

Merton Monthly

October 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 October for inclusion in the November 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

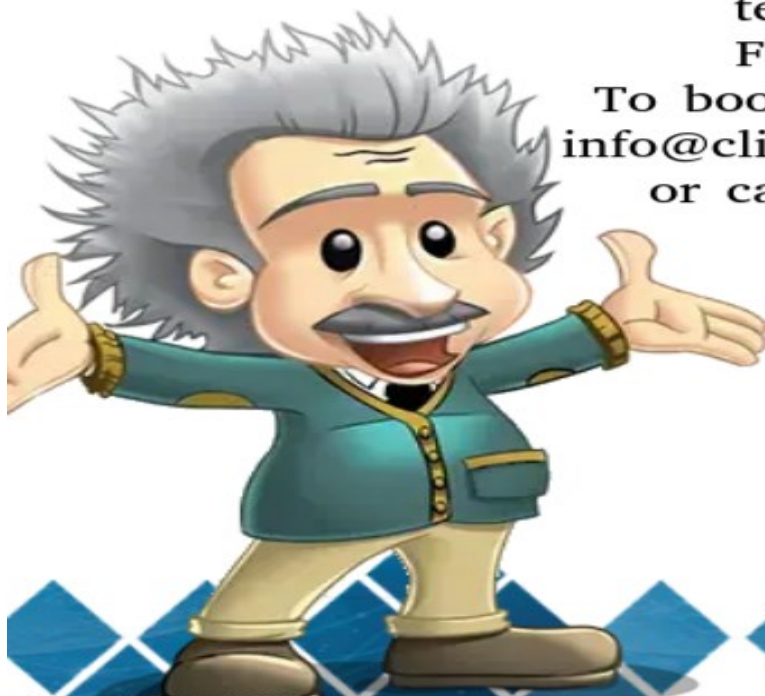


QUIZ? NIGHT!

The Clinton Hall Quiz Night 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**

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.

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 October

Black Bag collection: Friday 10th Oct & 24th Oct

Green Waste collection: Friday 3rd Oct, 17th Oct & 31st Oct

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

[Merton Mobile Service Post Office®](http://mertonmobileservicepostoffice.co.uk) | [Okehampton](http://okehampton.co.uk) | [EX20 3EE](http://ex203ee.co.uk)



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,

It was one of those moments where you can remember exactly where you were. On occasions it is some joyful moment – a sudden surprise – but all too often it is a tragic event. That 9/11 moment – or for those of older years, the JFK assassination moment.

This one was just a year ago. The anniversary is fast approaching of the massacre of Israeli Jews by Hamas. We were on holiday at the time – it came up on the news. It was horrendous. And the year following has been little better with the destruction of Gaza and the huge loss of life – now over 40,000. And now contemplating where events in Lebanon will lead. To put a mobile phone in my pocket produces a moment of hesitation.

And then to be confronted with the actions of Mohammed Al-Fayed. Can we doubt that evil is in this world? And it doesn't have to be that far away or that big. We can see it in our own communities, even in our own families at times. Nor does it get any better. History tells us ever has it been so. And however much we come up with great social theories, wonderful educational practice, good safeguarding procedures, etc, etc, still these things creep through. We just don't seem to be able to change the world from the outside in. Every so often we manage a shift – but it's never enough, and we slip into a fresh rut.

Which is why as Christians we believe that God has offered us a different way. That we can be changed from the inside out. It starts with him getting in on the inside himself. That's what Jesus does – this is God getting on the inside of human life. And he offers that different life to each of us as well. Human life can be transformed from the inside out, and so begin to transform the world from the inside out.

Evil is an inevitable part of this world. But it doesn't have to be the end story. There is another story, and it can change us. And as we tap into that story, then it can change those around as well. There is hope. Thank God for that.

Every blessing to you all,

Martin Warren.

Services in Merton and Huish

6 th October	11.00am	Petrockstowe (local-led)
	6.00pm	Petrockstowe (Evening Worship)
13 th October	11.00am	Petrockstowe (Harvest)
20th October	9.30am	Communion (Merton)
27th October	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

We are now gearing up for the Winter season. We are entered into the afternoon triples and are in division as per last year. The fixture for October and November are below:

			Home	Away
Thu	03-Oct	19:00	CLUB NIGHT	
Thu	10-Oct	19:00	CLUB NIGHT	
Thu	17-Oct	19:00	CLUB NIGHT	
Tue	22-Oct	14:00		Colebrooke
Thu	24-Oct	19:00	CLUB NIGHT	
Thu	31-Oct	19:00	CLUB NIGHT	
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	

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

High Bickington	0	Merton	3
BOCA Seniors	1	Merton	1
Braunton	7	Merton	0

Home Fixtures

October

Saturday 12 th	Morwenstow	2-30
Saturday 19 th	Bideford 2 ^{nds}	2-30

November

Saturday 2 nd	Northam Lions	2-30
Saturday 23 rd	Braunton	2-30

Merton AFC 150 Club Draw

September 2024

£20-00 Daniel Paddon

£10-00 Ian Winsor

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

Auction of promises



Saturday 12th October

7pm for 7.30pm

Clinton Hall, Merton.

Supper for £15

Auction to follow

Have you a promise to offer?

Raising funds for work on All Saints' Church

Book: 01805-603271/ 01805-603318

A fundraising event for All Saints Church Merton, for Path & Wall repairs.

Cold meat supper with, Salads, Roast Potatoes. Please bring a Pudding. Cheese & Biscuits to finish.

Followed by Auction of Promises {or what you like to auction.}

Details above

BAR

Please book by Tuesday 8th October .

Ring Janet/Brian 01805 603271

From your Parish Council

Well, Autumn is upon us and with it comes a lowering of the Sun and some spectacular sunsets, captured beautifully for the Merton Village Facebook page.

Merton has much charm, and we are fortunate to live here, so with this in mind the Council asks that thought is given to careful disposal of litter in the bins provided or taken home for disposal. In a similar light the village seems to be plagued by the failure of owner/s not picking up and disposing of their dog mess. Understandably this has caused quite a lot of upset especially from residents who find it outside their front doors etc.

The Parish Council have passed the matter onto Torridge District Council and the Dog Wardens have been to the village to assess the situation, spray temporary reminder templates in areas where it is occurring and to conduct patrols.

The entire Torridge District is covered by a Public Space Protection Order which gives the authority the power to issue fines and take Court action against those who allow their dogs to foul public spaces, or places where the public have access. Any person witnessing an offence is advised to take note of the time, location and identity of the dog / owner and report this directly to the Dog Warden on 01237 428810.

Most dog owners are very responsible and respect the place in which they live, but to the minority who are not we would say that the time has come change your ways or face the financial consequence.

On a brighter note the Parish Council are looking ahead to providing and supporting events with, and in the Community. The initial plans for a Christmas Tree Festival and Carol Service are being discussed with the Vicar. Events such as this need to be financed and each year in November the Parish Council starts to plan its finance for the following year; we would encourage Parishioners to bring forward any requests by contacting your Councillors or Parish Clerk (details at MertonDevon.com or on the notice-board in the Square's bus stop) for funding so that they might be considered at the Parish Meeting.

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.

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**



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

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 October to be included in the November edition.