

Merton Monthly

August 2024

{ Produced by the Clinton Hall Charity Number 1204870 A Not for Profit Business }

Please send articles to dave.folland@btinternet.com by the 15th of August for inclusion in the September issue.

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



GET INVOLVED!

Come and join our friendly committee and help the community and village hall to thrive.

Whether you want to join with us now, or just get a bit more information....or maybe you have a few ideas for us, come along to our next meeting to see whats its all about.



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
savoury 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.

YOUR LOCAL GYM

Run **BY** the local community,
FOR the local community

Treadmills, Bikes, X trainer,
Rower, cable cross machines,
multi gym, free weights
and much more.

On the A386 between
Hatherleigh and Torrington

24 hour access
Ample free parking
No joining fee
Flexible membership options

A not-for-profit business
Registered Charity No. 1002372

The Gym @ Merton, The Clinton Hall, Merton EX20 3EQ
info@clintonhallmerton.co.uk 01805 603300

Merton Mobile Service Post Office

Merton Square Wednesday 15-00 — 16-00

For more details click this link

[Merton Mobile Service Post Office® | Okehampton | EX20 3EE](#)



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,

How difficult it is to let go! It certainly is! It's why bereavement can be such a hard process. But it's not just bereavement; it was there as children – and staff – left the familiarity of primary school this last month for the unknown of the next stage. When moving, there is always at least that slight lurch in the stomach as we drive away for the last time. And if you still think giving up is easy, just go to the performance with Joe Biden in these last few weeks. Especially when you are committed to something or someone, when it or they matter passionately to you, how hard it is to let go.

And yet we all have to at some time or other in lives – and generally on an increasingly regular basis. Indeed the second half of life has been described as the Age of Letting Go. It's one thing after another: speed of body and of mind, health, influence, friends, partner, ability, home, even memory. Shakespeare says it so well: sans teeth, sans eyes, sans taste, sans everything.

It's not that we will have to let go – there's no question about that; it's how we let go. We can do so with reluctance, with anger, with stropiness – we've all seen it! Or we can learn to do so with grace. I think of someone I knew selling his car. In a village a hard thing to do – it leaves you isolated and dependent. But he knew this was the right time. I think of someone knowing they have done as much as they could: the job was not complete, but it was time for someone else. We move on; we let go.

How do we know? Often it's in ourselves; we just know. Often, it's through others. I suspect the Lord Almighty finally spoke to Joe Biden through those around him. He often does. We learn that we are not indispensable; we know it is not all up to us. And as Christians we follow one who could let go completely as Jesus embraced the sacrifice of the cross. And strangely that was the way through to resurrection, to new life, to new hope. He gives us the strength to let go when we need to.

Every blessing to you all,

Martin Warren.

Services in Merton and Huish

4 th August	11.00am	Petrockstowe (local-led)
	6.00pm	Petrockstowe (Evening Worship)
11 th August	11.00am	Petrockstowe (Methodist led)
18 th August	9.30am	Communion (Merton)
25 th August	9.30am	Communion (Huish)

Service by Phone

Sundays at 4pm

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

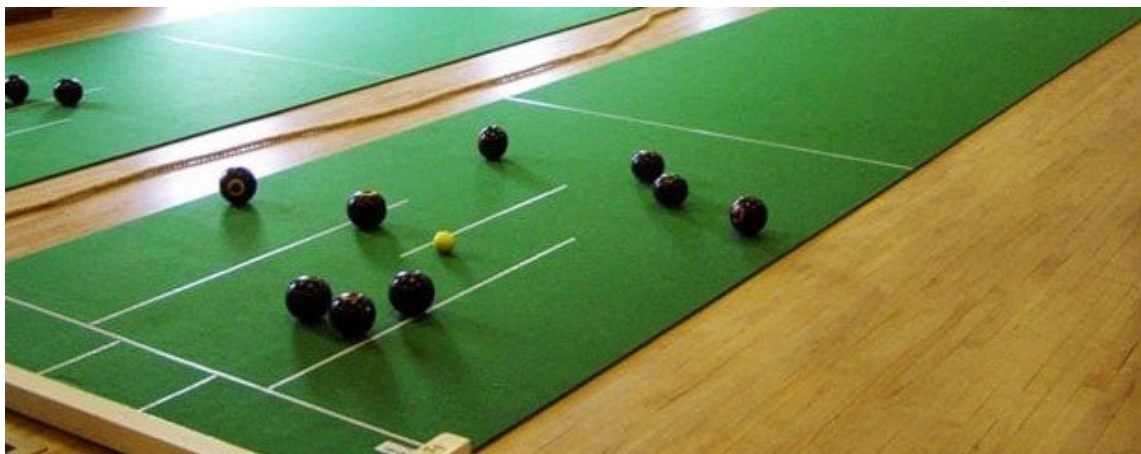


MERTON SHORTMAT BOWLING CLUB

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

The Players have started training for the New Season.

The Club have been promoted up TWO DIVISIONS after last season's Championship win.

This means we will be playing some big Clubs and playing twice as many games.

A Big Season coming up.

Fixtures to follow.

Merton AFC 150 Club Draw

July 2024

£20-00 Mary Ford

£10-00 Tabatha Patton

YOUR LOCAL GYM

Run BY the local community,
FOR the local community

Treadmills, Bikes, X trainer,
Rower, cable cross machines,
multi gym, free weights
and much more.

A not-for-profit business
Registered Charity No. 1002372

On the A386 between
Hatherleigh and Torrington

24 hour access
Ample free parking
No joining fee

Flexible membership options

The Gym @ Merton, The Clinton Hall, Merton EX20 3EQ
info@clintonhallmerton.co.uk 01805 603300

Black Bag & Green Waste Collections for August

Black Bag collection: Friday 1st Aug, 15th Aug & Friday 30th Aug

Green Waste collection: Friday 8th Aug & 22nd Aug

Recycling & Food Caddy: every Friday except Saturday 31st Aug

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

Merton Vintage and Classic Vehicle Rally Around

The weather certainly wasn't in our favour this year but a huge thanks to all that attended and supported us.

We are more than delighted to let you know that the Merton Vintage and Classic Vehicle Rally raised **£4468** to be divided between the North Devon Hospice and Devon Air Ambulance.

Many, many thanks for your generosity to enable us to raise such an amount for two very worthy local charities.

With our Best Wishes from Tracey, Tony, Helen, Linda and Emma Merton Monck Committee



Saturday Scone pop up Shop

Every Saturday from 3rd August

Lovely fresh homemade Scones

Plain, Fruit or Cheese.



Available at 2 Meadow Vale, Merton

Made by Donna

Trekking 300 miles in 3 weeks, backpacking all the way!

My Goddaughter, Kaitlyn and my very dear friend, Jayne from Northlew are taking on this massive challenge raising funds for the North Devon Hospice.

☆ Trekking over 300 miles in 3 weeks, backpacking all the way!! ☆

Personally I think they are crazy but they have my full support raising money for this charity that is so dear to our hearts ♡.

They start on Sunday 28 July and hoping to finish on Friday 16 August 2024.

If you can spare any sponsor money however little it will help push them along.

Many thanks, Tracey Laughton

JAYNE & KAITLYN'S CORNISH COASTAL CHALLENGE

**TREKKING OVER 300 MILES
IN 3 WEEKS
BACKPACKING ALL THE WAY!**

**WALKING IN
LOVING MEMORY OF**

**RAISING VITAL
FUNDS
FOR NORTH DEVON
HOSPICE**

CHRIS & MARILYN

**TO DONATE - PLEASE SCAN
HERE
THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR
YOUR SUPPORT**

... if you prefer to give cash... Call Jayne on
01409 221225

Registered charity in England and Wales No. 286554



**CARING
FOR YOU.
TIME
AFTER
TIME**

Farm Fresh Local Milk

Every Tuesday

8.00am - 7pm

THE MILK CART



MILKSHAKES

Reduce Re-Use Recycle

Buy a glass bottle or bring your own container



www.TheMilkcartLtd.co.uk

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

Audio tapes

If anyone is old fashioned enough to remember audio tapes? I have several dozen to dispose of and I hate to throw them away. A mixture of country and western, country, vintage bands, {Joe loss era} Roger Whittaker, Acker Bilk, George Formby, even a matt Monroe, and several other names.

Free to anyone interested. {or known of anyone interested}

Ring Christine Wright 01805 603611

Freecycle/ For Sale

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

dave.folland@btinternet.com

Or drop a note in my letterbox at :

Laburnum Cottage, halfway between the Pub and the Garage.

POUND-WISE BOOKKEEPING SERVICE
Tanglewood, Merton, Okehampton, EX20 3EA

FOR THE SMALL TO MEDIUM SIZED BUSINESS



- ✓ Accounts
- ✓ VAT
- ✓ Tax Returns
- ✓ Payroll



01805 603405 or 07970 541448
julie@pound-wisebookkeeping.co.uk

**D
W**

Decorating



Painting & Decorating Specialists

Interior * Exterior * Commercial * Domestic

Also guttering and down pipe cleaning

~ **Peter Bright** ~

THATCHER

Wheat Reed – Water Reed
Tel. 01837 810148 (Petrockstowe)

GRASCOTT FIREWOOD

tel. no. 01409 281393
email: info@grascottfirewood.co.uk
website: www.grascottfirewood.co.uk

Loose Logs • Nets • Kindling • Kiln Dried
Local & Sustainable



Devon Food Co

Event Catering Specialist

*Corporate Hospitality, Street Food, Festivals,
Weddings, Markets, Private Parties and More ...*

Enquiries/Bookings: Sadie Humphreys

07776 076553

devonfoodco@gmail.com



Events by night in
our quirky vintage
converted catering
trailer and day
events with both
trailer and/or
professional
gazebo

We can provide a
bespoke service
for your event too!



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.

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

01237 237140

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