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## GARDENING CLUB QUOTE OF THE MONTH:

On the first warm day of Spring, I dig my fingers deep into the soft earth. I can feel its energy and my spirits soar.

*Helen Hayes  
1900 - 1993*

## WAITROSE SPEND THE DAY AT MERRIOTT FIRST SCHOOL

The children at Merriott First School enjoyed a real treat when four members of staff from Waitrose in Crewkerne spent a day with them talking about healthy eating.

A class at a time worked with Mrs King, Simon, Natalie and Flo checking out labels with traffic light system of information, making a fruit salad, choosing a mixed filling for a wholemeal wrap and tasting various tinned fish. Ex-pupil, Flo, demonstrated gutting a fish which the children found 'interesting'!



*Ex Merriott pupil Flo demonstrates gutting a fish!*

Each child took home the wrap they had made, a bowl of the fruit salad they had helped prepare, a certificate of competence in shopping and some stickers in a goody bag.

Everyone agreed they had learned a lot from Waitrose.



*Children filling their wholemeal wrap.*



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## PRE-SCHOOL FUNDRAISING

Save the date  
**Saturday  
16th April**

After a successful first year, Merriott Pre School is doing another Race Night at Merriott Social Club, with the first race starting at 7:30pm. It is a fun evening full of laughs and excitement and children are more than welcome to join in. The opportunity to be a horse owner or jockey is now available with cash prizes for the winning owners and jockeys in each race. To be a horse owner costs £3 and to be a jockey costs £2.

If you are interested then please email me at [mattntither@hotmail.com](mailto:mattntither@hotmail.com). Lets all hope that you can support the local Pre School and come on down for a fun filled evening.

*Matt Tither*



## SAVE THE DATE:

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## OPEN GROUP

### 3rd March

Gadgets - useful or useless?

### 17th March

School Reports - re-live your school days

### 31st March

Safe Driving for the over 60s - Talk by Somerset Road Safety

Any queries contact Marion Biggs on 01460 74170

## GOOD ADVICE FROM OUR NEIGHBOURHOOD BEAT TEAM

I make no apologies for repeating the message below. 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 approaches and we all look forward to 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 planting season.

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 outbuildings (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 a 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.

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).

There is an issue with poaching locally and associated fly-tipping of bags with bones and even hares inside of feed bags. Any sightings please call the



District Council on 01935 462462 to report fly-tipping; any torches or dogs heard in the early hours please call 999 at the time; any carcasses found with dog bites

please call 101 and the RSPCA to report. We are working together to stop this cruel practice.

The Neighbourhood Beat Team are:-  
PS 3538, Rob Jameson  
PC 3589, Lisa Hallett  
PC 4140, Chris Purcell  
PCSO 7861, Caroline Matthews  
PCSO 9447, Dave Lewis  
PCSO 8506, Gareth Allington

Telephone 101 for non-emergencies.  
Telephone 999 for ongoing crimes and emergencies.

### PHOTOGRAPH OF THE MONTH



The first frost of 2016, taken on 20th January by Jenny Waddilove from her garden in Pye Corner.

Please send your photo to: [merriottmessenger@gmail.com](mailto:merriottmessenger@gmail.com)

### DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

This year's All Saints Summer Fayre is **Saturday 11th June 11-3pm**. To be held at the Tithe Barn, Church, Church Grounds and (hopefully) road.  
An update for the Christmas Market 2015 - money made £1,700.

### VACANCY

Merriott Parish Council is looking for a  
**GROUNDSMAN/PAVILION CARETAKER**  
25 hours per month in winter (6 months) and 50 hours per month in summer (6 months). The two positions can be split if required.

Applicants should submit a CV and covering letter to the Clerk (contact details below) by  
**Friday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2016.**

For more information and full job description please contact:

Mrs K Sheehan, Clerk to Merriott Parish Council  
[Merriott-clerk@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:Merriott-clerk@hotmail.co.uk)  
07841 116986

## RAISING MONEY FOR LOCAL & NATIONAL CHARITIES

The Merriott monthly markets, held at Merriott Social Club, are run by local sisters Lorraine and Teresa and have been going since July 2014. On the first Saturday of the month the doors open at 10am to welcome the locals in to look around and do some shopping. With over 20 different stalls every month there is something for everyone. Many shoppers stop for a chat while enjoying a hot drink and a bacon buttie.

The proceeds from the market are divided between a local or national charity and the club's new roof fund. The picture shows the Merriott Minnows running their stall in November and who also received a

donation from the market.

We currently have a few dates free for this year so if you know of a local group in need of funds then please get in contact with us via email

[lolabird41@live.co.uk](mailto:lolabird41@live.co.uk) or drop a letter into the club.



### MERRIOTT PARISH COUNCIL - WINTER ROAD SALTING UPDATE

Residents will be pleased to know that the only remaining 'Hazard Area' within the village, the Boozer Pit bend by Walditch Lane and the dip coming off the A356, will be kept salted in icy weather by volunteer Mr. Wallis.

Thank you Mr Wallis and all the volunteers mentioned last month.

### MERRIOTT PARISH COUNCIL RECREATION FIELD

Residents are respectfully reminded that dogs are not permitted on any part of the Recreation Field. Thank you.



We are in the process of updating the Useful Telephone Numbers Directory, dated September 2015. If you know of any changes to contact details do please let us know.

## THE VILLAGE CAFE MERRIOTT

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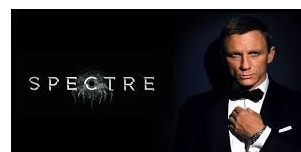
Open from 11am till 4pm (lunch served between 12pm and 2pm)

Afternoon tea from 2.30 pm (Selection of finger sandwiches and cakes)

Booking recommended, but not essential, to guarantee a table

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### MOBILE LIBRARY MARCH VISIT:

Tuesday @ Merriott School

9.30am - 10am

8th March

### CAN YOU UNSCRAMBLE THESE ANAGRAMS TO MAKE THE NAMES OF ROADS IN MERRIOTT?

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SALAD ODOR NORM (9,4)  
WRENCHES CORSETS (10,5)  
AWARD BOY (8)  
EGRETS HITHER (6,6)  
LEGAL BENDS (10)  
RESETTLE ROW (5,6)  
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BOOT PRIZE (6,3)

Answers next month

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## THE HIDDEN HISTORY OF A LIVING CHURCH, ALL SAINTS CHURCH, MERRIOTT

*An open letter to potential Sponsors by Paul Fisher*

Living opposite the church for the last 30 years I have acquired a fascination of the history of the building and the Rectors / Vicars that have passed through its doors since the 13<sup>th</sup> century. This fascination has now accumulated in the writing of a book that I would like to have published as a historical document and to raise funds for the church.

The book provides information relating to the sequences of the church's construction; previously unpublished layouts of the church, in particular the galleries installed in the 1830s; and the details of the expansion in the 1860s. The section on the Vicars / Rectors

provides a very interesting insight into our village history and the wider world over the centuries. The book also includes a complete listing of memorials and artefacts within the church, with pictures and inscriptions. Appendices provide in-depth supporting information, references for any future investigations and a complete index of names mentioned within the publication.

I anticipate a print run of 100 copies costing in the range of £700 and am currently seeking sponsorships between £30 to £50 towards the costs. All sponsors will be included in the "Acknowledgement" section of the book. The book in its final draft form is currently being proof read, ready for

publication by the end of March / April, hopefully.

All income from the sales of the book and any future reprints will go towards All Saints Church, Merriott, Fabric Fund to support repair costs. The Church Office, in conjunction with myself, would co-ordinate printing, sales and distribution. Hence in the event of successful sponsorship any cheques etc. would need to be made out to "All Saints Church Merriott".

Thank you for taking the time to read this appeal and please contact me on 01460 76360 if you would like to consider sponsorship or to discuss the project in more detail.

*Paul Fisher*

### NEW SPONSOR



My name is Mark Boucher and I founded ARB Tree and Garden Services 10 years ago. We are based in Merriott and cover all surrounding areas. I gained a BTEC National Diploma in Country-side Management at Lackham College as well as having a City & Guilds in Horticulture. I then did an apprenticeship and gained all my NPTC qualifications in tree surgery. Following that I set up ARB to offer clients a full tree surgery, gardening and fencing service. Purposely keeping the company small enables me to provide a personal and friendly service. ARB is happy to provide free quotes for "one off" jobs or regular repeat calls for grass cutting, garden maintenance etc. I do all the quotes personally to fully understand what my customers require. My business is fully insured and employees are fully qualified to carry out the work they are undertaking. We also sell and deliver logs by the bag or transit load and supply woodchip mulch, which acts as a very good weed suppressant or can be spread to create paths.

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## MERRIOTT DRIVERS SERVICE

Many readers will know about this innovative scheme which was set up by Felicity Roope and Pauline Booth and began providing transport for Merriott residents at the end of 2010. The dedicated team of volunteer drivers and escorts have provided a valuable service to the community ever since.

The service provides transport, at a very reasonable cost, for anyone who needs door-to-door transport to visit a hospital for a non-emergency appointment or has an appointment to see a GP, a dentist or a physiotherapist. The area covered is generally Crewkerne, Yeovil and Taunton.

Basically whoever needs transport simply telephones one of the drivers on a list and between them they arrange a suitable time for collection from the user's home. If anyone would like a list of drivers/more information about this

service please call me (details below).

Our drivers do not find it takes too much of their time and quite enjoy meeting people they might not normally meet. Currently we have about 10 drivers and three of them also act as escorts for those occasions when two people are required to help a user who has mobility problems.

Currently I have about 90 people on my list who have used the service. Not all of them use it on a regular basis and some of them are possibly no longer with us or have moved away. Ideally, we would like to have a few more drivers and I am hoping that one or two people reading this will feel able to volunteer their time. I would very much like to hear from you. Please call me on 01460 279623 if you would like to be a driver or would like more information about the service.

David Collins

## MERRIOTT FIRST SCHOOL FREE DUNCAN THE DRAGON



Redstreak Class and Golden Class from Merriott First School visited Frogmary Green Farm, South Petherton as part of their Healthy Eating Topic. After a tour around the farm the children searched in the nature area for ingredients to make a spell. Duncan the Dragon was trapped in a tree and the spell - along with a huge 'ROAR' - freed him and he was able to fly home. Each child planted a spring bulb in a pot

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**DONE THE SCHOOL  
RUN?  
NEED A BREAK?**

"Coffee Stop" at Merriott Church will be open at 9am on every first Tuesday of the month - **March 1<sup>st</sup>, April 5<sup>th</sup>, May 3<sup>rd</sup>**  
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## NEWS FROM ALL SAINTS CHURCH



Here are the details of Lent and Easter services, which you are warmly invited to come along to. There are also Lent lunches and a few other talks and activities around the Benefice and you can find these details in the Link magazine. We wish you all a joyful Easter.

**Sun 6th** 8.30am Holy Communion  
(10am All Age Mothering Sunday service at Hinton St George)

**Sun 13<sup>th</sup>** 9.30am Parish Communion

**Sun 20<sup>th</sup>** 10.00am All Age Palm Sunday Communion (start at war memorial)

**Wed 23<sup>rd</sup>** 8pm Compline (night prayer)

**Fri 25<sup>th</sup>** 10.00am **Good Friday Walk**

**Sun 27<sup>th</sup>** 10.00am **Easter Sunday**  
Communion

Thursdays in March (3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>):  
10.00am, mid-week Communion service for Lent

**Good Friday Walk** - You may remember that we did a Good Friday walk 3 years ago. Anyone is welcome to come along. We will walk around part of the village, telling the Easter story in a variety of ways. There will be activities for children. Start 10am at church. End in church with a song and refreshments, approximately 11.30am.

The word Easter comes from the Old English **Eostremonath** which was the Anglo-Saxon name for the month of April.



*Goddess of fertility, Eostre*

It was named after the goddess of fertility, **Eostre** and was symbolised by eggs and rabbits (Easter bunny). Christianity spread from Rome where the celebration of holy week was called **Pascha**. Since Pascha was most often celebrated in the month of April early Christians began calling the festival Eostre or "Easter".

Easter Day can be any Sunday from 22<sup>nd</sup> March to 25<sup>th</sup> April. It is celebrated on the first Sunday after the full moon on or following 21<sup>st</sup> March. If a full moon falls upon a Sunday then Easter is celebrated on the following Sunday. Confusingly the "Moon" used in these calculations is not the celestial moon, but a hypothetical one described in cyclic lunation tables contained in the book of

common prayer. The real moon is called the Paschal Full Moon.

A fixed Easter would be much more sensible and in 1928 the House of Commons agreed the third reading of a Bill suggesting a fixed date. Unfortunately a clause in the Bill provided for it to come into force after having received official opinions from the various Christian churches.

You will not be surprised to learn that the World Council of Churches has failed to get unanimous agreement over a century later!

The editorial team here at the Merriott Messenger wish you all a very Happy Easter.

## COMMUNITY PAVILION



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## MERRIOTT SOCIAL CLUB NEWS

February saw the return of our popular monthly market. The weather wasn't in our favour, but many people braved the wind and the rain to pop in, enabling us to donate £50 towards Myeloma UK. This month's market is on **Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> March** in aid of Cystic Fibrosis. Come rain or shine we would love to see you support this event enjoying a bacon bap, cup of tea or just a chat while browsing some fantastic stalls.

Remember memberships are due. Members receive a discount on hall hire and are entered in the weekly draw.

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES:

**27<sup>th</sup> February** pop along for our popular Karaoke, choose your favourite tracks and sing along, all welcome.

**19<sup>th</sup> March** sees a new band to us in the function room, the "4 King Dwarphz". They play rock music covers and are sure to be very popular.

AGM ..... **31<sup>st</sup> March 2016** at 7pm. All welcome. If you wish to join the committee there is a nomination list in the bar.

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

## MERRIOTT GARDENING CLUB



On **Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> March** there will be a talk entitled "Garden Ponds for Wildlife" by Paul Newman (no not **that** one!!) Meet at the Tithe Barn at 7.30pm.

Refreshments, raffle, seed and plant sale, flower of the month competition. All welcome. Non-members £2.

*Mo Frampton*  
07967 028277

### ALL SAINTS CHURCH

#### SPRING CLEAN WORK PARTY

**Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> April** - 9.30am – 11.30am

Merriott Church

We would very much welcome lots of volunteers at our Spring Clean work party. There will be jobs in the churchyard, like hedge trimming, wilderness taming and general tidying and we will also be spring cleaning inside the church too.

Refreshments will be available. Bring suitable clothing and tools.

More details from the Churchwardens: Tom Jones (240615) and Robin Gilkes (75549).

## MERRIOTT PARISH COUNCIL UPDATE

A number of interesting issues are currently under consideration by your Parish Council. Some are detailed this month, and there will be more in April.

### Merriott Civil Burial Ground

There is no obligation for a Parish Council to provide a cemetery, but MPC has done so in recent years as space in the churchyard begins to run out.

The existing Parish burial ground has perhaps five to seven years before it is full, in conjunction with remaining churchyard capacity.

The council is considering the process of accruing funds for the purchase of further land, and undertaking a review of possible sites as the time needed to complete the project will be considerable.

Residents views on this are welcome, go to our new Facebook page,

or em. [merriott-clerk@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:merriott-clerk@hotmail.co.uk).

It is assumed that the community will want a village cemetery, but is that the case?

### Egwood Parish Wood

Council have decided to proceed with the 999 year leasing arrangement from the owner SCC.

The arrangement will provide an amenity

area on the public footpath network.

The exact maintenance and development proposals have to be decided, nil/modest/significant?

Use of this site will be under the full control of the councils, security will be in their minds. Any comment is welcome.

### New Parish Clerk / Responsible Financial Officer

Council is pleased to confirm the permanent appointment of our new clerk Katharine Sheehan after a trial period. She has confirmed in return her intention to stay with us which is a relief! We are very pleased indeed with her positive contribution to date.

### Groundsman and Pavilion Caretaker

We are losing our Groundsman Martin Rowswell after a good number of years, many of us will remember his father Les who served the PC well for very many years before him.

Thank you for what you have done for the community Martin.

(See separate ad on page 2 for more details).

### Community Pavilion, Future Use

At our last meeting council considered the finances of the new pavilion which is running at a significant loss. The

situation is improving with cost controls recently implemented and growth of casual use.

The mortgage for the building costs £10,000 p.a. and was properly agreed by the previous council after community consultation.

It was expected though that income would exceed running costs, (excluding mortgage).

The shortfall is caused by the shortage of regular week-end use where major sports activity was anticipated. Merriott Rovers are regular users but Merriott Youth Football Club have transferred their Sunday activity elsewhere leaving the building unexpectedly unused.

It may be that council has to advertise the building to attract more casual use as well as a regular Sunday user.

New Ideas are needed such as one 'outside the box' from a member of the public,

CAMPING on the free area in front of the pavilion by youth groups, organised parties?

**Next MPC Meeting..... 14<sup>th</sup> March** at 7.00pm in the Tithe Barn.

Public Open Forum [7.00pm](#). Have your say!

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