

Merton Monthly

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Please send articles to dave.folland@btinternet.com by the 15th of May for inclusion in the June issue.

A message from the Editor

If you have any stories, or tales regarding Merton village life please send it to me by e-mail, or drop in my letterbox, Laburnum Cottage, Merton, halfway between the Pub and the Post Office.

With little copy received, I have done the best I can, this is the newsletter for the village, please consider using it!

A quote sent to me recently sums things up.

“Communication helps build Community”

I have also printed a letter received below: I look forward to any comments.

Could I ask if you know your neighbour doesn't have access to the internet could you let them know that the Merton Monthly printed copy is available from the Post Office, Monday, Wednesday & Friday 9 am — 1 pm

If anyone is interesting in delivering copies of the MM in their area of the village could you let me know and I can arrange safe collection or delivery of the required copies.

For up to date information check the Merton Village Facebook page, Clinton Hall Facebook page, or have a look at www.mertondevon.com

Until next month

Dave.

Dear Editor,

At this difficult moment in Merton history, I think as we approach hopefully what is the end of COVID-19 now is the time to reflect.

With this in mind I wish to extend a heartfelt thank you, to both yourself and the team at Clinton Hall Kath, Alana and the committee also Santa's helper. Also the landlady of the Malt Scoop Inn, who we wish a speedy recovery after her recent illness, and last but not least the team at the post office/ garage, and David from the Malt Scoop Cottages for his community spirit which is an example to us all to follow.

In times of change it's always difficult to have your routine interrupted, but all the above deserve your future support and as the saying goes, “use it or lose it”.

The hall is a wonderful facility that many a town let alone a small village like Merton, would make them proud to have the use of, which the running of is a thankless task for no monetary payment.

Stay positive, stay safe and a big WELCOME to all new residents, wishing you a long and happy life in Merton.

Regards

a Merton resident.



MERTON SHORT MAT BOWLING CLUB

Following on from my last report in May 2020, yes!! that's right

MAY 2020! it is looking increasingly unlikely that we will be reforming this year.

However, we are still here and raring to go just as soon as we are permitted and are still looking to recruit new members.

Please contact Jeanie on 01805 601125 or Julie on 01805 603405 for more details.

Black Bag & Green Waste Collections for May

Black Bag collection Thursday: 13th May & 27th May

Green Waste collection Friday: 7th May & Thursday 20th May

Recycling & Food Caddy: Collected every Friday except:

Saturday 8th May, then back to normal.

Check the TDC calendar at: [Torridge District Council](#)

Merton and Petrockstowe Heritage Group

Dear Members,

Spring is here if a little chilly, the sun is shining and the countryside is beginning to blossom. Although regulations regarding covid have been relaxed, we will probably delay starting our meetings till later on in the year. Any suggestions for speakers would be most welcome.

It's a long time since we all met up, hopefully we shall all have had our jobs by the end of summer.

Jenny and I were asked by Radio Devon for an interview to talk briefly on the film we made about Petrockstowe during lock down. All who had made the films of Littleham, Taddipport and Monkleigh were also interviewed. Do watch them if you can. Go to the Torrington 100 web site and click on the news section where you can see all of them

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If you are not all ready on the mailing list, would you like to be notified when the next issue of the MM is available to view online? If so, please send me an e-mail requesting your name to be added.

Send to dave.folland@btinternet.com Thanks for your support.

All Saints Church



Team Rector: Revd Martin Warren, tel: 01409-281424

Team Vicar: Revd Susannah Metz, tel: 01837-810621

Methodist Minister: Rev Liz Singleton, tel: 01837-52302

Dear Friends,

Recent weeks have been dominated by the news of the death of the Duke of Edinburgh. It is a loss to us all – especially of course to the Queen and her family, but also to us as a nation. He was always there, and with Queen Elizabeth having been on the throne for so long, it does feel like for ever for most of us. He was so supportive of her, and yet had his own particular role as well.

So many of us were involved with the Duke of Edinburgh Scheme as youngsters. It was great to present as a proud parent at an award ceremony. His work on conservation brought many together, and that was true as well of his contacts with different faiths. He had a lot to do with the leaders of many different faith leaders including the Pope resulting in the Assisi declaration on creation. And not many of us would expect to keep working until well into our 90s. It is quite an achievement.

Prince Philip died in the days just after Easter. And that somehow gave a very different feel to it. When someone dies at Christmas, it is difficult as everyone else is in partying mode. And it colours every Christmas thereafter. But to die at Easter is very different. Maybe it is with the spring flowers around – there are signs of life. But it is different particularly at Easter as opposed to, say, a month later.

I suppose Good Friday comes before reminding us of the reality of death, and indeed sometimes its cruelty. God doesn't hold back from being involved in the whole of life. And then comes Easter Day with that hope of new life, and of death not having the last word. It feels like it's safe to die at Easter.

But of course, that is true not just for Easter. Easter is but a truth pointing to a promised reality for the whole year. Jesus' promise is that all who put their trust in him will know that hope. We die safe in his arms, assured of being raised to life with him.

We pray for the Queen and the family at this time of loss, and we commend Prince Phillip into God's eternal love and care. Thank you to those who helped us commemorate his passing.

Peace and blessing to us all,

Martin Warren.

Services at All Saints' Church

It is good to be using the building again, and for us to meet for worship. We started at Easter – and were able to sing outside. Hallelujah! And it looks like we could a couple of weddings before too long as well!

For now we are having a service in the various church buildings around the area roughly once a month. So if you want to come a physical service, feel free to go to a nearby village if there isn't one here. Or use the Online Service – that's there every week – or join on the phone.

Service by Phone

Sundays at 4pm

Phone 0330-606-0403

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Services at All Saints (and other church buildings.)

2 nd May	9.30am	Peters Marland
16 th May	9.00am	Huish
	11.00am	Merton (with brief Annual Meeting to follow)
23 rd May	10.00am	Petrockstowe

Sunday Worship Online

11.00am

www.torridgeteamchurches.org.uk

(or, of course, any other time of your choosing.)

Special occasions:

May 9 th	Rogation Sunday
May 23 rd	Pentecost

Merton F C

The Club got back to playing football at home to BARNSTAPLE FOOTBALL CLUB who are top of the league. It was a good competitive game, but we lost 3—1 with opposition scoring in the last minute.

Results

Merton 1

Barnstaple 3

Forthcoming Fixtures

May 1 st	Chittlehampton	H	14-30
May 8 th	Appledore Lions	H	14-30
May 15 th	Barum Utd	H	14-30
May 22 nd	Eastside	A	14-30
May 29 th	Putford	H	14-30

The players would like to thank everyone for putting the game on.

The Club was highly praised by the league and the visiting team.

Kenny Heaman

Merton AFC 150 Club Draw

April 2021

£20-00 Rud Elworthy

£10-00 Andrew Woolacott

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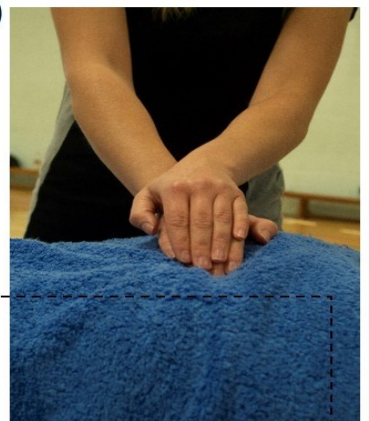
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We believe that early years' education is much more than teaching sounds, colours, numbers and letters. It is about developing strong, curious and confident children. Our aim is to make learning fun and for children to enjoy learning as they start their journey in life.

Your child is entitled to 15 hours, funded, the term after they are 3 years old. We are also able to provide 2gether funding for 2 year olds.

For more Information please contact the school on
01805 603357 or email admin@clinton.devon.sch.uk

Little Otters Parent & Toddler Group

Fun and stimulating activities for children aged 0-5 Years.

Activities available vary from messy play, story/singing sessions, small world play and much more!!

A chance for Parents/Carers to have a catch up while your children play in a safe environment.

A healthy snack & drink will be provided for the children & tea/coffee & biscuits for the adults.

Where - Merton Pre-School

When - Every Friday, 9am - 11.30am

Contact the school on 01805 603357

Freecycle/ For Sale

Any items for sale, or just looking for a new home, just let me know.

dave.folland@btinternet.com

Or drop a note in my letterbox at :

Laburnum Cottage, halfway between the Pub and the Garage.

Merton Village on Facebook

If you are on Facebook for local information and help during the ongoing Coronavirus outbreak take a look at MertonVillage, ask to join and find out a lot of information and assistance.

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