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Copy deadline for the July issue of the Merriott Messenger is 12th June. Articles received after this date may not be included. Please send us your artwork and/or photographs.

### Quote supplied by Merriott Gardening Club:

**"A Good Day's Work** - A gardener stands and surveys a day's work. The edging is crisp, the flopping plants invisibly staked. The roses dead-headed, the vine cut back. And smiles. And knows next week it's all to do again!"

*Pam Brown*

## STOP PRESS!

**7.00pm - 8.00pm Thursday 28th May  
@ Merriott Tithe Barn**

**COME AND MEET THE NEW PARISH  
COUNCIL MEMBERS AND GIVE THEM  
YOUR IDEAS.**

Invited Guest Speaker: Andrew Gunn,  
SSDC Senior Planning Officer



Photo of the month - "Stella" Cherry Blossom,  
taken by Mo Frampton, Merriott, 24 April 2015

## MERRIOTT PARISH COUNCIL ELECTION

The 12 seats for Merriott were supported by 9 nominations and the following residents elected uncontested: Mrs K Burdis, Mr D Collins, Mr M Down, Mr I Kendall, Mrs Y Kendall, Mr I Hall, Mr G Merrick, Mrs S Ricketts and Mr J Shorting. **DISTRICT COUNCIL ELECTED MEMBER:** Mr Paul Maxwell.

The first meeting of the newly elected Parish Council was May 11<sup>th</sup>. At this meeting the first point of business was to elect a Chairman, a post held for a year and Mr I Hall was duly elected. The retiring Chairman Mr I Noble gave an annual report.

### **CHAIRMAN'S ANNUAL REPORT (edited version- full copy on village website)**

This year has been a tough one, with the Merriott Parish Council functioning with the minimum membership for a Quorum for the majority of the year. I am glad to see that the Parish Council now goes forward with increased membership. The Parish Council has still managed to achieve a lot: Parish Ranger Scheme: The Lengthsman Scheme which had

been running in conjunction with adjoining Parishes was disbanded in August. Since, the Parish has been kept tidy by the appointment of the District Council Rangers. Shyners Terrace has had a makeover with the hedging being cut back and a fence being installed.

Dropped kerbs: With the support of the County Councillor, additional dropped kerbs have been installed improving access and movement around the village for everyone. Also grant money from the County Councillor has purchased a sitting bench for installation on the Crewkerne road.

Egwood: There has been some advance with the lease of Egwood for the benefit of the three parishes of Lopen, Merriott and Hinton. Somerset County Council need to respond on a couple of details before lease signing takes place.

Community groups and grants: Parish Council Grants have been awarded to the production costs of the Village Plan, the Allotment Association, the Church Lych Gate, Somerset

Wildlife and British Legion. The Parish Council wish to recognise and are very thankful for the time given by Volunteers who produce the monthly Merriott Messenger, run the Village Plan Group, the Village Speedwatch and more recently the Parish Footpath Group. Their time given is invaluable for the benefit of the residents of Merriott. Annual Parish Meeting in June 2014. The Annual Parish Meeting in June was combined with the launch of the updated Village Plan.

Surgery: The Crewkerne Surgery informed us in December that they were withdrawing their support for the Development of a new build in Merriott due to the national problem with GP staffing. Contact has been made with the NHS to express concern and disappointment.

Planning: 43 planning applications have been reviewed and commented on within the year. This included the successful objection to the planned development at Boozer Pit. Due to the various outcomes there is concern that

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## MERRIOTT PARISH COUNCIL ELECTION CONTINUED

there is a threat towards future development on the green spaces at the heart of the village, it also raises concern as it could well have a major impact on the status of the Village Plan.

**The Community Pavilion:** The most important project for the Parish Council and investment by the village. With dedicated time, steady progress was made and the Pavilion finished in September with building control certification allowing opening at the end of September. The official opening took place on a sunny morning in November. It is more than just a sports facility, it is a Community building which provides much needed Public Conveniences; it has a hall that can be hired out by the public and social clubs and it provides amenities that family's young and old will benefit from for years to come. A Community Asset to be proud of. A review of the

project management by the Somerset Association of Local Councils has been commissioned. Areas of weakness will be identified that the Parish Council will need to take on board and lessons learnt. There are still challenges ahead for the Parish Council around the Contractor so legal advice on how to proceed has been sought.

**Recreation Ground:** The groundsman has kept it looking tidy. There has been increased use of the football pitch with both Merriott Youth FC and Merriott Rovers FC playing. Cricket is now starting.

An additional picnic bench has been installed at the Recreation Ground as a memorial by the family of Mrs Cooper of Melbury Row. A donation of bulbs from SSDC was shared between the Recreation Ground and Churchyard.

**Stepping down:** I find myself in the

position that a new job means I will be travelling significantly more. I am not presently planning to move house but I will no longer be able to juggle both work, home life and being a member of the Parish Council, so sadly I have had to step down both as the Chairman and as a councillor.

I want to thank Jim Shorting, Bob Norton, Gill Merrick along with Marion Andrews our Parish Council Clerk. It has been a pleasure and an honour to work with you over the last few years; without you and the help of the local community over the last 12 months we would not have achieved so much. Thank you.

*Ian Noble*

For detailed information on the Parish Council members and meeting minutes please go to the Merriott village website – Parish Council tab.

### All Saints Church – Early Summer Work Party

**Saturday 13th June, 9am – 1pm**

After the success of the March day, we have arranged another one for the early Summer. We will continue some of the tasks begun last time (eg sorting out the wild area!) but there are some new ones as well, including painting and wood treatment. As ever, there will be INSIDE jobs too. The Beavers, Cubs and Scouts are hopefully coming along again. Tea, coffee and cakes etc will be served. Bring suitable clothing and tools. More details from the Churchwardens:

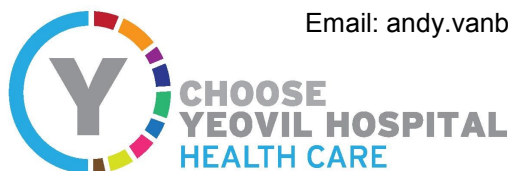
Tom Jones (76186) and Robin Gilkes (75549)

Do you enjoy the outdoors? Are you friendly and helpful?  
Would you like to help people and your local community? If so, **Yeovil Hospital needs you!**

We are looking for people like you to join our outdoor volunteers' team. Your activities might include: meeting and greeting at our main entrance, helping people to and from their car, assisting in the gardens or helping people with parking and directions.

We'll pay your expenses and you can choose days and times to suit you.

**Contact:** Andy Vanblaere - Outdoor Volunteer  
Co-ordinator  
Yeovil District Hospital NHS  
Foundation Trust, Higher Kingston,  
Yeovil BA21 4AT  
Tel: 01935 384464  
Email: [andy.vanblaere@ydh.nhs.uk](mailto:andy.vanblaere@ydh.nhs.uk)



### All Saints Summer Fayre Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> June 11am to 3pm

Stalls, refreshments, live music, raffle,  
**FUN Dog show (for more details ring 01460 77170  
for entry before the day),**  
children's races, cartoon caricatures  
and lots, lots more.

With special guest appearances from  
Spiderman and Elsa. To be held at Merriott Church  
and Tithe Barn, Church Street, Merriott



### SUNDAY 14 JUNE AT FROGMARY GREEN FARM

Nick & Claire Bragg are once again opening their gates to Frogmary Green Farm, South Petherton TA13 5DJ, for LEAF's Open Farm Sunday.

Come and enjoy our Dad's Digger Challenge and see the animals & crops down on the farm. There will be a craft area for children, a quiz for all the family and for those of you who love tractors and machinery there will be plenty on show too! Bring a picnic to enjoy with family and friends. This is an all-weather event but please remember to wear suitable footwear. Opening Time: 11am – 4pm. **FREE ENTRY** – food & drinks available to purchase. For more information visit: [www.frogmarygreenfarm.co.uk](http://www.frogmarygreenfarm.co.uk), [www.farmsunday.org](http://www.farmsunday.org)  
Only guide dogs please.



## NEWS FROM ALL SAINTS CHURCH

I write on the eve of Ascension; the day when the Church remembers and celebrates Jesus' return to his Father's side in heaven. It can't have been easy for those first disciples to see their leader, their teacher, the Messiah - indeed the risen Lord - disappear from earthly sight. I'm not sure they would have been celebrating just then. They knew they had a task ahead of them - but had to wait a little while longer for the empowering gift of the Holy Spirit to equip them to spread the Good News about the risen and ascended Jesus Christ. What they must have felt was

mainly absence. Absence of the one who meant so much to them and who made sense of their lives. But it was only that absence that made them get on with the job. Jesus would always be with them, through his Spirit, but if he had continued to be present 'in the flesh', the disciples would most likely have left all the work to him! That same work of sharing God's love, forgiveness, compassion and healing continues even now. God's world and God's people need these things more than ever. If these are your values, come and join us!

*Rev Bob Hicks, The Rectory, 76406.*

### Services in June:

#### Sunday 7th

8.30am Holy Communion

#### Sunday 14th

9.30am Parish Communion

#### Sunday 21st

10am Family Service

6pm Evensong

#### Sunday 28th

10am Sung Communion

Please do subscribe to 'The Church Link' magazine for more details of these and other church events.

### NEWS FROM THE SWAN

On Sunday 9th May Crewkerne Town FC & Merriott Rovers FC played a match at the Village Rec for the Barry Bisgrove Trophy & to raise funds for Alzheimer's Society. Funds close to £2,500 were raised on the day and we would like to thank all those who contributed to this event, which was arranged at very short notice.

Special thanks to The Bisgrove family & Graham & Angie Rowswell and all the other helpers who made the day such a success. (Crewkerne won 5-2.)

*Cathy, John & Jet*

### Dates for your diary:

Summer Skittles starts **Sunday 21st June** with live music "reggae in the garden".

**Saturday June 27<sup>th</sup>** Steak Night

**Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> July** Beer Festival & live music in the garden

### FAREWELL AND THANK YOU

Niki Scurr, who was part of our Merriott Messenger team, has moved away from Nut Tree Farm in the village. We are very grateful for her help with distribution and delivering to homes in Lower Street. Thank you Niki.

We would like to recruit one or two people to join our group. If you are interested, please contact any of the editorial team by phone or email: [merriottmessenger@gmail.com](mailto:merriottmessenger@gmail.com)



### MERRIOTT KARATE CLUB

This period we have entered students into two gradings at the Honbu in Wincanton. Congratulations to Lilly

Caines for achieving her Yellow belt. Also to the Sayle family: Nick, Emma, Eve, Molly and Richard who all gained their purple belts.

### MERRIOTT CHURCH FLOWER FESTIVAL (10<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> July)

Due to unforeseen circumstances, this event has been **CANCELLED**.

If you wish to support Riding for the Disabled Association, please see Forde Abbey article on page 6.



Hinton St George -  
'Flix in the Stix'  
presents  
'Fury' (15),  
on **Saturday June 13th**

in the Village Hall at 7.30 pm. Tickets £5 in advance from the Village Shop and Dorothy's Tea Room, or £5.50 on the door. To reserve tickets please contact Bob Kefford on 01460 72563.

Superb drama set in the closing days of world War 2. Brad Pitt is the tough tank commander sent with his crew to operate behind Nazi lines. The actors deliver performances well beyond the average - they truly feel as if they are brothers - in arms.

The film is visually stunning, up close and personal.



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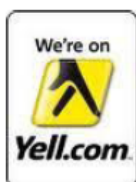
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## MERRIOTT GARDENING CLUB

**26 May** - talk by Mr T Bratcher, Chairman of the National Dahlia Society. Meet at the Tithe Barn, 7.30pm, refreshments, raffle, seed and plant sales, "Flower of the Month" competition. Guests £2.

**30 June** – A coach trip arranged by Marjorie Collison to Lytes Cary. Lytes Cary Manor is an intimate medieval manor house with a beautiful Arts and Crafts garden. The garden rooms contain a magical collection of topiary and herbaceous borders, while tranquil walks on the estate take you along the River Cary. There are also community allotments with creative and colourful designs. The cost of the trip is £16.80 and £10 for National Trust members. This coach trip **must be booked in advance**. If you would like to book a place please call Marjorie as soon as possible on 01460 279728.

### Flower & Produce Show – 8<sup>th</sup> August 2015

The Show Schedule will be available towards the end of June from Osborne's, Merriott Pharmacy and All Saints Church Porch.

Mo Frampton  
07969 028277

## "THANK YOU BRANSTONS!"

When Merriott First School reopened for the summer term the children were able to enjoy some new playground equipment.

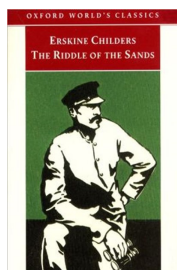
A climbing frame, stage, play shed, music maker, talking flowers and ride-on toys were bought thanks to a donation from Branstons at Seavington.

The children are making good use of and are enjoying all the toys as you can see from the photos and we thank Branstons for their generosity .



*Children enjoying their new playground equipment*

## BOOK REVIEW BY JANET LAILEY



The Riddle of the Sands  
by Erskine Childers  
(Oxford World Classics  
1998 edition)

Having recently watched the 1979 film-adaptation I was interested to go back to this book, first published in 1903, to find out how much the film version improved on or diminished the original. I found that the film, while simplifying some things, sustained the suspense and excitement of the narrative, and its humour.

The story is based on Erskine Childers' own passion for sailing - real sailing in those Edwardian days: no engines involved. It is also shaped by his conviction that Germany might plausibly be preparing to invade Britain via our virtually undefended east coast. The pleasantly satirical opening chapters show Carruthers (Michael York in the film) tempted into joining a friend from

his university days, Davies (played by Simon MacCorkindale) on a yachting trip, supposedly for some autumn duck-shooting in the Baltic and among the Frisian islands. Carruthers' idea of yachting is that the crew will do the donkey-work, while owner and guests "in faultless attire" lounge elegantly about the deck; an illusion rudely shattered when Davies meets him on the quay in stained work-clothes, and they embark on his equally inelegant yacht, the *Dulcibella*. No self-indulgent holiday for him!

Grudgingly and gradually, he renews their friendship, with growing respect and admiration for Davies's integrity, and his remarkable seamanship. Eventually Davies discloses his real interest in exploring the shoals, sandbanks and shifting channels between the islands and the German mainland: his suspicion that the German navy is training its sailors to navigate this treacherous maze, for some nefarious purpose, while England remains serenely unprepared to counter such a threat. The two young

men set out to verify this theory. (Useful maps are included for clarity.)

Their quest is complicated by Davies having fallen for the "rose-brown" daughter of Dollmann (Jenny Agutter and sinister, silky Alan Badel respectively) the father being at best a suspicious character and possibly a spy. Childers' knowledge of seafaring, and his awareness of the typical indifference of the defence Establishment, sit well within his vivid writing. Action is never sacrificed to description, although the sense of the setting, central to the story, is brilliantly conveyed.

Although precisely of its period - or even because of it - the book has not 'dated'. It truly is a classic of its genre: Arthur Ransome for grownups perhaps. Entertaining but with a serious intent. Childers really hoped to alert the British to his perception of a German maritime threat and writes a rattling good yarn in the process.

There is an excellent introduction if you are intrigued to find out more about the history and background of this very 'good read'.



## DID YOU KNOW?



The farm pig, which comes in many colours and sizes around the world, was domesticated from the wild boar separately and at different times in the Near East, in China and in Europe. The earliest domestication took place perhaps 14,000 years ago in what is now Syria and Iraq. Once domesticated, pig strains have been exported around the world so that modern breeds are a hybrid mix.

The pig was probably a fairly easy animal to domesticate because it is omnivorous and will forage for food scraps in woodland and grassland. Whilst the wild boar, as in the Forest of Dean, is usually black or brownish grey and the piglets are striped when young, modern pig breeds can be black, brown, white, spotted and striped. There is also a wide range in the breed size, from miniature pigs weighing 150 pounds as adults to the other extreme with adults up to 1,000 pounds. Quite a lot of research has been done on producing pigs comparable in size to

humans as a source of organs for transplantation into humans.

However, the main use for pigs has been as a source of meat and fat for human consumption. Pig skin has been used for shield covers, footwear and handbags, the bristles for brushes and the bones for tools and weapons. A standard joke is that all parts of the pig have a use except for the grunt!

A lot of breeds have become extinct as a result of changing fashions for leaner meat and less fat. Some of these breeds no longer around have splendid names including Cumberland, Lincolnshire Curly Coated, Ulster White, Dorset Gold Tip and Yorkshire Blue.

One of the oldest breeds still found in small numbers in the UK is the Gloucester Old Spot, which is largely white with variable black spots (see photo). The breed is said to be docile, a good forager and hardy. It used to be called the 'orchard or cottager' pig because it was kept in small backyards being fed household scraps and allowed to forage in orchards where it would feed on fallen apples. Legend has it that the black spots are bruises from falling apples! It is the first breed of any species in the world to be accorded Traditional Speciality Guaranteed status by the EU Commission in recognition of the special qualities of its meat.

*John Bowman*

## CAN YOU SPARE AN HOUR OR TWO?

The Rotary Club of Crewkerne District is organising a litter collection programme called Litterblitz.

The 8 teams will target the main roads passing through outlying villages and finishing at Crewkerne Town Hall and they are asking for volunteers to join them for the first session to be held on **Sunday June 14<sup>th</sup>**. They can provide litter picking equipment, collection bags and will collect the rubbish you collect.

If you would like to get involved, please contact Roger Johnson on 01460 929 970 or via email:

[rogerjohnson2202@gmail.com](mailto:rogerjohnson2202@gmail.com)

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Broadway, Merriott  
[www.merriottgospelhall.org](http://www.merriottgospelhall.org)

## BUS SERVICE 99/99A

As a result of the recent bus subsidy funding consultation, it has been decided to withdraw 50% of the funding for the Saturday service on service 99/99A (Yeovil - Chard - Taunton).

The new timetable will come into effect on **30 May 2015** and can be found on the Stagecoach SW buses website:

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## NEIGHBOURHOOD BEAT TEAM REPORT

I have visited victims recently who have stated "I never thought it would happen to me, not around here, it's so lovely". Therein lies the problem, we are far too trusting. Sadly the criminals do not care.

As summer progresses and we all enjoy nice warm days, thoughts turn to the garden, house maintenance and, if you are lucky, that well deserved holiday. Sadly, it is also a time for the opportunist thief as houses are aired after the long winter 'shut down' and sheds are cleared of cobwebs and gardening tools brushed down and lovingly oiled ready for the seasonal blitz.

To stay safe please ensure you lock the front door when working in the back garden and lock the back or side door if you go to answer the front door. We all tend to leave a window open to air the house, but even a small window offers the opportunity for a thief. Even if you close windows and lock doors, leaving garden tools easily accessible in the garden or in an unlocked shed can assist a thief in breaking in to your property. Break in to houses (dwelling burglaries) are rare and the usual type is a theft of handbag or keys when a door is left open

and the thief simply walks in and removes items. The most common type of burglary is from sheds and out-buildings (non-dwelling), which includes detached garages. Theft of meat from freezers in garages is an easy option for thieves. Do not leave the garage door open, with your freezer in full view for all to see whether you are at home, or for goodness sake not when you go out!!

Even leaving a spade in the garden can be used to prise open patio doors, a screwdriver to lever open windows or doors. Make sure your shed has a suitable padlock, the round style where the clasp covers the locking bar is best, and the screw heads are NOT showing on the hinges. The best padlock is no use if by removing 3 screws from the hinges the door can be opened from the back edge! Coach bolts are ideal if the shed is strong enough, if the shed is flimsy and the window is easy to open or break then do not keep anything of value in the shed. Where possible mark any property, gloss paint or Hammerite (a metal paint) is fine, with your initials and postcode. This makes things less desirable to a thief and means if, or when, recovered

we can return them to you.

Locally a number of planters and pots have been stolen from gardens, driveways and the roadside. You may feel they have no value, but you may be pleasantly surprised how much some fetch. Where possible mark up the trough or planter with your initials and postcode, take a photo or two and keep them safe.

Even livestock has been taken from smallholdings on the edge of villages - please report anything suspicious

If you want any security advice please contact us on 101 or via the force website [www.avonandsomerset.police.uk](http://www.avonandsomerset.police.uk).

The Neighbourhood Beat Team are:-

PS 3538, Rob Jameson

PC 3589, Lisa Hallett

PC 4140, Chris Purcell

PCSO 8445, Ben Samways

PCSO 8506, Gareth Allington

PCSO 9447, Dave Lewis

Telephone 101 for non-emergencies

Telephone 999 for ongoing crimes and emergencies.

### FORDE ABBEY CARRIAGE DRIVING GROUP

The Forde Abbey Carriage Driving Group is in association with Riding for the Disabled. It is a small group who meet on alternate Mondays at Forde Abbey offering disabled people who are unable to ride, the opportunity to drive a pony in specially adapted wheelchair friendly carriages in wonderful surroundings. This has proved to be so successful on gaining much needed confidence, purpose and sheer pleasure. The group operates 'under the umbrella' of the Riding for the Disabled charity number 244108, but are aiming to raise £5,000 so that they may be granted their own charity number. If you would like to donate to this cause please contact Mrs M Woodland on 01823 480 124.



### WHAT'S ON ELSEWHERE

**Saturday 6th June 10am - noon** - Coffee morning in St George's Hall, Hinton St George to raise funds for charities supporting the victims of the Nepal earthquakes

#### HENHAYES COMMUNITY CENTRE

**Friday 19th June** - Special Roast Lunch 12 noon for 12.30 meal. 3 course lunch with tea/coffee £7.50. Booking essential - 01460 74340

**Monday 21st June** - Monday Memory Group for people with dementia to give carers a break - phone 01460 74340 and Open Evening to invite questions from the public about dementia later in the week - see [www.henhayes.co.uk](http://www.henhayes.co.uk) and Facebook for more information.

**Friday 26th June** - Concert by The Boogie Men from Bridport. Tickets £10 (£8 before 19th). Meal (optional) 2 courses £8 must be ordered in advance. Bar open 6pm - meal 6.45pm concert 7.45pm. Tickets 01460 74340.

**Saturday 27th June** - Big Breakfast 10 - 12noon - £4. No need to book.



**LAST CALL**  
**INSPIRED ARTISTS/**  
**GRAFFITI ARTISTS**  
**REQUIRED**

Local, young artists are required during the Summer holidays to cover the football stand in the Recreation Ground with colourful designs. Any ideas for themes are welcomed and paints will be supplied. Contact: Marion on 01935 863420.

### FOOD FOR THOUGHT AT FROGMARY GREEN FARM

**20th June** - Choux Pastry Uncovered with Angelina Bakery

**23rd June** - Croissant Making Evening with Frank Heuff

**11th July** - Fish & Shellfish with Angela Langford

[info@frogmarygreenfarm.co.uk](mailto:info@frogmarygreenfarm.co.uk)

## NEWS FROM MERRIOTT SOCIAL CLUB

Our Easter draw raised a brilliant £66 which went to Veterans Aid. May's **Monthly Market** was unusually quiet, but it still raised £55 for Merriott Rovers FC football team. Thank you to everyone who helped. There is no market in June but we will be back on July 4<sup>th</sup> raising money for the Merriott Majorettes. All are welcome, so please pop down to support us in our efforts by having a browse, buying some raffle tickets, or enjoying a bacon butty! Karaoke was back by popular demand and very well attended with both young and old taking up the mike.

### Dates for your diary

**6<sup>th</sup> June** Daytona a 5 piece band will be performing a range of rock, soul and party hits for everyone to enjoy from 9pm.

**13<sup>th</sup> June** come and join Jumpy and Scratchy for what promises be an entertaining iPod and vinyl disco with requests - bring your own vinyl.

**4<sup>th</sup> July** at 9pm we have John de Barra with tracks from Robbie Williams to AC/DC, Bette Midler to Robbie Hendrix and James Brown to The Rasmus. John performs a huge variety of music that will entertain the masses – one not to be missed.

**17<sup>th</sup> July** an end of school disco and karaoke.

Remember to keep an eye on our notice-board for the latest news and events, as well as our website ([merriottsocialclub.co.uk](http://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!

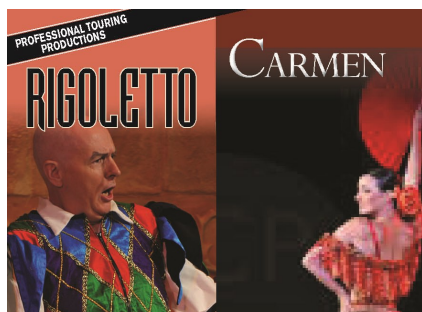


### PLANNING A GET-TOGETHER?

#### The Community Pavilion

is available for hire - £20.00 per session.

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## PLANNING AND PLANNING MATTERS from the Parish Council

### APPLICATION 15/01587/COU APPLICANT:

Ms G HIRST PROPOSAL: Change of use from Public house to residential dwelling (No internal or external alterations) LOCATION: KINGS HEAD HOTEL. CHURCH STREET MERRIOTT.  
*DEFERRED TO GATHER MORE INFORMATION – MEETING TO BE ARRANGED BEFORE MAY 29<sup>TH</sup> RESPONSE DEADLINE*

### DETERMINATIONS

APPEAL: Ms J Goodwill – 38 Lower Street. Split decision - DISMISSED

APPEAL: Berrow Developments – 6 dwellings  
Boozer Pit - DISMISSED

Location: Cherry Tree Cottage Church Street:  
Extensions x2 - Granted

Location: Manor Farm 88 Lower Street –  
Agricultural building – Granted

Location: Building at Tail Mill Lane: Alterations and change of use – Granted

Location: Tail Mill Lane : Zero Holdings - 23 converted dwellings, 22 new build – Granted.

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**From conferences to family parties**, we have a number of function suites including the spectacular Great Tithe barn to suit both private & corporate events, with prices for every pocket.

Alongside this we have our **hotel with 21 bedrooms** in the new Coach house & Georgian Mill house.

**From a quiet pint in our beautiful gardens to that special celebration Haselbury Mill has it all.**

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