer St Bart’s, Crewkerne

10:30 am Haselbury Family service | 9am North Perrott HC BCP

Sunday 24th November 2024 *Trinity 26*

9:30am Misterton HC

11am All age service and 6pm Informal communion St Bart’s, Crewkerne

10:30am Haselbury HC CW

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