

MERRIOTT MESSENGER

Delivered free to 1,000 homes

www.merriottvillage.org.uk

December 2017

Inside this issue:

Queenie Dodge	2
Short Mat Bowls	3
Footpath Group	4
Highways & Pathways update	5
Dear Editor	6
All about	7
Seed Heads	
Our Sponsors	7/8

The information and views in the Merriott Messenger are those provided by the named individual contributors and are not necessarily supported by the Editorial Team. Whilst every effort is made to ensure the information given is accurate, the Merriott Messenger cannot accept responsibility for any errors or omissions. With there being no edition in January, the copy date for the February issue is 12th Jan.

Your editorial team:

John Bowman	74077
Lesley Burnham	351785
Marion Biggs	74170
Peter Bryans	78182
Jane Jackson	74162
Janet Lailey	271008
Ann Lawrence	78461
Eric Vose	351857

Email:

merriottmessenger@gmail.com



The Messenger Editorial Team would like to wish our readers, distributors and sponsors a very Happy Christmas and Prosperous New Year. Thank you for supporting your free community newsletter with articles, news and of course sponsorship. We are also grateful to Parish Magazine Printing for producing the magazine to such a high quality and sending it to us promptly each month.

The Editorial Team

Christmas at All Saints Church

This year's **Christingle service** is early in Advent (to spread out the Advent and Christmas festivities!) on **Monday 4th December 7pm**, with Christingle making from 6.30pm.

For a quieter and more reflective visit you may like to drop into church during the **Advent Quiet Morning on Saturday 9th December**, 10am to 1pm. All Saints Church will be open for everyone who would like to come for some peace and quiet, to listen to some music, to pray or light a candle. Feel free to come for 5 minutes or as long as you like.

Shortly afterwards, the varied assortment of Christmas services get started and we hope you will feel welcome to come and celebrate Christmas with us this year. More details of the services are given here and on posters throughout the village. Have a happy and peaceful Advent and Christmas.

Revds Julia and Bob Hicks.

Sunday 3rd December - 8.30am Holy Communion

Monday 4th 7.00pm Christingle Service (Christingle making from 6.30pm)

Saturday 9th - 10am to 1pm Advent Quiet Morning

Sunday 10th - 9.30am Parish Communion

Tuesday 12th - 7.00pm Merriott Youth FC Carol Service

Saturday 16th - 7.30pm 'Carols and Classics' Concert

Sunday 17th - 10.00am All Age Carol Service

Sunday 24th - Christmas Eve:

4.00pm Crib Service

11.30pm Christmas Eve Communion

Monday 25th - Christmas Day 10.30am Communion

Sunday 31st - 10.00am Benefice Communion/Merriott

Sunday 7th January - Epiphany - 10.00am Benefice Communion in Hinton St George

Please see The 'Church Link' magazine for details of other services in January.

Carols and Classics by Candlelight



Not to be missed, the Carols and Classics Concert this year is on **Saturday 16th December** at All Saints Church, Merriott.

Performed by The Fisher Sinfonia, Joe Fisher and his

talented friends provide an evening of Classical and Festive arrangements. This will be the 9th year of the Carols and Classics concerts that will hopefully be another sell out. Mince pies and refreshments will start the Christmas festivities at 7:00pm for a 7:30pm concert start.

Tickets are £8 and are now available from Osbornes Store, Broadway, Merriott; Crewkerne Information Centre or contact 07870 404631 / 01460 76360, please book early to avoid disappointment.

Paul Fisher



How many of these little characters can you spot hidden in this issue?



Saturday 2nd December

Eyes down 7.30pm

Doors open 6.30pm

Raffle and tombola.

Merriott Social Club in aid of Merriott Pre-School.

Notes from the Merriott Archives held by Crewkerne Museum & Heritage Centre : Part 4 - QUEENIE DODGE - 1914-1997

Alice Irene Batstone was born in Merriott, the youngest child of three, and not only lived all her life here but lived all her life in Knapp, firstly at the corner shop where Broadway Garden now grows, then at No 3 (now the Co-op), and latterly at No 9. She was a school teacher by profession, teaching first at Haselbury Plucknett and then Chard. In 1941 she married Reg Dodge, also from Merriott. Persistently enthusiastic about all aspects of Merriott history, the information she collected, all of which is now housed in the Crewkerne Museum, covers the large and the small from detailed descriptions of the origin of the de Meriets and the succession of the Lords of the Manor to the everyday lives of ordinary folk and their means of survival, to the pubs they drank in, to the work they did and to her childhood memories. She helped people with their family history, particularly appreciated by the descendants of emigrants, she gave talks, arranged exhibitions, wrote articles, led walks around the village and was a supporter of the Civic Group.

Queenie's paternal forebears were from Luppitt and Southleigh in Devon but her grandfather made his way to East



Lambrook as a baker. Her father, Herbert Newton Batstone, was born in East Lambrook in 1866. Her mother, Alice, was a daughter of George and Catherine England of Merriott and, although I have not verified it, I suspect they owned the shop in Knapp (No 3) before Herbert and Alice. Two years after Herbert and Alice were married in 1897, Herbert bought all his father's "stock in trade" - groceries, draperies and all the baking stock, including horse, cart and harness - for £49.2s.2d., paying a deposit of £22. It is a lovely comment on those times that the remainder was subject to 5% interest; there was no "bank of Mum & Dad" in those days, parents were hard-nosed and offspring were expected to make their own way in life. Subsequently the family moved to S. Petherton to ply their trade and by 1906 they were in Merriott.

Typical of the diverse and often mundane facts Queenie accumulated, is a newspaper cutting which reports the discovery of a limbless skeleton unearthed at Furrington Cross, assumed to be that of a female who had committed suicide; such people could not be buried in consecrated ground but were often laid to rest at crossroads. It was reported that "the skeleton is now displayed in Mr Batstone's shop".

In trawling through the mass of papers, I cannot always tell how much is Queenie's work for there is little indication except for the handwriting, and she was not the most methodical person in ordering her facts, giving references and dating pictures. However, as I come towards the end of cataloguing the Merriott records, I could not disregard the contribution she made to recording Merriott's history. Now 20 years after her death on 2nd November, I think it is appropriate to remember her and the work she did and to thank her for it.

(Ref. BM2.08)

Pat Hobbs

Merriott Heritage Trust



As we do not produce the Merriott Messenger in January, please note the next issue will be in February.

OPEN GROUP

Christmas with the Open Group

Plenty of festive celebrations

November 30th - Dinner at Oscars in Crewkerne

December 14th - Christmas Party - Mulled wine, nibbles and Secret Santa.

Any queries please contact Marion Biggs 01460 74170.

Marion Biggs

Merriott's Monthly Market

**First Saturday of the month,
10am - 1pm - Merriott Social Club**

Every month the indoor market has at least 20+ regular stalls attending with various charity and local stalls. This month we will have a youth brass band playing and Father Christmas in his grotto and if you bring this add with you, you will be entered into a Christmas draw. The charity benefiting is "Ups and Downs".

As well as promoting the Club and raising funds for the new roof, we also support and share the proceeds with many other local charities. For further details call Lola on 07885 424 588, pop into the Club or check us out on  [facebook](#)

Lorraine Clarke



A warm welcome awaits you at

Chatter Cino

Start your day with a hearty breakfast
Lunches, offering a weekly special or
pop in for coffee & cake
All cakes homemade and
available to take away
Pastries & bread baked daily
Delicious High Teas to treat someone
special (please book)

Children's parties

Thursday Pizza night 5pm - 8 pm

Gluten free options on all above

10 Lower Street, Merriott TA16 5NL

01460 76659

Merriott Pre-School Christmas Fayre Thursday 7th December

6pm - 8pm

Merriott Pre-School, Evergreen Path

Teddy tombola, raffle, mulled wine, hot chocolate, cake stall, wooden reindeer, jewellery, glitter glasses, temporary tattoos, face painting, children's clothing, an opportunity to grab a festive photograph and much, much more!!!!



Father Christmas...
'Come and pay me a visit at Merriott Pre School and tell me if you have been naughty or nice'. 'Ho ho ho'.

Community Funds

Merriott Tithe Barn has been chosen to receive funds from the Co-op community fund, beginning on **12th November** for 11 months. Other Merriott Organisations have already benefitted from these donations. You can support them all by shopping at the village Co-op with your Co-op card and add extra if you nominate one charity in particular by going on line to the Co-op website.

Ann Lawrence

Short Mat Bowls Club News

Once again at the end of October most members gathered together to fight for Singles and Pairs Champions. Although it was a very long day, the standard of bowling was extremely high and everyone was eagerly waiting to see just which members would carry off the trophies.



Pairs champions: Margaret Rowswell and Peter Parker

The Pairs competition final was extremely close with Frank Smith and Robin de Winter playing against Margaret Rowswell & Peter Parker. The match went back and forth over ten ends with little indication of which pair might win, but in the final end Margaret and Peter overcame their opponents.

After a very short break the

Singles competition got under way with Frank once again on the mat against Mike Milton. This match equalled the other final in its intensity with both players fighting hard to overcome his opponent. At the end of play, Frank took the last end to become the 2017 Singles Champion with Mike a very worthy runner up. The trophies were presented by Club Secretary, Anne Weeks and photos were taken to record the efforts of a very memorable day.



Singles champion: : Frank Smith

Over the past twelve months the Club has been very encouraged by members keen to participate in other leagues and thereby gain further experience in playing against other clubs in the area. One very enjoyable league has been the East Coker Givle League played once a month for 3 months at a time. This year, 16 clubs from as far away as Cerne Abbas and Musbury have taken part and Merriott has been able to field two teams both of which finished mid table. The Chard Winter league, sponsored by Milford and Dormer Solicitors, has just begun and plays every Thursday afternoon at Chard until the middle of March 2018 with eight clubs participating each week. Merriott named 6 players to participate and they all have an equal opportunity to play and gain from the experience. Our Match Captain also tries to arrange friendly games

with other local clubs at least twice a month so we are kept pretty busy! With our twice weekly sessions in Merriott Village Hall with a regular minimum number of 12 members it is little wonder the standard of play has improved to the extent of providing a very exciting Championship Day.

This year has also seen three of our members playing for Somerset County including Jack Bradley who also plays in the England Under 21s squad. Our membership also includes a qualified County Umpire, Frank Smith, our Chairman.

We hope you have enjoyed reading this report and maybe you would like to come along and join us, or just come and watch. We are in the Hall every Tuesday afternoon from 1.45 to 5pm, and every Wednesday evening from 6.45 to 10pm. We also make a pretty decent cup of tea!

Anne Weeks (01460 73091) or website:
merriottshortmatbowls.wordpress.com

Welcome

We are pleased to welcome Lesley Burnham to the Editorial Team. A relative newcomer to the village, Lesley will bring a fresh view on what we do in the newsletter.

John Bowman

**SOMERSET
STAIRLIFTS &
MOBILITY**

SOMERSET STAIRLIFTS & MOBILITY

27 & 31 Frobisher Way, off Bindon Road
Taunton TA2 6BB

T: 01823 288196

E: info@somersetstairlifts.co.uk

W: www.somersetstairlifts.co.uk

YOUR LOCAL INDEPENDENT MOBILITY SPECIALISTS



- Stairlifts
- Mobility Scooters
- Mobility Aids
- Riser/Recliner Armchairs

OPEN: Monday - Friday 10 am - 5 pm Saturday 9 am - 1 pm



Merriott Footpaths Group

The parish footpath maintenance group have been active throughout the spring, summer and

autumn seasons. Between us we attempt to walk as many paths as possible to keep a check on their condition and are helped by walkers who alert us to problems they encounter. Sometimes we come across issues which we are not equipped to deal with. This was the situation back in the summer when one of our team encountered a huge growth of Himalayan Balsam near Haselbury Mill. However, because we liaise closely with the County Rights of Way team, we were able to call them in with specialist equipment to deal with it.

In addition to cutting back vegetation, we have carried out improvements to the surface on some paths and improved signage as well. We are grateful for the

cooperation we receive from landowners for giving us access.



Merriott Footpath Group volunteers working on footpath surface improvements

In conjunction with the County team we have been able to arrange the replacement of a number of broken stiles and gates and waymarkers and are grateful for their support and assistance.

We are sorry that we have not been able

to arrange any village footpath walks.

We had to cancel one due to bad weather, although one hardy soul did turn up! Hopefully we can resume these next year.

Finally, I regret that I have to raise the issue of dog fouling yet again. Most dog walkers are responsible, I know. But there are some who still do not clear up their dog's mess or worse leave poo bags on the ground or hanging on the hedge. Please use the bins or take your bags home.

As always if you encounter any issues on our parish paths, please get in touch on 01460 73158 or email merriott.fg@gmail.com.

You can also report issues direct to the County RoW team by using their interactive map which can be found on their website.

John Goldie

Parish Path Liaison Officer

Crewkerne & District Twinning Assoc.

Sunday 7th January 2018

Twin Pie Lunch - 12 for 12.30 at Misterton WI Hall

This will be the last fundraiser organised by Cheryl Newman as retiring Chairman. The menu will be Cottage Pie and Fruit Pie followed by tea and coffee. Please bring other beverages for your own consumption.

Cost £10.00 per person to include two strips of raffle tickets (more available for purchase), prizes of wine and sweets from our friends in France. All are welcome to come along for a sociable lunch, no obligations. To book please contact Cheryl on 01460 72505 by 2nd January.

For anyone interested in knowing more about the Association (Crewkerne has been twinned with Igny for almost 42 years and Bures for almost 12 years) please contact Lorna Scudder 01460 72962. A trip to Igny/Bures is planned for 2018.

Lorna Scudder



A huge thank you to everyone who so generously contributed to the Shoe-Box appeal. We've been able to send off 143 beautiful boxes, over the whole age-range.

This will make such a difference to the lives of desperately needy people in Romania.

We were overwhelmed and touched by your love and imagination - and indeed by the skill of many who have spent many hours making beautiful gifts.

Wishing you a very happy Christmas.

The Shoe-Box Team



Introducing the Beehive Toy Factory

2017 is nearing its end, with Christmas just a few clicks away! If you're looking for a one-stop-shop to buy Toys & Gifts look no further, as Beehive Toy Factory stocks everything from soft and wooden toys, bikes and scooters to arts and crafting toys.

We are situated at Lopen Business Park alongside our sister company Beehive Self Storage. Local collection is welcome, or shipping is FREE on orders over £10.00. We can even store your orders until just before Christmas to save you having to hide them at home! We have quality toys to suit all ages and we even offer a guarantee of satisfaction, or your money back.

Visit www.beehivetoyfactory.co.uk to see our full range of products. Orders can be placed over the phone on 01460 241800. Beehive Toy Factory, Lopen Business Park, Mill Lane, Lopen, TA13 5JS.

Toby Horne



Merriott Gardening Club

Tuesday 12th December - 6.30pm

To end our gardening year and to thank you for your continued support we are having a Christmas evening of mince pies, sausage rolls, nibbles, soft drinks and mulled wine both alcoholic and non-alcoholic. Meet as usual at the Tithe Barn, Church Street. Members, past members and non-members are warmly welcomed. There will be a Christmas raffle. Entrance fee £3.

On behalf of the Gardening Club Committee, we wish you all a very happy Christmas and hope to see you at our Christmas evening.

Please note that there will be no more meetings this year - keep your diary free for a talk on Snowdrops on **27th February** - look out for further details in the February Messenger.

Barbara 72298

Hello everyone,

Unfortunately there have been a number of incidents recently, mostly in the Hinton St. George area, but also in Merriott and South Petherton where vehicles have been entered and items including money and an i pod have been stolen. Please, when parking your vehicle, remove any valuables and ensure it is locked. This is normally a very low crime area and we will be increasing patrols in light of the recent incidents.

Should you see anyone acting suspiciously, please report it as soon as possible by ringing 101 or 999 if urgent. Any incidents not ongoing can also be reported via the Avon and Somerset website. There have also been some incidents recently of males going door to door trying to sell dusters and household items. When refused, they have become intimidating and do appear to have the required permits. Please report any similar incidents as mentioned above.

Michelle Haimes, PCSO 8913
Crewkerne Beat team

michelle.haimes@avonandsomerset.police.uk

Merriott First School Remembers

Merriott First School community has been thinking about remembrance in the lead up to Remembrance Sunday. Our Year 4 pupils sold poppies and other official merchandise to all the pupils through the first week in November.

Reverend Bob, local vicar, visited us to lead an assembly about Remembrance Day and the work the British Legion do.

Our Year 4 children visited Merriott Church and the war memorial on Friday 10th November. They were joined by Reverend Nick (curate of Merriott Church) who talked to the children about the importance of remembrance.

As you can see the children learned a lot from the experience.

"He told us about all the families that died in World War 1 and 2, he read them out like a register. He was wearing smart clothes, but one thing that stood out was his medals" said Ava, Year 4 pupil.

"Annual remembrance activities are so important for our pupils to learn about and the work our armed forces do." explains Mr Smith, Headteacher.



Philip Smith, Executive Headteacher
Merriott First School and Haselbury
Plucknett CE First School

SIS (Small Improvements Scheme) for Merriott – Highways and Pathways Proposal Submitted by Merriott Parish Council – Update by Grant Wright

In the October edition of the Merriott Messenger there was a summary of numerous Highways and Pathways improvements / proposals presented by Merriott Parish Council with a link to a full report on the Merriott Village website. Thank you to all those who looked at the proposals and sent us your comments. Some of the feedback was very comprehensive and detailed and we appreciate the time people have taken to do this. All the feedback was reviewed, some of it related to the proposals in the report and there were also some additional proposals, some of which have been reviewed in the past and had not been progressed for various reasons, such as cost to implement, feasibility and not meeting required criteria to progress. There was also feedback regarding the deeply unpopular Broadway traffic calming which can not be dealt with using a SIS. The window of opportunity for MPC to submit a SIS was very small and we had to prepare a fairly detailed application and choose a scheme most likely to meet the requirements laid out by the County Council in

order to progress the scheme and secure funding. We have submitted a scheme to extend the pathway from Pye Corner down into the village, with a safer better positioned crossing point for pedestrians, with better visibility for motorists. Also included is improved pedestrian safety over Merriottsford Bridge, along with an improved pathway to the Coop. This scheme has successfully scored enough points for the County Council to progress it through the first stage which is great news especially as over 100 SIS schemes were submitted and many did not get

through this first stage.

Unfortunately this process is not fast and has many more stages to get through before implementation, it is not guaranteed and can take several years. Some of the other proposals in the report may be progressed in the future outside of the SIS system and MPC will continue to work closely with the relevant departments in the County Council to do what we can. I will endeavour to send out updates when possible on the progress of this SIS or any other Highways and Pathways issues.

SOMERSET REIKI

Complementary Therapy
for Body and Mind

Through its holistic approach to stress reduction and relaxation, Reiki stimulates and strengthens the body's capacity to self-heal, restoring inner balance and promoting wellbeing.

Sara Morley

07484 636577



Dear Editor.....



Entry sign from Crewkerne



Entry sign from Boozer Pit



Sign on Lopen Road before Hinton junction

Dear Merriott Messenger,
What ever happened to the village border names signs?
The one as you come down in to the village from Crewkerne disappeared years ago!!
And I'm sure there is only a standard 'traffic' sign version as you come in from Lopen.
Every other village and town in the county has ornate signs.....
Just a thought.

Les Thomas

Dear Iain

The Messenger has recently received the above message regarding village signs. Does the PC have a view on this matter?

John Bowman

Hello John,
We have in our plans through SCC, a review of signage clutter throughout the parish which is damaging to the countryside street scene and confusing to drivers presented with more than they can comprehend and with more appearing all the time.

A finding from the TRL is that eighty something per cent of drivers never see eighty something per cent of road signs!
Would it be fair to say that almost everyone

has a satnav today making all direction and place name signs redundant. Their removal would allow the important warning signs to be clearly seen, and also improve the scenery through which we drive.
Having said all that, as part of the calming proposal on Broadway we are considering a request for 'Village Gateways', which do have a calming impact on driver behaviour. As part of this, new 'Welcome to Merriott' signage may be included, but not lumps of Ham stone which are fine for the quarry villages.

Iain Hall,
Chairman, Parish Council



Entry signs from Lopen

Photos by Peter Bryans.

The Messenger editorial team would be interested to hear the views of residents on this issue.

Please email them to:
messengerletters@gmail.com

Social Club News

May we remind you, Club memberships are now due, please pop in to renew or contact us on merriottsocialclub@hotmail.net

Up-coming events are:

Merriott's monthly market and indoor car-boot on **2nd December** in aid of Ups and Downs from 10am-1pm

9th December - Christmas bingo, eyes down 7.30pm

16th December - live music from 9pm with the ever popular, Renegades.

17th December - children's Christmas party, please contact us to reserve your child's place.

26th December - Boxing Day Disco, 4pm till midnight.

31st December - New Years Eve party with disco and food from 7pm, tickets on sale now, please contact us for further information and tickets prices.

Teresa Braley



Thank you to everyone who gave up their time to support the coffee morning, for Children in Need, held at Beadon Farm. With your help we raised £180.

Jenny Waddilove and Helen Tre-Vett



Photograph of the month



"A very Berry Christmas".
Photo taken by Mo Frampton.
Please send your photos to:
merriottmessenger@gmail.com

Refuse Collections - Christmas & New Year

Usual collection day	Revised collection day
Monday 25 December – Friday 29 December	All collections two days later (Monday pick-ups on Wed 27 and Friday pick-ups on Sun 31 Dec)
Monday 1 Jan – Friday 5 Jan	All collections one day later (Friday pick-ups on Sat 6 January)
Monday 8 January onwards	Usual collections resume

Garden waste collections will not take place between 25 Dec– 5 January but will resume Monday 8 January 2018 on usual days.

All about Seed Heads by C B Plants

Many flowering plants earn their keep in our gardens well into winter thanks to their strong stems and attractive seed heads. They sparkle when frosted and glow when seen in the low afternoon winter sunlight. Even on dull days the weather bleached structures reflect the light.

Architectural plants such as Fennel, Eryngiums (Sea Holly), Teasels and Artichoke have strong woody stems that stand well into winter. These hollow stemmed plants also have a role in supporting garden wildlife in cold weather by providing dry hiding places for beneficial insects such as ladybirds and lacewing and the seeds and heads, of course, provide food for goldfinches and other birds.

Other excellent plants to leave standing include Asters and Japanese Anemones for their attractive fluffy seed heads; Solidago 'Fireworks' for tall long lasting stems; Sedums, the flat heads retain their rusty colour for ages and Phlomis



russeliana whose dark candelabra stems and whorled seed heads make it a top winter plant.

Allowing some plants to decay naturally can give us the opportunity to see wildlife up close during winter. I have watched a short-tailed vole repeatedly climb stems of *Lychnis coronaria* the Rose Campion, to collect the seeds, carrying them away each time to its lair in the log store and observed small insect eating birds including Blue tits and Wrens searching through *Oregano* and *Sedum* heads for food.

When the time comes to clear away, it's a good idea to stack any hollow woody stems in a dry corner of the garden where they can continue to be insect homes until spring. Before long the snowdrops and other bulbs will be pushing through to take on the lead!

*Catherine Bond,
C B Plants, Lower Severalls Nursery*

More sponsors

Allen Computer Services

Sales, Repairs, Servicing, for
Home & Small Business,
Cloud Backup and Laptop
Screen Repairs
01460 298036
www.allencomputerservices.co.uk

IAN CROSSLAND PROPERTY MAINTENANCE

Tel: 01935 411813
Mob: 07811 070 498
Interior and exterior
decorating, Household
carpentry, External lime
mortaring, Restoration work

Chris Martin Interiors Ltd

Specialising in installation
of kitchens and bathrooms
01460 76612
07976 848 677

Gardening Quote of the Month

sent in by Mo Frampton

"The gardening season
officially begins on
January 1st and ends on
December 31st."

Marie Huston



A very big thank
you to all our
collectors and to
the generosity of
our villagers

during this year's Poppy
Appeal. The area collection
total is **£2848.30**. Without
your help the British Legion
would be unable to continue
their vital welfare and
benevolent work.

Liz and Peter Fisk



Useful Telephone Numbers

We will be updating the Useful Telephone
Numbers list for inclusion in the February issue.
If you are aware of any changes since it was last
published in June, please let us know.

Email additions/amendments to: merriottmessenger@gmail.com

Nancy Lewton celebrated her 90th birthday in style when Jordan
Evans entertained her and the residents of Moorlands Residential
Home las Vegas style, with songs from stars such as Frank Sinatra,
Dean Martin and the Rat Pack. An enjoyable afternoon was had by
all.

Lesley Burnham



CARE AND SUPPORT IN YOUR OWN HOME

Good old fashioned service



What we offer

We offer everything from domestic
help and personal care to shopping
trips and companionship visits. We
also offer respite, post-operative
and overnight care. Everything you
need to stay at home in comfort.

Tailor-made care

We listen carefully to how you want
things done. You can be involved in
every aspect of planning your care,
from the choice of staff to the time
you want us to visit you. Your care
will be tailor-made just for you.

Call your friendly local team on 01460 353184
or e-mail SouthSomerset@BluebirdCare.co.uk



Jaycee Plumbing Heating Engineers Boiler servicing and changes Lpg / Oil / Gas-Safe 20 Shiremoor Hill Merriott 07970 279778 / 07738 632746 Ansaphone: 01460 76000 jayceep plumbing@gmail.com	MERRIOTT HERITAGE TRUST merriott.heritage.trust@gmail.com 01460 72465	Sally-Marie Shearing Beauty Therapy Relaxing, Revitalising, Beauty Treatments Tel 01460 73957 Gift Vouchers available	 Manor Farm - Your local farm shop Lower Street, Merriott TA16 5NP Tel: 07963 102258 nigel.witcombe@gmail.com	Complete Care & Cleaning  Domestic Support Services 01460 261120 jess_completecare@hotmail.com www.completecareandcleaning.co.uk
Merriott Childcare Solutions Childminder OFSTED & PACEY registered Graded Outstanding Ad-hoc, F/T and P/T hours Registered for Early Years Educational funding www.merriottchildcare.co.uk 01460 74086/ 07807 753 77	R. A. Wicks Ltd Fireplace Showroom, Flue Lining, and Multi Fuel Stoves 01460 74612	Popular Motors, Merriott Service Station Broadway, Quality Car Sales, Workshop, MOT testing Garage & Car Service - 01460 76803 Shop and PO - 01460 78716 www.popularmotors.co.uk	Merriottsford Minibus 01460 76029 Taxi Alliance 01460 75089 / 01935 414444	 Beehive Toys & Gifts Buy your Christmas presents online @ www.beehivetoystore.co.uk 01460 241800
 S. MARTIN BUILDING All building work carried out smartinbuilding@yahoo.co.uk 07792 821 028	Merriott Social Club •open every evening •spacious function room available for hire 01460 74376 merriottsocialclub@hotmail.com Find us on 	Fusion Fostering We are always looking for families who can offer warm, loving and safe homes to children and young people who need Fostering. Tel: 03301 239355 info@fusionfostering.com	 The Barn Self Catering Accommodation 32 Church St Merriott TA16 5PS 01460 351857 07879 066012 thebarnmerriott@sky.com	The Haselbury Mill Haselbury Plucknett for Weddings and other Functions 01460 77095
Robert Frith Optometrists your local independent Optician FREE emergency appointments under the NHS Somerset ACES service Chard 67771 Crewkerne 72964 Yeovil 01935 478463	Kevin Swain Electrical Contractor Free Estimates Tel 01460 73260	Charlotte Hamlin Merriott Childminder OFSTED & PACEY registered Full/part-time hours Early years funding Between 6.30am & 6.30pm www.merriottchildminder.co.uk 01460 73361 07721 018 335	Andrew M Sheppard Appliance Maintenance Services Domestic Appliance Repairs Tel: 01460 72211 Mob: 07970 744 115 www.appliancemaintenance.co.uk	Osborne's Broadway Butcher of local farm meat, groceries, newspapers, wines and spirits 01460 73459
Moorlands Residential Home Moorlands Road Quality care for the elderly Contact Jayne: 01460 74425 jayne@moorlands-care.co.uk	Careford Lodge Residential Home Church Street Contact Lorraine on 01460 75592 carefordlodge@hotmail.co.uk	Merriott Pharmacy Free prescription collection & delivery 01460 72222 merriottpharmacy@hotmail.com	Tom Merrick Electrical Contractor Agricultural & Industrial No Job too small NAPIT approved contractor 01460 72757 07980 686 160	THE SEAVINGTONS' VILLAGE STORE & CAFE  Open 6 days a week Tel: 01460 249730
 WindowMan WINDOWS, DOORS & CONSERVATORIES 16 South Street Crewkerne TA18 8DA 01460 200666 5% off our advertised price for people of Merriott	Jays Complete Property Maintenance Over 20 years experience No job too small! 01460 78891 07865 700 760	Lawrences Auctioneers Free verbal valuations Home visits 01460 73041 Fax: 01460 270799	Merriott Parish Council merriott-clerk@hotmail.co.uk 07526 933464  @MerriottParishCouncil	 KINGFISHER veterinary practice Veterinary Crewkerne your local vets 01460 72443
 Did you find all 10?	S & L Roofing Local roofing business with 26 years experience Please call: Steve Baker on 07718 906 110 or 01460 351924 for information/quote	 MARTIN & CO Letting • Sales • Investment Property Management for S Somerset & W Dorset 01935 420555 yeovil@martinco.com www.martincoyevail.co.uk	 The Kings Head Church St Merriott TA16 5PR Tel: 01460 78912 also on 	Merriott Village Hall Parties, weddings, community groups welcome 01460 72508 rowswellm77@gmail.com
If you would like to promote your business or organisation, please contact a member of the editorial team, details are on the front page. Alternatively, email us at: merriottmessenger@gmail.com	 STOKES PARTNERS LLP SOLICITORS 01460 279 279 www.stokespartners.co.uk	Quantock Joinery Systems Limited Tail Mill Lane Merriott TA16 5PF 01460 77545 sales@quantock-joinery.co.uk	 Health Alternative Sports, Remedial & Holistic Massage Victoria Waight Moorlands Court, Merriott 07801 031 532 Massage for a healthy lifestyle	