

Merton Monthly

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the Malt Scoop Inn

Saturday 16th October

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Clinton Hall

&

**All Saints Church
Merton**

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**LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS
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DRINKS & CHAT**

BACK TO BASICS. FREINDLY GET TOGETHER. MEET UP & SOCIALISE

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MERTON SHORT MAT BOWLING CLUB

REMINDER

We are having a roll-up on **14th October** from **7 p.m. until 9 p.m.**

We are still looking to recruit new members. Please come to the Clinton Hall for an introductory session. We will supply equipment, just bring yourself!

If you prefer, contact Jeanie on 01805 601125 or Julie on 01805 603405 for more details.

We look forward to seeing you.

Black Bag & Green Waste Collections for October

Black Bag collection Thursday: 14th October & 28th October

Green Waste collection Friday: 7th October & 21st October

Recycling & Food Caddy: Collected every Friday

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

Merton AFC 150 Club Draw

September 2021

£20-00 Russell Sharman

£10-00 Sandra Bunn

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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,

I drove to church a few weeks ago on Sunday morning to the news that the Taliban were at the gates of Kabul. So suddenly they had taken control of region after region, and now the capital was about to fall into their hands. It has been an extraordinary rapid collapse of what the US, UK and many others have worked for over the last 20 years. It seems to have caught everyone by surprise including our governments. All of a sudden that world is not as it was.

Equally the events in Plymouth have come out of the blue. This just doesn't happen in our part of the world. Thank God, it doesn't very often at all – but now it has. Those caught up in the events will never be the same again. All of a sudden the world is not as it was.

Life is incredibly fragile at times. We think we are walking on firm ground. Everything seems to be fine – and then something happens, and the ice cracks. Something totally unexpected, something we could never have planned for. It could be a flood, redundancy, a relationship collapse, a bank going bust or so much else. The veneer of life is shown to be very thin indeed.

It is why we are called to walk by faith, and not by sight. While we may make reasonable judgements based on what we can see, we can never see the full picture. We can never be sure. The experience of Christians is that God invites us to put our trust in him through Jesus, to put our hand in his, and walk with him. And the wonderful thing is that as we do, then Jesus assures us that we will be safe with him, whatever happens. What peace of mind that brings in an uncertain world.

Not a peace that induces complacency, but a peace that sets us free to live and act in the freedom of God's love.

Peace and blessing to you in this very strange world.

Martin Warren.

Services at All Saints (and other church buildings.)

Sunday Worship Online

11.00am

www.torridgeteamchurches.org.uk

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

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

Advance Notice:

Harvest Celebration

Book the evening of Saturday October 23rd.

Merton and Petrockstowe Heritage Group

Dear Members,

A really interesting day was enjoyed by members who attended the open day at Winsford Hospital on September 12th. Winsford Cottage Hospital was built in 1899 by Maria 'Molly' Medley in memory of her husband George to serve the local community. It was designed by renowned architect C F A Voysey a deeply religious man. This was the only hospital he designed. It was in use from 1900 until 1998. The sister-in-law of one of our members was born there. After its closure it was saved for the community by the Winsford Trust and is now in the care of the Landmark Trust, partly let for self-catering holidays to pay for the maintenance, partly still in community use.

The building has been beautifully restored and filled with Arts and Crafts furniture, artefacts and textiles.

When the war came in 1914, Winsford was used as a home for the sick and wounded from the front and by the end of the war Winsford helped 300 soldiers to convalesce. Three enactment people helped to make the afternoon more interesting by showing what it was like for people on the home front in 1914, how doctors and nurses coped with all the injured and all the logistical problems caused by the fighting and weather etc. A field kitchen was also set up in the garden.

The Landmark Trust are organising another open weekend in November. I can recommend a visit. To find out the dates visit www.landmarktrust.org.uk the open days are free.

Bob Adamson who lives in Petrockstowe has offered to take us on a guided walk around the Bellever Forest near Post Bridge on Dartmoor to see the bronze age sites and talk about the history of the Forest itself. I had arranged a date in September but it turned out to be the wrong time for so many who were interested, hopefully it will now take place sometime in October. This is also free.

Our next speaker is Liz Shakespear.

She will be discussing her new book The Song of the Skylark which is set in 1842. Based on a true story we learn what it was like in the farming and chapel communities around Buckland Brewer and describes the lives of a real brother and sister sent to work on a remote farm to keep them out of the work house and the trials they came across.

The meetings are open to anyone.

£2 for members £4 for non-members and are held in Petrockstowe Chapel at 7.30 p.m.

All enquiries from Ann Luxton secretary 01837810728.



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Fixtures:

Saturday 2 nd October	Hartland	A	14-30
Saturday 9 th October	Putford	A	14-30
Saturday 16 th October	South Molton	H	14-30
Saturday 23 rd October	Woolsery	A	14-30
Saturday 30 th October	Lynton	A	14-30

Results:

Barum Utd	1	Merton	1
Merton	0	Appledore	6
Merton	0	Park Rangers	6

Remember the deadline. 15th October to be included in the November edition.

A message from the Editor

Hi,

It is nice to see some activities beginning at last, hopefully more will soon happen.

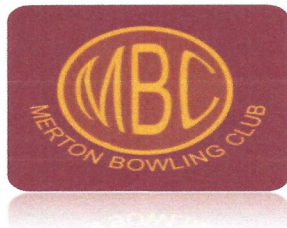
As always, if you have any items to include, please either e-mail me, dave.folland@btinternet.com or drop it in my letterbox at Laburnum Cottage, Merton, halfway between the Post Office and Pub.

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.

My condolences to the family and friends of Philip Lewis who recently passed away.



MERTON SHORT MAT BOWLING CLUB

OBITUARY

I realise you will all be aware of Doreen Tolley's passing, but I felt I should tell you a little bit about her participation within our bowling club.

Doreen had been a member for many years and was "Queen of the Toucher". She normally played lead in our matches and 90% of the time her woods touched the jack.

Despite being our oldest member, she was always willing to help out at tournaments and preparing refreshments for visiting teams, as well as being on our committee.

She was a valuable asset to our club and will be sorely missed.

Merton and Huish Wildlife Group



In the past year, Merton and Huish Wildlife Group have received funding from the National Lottery 25 Year celebration fund. We had hoped to hold a community event jointly with the Clinton School however, Covid restrictions made this too difficult. Instead, we have carried out smaller work parties to enhance the wildlife area in the school grounds and to create new wild-flower-rich borders. Assisted by school volunteers and staff, the wildlife group have made the pond more accessible for pond dipping and outdoor education, planted native woodland bulbs and sown mixtures of native wildflower seeds. We used some of the funding to purchase equipment to enable the school and community to carry out future works for the benefit of wildlife both in the school grounds and in the adjacent Graham Heaman memorial orchard. We are hoping to hold an event in September to complete the project and encourage more people to find out about the local wildlife.

This August saw Merton and Huish Wildlife Group visit the Devon Wildlife Trust nature reserve at Meeth for a drizzly but enjoyable walk. We saw bumblebees, damselflies, dragonflies and Great Crested Grebes as well as a variety of flowering grassland plants. This reserve is full of interesting creatures and is so large there is always something new to find!

Looking ahead, we have our AGM in October and in November we will be planting some fruit bushes in the school and wildlife area. Fruit blossom is a fantastic source of nectar for insects early in the year when hover-flies and bumblebees start to emerge. We're excited to add to the variety of species in the wildlife area.

We welcome new members so get in touch *via* Facebook for more details!



We are organising a community event at the Town Hall which will be held on Tues Nov 02.

We are working in partnership with TTVS, WDCVS, Transitions, Navigate and Wisermoney. The event will provide a super networking opportunity for Charities, Community Groups, local clubs and organisations who provide community services to the Torrington area.

Who should book a stall? - We'd like to encourage any group or organisation that feels it will benefit from networking with likeminded bodies and wants to raise its awareness in the local community to book a stall. By that we mean get in touch and we'll reserve a space for you which will include a standard 'Town Hall' trestle table and you can bring your own banners and displays to set up your 'stall'

Is there a theme? - Health and Wellbeing is the theme, we want to raise awareness of all the fab resources available to the good people of Torrington.

What are the benefits of attending? - These are local events for local people, you will be able to meet likeminded people and we will be promoting the event in a way that attracts the good people of Torrington so you will have an opportunity to meet potential new volunteers, members, trustees and service users.

Will it be fun? - You bet. We want to attract people to the event and have already booked RHS Rosemoor who will be presenting their own version of Gardeners Question Time. We will provide free refreshments and live music as well as other attractions. We will then promote the event through social media newspapers and so forth.

Is it Free? Yes, your attendance as a stallholder will be much appreciated and there is no charge.

Martin Rawle

Community Developer

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Monday closed all day

Tuesday 12pm – 10.30pm

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Thursday 5pm – 10.30pm

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Website www.themaltscoop.co.uk / facebook @themaltscoopinn

Little Otters Pre-School, Merton



Opening times: Term time

Monday - Thursday 8-45am – 3-30pm

We aim to provide a safe and stimulating pre-school environment and to work within a framework, which ensures equality of opportunity for all children and families.

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.

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