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Art 4 All and **Arty Crafty** have recently opened in Market Square, Crewkerne – See their feature on page 13.

Brothers & Sisters – innovative barbers and hairdressers in South Street, Crewkerne have their feature on page 18.

Crewkerne Antiques & Interiors has new owners, check this out on page 21.

Crewkerne **Men's Shed** are now firmly established at 14 East Street – More info on page 14.

Tracey, Markus and Kieran are delighted with their new premises, **Drapes Direct**, now in Martock – See page 17.

Sue and her family at **The Rusty Axe**, Stembridge have their feature on page 25.

Mandy and Paul are opening a very different coffee venue – **Priory Coffee** in Stoke sub Hamdon – Find them on page 35.

And we LOVE The Hamstone Villages, celebrating with these photos to the right...

Anthony Bucke, Editor. 5 February 2020

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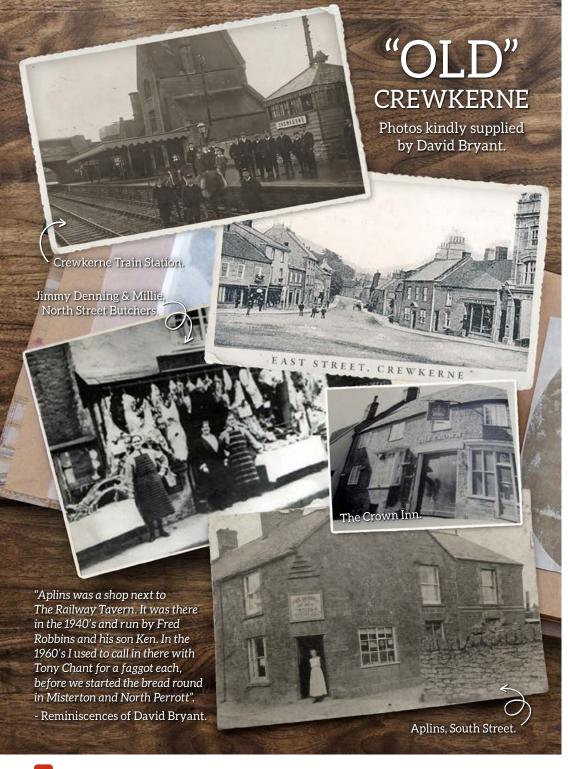




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Steve began his career in the furniture trade in 1978 working for a large multi national company. During his time there he was awarded a scholarship to study the National Association of Retail Furniture Diploma. He went further in the areas of carpets and floor coverings - even running an antique centre and auction house for a while, but came back to furniture by launching Country Style Furniture in 1994.

Initially restoring antique pine and country furniture, he soon began making bespoke

furniture all with the "country style" and now makes everything from a coat rack to a kitchen, with customers all over the country.

Teresa came on board in 2007, using her skills from a background in customer services, and managed their retail outlet in Somerton.

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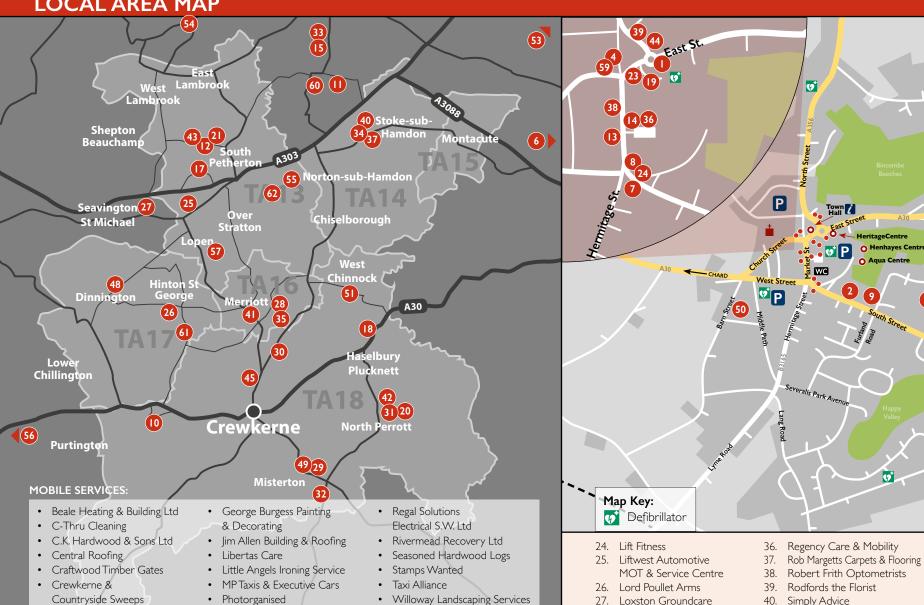
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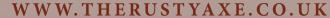
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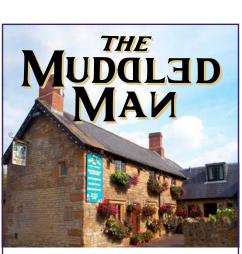
The museum is now closed for the winter but there is still a lot of activity behind the big black door. Some of our galleries will be redecorated including stabilising the old plaster on stone walls – a Grade 2 listed building demands a lot of time and money to keep it looking good. New special exhibitions are being planned and the building will undergo its annual "Big Clean" before the new season.

All of the work carried out is done by VOLUNTEERS! We only use professionals when we cannot manage something ourselves and regulations require it. If you have some time to spare and you would like to belong to a friendly group there is always something that would suit you. From STEWARDS, MAINTENANCE to RESEARCH we can find you something. Volunteers don't need to be historians or even interested in history - but that would make it more enjoyable! Contact us to arrange a visit to chat about what we can offer you.

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The Winter 2019 edition of The Crewkerne Fiver saw 2 articles covering the controversial proposals to build 150 houses at the top of Kithill. These proposals generated an almost unprecedented reaction from Crewkerne Town Council, and residents. As a result South Somerset District Council rejected the proposals at their Area West Committee meeting in August 2019. This was subsequently ratified by the District Council's Regulation Committee at their meeting in September. But this is not the end of the story. The developer immediately submitted an appeal, which must now follow a prescribed process. The Government's Planning Inspectorate have assigned an inspector to review the evidence and make a decision on whether the appeal will be upheld. Crewkerne Town Council has encouraged members of the



public to write to the Planning Inspectorate with their concerns before the deadline of 21 January 2020. The final decision on the Appeal will be released before the end of February 2020.

In the original submission for the Kithill planning application, the failure of other permitted developments to materialise in the Town was cited as a reason to approve the Kithill proposals.

CLR: The euphemistically named CLR Development, was originally approved in 2011, and permitted 525 homes to be built between the A30 and A356 roads, and also provided 10ha of employment land with a relief road, has not yet commenced. Delving into this a little further, it appears that the developers Taylor Wimpey now consider CLR to be unviable. Documents

available online (14/02141/OUT) cite the road costing £7.5m, and other "Planning Contributions" such as "education", "doormouse mitigation", and "use of natural stone" a further £9.6m. The grand total is over £17m. Little wonder that Taylor Wimpey want to renegotiate their contribution, whilst adding a further 175 homes, and a 60-bed care-home, in an attempt to pay for the Planning Contributions.

The validity of their request to reduce the contribution has been confirmed by the District Valuer, who acknowledged the Planning Contributions make the original proposals unviable. A scaled down version of this additional proposal (now 110 homes) was approved by SSDC in February 2016.

But here we are in February 2020, with no further progress?

VINEY BRIDGE MILLS: This conversion of Victorian and earlier industrial buildings, to provide 58 residential units and 242sqm of industrial space, was approved in January 2014. The buildings are Grade II Listed, and represent an important part of Crewkerne's industrial heritage. Sadly 6 years after planning approval, no work has commenced, and the buildings are neglected and in a very poor state of repair. The developers, Coxley Developments cite lack of viability as the reason they have not commenced work.

So maybe there is some credence in the Kithill development coming forward to provide much needed homes, if other developments are frustrated because they are not viable?









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Crewkerne newcomers to South West in Bloom go home very happy!

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The afternoon resulted in the enormous surprise for Crewkerne in Bloom – a Gold Award for the town's entry in the SWTA Class swiftly followed by the SWTA Cup. What a thrill to receive these from Lady Emma Fellowes, and then to find that Crewkerne were awarded the Best Newcomer Class and received the Vic Verrier Cup from Lord Julian Fellowes. As if that were not enough, to top it all

Bincombe Beeches were proclaimed the winners of the Sutton Cup for the Best Nature Reserve a category for which the Judges had nominated them.

To start the fundraising for 2020 we planted pots of hyacinths which we sold at the Farmers Market and in The Rotary Shop in the run up to Christmas. Our thanks to Rotary for their support.

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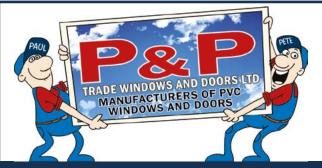
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