

Merton Monthly

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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

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1/2 Day £65-00

£11-00 hr

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£8-00 hr

Kitchen

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3/4 Day £40-00

1/2 Day £30-00

1/4 Day £15-00

Sports Field

Full Day £50-00

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Conference Room

Full Day £80-00

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Black Bag & Green Waste Collections for June

***Green Waste Collection Thursdays:** 11th June & 18th June

***Black Bag Collection Thursdays:** Friday 4th June & 18th June

***Recycling & Food Caddy:** every Friday

*The dates are subject to change for Christmas, New Year, other Bank Holidays and adverse weather conditions. We will announce any changes via our website @ [Torridge District Council](#) and social media

STRATFORD THEATRE COMPANY PROUDLY PRESENTS
THE WONDERFUL COMEDY



INTO THE BREACH

**WRITTEN AND PERFORMED
BY MARK CAREY**

**GEORGE CROCKER IS KEEN TO LIVEN UP HIS DULL LIFE SO HE DECIDES TO JOIN THE VILLAGE
DRAMA CLUB HOPING TO PLAY THE PANTO DAME.**

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Team Rector: Revd Martin Warren, tel: 01409-281424

Methodist Minister: Rev Chris Jackson, tel: 01837-52302



Dear Friends,

Ritual is hugely important to us as human beings. We need a pattern in our lives. So we tend to get up at much the same time, meals mostly occur at roughly the same time, we remember to clean our teeth because that is when we always do it. For some holiday in the same place at the same time of year every year is crucially important. And as for the rituals at Christmas: well, families have fallen apart over such things.

And it is just as true around death. Death is such a huge thing – the person who has been so much part of our lives is no longer there. How can that be? How do we process all that? How do we cope? We need the rituals of grief.

That's not to say that they have to be faith-based. While religious bodies do have long experience of handling grief, it is not everybody's cup of tea. But nevertheless, they are there. But whatever, the formal saying of 'good-bye', be it spiritual or secular, is universally helpful; the sense of other people around us is a support; the knowledge that this now absent person has mattered to other people too can reassure us.

In advance it can be that it seems so sensible to spare those left behind the pain of a funeral. Actually you can't escape the pain. Suppress it and it will go deep causing far more problems later on. But it can be handled well.

Or maybe it is the thought of the cost. There are plenty of plans that can spread out the cost – and it doesn't have to be hugely costly in the end. Talk to a funeral director if you need to.

Maybe more the issue is that we find it so difficult to face death, and so to talk about death. It is one of the things I love about our churches: we are surrounded by the dead in the churchyard. We can't escape it. It is there before us. But then, maybe we find that ok, because in the middle is a building where we worship one who has overcome death. It does give a different perspective.

But maybe you have gone down the line of a Pure Cremation. You can still organize friends, family, others to come together to remember. If you need some help to do that, just ask.

And you could make time when the cremation is happening, maybe with another, maybe alone to say your good-bye.

And if you would like to, please use the church building. It is there to be used. Whether the faith expressed in it is yours or not, it is a place with a sense of the other, of the eternal. And death certainly puts us in that place. If you want to be sure you are left alone, then just let us know, and we will make sure that you are.

We are rightly concerned about dying well. We can grieve well too.

Every blessing to you,
Martin Warren

Services in Merton and Huish

7 th June	11.00am	Morning Worship (Petrockstowe)
14 th June	11.00am	Morning Worship (Petrockstowe)
21st June	9.30am	Communion (Merton)
28th June	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 won our first match of the Summer season, Merton 17 – Halwill S5S 14, but we lost heavily against Wick in a Knock Out, Merton 9 – Wick 24

Fixtures for June/July

DATE	DAY	TIME	HOME	AWAY
04-Jun	Thursday	02:00		WINKLEIGH B
10-Jun	Wednesday	02:00		HALWILL S5S
11-Jun	Thursday	07:00	CLUB NIGHT	
17-Jun	Wednesday	02:00		WESTWARD HO!
18-Jun	Thursday	07:00	CLUB NIGHT	
22-Jun	Monday	02:00		COLEBROOKE B
25-Jun	Thursday	07:00	CLUB NIGHT	
30-Jun	Tuesday	02:00		LANGTREE
02-Jul	Thursday	07:00	CLUB NIGHT	
07-Jul	Tuesday	02:00	WESTWARD HO!	
09-Jul	Thursday	07:00	CLUB NIGHT	
14-Jul	Tuesday	02:00	WINKLEIGH	
16-Jul	Thursday	07:00	CLUB NIGHT	
21-Jul	Tuesday	02:00	COLEBROOKE B	
23-Jul	Thursday	07:00	CLUB NIGHT	
30-Jul	Thursday	07:00	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!



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Results

Merton 3 Come Martin 7

It has been a long, hard season, with us finishing bottom of the league. So, hopefully, we will go down a league. And put out a team to keep the Club going next season.

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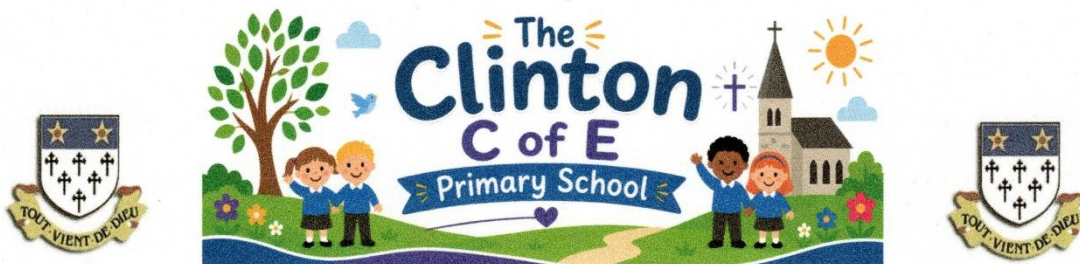
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Science/STEM day

We were very lucky to have a visit from Wonderstruck. The children were in awe of the science show and the workshops were fun for all the children to engage with. We built compressed air cars and spinbots and raced these.

Thank you to our PTFA for funding this



Out of School Achievements

Eleanor with her rosettes for horse riding and horse care



Character Recognition Certificates

March 27th

Betty, Ernie, Killian and Freddie T

May 1st

Freddy H, Tommy, Killian, Sheree and Percy

Kingfishers

We have been planting seeds to support our science



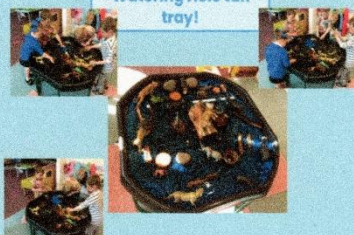
Swallows

We have been investigating light. We have looked at relection and



Little Otters

Watering Hole tuff tray!



Saturday 13th June 2026

Hatherleigh Carnival's **COLOUR RUN** with a **TWIST**

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5k & 2.5k ROUTES

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Registration from 12.30pm Run 3.30pm

Enter by 2nd June!

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THE COLOUR RUN ROUTES

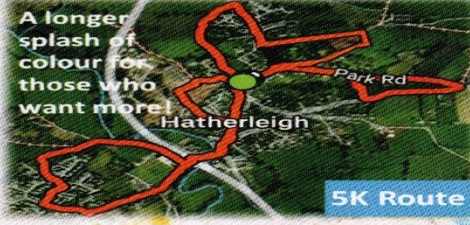
Choose your challenge – fun for all abilities!

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2.5K Route

A longer splash of colour for those who want more!



5K Route

EVENT DETAILS

- **Open to EVERYONE** – all ages & abilities welcome
- **Enter by: 2nd June 2026**
- **Adults: £15.00 | Children: £10.00**
- All under 11s must be supervised by an adult or guardian.

What you get:

- A **white T-shirt** (unless you specify otherwise)
- A **medal** to keep

Important: This is NOT a race!

Enjoy the **whole experience**, especially the **TWIST** element and get **multicoloured!**

Protect your eyes! We recommend **everyone wear glasses!**

MAKE IT A GROUP EXPERIENCE

Do you know a group of people, colleagues or friends who would like to dress up and take part?

Promote your business or organisation by running together in matching T-shirts or uniform.

Help us to raise vital funds for Hatherleigh Carnival



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Appeal for Information.

Hello from Lincolnshire! I'm hoping that someone reading this will be able to help me find some information relevant to your local area.

Some time ago I bought two antique wood carving see pics below. A label on the back tells me it was made by a William Spicer, a member of the Huish & Merton Home Arts & Industries Association (HAIA). This association was formed as part of the Arts and Crafts Movement (think William Morris) to develop the skills and satisfaction of rural workers. There were hundreds of classes formed up and down the country, most commonly held in the evening and more so in the winter. Some of which became financially profitable, but the main objective was their social value.

I would love to find more about William Spicer. He would have been an adult in the late 1800s/early 1900s. Where did he live/work, does he have descendants in the area? Equally I'd love to know more about the Huish & Merton HAIA. Where was the workshop? Does anyone have any other pieces from these classes or info about the exhibitions? I'd love to hear from locals who could answer these and related questions.

Perhaps there is a local history society that may know something? Thank you in anticipation, I'm grateful for any information.

Best Regards

Dr Joel Warburton

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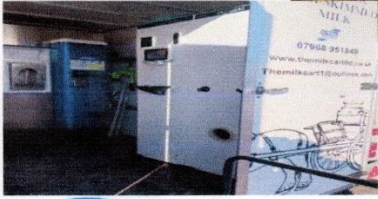
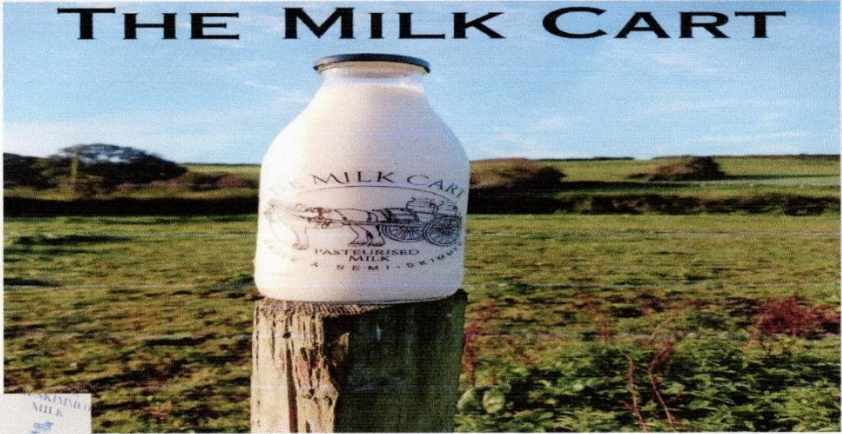
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