

Merton Monthly

November 2024

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Please send articles to dave.folland@btinternet.com by the 15th of November for inclusion in the Dec/Jan issue.

QUIZ? NIGHT!

The Clinton Hall Quiz Night
Sunday 3rd November 2024, 7pm

£2.50 per person,
teams max of 6
Family Friendly

To book your place email:
info@clintonhallmerton.co.uk
or call 01805 603 300

Clinton Hall
Merton
EX20 3EQ
Bar Open



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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

We love to support our local football team, especially on home matches. We open the bar, serve hot drinks, and put on food for the players at the end of the match. If you could help with cooking chips or running the bar on a Saturday afternoon, then we would love to hear from you.

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 November

Black Bag collection: Friday 7th Nov & 21st Nov

Green Waste collection: Friday 14th Nov & 28th Nov

Recycling & Food Caddy: every Friday

Check the TDC calendar at: [Torridge District Council](http://torridge.districtcouncil.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,

‘Remember, remember the 5th of November.’ It certainly will be a 5th November to remember. And not because of the fireworks, etc. (Stay safe wherever you might be.) But because it is Election Day in the United States. Just what is going to happen that day? Well, who knows. And the reality is, of course, that we won’t know until the following day anyway – and possible for not quite a few days after that.

But it does feel like a pivotal moment, not just for the US, but for us all. And not just in terms of who wins, or doesn’t, but in the response to the result. It can feel too like a big cultural moment too: in respect to truth, to the attitude to the rest of the world, to democracy.

Along with the wars in the Middle East and ongoing in Ukraine and many other places; in the face of challenges of climate change and the impact of whatever the Chancellor of the Exchequer throws at us in a Budget, it can all feel pretty depressing and anxious making. Where is the world going? Let’s forget it all, and pull down the blinds. Let’s eat, drink and be merry for tomorrow we die!

Which is where an awareness of the God of history is so good. Recently I was at an event where we were reminded of how the way was ready for Jesus when he came. There was a common language across the then known world, there was a hope of something about to happen and the Romans had built an amazing road system, so as the news about Jesus could spread extraordinarily quickly. It was just the right time.

The Bible includes the Book of Revelation, which is pretty whacky to most of us. But its essential message is it’s ok, God is in control of history. We can trust him. The question is ‘Can you?’

Whatever happens then on 5th November – or in the days that follow – we can know ourselves safe in the hands of God.

Peace and blessing to you all,

Martin Warren.

Services in Merton and Huish

3 rd November	11.00am	Petrockstowe (local-led)
	6.00pm	Petrockstowe (All Souls remembrance)
10 th November	10.45am	Petrockstowe (Remembrance)
17 th November	9.30am	Communion (Merton)
	11.00am	Confirmation (Petrockstowe)
24 th November	9.30am	Communion (Huish)
1 st December	6.30pm	Advent Service (Huish)

Service by Phone

Sundays at 4pm

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



MERTON SHORTMAT BOWLING CLUB

The Winter Season is now in full swing. We played Colebrooke away on 22nd October (results will be published next month) and we have three matches in November. The fixtures for November and December are as below:

Thu	07-Nov	14:00	North Tawton	
Thu	14-Nov	-	NO CLUB NIGHT	
Thu	21-Nov	14:00	Westward Ho! Sandpipers	
Tue	26-Nov	14:00		Langtree Harriers
Thu	28-Nov	19:00	CLUB NIGHT	
Wed	04-Dec	14:00		Halwill Shunters
Thu	05-Dec	19:00	CLUB NIGHT	
Thu	12-Dec	14:00	High Bickington Barn Owls	
Thu	19-Dec	19:00	CLUB NIGHT	

We will then be taking a short break for Christmas and recommence on 9th January.

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.



We look forward to seeing you!



Merton F C



Results

Merton	1	South Molton	0
Merton	2	Landkey	6
Northam Lions	2	Merton	9
Ivybridge	6	Merton	0

Home Fixtures

November

Saturday 23rd Braunton 2-30

December

Saturday 7th Shebbear 2-30

Saturday 21st BOCA Seniors 2-30

Merton AFC 150 Club Draw

October 2024

£20-00 Dave Cracker

£10-00 Frank Diemert

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From your Parish Council

At the next meeting on **Monday 11th November 2024** the Parish Council will start to consider its financial plan for the following year, this consideration will then lead to us setting the budget in January 2025 to be in place for April 2025.

We would therefore like to hear suggestions from Parishioners as to where you think our money could be best spent, the budget is not huge, but it might be that your suggestion will be of benefit to the community if the money is spent wisely.

So, why not come along to the meeting held at **The Clinton Hall, Merton at 7:30pm**, and put your idea forward, or better still let us know in advance by emailing your suggestion to the Clerk at clerk.mertonparishcouncildevon@gmail.com or notify a Councillor.

Your Parish Council noticeboard is located in the Bus Shelter on The Square and contains contact details for the Parish Clerk and Councillors, it also displays any notices of interest and details of meeting to be held.

I am sorry to report that the issue of dog poo not being picked up by owner/s is still ongoing and the matter is now in the hands of the Dog Wardens who are actively seeking the offending dog owners with a view to prosecution. It is sad that we must resort to this action but the lack of consideration for the community and its threat to public health means that this is necessary. If you have any evidence to assist, please contact the Torridge District Council Dog Wardens on 01237 428810.

In a bid to improve the drainage in The Square the Council have secured the services of the Community Payback Team to clear the build up of silt that is currently blocking the cobbled gulleys. This work should be completed in November, and we will be contacting car owners that park in The Square to assist by parking away from the gulleys and paths during this work.

Merton Christmas Tree Festival -9th – 13th December 2024. Yes, that time of the year is approaching. The festival planning is well underway with our Vicar very much in support and the Church measured to get as many wonderfully decorated trees in place as possible. Trees will be on display from the Monday and will be a splendid backdrop to the Carol service on the Friday evening.

More details will be circulated as the plans progress, but if you, your family, business or group would like to decorate a tree (for a small donation) please contact the Parish Clerk as soon as possible.

Remembrance Day – It will be my honour to represent the Parish at the ceremony held at Petrockstowe where I will lay a wreath in remembrance of those lost in conflict.

And finally, we still need two Parish Councillors to complete the team. If you think you can give just a little time and have an interest in making Merton a great place to live, please contact the Parish Clerk or a Councillor for an informal chat.

Neil Littleales,

Chair, Merton Parish Council.



A START TO CHRISTMAS

SUPPER AND AUCTION OF PROMISES

AT CLINTON HALL

7TH DECEMBER 7PM FOR 7.30PM

TRADITIONAL CHRISTMAS FARE (OR
VEGETARIAN ALTERNATIVE)

BAR

ANY PUDDINGS OR AUCTION PROMISE APPRECIATED!

FUNDRAISING FOR REPAIRS TO WALL AND PATH OF
OUR PARISH CHURCH

TICKETS £15.00: JANET (603271) OR CONNIE
(603318)

PROMISES SO FAR INCLUDE VINTAGE CAR RIDE, PICTURES BY
OUR LOCAL ARTIST, DINNER FOR FOUR, AFTERNOON TEA FOR
TWO (4X), ROULADE, DEVON SPLITS, ETC.





**Skittles nights at the
Clinton Hall, Merton**

Fun Skittles Nights £3 per person

**15TH & 29TH NOVEMBER
13TH DECEMBER**

BAR OPEN

**PLEASE CALL
01805 603300 FOR MORE
INFO OR JUST TURN UP ON
THE NIGHT**

Djembe drumming for fun. Taster session on
Wednesday 6th November 2-4pm at The Clinton
Hall. Limited places so booking is essential. If
possible bring your own drums or bongos that
may be lurking in your loft!

£3 - please bring your own refreshments.

Contact Ros: 07501 874369 or email:
hughes.rosalind@yahoo.co.uk





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COMMUNITY Event

Community/Wellbeing Fair.

A chance to explore what our 'Great' Community has to offer.

ALL WELCOME!

Refreshments available to purchase from The Plough Cafe.

**27TH NOVEMBER 2024
PLOUGH ARTS CENTRE -
TORRINGTON**

4PM-7PM

JOIN US!



CELTISH

Nigel Cameron & Julie Cameron-Hall



ADVENT CONCERT

Mon 25th Nov 7.30pm

The Clinton Hall, Merton

(Okehampton, Devon, EX20 3EQ)

Admission by donation. Interval refreshments

*'A glorious Light
has dawned'*



Further info: Tel. Martin Warren 01409-281424 | celtish.org

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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

Remembrance Day

in Merton

Monday 11th November

2.00pm



December/January Merton Monthly

Please remember that the next issue is a double issue.

If you have any Christmas Greetings/Messages please send them to me by the 15th of November for inclusion.

Thank you for the support during the last year.

Your Editor, Dave

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 :

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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 November
to be included in the Dec/Jan edition.