

Merton Monthly

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Merton Village Social Evening

**Friday 4th August
from 7pm**

Bar open. Snacks. Family Friendly.

**Pop in and enjoy a casual social
evening with your neighbours!**



All Saints Church



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

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



Dear Friends,

We're into the summer holidays; the schools have broken up after another year; the Flower Show has passed – it's a time to relax and enjoy. But maybe not in Greece or Spain, or anywhere else in southern Europe. Seeing the soaring temperatures, we may well be very glad that we haven't booked there. Warmth is one thing; searing heat is another. Indeed it is horribly dangerous. Predictions are that parts of those areas could soon turn into deserts.

And so much of it due to the changes in our climate. We may not know the high temperatures here – at least not this year, yet -but still we see the impact of a changing climate. The hosepipe ban is but one symptom. (And yes, while the lack of investment by SW Water, *et al*, has not helped, there really has been a shortage of rainfall.) We are being forced to change our ways.

But change is never easy. One voter in London recently was heard to complain about the extension of the low emission zone for vehicles. 'We really need more time to adjust.' How much time do we want? These matters have been around for years if not decades - and for all the words, precious little has really changed.

The prophets of the Old Testament knew the same resistance to change. Isaiah could say to the people of Israel almost 3000 years ago: 'Be ever hearing, but never understanding; be ever seeing, but never perceiving.' It could have been today! We are comfortable where we are, thank you. We want to hang on to what we have got. Not realizing, that in the end, it will be torn from our hands.

Fortunately God gives us time. But even that is not endless. We know that, but do we take it seriously? Maybe the slower days of summer – slower, at least for some – give us time to take stock and think again: for ourselves, for each other and for this wonderful planet, and before God. Time to recognize what really matters, and make the changes needed. In Christian terms, we call it repentance.

Martin Warren.

Services at All Saints' Church & around

6 th Aug	11.00am	Petrockstowe (local-led)
13 th Aug	11.00am	Petrockstowe (Methodist led)
20th Aug	9.30am	Communion (Merton)
27th Aug	9.30am	Communion (Huish)

Service by Phone

Sundays at 4pm

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From the Registers

Wedding: Congratulations

8th July George Nancekivell and Jo Lock

News from Clinton Hall

**EVERY
THURSDAY**



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The Clinton Hall, Merton

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MERTON SHORT MAT BOWLING CLUB

Short Mat Bowls is one of the few sports that can be actively participated in by both men and women of all ages from the very young to those of an advanced age. If you want an inexpensive fun evening out, please come and join us, whether you wish to try out the sport, or just come to watch, we think you will be pleasantly surprised.

Following consultation with a few people at the recent Wis£rmoney event at the hall, it was felt that we needed to inject some more fun. Bearing this in mind, we have purchased a “target” (see above).

Please come to the Clinton Hall on 17th and 31st August at 7 p.m. for a fun game of Target Bowls. Contact Jeanie on **01805 601125** or Julie on **01805 603405** for more details.

We look forward to seeing you!



Merton Parish Council

Your Parish Council in action..

The Parish Council have noted the recent complaints from residents regarding activity from the new development, and in an attempt to resolve current issues and provide future resolution a meeting was held on Monday 17th July at The Clinton Hall between managers from Gilbert and Goode, Ashley Officer (Site Manager) and Grace McDonnell (Contracts Manager), and Councillors Lang, Papworth, McLaughlin, Littleales, and Kops from Parish, District and County level.

In order to resolve matters raised regarding contractors parking on the main road, litter being left on the road and in The Square, parking issues in The Square and dust generated from road sweeping, the developers have agreed to abide by the following:

- *Additional litter bin to be provided for the use of contractors in The Square. This will be checked every day at approximately 4:30pm and emptied as necessary.

- *Contractors will be instructed to park in The Square or Hall car park as agreed (not in the area for the school) and Ashley will patrol on an hourly basis (unless other matters arise) to ensure compliance.

- *Road sweeping will now only be completed when the tanker has sufficient water on board to prevent dust being created.

Contact numbers for Ashley and Grace are held by your Parish Councillors should problems arise that you are unable to resolve with reasonable steps.

Councillors Papworth, Lang and Littleales toured the development site to examine issues with security and privacy for those living adjacent to its boundaries and discussed various options for improvement that the developers had already begun to work through with residents.

It was good to hear that in addition to the reinstatement of hedgerow the developers are installing Hedgehog Highways, Bat boxes, bird boxes and a home for a regular visitor, the Barn Owl.

All in all I found the development management team to be responsive and caring about the village and in the coming months as the Sales office opens we might even see a regular 'Coffee and Chat' event being hosted there.

The first residents might well be moving into the village before Christmas and I am sure we will all be looking forward to welcoming them to Merton.



TORRIDGE VOLUNTEER CARS

Admin Volunteers + Drivers

Do you have time on your hands? Would you like to help your Community?

Our **Admin Volunteers** staff our office in Bideford **one** morning a week (Mon – Fri between 09:30 and 13:00, excluding public holidays)

Our **Volunteer Drivers** take passengers to appointments etc, for which expenses are paid.

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Torridge Volunteer Cars

Torridge Volunteer Cars is a small charity, based in Bideford, which provides volunteer drivers for those unable to access public transport.

We take people to hospital, doctors and social events. Our overall spread is from Hartland in the West to Barnstaple in the East and from the North Devon Coast as far south as Winkleigh. We cover the Merton area but have only one driver and would appreciate more, as demand is increasing.

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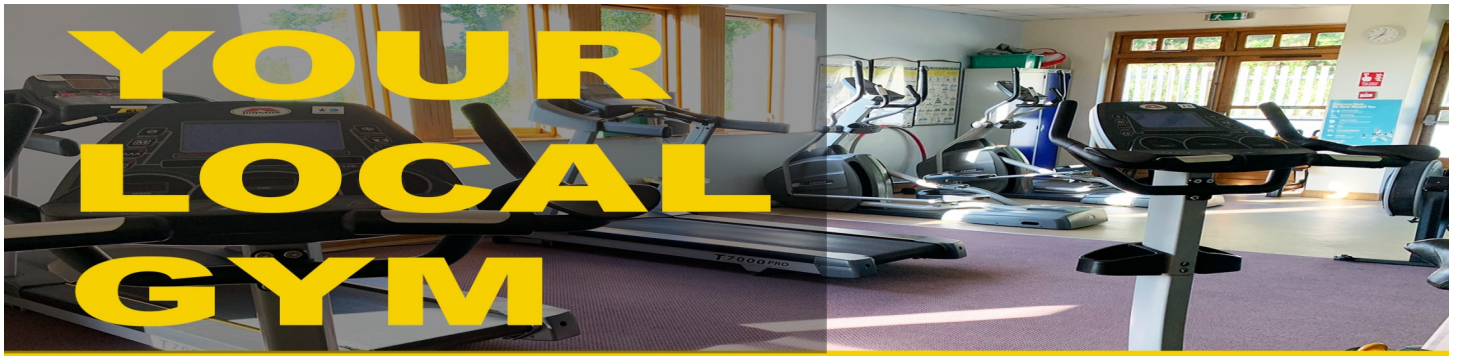
Green Waste collection Thursday 10th August & 24th August

Recycling & Food Caddy: Saturday every Friday

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

Village Post Box

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Remember the deadline. 15th August to be included in the September edition.