

Merton Monthly

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{ Produced by the Village Hall }

Please send articles to dave.folland@btinternet.com by the 15th of November for inclusion in the Dec/Jan issue.

Clinton Hall

As many of you know the Clinton village hall was built in 1997 and officially opened in 1998, next April it will be 25 years old. The hall will hopefully be celebrating in style with a silver anniversary party.

The hall has some great facilities, skittles, badminton, table tennis, short mat bowls and the gym. Tarka treats and pop-up cafés. We are host to conferences, weddings and social gatherings.

The hall is run by volunteers who give their time generously to make the hall available for everyone to use. If you have any spare time and can see a job that needs doing, please make contact with us to lend a hand. Any help/guidance will be very much appreciated.

We as a committee as always looking for ways to fundraise and support the hall for many years to come. If you feel you could help in anyway whatsoever, no matter how big or small please contact us. info@clintonhallmerton.co.uk or 01805603300

As with all things, age can cause problems. The hall is facing such issues at the present. The streetlights being one, there is a suspected damaged cable which is underground and to have any Street lights at all the 2 branches have been separated. This is not ideal and it does make the hall much darker than normal but, 2 streetlights are better than none whilst we wait for this to be fixed.

The next major cost is the heating of the hall. The ground source heat pump system was installed in 2008. Last year we had no heating and again this year it has caused major issues. Finding someone who could help and understand this aging system was not easy. We now have some great engineers who come and service this yearly. Last year a part was needed which could only come from Ireland! As you can imagine this was expensive. This year equally has come with lots of problems and hopefully we shall have it fixed within the next few weeks.

Please bear with us while all the problems are being dealt with. The hall is a not for profit charity so during these times we ask for you patience and support.

Yours kindly

The Clinton Hall Committee

All Saints Church



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

Methodist Minister: Rev Chris Jackson, tel: 01837-5230



Dear friends,

It matters so much to be able to remember. It used to be the big C that was the great fear. It's still a big concern, but it is so different today to years ago. Now it is the big D. We see others with dementia and fear that could be us one day.

To be able to remember is so important. It gives us a past, it shapes our present, and it gives hope for the future. Indeed without any memory at all, we wonder if we can be a person at all.

November is a month to remember. It begins with All Saints Day when the church remembers all those who have made a difference through the centuries. It is followed on Nov 2nd by All Souls Day – a day to remember all those who have meant much to us – and then by Remembrance Sunday. That means much to many.

We remember and are reminded that also God does not forget. One image in the Bible is of God having our names written on his hands. It's like some folk do with a phone number. God makes sure he can never forget. We might; friends and neighbours might; but God never will. And that includes us too – he will never forget you or me either.

Find comfort in those thoughts as the nights close in. Know God's never- forgetting love. Welcome it.

Every blessing to you,

Martin Warren.

Services at All Saints' Church & around

Nov 6th 11.00am Family Service (Petrockstowe Chapel)

Nov 13th 10.45am Remembrance Service (Petrockstowe Chapel)

Nov 20th 9.30am Communion

Nov 27th 6.30pm Advent Service (Huish)

Remembrance

Act of Remembrance

Friday 11th November

2.30pm

Merton Square

With Clinton School. All welcome.

Service by Phone

Sundays at 4pm

Ring 0330-606-0403.

(You will be asked for an access code: 251417)

Advent Service

Candlelit Service for Advent

Beginning the run up to Christmas.

Sunday 27th November

6.30pm

Mulled wine and mince pies to follow.

News from Clinton Hall



*Autumn is here,
time for...*

Tarka Treats
Thursday @ the Clinton Hall
11am - 1pm'ish

Enjoy a brew with friends

A message from the Editor

Hi,

The Harvest Supper was a great success , £600-00 was raised, a great effort by all involved.

This will be split equally between All Saints Church and the Clinton Hall.

If you have any Christmas wishes or New Year messages, please send them to me for the Dec/Jan double issue of the Merton Monthly, by the 15th November.

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 Garage 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.



MERTON SHORT MAT BOWLING CLUB

We have played our first match in the Charity Afternoon League against North Tawton and am pleased to report that we won 31 to 5! Long let it continue. Our schedule for the next two months will be:

Tue	01-Nov	High Bickington Home	CL	2pm start
Thu	10-Nov	Club Night	CN	7pm start
Tue	15-Nov	Chulmleigh Home	CL	2pm start
Thu	17-Nov	Colebrooke Away	CL	2pm start
Thu	24-Nov	Club Night	CN	7pm start
Tue	29-Nov	Okehampton Home	CL	2pm start
Thu	08-Dec	Club Night	CN	7pm start
Tue	13-Dec	Hatherleigh	H	2 pm start
Thu	22-Dec	Club Night	CN	7 pm start

We would still like to build up our membership, but in the meantime we will continue with our social evening roll-ups on a fortnightly basis. If you wish to try out the sport, or just come to watch, you will be given a warm welcome, 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 November

Black Bag collection Thursday: Friday 10th Nov, 24th Nov

Green Waste collection Thursday: 3rd Nov & 17th Nov

Recycling & Food Caddy: Collected every Friday.

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



Merton F C



Fixtures:

November

Saturday 5th Nov Putford V Merton 14-30

Saturday 12th Nov Merton V Georgeham & Croyde 14-30

Match Sponsored by Ron & Margaret Down and The Bull & Dragon, Meeth.

Saturday 19th Nov South Molton V Merton 14-30

Saturday 26th Nov Merton V AFC Dunumoni 14-30

Match Sponsored by Ron & Margaret Down

December

Saturday 3rd Dec Merton V Putford 14-30

Results:

Northam Lions 4 Merton 1

West Exe Park Rangers 2 Merton 2

{at Tiverton, Merton wins 4—3 on Penalties, in the Devon County Cup}

Merton AFC 150 Club Draw

October 2022

£20-00 Luke Bewes

£10-00 Ron Down

Species of the Month

November — Fungi



Conservation Communities - Torrington to Hatherleigh

Help build up a picture of the wildlife in our area by telling

Devon Biodiversity Records Centre (www.dbrc.org.uk) about the species you have seen.

Fungi are so diverse. From slime moulds and jellies, to amazing bushy lichens, they exist in a huge variety of forms. Fungi grow all year round as a network of hyphae out of sight, producing fruiting bodies in autumn which we can use to identify them. Here are three, quite distinctive fungi that we hope you might be able to find this autumn.

Did you know?

- There are 15,000 types of fungi in the UK!

Please don't eat fungi you find.

Experts are needed to help identify which species are edible and even then, edible fungi can cause tummy trouble the first time they are eaten.



Small stagshorn — *Calocera cornea*

This small, yellow fungus grows on decaying wood of broadleaf trees. It has yellow, finger-like fruiting bodies which taper to a blunt point and are slightly gelatinous in texture. They are small, reaching up to 2cm tall. Due to the small size they can easily be overlooked, although they are quite common. Take a close look at stumps and fallen logs in damp, shady places.



Honey fungus — *Armillaria mellea*

Often grows in large colonies on tree stumps from September - November. Each mushroom is about 14cm high and the cap can reach 15cm across. The caps are conical when young, flattening with age. They are a warm honey colour. Gills start white and darken with age. The gills are joined to the stem. The stem itself is usually bulbous at the base, although it can appear in a slender form. The stem has a skirt around it, usually quite high.



Candlesnuff fungus — *Xylaria hypoxylon*

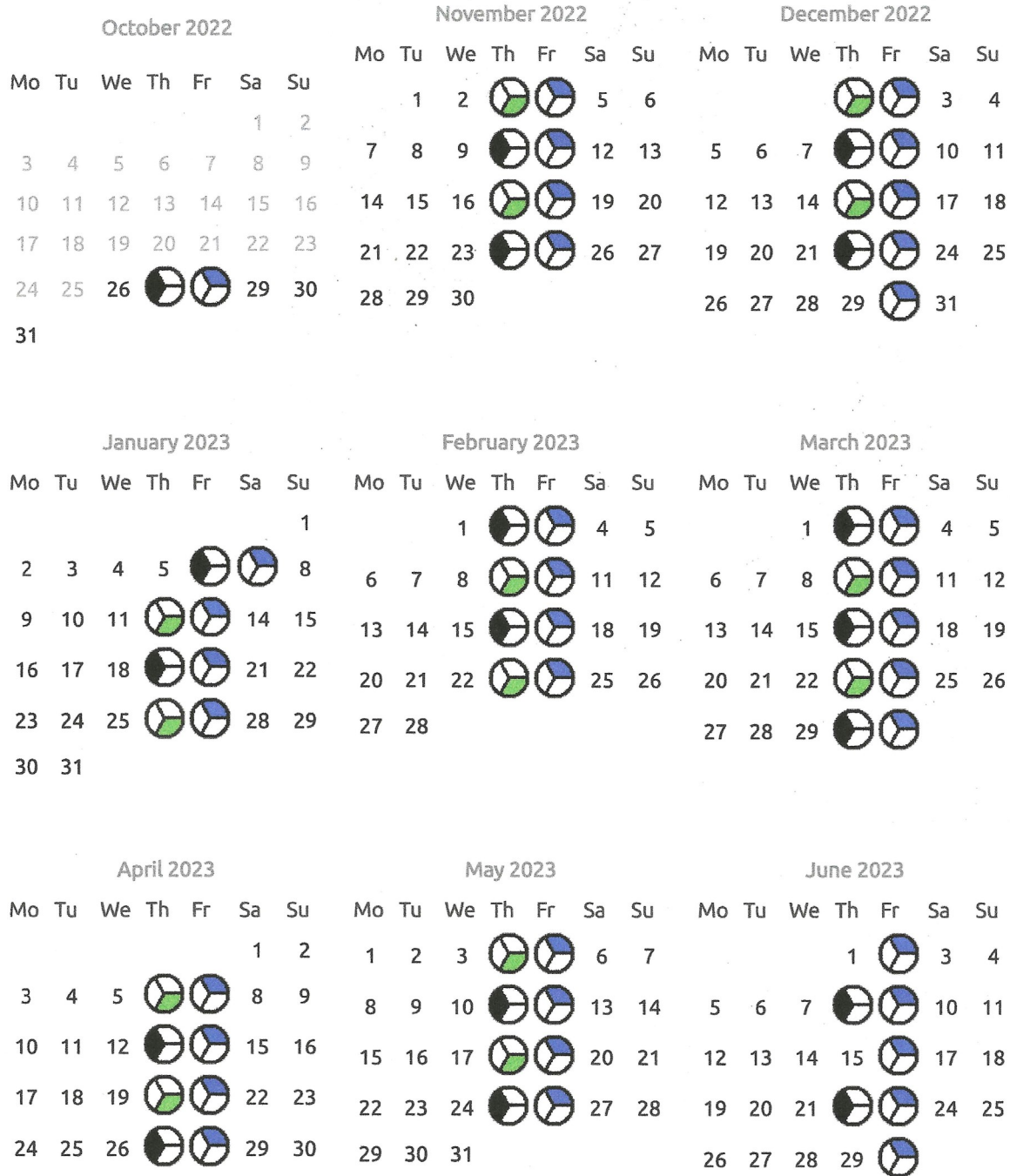
This species is also known as "stag's horn" but is distinctive from the small stagshorn described above. It has an erect, black and white, fruiting body. They grow on stumps and fallen branches of trees. The base is black and appears hairy, tapering to a white powdery tip. The stem can appear round or flattened.

Why DBRC (www.dbrc.org.uk) need to know about fungi in this area:

Hundreds of species have been recorded in the Conservation Communities area, but most of these have only been recorded once. Help us keep our records up to date, by letting us know if you've spotted these or any other fungi (photos of your finds are always helpful).

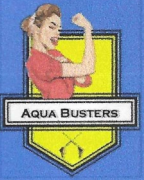
Recycling dates

Key:  GardenBin  Refuse  Recycling



If you have access to the internet, you can get a version of this calendar for your own area from the following website: - [Find your collection dates | Torridge District Council](#)

Just type in your address and hopefully it will work for you. It's handy to check as well as collection dates do change at short notice.



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