

# MERE MATTERS

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YOUR COMMUNITY MAGAZINE AND  
GUIDE TO LOCAL EVENTS



April 2008

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# MERE PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Council meets every month. Whilst it is not a public meeting, members of the public are welcome to come and listen. The Council members are working on YOUR behalf to sustain and improve the quality of life and the environment that we enjoy in the parish - come and hear what they are doing for you! You will be permitted to raise questions in a public session before the meeting starts. The next meeting will be held in the Andy Young Pavilion at **7.30pm on Monday, 7th April 2008.**

## **The Chairman writes:**

I am pleased to report that, having attended the Mere Swimming Club AGM, a committee was elected and there are plans to open the swimming pool on 3rd May.

Mere is entering the Best Kept Village Competition – we hope everyone will support this by keeping up the high standards of cleanliness and tidiness.

We are sorry to report that our groundsman is on sick leave for the next three months. We wish him a speedy recovery and we hope that the residents of Mere will be understanding if we are unable to keep up the high standards that he has set during this time. We are hoping to employ a temporary groundsman in order to try and keep the disruption to a minimum.

We have arranged to hold the Annual Parish Meeting on Wednesday 23rd April at 7.30 p.m. in the Grove Buildings (refreshments will be served from 7.00 p.m.). This is a public meeting convened by the Parish Council where parishioners have the opportunity to come along and discuss concerns and hear reports from various organisations in the town. We will also be inviting representatives from the Three Rivers Partnership to give a presentation about sports provision in Gillingham and we also hope to discuss the promotion of tourism for Mere.

Lastly but most importantly, I would like to urge all parishioners to read and comment on the consultation paper recently produced by Salisbury District Council, 'Core Strategy Preferred Options – A Plan for Salisbury & South Wiltshire'. The results of this consultation will go towards shaping this area until the year 2026. The document is available to

download or view on SDC's website: [www.salisbury.gov.uk/preferred-options](http://www.salisbury.gov.uk/preferred-options) and has also been distributed to the library. An exhibition is being held at the Grove Buildings in Mere on Monday, 31st March between 1.00 and 6.00pm with a public meeting that same evening between 7.00 and 8.30pm.

*Rodney Coward, Chairman, Mere Parish Council*

## **CONSULTATION FOR SALISBURY DISTRICT COUNCIL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK**

A set of policies are being formed at the present time called the Local Development Framework, which will help shape how we in and around Mere will be allowed to develop, ie number of houses built, employment sites etc. Many of you have already answered a consultation document. The core strategy preferred options are now out for consultation. Perhaps you would like to visit the Grove Buildings on the 31st March from 1pm to 6 pm to visit the exhibition and/or come to the Public meeting there from 7.00 to 8-30pm that evening to learn more.

The consultation is taking place for six weeks between the 28th February 2008 and 11th April 2008. Representations must reach the SDC no later than 4.30pm on 11th April 2008.

*George Jeans, District Councillor*

## **MERE POLICE NEWS**



As notified in the March edition of "Mere Matters", I am currently running both Neighbourhood Policing Teams for Mere & Tisbury.

This is a short-term arrangement, however I do not believe that it will conclude anytime soon. To that end, I may be a little delayed in responding to some of the protracted enquiries which come my way on a daily basis !

PCSO Mike Tryhorn 6167 can also be contacted by e-mail on [michael.tryhorn@wiltshire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:michael.tryhorn@wiltshire.pnn.police.uk) for Mere/Tisbury and PCSO Kim Thick 6166 is also available at [kim.thick@wiltshire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:kim.thick@wiltshire.pnn.police.uk), however she is currently working part time.

In the meantime, we will continue to carry on delivering the best service locally that we can, and thank you for your continued support.

*Richard J G Salter, Community Beat Manager 1312  
& Western Wildlife Crime Officer, Mere NPT*

*☎ 0845 408 7000 ext 749817*

*richard.salter@wiltshire.pnn.police.uk*

## **THE LECTURE HALL IS BACK IN BUSINESS!**

After a three-month closure for refurbishment, the Lecture Hall will be officially re-opened on Saturday 19th April by, Dr Andrew Murrison, our local MP. YOU are invited to the opening ceremony, which will be followed by an afternoon of free entertainment given by the hall's user-groups and friends. There will be an exhibition, and refreshments will be available.

The proposed timetable of events - interspersed with Lecture Hall snippets – is shown below. Pick and choose or stay for the afternoon.

|        |  |
|--------|--|
| 2.00pm | Doors open   |
| 2.15pm | Grand drum roll from Espresso Bongo for the opening by |

### **Dr Andrew Murrison, MP**

followed by

|           |   |
|-----------|---|
|           | Espresso Bongo's Drum Experience led by Paula Fleming             |
| 2.50pm    | Mere Karate Club  |
| 3.20pm    | James Wakeling  |
| 3.30pm    | Joe Gladwin – Paper plays & puppet theatre                        |
| 3.50pm    | Mere Melodies – Handbells   |
| 4.10pm    | Individual acts from MADS inc. Lindsey Brodier – James Wakeling   |
| 4.25pm    | Mere Melodies   |
| 4.50pm    | Ad Hoc Harmony – led by Jane Hurd                                 |
| 5.05pm    | MADS – a special Lecture Hall composition!                        |
| 6.00-8.pm | A Folk Ceilidh – join in country dancing led by the Glide family. |

Times may vary slightly on the day as this is a celebration party – and YOU ARE INVITED. *Ann Read ☎ 01747 861486 & Adrienne Howell*

# Sunshine Healthy Living Project

Helping people live healthier lives

Since the Sunshine project started way back in 2003, nearly 5,000 people living in and around Mere and Tisbury have taken part in one of our activities. Like the Chair Based Exercise classes that have been happening every week in Mere and Tisbury, and the community gardens that were started by Shaw Trust in Mere, Tisbury and Hindon, or the Merely Women group meeting alternate Fridays in the Grove Buildings.

Sunshine projects have been a success because local communities and professionals have worked side by side. People have been able to take part in activities in their own neighbourhoods, rather than always looking to local towns and cities.

Many of the activities that were started through Sunshine will be continuing either being run by one of our partners, or by local people.

**A big thank you to everyone who has taken part and supported Sunshine projects over the last five years.**



Sunshine Healthy Living Project, a partnership between several local charities, Salisbury District Council and Wiltshire PCT, is managed by Wessex Community Action and provides activities and services around Tisbury, Mere and Barford St Martin.

Wessex Community Action  
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## **Did you know?....**

- Nearly 5,000 people have benefited from Sunshine HLP in 5 years
- More than 100 venues across the project area have been used to deliver services
- Over £360,000 of debt has been handled by our CAB advisor for local clients
- Almost 1,000 people benefited from contacting the women's rural advice service
- Healthy Eating Workshops have taken place in local venues across the area
- 44 local people took part in 3 arts projects—film, theatre & animation
- Merely Women group meets every 2nd and 4th Friday in the Grove Buildings

### **What some of our clients said:**

'For my children, who are entirely dependent on me, and myself, Home-Start has offered support, friendship and kindness that has enabled us to cope and learn to adapt to our new family unit with hope.' (about Home-Start South Wilts)

'Through this group I have met so many people and no longer feel like a stranger' (about the Merely Women group)

'Thank you. With your help we will have a better Christmas' (about CAB debt advice service)

### **If you want to make contact with any of the ongoing projects then contact:**

Chair Based Exercise  
01722 434274  
Family Support  
01722 744221  
Energy Efficiency Advice line  
0800 512012  
Money Advice  
01722 327222  
Women's Rural Advice  
07769 681649  
Sunshine Project Office  
01722 415600

[www.sunshinehealthyliving.org.uk](http://www.sunshinehealthyliving.org.uk)

## MERE WEATHER

February was the driest month since last September. We had only 49mms (1.93 ins) of rain. Last year was 160.5mms (6.32ins). We had six frosty mornings, which soon cleared with bright sunshine. Generally we had cold winds and above average sunshine.

So far in March it has been wetter with 84.5 mms (3.33 ins.) of rain (36 mms on the 15th alone) with hail on the 9th. We had less sunshine than in February, but still strong winds.

*Peter Durkee*

### THE MERE LECTURE HALL TRUST

#### **Grants available for 2008.**

This independent Christian Trust was established in 1924 to promote the spiritual, moral, educational and social welfare of the inhabitants of the town of Mere and the surrounding area. The Trust supports a number of small schemes, charities and voluntary groups with grants for practical action. They welcome a wide range of creative initiatives.

The Trust is benevolent in a broad sense and seeks to help people of all ages to enjoy facilities they would not otherwise be able to access. The Trust operates within a Christian ethos for the benefit of the whole community.

Applications for grant support are now invited for activities or projects based within 8 miles of Mere, closing date 31st May 2008. Grants will normally be paid annually in the autumn.

For further details and application form, please write with s.a.e. to:  
The Secretary, Mere Lecture Hall Trust, 39 Coppice Street,  
Shaftesbury, SP7 8PD

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**St Michael the Archangel, Mere**

## **Summer Fete**

**Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> June at 2.30pm**

**Don't forget to put this date in your diary !!**

**We would be grateful for any donations of cakes, plants, raffle prizes, bric-a-brac etc. Please contact the following stallholders if you wish to donate. Especially needed are bottles for the tombola !**

|                 |                        |              |
|-----------------|------------------------|--------------|
| Bric-a-brac     | Julia Stapleton        | 860805       |
| Books           | Jenny & Roger Wilding  | 860908       |
| Cakes           | Myrene Coward          | 860445       |
| Preserves       | Pat Isom               | 861776       |
| Plants          | Jean & Colin Kantharia | 861168       |
| Flowers         | Gillian Howard         | 861808       |
| Sweets/Biscuits | Angela McDonald        | 861602       |
| Toys            | Jan Davies             | 01985 844241 |
| CDs             | Maggie Durkee          | 860163       |
| Bottle Tombola  | Elizabeth Howden       | 863424       |

**If you would like to help in any way please contact one of the organisers:**

|               |               |
|---------------|---------------|
| <b>Jean</b>   | <b>860142</b> |
| <b>Angela</b> | <b>861602</b> |
| <b>Judy</b>   | <b>860439</b> |

**REMEMBER! COPY DATE FOR THE MAY ISSUE  
IS EARLIER THAN USUAL. IT WILL BE:**

**MONDAY, 14th APRIL**



## MERE CARNIVAL

The Mere Carnival is going from strength to strength and over 20 people attended the AGM held in March. This was followed by the handing over cheques for a total of £900 to various local charities including Footprints, the St. Michaels' Church East Window Appeal, the Linkscheme, "Mere Matters", the Lions Club and the Mere Swimming Club, which recently suffered from vandalism to the pool.

It is hoped that more will be raised this year and the next event is Bingo on Friday, 25th April. Doors open 7.00pm - eyes down 7.45pm. This will be held in the Grove Buildings, Church Street, Mere. There will be a raffle, refreshments, excellent prizes and a "Special".

If you have any items that would be suitable for use as raffle/bingo prizes, we are always very grateful to receive them and they can be left at anytime throughout the year at Jeans Electrical Shop or Chapel showroom. For each Bingo, we need at least 30 prizes and with donated prizes this obviously increases the takings from the event to be put back in to Carnival funds.

Advance note for the diary! - Carnival Bingo 5th September - times and venue as above.

*Sue Jeans, on behalf of Mere Carnival Committee, ☎ 01747 860215*

## WANTED: FOR ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH FETE

Having a Spring Clean?

If you have any CDs or DVDs needing a new home, please donate them to this year's Fete. To arrange collection please call me.

*Maggie Durkee ☎ 01747 860163*

### ***Do you have difficulty cutting your toenails?***

If so, why not ask me to help? For £10 a time I will soak your feet in a foot spa with soothing oils and cut your toenails.

For more details ask Mary Merrell. Phone: **01747 860195**

## MERE AND DISTRICT LINKSCHEME

Requests for transport ☎ 01747 860096.

We received 27 requests for transport to Salisbury District Hospital in January and 26 in February. We have also made journeys to hospitals in Southampton and Bath, as well as to local hospitals. Please remember that if you have a friend or relative in Salisbury District Hospital we would be happy to take you to visit them, providing that you are willing to travel with someone going to an appointment.

In addition to longer journeys, we have also arranged transport to local surgeries, dentists, opticians and foot clinics. We can also help with local shopping.

*Molly Burden*

## NEW ART GROUP IN MERE

Would you like to paint but never seem to find the time at home? Then come and join our friendly informal group in a relaxed atmosphere in The School Room at The Methodist Church in North Street every Thursday from 10am to 1pm. No term-times, no tutors. Bring your own painting materials. All abilities welcome. Drop in and see what we're up to. £2.00 per session to cover hire of hall and refreshments. Enquiries to: Judy Hingley: ☎ 01747 861596

## MERE GARDENING CLUB

The next meeting will be on Wednesday, 9th April at 7.30pm in the Grove Buildings when **Mary Benger** will give a talk on **Plant Associations at Burrow Farm Gardens**.

Mary Benger has created a beautifully landscaped ten acre garden over the last forty years, with wonderful views and many interesting features including the woodland garden in a Roman clay pit with ponds, moisture loving plants and wild flowers.



Old roses and herbaceous plants are featured in the pergola walk, and the terrace garden specialises in later summer flowering perennials.

New for the millennium was the Rill garden with traditional stone summerhouse and water features combined with unusual plants. The colour combinations in the whole garden are said to be stunning; a plantsman's delight. There are many unusual trees, shrubs and herbaceous plants.

Mary will be telling us about her garden and how she aims to contrast form while harmonising colour, illustrating her talk with slides. With so many different areas to show us, there is sure to be a lot to inspire us for our own gardens. There will be a plant sales table so don't forget your purses!

Visitors will be very welcome.

*Caroline Cook* ☎ 01747 861797

## **MERE FILM SHOWS**

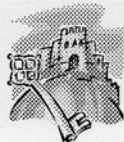
Our film this month (back in the Lecture Hall don't forget!) on Thursday 24th April is "The Lives of Others" (15), a memorable thriller that won the 2007 Oscar for Best Foreign Language Film.

It is in German with English subtitles and it has been described by people who have seen it as 'one of the best films' they have seen. It was certainly very well reviewed on its release, both for its story and direction, and has been well received by other Moviola audiences. More details on page 17.

I am aware that it was not always easy to see the subtitles on the screen during the Spanish scenes in 'Elizabeth' last month, so I hope our return to the Lecture Hall will make viewing easier all round.

I must also tell you that this month the Moviola ticket price has been increased to £5.00, which is not our doing, but that of the company itself and we have to pass this on to our audience. For your diaries, the date of the next film is Thursday 22nd May, but the film itself has yet to be confirmed.

*Mary White* ☎ 01747 861257



## MERE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

VISIT ONE: Wednesday 14th May 2008

### *Sandford Orcas Manor*

Sandford Orcas Manor, near Sherborne, is a lovely example of a small Tudor Manor House. Built in honey-coloured Ham stone in the 1550s on the foundations of a mediaeval house, it survives virtually unaltered inside as well as out. Only three families have owned this house, the present family, the Medlycotts for about the last 250 years. Our guide will be Sir Mervyn Medlycott who will take us round his manor and will include the Great Hall with its Jacobean screen and massive mullioned windows, the Parlour, Great Chamber and Gatehouse Chamber. The Church of St Nicholas has a Norman font and a 15th century tower, and its small chapel contains a number of monuments. We will also be able to view the gardens, at its best in May at lilac and laburnum time, and with herbaceous borders, terraces and mature trees.

After we will have an included tea at The Mitre.

We will leave Salisbury Street Car Park at 1.15pm and return to Mere by 5.30pm approx.

**Cost:** MHS Members £12, non MHS members £14 per person  
*Stairs, all with handrails, some uneven stone*

Please ring Caroline (01747 861797) if you would like more details.  
(after 25<sup>th</sup> April Ruth Van Sloten 01747 860783)

***Non Members Welcome***

***Booking forms available from Mere Information Point***

## CANCER RESEARCH – MERE BRANCH

Our Committee are holding a Spring Sale in the Grove Buildings on Saturday 5th April at 10.00am. We would like to thank all those who kindly supported us in our recent endeavours as £12,000.00 was sent to Head Office for 2007.

Shirley Thomas ☎ 0174 860586



## MERE MUSEUM

There has been a good response to our appeal for memories and photographs for the next exhibition about schools in Mere. Do keep these coming in. If you would rather dictate your memories, please get in touch; we may be able to help.

The present exhibition about old Mere trades has been very well received. This too has prompted the suggestion that we should try to compile a record of the changing commercial history of Mere since the end of the second world war. If you have memories of shops and shopkeepers, businesses and craftsmen and women whose premises are now long gone – or even more recently gone – we should like to hear from you. Your Museum needs you!

Don't forget our **Annual Plant Sale** on Saturday morning, 3rd May. More details in the next issue of Mere Matters, and look out for posters.

*Jenny Wilding ☎ 01747 860908*



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**SATURDAY 19TH APRIL 2008**

at **ANGEL CORNER TEAROOMS**  
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**Friends of Mere Museum**

## ***Don't Forget!***

### **“The Mary Rose”**

An illustrated talk by Bill Moore (Mary Rose Trust) on Henry VIII's Flag-Ship which sank on its way to an engagement with the French fleet off Portsmouth in 1545. The remains of the Tudor King's pride and joy were raised in 1982.

Replica artefacts will be on display.

Try some 'grog' and a ship's biscuit!

**7.30 Tuesday 1st April in  
The Grove Buildings  
(doors open 7pm)**

Tickets, to include light refreshments and first glass of wine, £7.00  
from Mere Information Point in the Library  
or Judy Avory ☎ 01747 860439

## **SLIMMING WORLD**

The Slimming World group in Mere is looking forward to a triumphant return to the newly refurbished lecture hall on Monday 7th April at 7.00pm.

Consultant Carrie Gorry is looking forward to the glamorous new venue that now matches the glamorous new image of her members who since January have lost a combined weight of 24 stone!

“The fantastic new venue is going to really enhance the group,” says Carrie, “I know that we are just going to fly through the summer dropping the lbs as we go”. Come along to the Lecture halls open day on 19th April from 2 pm and meet Carrie.

To find out more call Carrie on 01747 840013

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# **The Lives of Others (15)**

**"Nothing is private. Nothing is sacred."**

A stunning thriller set in Berlin in 1984.

The secret police's aim is "to know everything". Stasi official Gerd Wiesler is detailed to spy on playwright Georg Dreyman and his girlfriend, but the more he listens, the more involved he becomes..... Winner of the 2007 Oscar for Best Foreign Language Film.

*In German with English subtitles*

**In the Lecture Hall**  
**Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30pm**  
*(Doors open 7.00pm)*

**TICKETS £5.00**

**Available from the Tourist Information Office**  
**(in the Library)**

*For more information call Mary White on 01747 861257*

Visit our website at [www.moviola.org](http://www.moviola.org)



## MOTHERS UNION & OPEN MEMBERS GROUP

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday 8th April at 2.30pm in the Grove Buildings. The speakers will be Marguerite Treeby, our Action and Outreach UK Co-ordinator.

Our next monthly Communion Service will be at the 10.30am service in St Michael's on Wednesday 2nd April.

*Thelma Ings ☎ 01747 860262*

*DI Woodworx advert - ¼ page*

*Bull Pits advert - ½ page*

## MERE AMATEUR DRAMATIC SOCIETY (MADS)

Following two successful and highly entertaining play readings in March, the short list of play titles has been narrowed down and a final decision will be taken at MADS' next meeting on **14th April (at 8.00 p.m. in the Drama Room)**.

We hope you will all be able to contain your excitement until the next issue of Mere Matters; if not just accost a MADS member and demand to know the result. In the meantime, we shall be there on 19th April at the re-opening of the beautifully re-furbished Lecture Hall. Watch out for us – we plan to steal the show!

And if this weren't enough, we are holding our **AGM** in the new Lecture Hall on **Monday 19th May**, 7.00p.m. (coffee and biscuits) for 7.30pm. Please put the date into your already well-worn diaries and come and see what we are all about.

It's the perfect time to join us if on or off stage involvement interests you: join in May and you get full money's worth for your subscription which is £5.00 (£1.00 for children under 18). Existing members, or simply lapsed ones: you will be warmly welcomed, as will your subscription.

*Jenny Wilding ☎ 01747 860908*

## GROVE BUILDINGS RESTORATION FUND

The Result of the '100' Club Draw for April, drawn after Morning Praise on 2nd March by Mrs J Kantharia, was:

|           |       |   |         |                 |
|-----------|-------|---|---------|-----------------|
| 1st Prize | (£20) | - | No. 23  | Mrs D Firmin    |
| 2nd Prize | (£15) | - | No. 113 | Miss M Thompson |
| 3rd Prize | (£10) | - | No. 140 | Mrs T Read      |
| 4th Prize | (£5)  | - | No. 112 | Mrs G Anderson  |

*Valerie Ransley ☎ 01747 860964*

## MERE WOMENS INSTITUTE

Our next meeting will be on Thursday, 3<sup>rd</sup> April at 7.30pm in the Grove Buildings, when Mickey Fitzpatrick will entertain members with his collection of humorous monologues.

We shall be continuing our usual regular Craft Afternoons and meetings for Scrabble and other games.

Visitors are always welcome at our meetings. Please come along and join us or for further information telephone me.

*Molly Burden ☎ 01747 860007*

## FRIENDS OF FIVES COURT

Fives Court is holding a **Coffee Morning on Saturday 19th April from 10.00am. The Friends** will be running a quick 'on-the-spot raffle' and a stall, to help raise funds for summer garden furniture for Residents.

Our contribution will take the form of a 'make me an offer...' stall: we are gathering items that are new (or as good as new) – things like unwanted prizes and presents, items surplus to requirements, things you've bought but changed your mind about – anything that might be just what someone else is looking for. Look on it as a top-of-the-market recycling project! If you have such items and would like to donate them, please leave them in the marked box in the porch at Fives Court, or in a similar box in St. Michael's Friends' Corner, or ring 01747 860908 if you would like someone to collect.

Please support Fives Court and its Friends on 19th – it's in the morning and so won't prevent your supporting the Lecture Hall in the afternoon!

*Jenny Wilding ☎ 01747 860908*

## MERE SWIMMING CLUB

On 6th March, we held an emergency AGM to set up a new committee. Our new Chairman is Simon Harlow, Lyndie Sanger is our Treasurer

and Bob Parsons is our very handy maintenance person. I was really pleased to see some new faces at the meeting.

Our fundraising got off to a wonderful start with a donation of £200 from the Gillingham, Shaftesbury and Mere Lions. We then received £400 from the Carnival Club and £200 from Mark and Sam from the Walnut Tree. May I take this opportunity to thank them immensely for their most generous donations. There is still a lot of work that needs to be done in and around the pool area, so any more donations will be gratefully received.

I would like to thank Rod Coward and Clive Hazzard, who donned their waders and cleaned the rubbish out of the pool.

Providing all goes to plan, we are hoping to open on 3rd May. An announcement will be made later.

We are still looking for a fundraiser, so if you have some free time and could help us, please give me a call.

*Sally Howell Secretary ☎ 01747 860644/ 07813183115*

## **MERE BOWLS CLUB**

### **Want to Try Something New**

Come along to Mere Bowls Club on Saturday, 19th April at 3.00pm. and "Have a Go". We are holding an "Open Day" especially for anyone who has always wanted to try the game, but has never had the opportunity. All that is needed is a Flat Pair of Shoes. This is a Fun Afternoon and there will be people on hand to help you. This is a sport where women are on equal terms with the men, or you may like to just come along and watch and have a cup of tea.

The Official opening of the Club for existing and new players, is on Saturday, 12th April at 3.00p.m. This year we have entered the Salisbury & District Men's League as well as The Westbrook League and, of course, we will continue with the friendly matches. New Players are always welcome. For any further information please telephone me.

*Teresa Read ☎ 01747 860289*

## **MERE SNOOKER CLUB**

### **DO YOU ENJOY WATCHING THE SNOOKER ON TELEVISION?**

Here in Mere is a wonderful facility for Ladies and Gentlemen (over 16) to have a go at potting the black on lovely tables in a peaceful setting. No previous experience is necessary as basic instruction and encouragement is willingly given by our small, friendly membership.

The cost is minimal and tables can be available for use and practice throughout the day and evening, Monday to Saturday.

So, if you would like to sharpen up your game, or have some fun trying something that you have only watched before, whilst developing your hand/eye skills, then give Kevin or Heather a ring to find out more on 01747 860305

Mere Snooker Club, Salisbury Street (probably the oldest existing club in Mere).  
*Kevin Smith.*

## **MERE CRICKET CLUB**

With the rain lashing down for the entire weekend, I am reminded that the new cricket season fast approaches!

Firstly, due to popular demand, we shall be running coaching sessions for youth and junior sides again this year, provisionally, under 11's on a Tuesday, over 11's on a Friday. More details to follow. Matches have been arranged, and I look forward to seeing these teams grow in stature and ability whilst enjoying their cricket throughout the summer. We have sent 5 people on coaching courses throughout the winter, and can now boast a healthy supporting cast for lead coaches Tim Cowley and Jess Wakeling.

Pre-season indoor practice nets have recently begun on Sunday evenings, a chance to be reminded which end of the bat is which. In some cases, this discovery has led to a marked improvement in performance! I am particularly pleased to welcome the many new faces seen on these evenings, and would like to take this opportunity to

extend an invitation to anyone else who has any interest in cricket to come along and join us on Sunday evenings at Warminster Cricket Ground nets from 8.00 to 9.30pm until the middle of April.

Practice and players will be precious commodities in great demand this year, as Mere CC will take part in the newly formed Surridges Three Counties League on Sundays covering an area spanning the corners of Dorset, Wiltshire and Somerset. We also have a number of midweek "Twenty 20" games arranged. What would also be nice would be any budding umpires who would be prepared to stand for us in any of these games - a knowledge of the rules would be a bonus! Any keen volunteers should contact me please (number below).

The Cricket Club also plans to stage a Race Night event so we can raise funds to enable us to send more players on coaching courses, and to enable us to purchase more practice equipment as well as grounds keeping equipment. Look out for further news soon.

This brings me nicely to my final comment, which is to say a big thank you to those members of the local community who have worked extremely hard to raise the money to enable new pitches to be laid (for which new grounds equipment will be required). If anyone wants any further information, has any questions, or wants to discuss anything to do with cricket in the community, please feel free to contact me

*Kevin Whitmore ☎ 01747 860639*



We raised £151.00 on our cake stall on Friday 14th March in Mere and £255.00 at our duck race on the 15th March.

These fundraising events were a huge success. Thank you to everyone who showed support and especially to everyone who made cakes and helped organise and run these events. A special "Thank You" to Treena Bird for her support.

*Becky & Victoria ☎ 01747 861186*



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### **Appointment of a Centre Manager**

The exciting news this month is the appointment of a Centre Manager at Footprints, your local community centre. Georgina Shaw comes to us with several years of very relevant experience, gained through various posts, which she has held over the years, including the Benefits Office, the Child Support Agency and the Dept. of Work and Pensions.

Her qualifications include a degree in Social Policy and Administration, and her career and experience span the armed forces and the private sector as well as the civil service. She is mother to 3 children (6, 14 & 18) and a carer to a disabled mother. Her interests include painting, food, debating, surfing, skiing and all ball sports.

Georgina comments: "I am looking forward to joining and supporting the exceptional team at Footprints, to extend the delivery of an ever wider choice of services and activities that will expand, engage and unite the community within Mere and the surrounding areas. It is my intention to get out and about and make myself fully available within the community enabling me to better understand where and what will most benefit everyone"

Georgina will join us on 28th April 2008.

*Peter Mason, Chairman, Mere & District Footprints Limited*

### **Summer Prospectus**

We have just come to the end of our second successful term of courses for adults. Details of our Summer programme will be printed very shortly; they will be delivered to every household in Mere and surrounding parishes, and will also be available in Mere Library. Computer courses

will continue to run every Tuesday and Wednesday. There will also be courses in Painting, Dressmaking, Interior Design and Digital Photography. For those of you who want to brush up your English or Maths, free courses in both these subjects take place every Tuesday morning. For further information, or to book a place, telephone Eileen or Jan at Footprints.

### **Lipreading Classes**

A new and exciting addition to our list are the “Lipreading” classes to be run by a qualified teacher. If you have a hearing loss and want to communicate better, or if you know someone with a hearing loss and want to be able to communicate better with them, then this is the programme for you. The classes start on 25th April from 10 am to 12 noon. The cost is £40.00 for 8 sessions. Contact Eileen or Jan at Footprints for further information.

### **An Introduction to Looking at Paintings**

If you're curious about paintings but don't know much about them, like looking at them but fear that you 'don't know enough' to express an opinion, help is at hand! On three successive Wednesday mornings in April, 16th, 23rd and 30th, a course entitled *An Introduction to Looking at Paintings* will be held at Footprints under the auspices of the WEA. Art is for everyone, not just for experts, and this course will help you to look at paintings, to understand what you see and then to articulate both your views and your questions. And it will get you started on the road to a lifetime of pleasure! The cost of the course is £22.50. To book, contact Telephone Eileen or Jan at Footprints.

### **Website**

Read all about us on our new website: [www.merefootprints.org.uk](http://www.merefootprints.org.uk)

## **MERE SCHOOL**

### **March 2008**

We have been very busy again!

We loved our Science day. We learnt loads. There were night vision goggles, we learnt about germs, solar panels, chemistry and lots of



other things. Everybody liked it and wanted to learn more. Thank you to Mrs Taylor and the many scientists and businesses that came to help.

We raised over £430 in book week and we had lots of different books to choose from. We also had a competition to design a card on the theme of 'Around the World'. Emily Maidment and Keira Smith won the prizes.

On 6th March Mr Marshall and Mr Newman took our year 3 and 4 footballers to a tournament at Gillingham School. The players were William Thorpe, Bryony Adams, George Cassidy, Aaron Newman, William Batty Smith, Ashley Beament, Melissa Gatehouse, Jack Harvey and Jack Tucker. Mere School won the tournament and now go on to the next round.

*Manor Farm Vets advert - ½ page*

On Friday 7th March we took our reports home and a week later our mums and dads could come in to look at our work. All of our parents seemed to be very happy!

One Friday evening we had an Easter Bingo with loads of fabulous prizes. Lots of people won and it was heaps of fun - even some teachers came. We are hoping there will be another one soon.

The school had a Sports Relief 'Come to School Day in Red' on Friday 14th March. We brought in 50p each, which has been sent to help people less fortunate than us. Mrs Maynard also made 'Sports Relief' cookies to raise money.

We have had a lot of building work done at school. We have had more tarmac put down for us to walk and play on. We have also had air-conditioning put into green class and in the big hall we have had a new sound system installed.

*Reece Watts, Rhys Newman, Hetty Horne, Nicole Gent,  
Arabella Murrison, Hollyanna Filleau, Emily Hill, Tom Wakeling,  
Liam Reilly, Ben Cooper, Charlie Guy-Knapp,  
Charlotte Summerfield and Tom Curtis*

## **1st MERE SCOUT GROUP**

The Group is holding an Open Evening at 6.30pm on Monday 28th April in the Grove Buildings.

Come along and see what the Beavers, Cubs and Scouts GET UP TO EACH WEEK at their meetings. ALL are welcome and refreshments will be available.

*Garry Edwards, Group Scout Leader 📞 01985 844761*

## **MERE TOWN YOUTH FOOTBALL CLUB**

We are nearing the end of the season with all teams playing well. The Youth Development Team has reached the semi-finals of the Spring Cup with a 4 – 1 win over Chippenham Youth 'A'.

The Under 15s have slipped from the top of their league as they lost to Bradford-on-Avon Blue, but still have two more games to play. The Under 8s have had two good wins this month, scoring a total of 7 goals. Well done to them.

All the managers are grateful for the Parent Support, especially with transport to away matches. We hope to see them all at the AGM on Tuesday, 8th April, 7.30pm in the Andy Young Pavilion

*Neil Francis, Chairman* 📞 01747 860750

*Lifestyle Landscapes advert - ¼ page*

*Maclachlan advert - ¼ page*

*Robert Longbourne advert - ¼ page*

# YOUR YOUTH DEVELOPMENT CENTRE NEEDS YOU

Are you in school year 8 or above? Do you spend many of your evenings, weekends and school holidays bored and fed up kicking your heels wondering what to do?

NEVER FEAR - The Youth Centre is here to help

We run a full week of activities that you are welcome to join in:

|             |   |
|-------------|---|
| Mondays     | Football coaching at Tisbury                            |
| Tuesday     | Motorcycle Project at Tisbury                           |
| Wednesday   | Project Night   |
| Thursday am | Young Parents Project                                   |
| pm          | Dance Project and Duke of Edinburgh's Award (sometimes) |
| Friday      | Open Night  |

We also run a number of extra sessions during the school holiday periods including our leisure credits scheme.

Many of our older members have grown up and moved on resulting in room and time for younger persons to join in the fun. If there is the demand then we could even dedicate a session especially for young people in years 8 & 9. We are open to new ideas for projects and activities, and we encourage young people to get involved in planning our programme and keeping the centre up together.

If you are worried because you think we have a reputation for bad behaviour and think you will be bullied, don't be put off. Staff here ensure that everyone spends their time in a relaxed friendly and secure atmosphere. We do not tolerate bullies, racist or sexist behaviour. Drugs and alcohol are not allowed.

For full details contact Jaki Farrell Youth Development Co-ordinator on 07990 801077 or ask your friends. Some of them surely come already!

## THE BARN BUDDIES

The Barn Buddies, for young people from year two upwards, meets at Barrow Street Farm on Friday evenings from 6:30 to 8:00pm. Facilities

available include football, badminton, table tennis and snooker, there is a quiet area with soft furnishings for those who want to sit and chat, and another area with computers that the young people can use to play games. Crafts and board game are available if wanted.

If you know of a young person in this age range who has nothing to do on a Friday night, come and try us out. On 16th May we are having our Spring Open Evening with a B-B-Q and everyone is welcome, with or without young person, to come and see what we do. We value very highly the support and encouragement that we receive from so many members of the Mere community, and we would welcome the opportunity to show anyone who hasn't been before what we do.

Presently we have between 15 and 20 young people attending each week, there is plenty of room for more, so do come and try us out.

For more information contact: Tim and Mary Merrell ☎ 01747 860195.

## **THE REV'D PAUL BARNES WRITES:**

Bob Long had a very peculiar passion!  
He loved attending Annual General Meetings!!!

I never inspected his diary but had he permitted me to do so I am sure that the dates of the AGM of every organisation, business, and charity that Bob had dealings with, and I'm sure some he didn't, would have been entered in bold, red, ink. In the village where I grew-up it became a joke. When fixing the date for their AGM people would say, "Well, if nobody else turns up, you can guarantee Bob will". And many times he was the only non-committee member who signed the attendance book.

Bob didn't just attend AGM's because he had nothing better to do, or for the refreshments that were usually provided free of charge, he attended because he had an opinion to voice, a question, or two, or three, to ask. Bob will have closely scrutinised the Annual Report and Accounts, and if there were any discrepancies or irregularities he would have noticed them. As you can imagine he kept everybody on their toes!

At some meetings there was an audible groan when Bob rose to his feet and uttered his familiar introduction, "Chairman, might I be permitted to draw the meetings attention to..." But, when Bob became ill and eventually died AGM's were never the same again, his questions were missed, but more than that his interest in what the organisation had been doing and planned to do was missed. Bob might have been an irritant, but it is often the irritant that produces the pearl of wisdom.

I am reminded of Bob Long because April is the month when most Anglican churches hold their AGM's or Annual Parish Church Meeting to give the correct title. St Michael's APCM will take place in church on Tuesday 8th April at 7.30pm.

During that meeting, Churchwardens are elected, and this year we will be electing two new Churchwardens as Isabel Howell and John Howard have both completed their term of office. We will of course express our gratitude to Isabel and John for the magnificent way they have carried out their numerous duties. Also at the APCM members are elected to serve on the Parochial Church Council, and as Sidesmen.

We will receive the Accounts for the year, and we will thank our dedicated and wise Treasurer, Alan Gristwood, who is also standing down from that post having kept our finances in good order for a number of years.

For me, giving thanks for the many ways people have generously used their gifts and talents, their time and energy, in the service of Christ and his Church is the most important thing that happens at our APCM. I have named three people who deserve particular thanks, but there are also countless 'unsung hero's'; cleaners, polishers, flower arrangers, door un-lockers, coffee makers, Sunday School Teachers and Youth Club leaders and helpers, singers and musicians...to name but a few; people who quietly go about their tasks, without seeking thanks or praise, and are far too often taken for granted.

It is not only the church that hugely benefits from the efforts of 'unsung hero's', the whole community does. Space does not allow me to even begin to list the many things these 'unsung heros' do to improve the life of our community, but you will know who they are, and what they do. Perhaps rather than just relying on AGM's to give us the opportunity to

recognise and thank these special people, we should hold an annual event during which our 'unsung hero's' are named and praised? Sadly, I have a feeling that Bob Long would not have received many nominations!

## **AD HOC HARMONY**

sings for

**The East Window Appeal in St.Michael's Church**

**Saturday, 12th April at 7.30pm**

**We invite you to come and enjoy a varied  
programme**

**sung by the choir and its soloists.**

**Retiring collection in aid of the East Window Appeal**

Further details from Jane Hurd ☎ 01747 860218

**St.Michael the Archangel, Mere**

## **SONGS OF PRAISE**

This popular informal service will be held on

**Sunday, 27th April at 6.00 pm**

We look forward to seeing you there.

## **St Martin's Church, Zeals**

**Invite you to a Coffee Morning in Aid of**

Mere & District Linkscheme

On Friday 11<sup>th</sup> April 2008

10.30am – 12 Noon

In the Parish Room of St Martins Church, Zeals

**Bring & Buy Food /Produce Stall Raffle**

## **FOCUS ON SUDAN**

"Focus on Sudan" is the title of Mission Sunday in the Methodist Church on 13th April.

There will be tea at 4.30 p.m. followed by the service at 6.0 p.m.

The service will be led by Rev'd David Bridge with Steve Lancaster as the invited speaker. Steve Lancaster is the South West representative for the Africa Inland Mission and will bring recent news of that disturbed and struggling part of Africa.

There will be an opportunity to give for the support of Russ and Lyn Noble who are doing pioneer literacy work amongst the Outdo people in Torit.

A warm invitation is extended to ALL THE CHURCHES IN MERE to join in fellowship on that evening. *Mary Siderfin ☎ 01747 861370*

## **AFTERNOON GET TOGETHER**

The Rev'd David Bridge will spend the afternoon with us on the 30th April. We shall meet as usual at 2.30 p.m. in the School hall at the rear of the Methodist Church in North Street for a relaxing and entertaining time. We shall as usual be pleased to meet anyone there.

*Mary Siderfin ☎ 01747 861370*



## **SALISBURY CATHEDRAL 750**

This year our cathedral, Salisbury, celebrates the 750th anniversary of the dedication of the building in 1258. With its unique features: Britain's tallest spire, England largest cathedral close, Europe's oldest working clock and the best preserved original Magna Carta, it is well worth a visit. In addition, this year the Diocese has arranged a series of Major Events and Musical Activities in and around the cathedral to mark this auspicious anniversary.

These events are too numerous to mention here. Informative leaflets are available from St Michael's church in Mere, but more detailed information and booking facilities are available from the Cathedral's website: [www.salisburycathedral.org.uk](http://www.salisburycathedral.org.uk)

### **UNITED REFORMED CHURCH**

#### **SUMMER SALE**

**Saturday, 31st May**

from 10.00am to 12.30pm in the Church Hall.

In addition to the usual favourite stalls for cakes and pot plants, there will be a variety of raffles, a tombola, second-hand books, bric-a-brac and a stall for accessories (handbags, scarves, belts, jewellery, etc.)

Contributions may be brought any Saturday morning to the Church Hall or, if you are not able to bring items yourself, please phone Jenny Bryan on 01747 860275 to arrange for collection.

We shall be most grateful for any help you are able to give.

*Molly Burden ☎ 01747 86000*

## **ST MICHAEL'S EAST WINDOW APPEAL**

### **Bridge Competition 1st March**

Having no previous experience of a Bridge Competition, we were fascinated to observe this afternoon's entertainment and listen to the gentle rise and fall of the conversation. An enjoyable time was had by

all and £338.80p was raised for the appeal. Grateful thanks to Chris Bixby for organising this event, the competitors and the ladies who made an excellent tea.

During the Carnival Committee AGM, a cheque for £100 was presented to the organisers of the St Michael's East Window Appeal. Many thanks to the Committee and the Carnival Revellers for this generous donation.

*Karyn Sheppard, Co-ordinator ☎ 01747-860680  
& Judy Bickerstaff, Treasurer ☎ 01747-860335*

## CHURCH SERVICES IN MERE AND WEST KNOYLE

### APRIL 2008

#### **The Parish Church, St Michael the Archangel (Tel. 01747 863313)**

|                |         |                      |
|----------------|---------|----------------------|
| Each Sunday    | 8.00am  | Holy Communion (BCP) |
| Each Wednesday | 10.30am | Holy Communion (BCP) |
| Each Friday    | 8.00am  | Holy Communion (CW1) |
|                | 5.30pm  | Evening Prayer       |

#### **The Sunday Club is held in the Grove Buildings at 10.30am Services**

|           |      |                          |                        |
|-----------|------|--------------------------|------------------------|
| Wednesday | 2nd  | 10.30am                  | Holy Communion (BCP)   |
|           |      | 7.30pm                   | Holy Communion (CW1)   |
| Sunday    | 6th  | 10.30am                  | Family Communion       |
|           |      | <i>NB No Sunday Club</i> |                        |
|           |      | 6.00pm                   | Choral Evensong        |
|           | 13th | 10.30am                  | Parish Communion (CW1) |
|           | 20th | 10.30am                  | Parish Communion (CW1) |
|           | 27th | 10.30am                  | Parish Communion (CW1) |
|           |      | 6.00pm                   | Songs of Praise        |

#### **The United Reformed Church (Tel: Shaftesbury 853304 Mere Contact: Mrs E Burfitt, Tel: 01747 860685)**

|        |      |         |                    |
|--------|------|---------|--------------------|
| Sunday | 6th  | 11.00am | Peter Kershaw      |
|        | 13th | 11.00am | Dick Potts         |
|        | 20th | 11.00am | Rev'd Morris Nunns |
|        |      |         | Holy Communion     |
|        | 27th | 11.00am | Margaret Bodey     |

**The Methodist Church (Tel: Gillingham 823777)****Mere Contact: Mrs M Siderfin, Tel: 01747 861370)**

|           |      |        |                             |
|-----------|------|--------|-----------------------------|
| Sunday    | 6th  | 6.00pm | Rev'd Gerald Morris         |
|           |      |        | Holy Communion              |
|           | 13th | 6.00pm | Rev'd David Bridge          |
|           |      |        | Mission Sunday              |
|           | 20th | 6.00pm | United Service              |
|           |      |        | at Bell Street, Shaftesbury |
|           | 27th | 6.00pm | Mrs Coral Ryalls            |
| Wednesday | 30th | 2.30pm | Afternoon Get Together      |

**The Roman Catholic Church, St Mary's. (Tel: 01985 212329 – Fr. Bede Rowe) Mere Contacts: Teresa Read, 860289 & Winn Richardson, 861004**

|              |         |      |
|--------------|---------|------|
| Every Friday | 10.00am | Mass |
| Every Sunday | 11.30am | Mass |

Children's Liturgy Service on the 2nd & 4th Sunday of the month.

On the 1st Sunday of the month - there will be Coffee after Mass together with the sale of Fairtrade produce.

**West Knoyle Parish Church, St Mary the Virgin (Tel 01747 830534)**

|        |      |        |                                    |
|--------|------|--------|------------------------------------|
| Sunday | 6th  | 9.25am | Holy Communion (CW1 trad)          |
|        | 13th | 9.25am | Holy Communion (CW1 trad)          |
|        | 20th | 9.25am | DIY                                |
|        | 27th | 9.25am | Rogation Service at the Bison Farm |

Note: BCP indicates Book of Common Prayer 1662

CW1 indicates Common Worship Order 1 (trad. Indicates traditional language)

**DIARY****MARCH 2008**

|    |     |        |                                    |    |
|----|-----|--------|------------------------------------|----|
| 31 | Mon | 1.00pm | - 6.00pm SDC Development Framework |    |
|    |     |        | Consultation Exhibition            | GB |
|    |     | 7.00pm | SDC Development Framework          |    |
|    |     |        | Consultation Public Meeting        | GB |

## APRIL 2008

|    |       |                    |   |              |
|----|-------|--------------------|---|--------------|
| 1  | Tues  | 7.30pm             | Friends of Mere Museum: "The Mary Rose"       | GB           |
| 2  | Wed   | 2.00pm             | Alabaré (also 16th & 30th)                    | GB           |
|    |       | 6.00pm             | Karate  | DMS          |
| 3  | Thu   | 2.00pm             | Bridge Club (every Thursday)                  | L            |
|    |       | 2.00pm             | Line Dancing (every Thursday)                 | GB           |
|    |       | 7.30pm             | Womens Institute                              | GB           |
|    |       | 7.30pm             | Shreen Harmony (every Thursday)               | MH           |
| 4  | Fri   | 7.30pm             | Public Meeting – Silton Wind Turbine Proposal | L            |
| 5  | Sat   | 9.30am             | Cake Stall                                    | The Square   |
|    |       | 10.00am            | Cancer Research Spring Sale                   | GB           |
|    |       | 10.30am            | Drop In Coffee Morning                        | CC           |
| 6  | Sun   | 2.00pm             | Mere Footpath Group                           | CP           |
| 7  | Mon   | 6.00pm             | Beavers (every Monday)                        | YC           |
|    |       | 6.45pm             | Cubs (every Monday)                           | GB           |
|    |       | 7.00pm             | Scouts (every Monday)                         | YC           |
|    |       | 7.00pm             | Slimming World (every Monday)                 | L            |
|    |       | 7.30pm             | Parish Council                                | AYP          |
| 8  | Tue   | 9.00am             | Foot Care Clinic                              | L            |
|    |       | 2.30pm             | Mothers Union                                 | GB           |
|    |       | 7.30pm             | Annual Parish Church Meeting                  | St Michael's |
| 8  | Tue   | 7.30pm             | AGM Mere Town Youth Football Club             | AYP          |
| 9  | Wed   | 2.00pm             | Whist Drive                                   | GB           |
|    |       | 6.00pm             | Karate (Also 16th, 23rd & 30th)               | L            |
|    |       | 7.30pm             | Mere Gardening Club                           | GB           |
| 10 | Thurs | 5.00pm             | Rainbows (Also 17th & 24th)                   | GB           |
|    |       | 6.15pm             | Brownies (Also 17th & 24th)                   | GB           |
|    |       | 7.30pm             | Guides (Also 17th & 24th)                     | GB           |
| 11 | Fri   | 10.00am            | Merely Women (Also 25th)                      | GB           |
| 12 | Sat   | 10.30am            | Drop In Coffee Morning                        | CC           |
|    |       | 7.30pm             | Ad Hoc Harmony                                | St Michaels  |
| 13 | Sun   | 10.30am            | Sunday Club (Also 20th & 27th)                | GB           |
|    |       | 4.00pm             | "Focus on Sunday" Tea                         | MH           |
|    |       | 6.30pm             | "The Bridge"                                  | GB           |
| 14 | Mon   | 8.00pm             | MADS Meeting (Drama Room)                     | L            |
| 18 | Fri   | 7.30pm             | Mere Pre-School Fashion Show                  | GB           |
| 19 | Sat   | 10.00am            | Coffee Morning                                | Fives Court  |
|    |       | 10.30am            | Drop In Coffee Morning & Traidcraft stall     | CC           |
|    |       | <b>From 2.00pm</b> | <b>Grand Re-opening Day of Lecture Hall</b>   | L            |
|    |       | 3.00pm             | "Open Day"                                    | Bowls Club   |
| 22 | Tue   | 9.00am             | Foot Care Clinic                              | L            |
| 23 | Wed   | 2.00pm             | Friends Together                              | GB           |
|    |       | 7.30pm             | Annual Parish (Council) Meeting               | GB           |
| 24 | Thurs | 7.30pm             | Mere Film Shows "Lives of Others"             | L            |
| 25 | Fri   | 7.45pm             | Mere Carnival Bingo                           | GB           |
| 26 | Sat   | 10.30am            | Drop in Coffee Morning,                       |              |
|    |       |                    | Rosemary Goddard Bric a brac                  | CC           |
| 27 | Sun   | 2.00pm             | Mere Footpath Group                           | CP           |

|    |     |        |                                     |    |
|----|-----|--------|-------------------------------------|----|
| 28 | Mon | 6.30pm | 1st Mere Scout Group "Open Evening" | GB |
| 30 | Wed | 2.30pm | Afternoon Get Together              | MH |

**AYP-Andy Young Pavilion; BSF-Barrow Street Farm; CC-United Reformed Church Centre; CP-Main Car Park; DMS-Duchy Manor School; GB-Grove Buildings; L-Lecture Hall; Lib-Library; Lynch-Lynch Community Centre; MH-Methodist Church Hall; YC-Youth Centre**

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OF BIRTHS                                      Thursdays: 9.30am to 11.30am  
& DEATHS:                                      For appointments telephone 01985 213435*

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