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## Note from the editors

We hope you all enjoyed the village hall 50th event as much as we did! If you were there, please take a moment to appreciate all the hard work that went into making the event such a success, involving members of pretty much every village organisation and beyond. A full report with photos of the event can be found in the middle of this month's magazine.

And if you enjoyed that, the next big village event is the flower show on Saturday 16th August at the village hall which will showcase the wonderful talents that our village boasts. For more details, see the poster on page 18.

*Jacquie Lyus and Sarah Watt*

**Deadline for entries** for the September magazine is Thursday 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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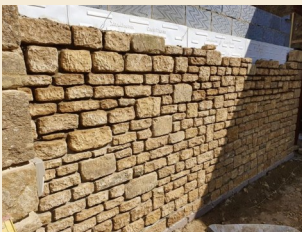
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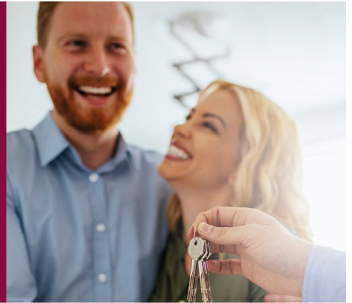
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## News from the Parish Council and Recreation Field Trust



Dear residents

In the last issue I mentioned that the parish council were planning to approach Somerset Council Traffic Management about requesting additional parking restrictions along Station Road. We have been informed that they receive many requests from residents wanting the introduction of new parking restrictions outside of their properties to prevent on-street parking but that they only proceed with requests to introduce parking restrictions to address safety or congestion issues on the network and not to stop the parking of vehicles outside of homes. They also stressed that the safety of all highway users is their priority, and that removing parking can result in higher vehicle speeds. They have consulted the injury collision data they hold and report there is no record of any collisions between vehicles traveling along Station Road with a vehicle joining the public highway from a private access. Having received this advice and following discussion, the parish council agreed that an application to introduce further parking restrictions along Station Road would not be submitted. The parking restrictions already approved (by the entrance to the station) will go ahead as planned.

The parish council have also been informed of a new Crewkerne wetland proposal which had been submitted for planning permission by Taylor Wimpey. The location is where Vinney Brook meets the River Parrett, NE of Hellings Farm and is currently farmland. It is independent of the new Wool Gardens estate but will provide phosphate mitigation for the new houses built there. Existing hedgerows will be protected and there will be extra planting of appropriate plants and trees. There will be no risk of additional flooding and the quality of the water entering the River Parrett will be improved. Ongoing maintenance costs will be provided either by a management company or an endowment model and not fall on local councils. More information will be available on the parish council website in due course.

The parish council will not meet in August and the next scheduled meeting is Tuesday 9th September 2025.

Have an enjoyable summer.

*Graham White*  
Chairman

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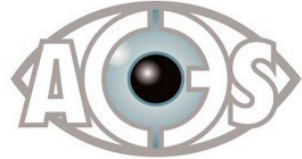
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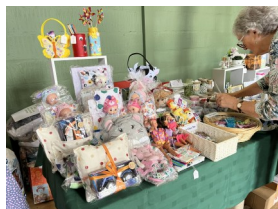
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We were pleased to welcome five visitors to our last meeting on 1st July. At least one of them has now decided to join us permanently and hopefully some of the others will also decide to join. New members are the lifeblood of any organisation, bringing fresh ideas with them. This turned out to be a very lively meeting, when Lottie Dale shared tales from her time as a nurse in the 1960s at St Barts in London, very different times indeed. Another superb speaker.

July was busy for outside events. A golf croquet evening was much enjoyed in glorious weather, and ten of our members went to the Lime Kiln Pub near Martock for lunch on the 11th. Very good food and the room was kept cool, which was most welcome in the heatwave.

The July coffee morning was this time at Jan's on the 14th. Time for chat, scones, and lots of cake! These mornings really are an informal get together and a chance to catch up in between our usual monthly meetings. A really good turnout, we started in the garden until a massive downpour meant we then had to repair to the sitting room with much laughter. We made a collection for Ark, which will be handed over when we make a visit to them in August. There will be no coffee morning in August.

The village seat which the WI donated is situated opposite the old school. This has been refurbished and the plaque cleaned, thank you Steve.



So to the Misterton party on the 19th. What a lovely event for our village. The WI craft stall (pictured left) was busy all day, with people commenting on the lovely gift items for sale. Jean and her team in the new kitchen kept the teas and coffees, ploughman's lunches, filled rolls, cream teas and cakes coming. We would like to thank everyone who baked and supplied items for the kitchen. And we would also like to thank Alison, Jane, Frankie, John, Jeff, Magda and her husband and all others who were so generous with their time and helped out Misterton WI in manning both the craft tables and the kitchen.

Our next meeting is on Tuesday 5th August, when instead of a meeting at the Globe we are having an afternoon tea at Forde Abbey's new restaurant. No speaker this month, just an informal get together.

So ladies give us a try! For any further information please contact Judy on 01460 78931 or Jan on 01460 77599 or [jancd136@hotmail.com](mailto:jancd136@hotmail.com).

*The committee*



*Our photos this month show our refurbished bench, our lunch at The Lime Kiln, and coffee morning fun (yes, we welcome well behaved dogs!)*

## Raffle/tombola prizes appeal

Following my appeal in the magazine for gifts for the raffle and tombola at the village hall party on 19th July I have been inundated with suitable gifts for which I am truly grateful.

There are so many that not all were used on 19th July but will aid future fund raising for the village hall including the flower show and possibly the Christmas bingo. Thanks to everyone for their generosity.

*Diane Bradly*



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## Misterton village hall



We would like to start this month's article off with a huge thank you for all your support given to the very successful 50th event that took place at the hall and recreation field on the afternoon of Saturday 19th July. Although the heatwave had passed, the weather was kind and a super day was had by all. Over the course of the afternoon we raised nearly £2,500 for the village hall (exact total still to be calculated as we draft this article), which is a fantastic amount.



There are numerous people and organisations we have to thank for making the day a success; notably Misterton Garage for their main sponsorship, but also Pattermores, Cedrics and Mallabones for their generous donations of raffle prizes. My Bestie and McKinlays Estate Agents of Crewkerne for the sponsorship of the dog show and last but not least, Sue's Café for the raffle donation and also the wonderful cake (see photo left and the front cover for a picture of the cake cutting ceremony held on the day).

A full programme was built around demonstrations in the main ring from the hall's regular users. From the U3A Crewkerne and District Table Tennis Club to Pegasus Karate and the Jo Sivell Breeze Dance Company, we were treated to some excellent demonstrations that were all very well received. The photo below left shows karate students going through their paces, whilst the one on the right shows the Breeze Dance students demonstrating their fantastic dance skills. All those who attended thought they did a great job and agreed that it showcased the talent of Misterton residents.



One of the highlights of the day was of course the dog show. This proved to be a very

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White wine	Diana Dyke

Photos by Jessica Watt & Steve Hilson



popular event and over twenty dogs entered into the various categories. Our skilled judges selected Bilbo as the Best in Show for 2025 and the photo above shows him alongside his proud owner, David James. Congratulations Bilbo (and David too)!

As well as the packed outdoor main ring programme and live music, we also had a fantastic art display in the main hall, a great selection of classic cars, a hugely popular plant stall along with a well-stocked craft stall



and the mandatory tombola and raffle (list of prize winners can be found above). Of course, all our visitors needed sustenance, and this was provided by a dedicated team who assisted at the hot and cold food stalls as well as a very popular bar.



And finally, on a separate note, residents are reminded that the village hall will be closed from Monday 28th July throughout August (except for the flower show) whilst we carry out an upgrade to our toilet facilities and refurbish the main hall floor.



# FLOWER SHOW



**Saturday 16th August at the village hall**

Celebrate in style - come and see what talent Misterton has!

We have hot dogs, pancakes, and for dessert many cakes, a superb sales table and a great raffle. Last year was a trial run, this year it's so much bigger and better.

All money raised will be donated to the village hall.

Come and support and join in you won't regret it we promise. The hall needs you!

Schedules in the July magazine should be filled in now to be in by 14th August. If you have lost your schedule no problem! If you have all the details, we will accept it on any odd piece of paper or envelope etc.

A date for your diary and not to be missed. See you all on the 16th.

***The flower show team***

## CORRECTION

Please note that number 38 in the schedule should read KNITTED not knotted.

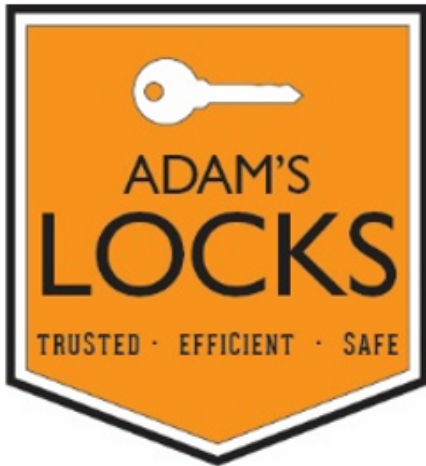
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SWR has announced that trains will not stop at Crewkerne from Monday 28th July until further notice. Instead, rail replacement buses will run between Crewkerne and Yeovil Junction or Axminster, with journeys taking around 30 minutes each way.

The reason for this is that we are experiencing some of the driest conditions for around 200 years, and in the Crewkerne area this has dried out and shrunk the clay soil embankments that support the tracks. This is a problem known as 'soil moisture deficit'. Stopping trains at Crewkerne under these conditions would cause knock-on delays and cancellations across the network.

SWR advise to allow extra time for your travel and check live train times on their website [www.southwesternrailway.com/plan-my-journey](http://www.southwesternrailway.com/plan-my-journey). Train services to Crewkerne will be resumed as soon as it is safe to do so, but with dry weather expected to continue, more timetable changes may be needed. Updates will be posted on the SWR website.



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Our flower of the month contest continues. And we will be judging the fuchsia growing competition. It is always interesting to see who has grown the best from the little plug plants which everyone had in the spring

Traditionally September was always regarded as harvest month. But with climate change and increasingly hot summers, things have moved forward to the extent that everything seems to be ready in August - both crops in the field and crops in our gardens. So gather in all types of beans, courgettes, beetroot and tomatoes and any second early potatoes still in the ground. In the flower garden keep dead heading to encourage further flower growth, dahlias and roses in particular. Trim back lavenders to keep them compact and get to work on wisterias cutting back on any whippy side-shoots.

All of us gardeners need to have patience. Nature will bring forth fruit and flowers when they are ready. Nothing more true of this fact are yucca plants. They are notorious for flowering very infrequently, sometimes once every seven years. We have one in a large pot outside our house and guess what? It burst into life this year and, as can be seen from the photo, produced a host of lovely creamy flowers which lasted for almost a month.



*John Dyke*  
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## Turnpike Green Community Bingo

We hold a bingo in the Turnpike Green community lounge every Tuesday and Saturday with eyes down at 2pm. On Tuesday, there are six games and a flyer for £10. On Saturday we offer six games for £10 including a flyer and a raffle (tickets are £1). Both sessions we offer an ongoing jackpot and refreshments as an extra and everyone is welcome.

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*Teresa Chapman*  
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At 12:30pm we have a guest speaker who gives us an insight into an interesting topic. The two-course lunch is served at 1pm and this costs £20 per head, followed by coffee.

Crewkerne Probus Club also organises a number of special events throughout the year, including a Ladies Spring Lunch, a Christmas Lunch and other outings to places of local interest.

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## Mallabones

So the saying goes 'if you can't stand the heat get out of the kitchen' - well thank goodness Zoey and Mica don't stand by this as they have continued to provide fabulous freshly cooked breakfasts and lunch to our hungry customers despite the heat of the last few weeks! Alongside the hot options, they have also concocted some delicious cold dishes such as the pear with blue cheese and toasted walnut salad, a quiche salad with coleslaw and roasted vegetable couscous, and our best seller tomato and mozzarella bruschetta with balsamic and basil oil - perfect for a hot day! The specials board changes each week so don't miss out and follow us on Instagram for weekly updates.

Thank you to those who came and enjoyed the recent quiz, a night of brain teasers, friendly competition, and lots of fun! And not forgetting the fabulous prizes!

Don't leave it too late to secure your tickets for Phil Beer on Saturday 23rd August. We are honoured to offer our community the rare opportunity to enjoy an evening of world class music in such an intimate setting. Tickets are limited so we recommend booking early. The bar opens at 6pm and a light supper is included.

Tickets are available now at £30 from <https://handsontv.co.uk/live-session/16>. Don't miss out!

Phil Beer is one of the UK's finest instrumentalists, working with The Rolling Stones, Mike Oldfield, Steve Harley, Pete Townshend and others throughout his illustrious career. Thirty years as part of Show of Hands also allowed him to develop as producer, composer and singer, and his new focus on blues has relaunched Phil's musicianship into almost legendary status.



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## Misterton Tennis Club

Chris Ellis, Carole Jay and Alan Kitson (not present) were presented with honorary tennis club membership certificates during a relaxed coffee and cake gathering at Mallabones, joined by fellow members. As they have now stepped back from active play, Catherine Carins (Chair) thanked them on behalf of the club, for their many years supporting club sessions, tournaments, fundraising and social events.



*Chris Ellis and Carole Jay in Mallabones*

As some retire from tennis, others are taking up the sport.

Our beginners/rusty racquets course starts 12th August and there are just a few places left. Whether you are a complete beginner, or a former tennis player that hasn't picked up a racquet for a while, our beginners/rusty racquets tennis course with qualified tennis Coach Henry Park, is here for you! It's an opportunity to get high quality tuition to learn tennis, make new friends and boost your well-being. For more details see poster opposite, visit [www.mistertontennis.co.uk](http://www.mistertontennis.co.uk) or email [events@mistertontennis.co.uk](mailto:events@mistertontennis.co.uk).

The second course of improvers tennis coaching with tennis coach Henry Park, is in progress and there are good reports from the participants:

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"Henry is extremely positive and encouraging when he coaches and makes sure everyone feels included."

*Catherine Carins*  
Chair

### Sponsored walk

Our lovely Misterton postie Darren is going to walk from Waterloo to Crewkerne in aid of the Motor Neurone Disease Association. He will be starting on 20th September and aims to complete it in five days. If anyone would like to donate any money to such a good cause they can do so by going to [justgiving.com](http://justgiving.com) and searching for D James.



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## Dates for your diary

August 2025

<b>WI meeting</b>	Tuesday 5th August	Afternoon tea	Forde Abbey cafe
<b>Book club</b>	Wednesday 6th August	12:30pm	Mallabones
<b>Flower show</b>	Saturday 16th August	11am	Village hall
<b>Gardeners association</b>	Friday 29th August	7:30pm	Village hall
<b>Parish council meeting</b>	Tuesday 9th September	6:30pm	Village hall back room

## Church services August 2025

Crewkerne Benefice				Merriott Benefice		
Rector: Rev CJ Davis 07707 719137 <a href="mailto:cj@stbartscrewkerne.org">cj@stbartscrewkerne.org</a>						
Date	Misterton	Wayford	Hewish	St Bart's	North Perrott	Haselbury
Sun 3rd		9:30am HC DN		11am HC	9am HC CW	10:30am HC CW
Sun 10th	No service			11am Morning service		10:30am HC BCP
Sun 17th		9:30am HC BK	11am HC DN	11am Morning service	9am HC BCP	10:30am Family service
Sun 24th	9:30am HC CJ			11am All Age service 6pm HC		10:30am HC CW
Sun 31st	11am Benefice Service at St. Bart's			8am HC CJ 11am HC BK/CJ	10am Benefice service St Martin's, North Perrott	
CJ = Rev CJ Davis		BK = Very Rev Bob Key		DN = Rev David Newman	HC = Holy Communion	
		<b>Flowers</b>		<b>Brass</b>		<b>Cleaning</b>
Sunday 10th August		Mrs S Bacigalupo		(Note no service)		Mrs R Pittard
Sunday 24th August		Mrs S Coquet		-		-

## Letter

The world seems a mess don't you think? Nothing really new there perhaps but what explains it?

In The Times a century or so ago there was, apparently, a debate between several eminent authors on the subject of 'What's wrong with the world?' ended by GK Chesterton in a short letter:

*Dear Sir  
I am  
Yours faithfully,  
GK Chesterton*

Isn't that, actually, the best explanation for so many of our world's problems? I am. Human ego. And isn't Christ's answer the only one, actually, that helps. Someone to rescue us from ourselves...

With warm best wishes for a happy August

*CJ Davis*

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