

Merton Monthly

April 2023

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Come & Join
the Party to celebrate

The Clinton Hall's 25th Anniversary

Saturday, April 29th 7pm - 12pm

Merton, Okehampton, Devon. Ex20 3EQ

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Entertainment - Joy Machine

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Refreshments Available

Free Entry

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

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



Dear Friends,

Love is in the air! Well, there's a wedding coming up. And Valentine's Day wasn't that long ago. And spring is here. And, and, and..... And Easter is upon us.

Easter? What's Easter got to do with love? Surely it is about death and life and new life – resurrection. But love? Why love?

Easter though is all about love, because love is all the giving of ourselves; it is all about sacrifice.

“Really! I thought love was all about being cared for and feeling good.” Well, yes, hopefully there is some of that too. But at its root it is giving ourselves away. It's about sacrificial giving.

I will sometimes say to wedding couples, ‘Just think of what you are giving up.’ To the bride: ‘Look at all those great guys dressed to the nines on your wedding day.’ And to the groom: ‘All those stunning girls.’ ‘You are giving them up. What a sacrifice.’

Of course the couple don't see it like that. They are so in love with each other, that all those others – well, they can let go of them. (Some were even previous flames!) This is the one. There and then, sacrifice is no great hardship. But it is still sacrifice. And at other times, maybe it is a bit more of a hardship. Love doesn't come quite so easily.

God loving us is to take that to its extreme. He loves us so much that he is willing to sacrifice everything for us. Nothing is too much. And even for Jesus it is hardship. The anguish of prayer in the Garden on the night before his death; the cry of desperation on the cross itself – love is never an easy ride. This is God in human form baulking at the cost of love.

But love us he does. The cross is the sign of just how far God is prepared to go in his love for us – there is no limit. We come to that cross on Good Friday. And on Easter morn, we see that that love just cannot be overcome. Even death must give way before it. Love has won.

Easter is all about love. And the invitation of Easter is to come to that love – a love that gives all, and will invite us to give all as well. It is an invitation to join the winning side.

Peace and blessing to us all,

Martin Warren.

Services at All Saints' Church & around

Services at All Saints' Church

2 nd Apr	11.00am	Petrockstowe Chapel (Family Service: Local-led) <i>with a wonky donkey!</i>
9 th Apr	9.00am	Easter Communion (Huish)
	6.00pm	Easter Worship (of a quieter style) (Merton)
16 th Apr	9.30am	Easter Celebration (Merton)
23 rd Apr	9.00am	Communion (Huish)
30 th Apr	11.00am	Petrockstowe Chapel (Methodist led)

From the Registers

Funeral: *Our prayers for all who grieve*

23rd Feb Betty Salmon (East Devon Crematorium)

Service by Phone

Sundays at 4pm

Ring 0330-606-0403.

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

News from Clinton Hall

**EVERY
THURSDAY**



TARKA TREATS

The Clinton Hall, Merton

**Come and join us every
Thursday 11am -1pm (ish)**

Join us for a cuppa and some tasty treats. It's £3.00 for unlimited tea or coffee and treats. There will also be themed Thursdays throughout the year! Hope to see you there, Vicki and Julie.



Advertising Rates for the Merton Monthly

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1/8 page – Business Card £25-00

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MERTON SHORT MAT BOWLING CLUB

Unfortunately, things are not going quite as well, we beat Colebrooke at home 23-16, Okehampton at home conceded their match but we then went on to lose the next 2, Chumleigh away 14-18 and Colebrooke away 11-23. We have got just one more match to play, away to Hatherleigh on 21st March. If we win this we should finish top of the division, but a loss would make us vulnerable. The table below is not confirmed, but as you can see, things are very tight at the top. There are 3 other clubs who could equal us or one that could topple us!

AFTERNOON TRIPLES Division 3

CLUB	PLAYED	WON	DRAWN	LOST	POINTS	SHOTS
MERTON	11	8	0	3	16	64
HIGH BICK LITTLE OWLS	8	4	0	4	8	18
HATHERLEIGH B	6	3	0	3	6	23
COLEBROOKE B	7	4	0	3	8	10
CHULMLEIGH	10	4	0	6	8	-27
OKEHAMPTON	7	3	0	4	6	-41
NORTH TAWTON A	7	2	0	5	4	-47

The fixtures for March and April are:

Thu	30-Mar	Club Night	CN	7pm start
Thu	13-Apr	AGM/Club Night	CN	7pm start
Thu	27-Apr	Club Night	CN	7pm start

Our AGM is on 13th April starting at 7pm, members of the public are welcome.

We would dearly like to increase our membership in order to enter more leagues and build on our recent successes. 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 on any club night 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.



Merton F C



Results:

Lynton	2	Merton	1
Merton	1	Lynton	6
Merton	0	Putford	5
Kingsley Wizards	1	Merton	1

Home Fixtures:

April

Saturday 8th April Merton V A F C Dumnonii 14-30

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The Football Club would like to thank **D P Paintwork** for sponsoring the Club's new Match Day Kit.

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Merton AFC 150 Club Draw

March 2023

£20-00 R Nancekivell

£10-00 D Kerton

Black Bag & Green Waste Collections for April

Black Bag collection Thursday: Friday 14th April, & Thurs 22nd April

Green Waste collection Thursday: 6th April & 20th April

Recycling & Food Caddy: Collected every Friday, **except** Sat 8th April
& Sat 15th April

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

TARKA TREATS

When I moved here I wanted to become part of the community. I found the Friendship Group and the Wildlife Group welcoming and soon these became staples on my calendar. Then along came our weekly market with its cafe and how wonderful life was here!

Time moves on and the market moved in part to Langtree and the Friendship and Wildlife groups in turn finished.

Prior to the pandemic Alana and Kath set up a weekly get together with cakes and light lunchtime meals. Now they both run the Pop Up Cafe on Saturdays during the football season.

The pandemic and its subsequent lock downs brought home to some in the village how lonely life can be without contact with our friends over a nice cup of tea or coffee.

This led to Janet and myself starting up the Cuppa and Chat to renew ties to our friends in and out of the village. Time again marches on and now we have Tarka Treats with myself and Julie.

We offer a place to meet up, maybe a light lunch and sweet treat while sipping on unlimited tea or coffees still only £3 . Fancy a game of cards, a beetle drive, Backgammon or any other board game then please make your way down to The Clinton Hall. We aim to be open every Thursday but hall hires take precedence. Sometimes we can move to another part of the hall but if not we try to put Tarka Treats on the following day.

Look out for our Themed Days! We recently raised monies for Comic Relief.

Holy Week and Easter

6th Apr: Maundy Thursday

6.00pm A Meal with a Meaning: celebrating the Last Supper (Newton St Petrock Hall)
Please book (281424)

7th Apr: Good Friday

2.00pm At the Cross (Merton)

8th Apr: Easter Eve

8.00pm Easter Vigil and First Communion (Sheepwash)

9th Apr: Easter Day

6.30am Dawn Service with Communion (Peters Marland)

9.00am Easter Communion (Huish)

11.00am Easter Communion (Petrockstowe)

6.00pm Easter Worship (of a quieter kind) – with communion (Merton)

16th Apr

9.30am Easter Celebration (Merton)

Church Annual Meeting

Monday 17th April, 7.30pm

All Saints' Church

Reports, elections, plans.

All are welcome.

Freecycle/ For Sale

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

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Or drop a note in my letterbox at :

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Remember the deadline. 15th April to be included in the May edition.



Are you able to volunteer some time for the Merton Vintage and Classic Vehicle Rally Around ?
at The Clinton Hall & Playing Field on **Sunday 30th APRIL 2023.**

If you are able to help please complete the form below and return it to mertonrallyaround@gmail.com,
pass to any Merton Monck Committee member, or pop it in to Taw and Torridge Coach Depot,
Grange Lane, Merton, EX20 3ED.

When we have compiled the rota's we will contact you with time etc.

We are looking for volunteers to help with:

- setting up the day before
- Donations of cakes to sell slices of.
- Marshalling
- In the kitchen/marquee selling/serving pasties, cakes, teas and coffees
- Clearing tables
- Washing up
- Rubbish collecting
- Selling draw tickets
- On the gate with donation buckets
- Clearing up after

Name/s _____

Contact email _____ Telephone _____

Happy to do: _____

Preferred time if possible (rally is open from 11 am – 5 pm) _____

If you would like to make and donate a cake please can you give us an idea of what you will make and let us know if you are happy to deliver it on Saturday afternoon to the Clinton Hall, Merton or if you would like us to collect it from you.

_____ Us to collect YES/NO

Many thanks. Merton Monck Committee - Tracey, Yvonne, Tony, Linda (Merton), Helen and Emma (Petrockstowe)

Merton Vintage & Classic Vehicle 'Rally Around'

**Social Gathering & Fundraising for
THE NORTH DEVON HOSPICE
& DEVON AIR AMBULANCE**



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Commercials & Engines ... Rolls Royce & Vintage Bus Rides ...
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Face Painting ... Craft & Local Produce Stalls ... Live Music ...
and lots more

Hog Roast or Pasty, quench your thirst at the Bar or with
Tea/Coffee, Hockings Ice Cream or Tea & Cake.

SUNDAY 30TH APRIL 2023
11^{AM} - 5^{PM}

PLEASE NOTE - Regrettably the Rally site is now a 'NO DOG AREA' with the
exception of Guide/Assistance Dogs.

At The Clinton Hall, Merton (EX20 3EQ) on the A386.

