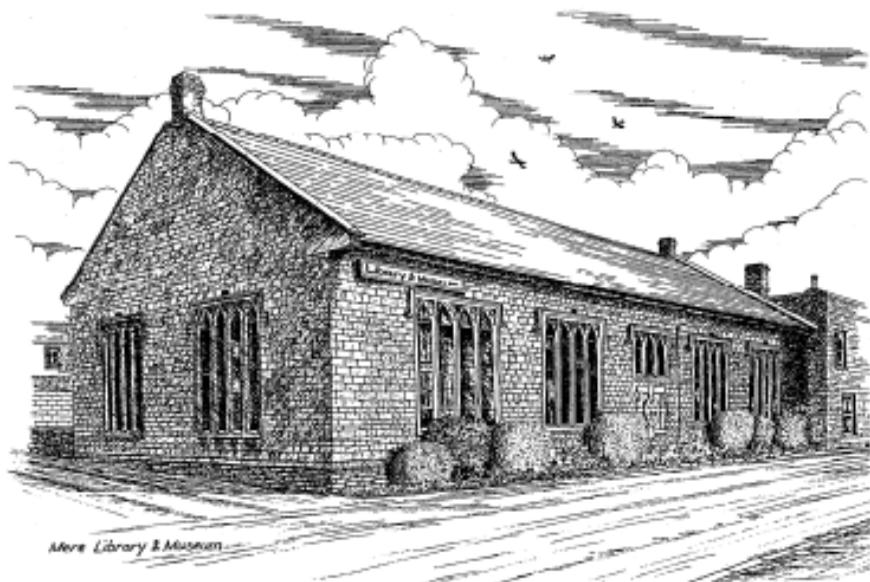


MERE MATTERS AND SO DOES WEST KNOYLE

YOUR COMMUNITY MAGAZINE AND
GUIDE TO LOCAL EVENTS



MAY 2010

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, 10th May 2010.**

The Chairman writes

April and May are busy months for the Parish Council. By the time this is published, we will have just held our Annual Parish Meeting and the first Parish Council meeting in May (this year it is 10th May) is our Annual Parish Council meeting. But, it occurs to me that we should let our parishioners know how the Parish Council services are funded and how we spend your Council Tax.

Every year, usually in November/December, Parish Council members attend a very long meeting, examining figures for actual expenditure and income during the current financial year, and predicted expenditure and income for the next financial year in order to calculate its Precept upon Wiltshire Council. This precept is collected from the residents of Mere through the Council Tax bills by Wiltshire Council.

At this year's budget meeting the Parish Council endeavoured to maintain the level of precept, especially in the current economic climate. However, it was reluctantly agreed to increase the Parish Council's precept by 7.27%. Mere's precept for 2010/11 is £82,873, which is £69.96 per Band D household (or £5.83 per month). The average Band D charge for Parish & Town Councils in Wiltshire is £69.38 so our charges are less than 1% higher than the average Parish & Town Council.

Members were apologetic that there was an increase at all but asked the public to consider the fact that the Parish Council had also fallen victim to the credit crunch as it had lost approximately £4,000 in anticipated income from interest on its savings (or 20% of our internal income) as interest rates had reduced dramatically. We are also committed to maintaining the Sports Development Programme, which was identified as a high priority by the parishioners of Mere within the Parish Plan survey that was carried out in 2005.

The Parish Council is committed to providing a safe environment, and we aim to provide facilities that cater for all residents. We maintain the open spaces, sports fields and sports facilities, recreation ground and play areas. We also manage the cemetery and carry out the maintenance of the churchyard. The Parish Council manages the three allotment sites and keeps the town centre clean and tidy and liaises with other authorities to look after Mere's interests, as well as providing small grants and donations

to local groups and charities. All in all the Parish Council feels that it is providing good value for money for the services that it delivers.

For further information on Parish Council activities, details of meetings and copies of minutes, please go to the Mere website: www.merewilts.org or contact the Parish Clerk, Mrs. Lindsey Wood, ☎ 01747 860701 or e-mail: lindseywood@merewilts.org

Eric Mitchell, Chairman, Mere Parish Council

Floral Enhancements

The Parish Clerk would like to report that once again, the Parish Council will be keeping up appearances by planting the tubs around the town to give impressive floral displays. Last year we were very grateful to the various sponsors (businesses and members of the public – see below) who helped to make these floral displays possible. The scheme was a great success. There are 14 tubs within the town and they are planted twice a year for summer/autumn displays and winter/spring displays. Mr. Clive Hazzard has graciously agreed to replant the tubs again this year, and I should point out that this is done at cost price and at no profit to him and we thank him for this generous offer. We also thank the willing volunteers who water the tubs. We estimate the cost of planting each tub is £40 per year and once again, we are looking for sponsors and we would be grateful to any businesses or members of the public who would like to sponsor a tub. We will publish a list of all sponsors in a future edition of Mere Matters. If you would like to help with Mere's floral enhancements, please contact: Mrs Lindsey Wood, Parish Clerk, Duchy Manor, Springfield Road, Mere, ☎ 01747 860701

We would like to thank the following, who sponsored the tubs last year:

Roy Sims

Jack, Chloe, Isabel, Eleanor, Connor, Bryony, Tye & Olly

The Friday Gentlemen

Margaret Fricker & Joe James

Mrs. Jane Hurd

Yapp Brothers

Two Counties Golf Range

Rodney & Shirley Coward

Louis & Sarah Stanton

Richard & Dawn Hughes

Richard & Glenda Collard from West Sussex

Hill & Son Funeral directors

Mrs. Lesley Traves

Also many thanks to The Hill Brush Company, Jeans Electricals & F. J. Chalke & Son for sponsoring the large floral displays in The Square and in Salisbury Street Car Park.

Lindsey Wood, Parish Clerk

GEORGE JEANS, WILTSHIRE COUNCILLOR, MERE DIVISION, WRITES

I have attended and made two representations to the inspector at The Red Lion Salisbury regarding the Core Strategy (Houses, employment etc. for the next 20 years). I have argued that we need more parking spaces when properties are developed in a rural area to that required in an Urban Area. I have also argued for measures for the retention of shops, services and free parking in Rural Areas. Although Wiltshire Council stated at the enquiry that it agreed with most of what I put forward, I still pressed home the point that in my opinion The Core Strategy had no robust policy to address the above.

Nearly a year ago one of the residents of Whitemarsh encouraged me to get every resident of Whitemarsh, and close by, to send the Highways Department personal letters, which would all have to be answered individually, pointing out that the road had not been resurfaced properly since the estate was built in the 1970s. Since I have reminded officers of the problem, it was nice that when I went to inspect the recently re-laid road, people thanked me for my efforts. Fennel Road and other roads off White Road have remained unadopted by the highway authority since the houses were built. This means that the Highway Authority do not maintain street lights. I am doing my best to try and help resolve this situation.

I cannot discuss much of what I do because it relates to individual people, however I have dealt with enquiries and problems recently in all the villages: Kilmington, Stourton, West Knoyle and Zeals, as well as Mere that I represent. Some of the everyday problems that I address include:

I still visit West Knoyle on a regular basis and have been talking to those Council staff who are reinstating the damaged areas of the roads. I have been promised that if I send in a reasonable list of potholes that I am not satisfied with, they will be repaired.

It appears some villages with a housing restraint boundary may lose it. This could impact on you; therefore if you have concerns, please feel free to contact me.

Regarding free car parking in Mere, the Council has recently commissioned its consultants Mouchel to undertake a review of the current 'Wiltshire Local Transport Plan-Parking Plan', which dates from 2000. They will take into account: the strength of the local economy, the utilisation and occupancy of existing parking spaces, traffic conditions on the local highways network, the availability of public transport., parking charges in neighbouring areas and local environmental conditions.

Councillor R. Tonge, the Cabinet Member, said, "I hope this demonstrates that the review will take account of the local circumstances found in Wiltshire's small towns such

as Mere. Furthermore, it is envisaged that the parking charges in each area will be set by the Council after consultation with the respective Area Board”.

I wish he had stated that some car parks would be FOC, as remote as we are etc.; I hope some common sense will prevail.



MERE POLICE NEWS

It is with some relief that we are coming out of the dark gloom of winter and onwards into spring with the obvious connotations that this new season brings us! Lighter evenings and better weather should generally be rejoiced. However, I am well aware that with the onslaught of better weather we will no doubt be getting reports of crimes involving garden machinery and suchlike.

You will probably be tired of the same old reminders. However, I will sleep better at night if I know that you have at least been warned again of this seasonal problem. I can understand the frustrations of those of you who have been a victim of this type of crime in the past and my job is to try and prevent this from happening again. Here are some tips to help you keep your goods:

1. Put tools & machinery out of sight and if possible, keep them indoors.
2. If you do use a garage or shed to store your tools etc, consider an alarm.
3. We can source 'shed' alarms at relatively low cost, please contact us for further advice and/or supply. We are contactable via e-mail 24/7 and our advice is free!
4. Always tell somebody that you are going away, even if it is for a few days. Good neighbours cost nothing and they can be your eyes and ears in your absence. For peace of mind and property protection, I implore you to do this.
5. Lastly, mark up your tools and machinery where practicable using a UV marker pen. These are invisible to the naked eye but will prove ownership under ultra violet lighting should it be stolen and recovered, proving ownership!

Please contact Jake or myself on the listed contact details if you require any advice.

Richard Salter, Community Beat Manager, Police Constable 1312

*e-mail: **richard.salter@wiltshire.pnn.police.uk***

Jake Noble, Police Community Support Officer

*e-mail: **jacob.noble@wiltshire.pnn.police.uk***

☎: 0845 408 7000 ext 746815/749817

*☎ 01747 861737 (Direct Dial **not** 24 hours)*

*☎ 07980 701606 (mobile- **not** 24 hours)*

Fax: 01747 860013

Wiltshire Words

Mere Library presents...

'Royal Mistresses'

A talk by leading authors

Alison Weir

and

Tracy Borman

Friday 28th May

at 7.30pm

Grove Buildings, Mere

Tickets £3 available from Mere Library

For further information email:-

hilary.glyde@wiltshire.gov.uk

WEATHER REPORT

March was dry with many sunny days up to the 17th. There was frost on the 2nd. The total rainfall for the month was 72mms (2.83ins). Last year it was 62.5mms (2.46ins). It was colder after the 17th and on the 23rd we had a heavy hail storm with 23mms (0.91ins) of rain.

Up to the 18th April it has been dry, quite warm sun but with that cold wind still with us. Total rainfall so far is 14.5mms (0.57ins), all on the first three days. Spring is with us, the tulips are beginning to bloom and the trees are budding.

Peter Durkee

MERE DENTAL PRACTICE



The practice has two Dentists:

Mr Stephen Sherrard

Ms Jacqueline Barnes

..and one Dental Hygienist:

Ms Wendy Hester (Mondays only)

Contact Details: -

Mere Dental Practice
Duchy Manor, Springfield Road
Mere, Wiltshire, BA12 6EW
☎ 01747 860365

Tuesday 8.45am – 7.00pm (Both Dentists cover evening appts.)
Normal hours (9.00am – 5.30pm on Mon, Wed, Thurs & Friday.

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

JOHN HOWELL

Isabel and Family would like to thank all their kind friends who sent letters, cards and flowers when John died. Also, thank you to everyone who attended the Service.

It was such a comfort to know that so many people were thinking of us and please forgive us for not writing personally to you all. Your support at this time is greatly appreciated.

Isabel Howell ☎ 01747 860297

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St Michael the Archangel

SUMMER FETE

Saturday 5th June

We would be grateful for donations towards the following stalls -

Bric-a-brac	Janet McIntyre	860981
Cakes	Thelma Ings	860262
Preserves	Pat Isom	861776
Plants	Judith Thompson	860553
Flowers	Ann Carpenter	861365
Sweets/biscuits	Laura Ford	863396
Nearly New	Debbie Scaife	861082
Bottle Tombola	Elizabeth Howden	863424
Jewellery	Jenny Bevis	863310
Accessories	Maggie Durkee	860163
Teas	Judy Bickerstaff	860335
Books	Jenny & Roger Wilding	860908

(no books on the day please, we will collect if this helps)

If you would like to help in any way, please contact one of the organisers -

Jean and Colin Kantharia 861168
Jean and Martin Eyles 863450

Help is particularly needed with selling raffle tickets, please ring

Martin Eyles 863450

The Quiz, kindly prepared by Roger Wilding, will be on sale throughout Mere this month.

Full details of the Fete, in free programmes, will be available mid-May at the Library Information point, and from Raffle ticket sellers.

REFRESHMENTS

St. Michael's Church Fete – 5th June 2010

Once again refreshments will be available at the Summer Fete.

However, we do need helpers for both serving and washing up in the afternoon. Would anyone willing to help, please contact me. Also, anyone willing to make cakes for the refreshment please contact me. It is important that I know as soon as possible the names of people able to help, and any cake makers, in order to organise the refreshments.

Thank you.

Judy Bickerstaff ☎ 01747 860335

BAGS, SHOES AND HATS



Please clear out your wardrobes for the Accessories Stall at St Michael's Church Fete on 5th June. Handbags, shopping bags, scarves, belts, hats and shoes are required.

To arrange collection, contact:

Maggie Durkee ☎ 01747 860163

THE MERE LECTURE HALL TRUST

Grants available for 2010

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.

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. It operates within a Christian ethos for the benefit of the whole community, and welcomes a wide range of creative activities.

Applications for grant support are now invited for activities or projects based within 8 miles of Mere. The closing date is 31st May 2010 and grants will normally be paid annually in the autumn.

For further details and an application form, please write with s.a.e. to:

The Secretary, The Mere Lecture Hall Trust, Summerleigh, Mill Lane, Mere, WARMINSTER, Wiltshire, BA12 6DA.

Cancer Research UK MERE MAY FAIR around "The Square" Saturday 22nd May 10.00am-2.00pm

Bric a brac, Plant Sale, Cakes, Tombola, books, BBQ, Bouncy Castle
Raffle: 1st prize glider flight, 2nd prize £75, 3rd prize £50, and many more great prizes.
Janice Sealy ☎ 01747 860743

MERE SHORT WALK

It is a year since we started the monthly short walks and this month we will return to see the bluebell woods. The walk will start at the Surgery Car Park at 2.00pm on Monday 10th May and will be just over 3 miles. The usual tea, of course, afterwards at The Angel Cafe.

Janet Way 📞 01747 860884

WINCANTON CHORAL SOCIETY

Twentieth Anniversary Gala Concert

Wincanton Choral Society and orchestra, conducted by Simon Twiselton, will celebrate its twentieth anniversary with a special Gala Concert on Sunday 16th May at 7.30pm in Wincanton Sports Centre, West Hill.

The programme features Mendelssohn's *Song of Praise (Lobgesang)*, Borodin's *Polovtsian Dances*, a new work, *Sing! Cuccu, nu* by Simon Twiselton and Constant Lambert's *Rio Grande*, featuring pianist Anita D'Attellis. Soloists are Faye Eldret (soprano), Georgina-Rosanna Murray (Alto), Paul Badley (Tenor) and Tom Hunt (Bass). A specially formed Choir of Young Voices will also participate, and the orchestra will be led by Edward Burns. To order tickets, which cost £13 (£8 for those 18 and under), call the box office ☎ 01749 813899 or visit: www.netaticket.co.uk Tickets will also be available at the door. There will be a licensed bar.

SHREEN HARMONY

We are now well into our rehearsals for the summer concerts and it looks like being a busy season. We have welcomed several new members and our numbers have meant that we have had to change our rehearsal venue. We now meet every Thursday in the United Reformed Church in Mere, but we were very sad to leave the Methodist Church, which had been our home for many years.

We are all very excited to be asked to sing again this year at the Festival of the Voice in Stourhead on Saturday, 5th June. This is a really lovely event with many choirs singing throughout the grounds and it is well worth a date for your diary. We are also giving a concert in the Methodist Church in Mere on Friday, 11th June and in Motcombe Church on Thursday, 15th July and all will be welcome. We are also delighted to have been asked to sing with the children at Bourton School on Thursday, 17th June. As you can see we have a full varied summer programme.

We look forward to seeing some of you at these concerts.

Sandra Fisher ☎ 01747 860424

MERE GARDENING CLUB

“Stories of my books” with Sally Page

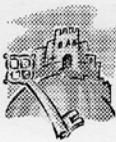
Our next meeting is on Wednesday 12th May at 7.30pm in the Grove Buildings.

Sally is a florist, photographer and writer who has published several books about flower shops including Ted Martin Flowers in Tisbury. She will be talking about her books and the people she has met. Her books will be available for sale.

Annual Plant Sale
Saturday 15th May from 9.00am – 1200 Noon
In the Square

Members have been busily pricking out seedlings and potting on plants and cuttings for the stall. Who knows what treasures will be on sale! Come and have a look. This is your chance to stock up your garden at bargain prices, and we value your support.

Janet Way 📞 01747 8608847



MERE HISTORICAL SOCIETY with Mere Gardening Club

VISIT TWO: Wednesday 16th June 2010

Mapperton House and Gardens

Mapperton nestles in a private coombe to the east of Beaminster. The beautiful ham stone Jacobean manor house is currently owned by Lord Sandwich, and we will have a guided tour of the principal rooms on the ground floor. Outside, steps descend to the three levels of the delightful and unique valley garden around which we will also have a guided tour. The garden includes statues, topiary, a woodland garden and arboretum.

There is a small café providing light lunches, teas and drinks, and a gift shop.

We will leave Salisbury Street Car Park at 9.30am and return to Mere by 5.00pm approx.

Cost: MHS Members £23.00, non MHS members £25.00, per person includes tours

Booking forms available from Mere Information Point

For more details ring Caroline Clark ☎ 01747 861797

NB: Visit One to Tyntesfield, Monday 17th May. To check if places are still available ring Ros Castro ☎ 01747 861957

MERE FILM SHOWS

This month's film, 'The Boys Are Back' (12A), on Thursday 20th May is based on a true story and is a confessional tale of fatherhood, following the witty, wisecracking, action-oriented sportswriter who, in tragic circumstances, finds himself a single parent. Joe Warr (Clive Owen) throws himself into the only child-rearing philosophy he thinks has a chance of bringing joy back into their lives – 'just say yes'. In this film, Clive Owen is said to be 'sensational' with a sensitive and touching performance. Details on page 24.

As you will see below, we are showing two films in June, as we decided to find an extra date to show a very extraordinary and moving film that has just come on to the Moviola list. This is 'Mugabe and the White African' and it is a documentary – there is no fiction in this, not even 'based on a true story' – which follows the determined attempts of farmers Mike Campbell and his son-in-law Ben Freeth to legally regain their farm from

Mugabe's violent henchmen. It was filmed by a local couple who risked everything to make it. "The world has a limited attention span, but terrible things are still happening in Zimbabwe and people need to be told of them". Tickets for both June films will be on sale after our film in May.

Dates for your diary:

Thursday 10th June, 'Mugabe and the White African' (PG)

Thursday 17th June, 'Alice in Wonderland' (PG) *Mary White* ☎ 01747 861257

Why not join me for a Fairly Traded Breakfast



and celebrate
World Fair Trade Day
with foods and drinks
from around the world.

Friday 7th May

Janet Way
'Wits End'
North Road

8.30-11.30a.m
£2.00

GROVE BUILDINGS "100" CLUB

The Result of the '100' Club Draw for April, drawn on Easter Sunday, 4th April by Mrs Ann Dethic, was:

1st Prize (£20)	-	No. 93	Mr B Shotter
2nd Prize (£15)	-	No. 151	Mrs M Butchers
3rd Prize (£10)	-	No. 113	Miss M Thompson
4th Prize (£5)	-	No. 40	Generously Returned

Valerie Ransley ☎ 01747 860964



MERE MUSEUM

There has been a very pleasing response to the current exhibition, 'Pitty the Pore', and several visitors have taken the time to record appreciative comments in the visitors' book; it's always good to have a permanent record of

'what the visitors say'.

The exhibition continues until the end of June, but don't leave it too late to pay a visit – there's a lot to see – and read!

Jenny Wilding ☎ 01747 860908



Friends of Mere Museum

Plant Sale

Saturday 8th May

Grove Buildings

Plants Galore

Also delicious home-made cakes

Raffle

Doors open 10.00am - not a minute earlier!



THE FRIENDS OF MERE MUSEUM

The big event of the year is almost upon us. Be sure you are outside The Grove Buildings on **Saturday 8th May at 10.00am sharp** for the Friends' famous **PLANT SALE!** It will be bigger and better this year than ever, and there will be a cake stall as well, so be sure not to miss it. If you are able to give us plants and/or cakes to sell, please let David Longbourne ☎ 01747 860243, or me, know. We shall be more than happy to collect. See you there!

Jenny Wilding ☎ 01747 860908

MERE AMATEUR DRAMATIC SOCIETY

Life has returned to normal in Midsummer Wood. Bottom has dreamed his dream, his fellow artisans have each earned sixpence for performing their play for the Duke (which will have pleased their wives) and Puck and the fairies have gone elsewhere to make mischief. So ends this year's Spring offering from MADS. We hoped you enjoyed it.

After a brief pause, it's on to the next – choosing and casting a play for the Autumn. But, there is (at the moment) plenty of time for that.

Meanwhile **MADS's AGM** will take place in the Lecture Hall (Small Hall) on **Monday 17th May**. The meeting starts at **7.30pm**, but come at 7.00pm if you would like a FREE cup of coffee and a biscuit! Subscriptions will be due on that day so don't forget your cheque book. We look forward to seeing old friends and new members then. Do come if you can.

Jenny Wilding ☎ 01747 860908

MOTHERS UNION & OPEN MEMBERS GROUP

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, 11th May at 2.30pm in the Grove Buildings. The speaker will be Liz Messer, her subject: "Living with the Deaf". Liz also runs a Lip Reading Class.

This will be an Open Meeting. Anyone interested in hearing Liz speak will be welcome.

A reminder that we will be running the Cake Stall at the St Michael's Summer Fete on Saturday 5th June. Donations of Cakes will be welcome on the morning of the fête.

Thelma Ings ☎ 01747 860262

WOMENS INSTITUTE

We have had a busy time with our AGM recently and have planned an interesting programme for the coming year.

In April, we had a very interesting and informative meeting when Mrs Jenny Wilding, Curator of Mere Museum, spoke to us. Did you know there are 6,955 Artefacts, many as photographs, in the museum!

On Thursday 6th May, our talk will be telling us about "The joy of bringing the Quilting Group to Mere". As always, visitors and prospective new members will be very welcome.

Sheila Shotter ☎ 01747 861771

CASTLE HILL QUILTERS

Twelve of our members have now completed the Beginners Course and without exception have enjoyed it immensely. Maybe they will now be sitting in the sunshine hand quilting their work with pride.

There is a planned visit to the American Museum in Britain for a private tour of the textile room and "Classic American Quilts" exhibition on Thursday, 27th May leaving Mere at 9.15am at a cost of £9 per person. This promises to be very interesting and we look forward to our first group visit. We do have a few tickets available for anyone interested in joining us. The Museum opening time is 12 noon to 5.00pm, closed on Mondays, so our visit will be before the museum opens to the public. You would need to arrange your own transport, as we are.

Meetings continue during May and June, restarting in September but we look forward to a Garden Party in July and also in August in two of our members gardens in Mere.

For information on the Quilting Group and the museum visit, please contact me by e-mail: info@castlehillquilters.co.uk or by 'phone. *Carol Lord* 📞 **01747 861923**

ROSEMARY GODDARD CENTRE (RGC) **Mere and District Day Centre, Lynch Close**

10.30am to 3.00pm on Mondays & 10.30am to 4.00pm on Fridays

Working with older people means that we are always having to say goodbye to Guests we love, and this winter has been very hard for we lost Tom, Grace and Margaret at the beginning of the year. More recently we lost Lilian, who always asked us to check that her hair was okay because 'today might be the day that I meet the man of my dreams', and Kath, one of our beloved Brummie sisters, who have amused us and you from the day that they arrived at the Centre.

Last year Kath went with her sister and some friends to Great Yarmouth on a coach trip. 'We lost her you know', said her sister. 'She left the motorway service station by the wrong door.' 'I thought they had gone without me' said Kath. 'We had to send the coach driver to find her' replied her sister. 'And he did' said Kath. 'He was so kind to me that by the time we got back to the coach I am sure that he was in love with me, cos I know I was with him. He even asked me whether I would be going on the trip the following year'. 'Only if you are going to be driving' said Kath, but sadly it will not be and instead our Kath has left us with memories of fun, a zest for life and laughter as has everyone of our past Guests. They are all truly missed.

The generous donations from friends and family at Lilian's funeral financed a wonderful trip to Yeovilton recently. The ladies had a talk and a tour of the Fleet Air Arm Museum and the lads had the privilege of viewing a flying display, a visit to the vintage planes hanger and the control tower at the Airfield. A very magical day, so big thanks to the staff at Yeovilton Airfield and Museum and to all those who donated money towards the outing.

Lynette Elliot, Organiser ☎ 01747 861646
Caroline Cook, Secretary ☎ 01747 861797

ROSEMARY GODDARD CENTRE **OPEN GARDENS EVENT**

Saturday & Sunday 26/27th June 2010. 2.00-5.00pm

Spend a pleasant afternoon visiting a variety of interesting gardens in Mere.

Teas will be available. Plants on sale. Activities to keep the children amused.

Programmes will be on sale soon showing the locations of the gardens.

For further information please contact Pat Gear ☎ 01747 860320

FIVES COURT

(Small but perfectly formed!)

At the end of last year, I visited Mere for the first time ...and fell in love!

I had heard about a 'small' residential home that was advertising for a Manager, and was looking for a change of career from the running of a larger Nursing Home to something that was more like a *real* home....one look and I knew I had found exactly what I had been looking for.

In the midst of your lovely town is a little gem...not the lettuce variety, but something much better. A real home filled with real people who, regardless of age or ability, still enjoy life and want to get as much out of it as possible. My idea of heaven!

I intend, with the help of the terrific staff here, to bring as much fun, interest and enjoyment to the lives of my new friends at Fives Court. We have already had a Chinese New Year's party day with a menu fit for any Chinese Restaurant and the staff in fancy dress. At this point I would like to apologise to the Doctor who managed to perform his weekly round in spite of being accompanied by a full-sized tiger (Gill, our Care Leader, in costume in case you did not recognise her.)

My apologies too, to the family who tried to have a sensible conversation with me when I had completely forgotten that I had been face-painted as a cat earlier in the day!.....We did resume at a later time when they had stopped laughing.

St Patrick's Day went with similar hilarity, possibly aided by the stout, which many Residents supped, and with green leprechauns on hand to assist throughout the day.

We now have a lovely aquarium with fish, yet to be named, chosen at the pet-shop by some of our Residents and two gorgeous Guinea Pigs, recently named Stan and Ollie by popular vote.

The Barn Dance organised by the Friends of Fives was a terrific success and will be repeated later in the year. Thank you all for your support on the night. The age range of 9 to 97 was a first too! Who says that age is a barrier to having fun.

For anyone who has not met us, please pay us a visit. We are holding a variety of events during the year, which we would love you to attend. In May we are holding a Pet Show so do bring along anything furry, fluffy, scaly or with feathers!

Watch out for our posters to see what we have planned next.

We are hoping to recruit Volunteers to help in the Home so if you have a few hours to spare why not come along and find out more about us, we would be delighted to meet you.

Fives Court may be smaller than some Homes, but we are 'perfectly formed'. Come and see what you have been missing and, like me, you may just fall in love. I Hope to meet you soon.
Esther Thomas, Manager ☎ 01747 860707

THE FRIENDS OF FIVES COURT

If you weren't there you missed the event of the year so far! **The Friends of Fives Court's Barn Dance** was an astonishing success – a sell-out in fact, and everyone, including Sharron Glide's superb Black Bear Band, had the most marvellous time! Dancers ranged in age from nine to 97, and two Fives Court Residents were there and joined in with gusto! We laughed quite as much as we danced, and we danced from 7.00pm until 10.30pm, with the shortest of intervals for a delicious ploughman's supper. On top of all that, we made a profit of £368 towards the garden fund.

A heartfelt *thank you* to everyone who supported us. If you missed it, don't worry; we are going to hold another one in the autumn! *Jenny Wilding ☎ 01747 860908*

LOSE WEIGHT FOR SUMMER

Spring has arrived at last and it is less than 2 months to mid summer's day! Do you want to lose those excess lbs to get into your summer clothes before your Summer holiday? Then come along to the lovely friendly Slimming World group in Mere Lecture Hall, on Mondays at 7.00pm, to learn how to eat loads of wonderful free foods and never be hungry on our Extra Easy eating plan.

For any more information phone: *Caroline ☎ 01747 840013 or 07941 334284*

MERE SNOOKER CLUB

Now that Spring is arriving, it's a good time to develop your existing snooker skills or, if you have never been near a snooker table but would like to, then give the Secretary, Kevin, a call ☎ 01747 860305. We are a small, friendly group in Salisbury Street with very reasonable rates and we would love to hear from you.

The Club is looking at the possibility of starting a youth section, one night a week from 6.00-8.00pm. If you, or a family member would be interested in coming to this, please ring me.

Mike Gladding, Committee Member ☎ 05601 791309

**REMEMBER! COPY DATE FOR THE JUNE ISSUE
MONDAY, 10th MAY**

WILTSHIRE MOVIOLA
in association with
MERE PARISH COUNCIL
proudly presents

The Boys Are Back (12A)

"Just say Yes!"

Clive Owen gives a sensational performance as the father who suddenly finds himself a single parent in tragic circumstances. With his own particular child-rearing philosophy he finds that life with two boys, a curious six year-old and a rebel teen, becomes exuberant, reckless and sometimes close to disaster as they each struggle to find their own way, father and sons alike, to grow up.

In the Lecture Hall
Thursday 20th May, 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

MERE CROQUET CLUB

Saturday, 17th April, was our opening day for this year. As requested, the weather gods produced a beautiful afternoon, which made this first session even more enjoyable. It was a pleasure to be able to welcome several new members as well as our old friends.

The event was enhanced by having a very attentive and efficient head waitress, five year old Elizabeth Mackie, who did a great job, many thanks to her. There was a very good attendance and the Green was busy the whole time with everyone getting in a game or two.

It is hoped to be able to proceed with setting up the Boule Court this year. This proved to be a far more expensive operation than originally envisaged. Now that the Croquet Lawn, after a great deal of hard work, is in pretty good shape it is felt possible to take on another project, so completing the original plans for the Club.

The Club now has a very keen and enthusiastic hard core of members, however, newcomers can be assured of a warm welcome. Do come along any Saturday or Sunday afternoon and have a go, friendly and fun it most certainly is, elitist it most certainly is not.

Further details can be obtained from Rex Roberts ☎ 01747 860873 or e.mail at: rexroberts@ba126ed.fsnet.co.uk

MERE BRIDGE CLUB

Do you like to play bridge?

Can you play whist?

Would you like to exercise your brain?

Would you like to meet friendly members of the town in a non-competitive situation?

We are looking for new members

Beginners most welcome

Tea and biscuits provided

Meet in the Lecture Hall, Salisbury Street
on Thursdays at 2.00pm

Contact Shirley ☎ 01747 860580

MERE ARCHERS

We have just finished our first introduction to archery course for this year and would like to welcome Rebecca and Evie to the club. We currently have a waiting list of eager people wishing to try archery. Practice sessions are now Tuesday and Thursday evenings and Sunday mornings.

Gloria Mead, Club Secretary 📞 01747 863360



When I wrote the article for April's Mere Matters, one event referred to had not happened, but it had by the time of publication. That event was our Messy Play Saturday at West Knoyle. Now that it has happened, I can tell you what a fabulous event it really was.

As a Sure Start Children's Centre, Footprints has a responsibility to support the Government's Every Child Matters target outcomes of: Being Healthy, Staying Safe, Enjoying and Achieving, Economic Well being and Making a Positive Contribution.

The Centres are a part of the current Government's ambition to give all families with children access to a range of services targeted to the local communities' needs, in consultation with parents, the private, voluntary and independent sectors, PCTs, Jobcentre Plus and other key partners.

These services - usually known as the 'core offer' - include:

- Support for parents - including parenting advice, local childcare options and access to specialist family services.
- Child and family health services, ranging from health screening, health visitor services to breast-feeding support.
- Helping parents into work, including links to Jobcentre Plus and training.

Mere and District Footprints covers a widespread area and a wide range of households. So, to best deliver our core offer, we try very hard to reach those who are not able to visit our Mere premises. To achieve this we are making a concerted effort to bring a taste of the Children's Centre into the communities we serve. West Knoyle in March was our first off-base messy play event, followed by Zeals on 24 April. We are planning a third event on 22nd May at the village hall in Maiden Bradley.

At West Knoyle, we filled the village hall, and while it is not huge we were pleased to have so many attendees from a wide range of the community, all of whom had never previously visited us in Mere, and some of whom did not have the transport to do so. Those children who came along enjoyed face painting, making shapes and figures with play dough, making pulse pictures and fruit salad as well as a fun singing session led by Kate. Hot and cold drinks were available for children and their parents or carers, together with some delicious cakes specially cooked for the event.

Events at Zeals and Maiden Bradley will be similar to the one we ran at West Knoyle, and we really look forward to welcoming under 6's and their families.

In addition to our wide ranging programme of activity at our premises in Springfield Road in Mere (adjacent to Mere School), we hold regular events at Maiden Bradley and

Semley, and we are looking to provide more in the Knoyles and Hindon in due course. If you cannot make it along to Mere then do call us to see if we have something in your area. If there is an activity or event you would find helpful, please tell us by calling us ☎ 01747 861108, or contact me by email: janeb@merefootprints.org.uk

We look forward to seeing or hearing from you soon.

Note: It has unfortunately been necessary to cancel the Baby/Indian Head Massage session promoted in our leaflet for 14th May. We are, however, offering Baby Sensory sessions instead, though please call us ☎ 01747 861108 for times.

Jane Batten, Acting Centre Manager

MERE PRE-SCHOOL

Children, staff and parents are celebrating at Mere Pre-School following their recent OFSTED inspection. Staff felt well prepared for the inspector's ad hoc visit and welcomed the chance to show off their merits to the inspector who awarded the pre-school with an overall "Good" classification and with six features of the care and learning as "Outstanding."

Mere Pre-school is run by a dedicated and caring team of staff and a small parent committee. The inspector reported a "great family nursery" and that children are "safe, happy and industrious." The team is led by Jean Sheppard and Carol Adams who between them have decades of experience working with Under Fives and their parents. This factor shone through in the report with a number of comments from the inspector: that: "All children are provided with an excellent range of activities to help them learn and develop"; that: "The partnership with parents and carers is outstanding", and that: "The manager and deputy continually evaluate and review what they offer the children to make sure improvements made benefit all children."

The Pre-school facilities are attached to Mere Primary School and both settings work together in partnership so that children make positive and smooth transitions into their Reception class.

The strength of the team is summed up with the inspector's comment that "children are happy and contented here. They have a great start to their school life and their learning journey. They have an enjoyable active time, and learn to be part of a working community in which everyone counts and matters." This achievement was backed up by a comment made by a child who said to the inspector: "I like playing, painting, drawing, sand, singing and everything." A lovely addition to an Ofsted report! To view the full report please visit: www.merepreschool.co.uk

Louise Harlow, Chairperson, Mere Pre-school Committee ☎ 01747 860647

REV'D PAUL BARNES, VICAR OF ST MICHAEL'S PARISH CHURCH, WRITES:

I have just returning home having spent ten peaceful days in a converted farmhouse in rural France. Ten days without television, radio, newspapers, mobile phones and e-mails - absolute bliss!

What made those ten days even better this year was that we had escaped from the media hype surrounding the forthcoming General Election. For ten whole days, we were spared the endless political debate and speculation, the pictures of smiling potential Prime Ministers and their spouses kissing babies and greeting strangers from Truro to Teesside as if they were long lost friends, and making all kinds of promises that we all know will disappear like the morning mist once they have been elected!

I suppose we should be grateful that our election campaigns are fairly short when compared with the presidential campaign in the USA, but to be honest, I can't wait for 6th May to arrive so that we can elect our members of parliament. Hopefully, a government can be formed, and our elected representatives can get on with the many difficult challenges that face us as the world economy recovers from this period of recession.

Although I find election campaigns tedious, I also know that we are very blessed to live in a country where we have the opportunity to exercise our democratic right, where elections are free and fair, and where if we don't like what our government or member of parliament is doing we have the opportunity to remove them from office.

People have literally given their lives to protect our freedoms and democratic rights, so not to vote in an election seems to me to be dishonouring their sacrifices, and so I find it very difficult to understand why some people simply can't be bothered to make their vote. We might get disillusioned with our politicians, particularly in the light of the recent behaviour of some MPs who shamefully exploited their expenses claim system, but deciding not to vote suggests that we don't really care.

We will only get good politicians if we vote good women and men into power, and remove our votes from those who are lazy or have lost sight of their mandate to be servants of their communities.

St Paul instructed Christians to pray for our governments and political leaders. Surely now would be a good time for us to remember all politicians in our prayers, and after the people of this great country have spoken through the ballot box on 6th May, to pray regularly for those who will be elected to high office that they will continually remember the great trust we have placed in them, and seek God's wisdom and strength in the important decisions they make that shape the lives of others.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON GET TOGETHER

On Wednesday 26th May at 2.30pm, we meet as usual in the School Hall at the rear of the Methodist Church in North Street for an informal afternoon. The speaker will be Mr Brian Collis. Do come and share an interesting and relaxing time. Everyone will be made welcome.

Mary Siderfin 📞 01747 861370

WILDLIFE AND COUNTRYSIDE ART & PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION

At the annual Bison Browse - In aid of West Knoyle Church.

Sunday 13th June 2010 - 11.30 am to 4.00 pm

**No charge for the competition – bring your entry with
you when you come to the Bison Browse.**

(Entry fee payable to the whole event)

Display space will be provided.

**Please put your name address and telephone number
on back of your piece.**

Time of judging 2.30 pm

Cash prizes for 1st, 2nd, 3rd in adult and junior classes

For Information: 01747 830534 & 01747 830 263

LEARNING FOR DISCIPLESHIP: UNDERSTANDING WORLD FAITHS

There will be a 5-week course (which is half a module in the Salisbury Diocese Learning for Discipleship programme) starting in the Grove Buildings on Wednesday, 5th May at 7.30pm. We will look at Islam, Buddhism, Sikhism and Hinduism.

The other dates are Wednesday, 19th May, Wednesday, 26th May, Wednesday 2nd June and **Tuesday**, 8th June. Each session lasts 2 hours, with a break.

All are most welcome to come, whether following the Learning for Discipleship path (which means doing assessments), or simply studying for enjoyment without assessment. Everyone does, however, need to register for the course – this can be done by ☎ 01722 411944 or emailing: ldmt@salisbury.anglican.org. The cost is £17.50 for the 5 sessions.

For further details, please contact me or by e-mail: janie.hurd@virgin.net or by phone.

Jane Hurd ☎ 01747 860218

PRAYING THE GOSPELS

Quiet Gospel-based Prayer open to all

We meet on Wednesday 26th May at 7.30pm (finishing by 8.30pm) in the Vicarage.

Future meetings are planned for the last Wednesday of each month, so the next one will be on Wednesday 30th June. The venue will normally be in the Upper Room in the Grove Building, or, when it is not available, in the Vicarage. (If you'd like to come along but can't manage Wednesday evenings, please let us know.)

Paul Barnes ☎ 01747 863313, Ross and Judith Thompson ☎ 01747 860553

Church Of
St Michael The Archangel

Thursday 13th May

Feast Day of the Ascension

Join us for hymn singing that doesn't just raise
the roof; it's on the roof!!

Meet at the top of the Church Tower at 7.30am for the hymns,
which will be followed by Holy Communion at 8.00am (in the church).



Sunday 23rd May

Songs of Praise

Join us at 6.00pm in singing popular hymns and hearing
familiar, much-loved, readings





Everyone is welcome to come to a Coffee Morning in Aid of Suchana on Tuesday 25th May 10.30am–12.00 noon at 7 Downside Close.

Suchana is a health and education programme for very disadvantaged children in West Bengal, India. Their latest lively newsletter giving full details of progress and recent developments and future plans has just been published. Suchana Trustees will shortly be publishing accounts. If you would like to see a copy of either, please ask.

This is a small project, which makes a huge difference to these children and their community. For example, the group receiving extra support from Suchana to help them keep up at school in a (to them) unfamiliar language, achieved 100% success rate in passing their annual school exams.

A teacher at the project has just written and had published the very first alphabet book in the mother-tongue of some of the children (Kora). This has generated great excitement and hope among the children. Most of the work for the project is done on a voluntary basis, and you can be confident that every pound donated or raised makes a real difference!!

Ross, Judith and Mark ☎ 01747 860553

Corsets 'n Crinolones

**A fashion show of authentic 19th Century clothes
modelled live!**

**Saturday 15th May at 6.30 for 7.00pm
at Zeals School**

**Tickets, inclusive of light refreshments, £7.50 adult (£4.00 child)
on sale in Mere Library or Zeals Post Office**

Raffle

All in aid of St Martin's Church, Zeals

The Friends of St Michael's Church invite you to their

SPRING BAZAAR

ON SATURDAY, 1ST MAY, 2010

in the GROVE BUILDINGS

from 10.00am to 12.00noon

Coffee, Cakes, Books, Bric-a-brac, Plants and Raffle

Please come and join us! All are welcome!

CHURCH SERVICES IN MERE AND WEST KNOYLE MAY

The Parish Church, St Michael the Archangel: ☎ 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
Sunday	2nd	10.30am	Family Communion
		6.00pm	Choral Evensong (BCP)
Wednesday	5th	6.00pm	Start the month: Service of Holy Communion (BCP)
Sunday	9th	10.30am	ROGATION SUNDAY
			Joint Benefice service at Bush Farm Bison Centre, West Knoyle.
			NO service at St Michaels
		6.00pm	Churches Together for Christian Aid week
Thursday	13th	7.30am	Singing from the church tower
		8.00am	Holy Communion (CW1)
Sunday	16th	10.30am	Parish Communion (CW1)
	23rd	10.30am	PENTECOST
			Parish Communion (CW1)
		6.00pm	Songs of Praise
Sunday	30th	10.30am	TRINITY SUNDAY
			Choral Matins (BCP)

The United Reformed Church

Mere Contact: Mrs E Burfitt: ☎ 01747 860685

Sunday	2nd	11.00am	Rev'd Hazel Barkham
	9th	11.00am	David Webb
	16th	11.00am	Rev'd Stella Sivyour
	23rd	11.00am	PENTECOST Rev'd John Page Holy Communion
	30th	11.00am	Rev'd Margaret Laurie

The Methodist Church (☎ Gillingham 01747 823777)

Mere Contact: Mrs M Siderfin: ☎ 01747 861370

Sunday	2nd	6.00pm	Rev'd Ros Hollingsworth
	9th	6.00pm	Rev'd Colin Marsh
	16th	6.00pm	Rev'd Helen Caine
	23rd	6.00pm	Rev'd Jane Ashplant Holy Communion
Wednesday	26th	2.30pm	Afternoon Get Together
Sunday	30th	6.00pm	United Service at Gillingham

The Roman Catholic Church, St Mary's. (☎ Warminster 01985 212329 – Fr. Bede Rowe)

Mere Contacts: Teresa Read: ☎ 01747 860289 or Margaret Thompson: ☎ 01747 860291

Every Friday	10.00am	Mass
Every Sunday	11.30am	Mass

Children's Liturgy Service on the 2nd 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: ☎ 01747 830534

Sunday	2nd	9.25am	Choral Matins
	9th	10.30am	ROGATION SERVICE A joint Benefice service at Bush Farm Bison Centre, West Knoyle
	16th	9.25am	DIY
	23rd	9.25am	Holy Communion (CW1 trad.)
	30th		TBA

Note: BCP indicates Book of Common Prayer 1662

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

DIARY DATES FOR MAY 2010

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; SM-St Mary's RC Church; YC-Youth Centre

1	Sat	10.00am	Friends of St Michael's Church "Spring Bazaar"	GB
		10.30am	Drop In Coffee Morning	CC
3	Mon	7.00pm	Slimming World (every Monday)	CC
4	Tue	9.00am	Aerobics (every Tuesday)	L
		10.30am	Mere Carers Group	Lynch
		7.15pm	URC Meeting	CC
5	Wed	9.30am	Tai Chi (also 12th & 19th)	GB
		2.00pm	Castle Hill Quilters (also 13th & 19th)	GB
		6.00pm	Karate (every Wednesday)	L
		7.30pm	Learning for Discipleship (also 19th & 26th)	GB
6	Thu	7.00am - 10.00pm	Polling Station – General Election	L
		2.00pm	Bridge Club (every Thursday)	L
		7.00pm	Guides	L
		7.30pm	Women's Institute	GB
		7.30pm	Shreen Harmony (every Thursday)	CC
7	Fri	8.30am	Fairly Traded Breakfast 'Wits End', North Road	
		10.15am	Lip Reading (every Friday)	Footprints
		6.30pm	Barn Buddies (every Friday)	BSF
8	Sat	10.00am	Friends of Mere Museum "Plant Sale"	GB
		10.30am	Drop In Coffee Morning	CC
10	Mon	9.00am	Tiddlers & Toddlers (also 17th & 24th)	L
		2.00pm	Mere Short Walk	CP
		6.00pm	Beavers (also 17th and 24th)	YC
		6.45pm	Cubs (also 17th and 24th)	GB
		7.00pm	Scouts (also 17th and 24th)	YC
		7.30pm	Mere Parish Council	AYP
11	Tue	9.00am	Foot Care Clinic	L
		2.30pm	Mothers' Union	GB
12	Wed	1.45pm	Friends Together	GB
		7.30pm	Mere Gardening Club	GB
13	Thu	9.00am	Tiddlers & Toddlers (every Thursday)	L
		5.00pm	Rainbows (also 20th & 27th)	GB
		6.15pm	Brownies (also 20th & 27th)	GB
		7.00pm	Guides (also 20th & 27th)	GB
14	Fri	10.00am	Merely Women (also 28th)	GB

15	Sat	10.30am	Drop in Coffee Morning + Traidcraft	CC
17	Mon	7.30pm	MADS AGM (Small Hall)	L
18	Tue	7.30pm	St Michaels PCC meeting (upper room)	GB
20	Thu	7.30pm	Moviola/Mere Film Shows "The Boys are Back"	L
22	Sat	10.00am	Cancer Research "Mere May Fair"	The square
		10.00am	<i>Cancer Research "Mere May Fair" if wet</i>	L
		10.30am	Drop In Coffee Morning	CC
23	Sun	2.00pm	Mere Footpaths Group walk	CP
25	Tue	9.00am	Foot Care Clinic	L
26	Wed	2.00pm	Whist	GB
		2.30pm	Afternoon Get Together	MH
		7.30pm	Praying the Gospels	Vicarage
28	Fri	7.30pm	Mere Library Authors event "Royal Mistresses"	GB
29	Sat	10.30am	Drop In Coffee Morning +RGC Bric a Brac	CC

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Booking for all activities is required, and can be made either by telephone or at the Centre's Reception.

For further details concerning any of the above, a copy of our programme, or information about the wide range of activities which take place at the Centre, please contact:

- Reception ☎ 01747 871141,
- e-mail us at: tisburyssc@wiltshire.gov.uk
- or visit the website at: www.wiltshire.gov.uk

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