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Wedding Enquiry – An Appeal

Please get in touch again! A few weeks ago, a woman (Anne?) left a message on the Rectory answer-phone enquiring about the possibility of getting married in Merriott Church next year. We must have taken the telephone number down incorrectly, so we have not been able to get back in touch.

If that was you, please do call us again on 01460 76406 – we would love to hear from you.

Rev Bob Hicks

COMMUNITY SPEED WATCH UPDATE

The Merriott CSW Team has now carried out 89 CSW sessions in total. Since the last update in the June edition we have carried out a further 28 sessions with 200 speeders from 5,788 vehicles passing us. These figures are consistent with those published back in June and we are still seeing significant numbers of speeders at either end of the village at Pye Corner and by the Village Hall. The results from the "SID" (Speed Indicator Device) at Pye Corner from July/August show average speeds of 40mph+ rather than 30mph and this is why the Police safety camera is a regular visitor to this site.

On the 11th September 2014 South Somerset Community Speedwatch held a SAFE Day (Speed Awareness For Everyone) where 21 CSW teams in different towns and villages carried out 53 hours of sessions in one day. These sessions were supported by the police as much as possible with the intention of raising the general awareness of the speeding issues in these towns and villages with multiple sessions throughout the day. On this day the Merriott CSW team carried out seven 1 hour sessions at multiple sites around the village. On two occasions we had two CSW teams operating at the same time, at the problem sites at either end of the village.

We logged 40 speeders from a total of 2,058 vehicles passing us, which does show a further small but worthwhile reduction in the number of speeding vehicles through the village. This is encouraging and suggests that people are more aware and are

thinking more about the speed they travel through the village. Ultimately this is what we have always wanted to achieve. With double the CSW sessions we managed to catch several people speeding in and back out of the village and some of these people were also caught speeding in other towns and villages on the same day. I would like to thank the members of the Merriott CSW team who gave up considerable chunks of time to support these sessions and hopefully drive the message home.

The responses from the motorists and the general public when we are out in the village are still on the whole very positive, which is much appreciated by the team. We still get the odd occasional suggestion like "Haven't you

got anything better to do" or "Get a life". To those people I say we are trying to ensure that people in the village do "Get a Life" by slowing drivers down and making the village as safe as possible for all to get around.

We have a strong committed team in Merriott with a desire to make the village as safe as possible. However, we are always on the look out for new members to increase our flexibility. Training can be organised, so please contact me at grant@gswright.plus.com if you are interested.

I would like to thank everyone including the current Merriott CSW members for their support. Let's hope the number of speeders continues to fall.

*Grant Wright
Merriott CSW Coordinator*

PHOTOGRAPH OF THE MONTH



'Dramatic Clouds' taken by Bob Searle from his home in Church Street, Merriott

Send your photo to: merriottmessenger@gmail.com

PARISH COUNCIL UPDATE AND PLANNING APPLICATIONS

From September the SSDC Ranger Scheme has been engaged for two x four hour sessions a month and will undertake what was the Lengthsmans' duties around the village. This service will cover scheduled maintenance and other requests made via the Parish Council.

The Community Pavilion is ready for Hire. Please contact the Parish Council Clerk.

Public Toilets – Within the Pavilion is a public toilet area, open daily, for the benefit of Recreation Ground users.

Community Pavilion Opening – This will be in November – date to be arranged and circulated.

Anyone for tennis? If you are interested in forming a tennis club, please contact John Bowman - 74077.

Planning and Planning Matters

(1) APPLICATION 14/03417/FUL APPLICANT Mr & Mrs Spoors PROPOSAL: Demolition of existing garage and erection of two storey side extension, single storey rear extension and

erection of porch to front elevation.

LOCATION: 15 Manor Drive. TA16 5PB

(2) APPLICATION 14/02454/FUL

AMENDED PLANS: LOCATION: The Old Garage, Merriottsford. Removal of windows to North Elevation & Removal of partition wall between proposed and existing garden.

(3) APPLICATION 14/03595/FUL APPLICANT Mr & Mrs P Crawford PROPOSAL:

The erection of a single storey rear and side extension to provide a garden room. LOCATION Medlar House, Church Street, Merriott.

* NOTIFICATION: 13/8/14 The following application to be considered at Area Committee 20/8/14 – Holcombe House, Beadon Lane. Application 14/02863/OUT

DETERMINATION OF APPLICATIONS

(4) APPLICATION Ms M Farmers, Merriottsford Farm –Erection of replacement Stables – GRANTED

(5) APPLICATION Mr & Mrs Hasler Careford Lodge – Change of use of land & replacement stables –GRANTED

(6) APPLICATION Mr & Mrs Langdon 39 Boozer Pit – Demolish existing conservatory & rear extension-GRANTED

(7) APPLICATION Mr R Wicks Clapper Hay, Church St- Demolition of existing commercial buildings & one dwelling house – GRANTED

(8) APPLICATION Mr & Mrs Steer 19 Manor Drive- Erection single storey extension-GRANTED.

OTHER MATTERS

Kings Head – 18/8/14- SSDC Nomination Notification for it to be added to the Councils Register of Assets of Community Value. 21/8/14 Notice of Intention to sell an Asset of Community Value. 19/8-29/9 The owner is unable to sell the property. Relevant community organisations can express an interest in purchasing.

Update on Yarlington: Outline Planning-Church Street delayed.

Contact Parish Council Clerk :

Merriott-clerk@hotmail.co.uk or tel: 01935 863420.



CAN YOU IDENTIFY THIS FUNGUS?

It was found in Mo Frampton's garden on 2nd September. She says: "it measures 14" across, is one large fungus with five or six heads and the underside, which is white, looks rather like Tripe!".

If you think you know, please contact: merriottmessenger@gmail.com

POPPY APPEAL 2014



There will be a house to house collection as usual in Merriott in the two weeks leading up to Remembrance Sunday on November 9th.

For further details please contact Liz or Peter Fisk on 01460 72595.



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NEWS FROM ALL SAINTS CHURCH

Harvest time. My courgettes are in overdrive! I turn my back for a moment, and what was previously a small green fruit has made a bid for world record marrow status. That's what courgettes do. The plants build up a head of steam over the summer, and now there is no keeping up. We can't eat or give them away fast enough! It has also been a good season in the Rectory Garden for potatoes, onions, tomatoes, cucumbers, chillies, garlic, shallots and blackcurrants. Even our tiny little two year old 'Lord Derby' apple tree was straining with fruit. But not everything has been rosy. A whole line of shallots didn't come to anything, the blackbirds got all the raspberries and redcurrants and eelworms took a particular shine to the First Early 'Rocket' potatoes. You win some and you lose some. So it helps to grow a diversity of fruit and veg.

But our garden is a hobby. The fruit of our harvest is an enjoyable bonus, not our

livelihood. Success or failure for farmers is a more serious business, particularly in this year that started so awfully for many in Somerset. It is important to remember to be thankful for a good harvest, to be thankful for the food we eat and those who produce it for us. It is also important that we remember those whose harvests have not been so good and those who will struggle to find enough food.

So please come to our Harvest Family Service at All Saints Church on the 19th, when we will do all these things. Bring your gifts of produce, which will be shared with the Pilsdon Community.

Revd Bob Hicks.

Church Services in October

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| Sun 5th | 8.30am Holy Communion |
| Sun 12th | 9.30am Parish Communion |
| Sun 19th | 10am Harvest Festival Family Service |
| | 6pm BCP Evensong |
| Sun 26th | 10am Sung Communion |

CHURCHYARD AUTUMN TIDY-UP AND CHURCH CLEANING DAY

We are having another special tidy-up day of the Merriott Churchyard to bed it down for the Winter and also a deep-cleaning day in the Church to get it ready for Remembrance and Christmas on:-

Saturday 11th October from 10.00am to 1.00pm

This beautiful and peaceful open green space is used by many villagers and occasionally the church needs help with maintaining it. We are fortunate in having

a Parish Council that look after the grass and the hedges and the Fisher family care for the flower beds, but there is much more to keep tidy, so even if you are not a churchgoer please would you consider giving us a hand. (For the Spring tidy-up day over 30 people came along, which was wonderful – thank you all so much).

So that you know what equipment to bring with you, some of the work we are looking at is: **Outside:** Grass edging of the path, removal of ivy and brambles, cleaning the church's wall skirting and clearing out the hoppers and downpipes;

Merriott Gospel Hall



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Resumes Fri 13th Sept

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Andrew & Julia 72211



Broadway, Merriott
www.merriottgospelhall.org

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY:

Saturday 13th December - Carols & Classic Concert. After last years' extremely successful event, sponsorship is again being requested from local companies and/or individuals. For more info please contact Paul Fisher on 01460 76360.

Inside: High dusting, de-cobwebbing of the stain glass windows, nooks and crannies vacuuming and furniture polishing.

Obviously, no one has to stay all of the time but even an hour or so would be most helpful. **Refreshments will be served at about 11.00 to 11.30.** If you have any queries please contact one of the Churchwardens, either Tom Jones on 01460 76186 or Robin Gilkes on 01460 75549.



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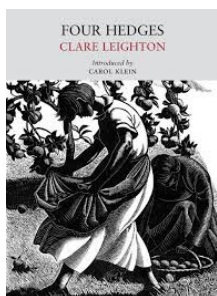
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BOOK REVIEW BY JANET LAILEY



"Four Hedges"
by Clare Leighton,
published by
Little Toller Books,
2010

Little Toller Books, which operates from Wimborne Minster, Dorset, specialises in reprints of classic texts on rural topics. It is well worth looking at their website: www.dovecotepress.com. This book, first published in 1935, is not so much a text with illustrations as illustrations with text around them. The pictures are the point of the book.

Clare Leighton was marvellously accomplished in her chosen medium - woodcuts - where any mistake is impossible to change. There is a wealth of pleasure

in looking, and looking again, at her prints, some full-page, some tiny, each closely observed and accurate, but also beautifully composed. Whether the intricate pattern of hellebore leaves and flowers, a sprig of catkins, a few snowdrops or a stand of windblown leeks, the subtlety and detail is delightful. She was also adept at catching the attitudes of men and women at work, planting trees or carrying windfall apples. With masterly skill, using the simple contrast of black and white, she implies the solidity of earth and tools, or the fragile texture of a withered leaf.

The 'Four Hedges' of the title surround a garden which Clare Leighton and her partner developed from scratch from an upland meadow in the Chilterns. As Carol Klein points out in her enthusiastic introduction, "this is not an instruction manual on how to garden". Leighton's

writing is rather engagingly naïve, although she shows the same keen observation as she brings to her woodcuts, and her descriptions of weather, clouds and landscape are striking. The gardener, Darville, who was the professional who supported their amateur efforts, must often have shaken his head over instructions such as to "leave the cabbages until they have finished flowering", or wondered about his employer's assertion that the right way to mow the lawn is with bare feet when the grass is slightly damp.

The twelve chapters follow the work and the growth of the garden from April round to the following March, in a continuing celebration of the pleasures, and contrasting pains of their work, to which the woodcuts and text provide an abiding witness, from an unusual and stimulating angle.

REPORT FROM CLIPPER DEVELOPMENTS ON THE MOORLANDS FARM DEVELOPMENT

The pre-development works are nearing completion. The ecological surveys and slow worm removal are complete and have been signed off by our Ecologist.

The order has been placed with the company that will strip back and make safe the existing buildings ready for the remodelling and conversion to take place. Orders are being progressed with the groundworkers and for the highway drainage works. The timber frame company has been selected. We have meetings with the planners set up to discuss pre-start of construction sequence and programme. We have also had positive meetings about how to progress the Doctors Surgery - more on this in a future issue. Our site offices have arrived and are in use.

At last it feels as if the project is beginning to take off.

Ian Cox

If you have any comments or queries on the above, please contact:

info@moorlands.farm

MERRIOTT'S MONTHLY MARKET

First Saturday of the month
10am until 1pm
MERRIOTT SOCIAL CLUB
71 Lower Street, Merriott



An array of stalls selling fresh food products from cakes to jams & pickles, quiche and pies, fruit and veg, plants, crafts and gifts, Jewellery and hand knits, DVD's and bric-a-brac and much more.

We will be serving bacon butties, teas & coffees and the bar will be open. As well as promoting the club we hope to support many other local charities along the way as well

For further details call 07885 424 588, pop into the club or check us out on facebook.

CAMPAIGN TO IMPROVE OUR ROADS IN THE SOUTH WEST

Your help to persuade the Government to commit to vital and long overdue investments in to the South West's Transport network is required. The campaign is calling on the Government to invest in four key actions, two of which are to improve the A303/A30 and A358 to create a reliable second strategic road link from London to the South West.

Coast Communications, on behalf of the partnership for South West Resilience, is urging us to write to Ministers stressing the urgency of such investment. For further details go to: <http://resiliencesouthwest.co.uk/register-your-support/>

OPEN GROUP

2nd October - Talk by John Lewis
"Using energy efficiently" at Janette's.

16th October - Ann's Quiz and coffee at her house.

Enquiries - Maggie 76186

DON'T SHOOT THE MESSENGER!
Please note articles published do not necessarily reflect the views of the editorial team.

JOHN SCOTT & Co - THE OLDEST NURSERY?

The "Royal Nurseries" were so named from sales of fruit trees, to Queen Victoria's Isle of Wight mansion, Osborne House. It MAY be the oldest nursery in the country but it IS the first place, according to the Oxford Dictionary, that recorded the word 'noresire' for plants.

Someone told a friend, "They sold them the trees to plant the New Forest!!" Oh, Per-leeze !

The road from the church runs straight to a cruck-framed farmhouse, built c.1400, rebuilt in stone c 1600. And STOPS!

In 1852 John Scott, from Blair Athol in Perthshire, having spent some years at nurseries on the continent, bought the Webber's thriving nursery in Merriott. JS worked at the Royal Botanic Gardens in Edinburgh until 1858. By 1868 he had amassed the collection of over 1100 named apples, 83 peaches and many nuts, grapes, rhubarbs, etc., listed in his catalogue, the Orchardist.

In London, in 1902, Jane Wallis, a widow, ran a café on the Euston Road. Her son, Robert John, RJ, my grandpa, a clerk, had a 'Nervous Breakdown'. Some inspired psychiatrist prescribed working at the Chelsea Physic garden as therapy and he helped move the collections of plants to Wisley. He took to horticulture and, by 1908, wrote the gardening column in the Times. He worked at other nurseries, went to war and in 1923 bought Scotts.

My father, born in 1916, was home-schooled to 1926, thence to Ilminster Grammar and to a Quaker boarding school, leaving when he was 15, to start work on the nursery. He wrote the catalogue and was then asked to write the Oxford Book of Garden Flowers. He planned it but didn't have the time to write it and run the nursery.

THE CURRENT SITUATION

It now has to be redeveloped. A housing developer took some interest a while ago but nothing has been settled. That company planned to build 60 houses.

IF I WON THE LOTTERY, I'D BUILD A MODEL VILLAGE:

All solar-powered, ground-source heat, grey water and wind-turbines in the valley.

TERRACED Houses are good because they cost less to heat/keep warm. Deciduous trees, south-side, cool in the summer.

Minor ROADS, car-parks and forecourts to be honeycombed so the rain can soak away.

library with donated books, and lend them for free. A librarian to keep order and sort books and be well-paid. If anybody wanted to keep a book, they could buy it. Books make great insulation. Valuable books for reading in library or hiring.

A fabulous old peoples' home. Somewhere in the end for the buyers to live together when they no longer wish to live in their own homes?

A ROW of light-industrial lock-ups? A MOBILE HOME park?

A GYM and Games/Dance/exercise room...Badminton, table-tennis, salsa?

ALLOTMENTS. There are already at least four acres of land with concrete paths perfect for allotments.

WILDFLOWER gardens, for birds, bees and, butterflies? PONDS for frogs and newts?

All the established trees to be protected and the young trees also need protection. At the moment elderly trees get preservation orders, near the end of their lives, young trees don't. That's like saying "Save pensioners, don't take care of the young and teenagers". SCULPTURE in the gardens or a car-henge!

A GEODESIC DOME - an indoor garden with succulents, great place for meditation.


ORCHARDS - sheep/geese under a heritage orchard under a wind turbine.

[A SCHOOL FOR 7 TO 11YR olds is probably the proper thing to do].

It could be more than just a housing estate, with a plaque in a wall. The school should benefit, workplace homes would reduce stress and carbon footprint and we'd get more public transport. Maybe we could find sponsors for individual plots. Perhaps we may influence the developers in some way.

Thank you for reading this. What think you ?

Lucy Wallis



MERRIOTT NURSERIES,
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A scrapstore, gallery, with art/craft-rooms, like a mini-art school, with crèche?

A blacksmith? Saddler?

A library/crèche area. I don't like RE-CYCLING! I like RE-USING. Stock a

GARDENING CLUB VISIT TO HESTERCOMBE GARDENS



Our October meeting on the **14th October** will take the form of a coach trip to Hestercombe Gardens arranged by Marjorie. Depart from the Tithe Barn at 9.45am, to be back by 4.45pm to 5pm. Booking is essential via Marjorie - tel: 01460 279728 or mobile 07759 924708. Cost: £15 each for Merriott Garden Club Members or £17 for non-members and payable as soon as possible please. Marjorie is hoping for the majority of bookings to be made at the Garden Club Meeting on **30th September** when David Usher will give a talk on the restoration of Hestercombe Gardens. Cheques to be made payable to Merriott Gardening Club or cash. Cost includes coach hire, entrance to House and Gardens and gratuities. There is a café/restaurant available for coffee/lunch/tea.

MERRIOTT MINNOWS

We are a friendly and welcoming toddler group meeting weekly during term time. We are open to all babies and children aged 0 - 4 and their carers, from new mums to grandparents. We have a range of toys for the children to play with and often organise a craft activity too, such as making cards or Christmas decorations. But we don't forget the adults! There is always a scrummy cake, a cuppa and plenty of friendly faces to chat to.

If you and your little one would like to come along, we meet at Merriott Tithe Barn, Thursdays at 10.30am (term time only). Cost: £1.50 per adult.

If you would like to know more, please call Amanda Raybould on 01460 78108.

Hestercombe House, whose ancient origins date back to at least the 13th century, sits at the heart of its famed historic landscape. Created in the 1750s, these Georgian pleasure grounds comprise of forty acres of lakes, temples and delightful woodland walks. The Edwardian Gardens, designed by Sir Edwin Lutyens and planted by Gertrude Jekyll, were created between 1904 and 1906. Enjoy walks through Formal Gardens, a Shrubbery and visit the Watermill. There is wheelchair access along many of the paths. Hopefully, there should be Autumn colour and the hard landscaping will be visible at this time of year. The Coach House Nursery sells a wide range of herbaceous plants, herbs, alpines and shrubs and their Gift Shop stocks locally made products.

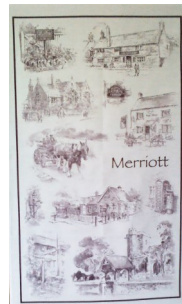
This looks like being a really lovely day out, do come and join us.

Mo Frampton

CORRECTION:

Please note the phone number for Allen Computer Services is not as given on the Useful Telephone Number list distributed with the last issue of the Merriott Messenger. Please contact him on: 01460 298036. Apologies for this error.

NEW TEA TOWELS - STILL ONLY £4



Merriott Village tea towels make an ideal gift, easy to post, or have one or two for your own kitchen. The new burgundy coloured version is available at Osborne's and Merriott Service

Station Shop. Why not buy one next time you're there and you'll always have a spare gift?

MERRIOTT DRIVERS

Alex Taylor is moving away from Merriott and will no longer be able to drive for us, so please remove his name from your list. Thank you Alex for taking part in this service and we wish you all the best.

Maggie and Tom Jones

Shoe-Box Appeal 2014

We invite you to fill a shoe-box again this year, to bring joy to a needy child this Christmas. Leaflets giving more details are available in the Broadway Garage and in the Church. Completed boxes can be dropped off at **12 Higher Beadon on Sat 8th Nov**. We would also be very grateful for 'fillers' or you may like to sponsor a box. For further info contact Beryl Bellamy 74574 or Beryl Virgin 74917.



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WHAT'S ON ELSEWHERE

Henhayes Community Centre, Crewkerne - Thurs 16th Oct - Italian Feast @ £7.50 - two course lunch and tea/coffee. Booking essential. Tel: 01460 74340

Sat 25th Oct - BIG BREAKFAST 10am-12noon. Full English with tea or coffee £4.

British Gardens in Art 1850-1920 - illustrated talk by Richard Kay, Lawrence's Auctioneers - **Thurs 23rd Oct 7.30 pm** St George's Hall, Hinton St George, Tickets £5. Doors open 7pm. Richard will be happy to assess your garden related pictures. For tickets call Emma 01460 55965.

Cancer Research Tea with Autumn Flower Arranging Demo - **Sat 18th Oct** Misterton Village Hall 2.30pm - 5.00pm.

Sat 4th Oct - Walk with soup lunch - Meet at Bincombe Beeches, Crewkerne 11.30am for an hours led walk return to the picnic area for Soup and Cake. £4.00 pp. To book/info call - 01460 75025.



Hinton St. George
'Flix in the Stix'
presents
'In Secret' (15)

on **Saturday 11th Oct**
in the Village Hall at 7.30 pm.

Once again All Saints Church, Merriott is pleased to present **HARVEST SWING** as part of its Harvest celebrations, featuring professional vocalist Graham David on **Saturday 4th October** at **Merriott Social Club** commencing at 7.30 pm. Tickets priced at £7.50, including a light supper, are available in advance from Jean & Dave Crisp, 23 Beadon Lane, Merriott. Tel: 01460 279654.

NEWS FROM MERRIOTT SOCIAL CLUB

Towards the beginning of August, one of our regulars was surprised with a party to celebrate her 50th birthday. The look on her face as she walked through the door to discover her friends and family, party-poppers at the ready, was absolutely priceless! We hope you had a cracking time, drinking and dancing away!

The winners of this years' **Summer Skittles** competition deserve a special mention. In the run-up to the semi-finals, points at the top of the table were tight, so congratulations to those who made it to the play-offs. Following a tense final, Milko's Muppets received £100 for their efforts, but it was the Coachmen who lifted the trophy and collected the £200 prize – a well-deserved reward. Thanks once again to all those who took part – we look forward to seeing you again next year!

September's **Monthly Market** raised an impressive £113, of which £50 went to Leukaemia & Lymphoma Research. It was lovely to see such a variety of stalls on offer and we look forward to seeing you all again this coming **Saturday (4th)** between 10am and 1pm. As always, refreshments will be available in the form of tea, coffee, bacon butties and bar beverages.

It was also brilliant to see so many people attend our first ever **Jumble Sale**, an event that was organised to help raise money for our Improvements Fund. £120 of the £200 raised will be going to Bowel Cancer UK. Thanks to those who organised the event and to the volunteers who helped set-up and sell the various wares.

Finally, some dates for your diaries – **STORM** will be performing at the Club on **18th October** and this years **Halloween Party** is on the **1st November** at **7.30pm** (prizes for the best fancy dress!). Both events are free and open to all!

Remember to keep an eye on our notice-board for the latest news and events, as well as our website (merriottsocialclub.co.uk) and Facebook page. Thanks once again to all members and non-members who have continued to support us – you are highly appreciated!

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We have a dedicated team of volunteers who deliver a copy of the Merriott Messenger to every household in the village. As they are not delivered at the same time, on the same day, some of you will receive your copy before others do. But please rest assured, you will receive a copy by the beginning of each month.



To those of you living in the outlying areas of the village who do not receive their copy, it is because our cars can't cope with the access! In this instance, please pick up a copy from Osbornes. Thank you.

NEWS FROM THE SWAN

We would like to thank Peter Gould for holding his birthday celebrations in the pub on 30th August. Everybody seemed to have a wonderful day with entertainment being provided by 3 different bands/vocalists. Thanks again to you all for making it a great day. Our Christmas party menu is now available in the pub, ranging from 3-4 course meals and buffets, all at reasonable costs. If you have a work, family or friends' party to arrange, we hope that you will

consider us. We will do our best to accommodate special requests. On **20th December** we will be holding a Xmas Party in the pub with Simon Rees providing entertainment with his vocals and own grown fun. At present, we are continuing with BT Sports, so check out the timetables for games shown outside or in the pub. We are currently reconsidering our opening hours, so if you have an opinion or request please let us know. We will be opening again on Thursday evenings from 16th October for Pie Night when we will

be offering a choice of 3 pies, veg and roasties/mash for £7.50.

John, Cathy & Jet

Up Coming Events

1st Tues monthly – Haircut night

Every Wednesday – Bingo 8pm start

Every Sunday – Quiz 9pm start

Thursdays from 16th Oct. – Pie night

25th October - Steak Night £22 per pair with free bottle of wine. Book early to avoid disappointment
Saturday 1st November – Tom Toomey Live

ILLEGAL TIPPING OF COMMERCIAL WASTE

A considerable amount of waste of all sorts is being dumped in a field off Wallditch Lane (near Lynash Nurseries).

The Environment Agency and Police have started an investigation and would welcome any information – especially details of vehicles seen accessing this site.

Please report direct to: richard.jenkyns@environment-agency.gov.uk or call 01278 484871, quoting ref. 01259265.

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