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## Note from the editors

August was another busy month for the village, with the annual flower show taking place at the village hall. You can see a few of the fabulous entries on the cover, with plenty more photos in the centre spread. Another successful fund raising event for the village hall, who are putting the money to good use as you can see in their article on page 14.

There have been a few other activities in the village this month, as you will see throughout the magazine. We are always very pleased to publicise any village goings-on and would like to thank the people who take the time to send these in to us as they help give the magazine local interest.

We are sad to announce that our in-house writer, John Coquet, has decided to step down from the committee after more than ten years service. John did his first interview with Ken Prescott in April 2014 and has since gone on to do an incredible 71 more articles. On behalf of the whole magazine committee we would like to thank him for his outstanding contribution to the magazine, he will be sorely missed.

*Jacquie Lyus and Sarah Watt*



*Leo Bacigalupo presenting John with a token of our thanks*

**Deadline for entries** for the October magazine is Friday 19th September.

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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This produced a small trailer full of weeds plus a half-full wheelie bin that one of their dads took to the dump. It is lovely that they have done this proactively at their age and for no reward other than to make the area they live in a bit nicer for everyone.

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Our August meeting was a little different this year. 18 of us enjoyed a super cream tea at Forde Abbey, with some ladies choosing to walk around the house and gardens too. We were very happy to be joined by four of our new ladies. No business to discuss this month, but we wished Janet a happy birthday with a lovely plant from the Forde Abbey nursery.

Three committee members went over to Merriott to see the great work that the volunteers at Ark are doing. They gratefully accepted the two collections we had made at recent coffee mornings, and we received an invite for members to go over in September for tea and cake. One of the many things that Ark do is the growing of beautiful flowers, which we have been invited to pick whilst there. A great example of the WI working with the community.

Our craft sessions will commence again in the autumn to replenish stocks that were sold at the village hall party and at some local care homes. We will turn our newfound skills to making and creating items for Christmas - yes, it is on the horizon. We plan to do some local craft fairs to raise funds for another good cause.

Our next meeting is on 2nd September at the Globe and will include speaker Neil Clarke. His subject is 'Somerset Starlings'. Ladies, you are most welcome to join us for our speaker. And looking ahead, coming up on 7th October we will be holding our birthday meeting at the village hall with something very different. Finally, please put the date of 16th October in your diaries, as we are once again hosting a fund raising morning at Mallabones. This year we will be raising funds for MIND in Somerset. Home baking, tombola, raffle and much more.



The next WI coffee morning will be at Jan's in Newbery Lane on 15th September from 10:30am-12 noon. Ladies, you are most welcome to join us for this informal get together. Minimum donation of £4, charity to be decided on the day.

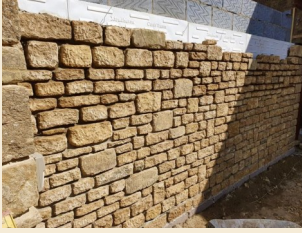
So ladies give us a try! For any further information please contact Judy on 01460 78931 or Jan on 01460 77599 or [jancd136@hotmail.com](mailto:jancd136@hotmail.com).

### *The committee*



*Our photos this month show some of our members enjoying the gardens at Forde Abbey, and handing over proceeds of coffee mornings to Ark*

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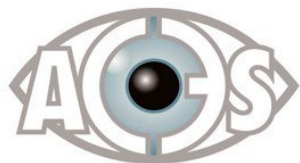




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## Misterton village hall



As we reported in last month's article, the village hall shut on 28th July to allow us to conduct essential renovation work. As we draft this article, the main floor hall has been sanded, lines repainted and varnished. We are extremely pleased with the result (see photo below).



The upgrade to the toilet facilities is well underway. This includes the much-needed relocation of the current disabled toilet from the main hall to a better position, adjacent to the ladies toilets.

We opened with limited facilities in time for the Misterton flower show on Saturday 16th August. The weather was exceptional and the huge number of entries over the various categories demonstrated just how popular this

show is. Over £900 was raised and all proceeds from the day are going towards further planned village hall upgrades. We must say a huge thank you to Pam Glazier and her team for their great organisational skills and putting on a superb show.

The significant upgrade to the disabled and ladies toilets means that our building work remains ongoing and we expect it to be complete by early September. Until that time (when it will open with full facilities), the hall remains available for regular users and one-off hire, albeit with limited toilet facilities. We apologise for the inconvenience this work has caused, but the committee believes it will significantly enhance our hall and make it a hugely attractive venue for years to come.

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We would like to thank all those who brought in crafts and garden pots etc to sell as it all helped to make another good day for Misterton.



We have already laid plans to extend and attract even more folk next year so keep watching in future magazines.



We cannot thank and name individuals, just too many but you know who you all are and of course we will need you next year!

Thank you all once again.

*The flower show team*

*Photos by Jacquie Lyus  
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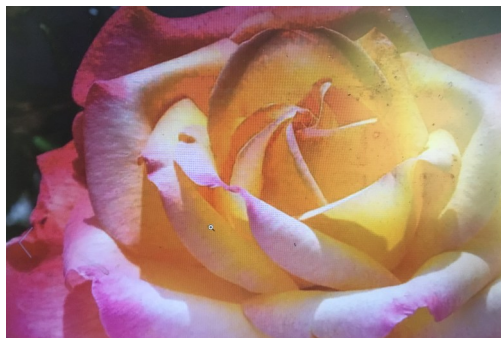
Ian, who lives in Crewkerne, has been with us before. We find him an enthusiastic and entertaining speaker so do come along. Newcomers to Misterton are always very welcome and it is a good way to get to know others.

The flower of the month contest continues so please bring along one of the very best flowers from your garden.

September always brings some lovely days so when one comes get out into your garden and enjoy it. Michaelmas daisies are wonderful and other flowers, like dahlias, will continue to flower profusely if you dead head them regularly. Don't forget those in your hanging baskets and give them a last feed. Time too to think about next spring. Plant wallflowers, pansies and forget-me-nots now. And pop into your local garden centre and select some spring flowering bulbs such as daffodils, crocuses and maybe snake's head fritillaries.

You may remember that in the May edition I featured the best rose from our garden on VE Day. Of course, many Misterton troops (including my father) served in the Far East during World War 2, so I thought I had better see which rose looked best on VJ Day (August 15th). It was a close-run thing but, in the end, I settled for the appropriately named one called Peace (pictured here). It always does well in our garden and seems to go on and on. Incidentally one of my father's first memory as he returned home from Burma was a sign on the railway line from Waterloo stating, "You are now in the strong country". Does anyone remember this? If so, do let me know.

*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.

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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.

We have a tradition of selecting a worthy local charity each year for which to raise funds.

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Lincoln's mother says she is "beyond proud of these fabulous young men. They were very tired the next day but it was all worth it as they managed to raise a whopping £784 for the charity." Congratulations to Lincoln and his friends!



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Bob Waterhouse was presented with a voucher by current chair, Catherine Carins at our annual family and friends Pimms event. This was in thanks and recognition for the many years he has spent on the Misterton TC committee and finally as chairman.



Misterton Tennis Club enjoyed having a stand at the village hall 50th birthday celebrations. The short tennis and pickleball was a real crowd-puller, as was our retro game of Spot the Ball - winner was Paudie O'Hagan.



Second course of improvers tennis coaching with Coach Henry Park, completed.



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## Thank you

We would like to say thank you for all the cards, flowers and messages you all sent after the loss of Jason, it was a great comfort. We would also like to say thank you to Jonathan Morris for the lovely service he took at Yeovil Crematorium. Thank you to Tracy and her staff at Stoodley & Son for their kindness and care on what was a very hard day. Thank you to Winyard's Gap for the lovely food at the wake and also thank you to our neighbours for helping out with Jasper.

Thank you everyone.

*Lindsay, Sandra and Clive*



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### Keen gardeners sought by hospice!

We hope you may have managed to visit some of our beautiful gardens that have opened their gates for us this season - it has been hugely successful raising over £27,000 for your local hospice. St Margaret's Hospice has been serving the Somerset Community for 45 years, providing free compassionate clinical and supportive care to people facing life limiting illness and their families in Somerset.

We are already looking ahead to summer 2026, and we are on the hunt for more glorious gardens to join the line-up! All gardens are welcome, big or small. Visitors love to see spaces they can draw inspiration from, so while large country gardens make for a wonderful day out, a beautiful English back garden can be just as inspiring (sometimes even more so!). We welcome all outdoor spaces - allotments, school or church gardens, woodlands, farms... we love an eclectic mix to offer our visitors.

If you're worried your garden might be too small, why not ask your neighbours to join in with you, or perhaps hold a small garden party, or plant sale? We would be delighted to hear from you if you would like to take part or have any ideas of your own.

*Holly Hackett*

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## Dates for your diary

September 2025

<b>WI meeting</b>	Tuesday 2nd September	7pm	The Globe
<b>Book club</b>	Wednesday 3rd September	12:30pm	Mallabones
<b>Parish council meeting</b>	Tuesday 9th September	6:30pm	Village hall back room
<b>WI coffee morning</b>	Monday 15th September	10:30am	Jan's, Newbery Lane
<b>Macmillan coffee morning</b>	Friday 26th September	11am	Turnpike Green community lounge
<b>Gardeners association</b>	Friday 26th September	7:30pm	Village hall
<b>WI fund raising morning</b>	Thursday 16th October	tbc	Mallabones

## Church services September 2025

Crewkerne Benefice Rector: Rev CJ Davis 07707 719137 <a href="mailto:cj@stbartscrewkerne.org">cj@stbartscrewkerne.org</a>					Merriott Benefice	
Date	Misterton	Wayford	Hewish	St Bart's	North Perrott	Haselbury
Sun 7th		9:30am HC CJ	9:30am HC DN	11am HC BK/CJ	9am HC CW	10:30am HC CW
Sun 14th	11am HC BK			8am HC BCP 11am Morning service		10:30am Family service
Sun 21st		9:30am HC CJ	11am HC tbc	8am HC 11am Morning service CJ	9am HC BCP	10:30am HC BCP
Sun 28th	9:30am HC CJ			11am All Age service CJ 6pm HC		10:30am HC CW
CJ = Rev CJ Davis		BK = Very Rev Bob Key		DN = Rev David Newman	HC = Holy Communion	

	Flowers	Brass	Cleaning
Sunday 14th September	Mrs C Newman	-	Mrs S Dyke
Sunday 28th September	CN to check	-	-

## Letter

Someone once said: live in light of what you'll want to look back on. Regrets, after all, are so painful. Yet we often make choices that lead to them, perhaps because we don't ask, "How will I feel about this at the end?"

And what if Jesus is right, that we will look back from eternity? An eternity of 'if only's' sounds beyond misery.

But Jesus, through his death, offers the end of all our regrets forever. That sounds beyond my wildest dreams.

September marks a new season. How about a refocus on a life and eternity with no regrets?

With warmest wishes

*CJ Davis*



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