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The Clinton Hall

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The Clinton Hall

Make a Date in your Diary NOW!!

Saturday 6th September 2008

As **Johnny Cowling** is at The Clinton Hall - be ready for an evening of laughter and entertainment not to be missed!

Johnny who lives near Padstow in Cornwall is so popular that we had to book him 18 months in advance!!!! Tickets are £7.50. Doors open 7.30, entertainment starts at 8.30 pm. There will be a bar and light refreshments

If you could do with a good laugh and enjoy a bit of Elvis then you really shouldn't miss his show. Book your tickets now so not to miss a good night. Tel 01805 603658 or 01805 603300.

Quote from article in Western Morning News:

'Johnny Cowling is fast becoming one of Cornwall's favourite entertainers, with a wealth of talent and charisma and a rare ability to appeal to the most varied of audiences.'

Aerobics has finished!

Aerobics has finished at The Clinton Hall for the summer. A new class will begin on Monday 22nd September called 'Stretch and Tone'. Come along and get flexible and toned. All ages and abilities welcome. 7 – 8 pm. For further info contact 01805 622454.

A Clinton Hall Request

If anyone has an old but working fridge (or indeed a new shiny one) they want to get rid of the hall would like to hear from you. Please phone 01805 603300 and leave a message.

With Sympathy

Our sincere sympathy to Charlie Westcott of Broadmead, Huish on the loss of his partner Jo Brown. Jo worked as the Secretary for Cropmech, Huish since 2001. She fought for a long time with cancer but sadly lost the battle on the 1st July, aged 29. She will be sadly missed by everyone around. Our thoughts are with Charlie at this incredibly sad time.

Our sincere sympathies also to Brian Harris of Elm Cottage, Merton on the loss of his wife Jo. Our thoughts are with him and his family at this sad time.

Friendship Club

On Wednesday 2nd July our Guest Speaker was Mrs Elaine Weeks from Huntshaw, Torrington. She did some beautiful flower arrangements and gave us some very useful tips – then it was our turn to have a go. Three members showed their talent, which turn out to be very good. It will be a great help when we have our Flower Festival. Our August trip to Bude has been cancelled, as so many are on holiday or engaged in other things. Our next meeting will be **4th September** 2008 at 2pm in The Clinton Hall, our speaker will be Mr M Ashton from Petersmarland, a talk on country life.

Christine Wickett

All Saints Church, Merton.

Clergy: Rev'd. Martin Warren 01409 281424

Services for August.

3rd Morning Prayer at 11am

10th Community/Own Service at 11am

17th Holy Communion at 9:30am

24th Songs of Praise at 3pm - Dedication of the West Window and also part of the Flower Festival

Children wanted to ring the hand bells at this service – see TDC article further on

31st Team Services - 11am at Shebbear and 6.30 pm at Petrockstowe venues

7th Sept. Morning Prayer at 11am.

All Saints Church is now on a Green tariff for its electricity and has Energy Saving bulbs where possible. This has already reduced our electricity bill as well as being in line with the diocese environmental campaign 'Shrinking the Footprint'. We are planning a banner to hang in the Church commemorating the restoration of the Church bells. If you have any scraps of material suitable for patchwork please bring them to 4 Grange Lane or leave them in the Church. Thanks. A recent entry in the Church Visitor Book was by a couple from Canada whose ancestors Mary Rowcliff and William Rattenbury were married in All Saints in 1801 and had a son, also William Rattenbury, who emigrated to Canada and established the town of CLINTON, Ontario!

Mike & Mary



All Saints Flower Festival

Theme: Favourite Hymns

Saturday 23rd August, 10am - 7pm

**Sunday 24th August, 10am - 7pm incl. Songs of Praise at 3pm with Beaford Choir
(including the Dedication of the restored West Window)**

Monday 25th August, 10am - 7pm



**Morning Coffee, Light Lunches & Cream Teas all available in All Saints.
Craft Stalls and Prize Raffle.**

**If you would like to do a flower arrangement (all levels of skill welcome), or get involved in
any other way please contact Wendy 603425 or Mary 603176.**

CLINTON HALL ADVANCE NOTICE

The Bell Fund is still a little bit short so we are having a massive splurge in October with the Harvest Supper and Auction of Goods and Promises. Make sure you come for a delicious supper (you know how good the catering is), bring all your friends and neighbours. Think about what you could offer as a promise to be auctioned and let the hall (01805 603300) or Tim Horner (01805 603441) know. Please, please support your community – further details next month.

ANOTHER CLINTON HALL ADVANCE NOTICE
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Rainbow Preschool

As you know, Anne our Playleader has left and we are in the process of appointing new staff. Interviews are organised and I will let you know the outcome in next month's MM. July is always a sad month as we have to say goodbye to some of our children as they leave for the big world of school. Our leavers this term are Felicity, Daniel and Aiden. We wish them well and hope they enjoy school. As some of our children are leaving, so are some of our committee. Do you have a few hours a month to spare? You do not have to have a child at Rainbow to be on our Committee. Our **AGM** is to be held on **9th Sept at 8pm** in the meeting room in the Clinton Hall. If you are interested please contact our Chairperson, Laura, on 01805 603090. Playgroup starts again on **4th Sept**. We hope you have a happy, safe and sunny summer! You can contact the Playgroup on 01805 603119.

Julie Bromhead

Friends of The Clinton School

What a fantastic day we had on Saturday 12th July with our Vintage Rally and Summer Fayre. Although a lot of hard work went in before the event, on the day and clearing up after, the committee enjoyed the event (which is not always what we say after an event!!). The support the school had was absolutely fantastic.

Our special thanks go to Tony Hunt who got the Vintage Rally ball rolling for us; without his contacts, organisation and delegation it would never have been possible. He put a lot of time and effort and together with his staff at Taw and Torridge Coaches the event was a fantastic success, so much so the date has been booked for Saturday 11th July 2009. Our thanks also to everyone in the community who helped set up, on the day and clearing up; without the extra help our committee would have been run ragged!!

Thank you to all our sponsors and people who had stalls at the Fayre and our thanks if you came along and enjoyed the day. We have had so much positive feedback we were on a high and to top it all we raised over £1800 for the school, compared to our event last year that made £400. The school is planning to spend some of the money on updating the computers.

If you missed it this year be sure to book the date in your diary for next year, we look forward to seeing you.

Janette Newell

Letter to Mike and Wendy Brown from Children's Hospice South West

Dear Mike and Wendy

I am writing to say a very special thank you for your lovely donation of £60 that you raised at the Merton Vintage Rally afternoon on Saturday 12th July. Please pass on my sincerest thanks to everyone involved in the event and thank you also for your ongoing support, it is as ever very much appreciated.

Your gift ensures that we can offer support to up to 400 families from across the South West, each and every year.

Little Bridge House has been operational now for nearly 13 years and provides a real home from home for many families from across the South West. It is vital that we can continue to provide this service for so many families. Without your continued support this would not be possible, and for this we are very grateful.

With the opening of our second hospice, Charlton Farm, over a year ago and plans for a third hospice in Cornwall, it is only your generosity that we can continue to provide and grow our much needed service.

If you would like to find out more about how you can further support Children's Hospice South West please visit www.chsw.org.uk or contact your local community fundraiser, Judy Pride on judy.pride@chsw.org.uk, 01837 53883.

Thank you once again for helping Children's Hospice South West make the most of short and precious lives.

Yours sincerely

Eddie Farwell, Co-founder and Chief Executive

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Next Malt Scoop Quiz Night in aid of the Air Ambulance
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Monck 400

Following last month's info about the 400th anniversary of General Monck's birth I have arranged an inaugural meeting, to see how much interest there is in marking this occasion, at **7.00 pm Wednesday 13th August** in the Clinton Hall meeting room. Tim Wormleighton of North Devon Record Office or a colleague will hope to be there to explain what they would like to do and how they may be able to assist. If enough interest then it will no doubt mean forming a working group to move it forward and apply for possible grants etc.

If you are able to come please do so; if you wish to be involved but cannot make the meeting then please contact me to discuss etc. This could be an opportunity to mark a national hero and put Merton on the map - Again!

Philip Collins 01805 603443 or home 01805 603656

Torridge District Council are asking churches around the area to ring bells on 24th August at 4pm to mark the handing over of the Olympic Flag to England, marking the end of the Beijing Olympics and in preparation for the 2012 Olympics in the UK. As we haven't got our bells ringing yet it was suggested at the PCC meeting that maybe we could ring the hand bells. This would be at the Songs of Praise during our Flower Festival weekend. We therefore are asking if any children would like to do this could they please contact Wendy as soon as possible. We will arrange some practice times.

Bell Fund. The AGM was held in the Clinton Hall on 24th July 2008. Elected officers are Chair Brian Nancekivell, vice chair Brian Stacey, secretary/treasurer Wendy Askew. Committee members present were Doreen Tolley, Christine Wickett, Mike Ford, Mary Ford, Rev Martin Warren, Tim Horner and Philip Collins. Apologies were received from Mark Phillips and Chris Laughton.

The accounts were adopted and funds stand at £4102.15 plus £40 donation to be banked. It was decided that to complete the repairs the fund will need another £3500. Fundraising will need to be stepped up. The Flower Festival is the next fundraising event and your support is greatly needed. There will be a Harvest Service in the Church and a Harvest Supper in October in the Clinton Hall, with auctions of goods and promises - more details to follow. If anyone can help with these events or has any other ideas just to complete this project please contact Brian Nancekivell, Brian Stacey or Wendy Askew. Many thanks for all your support; please continue - we will get these bells ringing.

Wendy Askew

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DIARY DATES

August 13	7.00pm	Monck 400 meeting, Clinton Hall
August 23/24/25	10am-7.00pm	Flower Festival, All Saints Church
August 24	3.00 pm	Songs of Praise, All Saints Church
September 4	2.00pm	Friendship Club, Clinton Hall
September 6	7.30pm	Comedian Johnny Cowling, Clinton Hall
September 13	8.15pm	Malt Scoop Quiz
September 22	7.00-8.00pm	Stretch & Tone starts, Clinton Hall
October 4		Ceilidh Band – M'Larkey, Clinton Hall
October 18		Harvest Supper & Auction of Goods & Promises, Clinton Hall

If you would like to include anything in the Merton Monthly, please let Tracey Laughton have copy by the 20th of the month or send direct to Trevor by email – jtt@downeshouse.freemove.co.uk

*Entries received after the 20th of the month may be refused.
All articles or advertisements submitted for publication should be supplied with a name and contact number.*

STOP PRESS:

Happy Birthday to Sheila Kenneally who celebrates her 60th birthday on 24th August, love Des and all the family x x
Alan Davison celebrated his 60th birthday on 24th July
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JM

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