

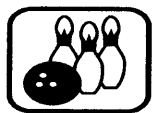
# MERTON MONTHLY

## MARCH 2010

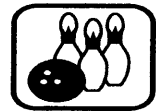
### The Clinton Hall

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# The Clinton Hall



## Skittle Evening



**Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> March**

Starts 7:00pm

Teams of 6 to include 2 ladies

£3 per person

Teams to Janet Nancekivell on 01805 603271 or

Linda Mason on 01805 603349

*New* - regular coffee mornings at the Clinton Hall - the first Tuesday of the month.

Come and catch up with old friends or make new ones.

Pop in after dropping the children off at school.

Have a coffee before going off to Hatherleigh Market, or the shops or the housework!

Meet people you don't know.

This is great idea to get people together, as a community.

The first coffee morning will be held on

**Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> March, 9.00am to 11.30am**

**See you there!**



### WHAT'S ON DIARY

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| Tuesday 2 March      | - Coffee Morning, Clinton Hall, 9am – 11.30am                       |
| Wednesday 3 March    | - Friendship Club, Clinton Hall, 2pm                                |
| Saturday 13 March    | - Malt Scoop Quiz, 8.15pm   |
| Saturday 13 March    | - Skittles Evening, Clinton Hall, from 7pm                          |
| Tuesday 16 March     | - Parish Council Meeting, 8pm - <b>NOTE CHANGE OF DAY</b>           |
| Friday 19 March      | - Fashion Show, Clinton Hall, 7pm                                   |
| Friday 2 April       | - Easter Egg Hunt, Clinton Hall, 10am                               |
| Sunday 18 April      | - Roller Disco, Clinton Hall  |
| Friday 4 June        | - Wine & Wisdom, Clinton Hall                                       |
| Sunday 20 June       | - Father's Day Lunch, Clinton Hall – <i>further details to come</i> |
| Saturday 17 July     | - Vintage Rally and Summer Fair, Clinton Hall                       |
| Thursday 18 November | - Return of Johnny Cowling, Clinton Hall                            |

### Aerobics is back ...

**But** numbers are dropping. Come on, keep up the good work – you know you enjoy it really. And we don't want to lose Andrea - our wonderful, encouraging, inspiring teacher! If you want to get fit for the summer come along to The Clinton Hall on a Monday night 7 pm– 8 pm. **Only** £3 per session. Bring a drink and towel and have some fun as well as getting fit.

**Clinton Hall kitchen equipment** - Things get borrowed after a function for taking home extra food etc, so we are holding an "amnesty" on goods from the kitchen... Please return any items to the hall - no questions asked. *Many thanks.*

#### WANTED...

If you are replacing your fridge the hall would like any small fridges that are in working order! Also single mattresses for the skittle alley! Give us a ring before you go to the tip! If you can help just contact the hall or any committee member

#### Bring and Buy Sale held at The Clinton Hall on January 30<sup>th</sup>.

Many thanks to all who provided items to sell, baked cakes, helped behind stalls and in the kitchen. Thanks also to all of you who came along to buy and/or to enjoy a delicious breakfast.

We raised £150.00, which will be matched by the government through the Devon Community Foundations. The money raised is to help older people in need across the Westcountry.

The 150 coffee mornings that took place in Village Halls across the Westcountry were to mark the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of The Western Morning News.

**NEXT MALT SCOOP QUIZ – SATURDAY 13<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2010 AT 8.15PM**  
Draw prizes welcome

**All Saints Church, Merton Clergy: Rev. Martin Warren, Tel.: 01409 281424.**

#### **Services for March:**

7 March - 6.30pm - Evening Prayer with the Methodist Minister  
14 March, Mothering Sunday - 11.00am - Own Service  
21 March - 9.30am - Holy Communion  
28 March, Palm Sunday - 11.00am - Holy Communion



Flower Arranging Group: Next meetings arranged for 13 April, 11 May and 25 May, 7pm -9pm. If anyone else would like to come along give Janet a ring on 603271

#### **Merton AFC – 150 Club Draw**

Winners for January 2010 : £40 – R Luxton; £10 – N Gilbert; £10 – R Gooding; £5 – H Bolt; £5 – B Walls

Extra Christmas Prizes: J Hudson, J Harris, A Andrews, J Luxton, N Harris, E Stoneman, S Bolt, B Bolt, C MacConninchie, S Winsor, A Broad and D Paddon.

## Merton Football Club



<u>Results:</u>	Merton 4	Torrington 2
	Merton 1	Park United 4
	Merton 4	Northam 1
	Merton 3	Morwenstow 3

## Merton Post Office and Shop

This month our Post Office computer is being updated with a new program. Please bear with us while we get used to all the new screens etc. It might be an idea to bear in mind our busy times and avoid these if possible, ie school times 9 am and 3.30 pm and collection times 10.30 and 4 pm.

Thank you in anticipation of your co-operation.

Thank you to everyone who brought cards, flowers and chocolates from our shop for Valentine's Day your support is very much appreciated.

Mother's Day is this month and we have a lovely selection of cards and chocolates. You can order flowers from our shop from Bunches. Take a look at the leaflet there is some lovely bouquets to chose from.

**Tracey Laughton**

## Rainbow Pre-School

The children have been learning about Dinosaurs, Mini beasts and Spring this half term and have put together a nature table. They have also made a wormery and some bug traps. All harmless fun!!!

We have lots of fun events coming up so put these dates in your diary-

We have our annual **Easter Egg Hunt on Good Friday 2nd April** at the Clinton Hall, starting at 10am.

On **Sunday 18th April** we are holding a Roller Disco in the afternoon, time to be confirmed and finally we have arranged another Wine and wisdom evening for **Friday 4th June**. More details to follow.

Rainbow Pre-school runs every week day morning at the Clinton Hall Merton.

For more information call us on **01805 603119**.

**Julie Bromhead**

## The Friends of The Clinton School

Our next fundraising event will be a '**Fashion Show**' at The Clinton Hall on **Friday 19th March, 7 for 7.30pm**. Come along and enjoy an evening of fashion and see our local supermodels! Try on and buy on the night. Tickets are £5 to include a glass of wine or juice. Bar and raffle. For tickets or more info call Jo 01805 603331 or Janette 603604.

We will be having an '**Easter Bingo**' on **Friday 26th March** at The Baxter Hall, Petrockstowe.

Doors open 7pm, eyes down 7.30pm. Great prizes to be won. Entry £1 to include tea & coffee. Raffle.

Our annual '**Vintage Rally & Summer Fair**' will take place on **Saturday 17th July**.

We are now collecting Sainsbury Active Kids and Tesco for Schools & Clubs vouchers. If you have any Nestle Box Top tokens could we please have asap. Please put in the collection boxes provided in the entrance to school or pass to a parent.

**Jo Craker**

## Rally at Great Torrington Junior School

The Clinton School football team had an excellent day at the rally. They won their first game 3-0 against Monkleigh. In the next game they played a very strong Torrington A team and after a close game managed to beat them 2-1. They won their group and played a very strong Parkham team in the semi final. The game ended 0-0 and they unfortunately lost on penalties but they had been the better team throughout the game. All was not lost as they had the 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> place play off to look forward to. With a change in the team and another fantastic performance they beat Torrington B 3-0. Well done to all the team – Aidan, Chantel, Alice, George, Harrison, Trai, Jack and Cameron. And a big thank you to all the parents who helped transport the children and spent a very cold day supporting the team.

**Dave Craker**

## Fill That Hole!

Never in 35 years of driving have I ever seen more potholes than recently - made worse I am sure due to lack of regular repairs, we seem to be bouncing around all over the road. Perhaps we will go back to local Turnpikes?

If you spot one (or more) you can report them at the following link: <http://www.fillthathole.org.uk/hazards/report>

I used it and found it very easy, you get a reply when you report a highway problem and another when it is signed off. Try it if you have a few moments.

**Cllr Phillip R. Collins**, for the Clinton Ward - Torridge District Council  
Tel 01805 603443 (work); fax 01805 603344; home 01805 603656



### Strictly Ballroom ...

Anyone who would like to join our ballroom dancing group at the Merton hall at 6.45 pm on Wednesdays is welcome to come along. This is not a dance class as we're not teachers, more a dancing club where we can help people who can't do as much as us. Also there are probably people out there who know a lot more than we do and can help us. There will be no charge but naturally donations to help towards the hire of the hall will be welcome and any surplus will go in a pot to be used to finance an occasional ball if there are enough people interested. For more info ring Bob Harrod on 01805 623485.

### Friendship Club

The January meeting was cancelled because of the frost and snow.

The February meeting was very well supported with 20 members. Our speaker was one of our members Mrs Eileen Davison. She gave us a wonderful afternoon 'cooking in 1940'. She started with soups, first being Mint, Pea and Potato. Second was Leek and Potato, the third was Parsnip and Apple and the fourth was Vegetable and Beef stock. We tried each one, and gave our opinion. To finish we had some mouth watering Meat and Potato Patties that she had made. They were very nice and well presented.

To finish our meeting another member Pat made some lovely Cherry Shortcakes and Rock Cakes with a nice cup of tea or coffee, so you see we haven't started our diets yet!!!

Mr Roy Watts is organising a trip to St Austell in April to the Green Box factory. If anyone is interested in joining us please get in touch with him on 603601.

Our next meeting is the **3<sup>rd</sup> March** 2010 at The Clinton Hall at 2 pm; the speaker will be Mr Hedges talking about Police Rescue Dog Handling. Everyone is very welcome.

**Christine Wickett**

### Monck400

2009 saw a number of events to mark the 400<sup>th</sup> Birthday of General George Monck, with the final event being 'A Salute to Monck' held in the hall due to the exceptionally bad weather, but what a very memorable event it was. It was good to welcome dignitaries including 3 descendants of George Monck, one of them even called George! So, many of us can truthfully say we have met George Monck! The committee held its last meeting on 1<sup>st</sup> Feb and agreed the final report to be sent to Awards for All, who grant-funded most of the events. On behalf of the committee I give a big thank you to everyone who has supported so many events in the year, if you do not know that George Monck was born in Great Potheridge by now I guess you have been away for a long time! So what next you may ask? Well I am reliably informed that this year is the 350<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Restoration of the Monarchy, which of course General George Monck was instrumental in achieving, so watch out for 'Rest350' any volunteers?

**Philip Collins – Chair of Monck400 – a sub committee of the Clinton Hall.**

### 'Seek first the kingdom of God'

So begins Edward Elgar's magnificent oratorio *The Kingdom*, to be performed on Saturday March 13<sup>th</sup> in Exeter Cathedral.

As a choral composer, Elgar is best known for his setting of Henry Newman's poem *The Dream of Gerontius*. *The Kingdom* is less frequently performed, but in the opinion of Sir Adrian Boult, it is a finer work.

The piece evolved in the early years of the 20<sup>th</sup> century as part of a trilogy on the subject of the life and work of Christ's Apostles. It was to be the second work of the three, the first entitled *The Apostles*. Sadly, the third and final part never materialised, and whilst the trilogy had a cyclical of a Wagnerian kind, *The Kingdom* stands as an entity and a complete musical and spiritual experience.

*The Kingdom* is constructed mainly from passages from the first four chapters of the Acts of the Apostles, with some supplementary material mainly from the Gospels. It is divided into five distinct parts, introduced by an orchestral prelude of great beauty. Part I is set in the Upper Room, including the choosing of Mathias to replace Judas. Part 2 is set at the gate of the Temple on the morning of Pentecost and features the soprano and alto soloists as the Blessed Virgin and Mary Magdalene. The story of Pentecost is told in Part 3 and the scene returns to the gate of the Temple for Part 4. This tells of the healing of the lame man by Peter and John, and then their arrest and imprisonment. The final part is once again set in the