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## Note from the editors

You may recognise the photo on this month's front cover since it gained international recognition after being featured on a well-known Italian weather forecast programme, where the presenter regularly shares the best photos received from around the world. The photo was taken by Stefano Pochetti at the beginning of September, no doubt after one of the many rain storms we've had since then. You can watch the programme here: [la7.it/meteola7/rivedila7/omnibus-meteo-15-09-2025-610387](https://www.la7.it/meteola7/rivedila7/omnibus-meteo-15-09-2025-610387).

As we mentioned last month, the magazine no longer has the luxury of an in-house writer which means we are now dependent on local individuals or organisations for our content. If any of our readers has an idea for an interesting subject or would like to put an article forward for submission to the magazine, we would love to hear from you - please email us at the address below.

*Jacquie Lyus and Sarah Watt*

**Deadline for entries** for the November magazine is Thursday 23rd October.

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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## News from the Parish Council and Recreation Field Trust



Dear residents

Following the summer break the parish council met at the beginning of September. Matters discussed included:

### 1. Sunday charging in Somerset Council car parks

A consultation into introducing charges on Sundays in Somerset Council car parks is currently running. Full details can be found on the Somerset Council or Misterton Parish Councils website. The consultation runs until October 20th.

### 2. Outline Planning Application 25/02044/OUT

This is the proposed development of 325 dwellings, a mobility hub with additional train station parking and Class E floor space and associated infrastructure on land off Station Road, Crewkerne. Full details (and the chance to comment) can be found on the Somerset Council website and there is also a large (A1) copy of the plan for 25/02044/OUT land off Station Road available in Crewkerne Local Information Centre if anybody wishes to view it. The opening hours are Monday to Friday 9-3pm. Approximately two thirds of this proposed development would be within Misterton so the parish council will continue to closely monitor.

### 3. Term of Office

The next parish council elections will be in 2027. Although parish councillors usually sit for a four-year term, due to local government reorganisation to ensure local elections coincide, our current councillors will sit for five years.

Thanks were expressed to the pupils and staff of the learning centre for their help cleaning the benches in the children's play area at the end of the summer term. And resident Bob Taylor was congratulated on his well-deserved Somerset Chairman's Award for service to the community.

The next meeting is to be held on Tuesday 14th October at which a representative from the development company BoonBoon will give a short presentation on a scheme for new homes at the end of Turnpike Green, next to the A356/A3066 crossroads.

*Graham White*  
Chairman

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At our September meeting we welcomed back Neil Clarke, who spoke about and showed footage of the murmurations of Somerset starlings. A smaller group than usual due to some members holidays, but very much enjoyed, nevertheless.

Our craft sessions began on 12th September. Jean has lots of new ideas for us to try, and we can confirm that we will be having a table at this year's 'Lighting Up' in Crewkerne on November 28th and 29th. There will also be opportunities to purchase items for gifts, Christmas, birthdays and more at the coffee mornings held at Jan's.

The September coffee morning was on the 15th at Jan's. We welcomed new member Emma, as well as honorary members Jeff White and Dexter! Guest Frankie also joined us, so a full house. Laughter, cake and coffee is the name of the game here, often with interesting discussions on a variety of subjects. A collection was made for The Owsley Trust, adding to the profits made so far from craft items.

We are having a luncheon for members at Winyards Gap on 1st October to mark our upcoming birthday, and October 7th is our birthday meeting, this month at the village hall, where we will have something very different. Highly acclaimed Magic Circle magician Steve Bowring who will perform a two-part act, the second half being a memory feat. This evening will include a buffet with birthday cake afterwards for members and invited friends.

Special date: Thursday 16th October from 9:30am-2pm we will be hosting a fundraising event for MIND in Somerset at Mallabones with a raffle, guess the weight of the cake, cake stall, tombola, crafts, cushions and more. Any raffle prizes, tombola or baking can be handed to Jan on Newbery Lane, or Alison Baker at Nea Cottage on Silver Street before the event please.

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*

*President Judy with  
our new honorary  
member Dexter*



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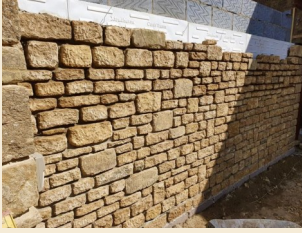



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### **Odd pronunciation of surnames**

Many readers will already know that the word Beauchamp is pronounced Beecham, as in Shepton Beauchamp. The village has a Saxon name - Shepton meaning 'Sheep settlement' but was added to by the Beauchamp family who held the Barony from the mid-12th century.

Other inexplicable surname pronunciations include Belvoir = Beaver / Bethune = Beeton / Cockburn = Coburn / Coke = Cook/ Cowper = Cooper / Featherstonehaugh = Fanshaw / Hiscox = Hizzko / Leveson-Gower = Looson Gore / Powell = Pole.

*John Coquet*



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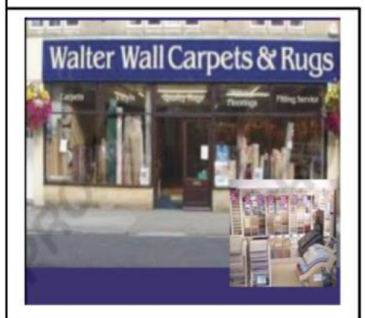
The upgrade to our toilet facilities is progressing well and we expect work to be completed by the time this article is published. We are pleased to report that the hall only had to shut completely during the week-long floor refurbishment; apart from that, we remained open for business, albeit with limited toilet facilities. We thank all our users for their patience and understanding during this work period.

As well as the plethora of regular clubs that now make use of the hall, we would like to advertise the craft fair taking place on the morning of Sunday 12th October. As Misterton residents, why not come along and support this event and also take the opportunity to see the extent of our recent work?

Finally, after four very successful years as secretary, the village hall committee has bid a fond farewell to Sue Kennedy. Sue has been absolutely instrumental in moving our plans for the hall forward and we will miss her energy and enthusiasm greatly. From everyone involved in the village hall, we send her our best wishes for the future. Sue's replacement, Kim Boalch, took up the reins after being elected during our committee meeting on 1st September. A very warm welcome to the team Kim, and we wish you all the best in your new role.



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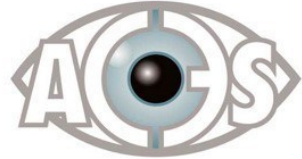
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Where did the idea come from? It began in France in the late 1970s on the basis of people in their 'third age' (usually after their working life) coming together in self-help interest groups to continue their learning in a wide range of topics identified by the groups themselves.

In this country Crewkerne & District U3A is one of over a thousand organisations delivering continuing education to something like 450,000 people.



The name perhaps gives us an image problem. It is not a university in the sense that the learning needs to be testing or examined and 'Third Age' may be misleading. It is not exclusively for people of a certain age. The only qualification is that you should not be in full time employment.

Crewkerne & District U3A currently has over 220 members and 26 interest groups mostly meeting monthly. We also arrange a monthly meeting at the Henhayes Centre for the whole membership with a speaker. We call this T@2 (tea at two).

Recent speakers have covered the Police Royal Protection Squad, Tudor costume, the Mary Rose, managing a theatre, steam engines.



Current groups include ancient history, badminton, book clubs, bridge, classical music, craft, creative writing, digital technology/AI, discussion, family history, folk dancing, French conversation, jazz appreciation, mah-jong, opera appreciation, play reading, Scrabble, Shakespeare, short tennis, snooker, Sunday lunch club, table tennis, trips/visits, ukulele, whist.

Groups will typically meet once a month for two hours in a local venue, although this does vary with some meeting more often. We have two groups currently running in Misterton itself.



Multi-U3A trip to the Royal Opera House

# u3a

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# u3a

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We initiate projects in the community which enable local artists to make a living from their skills, and opportunities for development through bursaries and workshops.

We host a local area network for artists to encourage collaboration and support in their local area. Each area of Somerset is supported by a local area representative.

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October is the month for clearing up your garden for the potentially harsh time ahead. Cut plants back if they are prone to wind damage, clear up your leaves and get your tools under cover. Of course, October is apple month and most fruit like Coxes and Bramleys are at their very best. Pick them and if well stored they will see you through the winter months. North Perrott Fruit Farm are holding their apple weekend on Saturday 18th and Sunday 19th October this year. As well as apples they will have some pears there - and what a wonderful crop of pears many of us in Misterton have had this year. As someone said to me, "It has been the year of the pear".

You may remember that last month I mentioned that on his return from the Far East (where he served during World War 2) my father came home to Misterton on the railway from Waterloo. And that his lasting memory of the trip was a huge sign on the railway embankment stating that he was 'in the strong country'. I asked if anyone knew what this was all about and have had a couple of replies. Apparently, there was a brewery named Strong operating from Romsey in Hampshire. In the interwar years the brewery bought up a lot of pubs in Hampshire, Wiltshire and Dorset, many of which were not distant from the railway line. The firm was proud of their railway connection and persuaded British Railways to erect a number of huge hoardings along the line stating, 'You're now in the Strong Country'. I have been sent a photo of one of these (see right) which it is believed was erected on the line just beyond Sherborne. Thanks to those readers who helped with this puzzle.

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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.

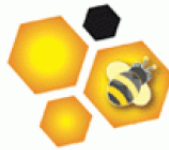
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### Christmas cards

Unbelievably, Christmas will be upon us before we even know it. If you would like to donate a sum of money instead of sending out Christmas cards to local people, can you please let me know. We have done this for several years now and we always have a good sum to give to a local charity.

Donations can be handed to me at Knowle House, Knowle Lane or if easier contact me and I will collect. Please let me know as soon as possible to enable me to get the names to the magazine committee for entry in the December magazine.

*Diane Brady*  
01460 76761



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## Misterton Tennis Club

It has been a busy season for tennis at the club. Tournaments, events and tennis coaching have filled those long hot summer days.



Left: Winners of the men's doubles tournament Nick Watt and Jason Deelchand

Right: Winners of the mixed doubles Tim Bradley and Catherine Carins

Henry Park has coached two tennis improvers courses this summer at Misterton and now the Beginners/Rusty Racquets course is in progress. Pictured right: Steve, Lisa, Ian, Gill, Henry (coach), Andy, Victoria, Hilary, Izzy and Wendy.



We wish Henry well in his new full-time job as a tennis coach at Millfield School and are sorry to be losing him from Misterton Tennis Club.

A reminder to members, our Annual General Meeting is on Sunday 19th October at 11am at the Misterton Tennis Club house. We would love to see you there.

*Catherine Carins*  
Chair

## Letter

"I believe there is no one lovelier, deeper, more sympathetic and more perfect than Jesus. I say to myself, with jealous love, that not only is there no one else like him, but there could never be anyone else like him." (Dostoyevsky)

What do we stand for in the churches of this benefice? It's a good question! And the main answer is this: we long to have *more* - that is *more of Jesus Christ*.

Why? Well, because of what Dostoevsky said  
Where? In the Bible, where he found this Jesus  
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## In praise of Mallabones



On 30th August 2025 we celebrated our golden wedding anniversary. As part of the celebrations, we decided to have an afternoon tea. Mallabones was our choice of venue.

We were not disappointed. Zoe and Mica produced a delicious selection of sandwiches, savoury quiches, sausage rolls, cheese straws, cakes, scones with cream and jam all presented beautifully. Every plateful was a taste sensation and a feast for the eyes and the savouries and cakes were delightful.



All our guests commented on the selections and quality of the dishes. All this helped to ensure the celebration was a success and enjoyed by all. Many thanks Zoe and Mica.

*Jean and Geoff Ferneyhough*

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### **Charity skydive - reaching new heights for a great cause**

Local residents Penny and Molly Daniel, a mother and daughter duo from Misterton, took to the skies on Saturday 13th September in a breathtaking charity skydive in support of the Motor Neurone Disease (MND) Association and to mark a very special milestone: Penny's 60th birthday!

After a weather-related cancellation the previous weekend, the pair successfully completed their skydive from 10,000 feet at 8am, leaping from a plane over Old Sarum in Salisbury. Despite some initial nerves, both Penny and Molly were excited to take on the challenge.

Their jump was not without drama as just ten seconds into freefall, Penny's goggles came off! Thankfully, her glasses remained firmly in place thanks to the quick thinking and steady hands of her instructor.

The stunning views over the Wiltshire countryside made the experience unforgettable, and their bravery was rewarded with generous community support. Together, Penny and Molly have raised a total of £4,089 for the MND Association - a remarkable achievement.



A heartfelt thank you goes out to everyone who donated and supported their sky-high adventure!



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## Dates for your diary

October 2025

<b>Book club</b>	Wednesday 1st October	12:30pm	Mallabones
<b>WI birthday meeting</b>	Tuesday 7th October	7pm	Village hall
<b>Parish council meeting</b>	Tuesday 14th October	6:30pm	Village hall back room
<b>WI fund raising morning</b>	Thursday 16th October	9:30am-2pm	Mallabones
<b>Tennis club AGM</b>	Sunday 19th October	11am	Tennis club house
<b>Gardeners association</b>	Friday 24th October	7:30pm	Village hall

## Church services October 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 5th		4pm Harvest festival		11am HC	9am HC CW	10:30am HC Harvest thanksgiving
Sun 12th	11am HC Harvest celebration tbc			8am HC BCP 11am Morning service		10:30am HC BCP
Sun 19th		9:30am HC		8am HC 11am Morning service		10:30am Family service
Sun 26th	9:30am HC			11am All Age service 6pm HC	10:30am Harvest festival	10:30am HC CW
CJ = Rev CJ Davis		BK = Very Rev Bob Key		DN = Rev David Newman	HC = Holy Communion	

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Sunday 12th October	Flower guild	-	Mrs C Walker
Sunday 26th October	FG to check	-	-

### Village hall bingo

Monday 1st December will be the village hall bingo. Can you put the date in your diaries and there will be more information in the November magazine.

Although I have quite a lot of articles for the raffle, I will still require items for the bingo line and for the house winners. If anyone has any suitable gifts, I would be more than happy to receive them. I also require items suitable for the tombola stall.

Please drop them off at Knowle House, Knowle Lane or telephone me on 01460 76761 and I will collect.

*Diane Bradly*



**After his recent state visit Donald Trump was seen making a surprise visit to Misterton's allotments**



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