



# MERTON MONTHLY JANUARY 2012



## HAPPY NEW YEAR

# The Clinton Hall

### Committee

**Chair** - Tracey Laughton; **Vice Chair** - Amanda Andrews;

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### WHAT'S ON DIARY – further info in newsletter

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| Every Monday      | - Pilates, Clinton Hall, 7pm, starts again 9 January                   |
| Every Tuesday     | - Zumba Fitness, Clinton Hall, 7pm, starts again on 3 January          |
| Most Thursdays    | - Short Mat Bowls, Clinton Hall, 7pm                                   |
| Monday 9 January  | - Bell Ringing Have-a-Go, All Saints Church, 7.30m onwards             |
| Friday 13 January | - Quiz Night with Stew & Dumplings, Clinton Hall, 7pm for 7.30pm start |
| Monday 23 January | - Merton Parish Council, Clinton Hall, 7.30pm                          |



**COFFEE MORNING TUESDAY 3 JANUARY,**  
**9AM TO 11.30AM**



**QUIZ NIGHT WITH FOOD!**  
**FRIDAY JANUARY 13<sup>TH</sup> 2012**

QUESTIONS, STEW & DUMPLINGS, BAR AVAILABLE,  
ALL FOR £5 A HEAD,  
WHAT COULD BE BETTER - POST CHRISTMAS, POST NEW YEAR  
AND ON FRIDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> !!

FOR FURTHER DETAILS SEE UNDER  
QUEEN'S DIAMOND JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS.  
BUT GET YOUR TEAM NAMES IN QUICKLY TO WENDY ASKEW 603 425  
(in aid of Merton's Jubilee Celebrations)

### Evening Helpers at The Clinton Hall

Do you have a spare evening once or twice a month? The hall is manned by volunteers from 6.30 – 8.15 pm Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings. The job is not complicated it's a case of manning the Reception desk to give people access to the halls facilities. If you would to help out please e-mail Jill [jill.malcom@virgin.net](mailto:jill.malcom@virgin.net) or ring her on 603990 with your details. We look forward to hearing from you.



Every Monday night  
at the Clinton Hall  
7pm – 8pm  
£4 per session

BACK AGAIN MONDAY 9 JANUARY!

### Pilates

Would anyone be interested in a daytime Pilates Class (incorporating a new type of Pilates called Rhythmic Pilates) at the Clinton Hall. Either a Beginners or a progressive class to Intermediate and Advanced levels. I already do an evening class there on Monday evenings at 7 - 8pm, which at present is a combination of all three levels.

Pilates is a lovely way to start the day, so I would be happy to do an early class, either a one hour class or two individual half hour classes for people who would like a class before they start their working day. I already run these from my home in Hatherleigh.

Alternatively, would you be interested in a Senior Pilates Class with a focus on improving balance & co-ordination and a combination of Chair Pilates and Lev 1 Mat Pilates.

Please contact Sarah on; 01837 810130 or by email; [sarahd2364@hotmail.com](mailto:sarahd2364@hotmail.com)

### Winners for November - 150 Club

£40 Nick Ward; £10 - R. Gooding; £5 – W. Stentiford; £5 – R. Andrews; £5 – E. Stacey

## THANK YOU

**Joyce Gray** would like to say a big thank you to Ted Gosdon, Mary and Michael Ford, Pauline and Geoff, (Ruth Luxton's daughter) and Eric Smith for joining my family and me in saying our final goodbyes to **Charlie**.

Also a big thank you to Julie, as without her help and support I would have found it more difficult to cope.

Also a big thank you to Ruth Luxton, who although having a sick husband, has rang me every day since Charlie went into hospital, and has also found the time to personally call around.

My thanks go to these true friends.

We also raised £300.00 in donations for the BBC Radio Devon Air Ambulance Appeal in Charlie's memory, so thank you everyone.

## **All Saints Church**

### **Church contacts**

Anglican: Martin Warren, tel: 01409-281424

Susanna Metz, tel: 01837-810621

Methodist: John Leach, tel: 01837-810591

### **From the Team Rector**

#### **Here we go in 2012!**

I was sitting in a cafe in Nazareth with my daughter in 2005. The television was on. Unfortunately it is in Arabic, so a little hard to understand, but the scenes of jubilation were clear. London had just won the right to host the 2012 Olympics. It was amazing. Everyone was so excited. But 2012! – it was 7 years ago. It seemed like an age. And now here it is!

And of course, unless lots of preparations had not gone on in those 7 years, we wouldn't be anywhere near ready now. (I guess there is still a lot to do in the remaining seven months!) It would have been no good just waiting for 2012 to arrive, and then deciding that we'd better do something.

Every day counts. It doesn't matter whether it's an exam next summer, climate change decisions that must be in place by 2020 (or is 2015?), or the date of our death – whenever that might be, every day counts.

As we enter a new year, it may seem just like the old one. But don't let it fool you. Today matters - and so will tomorrow, and the next day, and the day after.

So let's make each day count. Let's make the most of it, as best we can. And we will really make a difference.

May God bless you this new year.

Yours,

Martin Warren.

### **Services at All Saints**

1 <sup>st</sup> Jan	11.00am	Morning Prayer
8 <sup>th</sup> Jan	10.00am	Village Service
15 <sup>th</sup> Jan	9.30am	Holy Communion
22 <sup>nd</sup> Jan	11.00am	Family Communion
29th Jan	11.00am	Team Service (at Shebbear)
5th Feb	11.00am	Morning Prayer

**Bell Ringing** – Are you interested in having a go at bell ringing? We are holding an evening at the church on Monday 9th January 2012 from 7.30pm when you can come along and have a go on the ropes. There will be experienced bell ringers to show you how to do it and tea and coffee will be available throughout the evening. If this interests you please give your name to Wendy on 01805603425 as soon as possible to give us a rough idea of numbers involved or turn up on the night. A new hobby for the New Year, see you there.

**Queens Diamond Jubilee Celebrations** are being organised. Fundraising events will begin with a **Quiz and Stew and Dumplings** in the hall on **Friday 13th January 2012, 7.00pm for 7.30pm** Teams of six at £5 per head to include stew and dumplings. If you need any special diet other than stew please let us know. Team names to Wendy on 01805 603425 or wendy.askew@btinternet.com as soon as possible.

The next meeting of the Jubilee Committee will be held in the Clinton hall on Tuesday 7th February at 8pm. If you would like to join us with your help and suggestions please just come along to the meeting. The next event will be a **Skittles Night on Saturday March 10th from 7pm**, entries to Wendy as above. The last entries for teams of six, to include at least two ladies, must be received by 3rd March in order to make the draw.

Team captains for the **"It's a Knock out"** event on the **4th June** will be contacted soon to arrange your teams.

**All Saints Church** - the Christmas trees and decorations look lovely I hope many of you have been able to see them. A lot of hard work goes into these events and your support is greatly appreciated. The Carol Service led by Rev Susanna Metz, was a treat with the youngsters involved and the candle lights and tree lights twinkling. Janet played the organ. Thank you to all who attended and took part.

**Merton Parish Council** next meeting will be held in the Clinton Hall on **Monday 23rd January 2012 at 7.30pm**



**Zumba Fitness®** At The Clinton Hall, Merton every Tuesday 7-8pm £5  
**STARTS AGAIN ON TUESDAY 3 JANUARY.**  
 Call/text Jennie 07810706960 or go to [www.nimblelimbs.com](http://www.nimblelimbs.com)

### **Friends of Clinton School**

The Christmas Play 'Nearly No Nativity' was performed in All Saints Church on Wednesday 7th December and was well attended by friends and family – it was certainly an enjoyable performance, well done to all the children and the parents for the amazing costumes.

Big thanks to everyone who came and supported the school Christmas Fayre, we raised **£305.00** for the school. Well done to the School Council who raised £64.00 by selling their Christmas decorations!

The school also has a new website [www.thetarkafederation.ik.org](http://www.thetarkafederation.ik.org)- well worth a look!

Easy fundraising for school –Don't forget to shop via [www.easyfundraising.org.uk](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk) when you go online shopping. Once you have registered, Clinton school receives a donation for each purchase you make –at no cost to you! Partner retailers include Amazon, John Lewis, M&S, Argos, just to mention a few... as well as discounts, special offers etc.... from the various retailers.

Date for your 2012 diary – **Sunday 6th May 2012** – Merton Vintage Rally and School Fete.

### **Merton Short Mat Bowling Club**

The Merton Short Mat Bowling Club's 2011 Clinton Gates Tournament was held at the Clinton Hall on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> December and was sponsored by W H Bond.

Unlike last year, the day proved to be OK for travelling but we did unfortunately lose one team to illness. In order for the tournament to proceed we made up the 16<sup>th</sup> team from our kitchen volunteers; thanks Jeanie for sparing them from their duties!

The winners were Goodleigh who won all four games assuring them of victory.

Second place was awarded to Wick who narrowly beat Beaford and Westward Ho! all three clubs having won three and lost one game. The final decision was made based on match points.

Our next tournament will be held on 23rd June 2012. Please make a note in your diary.

JANUARY 2012		TEAM	VENUE	TIME	LEAGUE
<b>THUR</b>	12 <sup>TH</sup>	PANCRASWEEK	H	07:30	NDL
<b>TUES</b>	17 <sup>TH</sup>	BRIDESTOWE & SOURTON	A	02:15	ACL
<b>THUR</b>	19 <sup>TH</sup>	ALVERDISCOTT	H	07:30	ECL
<b>WED</b>	25 <sup>TH</sup>	BLACK TORRINGTON	A	07:30	ECL
<b>THUR</b>	26 <sup>TH</sup>	HOLSWORTHY RIVERS	A	07:00	NDL
<b>TUES</b>	31 <sup>ST</sup>	WINKLEIGH "B"	H	02:30	ACL

## NOVEMBER RESULTS

### **North Devon League**

10 <sup>th</sup> November (home)	Langtree	29	Merton	38
25 <sup>th</sup> November (away)	Stratton Yellows	28	Merton	28

### **Afternoon Charity League**

29 <sup>th</sup> November (home)	Okehampton Bows	11	Merton	21
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### **Evening Charity League President's Cup**

24 <sup>th</sup> November (home)	Bradworthy	12	Merton	14
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### **Alan Wright**

29 <sup>th</sup> November (away)	Hartland	14	Merton	19
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### **Merton Post Office and Shop**

**Foreign Currency available to order, 0% commission. Euros on demand service Travel Insurance  
House Insurance Car Insurance Home Insurance Mobile Phone Top-ups**

**Devon Air Ambulance Lottery** Newspapers and Magazines can be ordered

**Dry Cleaning Service and hire of Carpet Cleaning Machine** Join our Gift Voucher Saving Scheme **Stamps!**

Flowers can be ordered **Greetings Cards**

*Boxes of Chocolates* Need to withdraw CASH from your bank account? We may be able to help.

**All this and more from your Village Post Office and Shop**

**Tel 01805 603200.** Tracey Laughton.

### **Merton History Group**

On Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December the History Group met for a themed social evening based on the 1950s. Several brave souls rose to the challenge of recreating the styles and crazes of the decade and the Clinton Hall was busy with pig-tailed fifties girls in bright circle-skirts with matching neckerchiefs, shifty looking blokes in over-sized de-mob suits and one horn-rimmed hero – a dead ringer for Clarke Kent. Surrounded by the food and music of the decade it was agony for the groovy rock-chicks to sit still and endure a sequence of boring black and white stills from the era. **‘What do you think we are, a History Group or somethin?’** they yelled, determined to polka- dot the skittle-alley with stiletto damage. As it happened, the dancing was diabolical, the quiz answers were disastrous but the food in all its post-rationing glory – was delicious!

For our January meeting we are going to support the quiz at the Clinton Hall on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> January. Our next proper meeting will be with the Petrockstowe History Group at the Baxter Hall, Petrockstowe in February. Details to follow.

**Mike Madders**



### **The Future Generation) Youth Group Update.**

The youth group is open to anyone of secondary school age living within the Clinton Ward (Buckland Filleigh, Huish, Little Torrington and Taddipport, Merton, Peters Marland and Petrockstowe). We try to keep the cost to £1 for hall meetings and £5 for outings and raise the rest of the costs by fundraising and donations. We meet during term time on the 1st and 3rd Fridays of each month, and have outings during the holidays.

For more information or if you have any queries, please contact Fiona on [tfgyouth@gmail.com](mailto:tfgyouth@gmail.com) or 01837 811749.

**Editor's note** – just a reminder that copy for inclusion should be received by **the 20<sup>th</sup> of the month**, either direct to the editor, Judi Higton, by email – [jtt@downeshouse.freeserve.co.uk](mailto:jtt@downeshouse.freeserve.co.uk), or delivered to The Old Vineyard, Merton, or to Tracey Laughton. Copy received after that date may not be included. Your co-operation is appreciated.