

MERE MATTERS

AND SO DOES WEST KNOYLE

Your community magazine
and guide to local events



September 2008

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 at 7.30pm in the Andy Young Pavilion on **Monday, 1st September 2008.**

The Chairman writes:

Good News – I am very pleased to report that Mere was awarded First Place in the District Round of the Best Kept Village Competition (Large Village Category) and was subsequently awarded Second Place in the County Round of the Best Kept Village Competition. We are extremely proud and pleased with this result and would like to thank all our residents who help to keep Mere looking neat and tidy. A copy of the judges comments can be made available upon request to the Parish Clerk.

I am pleased to report that the youth are currently carrying out community work in clearing the footpath along the north side of Castle Hill.

Unfortunately, we have suffered a small amount of vandalism in and around our play areas and recreation ground. Broken glass is repeatedly being found in the recreation ground, vandalism has occurred in the tennis courts and the Parish Council recently erected ten 'No Dogs – Children Play Area' signs, only one of which is still in place.

We reported in the last edition of Mere Matters, that the Environment Agency had agreed to include the river along Waterside within their river clearance programme for this year and they would also be de-silting the river. I fear that this may have caused some confusion amongst residents because I have received an e-mail from the Environment Agency in response from a resident in Mere who claims that the Parish Council is saying that river cleaning is the Environment Agency's responsibility. This is not the case. Even though the Environment Agency is prepared to carry out the river clearance this year, it is a one-off clearance. The responsibility for routine maintenance of the river lies with the riparian owners (those who live adjacent to the river) and guidance on this is available from the Parish Clerk.

For information on Parish Council activities, minutes, agendas, contact numbers etc. please refer to the Mere website: www.merewilts.org, e-mail the parish clerk at: lindseywood@merewilts.org or ☎ 01747 860701.

Rodney Coward, Chairman, Mere Parish Council

DO YOU WANT MORE HOUSING FOR MERE? HAVE YOUR SAY

As a result of widespread concern and criticism over the last round of public consultation documents, Salisbury District Council has produced a new consultation document in magazine format, entitled 'Our Place in the Future'. This document will be sent to every household and business in the district during August.

The consultation period will commence on 1st September and continue for eight weeks until 24th October 2008. The purpose of this consultation is to enable Salisbury District Council and the new Wiltshire Council to set the planning policies for the district over the next 20 years and focuses on the possible location of new homes, employment land and the delivery of the infrastructure to support them.

Salisbury District Council will be holding a series of exhibitions, one of which will be in Mere, at the Grove Buildings on Tuesday 2nd September starting at 12.30 p.m. and finishing at 7.00 p.m.

Lindsey Wood, Parish Clerk, Mere Parish Council

THE NEXT 20 YEARS OF DEVELOPMENT IN THE MERE AREA

Following on from the previous unsatisfactory public consultation about the future development of South Wiltshire, I would like to inform everyone that all households were notified in the 'South Wiltshire Citizen' publication about the next period of public consultation. In mid-August all households and businesses should have received a 'magazine' from Salisbury District Council (SDC) – 'Our Place in the Future'. Copies are also available for reference in Mere Library and further details are accessible on the SDC website: www.salisbury.gov.uk

'Our Place in the Future' focuses on the main issues that were of most concern to consultees at previous stages, especially the location of new houses and jobs, plus the infrastructure to support them. The majority of issues in the 'black book' were strongly supported and hence it was not considered necessary to debate them again in detail, although people will be invited to review all the issues raised in the 'black book' (the earlier consultation document) and make fresh comments on any of the issues should they choose to do so.

There will be information provided in the **Grove Buildings, Mere** on **2nd September from 12.30pm – 7.00pm**, and discussion at the Western Area Committee on 18th September. All Parish Councils will be arranging meetings during September and October to discuss the proposals. The consultation period will begin on 1st September and all responses must be returned to SDC by 24th October. I urge **everyone** to make their views known to Salisbury District Council **before 24th October**.

Catherine Spencer, Mere & Western, Salisbury District Councillor

SEPTEMBER, SEPTEMBER

REMEMBER THE CONSULTATION ON THE FUTURE OF MERE

I am always available to listen to your views.

*George Jeans, Mere & Western, Salisbury District
Councillor ☎ 01747 860215*

MERE WEATHER

Whilst June could not be described as 'flaming', at least it was comparatively dry with many warm days. We only had 63 mms (2.48 ins) of rain against 161 mms (5.42 ins) last year.

July started very wet. Up to the 11th we had 118.5 mms (4.67ins), with thunder on the 3rd. After the 11th it was drier with warm sunshine and a few hot days in the third week. Total for the month was 158 mms (6.22 in), the highest monthly rain this year so far. Last year we had 157.5 mms (6.2 ins).

August has started wet, like early July, but not as much rain. Up to the 10th we had 52 mms (2.05 ins) of rain. Generally, it has been mild with a few warm days. The rest of the month should be better.

Peter Durkee

<p>REMEMBER! COPY DATE FOR OCTOBER ISSUE MONDAY 15th SEPTEMBER 2008</p>
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MERE CARNIVAL

Congratulations to Zoe Boorn who will be the new Mere Carnival Princess for 2008. She will be joined by Nicole Gent and Felicity and Madeline Howden as attendants.

The first event during Carnival Week will be a Quiz Night on Tuesday, 9th September at 7.00pm at the Mere Lecture Hall and entry is only £1.50 for each person in the teams of four.

A Race Night will be held on Thursday, 11th September at the Walnut Tree Inn starting at 7:30pm. This is a chance to enjoy a meal with friends and join in on the fun of the races.

On Friday, 12th, the Mere Carnival film will be "Son of Rambow" starting at 7:30pm. This is a great British comedy and tickets are available from the Tourist Information Office. As usual, there will be a raffle on the evening.

The Children's Procession and Fancy Dress Parade will gather for judging at 2.00pm on Saturday, 13th September at the Mere First School (Duchy Manor). The procession will start at 3.00pm and walk through the town. Entry forms for the Parade are available from the Post Office and this year there are new classes, trophies and increased prize money.

The evening procession will start at 7:30pm and travel down through the town. So, get those coins ready for the collections now!

A free programme giving you details of the times for these events and much more will be coming through your door and further copies are available from the Post Office. We hope everyone will join in and enjoy this year's Mere Carnival.

Trevor Lucas - Mere Carnival Secretary ☎ 01747 860859

Did you, or someone you know, win the Mere Carnival Quiz trophy several years ago when it was last held at the Fire Station. If so, we would be very grateful for its return, as we will again be having a quiz during Carnival Week at 7.00pm on 9th September, at The Lecture Hall.

The trophy can be left at The Post Office or at Jeans Electrical shop or Chapel Showroom.

Sue Jeans, On behalf of Mere Carnival Committee

MERE SOCIAL CLUB

Hazzards Hill, Mere 01747860463

Mere Social Club is looking for a Secretary. It holds its meetings on the first Tuesday of every month in the Club. Your duties would include:

Minute keeping at meetings

Monthly Agenda Administration for the Committee and Club

Please either contact the Club directly, attend the next meeting (Tuesday 2nd September 2008), or approach any of those Club Officials listed below.

Chairperson Mrs Josephine Avery

Trustees Mr George Jeans

Mr Andre Clarke

Acting Secretary Mr Brian Gillard

MERE DENTAL PRACTICE

The practice currently has **NHS appointments** available to anyone with a Wiltshire postcode or to anyone outside of Wiltshire registered at Mere Doctors Surgery.

The practice at present has two Dentists:

Mr Stephen Sherrard

Ms Jacqueline Barnes

Contact Details: -

Mere Dental Practice

Duchy Manor, Springfield Road

Mere, Wiltshire

BA12 6EW

Telephone: 01747 860365

The practice is sited in the school grounds, first building on your left when you go through the school gates.

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for further information**

MERE SURGERY

YOUR SURGERY NEEDS YOUR SUPPORT

The Department of Health has recently published a Pharmacy White Paper suggesting that 90% of rural dispensing practices, including ourselves, should cease to dispense directly from the surgery. Although this may not appear to affect those patients currently served by the town's pharmacy, we feel we must draw to your attention the inevitable consequences of this policy if it is allowed to go ahead.

Following the imposition of the 1990 GP Contract, 5,500 GPs took early retirement. This, combined with under-investment in health care for much of the next decade, led to problems with both recruitment and retention in general practice.

By 2000, the Government recognised the need for a new Contract and, after three years intensive negotiation, a deal was struck that breathed new life into general practice. For the first time, practices were paid to do much preventative help, particularly in the field of the management of long term diseases with a system known as the 'Quality Outcome Framework' in which practices can be paid for achieving up to a thousand quality points each year.

As a result of the new Contract we have been able to enlarge our staffing, improving both the service to our patients and our own professional satisfaction. We understand that we are the only practice in Wiltshire to have scored 100% in the Quality Outcome Framework for the year 2007/2008, and our Patient Satisfaction results were outstandingly high.

As a result of better staffing we have managed to keep more of our chronic elderly sick patients at home, saving the Health Service many tens and possibly hundreds of thousands of pounds in hospital fees.

Contrary to much press speculation about GP income, our own income is now significantly lower than before the new Contract. If we are forced to close our dispensary, our income would drop by at least another 25%. It will then be only a matter of time before medical staffing is reduced accordingly.

We have an excellent relationship with John Williams, our local Pharmacist, but must point out that he is a salaried pharmacist employed by a much larger chain based in the Midlands. In the event of this proposed change, John's workload would increase by

approximately 50%. Although we believe he would cope with this workload single handedly, he will have less time to advise patients than he presently has.

The local health service will see a reduction in the quality of care both, by ourselves and the pharmacist, and a return to higher hospital admissions thus adding to the PCT's costs.

Lord Darzi recently made five pledges:-

1. Changes will always be to the benefit of patients.
2. Changes will be clinically driven.
3. All changes will be locally led.
4. You will be involved (patients, carers, the public and other key partners).
5. You will see the difference (existing services will not be withdrawn until new and better services are available to patients so that they can see the difference).

We cannot see that the proposed changes fit any of his stated pledges and urge you to lobby in writing both your MP at the House of Commons, LONDON, SW1A 0AA and the appropriate Government Ministers:

Dr Andrew Murrison MP	- for Wiltshire patients
Robert Walter MP	- for Dorset patients
David Heath MP	- for Somerset patients

Please copy your letters to:-

Lord Darzi, Under Secretary of State for Health, House of Lords, LONDON, SW1A 0AA.

Rt Hon Dawn Primarolo MP, Minister of State, Department of Health, Richmond House, 79 Whitehall, LONDON, SW1A 2NS

Drs Halsey, McBride & Price ☎ 01747 860001

MOONWALK THANK YOU

Mere Surgery receptionists Alison Graham and Diana Piercy took part in the Playtex Moonwalk in London on 17th May. Along with thousands of other women they set out from Hyde Park to walk a marathon through the streets of London at night: "We started just before midnight and completed the 26.2 miles in a good time of 7 hours, which we were very pleased with. The whole night was quite an experience, especially being amongst so many other women all with the aim of raising money for breast cancer charities. We would like to thank patients and staff for their support, encouragement and donations, which reached £197.00. Together with our walking companion Hilary Motley we have raised almost £2,000 in sponsorship."

Alison & Diana

SINGING FOR THE BRAIN

Fight Back, Be Head Strong

This is a weekly event, every Monday, for people living with dementia or other neurological illness, such as Stroke, Parkinson's or Multiple Sclerosis and their carers, family and friends. Come and have a cup of coffee and a chat followed by singing (and a lot of laughing- usually). This structured therapeutic singing programme offers a unique opportunity for pleasure, laughter and fun whilst encouraging memory, motor skills and socialising. Come and give it a try – you won't regret it!

Monday 1st September to Monday 24th November

10.45 am to 12.15 pm at:

Community Lounge, Nadder Close Housing Scheme,
Nadder Close, Tisbury, Wilts, SP3 6JL



Everyone is a little nervous the first time. People here say: "everyone should do it"

Julia Burton, Home & Comm. Support Co-ordinator ☎ 07826 867835

SAVE THE CHILDREN FUND

Newspaper Collections

Until some years ago, Janet Naylor used to collect newspapers for the Save The Children Fund, until the garage where she collected them became unavailable. Since then I have collected the papers from my neighbours in a smaller way, but now I am unable to do this.

Warminster district earn £3,000 or more a year for the fund. It would be nice if Mere contributed to this worthy cause. But we need someone with a shed or garage where the papers could be delivered and is able and prepared to take them to the collection point in Kingston Deverill. Is there a volunteer willing to do this in Mere? If so please get in touch with me at Greystones, Pettridge Lane, and I will give you full details.

Peter Durkee ☎ 01747 860363

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ROSEMARY GODDARD CENTRE (Mere and District Day Centre)

Twenty years ago, a group of wonderful people, funded and supported by Wiltshire County Council and Age Concern, started a Centre in Mere to offer companionship, activities, support and a hot meal for people over sixty years of age, who found themselves alone, isolated and in need of stimulation. The Centre was named in memory of Rosemary Goddard, a beloved District Nurse and has grown from strength to strength over the years due to a devoted number of Trustees, volunteers and organisers.

On 12th July 2008, we celebrated those 20 years with a party, organised by the present Chair of the Trustees, Lenka Stokes. It was attended by MP Andrew Murrison; Lady Benson, who had opened the Centre in 1988; the Guests, many of the Guests' families, the volunteers and friends and supporters of the Centre. It was a wonderful afternoon for all involved with a very special atmosphere. A display board, with the history of the Centre was unveiled.

Many thanks to all those who supported us, especially to the local businesses that generously donated prizes for a raffle. (The Co-op, Ship Hotel, Nisa, Mere Pharmacy, George and Sue Jeans, Sam and Marilyn of The Fruit Shop, Angel café, Davie the Butcher and North Street Nurseries). Our volunteers were brilliant and it was largely thanks to them that the event ran so smoothly.

The Centre runs two sessions from 10.30am to 3.00pm every Monday and Friday, except on Public Holidays, during which we have talks, music, exercise, games and quizzes, debates and discussions, outings and lots of fun and laughter. A hot meal is provided from Fives Court Residential Home, and on Fridays, transport is available through the Connect 2 bus.

In September there will be a talk on music. A musical recital, professional storyteller, Tai Chi exercises and a Quiz are planned as are Chit Chat days when the Guests decide on the subject for discussion. Why not come and join us. If you are interested, please contact the Organiser **Lynette** ☎ **01747 861646**, for more details.

We always need volunteers and at present we specifically need someone to help with the Guests on the mornings of the 4th and 5th Monday of the month and all day on the 1st Friday of the month. If you have an interest, or career or pastime that you think the Guests might like to hear about, do not hesitate to contact **Lynette**.

Lynette Elliott (Organiser) and Caroline Cook (Secretary)

THE FRIENDS OF FIVES COURT

Autumn Fair

It's not too late! We are still more than happy to receive donations of garden produce, cakes and preserves for our Annual Autumn Fair which takes place **this Saturday, 30th August at 2.00 p.m.** George Jeans has kindly agreed to open the event, and we're hoping for brilliant weather and a record result.

Our efforts this year are directed towards the purchase of a water feature for the Residents' recently redesigned gardens, so we need lots and lots of support! Boxes for donations are in The Friends' Corner at St. Michael's and in the porch at Fives Court. Please help us make this a bumper event, rain or shine!

Jenny Wilding ☎ 01747 861797

SUCCESSFUL JUMP FOR TIGERS

Shima Varsani from Mere successfully completed her tandem skydive for the Satpuda Foundation tiger conservation charity based in India and was pleased to have raised over £1,700 in sponsorship from generous donors with the help of Derek Remington. Mrs. Jean Woodroffe, also from Mere, was the lucky winner of the 'Tigers' book autographed by the co-authors: Michael Richards and Hashim Tyabji, who were also involved in the filming of the 3x1 hour BBC television series 'Spy in the Jungle'.

Most of the money raised has already been sent to Mr. Kishor Rithe, a Director of Satpuda Foundation, who was most grateful for all the donors' support. An official receipt has been received.

Derek Remington ☎ 01747 860401

MERE GARDENING CLUB

The next meeting will be on Wednesday, 10th September at 7.30pm in the Grove Buildings when there will be a **Gardeners' Question Time with Chris Smith of Pennard Plants.**

Chris Smith, together with Mike Milligan, owns Pennard Plants which is a small nursery providing an ever-increasing mix of plants from around the world but especially South Africa and the southern hemisphere. Their specialities are Agapanthus, Eucomis,

Gladioli species and Nerines as well as Irises and Iris relatives. There is also a new vegetable display garden where they trial many of their range of Heritage Seeds.

This is your opportunity to put your questions to a very experienced gardener. Visitors will be most welcome.

Annual Show cup winners

Congratulations to the following:

Bernard Morgan Cup (*vegetables*): Janet Fisher and Sheila Hopkinson

Geoffrey Duckworth Cup (*fruit*): Janet Way

Collins Cup (*flowers*): Janet Fisher

President's Rosebowl (*single rose*): Shirley Coward

Marie Brine Rosebowl (*floral art*): Shirley Coward

Holmen Cup (*household produce*): Ann Carpenter

M.G.C. Photographic Cup: Ann Carpenter

Burton Cup (*handicrafts*): Chris Tuck

Novice Cup (*first time entry*): Sheila Hopkinson

Richard Smith Cup (*Mere School Classes*): Cameron Martin

Caroline Cook ☎ 01747 861797



MERE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Autumn programme of evening meetings will be held at 7.30pm in the Grove Buildings and start on Tuesday 7th October with "The Hunt for Stourton Castle", a talk by Martin Papworth (National Trust). Visitors will be very welcome.

The first informal talk is on Wednesday 22nd October. These are for members only so you will need to have renewed your membership (due last March), if you would like to come. Please ☎ Rose Cox (01747 860962) for details.

At the time of writing there were a few remaining seats for the last visit of the season to Palmers Brewery, Bridport, on Thursday 4th September. If you would like to come please ring me for more details.

Caroline Cook ☎ 01747 861797

MERE MUSEUM

The current exhibition about the history of education in Mere, entitled '**An Intriguing Collection of Rooms**', has been very well received, even getting coverage in the Blackmore Vale Magazine! We held a reception for former teachers and members of staff shortly after the opening, one such master coming all the way from Teignmouth for the event. The exhibition will continue throughout the summer. Do pay a visit and add your own reminiscences in the notebook provided. It's your chance to make a mark for posterity!

Jenny Wilding ☎ 01747 861797

FRIENDS OF MERE MUSEUM

We are very excited about our next fund-raising event! **Paul Atterbury**, of **The Antiques Roadshow** fame, is coming to give a talk about this much-loved television programme in the Grove Buildings on **Tuesday 25th November**. Tickets will go on sale nearer the time; look out for posters and check this space in the next issue of Mere Matters. But do make sure you have noted the date! Please also note that the event is strictly a talk with an opportunity to ask questions (and enjoy a glass of wine); Mr Atterbury will not on this occasion discuss objects, or give valuations.

Jenny Wilding ☎ 01747 861797

MERE FILM SHOWS

We start our new season of films with a film for Carnival Week on Friday 12th September, the delightful British comedy 'Son of Rambow' (12a); a tale of friendship, adventure and the weird business of growing up. As a boy's imagination is given full reign, friendships and loyalties develop in the strangest places. There are some familiar faces among the adults, including Eric Sykes as Rambow Senior! Come and see for yourselves and support the Carnival! Full details on page 21.

The autumn films continue on Wednesday 15th October with 'The Edge of Love' for Mere Literary Festival, the much acclaimed film of Dylan Thomas's love for both his wife and childhood friend, starring Keira Knightley and Sienna Miller. On Friday 7th November we are showing 'Mamma Mia!' which has been a huge hit everywhere, but it does star Meryl Streep, Julie Walters, Colin Firth, Pierce Brosnan and an unspellable Scandinavian so there must be something good about it; and on Friday 5th December

we have 'The Duchess' starring Keira Knightley with amazing hair as the famous Duchess of Devonshire. Full details will be in Mere Matters!

Mary White ☎ 01747 861257

MERE AND DISTRICT LINKSCHEME

Transport requests - ☎ 01747 860096

A rather belated report on our Annual Meeting, which was held at the end of June, just too late for the previous edition of Mere Matters!

The Chairman, Tony Taylor, welcomed volunteers and friends to the meeting. It was reported that the number of requests for transport were about 75 to 85 each month. Approximately one third were to Salisbury District Hospital. Two thirds of the requests came from people in Mere and the remaining third from the surrounding parishes served by the Linkscheme. There are 30 drivers of whom 23 are from Mere, 4 from Zeals and one each from Bourton, Kilmington and Maiden Bradley.

Donations received from users of the Linkscheme made a substantial contribution towards running costs, but the contribution received from the Mere Literary Festival was essential in meeting the shortfall.

Molly Burden

LINKSCHEME LITERARY FESTIVAL

13th – 19th OCTOBER

Next month is Literary Festival month and, as usual, the festival opens on the second Monday of October and the programme includes well known names and celebrities. First flyers are in circulation outlining the week's events, and this month the full programme will be delivered by Link volunteers to as many households as possible. Tickets are now available at Mere TIC/Library. Programme details and a postal booking form are also available on the festival's website: www.merelifest.co.uk

We look forward to your support throughout the week – and also hope that you will help create a historic record by taking part in Diary Day on Thursday 16th October. Diaries and records kept by people of the past prove invaluable to historians today. They provide an insight into the lives of ordinary people rather than the official version of history. We want to provide such a record for the future - a picture of life as lived in Mere and district on one day in the twenty-first century.

Diary Day gives you the opportunity to record your day, your thoughts, your feelings and your opinions for history. Be a Samuel Pepys, a Mrs. Dale, a Liz Jones or even an Adrian Mole and write a one day diary for the archives. You can be anonymous, use a pseudonym, or be as open as you like. Details of how to take part are in the big green programme.

Adrienne Howell & the Lit. Fest. Group

MERE AMATEUR DRAMATIC SOCIETY

As always, MADS has continued to tick over during the 'summer' months, and believe it or not, plans are pretty well advanced for this year's Autumn Production. This is to be: **Ladies of Spirit**, by Georgina Reid, a (spirited?) comedy set way back in many of our childhoods, the 1950s, and we are prepared to say that there is what *might* be called an educational theme. The dates? Thursday to Saturday, **20th, 21st and 22nd November**.

Rehearsals begin imminently but tickets are not yet printed. But never fear, we shall let everyone know when and where in plenty of time. Meanwhile look out for us in the Carnival Procession - you won't be able to miss us!

Jenny Wilding ☎ 01747 861797

RETIREMENT FROM OXFAM

Unfortunately, due to ill health Miss Barbara Naylor finds that she can no longer cope with collecting pledged gifts in Mere for Oxfam.

Barbara has worked ceaselessly for Oxfam for about 35 years, mainly as Secretary of the Mere Oxfam Committee. For many years in this capacity she was always devising ways and means to get help to people in Africa and other countries, where starvation and a lack of drinking water were problems.

Many thousands of pounds were raised in Mere Oxfam 'shops' for the relief of unfortunate people. Barbara personally continually knitted blankets as a means of helping out.

When the Mere Oxfam Group Committee had to close down; she decided to carry on collecting pledged gifts for many years; and it is with a heavy heart that she has had to stop her Oxfam work.

In conclusion, with regards to 'Pledged Gifts', this is an appeal for someone to take on the job as collector of pledged gifts in place of Miss Barbara Naylor.

Anyone interested in taking on this worthwhile work please contact Judy Bickerstaff ☎ 01747 860335.

Andrew Bickerstaff, Former Mere Oxfam Chairman

GROVE BUILDING '100' CLUB

The Result of the '100' Club Draw for July, drawn after Parish Communion on 6th July 2008 by Mr R Carpenter, was:

1st Prize	(£20)	-	No. 127	Generously Returned
2nd Prize	(£15)	-	No. 91	Mrs M White
3rd Prize	(£10)	-	No. 198	Generously Returned
4th Prize	(£5)	-	No. 59	Mrs A Hannon

The Result of the '100' Club Draw for August, drawn after Parish Communion on 3rd August 2008 by Mr John Howard, was:

1st Prize	(£20)	-	No. 180	Mrs Jennifer Mello
2nd Prize	(£15)	-	No. 29	Dr D Longbourne
3rd Prize	(£10)	-	No. 81	Generously Returned
4th Prize	(£5)	-	No. 98	Mrs K Toms

Subscription time again! Happily, I will have an excuse to come and see all you generous people to ask for your continued support of the 100 Club. As you know funds raised by us are vital and have helped to keep the building in good shape and looking well cared for which, as with all old buildings, is extremely expensive. Thank you all so much for making my job so easy and so enjoyable. If you haven't beaten me to it I look forward to collecting your £12.00 before the end of the month.

Valerie Ransley ☎ 01747 860964

MERE WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Our next monthly meeting will be in the Grove Buildings at 7.30 p.m. on Thursday, 4th September when Hilary Townsend will speak on "A Blackmore Valley Childhood".

Molly Burden. ☎ 01747 860007

MOTHERS' UNION & OPEN MEMBER'S GROUP

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday 9th September at 2.30pm in the Grove Buildings.

The speakers will be Mary Siderfin and Violet Culliford who will tell us about their trip to the Holy Land last year.

Thelma Ings ☎ 01747 860262

WILTSHIRE MOVIOLA
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Son of Rambo

(12A)

Make Believe. Not War.

A delightful British comedy about two boys producing their own home-made sequel to *'Rambo: First Blood'* Armed only with a camera and their limitless imagination, the pair plot stunt after stunt, dodging teachers and family all the way, as they do whatever it takes to finish their masterpiece in time to enter it in the national Screen Test competition.

In the Lecture Hall
Friday 12th September 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

SLIMMING WORLD STARS.

Local lady Louise has reduced her weight from 13 stone 1½lbs to 9 stone 8lbs in 25 weeks (a total of 3½ stone) and set her target, she keeps popping in for free just to keep herself at her target weight.

Remarkable Ruth has lost an incredible 6 stones and is so pleased with herself, she is able to get about so much easier these days.

Alan and Lillian are competing to achieve a four stone weight loss since joining in January. Who will get there first?

These are just a few of the weight loss stars at the local Slimming World group in the Lecture halls, Salisbury Street, Mere, on Mondays at 7.00 pm. For any more information, call me.

Caroline ☎ 01747 840013

MERE BOWLS CLUB

At the Gala Day of the Westbrook League, out of 19 teams taking part Mere came second and third.

The members representing the Club were Elayne & Phil Walker, Maureen McCormack, Karen Guy, Arthur Holberry and Peter Dethick.

The Club Triples Tournament was won by Teresa Read, Bernard Jordan and Terry Byrnes. Runners Up were Jeff Vigers, David Howell and Karen Guy.

The Club continues to do well in the Westbrook League, winning at Home against Tisbury, Amesbury and at Home and Away against Sixpenny Handley, but lost to Salisbury Victoria at Home. In the Salisbury District Mens League,

The Club lost at Home to Alderbury and Salisbury Devonshire Park, and Away to Pewsey Vale, Alderbury and Wilton. They beat Salisbury Victoria and Tisbury at Home.

In the friendlies Mere beat Gillingham, Wincanton and Shaftesbury at Home, and also beat Spencer Moulton, Queen Camel and Trowbridge Holt Away. They lost at Home to Sherborne.

New Players and Beginners are always welcome. Just come along on one of our Roll-Ups - all that is needed is a flat pair of shoes. Roll-Ups are on Tuesday and Thursday Evenings at 6.00pm and Saturday afternoons at 3.00pm. If you would like to find out more about the Club, please ring me for more information.

Teresa Read (Hon. Sec.) ☎ 01747 860289

MERE TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB

On Saturday afternoons the Recreation Ground will continue to stage competitive adult football. The club, led by Chairman Steve Howell, has a core of committed members, and this season will see them competing in Dorset League Div 1. The team will also compete in three Cup competitions.

It is good to see that in addition to some very familiar names, Gould, Guy, Hincliff and Parfitt, to name but a few, we also have several more recent residents who have joined us, clearly demonstrating their wish to be part of the local community.

We are pleased to have continuing support from the Hill Brush Company and Mere Social Club (where we take after match refreshments).

We look forward to your support at our home matches, do please come along and cheer us on.

Neil Francis ☎ 01747 860250



This has been a busy couple of months with a number of big changes taking place. We say a fond farewell to Karen and Melissa in Kidzone and wish them well, and a warm welcome to: Lesley Bennett (our new Kidzone leader); Colin Pringle who started as a volunteer and has now been appointed as a playworker, and Natasha who joins us for the summer. We have a truly talented team who are committed to the highest levels of excellence in all we do.

You can expect to see the updated website soon and we will be launching a "drop in coffee club" for parents and carers as the Autumn term takes off. You can expect

homemade cake and fair-trade beverages and have access to information and talented people while you wait for the children to finish school.

We will soon be able to offer a crèche that will free you up for a spot of shopping, a well deserved rest or a relaxing hair or beauty treatment – watch this space!

Kidzone at Footprints: is committed to providing a safe and secure environment so that parents can have confidence in their children's well-being.

We believe in providing the highest quality of care and having consulted the children our summer programme is proving a big hit. We have on some days almost filled our 26 places – a 'first' and attributable to the hard work of Michelle Rendall in her caretaking role of Kidzone Leader during July.

Lesley will be issuing the Autumn calendar of activities soon and we will be working with Mere School to provide some of the same afterschool activities for the younger members of the community, so come and book your places for the Breakfast and Afterschool Club now to avoid disappointment.

Important facts about Kidzone:

- We are available for part sessions
- Funding is available if you are on a low income
- We accept childcare vouchers
- Help is available to apply for Working Families Tax Credits
- We are OFSTED registered

Learning Zone at Footprints: Michelle has now been formally appointed head of Adult Education in the Learning Zone and is pleased to be able to announce the launch of the Autumn courses, a little later than expected due to changes at Wiltshire colleges. However, you will receive a copy of the new brochure soon, but for those who can't wait do call in to see us - the details and application forms are on the notice boards or have a chat about courses and events that you would like to do.

Remember this is your centre and if you want us to provide something come and ask.

Children's Centre at Footprints; We are still progressing toward the Children's Centre status – but don't wait for this, come in and meet the team. We are planning a new range of clubs and activities for the parents and carers of the community, which includes a place for children with special needs and a launch of the Footprints Mums

and Toddlers Group. Would anyone interested in getting involved pop in and find out more, we are always looking for new faces and will be doing a drive for volunteers through the Autumn.

Volunteering at Footprints gives you the chance to meet new people, learn new skills and build your qualifications. You will be treated with the same respect as our employed team members and this includes access to training and development. So if you have a few hours that you would like to give either regularly or on an adhoc basis do come and see us. Colin and Carole are both on hand to tell you about life as a volunteer with us.

Remember - everyone needs to have **FUN** and **LOVE** it brightens our lives so come and join us for a warm and welcoming environment. See you soon.

Georgina Shaw-Halford, Footprints Manager ☎ 01747 861108

‘GIOTTO IN PADUA’ AT FOOTPRINTS

Way back in the very early 14th century, a young painter we now know as Giotto was commissioned to paint the interior of a chapel in Padua for one of its wealthy inhabitants. The patron's motives were questionable, but the paintings that Giotto made – over 70 of them – were, and remain, inspirational. Giotto was innovative, a master story-teller, and quite good at painting too. We shall look at the paintings, the stories from which they spring and how they are all inter-related.

Come and learn all about it; NO art-historical experience is necessary. There will be seven sessions on Mondays, 2.00 p.m. – 4.00 p.m. Advance booking is recommended; please contact Michelle Rendall at Footprints, ☎ 01747 861108.

Jenny Wilding

REPORT FROM MERE SCHOOL

July 2008

Red class have written for Mere Matters this time as Purple class are very busy - with lots of jobs to do before they move onto Gillingham.

We will be performing 'Snow White' next week. All of Purple class and some of Red class are taking part. 'Snow White' is a musical comedy and we have been practicing a lot to make sure everything goes well!

Recently Red class went to “@Bristol” (a science centre). We enjoyed every moment except when we were leaving to go home because it was a long journey and we had had such a lot of fun we did not want to leave.

Mere School spent a day at Berwick Farm and had a lovely time learning about farm machinery and crops. We had a gorgeous morning but got rather wet in the afternoon.

On 10th July, Mere School had an Australian day. We had an Australian barbecue for lunch and kangaroo cookies for our break. We wrote Australian poetry with a 'real' Australian poet, we created some Australian dances and performed some Aboriginal music and painted some Aboriginal work with Mr Smith. It was a very special day.

During this term, many of our children have been taking part in athletics tournaments. Some children represented our area at the Dorset competition and did very well. Well done to all those people who took part.

Green class had an Egyptian day and they dressed up like Egyptians and had a really fun time. The year 4 children from Hindon and Whitesheet came to work with us also.

At the end of each term, we have a school disco and we have just had our summer one. We had a great time dancing and playing with our friends.

Mr Walker came into school to run our Recorders/Brass assembly. Our instrumentalists were able to show our mums and dads what they had been learning all year. Mr Walker always makes us join in!

As part of their busy time, the year 6 children have been doing their cycling proficiency award. They have been learning to cycle on the road and this should make them safer cyclists.

Our children in years 1 and 2 went to Gillingham School to take part in a Mini-Olympics morning. They represented the school very well.

Our mums and dads have visited our teachers to talk about how well we are doing. We are all getting ready to move to our new classes (or school) in September. The year 6 children have also been to Gillingham to learn about their new school. Many new children have started our school this term, with lots more in September, and we would like to welcome them all.

Gold class spent a day at Stourhead looking at wildlife in the water meadows.

We are looking forward to The Flower Show in Mere as we have entered many classes. Best of luck to everyone who has entered!

Our year 6 children who will be leaving for a new school in September produced a leavers assembly for us all to enjoy. They shared their memories of Mere School and were given gifts. Some children were given special awards. We wish them good luck at their new school.

Red Class

1st MERE BROWNIES

Mobile phone appeal

The 1st Mere Brownies are continuing striving to try and reduce our environmental impact.

Living in a throwaway society means that we discard unwanted mobile phones too readily. If not discarded correctly, these end up in landfill sites where their dangerous chemicals may seriously damage the environment. These seemingly worthless products (they do not have to be working but it is advisable to remove the SIM card) can be made use of. Something that is of no value to you can be transformed in to cash that can generate money for our unit funds. Collection points for your contributions are at the Post Office, Mere Library, Jeans Electrical Shop and Chapel Showroom.

Many thanks.

Sue Jeans ☎ 01747 860215

MERE TOWN YOUTH FOOTBALL CLUB

They say time flies; it certainly seems to, just a few short weeks ago with the award of some 100+ trophies, we were celebrating our members' achievements throughout last season at our annual presentation evening.

Now here we are, with the 2008/09 season upon us. With the onset of the new season I must appeal to you all to support our Club. The hard-working committee needs your help. Can you help, please, with Pitch marking and maintenance? Or, perhaps you can help with Match Day Catering or maybe becoming a Match Official (Referee or linesman). For more details (or just a chat) please call Neil Francis on 01747 860750.

Our Home matches will continue to be played on the Duchy Manor Playing Fields. The hospitality we are able to provide to our opponents will be much improved as we are

now able to use the new 'Andy Young Pavilion'. On behalf of the members, I would like to thank Rod Coward and the Parish Council for all their hard work in providing these and the many other new facilities available to us.

I am very pleased to be able to announce that the HILL BRUSH COMPANY have very generously agreed to continue as our main sponsor, their continuing support is invaluable in providing the members with quality playing equipment. I would like to thank Charlie, Phillip & Martin Coward and their team, for their continued support.

Neil Francis, Chairman, Mere Town Youth FC ☎ 01747 860250

BARN BUDDIES

The Barn Buddies is a Youth Club for young people from school year two and older. If you are new to the area, or have a child who is just starting in year two, do come and see what we are about. We meet at Barrow Street Farm, just on the edge of Mere parish, in a 4,000 square foot barn. The young people entertain themselves with many activities, and enjoy using the tuck shop. For further details, please contact me.

Tim Merrell ☎ 01747 860195.

BARN BUDDIES

Back to School BBQ

Friday September 5th, 2008
6:30 - 8:30 Barrow Street Farm Barn

Tim ☎ 01747 860195

FR BEDE ROWE, THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH MINISTER, WRITES

An Ordination to the Sacèd Priesthood

You may remember that Mere is in the parish of St George in Warminster, and one of the most wonderful things that happened in the recent past, on the feast of Saint Benedict, was the Ordination to the Sacèd Priesthood of Fr Malcolm Ferrier.

Our ordinations, under the present Bishop, seldom take place outside of the Cathedral, but, for reasons known only to his episcopal self, Bishop Declan suggested that St George's host it. We, of course, jumped at the chance. This was only the second priestly ordination to happen in our parish.

Fr Malcolm will serve here, in Mere and Warminster, and so it is of particular joy to us as we have not only another priest, but one who we will keep. Our priests are moved simply at the will of the Bishop - our vows of obedience bind us to our Bishop, for he is our Father in God - but we know that Fr Malcolm will be with us for the foreseeable future.

For us, priests are an indispensable part of the action of God. We cannot exist without them. Indeed Pope John Paul II, of happy memory, said that a parish that did not have a priest would die. We need the sacramental life of the Church, of regular Holy Mass and confession, baptism, marriage, ordination, confirmation and anointing. Without these we are bereft of the touch of God. And these, to a large part (though with some exceptions) are trusted to the Holy Priesthood.

The priest is the one who acts in the person of Christ the Head. Thus his priesthood is different from the priesthood of all believers, given in baptism, for he can act in the very person of Christ in the unique rôle of offering the sacrifice of God to God.

For us, then, this is a moment of unsurpassed joy.

Another priest to offer the sacrifice!

Another priest to minister to the people of God!

Another priest to be burnt up on the altar of God!

We hope and pray that Fr Malcolm will be a good priest, one who says his prayers and one who loves God. For there is nothing better in the world. Please pray for him.

EAST WINDOW

at St Michael the Archangel Parish Church

Many people in Mere responded magnificently to our appeal for funds to renovate the dilapidated East Window in the Parish Church. We are most appreciative of your generous response and are deeply grateful to Karyn Sheppard and Judy Bickerstaff for their enthusiasm and energy in co-ordinating the appeal by arranging a whole range of innovative and entertaining fund-raising events throughout last year and the early months of 2008, which raised £13,000.

Before undertaking any work on an Anglican church building the Parochial Church Council has to acquire a legal document, the Faculty. For some months now, as Karyn and Judy's efforts were achieving our financial goal, we have been going through the lengthy process of consulting with the appropriate national bodies and providing Salisbury Diocese with all the necessary information in order to gain the required Faculty. Our submission to the Diocese Advisory Committee (DAC) included our wish to enhance the main design by replacing the light restricting and fussy background panes, known as "quarries", with clear glass that would enable more light to penetrate into the Chancel.

We are now keen to bring you up to date and share with you the exciting news that we have been presented by the Diocese with a once in a lifetime opportunity. Two of the national bodies with which we had to consult made it clear that they were not keen for us to remove the "quarries". However, in its own response to our submission, the DAC suggested: "that while the current design of the East Window is representative of its time, its design is of no great merit and sits unhappily within the early 20th Century reordering (of the inside of the church)." The DAC was of the view that: **"...the Parochial Church Council should consider a complete change, perhaps of a bold design."**

The DAC also acknowledged that the clergy and senior members of St Michael's had been unhappy with the 1850s design as long ago as the early 1900s. They had commissioned a prominent stained glass artist to design a replacement, but unfortunately no action was taken and the design was subsequently lost.

We are now presented with this golden opportunity to install a brand new window and we hope that you, the community, will be supportive of us researching this bold initiative with a view to transferring the funds, which you have kindly donated to us for restoration, if we are in a position to proceed. We have an excellent opportunity to design a window that would not only provide the additional light in the chancel that we have been seeking, but more to the point it would be a tangible and vibrant legacy of Mere at the beginning of 21st Century that we could leave to our children and our grandchildren.

A new design is likely to cost a lot more than the £13,000 so far raised to renovate the window, but by having already shown our resolve by raising this substantial sum, it should be easier for us to gain access to grants, particularly "match funded" grants. We are investigating the costs and other implications and through the pages of "Mere Matters" we will keep you updated with our progress. We hope to display design options, if our research suggests that a brand new window is a practical proposition.

The Rev'd Paul Barnes, Priest in Charge

Pat Isom, Churchwarden ☎ 01747 861776
Tim Merrell, Churchwarden ☎ 01747 860195

The Friends of St Michael's Church will be holding their

AUTUMN BAZAAR

on

Saturday, 20th September

in the Grove Buildings from 10.00am to 12.00 noon

Coffee, Cakes, Bric-a-brac, Raffle and Kiddies Corner

Please come and join us! All are welcome!

TEA TIME

Every cup counts

This year, absolutely everyone is invited!

Join Churches Together: Mere and District for tea on

Friday September 19th

at 4.00pm in the United Reformed Church

and help support the work of Christian Aid

to alleviate poverty across the world.

For more information contact:

Janet Way 01747 860884

METHODIST CHURCH NOTES

Welcome to New Minister

On Wednesday 3rd September, we hold a Welcome Service at Gillingham Methodist Church for our new minister, Rev'd Ros Hollingsworth, and new Superintendent Minister, Rev'd Jane Ashplant. The service will commence at 7.30pm. and the Chairman of the Southampton District, Rev'd Dr Andrew Wood, will be the preacher. All friends will be welcome to this special service.

Afternoon Get Together

On Wednesday 24th September, we recommence our Get Together at 2.30pm in the School Room. Mrs Shirley Northcott will speak on Aspects of Judaism. Shirley is well known to Mere as a frequent visitor and we shall look forward to hearing from her. Everyone is welcome to join us on this afternoon.

Harvest Supper

On Tuesday 30th September we are holding our Harvest Supper at 7.00pm in the Methodist School Hall - admission £2.50.

Mary Siderfin ☎ 01747 861370

St Michael, The Archangel



Come and join us for

Songs of Praise

'The Harvest'

at 6.00pm on Sunday 21st September



N.B. Harvest Thanksgiving will be on 5th October
– see October issue of Mere Matters for details.

A DATE FOR YOUR DIARIES

It is still 16 weeks away, but.....

The Christmas Charities Fair

will be held this year in the

Grove Buildings

on Saturday 22nd November

All the usual stalls and fun

WEST KNOYLE PARISH ARCHIVE PROJECT

West Knoyle Parish has the opportunity to participate in the Parish Archive Project, a record of the things, both past and present, which make West Knoyle unique. The potential for individuals to contribute is immense, whatever their age or interest and whether as part of a team or by themselves: People, recollections, old photos, new photos, drawings, documentation, archaeology, the wildlife, etc., etc.

Many Mere parishioners have or have had close links with West Knoyle, and it is more than likely that there are valuable photos, documents and memories to be gleaned! We would very much welcome your support and input in this project.

Our second open meeting will be held at the West Knoyle Village Hall on Monday 20th October when you can find out more about the Project, talk through aspects that may be of interest and generally map out a way forward. It is hoped that Anne Carney (the Community Link Officer for the Project) will also be attending.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any queries.

I look forward to seeing you!

Clive Westmacott ☎ 01747 830333

CHURCH SERVICES IN MERE AND WEST KNOYLE

September 2008

The Parish Church, St Michael the Archangel (Tel. Mere 863313)

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

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

Wednesday	3rd	7.30pm	"Start The Month" Holy Communion (CW1)
Sunday	7th	10.30am	Family Communion (CW1)
		(NB: No Sunday Club)	
Sunday	14th	6.00pm	Evening Prayer with Hymns
		10.30am	Parish Communion (CW1)
		21st	10.30am
		6.00pm	Songs of Praise
		28th	10.30am
			Parish Communion (CW1)

The United Reformed Church

Mere Contact: Mrs E Burfitt, Tel: 01747 860685)

Sunday	7th	11.00am	Beth Dunlop
	14th	11.00am	Peter Kershaw
	21st	11.00am	Rev'd Ann McNair
			Holy Communion
	28th	6.00pm	United Harvest Festival at the Methodist Church

The Methodist Church (Tel. Gillingham 01747 823777

Mere Contact: Mrs M Siderfin: Tel: 01747 861370)

Sunday	7th	6.00pm	Rev'd Ros Hollingsworth
			Holy Communion
	14th	6.00pm	Mr Brian Collis
	21st	6.00pm	Mr C James

Sunday	28th	6.00pm	Mr Alan Beale United Harvest Festival joint With the URC
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Wednesday	24th	2.30pm	Afternoon Get Together in the School Room
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The Roman Catholic Church, St Mary's. (Tel: 01985 212329 – Fr. Bede Rowe

Mere Contacts: Teresa Read: 01747 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)

Sundays	7th	9.25am	Matins
	14th		NO Service
	21st	9.25am	Matins
	28th	9.25am	Holy Communion (CW1 trad)

Note: BCP indicates Book of Common Prayer 1662

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

DIARY DATES

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

1	Mon	7.00pm	Slimming World (every Monday)	L
		7.30pm	Parish Council Meeting	AYP

2	Tues	9.00am	Foot Care Clinic	L
		12.30pm to 7.00pm.	SDC Planning Consultation Display	GB
3	Wed	2.00pm	Albaré (also 17th)	GB
		6.00pm	Karate (every Wednesday)	L
4	Thurs	9.00am	Tiddlers and Toddlers (every Thursday)	L
		10.00am	Mere Art Group (every Thursday)	MH
		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
5	Fri	6.30pm	Barn Buddies (every Friday)	BSF
		10.30am	Drop In Coffee Morning	CC
7	Sun	2.00pm	Mere Footpaths Group walk	CP
8	Mon	9.00am	Tiddlers and Toddlers (every Monday)	L
		6.00pm	Beaver Scouts (every Monday)	YC
		6.45pm	Cub Scouts (every Monday)	GB
		7.00pm	Scouts (every Monday)	YC
		8.00pm	Mere Drama Society (Drama Room)	L
9	Tues	2.30pm	Mothers Union	GB
		7.00pm	Mere Carnival Quiz	L
10	Wed	2.00pm	Whist	GB
		7.30pm	Gardening Club	GB
11	Thurs	5.00pm	Rainbows (and 18th & 25th)	GB
		6.15pm	Brownies (and 18th & 25th)	GB
		7.30pm	Guides (and 18th & 25th)	GB
12	Fri	10.00am	Merely Women (also 26th)	GB
		7.30pm	Wiltshire Moviola "Son of Rambow"	L
13	Sat	10.30am	Drop In Coffee Morning	CC
			MERE CARNIVAL – see page 6 for details	
14	Sun	10.30am	Sunday Club (also 21st and 28th)	GB
20	Sat	10.00am	Friends of St Michael's Autumn Bazaar	GB
		10.30am	Drop In Coffee Morning with Traidcraft Stall	CC
23	Tues	9.00am	Foot Care Clinic	L
		7.30pm	St Michael's PCC Meeting	GB
24	Wed	1.45pm	Friends Together	GB
27	Sat	10.30am	Drop In Coffee Morning with R.G. Bric a Brac	CC
30	Tues	7.00pm	Harvest Supper	MH

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 Private Appointments telephone 01722 327222

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OF BIRTHS ***Thursdays: 9.30am to 11.30am***
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