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Gardening Club AGM



Tuesday 28th April

To all our members, non-members and previous guests, this is the beginning of our

Gardening Club's new year and, as such, we are having our **Annual General Meeting**, together with a **SUPPER**, a **QUIZ** (lovely prizes) and not forgetting our special raffle - we would like to invite you all to this fun evening. Don't forget you can renew your membership or, if you would like to join, this is the time to do it!

The fees for the whole year are £12 for individuals and £18 for couples. You will receive our new Member's Card which show all the events throughout the Gardening Club's year. In addition, you will have a 10% discount from Groves Nursery, Bridport and Beaminster as well as Gold Club discounts from the Gardens Group at Brimsmore, Sherborne and Dorchester. We particularly would like to invite new residents to our village - do come along - don't be shy we are a friendly group and you will soon be in the thick of it!

Please meet at the Tithe Barn, Church Street (parking to the rear) and remember that this meeting **WILL START AT 7PM** and not 7.30pm - there will be **NO Flower of the Month** competition this time.

Barbara Byford, 72298

CB Plants, Lower Severalls Nursery, Crewkerne, Somerset TA18 7NX

SPRING PLANTING FOR POLLINATORS

TUESDAY 28TH APRIL 10.30AM - 2PM



A walk and talk around the nursery and gardens at Lower Severalls

COST £35 OR £28 FOR RHS MEMBERS

A look at plants and habitats that encourage and support pollinators led by Catherine Bond with homemade lunch provided by Lower Severalls Farmhouse Bed and Breakfast
Booking contact Mary Pring 01460 73234 or email lowerseveralls2010@gmail.com



Saturday 4th April

Cancelled due to coronavirus

For those who have already purchased tickets a full refund will be made.



Merriott Bowls Club
Open Day
Sunday 26th April 10am - 4pm



Ever thought of trying Bowls? Come along for a **free** introductory session

- Have a full roll-up and enjoy yourself
- Light refreshments available
- Free parking
- Members will be available to help you if required

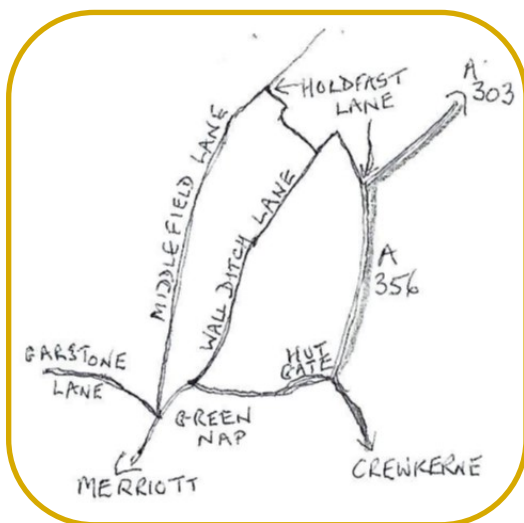
The club welcomes men & women (over 18) to try the sport for the first time in a relaxed & friendly environment. If you've bowled before, come along for a roll-up and see what the club has to offer.

No need to book, just turn up - equipment will be provided - we just ask you to **wear flat soled shoes**.

For further information, or if you can't make it on the day book a session to suit you, call Ian Kendall on 01460 73029. Visit our website - <http://www.merriottbowls.btck.co.uk>

Merriott Bridleways need registering

Middlefield Lane, Ham Lane and Holdfast Lane



These are old lanes in Merriott Parish which, with Wall Ditch Lane, would make a great 2.7k circular route for local people and visitors to use, on foot, on bicycles or on horseback, safe from motor traffic and road crossings. Some readers will know these lanes and may have walked, ridden or cycled over them in the past. Unfortunately, through disuse they have become overgrown and are not currently passable.

Worse still, the public's right to use them is not recorded. This doesn't mean they don't exist – merely that they are not recognised legally. It does mean, however, that no-one is responsible for keeping the lanes open and free from both vegetation overgrowth and deliberate obstructions.

Worst of all, unless on valid application Somerset County Council (SCC) orders the public rights of way over these lanes to be recorded, the rights will be

extinguished and lost forever under current legislation. To be valid, applications to have public rights of way over these lanes recorded must (among other things) have been submitted before January 2026 and be supported by evidence of their existence.

South Somerset Bridleways Association (SSBA) has discovered historical evidence that clearly points to the existence of public rights of way over these lanes and to their use by the public in the past. SSBA believes the evidence is more than strong enough to warrant making the necessary orders to preserve these rights of way for future generations, notwithstanding that they have fallen into disuse in more recent times. It has therefore submitted applications to have them recorded as bridleways and is most grateful to Merriott Parish Council for its support.

The supporting evidence SSBA has collected includes old Ordnance Survey (OS) maps from 1809, old county maps like Greenwood's and Bartholomew's, the tithe map dated 1843, OS descriptions dated 1902, tax records from 1910, and other material. In addition, the British Library holds a voice recording in its Regional Accents collection, made in 1956, in which a Mr. Arthur Pattemore, born in Merriott in 1900, is heard describing how he used these routes himself and saw holiday makers riding their ponies along them.

If the applications are successful, SCC will become responsible for clearing the routes and maintaining them in

satisfactory condition for walkers, cyclists and horse riders. Additionally, the police would then have powers to tackle camping, fly-tipping or other illegal activity which prevents or restricts the public's enjoyment of the routes. From the public's point of view, these represent substantial benefits. Obviously, however, they would have budgetary implications which, rightly or wrongly, may influence SCC's decisions on the applications.

The application and recording of definitive rights has no bearing on private rights of access or easements, and no adjacent landowner will lose any private rights they currently enjoy.

SSBA believes that the potential benefits to the public, including horse riders, more than offset the financial costs and would therefore seek funding to contribute to the costs of clearance, as it has done in a similar case in a nearby parish. Its members very much hope the applications are processed without objections and that their efforts can then be put into raising funds to help put the routes in good condition for all Merriott residents and visitors to enjoy.

If any resident would like to put forward information to the Rights of way department in County Hall, Taunton, they should do so. Please send comments to Erica Darch, email address edarch@somerset.gov.uk

Sarah Bucks, Chair
South Somerset Bridleways Association
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Photo of All Saints Church taken and sent in by Malcolm Osman

What's
on @



HASELBURY
MILL

13th April - 12 noon to 5pm - Free event. **Easter Family Day** - Follow the clues and enjoy a nature hunt around the grounds of Haselbury Mill. There will be games for all the family, a barbeque and bar open all day.

19th April - 10am to 4pm - **Classics at the Mill Classic Car Family Day** - A day of celebrating classic cars and enjoying a wonderful family day out.

24th - 26th April - Join the VW Dubbers for a brilliant weekend of music & fun, celebrating the Volkswagen classics. Day tickets available for £7.50, under 14's go free.

Julie Rideout

News from All Saints Church

As I write, measures against the spread of COVID-19 are being substantially increased across the country. There is mounting anxiety about just how serious the pandemic will become. How will it affect us here? Our families, our loved ones, our businesses our livelihoods? We are being asked to change the way we do lots of things, and that of course includes our churches. We are trying to carry on as normal as far as possible, but with much increased vigilance towards hygiene and minimising opportunities to spread the virus. All of us need to play our part. We hope to be able to offer a normal pattern of services and events over Easter. But by the time you read this, the situation and Government advice may have changed. Whatever happens, can I urge us all to remain calm, think of our neighbours and their needs

as well as our own. Look out for the vulnerable. Share what resources we have. I offer two simple prayers. One which is well known asks for serenity, courage and wisdom; the other for calm.

Rev Bob Hicks, 01460 76406

God, grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, Courage to change the things I can, And wisdom to know the difference.

Reinhold Niebuhr (1892–1971)

Loving God, please grant me peace of mind and calm my troubled heart. Give me the strength and clarity of mind to find my purpose and walk the path you've laid out for me. I trust your Love God, and know that you are with me. Just as the sun rises each day against the dark of night.

Church Services in April

(all at All Saints Church, Merriott – unless otherwise stated)

Sun 5th Palm Sunday - 10.30am Benefice Communion with the 16 Bells Choir

Wed 8th - 8pm Compline (Night Prayer)

Thu 9th Maundy Thursday - 7pm Communion, Lopen

Fri 10th Good Friday - 10am – 12pm Easter Activity; 2pm Good Friday Service, Hinton St George

Sun 12th - EASTER SUNDAY - 6.15am Easter Sunrise Service, Jubilee Wood, Hinton St George; 10.30am Easter Communion

Sun 19th - 9am Holy Communion, Hinton St George (No service in Merriott)

Sun 26th - 9am Holy Communion, 4pm Café Church, Tithe Barn, Merriott

Charity Triples

In a joint effort by Beaminster and Merriott Short Mat Bowls Clubs the idea for a charity competition was implemented, following the death of Anne Loose who was an active member of both clubs for many years. Anne spent her last few months being cared for at the Weldmar Hospice in Dorchester.

We needed 16 teams to get the event off the ground, and as we had 15, one team was lucky to get a Bye straight to the next round.

The 15 teams were: 4 from Merriott, 3 Beaminster, 3 Crewkerne, 2 South Perrott, 2 Toller Perorum and 1 from Netherbury.

The event was on a knockout basis with eight teams going through to the next round.

In one semi final, Crewkerne and Merriott had a fantastic battle with Crewkerne coming out on top by 1 point.



Paul Pearce, Jack Bradley and Tom Moll

In the other semi final, South Perrott were up against a strong Merriott team and its most experienced player was 19 year old Jack Bradley who took time off

from Bath University to play for his club. South Perrott lost 10 – 4.

In the close-game final, Crewkerne came out as winners 7 – 5, Merriott were runners-up.

Crewkerne Captain, Gordon Bodily, was presented with a cheque for £50, for a charity of the team's choice, by Merriott Chairman Frank Smith.

Monies raised on the day from entries and raffle totalled £167.00, which will go to the Weldmar Hospice.

All the local Clubs who supported this event would encourage new members to turn up and learn how to play bowls, it is an exciting game with plenty of gentle exercise.

*Frank Smith
Chairman, Merriott Short Mat Bowls Club*

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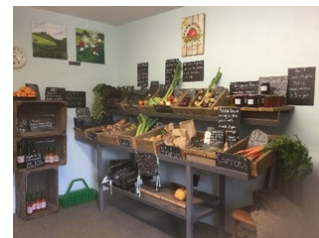
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Hinton St George 'Flix in the Stix'

Presents

'OFFICIAL SECRETS' (15, 112 mins)

Saturday 11th April – 7.30 pm

Keira Knightly, Matthew Goode, Ralph Fiennes & Matt Smith

The film depicts the true story of Katharine Gun (Keira Knightly) who risked everything to stop an unjust war. The Blair government called her a traitor. Based on true events, Official Secrets tells the gripping story of a British intelligence specialist whose job involves routine handling of classified information. One day in 2003, in the lead up to the Iraq War, Gun receives a memo from the NSA with a shocking directive: the United States is enlisting Britain's help in collecting compromising information on United Nations Security Council members in order to blackmail them into voting in favour of an invasion of Iraq. Unable to stand by and watch the world be rushed into an illegal war, Gun makes the principled decision to defy her government and leak the memo to the press. So begins an explosive chain of events that will ignite an international firestorm, expose a vast political conspiracy, and put Gun and her family directly in harm's way.

In Hinton Village Hall at 7.30pm. Tickets £5 in advance from the Village Shop and Dorothy's Tea Room, or £5.50 on the door. Doors open 7.00pm. To reserve tickets please contact Bob Kefford on 01460 72563.

Andrew Overhill

OPEN GROUP

April 2nd - Coffee and Picture Quiz

For further information please contact
- Marion Biggs 74170 or email:
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New Sponsor

Vue.Dog® Pet Photography - Telling the stories of family pets through colourful artwork.

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Higher Easthams Farm; Notification of intent to construct an access track for agricultural purposes. 20/00617/AGN: Awaiting decision

Land south of Church Street; Residential development comprising the erection of up to 50 dwelling houses. 18/00688/OUT – Status: Approved

Land OS 0420 Part Tail Mill Lane; The erection of 9 residential dwellings. 19/00698/OUT – Status: Refused

The Old Vicarage, Church Street; Application to vary conditions 2, 4, 7 and 10 of approval 19/00925/FUL to adjust layouts of new build plots 1 and 2. 20/00463/S73 – Status: Awaiting decision

For the Council minutes go to the new Parish Council website merriottpc.org or look at the notice board outside the Co-op.

John Bowman

Gardening quote of the month



Sent in by Mo Frampton

"Loveliest of trees, the cherry now
Is hung with bloom along the bough,
And stands about the woodland ride
Wearing white for Eastertide."

A. E. Housman, from *Shropshire Lad*, 1887



The best ever April Fools hoax

The Swiss Spaghetti Harvest

April 1, 1957: The respected BBC news show *Panorama* announced that thanks to a very mild winter and the virtual elimination of the dreaded spaghetti weevil, Swiss farmers were enjoying a bumper spaghetti crop. It accompanied this announcement with footage of Swiss peasants pulling strands of spaghetti down from trees. Huge numbers of viewers were taken in.

Many called the BBC wanting to know how they could grow their own spaghetti tree. To this the BBC diplomatically replied, "place a sprig of spaghetti in a tin of tomato sauce and hope for the best." Even the director-general of the BBC later admitted that after seeing the show he checked in an encyclopedia to find out if that was how spaghetti actually grew (but the encyclopedia had no information on the topic).

The broadcast remains, by far, the most popular and widely acclaimed April Fool's Day hoax ever.

Jane Jackson



Mobile
Library
@
Merriott
School

Tuesday
9.30 -10.00
21st April

Don't forget to send
in any article you
would like to include
in the Messenger on
the 12th of the
preceding month.

Merriott Social Venue

We would like to thank everyone who attended the AGM in March and the new committee voted in were Issac Lisney as Chairperson, Katherine Rooke as Vice Chairperson, Zephania Elson as Treasurer, Penny Gibbs as Secretary along with a dedicated group of committee members.

April will be another busy month, with plenty of events going on. Full details are on our Facebook page, but here are some dates for your diaries:

We welcome the newly formed "Merriott Needles and Natter" group on Tuesday evenings 7pm to 8.30pm and Friday afternoons 2pm to 3.30pm.

Everyone is invited to come along with your Sewing kits, knitting needles, crochet hooks etc and have a enjoyable time sharing tips and learning new

techniques. If you want to learn a new skill in 2020, this is the group to be in. Tea and cake will also be available. Merriott Sunday Market will be on April 5th, 10am to 4pm. Lots of Easter Fayre will be on offer as well as refreshments. Pop in for a cuppa we would love to see you. Anyone interested in having a table, please see our contact details below.

Saturday 11th April is Quiz night. No set entry fee, but we are asking for donations to the Little Daffodils bereavement charity. Doors open at 6.30pm and the quiz will start at 7.30pm. Up to 6 persons per team.

Sunday 19th is Ladies Pamper evening. Ladies come down and treat yourself to a well earned beauty treatment. Easter

is egghausting after all! From 6pm.

Saturday 25th we have Live music by Bad Education. An excellent cover band, not to be missed with free entry! From 8.30pm.

Lastly, we have our summer skittles entry forms ready for you! It's great fun, and you only need a team of 4. Every Friday evening from June to August. The hardest thing is to think up your team name. If anyone would like more information on any of the events above please phone 01460 74376 or email merriottsocialclub@hotmail.com.

We wish everyone a very happy Easter and hope to see you soon.

Penny Gibbs - Secretary

Easter Quiz

1. In the Christian calendar, what is the name given to the last Sunday before Easter?
a) Palm Sunday b) Pentecost c) Whitsun
2. What happened to Jesus on Good Friday?
3. And what happened to Jesus on Easter Sunday?
4. What does the period of Lent symbolise?
5. How many disciples joined Jesus at the Last Supper?
a) 10 b) 12 c) 14
6. What is the name of the disciple who betrayed Jesus?
a) Simon b) Peter c) Judas
7. What did he receive as payment?
a) An Easter egg
b) A gold necklace c) 30 pieces of silver
8. When the Roman Governor Pontius Pilate offered to release Jesus, which prisoner did the crowd demand was let go instead?
a) Herod b) Barabbas c) Judas
9. What is the Thursday before Easter called?
10. What is Maundy money?

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New Sponsor

Hello, my name is Lee. I am your local Red Driving School driving instructor. I am based in Merriott and have lived in the area for more than 20 years.

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Find me on Facebook for regular updates, offers and news.

Lee Donohoe

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MERRIOTT & HASELBURY PLUCKNETT
FIRST SCHOOLS FEDERATION

Job Opportunities

Midday Supervisor

5 hours per week

(Monday – Friday) 38 weeks per year,
based at Merriott First School

Salary: GRADE 16 Point 2 £9.18 per hour

The Federation is looking for a friendly, energetic and enthusiastic individual to join their lunchtime supervisory team to start as soon as possible. You will work from **12.15pm to 1.15pm 5 days a week** at **Merriott First School**, term time only.

Applicants should be:

- Well organised
- Able to demonstrate a positive and enthusiastic approach
- Enjoy working with children and young people
- Able to organise activities to ensure children are active during lunch play

The ability to offer extended time when other Midday Supervisors are unavailable and hold a Food Hygiene certificate would be advantageous too. Enquiries and visits are welcomed.

School Caretaker

15 hours per week, 6.45 am – 9.45am +
additional overtime as required.

Salary Grade 15 – Point 4, £9.55 per hour

We are seeking to appoint a friendly, conscientious, reliable and self-motivated individual to join our team to help ensure that our school and learning environment is the best it can be. You will be responsible for the security, caretaking and general maintenance needs of the sites and to ensure the schools are a safe and secure environment for pupils, teachers and visitors.

Our schools are friendly and inclusive at the centre of the village communities.

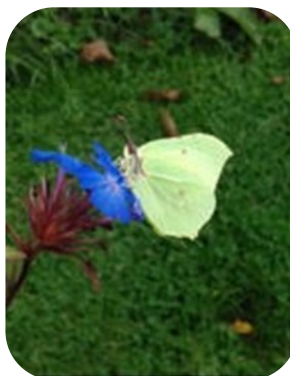
As a school committed to safeguarding, an enhanced DBS will be needed before a person can be appointed.

Please contact Miss Anne Higginbotham, Executive Headteacher for an application form & further details; email: office@merriott.somerset.sch.uk

Wendy Abbott

Harbingers of Spring

As the Spring garden comes to life, each new sighting marks the progression of the season, the first crocus, first primrose and the first butterfly all give an optimism for the gardening year ahead. We marvel that these delicate living things can survive at all given our unpredictable winter weather.



Brimstone butterfly on
Ceratostigma

The Brimstone butterfly is often the first to be seen in spring, it is a fairly large yellow butterfly with leaf shaped wings, the male is a bright yellow, the female a paler greenish yellow. Brimstones hibernate over winter as adult butterflies in shrubs and climbing plants like ivy and emerge on the first warm days. It is thought its yellow colour may have given rise to the name Butterfly. They can be seen feeding on Dandelions, Honesty, Wallflowers and Red Campion. The caterpillars

feed on the hedgerow plants Buckthorn and Alder Buckthorn.

The second butterfly that really signals spring is the Orange-tip. The distinctive orange on the wings of the male are unmistakable, the female is white with black wing tips. They both have beautiful mottled green and white markings on their underwings. Orange-tips over winter as a chrysalis, the new butterflies emerging from early April when they can be seen along hedgerows and in gardens. Favourite caterpillar foodplants include the Cuckoo Flower (*Cardamine pratensis*) and Garlic Mustard (*Alliaria petiolata*) they will also feed on Honesty (*Lunaria annua*) and Sweet Rocket (*Hesperis matronalis*) in gardens.

Catherine Bond, CB Plants



Community Pavilion

To book this fine village amenity for your get-together, please contact 01460 73771 or email: merriott-clerk@hotmail.co.uk.

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General Builder

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FilmCrew - April



FilmCrew's 8th screening of the season will take place on **Friday 3rd April** - '**Leave No Trace**' (2018, 12). Lauded by critics, this is a tale of an Iraqi war veteran, Will (Bill Foster), suffering from PTSD (post-traumatic stress disorder) and his teenage daughter, Tom (Thomasin Harcourt McKenzie) living off the grid in the forests of the Pacific North West. It is a deeply empathetic story of marginalised outsiders, a low key and subtle drama about cultural and generational divides that is both gripping and melancholic.

All screenings are at Wadham School, Crewkerne. Doors open at 7pm with the film starting at 7:30. Visitors can pay at the door, £6 per ticket. Tea/coffee and cake available plus cushioned, tiered seating.

Contact FilmCrew via filmcrewCC@gmail.com or 07749 614 048 *John Facey*

Care for Neighbours

At this difficult time, please can we encourage extra consideration for the needs of vulnerable neighbours.

Help with shopping and other supplies may be required – so please do whatever you can to assist in making an uncomfortable situation less hard to bear.

The Messenger Team

All Saints' Church
Merriott

Summer Fayre

Saturday 20th June
11am - 3pm

Merriott Rectory Garden

Refreshments

Cake Stall ★ Bric-a-Brac ★ Books
Raffle ★ Games and much more

All Welcome

Easter Quiz Answers

1. Palm Sunday
2. He was crucified by the Romans
3. He was resurrected from the dead
4. Jesus's time in the wilderness
5. 12
6. Judas
7. 30 pieces of silver
8. Barabbas
9. Maundy Thursday
10. Money given by the Queen to the poor on Maundy Thursday

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Merriott Parish Council

Merriott Parish Council meets on the 2nd Monday of the month in the Blake Room, at the Village Hall. Meetings start at 7.00pm and are open to members of the public. There is an open forum for approx. 10 minutes before the official meeting begins where members of the public can speak to Councillors informally. The Agenda for the meeting is displayed on the Parish Council noticeboard and on social media at least 5 days before the meeting is due to take place.

The Parish Council's powers include the upkeep and running of the Recreation Ground, the Pavilion and the civil burial ground. The Pavilion is available to hire for morning, afternoon or short evening sessions, ideal for exercise classes, dance class, children's parties etc. Full details are available from the Clerk.

The upgrade to the play area and refurbishment of the car park and overspill was undertaken last year. The Parish Council is now working on plans for an outside children's gym, a solar array to supply the pavilion, and additional life saving defibrillators around the village. This is in addition to

the existing plan to improve access to the community land and significant tree planting on the site.

It is also involved in highways and footpaths and planning applications, as well as other facilities in the village, such as the allotments.

Parish Councillors can choose to sit on a working party, discussing topics in greater depth and composing reports for the consideration of the full Council. The Parish Council has working parties for: Planning, Recreation Ground and Pavilion, Amenities and Finance.

There are currently vacancies for Councillors to join the Parish Council, so if you are interested in village matters and have some time to spare each month, we would love to hear from you. No formal qualifications are necessary, but you must be over 18 years old, resident in the village and on the electoral role. A keen interest in the village and a desire to help the local community would be ideal. If you would like to be involved please contact the Clerk to Merriott Parish Council by email at merriott-clerk@hotmail.co.uk.

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