

Merton Monthly

June 2024

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Merton Football Club



Merton Football Club had a very good season. Coming Runners up in the Bill Smale North Devon League Cup, and becoming CHAMPIONS of the North Devon League Division Two.

The Club would like to thank everyone that has helped the Club and especially the helpers from The Clinton Hall.

The Club was also praised by the Devon Football Association.

Hire Rates for the Clinton Hall

Whole Hall Hire {Not inc Outside Sports Facilities}

Weekend (8am Friday—12pm Sunday or 12pm Friday—8pm Sunday) £500-00

Full Day Hire (8am—12am) £250-00

1/2 Day Hire (6hrs) £135-00

Main Hall

Full Day £120-00

3/4 Day £90.00

1/2 Day £65-00

£11-00 hr

Kitchen

Full Day £50-00

3/4 Day £40-00

1/2 Day £30-00

1/4 Day £15-00

Conference Room

Full Day £80-00

1/2 Day £45-00

£8-00 hr

Skittle Alley

Full day £55-00

1/2 Day £35-00

£8-00 hr

Sports Field

Full Day £50-00

1/2 Day £30-00

Changing Rooms

Full Day no Showers £20-00

Full Day with Showers £30-00

1/2 Day no Showers £10-00

1/2 Day with Showers £15-00

Children's Parties (ending before 6pm)

Stage Hire

£25-00 set up by the Committee only.

Up to 4 hrs Main Hall & Kitchen (no cooking) £45-00

Up to 4 hrs Main Hall & Kitchen (with cooking) £55-00

For a combination of rooms or specific times/requirements, please contact the Hall for a quote.

E-mail info@clintonhallmerton.co.uk

Telephone 01805 603300 if no answer please leave a message on our answering machine, which will be dealt with as soon as possible.

Advertising Rates for the Merton Monthly

Within parish boundary

1/8 page – Business Card £25-00

¼ page £35-00

½ page £50-00

Full page £100-00

Outside Parish boundary

1/8-page Business card £30-00

¼ page £40-00

½ page £60-00

Full page £110-00

These rates are for 11 issues, from May to April. Local Clubs/Organisations please contact the Editor.

Lost & Found free. Items for sale usually 2 issues free depending on advert size.

One off adverts please contact dave.folland@btinternet.com for pricing.

TARKA TREATS



**EVERY
THURSDAY
11-1PM**

The Clinton Hall, Merton, EX20 3EQ

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

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

**Tarka Treats is a community run event for
the community.**

From Tarka Treats HQ

We are halfway through 2024...how did that happen?

We have had a great year so far, celebrating Burns Night (in the morning!), Chinese New Year, St Davids, St Patricks and St Georges days and even the Netherlands National day with Stampot and stroopwafels!

Coming up:

6th of June we will be hosting an extended Tarka Treats to mark the 80th Anniversary of the D Day landings and we would love you to come and enjoy our sweet and savoury treats along with the music of the era. Some of us are dressing up for the occasion and although you don't have to, you are welcome to join in with the spirit of the day.

Further along in June we are going all Italian so look out for Pizzas and Tiramisu!

4th July we have an Election Special. Can't make your mind up who to vote for? Pop in and ponder over a cuppa and cake or light bite! Already cast your vote? Come in after and relax for an hour or so.

Mid July we are going "ooh la la" over the La Manche for Bastille Day. There may be a few baguettes and croissants and someone is bound to arrive on a bicycle with a string of onions!

At a suggested donation of £3 for unlimited tea, coffee and a light lunch. At no cost we offer company and laughter. Meet up with old friends, make new friends if you have recently moved to Marvelous Merton.

We look forward to seeing you xx



All Saints Church

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

Curate: Revd Catherine Duff, tel: 07717-209484

Methodist Minister: Rev Chris Jackson, tel: 01837-52302



Dear Friends,

Ten Tors has recently happened again. Many of our youngsters get involved. There's months of training walks through the winter before the real thing in May. At some time during that period, they have probably had the experience of low cloud and mist. 'Where are we; where are we heading?' It's important to know on Dartmoor!

How much more important in life as a whole. It gives us the enthusiasm to get out of bed in the morning, to go to work or to get on with what life might be throwing at us at that particular moment. And for those who haven't got that sense of purpose it can be like being on the moor with fog all around.

We are celebrating with Catherine Duff in June the next step in her sense of purpose as she is ordained as a priest in the church. There is a special service at St. Giles on 23rd June, 3pm when she will be ordained, and then the following week (30th June) we have a special service at Buckland Filleigh when Catherine will lead us in Communion for the first time. You are very welcome to join in that celebration at 11am. There will be a lunch in the Hall after the service.

For Christians, that sense of purpose is more than just a sense of purpose. We term it a calling, indeed a calling from God. So this is then not just something that we are meant to be doing; it's not just a project. Rather it is an invitation by God for us to be involved in his overall work in this world. To work with him in what he is doing and wanting to do. Fortunately God knows what we are like, since he has made us, so what he invites to be involved in fits the sort of person we are. So, often it is what we want to do as well. Isn't that good!

Sadly people will often say of what God might want them to do as being the last thing they might want, or the place they would least like to be in. That's not how God works. None of us would do a good job if we hated what we are doing or just haven't got the right skill set for it.

And, of course, that calling, that purpose isn't just about the church or being a missionary. God has a purpose for us all and at all stages of our life. So there will be those called to farming, to invest time in grandchildren, to serve on the council, to be a builder, etc, etc. What your calling?

Every blessing to you all,

Martin Warren.

Services in Merton and Huish

2 nd June	11.00am	Petrockstowe (local-led)
	6.00pm	Petrockstowe (Evening Worship)
9 th June	11.00am	Petrockstowe (Methodist led)
16th June	9.30am	Communion (Merton)
23rd June	9.30am	Communion (Huish)
30 th June	11.00am	Communion (Buckland Filleigh)

Service by Phone

Sundays at 4pm

Ring 0330-606-0403. You will be asked for an access code: (251417)

From the Registers

Funeral: *Our prayers for those who grieve*

13th May David Kirton (Crematorium)

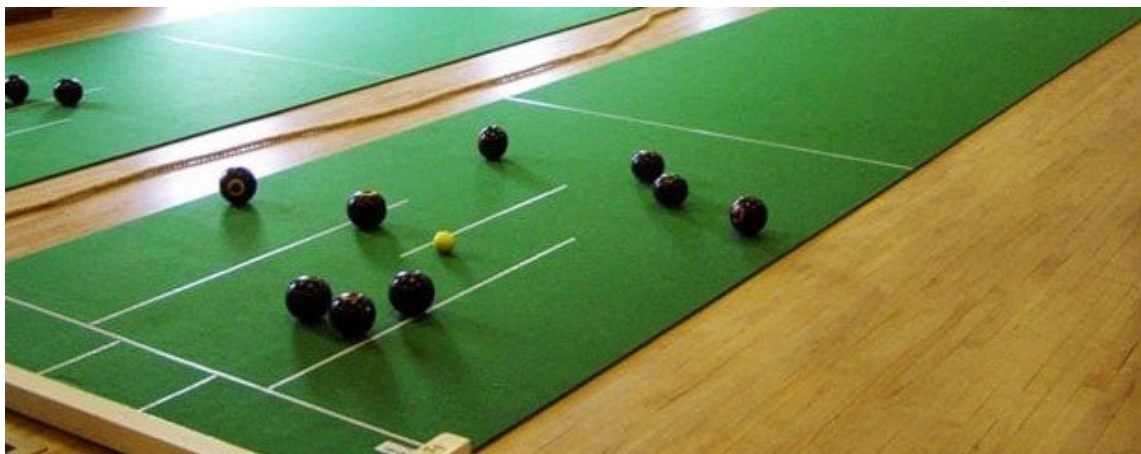


MERTON SHORTMAT BOWLING CLUB

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 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.

Our club nights are currently being held weekly 7 pm to 9pm



We look forward to seeing you!



Merton F C



Results

Congratulations to the League Division Two Winners!

Merton AFC 150 Club Draw

May 2024

£20-00 Mike Ford

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Black Bag & Green Waste Collections for June

Black Bag collection: Friday 6th June & 20th June

Green Waste collection: Thursday 13th June & 27th June

Recycling & Food Caddy: every Friday, except **Saturday** 1st June

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

Brian Harris Biography

Brian was born at Hallsannery, Bideford on 21st May 1934 and moved to Warmington, East-the-Water when he was 3 years old. He attended Strathmore Primary School before moving on to the Grammar School. His grandfather was Mayor of Bideford on four occasions.

He left school to take up farming and went to Seale-Hayne Agricultural College.

He then joined the army to do his National Service, he was prepared to join the Devon Regiment but, due to his love of horses, he was transferred to the King's Troop.

Fate took a hand once again when Queen Elizabeth II was crowned. One of the troop who was supposed to ride a carriage horse had suffered an accident and was unable to take part so Brian took his place. This was a huge compliment for a 19 year old! Some of you may have seen a slot on BBC Spotlight Southwest recently where they showed the procession.

After the coronation he went to fight in Korea, 30 men and 102 horses were sent, only 9 men and 2 horses returned. Brian suffered severe injuries and spent the next two years in hospital. At one time it seemed as if his foot would have to be amputated but he avoided this.

Whilst in hospital, in order to keep boredom at bay, he studied various courses, one being nursing although he never actually practiced. He was in plaster from head to toe and was taken to Arsenal football matches on a stretcher where he watched the match through a mirror.

When he eventually left hospital the British Legion found him a job at a manufacturing chemist in Reading. His next job was with the Milk Marketing Board where he milked on a farm he visited. He then joined Wimpy (builders) and worked in Kent, Surrey and Southampton.

His first marriage to Beryl, with whom he had two sons Robin and Tim, ended in divorce.

His next venture was to rent a farm, but this came to an end when they decided to build the M27 through it! The NFU got him a job as a Farm Manager looking after 2870 acres and 600 cows, this lasted for 20 years until the farm was sold up, during which time he married Jo.

He purchased Elm Cottage, Merton with Jo and Jojo the labrador in 1990 and remained there until Jo, sadly suffering with dementia, died in 2008 after which he moved to Solwill Bungalows.

It was quite by chance that he then met up with Heather whilst in Barnstaple to whom he had been engaged as a young man. She was a nurse at Barnstaple Hospital and they had drifted apart when he was conscripted, but his sister Margaret had kept in touch with her. Her husband had died so they rekindled their relationship and married in 2009. This, unfortunately, was short lived as she died in 2014.

Since then he has lived alone with just Millie cat for company. He has suffered ill health for much of that time but remains resolute. He still drives so is able to get out and about.



Church Annual Meeting

The Church's annual meeting was held recently. The annual accounts are presented there. Here is a summary. If you would like to see the full accounts, please do ask.

Income		Expenditure	
Collections	648	Ministry expenses	239
Donations	2809	Common Fund	1199
PCC fees	1362	Running costs	1703
Interest	146	Electricity	<u>245</u>
Grants	<u>880</u>	Total	3386
Total	5846		

As you can see this was a reasonably healthy year. That will not always be the case, and we do expect to spend some of that money this year. Thank you to all who support the work of the church here. It is much appreciated.

Farm Fresh Local Milk

Every Tuesday

8.00am - 7pm

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Every Tuesday **The Milk Cart** will be at Clinton Hall, Merton bringing you local fresh milk and milkshakes in our self service vending machine

The Clinton Hall

The Clinton Hall is run by volunteers to enable the hall to be the for the whole community near and far. If you feel you could help in anyway no matter how big or how small, we welcome you. Often we have events that require help in the kitchen, behind the bar or help with set up and tidy up from various events. There's always plenty of gardening and tidying up outside to be done also. If you can spare anytime please contact Michelle on 01805603300 or info@clintonhallmerton.co.uk

Merton Mobile Service Post Office

Merton Square Wednesday 15-00 — 16-00

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

If you have the time and would like to help, please call the office for a chat.

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