

Merton Monthly

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The Clinton Hall

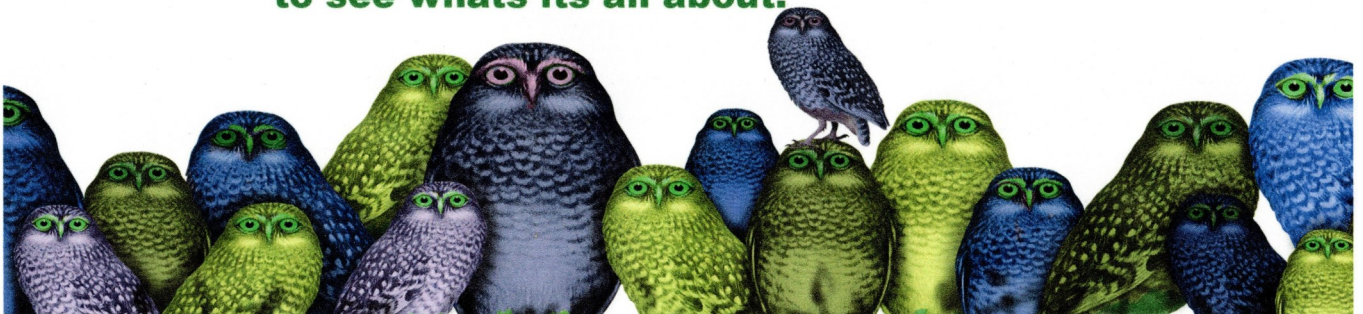
The Clinton Hall is run by volunteers to enable the hall to be the for the whole community near and far. If you feel you could help in anyway no matter how big or how small, we welcome you. Often we have events that require help in the kitchen, behind the bar or help with set up and tidy up from various 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



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.



Advance Notice

Fund raising Event for Church Path and Wall repair

Saturday October 12th

Meal and Auction of Promises

Details to follow next month

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.

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Black Bag & Green Waste Collections for September

Black Bag collection: Friday 12th Sept & 26th Sept

Green Waste collection: Friday 6th Sept & 26th Sept

Recycling & Food Caddy: every Friday

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

Merton Mobile Service Post Office

Merton Square Wednesday 15-00 — 16-00

For more details click this link

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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,

I drove to church a few weeks ago on Sunday morning to the news that the Taliban were at the gates of Kabul. So suddenly they had taken control of region after region, and now the capital was about to fall into their hands. It has been an extraordinary rapid collapse of what the US, UK and many others have worked for over the last 20 years. It seems to have caught everyone by surprise including our governments. All of a sudden that world is not as it was.

Equally the events in Plymouth have come out of the blue. This just doesn't happen in our part of the world. Thank God, it doesn't very often at all – but now it has. Those caught up in the events will never be the same again. All of a sudden the world is not as it was.

Life is incredibly fragile at times. We think we are walking on firm ground. Everything seems to be fine – and then something happens, and the ice cracks. Something totally unexpected, something we could never have planned for. It could be a flood, redundancy, a relationship collapse, a bank going bust or so much else. The veneer of life is shown to be very thin indeed.

It is why we are called to walk by faith, and not by sight. While we may make reasonable judgements based on what we can see, we can never see the full picture. We can never be sure. The experience of Christians is that God invites us to put our trust in him through Jesus, to put our hand in his, and walk with him. And the wonderful thing is that as we do, then Jesus assures us that we will be safe with him, whatever happens. What peace of mind that brings in an uncertain world.

Not a peace that induces complacency, but a peace that sets us free to live and act in the freedom of God's love.

Peace and blessing to you in this very strange world.

Martin Warren.

{Please note this first appeared in the 2021 issue}

Services in Merton and Huish

Service by Phone

Sundays at 4pm

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

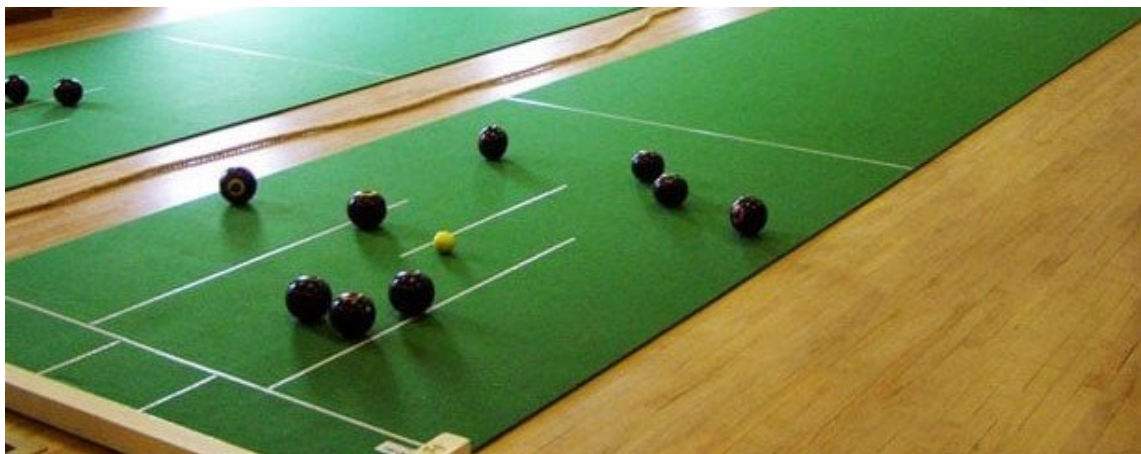


MERTON SHORTMAT BOWLING CLUB

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!



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Home Fixtures

September

Saturday 7th High Bickington 2-30

Saturday 21st South Molton 2-30

September

Saturday 12th Morwenstow 2-30

Saturday 19th Bideford 2^{nds} 2-30

Going up two divisions and having to play 26 games, it might be a long hard season.

Merton AFC 150 Club Draw

August 2024

£20-00 Ron Down

£10-00 Harry Landymoor

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Your Parish Council

Merton is a Parish with a history that extends far enough back to find it mentioned in the Domesday Book, and a future that is determined by how we, its 300 plus residents, decide to shape it.

Your Parish Council is an elected body responsible for the maintenance, prosperity and general well-being of the Village and its environs.

We are undergoing significant change at the moment with a newly appointed Parish Clerk, and a drive to find some much needed additional Councillors to fill several co-opted positions.

If you are interested in becoming a Parish Councillor please make with me directly or via the contact details below.

The webpage mertondevon.com contains all the relevant information and documents that explain; who we are, how we operate, and when we meet.

Our meetings take place bimonthly on the second Monday of the month, with our next meeting being held on Monday 9th September at 7:30pm at the Clinton Hall meeting room. You are very welcome to attend and put forward any issues for discussion.

The agenda for each meeting is produced in advance and is circulated on the village Facebook page, on the Bus Shelter display board in The Square and on the webpage. At the September meeting we will certainly be discussing final arrangements for The Square drainage improvements having conducted site surveys with the Devon County Archaeology Team, Torridge District Conservation Officer and Planning Dept. The work will form part of some much needed renovation of the historic centre of our Village to enhance its conservation status.

We will also be considering recent issues with property boundary maintenance and the general upkeep of the Village, and also the future plans for provision and maintenance of the playground.

The entrance to the Village is in need of some signage updates to include speed reduction measures and we will discuss a plan to bring about a positive change.

We hope to hear from you or even better to see you at our meetings soon.

Cllr Neil Littleales (Chair)

Contact 01805 603344

Email: cllr.littleales@mertondevon.com

A bit of space

As you can see I have some spare space in the newsletter., if you have copy to be considered please send it in by the 15th of each month.

I have used up the spare articles I held back to fill in gaps.

Yor editor Dave

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

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.

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Or drop a note in my letterbox at :

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Admin Volunteers + Drivers

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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 September
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