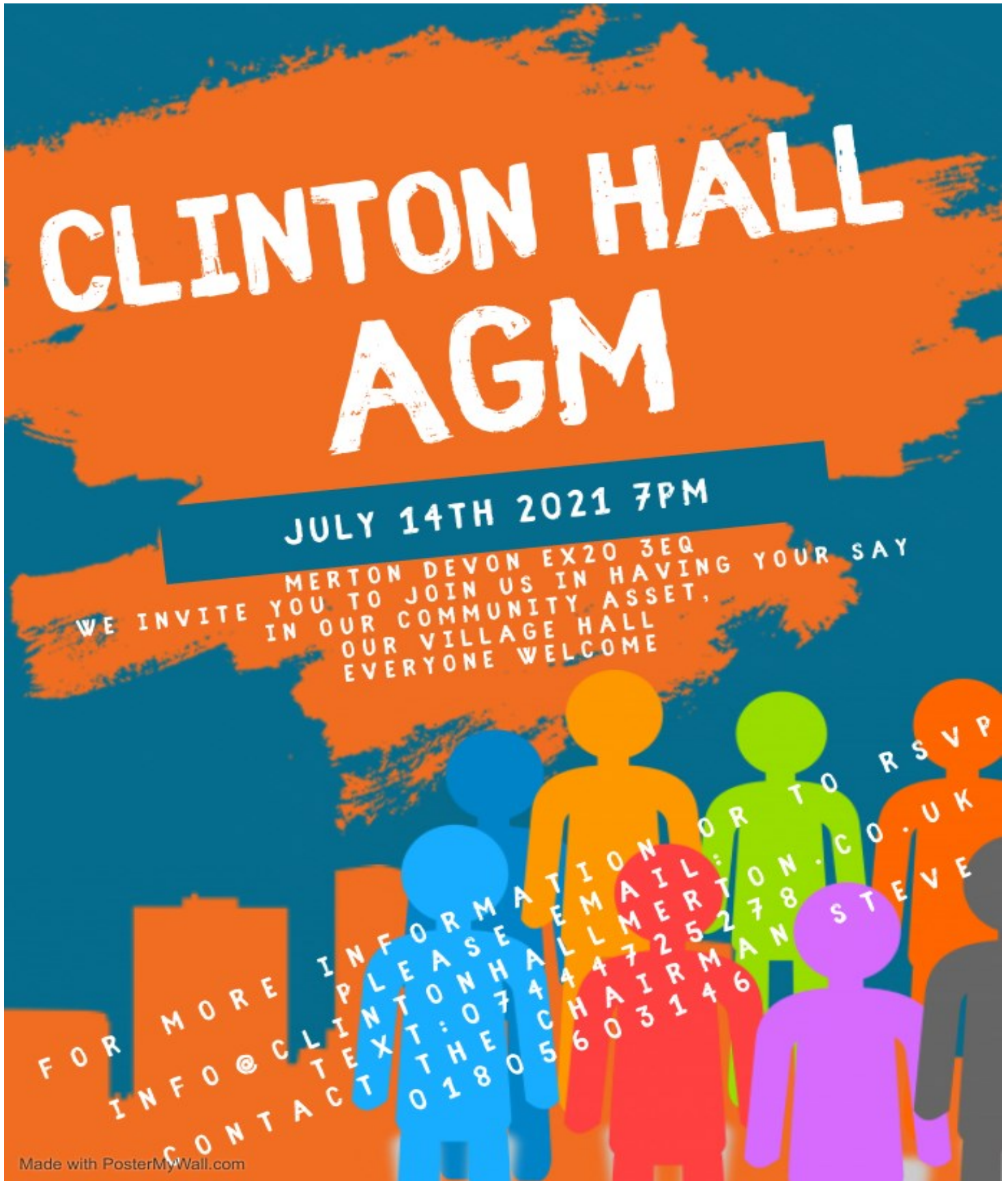


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MERTON SHORT MAT BOWLING CLUB

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 June

Black Bag collection Thursday: 10th June & 24th June

Green Waste collection Friday: 4th June & 17th June

Recycling & Food Caddy: Collected every Friday except
Saturday 5th June

Remember to renew your Green Waste collection

Check the TDC calendar at: [Torridge District Council](https://www.torridge.gov.uk/)

A message from the Editor

I am pleased to see that I have received some extra articles for this issue.

As always, if you have any items to include, please either e-mail me, or drop it in my letterbox at Laburnum Cottage, Merton, halfway between the Post Office and Pub.

Many thanks to Becky at the Maltscoop for the lovely Fish & Chips, well worth trying if you are not sure of what to have for tea on a Friday evening.

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.

Merton Monthly e-mail notification.

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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,

At last we do seem to be moving forward to some degree of normality – being able to meet more easily, food being available indoors as well as out, more businesses getting going again, schools relaxing a bit more. We'll see just how quickly all that continues to open out. The worries of Covid variants are still there. We still have to be cautious and sensible, and willing to adapt.

One easing of restrictions that directly affects us is the allowing of an unlimited number to attend funerals. Actually it's not unlimited – for now at least, we still have to socially distance, so it does depend on how many the building can hold. The crematorium now has a capacity of 50.

But it does mean that we no longer have to make quite so many awkward decisions about who attends and who doesn't. We may not have known many who have died from Covid, but probably we have all been affected by not being able to go to someone's funeral.

We have found other ways. A number of times people have lined the roads as the hearse has passed. It has been intensely moving. But still something is missing for many. 'It's as if they haven't died,' someone said to me. We haven't been able to do the necessary acts of grieving.

These things are important. For them not to be there leaves unfinished business. Maybe there is something we can do. Maybe together as a community. Maybe just for yourself in the church. Or something for the family. It doesn't have to be overtly religious or formal. But for others that may be just the thing. Do make any suggestions.

We may feel that the person's dying is now all in the past, and we just have to get on with life. But it still matters. One of the images I love in the Bible is of God wiping away our tears. And tears can still come months, even years after someone's death. It still matters.

Yours in peace,

Martin Warren.

Services at All Saints' Church

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 to a physical service, feel free to go to a nearby village if there isn't one here. We are able to sing again – but outside. (And the birds join in.)

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

Access code 251417

Services at All Saints (and other church buildings.)

6 th June	6.30pm	Petrockstowe
13 th June	11.00am	Langtree
20 th June	9.00am	Huish
27 th June	11.00am	Merton

Sunday Worship Online

11.00am

www.torridgeteamchurches.org.uk

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

Special occasions:

June 13th

Marking Sea Sunday

Church Annual Meeting

Despite lock-down, life still goes on. We may not have been able to meet easily, but still annual accounts need to be made. Not surprisingly 2020 was a bit of a strange year – but still the bills came in, and we had some big ones as well. We are hugely grateful for those who have made donations (sometimes instead of what would previously have put in collections). That has made a big difference to our shortfall of juts over £2500 in 2020. Those donations will appear in the 2021 accounts. But it didn't totally overcome the shortfall.

For the information of everyone, a summary of the accounts for 2020 presented at the annual meeting are here. Please do ask if you would like to see the full accounts or have any queries.

Income		Expenditure	
Collections	290.79	Electricity	632.57
Donations	2014.76	Common Fund	1464.00
Fees	523.00	Team Expenses	302.00
Interest	19.06	Church Running Costs:	
		Fire Extinguishers	138.72
		Lightning Conductor Inspection	54.00
		Architect's Inspection	1076.64
		Electrical Inspection	495.00
		Insurance	1207.02
		Income Expenses	5.07
Total	2847.61	Total	5375.02
Balance as of 31/12/20	£ 5170.69	Balance on the year	(2527.41) deficit

Mlerton 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 jabs 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, Taddiport 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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Where - Merton Pre-School

When - Every Friday, 9am - 11.30am

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Merton and Huish Wildlife Group



The Wildlife Group were lucky enough to secure some funding from the National Lottery to celebrate the lottery's 25 year anniversary. A planned community day has been modified due to Covid-19 and we have instead have used the funds in a joint project for wildlife with the Clinton C of E Primary School. We have held two Covid-compliant work parties to develop the outdoor learning area including clearly around the pond, planting some woodland bulbs, sowing wild flower seeds and creating paths through the space. We have also purchased equipment for the children so they can develop their skills and maintain the spaces.

The orchard and wild meadow area continues to do well outside the school. This is another area where our collaboration with school benefits and enthuses the children – they have been super excited by the insect life they have found in amongst this increasingly species rich area. Particular thanks to Kenny Heaman who has planted a length of lavender border and continues to keep the path side edge cut regularly.

We hope to get back to holding walks and talks in the summer and welcome new members. Please check out our Facebook page for more information and to get in touch.

Merton FC

Results

Merton	0	South Molton	2
Merton	0	Chittlehampton	2
Merton	2	Appledore Lions	4
Merton	4	Barum Utd	3

News

The Club would like to thank everyone for your support, and to thank Kath and Alana for doing the café.

Forthcoming Fixtures

Barnstaple FC	A	14-30
Appledore Lions	A	18-30

Merton AFC 150 Club Draw

May 2021

£20-00 Richard Bright

£10-00 Mary Ford

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Sunday 12pm – 10pm

*depending on customer flow, hours may change

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