

Merton Monthly

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Conference Room

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Full day £55-00

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£8-00 hr

Sports Field

Full Day £50-00

1/2 Day £30-00

Changing Rooms

Full Day no Showers £20-00

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1/2 Day no Showers £10-00

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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

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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

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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
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Memorial Service for Lord Clinton

Monday 15th July,

2.30pm

Exeter Cathedral

Arrangements are being made for transport as needed.

Please be in touch as required.

01409-281424



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,

In case you hadn't noticed, there is a General Election coming up. Indeed by the time you read this - assuming you do when the Merton Monthly first comes out - then it is only a few days away. Reactions to this vary hugely - from total boredom to passionate involvement. Most of us will be somewhere in between.

In this country it is not a legal duty to vote - we are not going to be prosecuted for not voting - but it is still a moral duty. We are part of the people of this land, so we should involve ourselves in the responsibility of saying what we believe is best for this land. So do if at all possible take the opportunity to vote. (And don't forget some form of ID!) If you need transport, ask a friend or neighbour. Together, I am sure we can all help. Or maybe you have registered for a postal vote or asked someone to vote as proxy on your behalf.

But then who to vote for. How do we decide? The story that speaks to me is when the prophet Samuel is choosing the next king of Israel. The first king, Saul, has been a bit of a disaster. Can they do better? Samuel is directed to a family in Bethlehem. Naturally he looks to the eldest there. He looks pretty good, strong and fit. But Samuel senses God saying that he's not the one. He looks good, but God comments that he doesn't look on what someone looks like on the outside, but what they are like on the inside. Eventually the one chosen is the least obvious. He has to be sought out. He becomes King David, and the rest, as they say, is history.

So party and, to some degree, policies are not what I am looking for. Rather it's the person that matters. Is there a sense of integrity about them? Are they prepared to listen? Are they simply in it for their own ego and pushing what I can get out of it? Or is there a heart of compassion and care? A concern for others, especially those less fortunate?

For in a year's time there will be different issues to face than are immediately in front of us now. How that happened after the last election! We need people to lead us who will respond to the circumstances, not who slavishly fulfil promises made in a different situation. We need people we can trust.

That story of Samuel suggests it is not always easy for us to spot that inner life. So prayer is important. What is God's perspective? May our hands be guided as we come to make that X.

Every blessing to you all,

Martin Warren.

Services in Merton and Huish

7 th July	11.00am	Petrockstowe (local-led)
	6.00pm	Petrockstowe (Evening Worship)
14 th July	11.00am	Petrockstowe (Methodist led)
21 st July	9.30am	Communion (Merton)
28 th July	9.30am	Communion (Huish)

Service by Phone

Sundays at 4pm

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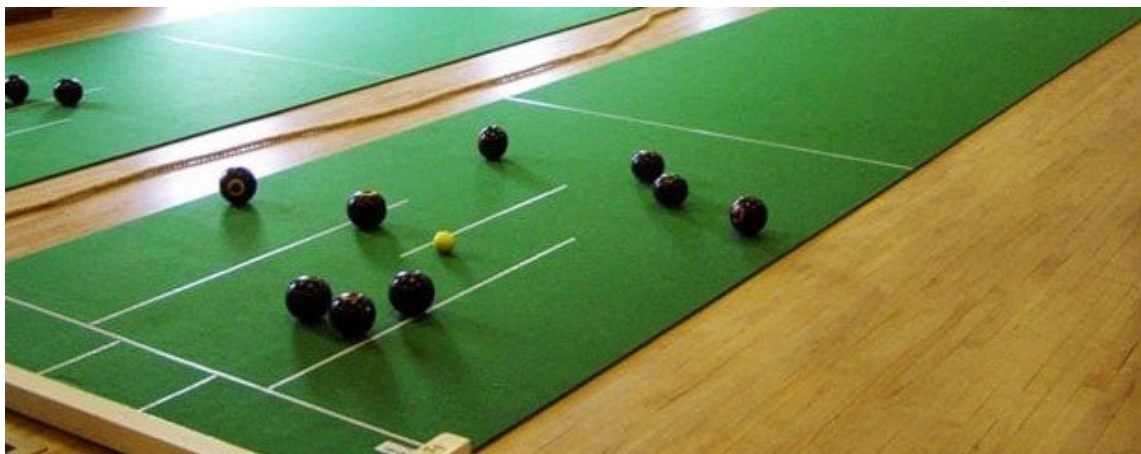


MERTON SHORTMAT BOWLING CLUB

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

Nothing to report this month

Merton AFC 150 Club Draw

June 2024

£20-00 Collette

£10-00 Andrew Woolacott

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Black Bag & Green Waste Collections for June

Black Bag collection: Friday 4th July & 18th July

Green Waste collection: Friday 11th July & 25th July

Recycling & Food Caddy: every Friday

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

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The Vintage Experience

Our Charming vintage trailer sets the stage with fairy lights, themed decorations, and vintage lighting, creating a quirky talking piece for your guests.



Signature Gourmet Burgers

Bite into our locally sourced butcher's burgers, available in beef, lamb, venison or pork. We also offer butcher's sausages and bacon in fresh bakery rolls, a hit with or without bespoke salad.



Eco-Friendly Dining

We care for the planet too! We use compostable tableware, and our palm leaf plates and bowls enhance the dining experience whilst being environmentally friendly

More Than Burgers

Looking for something more substantial? We offer slow-roasted pulled pork or chicken with homemade BBQ and scrumptious cider molasses sauce. Or menu includes homemade curries, chilli con carne and Burgundy Beef in rich red wine sauce with various sides and accompaniments.

Bespoke Menus

Your event, your menu! We tailor our offerings to suit your needs.

Sample Our Cuisine

Over the past few years, we've delighted guests with an array of mouthwatering dishes. You can trust us to deliver quality every time.

Your Piece Of Mind

We take safety and hygiene seriously, holding a Grade 5 Hygiene Rating with Torridge District Council, £5 million Public Liability Insurance, and regular equipment safety checks. Our courteous staff are trained to a high standard, ensuring your satisfaction.

Don't settle for ordinary

The amazing people of Merton.

Since the 10th of January, after a nasty road traffic accident, My friend Jan Atkin and myself, have witnessed how wonderful our community in this beautiful village are. These people have put themselves out to help the both of us, as you all might know I have a dog called Sam, who can wrap anyone around his paw to get what he wants, they have walked him every day, and took him in while I was in hospital, they have helped with shopping. To these Special People, there are no words to express how much you all mean to me, I would never have coped, saying thankyou doesn't even come close to how thankful I am. When I finally get back on my feet, if there is anything I can do to show my appreciation, I will be there always.

Jackie Curtis.

Note from the Editor

If you have anything you would like included in the next issue of the Merton Monthly please send it by e-mail to dave.folland@btinternet.com or drop in my letterbox at Laburnum Cottage, halfway way between the Pub and the Garage.

Had a little space this month so, below is a little poem I remembered from an older issue, it's message is still appropriate today. After returning to cycling a several years off I notice SOME, again I say SOME irresponsible pet owners are happy to leave their tied up bags of dog mess along the side of the Tarka Trail, not fun on a bike if you don't spot it in time!

Your Editor, Dave

Dog Mess: A Poem!

Little parcels in the bushes

Little parcels in the trees

Little parcels in the verges

Little parcels in the leaves

Little parcels that you picked up

With your little plastic glove

And then at arms length

Into a plastic bag you shove.

There are black ones, there are beige ones

And they are full of your dogs poo

And if you're a dog walker

It's put there by one of you

Then around your head it whirls

And from you goes far away

Left hanging like a rotten fruit

To stink up someone else's day

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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

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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.

01237 237140

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