

# MERE MATTERS

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YOUR COMMUNITY MAGAZINE  
INCLUDING A GUIDE TO LOCAL EVENTS



**JUNE 2014**

## 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 two meetings, both in June, will be held in the Andy Young Pavilion at 7.30pm. Firstly, on **Monday, 2nd June 2014**, and secondly, the **July meeting** this year is being brought forward to **Monday, 30th June 2014**.

### The Chairman writes:

Items discussed at The Annual Parish Meeting included: the future of the swimming pool at Duchy Manor School, river management and future venues for the monthly Parish Council Meetings. The Parish Council is always happy to hear your comments and ideas, so please feel free to contact us.

You will notice a statement about the swimming pool follows, which explains the situation.

The management of our rivers is always an emotive issue. The Environment Agency lays down the rules and regulations with regard to river management. These are often in conflict with the wishes of the public and the riparian owners. There are also areas of the river, and river banks, which do not seem to have registered owners and this can make matters complicated and unsatisfactory. Currently, the Parish Council is giving its initial support to the proposed formation of a volunteer group that may be willing to help with the management of the rivers. This idea is very much at the discussion stage and will require careful consideration and discussion, plus liaison with the Environment Agency, in order to meet its policies and insurance recommendations.

The holding of Parish Council meetings at a venue other than the Andy Young pavilion (AYP) was also considered. It was appreciated that some parishioners, without cars, find it difficult to attend meetings at the AYP, especially in winter. The Parish Clerk has looked into holding 2 or 3 meetings a year in a location more central in Mere. This has not proved easy as the main meeting places are booked on Mondays for the foreseeable future. Also costs would be incurred for the hire, something which isn't an issue with the AYP. We would be willing to look into this again if we felt there was reasonable support.

**Richard Robbins - Trained Gardener - 25 years  
experience. All aspects of Garden Care Undertaken  
01373 473008 Mobile 0751 0130 083**



At the Annual Parish Council meeting held on 12th May, we approved the displaying of a banner on the Clock Tower to advertise non-commercial community events for a maximum of 8 days per event and limited to 3 events per year. Do contact the clerk if you would like to take up this option and can satisfy the conditions and limitations.

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

*Lesley Traves, Chairman, Mere Parish Council*

## **The Future of Mere Swimming Pool**

The Parish Council would like to consult parishioners on the future of Mere Swimming Pool. We are well aware that the Swimming Pool was built using money given by the government after the Second World War and topped up by donations given, and fundraising made by the parishioners of Mere. However, the Swimming Pool needs extensive refurbishment work, and in order to carry out this work the Parish Council would need to apply for grant funding.

Probably the only way that the Pool would be sustainable would be to cover it with some kind of telescopic cover (so that it could be used for a longer period of time) and to install solar/wind power sources for energy (to keep running costs down). The total cost of this would be very high but finding the funding is not necessarily the problem.

The real problem lies in finding the essential team of volunteers, lifeguards and supervisors to oversee the management and running of the pool once opened, and when applying for this level of funds, we would need to supply any funding body with a long term commitment in this respect as part of our business plan.

Unfortunately, we have been unable to secure this kind of volunteer commitment and so we are asking for your thoughts on what alternative facilities we could provide within the site: as a starter, our Parish Clerk has put forward the suggestion of filling in the swimming pool and providing a selection of outdoor gym equipment within the area. What do you think? We would welcome your thoughts and suggestions.

*Lindsey Wood, Parish Clerk, Mere Parish Council*

## **GEORGE JEANS, WILTSHIRE COUNCILLOR, MERE DIVISION, WRITES**

I was invited and attended The St. George's Day Scout parade in Mere. Scouts were present from a wide area, including Mere and the villages around. It was an honour to be present. St Michaels Church was full. It will not be for another 12 years before they march through the Streets of Mere again. I also was put in the stocks at The Mere May Fayre, the young and old seemed to like pouring water over me!

Customer Services is the name attributed to the team of employees at Wiltshire Council who answer the telephone on 0300 4560100. They are trained to answer initial questions. Back in 2009 the calls were answered quickly, but now I have complaints of 10 minute plus, waiting times especially on a Monday, which I have also suffered. The team as individuals are very good, however they are being given more and more “front end” of departments to answer and in my opinion the system needs adjustments. I have put in a complaint regarding the above as a councillor. I have asked that, like some other businesses for a length of waiting time be announced, not the message as at present “your enquiry can perhaps be answered at WWW dot...”. I am also aware customers sometimes receive letters with direct dial numbers, which on occasions pass the Wiltshire Council customer back to Customer Services and possibly a long waiting time.

The High Sheriff is appointed for a period of one year, taking office in March each year. A list containing three names is submitted to The Queen each March and the name of the High Sheriff for the following year is pricked with a silver bodkin. The High Sheriff of Wiltshire for 2014/15 is Peter John Gerald Addington of Highway Farm, Wilts.

The above brings to mind memorials - you will see elsewhere Mere Swimming Pool which was a memorial for The Second World War, is at risk. Bob Williams, the Head Master of Mere Secondary School as it was around 1962, received the £200 collected for a War Memorial from the local council (Mere Parish Council). The money was used towards the swimming pool, an extra £800 was obtained from public subscription (gifts), and Wiltshire Council gave £500, making a total of £1,500 to construct the memorial pool. It may not now be possible to keep this memorial.

Wiltshire residents are being encouraged to recycle as much as possible and not to present additional household waste next to their bin, which is known as 'side waste'. The implementation of the side waste programme in the Mere area has started. Wiltshire Council has now completed the side waste surveys of the households in this area, and have completed all the Officer visits of those properties, which have been seen to present side waste on at least one occasion, taken from the survey.

The next step was to place bin hangars on all bins which present outside waste on their collection day, which fell on Monday, 19th May. This again warned households not to present side waste, whilst still collecting all additional waste. After this, on Monday, 2nd June (the following household waste collection week), no side waste will be taken on their household waste collection day. Any side waste presented will be clearly labelled as such, and a hangar will also be left on their bin to advise them that the additional waste was not collected. Residents can then either wait another two weeks for it to be collected at the kerbside, or can take it to a Household Recycling Centre for disposal. However, for any household presenting additional waste due to having medical needs

or large families of 6 or more, or families of 5 who have two children in nappies, for example, larger bins (of 240 litre capacity) will be issued automatically upon request. If you know of any one who meets this criteria, please would you encourage them to phone the council on 0300 456 0102 to request this.

For those households who do not meet this criteria, but still struggle with the capacity of their bin, an Officer is available to discuss their individual needs, and can authorise a larger bin if necessary upon a bin audit being carried out. A bin audit ensures that residents are aware of the recycling facilities available to them, and that they are making the most of their kerbside recycling collections.

Regarding recyclable side waste, yes, this is allowed. Wiltshire does try and encourage those residents who produce a lot of recycling to have two black boxes and a larger blue lidded bin where this is practicable, but not everyone knows this is available. Understandably, accepting side material for recycling could be a confusing message for residents, but Wiltshire highlight the financial implications of collecting more waste which goes to landfill, and compare that to the income Wiltshire receive from collecting more recyclables.

Note: £130K a year has been saved by removing the mini recycling centres, such as the one that was in the Salisbury Street Car Park at Mere. All recycling will now be collected from residences.

As part of broader planning reforms, a smaller 'planning uses' class has been proposed, which will contain betting shops, ensuring that future proposals to convert premises such as banks and estate agents into betting shops will require planning permission. Proposals will also remove the ability for premises, such as restaurants and pubs, to change use without such permission.

Wiltshire Council has received quite a few highway closure applications recently for which the Police had previously supplied resources and Officers to enforce the closure. I think that as an outcome of stretched resources on the part of Wiltshire Police' it has been determined to transfer the obligation of validating the closure to the applicant by means of obtaining a closure order and supplying traffic signs and marshals. This now is making local events more onerous for the organisers and could be a discouragement in my opinion.

The Wiltshire Online programme aim is to remove the barriers to getting online for the residents of Wiltshire. Cost, skills and infrastructure have been identified as the three biggest barriers, and progress is being made to remove all of these.

The Great Western Broadband (GWB) has released the names of the three communities to benefit from the project, Wilton is one and residents will be able to order improved broadband from end of summer 2014.

GWB (Great Western Broadband) rollout: - In March 2014, a 'Where and When' map was published on the Wiltshire Online website to provide residents with information about the planned rollout. However, in an effort to share as much information as we are able, we are currently working on a postcode checker which is due to be available in late May 2014. The postcode checker will advise residents where they are in the rollout, and will be updated on a weekly basis with information on cabinets as they become ready for service.

The Wiltshire Online website has undergone further development and an 'Exchange Area' map has been published to advise residents when fibre broadband work is expected to begin in their area. A team of volunteers is delivering free basic IT support across more than 85% of the county, but unfortunately the Mere area has not been able to produce many volunteers. A refurbished laptop pilot was a success and further laptops have now been secured to be distributed to eligible Wiltshire residents.

All 150 Refurbished laptops from the original pilot have now been issued to Carers Support Wiltshire and Age UK Salisbury, with Carers Support Wiltshire already requesting more to be delivered. The success of this pilot has led to a further 300 laptops being provided by Wiltshire Council ICT. Wiltshire Council is currently exploring other opportunities as to how we can better target vulnerable families, and those with a disability. I have managed to get a charity to provide a laptop to a child in West Knoyle.

MIP (Mobile Infrastructure Project) Research of site areas is continuing throughout the UK by the approved supplier Arqiva with Harlequin. Potential sites have been identified in Wiltshire. More information is expected in the autumn.

A Wiltshire Council Task Group has said, "Reducing funding (from central government) means that the Council will be decreasingly able to provide non-statutory services directly, and communities will increasingly need to do more for themselves, initially with the Council's support". The word "initially" needs consideration, for instance the Cabinet have reduced the youth budget and delegated some funding to Area Boards. This will affect Mere Youth Club from about October.

Grass cutting and road maintenance has been high on my agenda. BBLP have been given three weeks from the middle of May, to get up to speed. Potholes 300mm wide and 100mm deep on a group one road (those usually gritted in winter) will be repaired or signed in 24 hours. Others will take longer. If less than 40mm deep, it is considered "lamination", and may not be repaired or resurfaced for a very long time.

I am told The Mere Footpath Group would be pleased for people to join their moonlight walk as a commemorative walk, for those that would like to remember the fallen, injured and those who served in The First World War or any war. The walk is at 7:30pm on Saturday, 12th July and goes up onto Whitesheet Hill, down to the 'Red Lion' and then

returns. Moonlight isn't guaranteed and the group has no insurance and will accept no liability, so walkers take part at their own risk. Further details are posted on a sign by the Post Office nearer the day.

A reminder again that there are many activities to commemorate this year in Mere; those who have fallen, were injured or served in war, particularly The First World War. I hope some of you will come out to see the 70th and last march along Salisbury Street and Castle Street and service at the bottom of Castle Hill, to commemorate the battle of Hill 112 in Normandy; it is a chance to think of those that fell, were injured or served in any war.

## POLICE NEWS



### Our priorities are now

1. Anti Social behaviour at the Skate Park and Duchy school grounds at evenings and during weekends and school holidays.
2. Rural Patrols to deter and disrupt the activities of criminals who are committing Non Dwelling Burglaries, and thefts from vehicles whilst owners walk dogs etc.

**We are asking for assistance** from people who live in rural areas, to help us to combat rural crime by reporting suspicious behaviour, vehicles that are driving around looking into farm buildings, garages and taking an interest in property! Call '101' and report it to Wiltshire Police. Quite often these vehicles come back at night to steal items they have spotted during the daytime reconnaissance. If you can safely get a registration number (some people may take offence if you do it overtly) do so and let us know, you are our eyes and ears and we will act on intelligence submitted.

**Mere Neighbourhood policing team** now have a Facebook site and residents can keep-up-to-date on a minute-by-minute basis, indeed if you 'follow us' updates will appear on your facebook page! We produce a monthly bulletin which we send out to all our neighbourhood watch teams and anyone that wants one; they are available in the library and Post Office and takeaways etc around town.

### Merrell's Mobile Foot Health Clinic.

**For the professional treatment of:** Corns • Callus/Hard Skin • Nail Trimming • Fungal & Thickened Nails • Athletes Foot • In growing toenails • Qualified to treat diabetics and those taking Warfarin and steroids • Massage given to make your feet feel fitter in the comfort of your own home. **Contact Mary on 07809 738237**

We are committed to getting important information to everyone. We also post our Newsletter on 'Mere Mutters' and of course, here in Mere Matters.

We live in a fairly safe area and will continue to patrol and make Mere and surrounding areas an even safer place to live.

*PC Richard Salter and PCSO Peter Tscherniawsky ☎ 101 (24hrs)*

*✉ [richard.salter@wiltshire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:richard.salter@wiltshire.pnn.police.uk) or*

*✉ [peter.tscherniawsky@wiltshire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:peter.tscherniawsky@wiltshire.pnn.police.uk)*

## **JOIN THE SUMMER READING CHALLENGE**

### **From Saturday, 12th July 2014 at Mere Library**

- **It's makes children want to read**
- **It's free and it's great fun!**

The national Summer Reading Challenge for 4 to 11 year olds is run in Wiltshire libraries every summer during school holidays. It's a fun personal challenge which encourages children to read more and in so doing get better at reading and enjoy it more.

This year the Reading Challenge theme is Mythical Maze.

Mythical Maze challenges children to read 6 books between Saturday, 12th July and Saturday, 6th September by finding their way around a labyrinth that introduces them to fantastical creatures from the world of legend and mythology, collecting stickers of each character and other incentives along the way. Children will talk to library staff and volunteers about their books, and for completing the challenge they will be rewarded with a certificate and medal. For more information, contact Mere Library ☎ 01747-860546  
*Sabina Edwards, Community Librarian, ☎ 01985 216022*

## **MERE SURGERY**

Mere Surgery has recently extended its Health Care Assistant service to provide some extra appointment times.

We have introduced afternoon clinics to provide more flexibility for patients requiring certain procedures including: Blood Pressure Monitoring, ECGs and New Patient Checks. These clinics are available on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday and appointments can be booked through the reception staff.

*Michele Mason, Practice Manager ☎ 01747 860001*

## **JAMAICA INN!**

Did you have difficulties trying to hear/follow the latest television adaptation of this story? If you did, you now know what it is like for a person with hearing loss trying to



cope with everyday life. There are 10 million people in Great Britain who have a hearing loss and have to cope daily with the problem of not hearing what is going on around them. You may think that because we wear hearing aids that we have our hearing restored, not so. Hearing aids are just that 'aids', we will never be able to hear again without some form of aid. There are ways to help decode what is going on around us and one way is through lipreading. In Mere we have a Lipreading Group. We are very fortunate that we have 2 lovely lip-reading tutors who help us (Liz & Sheila). Every one there knows what it is like to lose your hearing. We are given a lot of support, and there is fun and laughter.

We meet on Tuesday mornings during term time in the Small Hall in the Grove Building. If you are suffering from a hearing loss, why not pop in and meet us. There is no charge for the first session, then £30 for a 10 week term. Our next session is on Tuesday, 3rd June. Future dates and times are published in Diary Dates at the back of Mere Matters and for more information please contact: Sheila Thomson: ☎ 07760 731406 and by ✉: [SheilaT@bishopstrow.org.uk](mailto:SheilaT@bishopstrow.org.uk) *Lyn Snook*



**Mere Dental Practice**

*The practice has Dentists: Stephen Sherrard & Christopher Davies and a further Dentist has started.*

*It also has Dental Therapists Wendy Hester & Jay Lonsdale.*

*Contact Details: - Mere Dental Practice, Duchy Manor, Springfield Road, Wiltshire, BA12 6EW, ☎ 01747 860365,*

*E-mail: [meredental@btconnect.com](mailto:meredental@btconnect.com), Website: [meredentistry.co.uk](http://meredentistry.co.uk),*

*Opening hours: - Monday – Thursday 8.45am – 5.30pm, Tuesday 8.45am – 7pm & Friday 8.45am -5pm*



*The practice is sited in the grounds of Mere Primary School, first building on your left when you go through the school*

# MERE & DISTRICT RAILWAY MODELLERS

## Mere Model Railway Exhibition

**Saturday 21st & Sunday 22nd June, 10.00am to 4.00pm.**

The Exhibition will provide you with the greatest variety of layouts to be seen in Wiltshire this year, at the Mere Lecture Halls. This two day show focuses on Industrial & Rural Branch Lines of the West Country with a selection that will hopefully provide something that everybody can enjoy. There are 8 exhibition layouts with an addition of two club layouts. These are supported by retail and second hand traders some of whom are demonstrating their creative skills.

Catering is to be supplied by 'The Mere Cats' and their profits, together with that of the raffle, will go to the charity 'Brainwave'. It is important to the club to encourage youth participation, for this reason PRIMARY SCHOOL AGED CHILDREN when accompanied by an adult have FREE ENTRANCE, otherwise admission is £4.

## Club News

The weather in April was kind enough to afford us a very pleasant afternoon at Peter Lord's garden railway here in Mere. During tea time a goodly amount of networking was carried out with invited guests so that invitations were forthcoming. Our diary is now full until the end of September. At the beginning of May nine of our members visited the West Somerset Railway from Bishops Lydeard to Minehead. The railway was excellently presented with very clean and well refurbished coaches. All of us visited Minehead and most of us broke our return journey at Watchet.

On Sunday, 18th May we visited The Norridge Woods Lumber & Supply Garden Railway at Warminster.

Should anybody require more information about our club please be so kind as to contact me:

*Tom Snook 📞 01747 861977*

## FOR THOSE WITH A SWEET TOOTH!

Contributions of sweets and biscuits for the St Michael's Church fête would be very gratefully received and can be dropped off in the morning of the fête at the church. If you need plates and/or bags for packing them, these will be available in the church. Many thanks.

*Laura Ford 📞 01747 863396*

## HIDDEN GARDENS OF MERE

Don't forget! The Friends of St Michael and Mere Gardening Club's "Open Gardens" weekend is on 12/13th July.

Tickets at £5 per adult will be on sale at the end of June and at the Clock Tower in the Square on Saturday 12th July. Look for the posters!

Further information from:

*Ann Dethick ☎ 01747 863498 or Janet Way ☎ 01747 860884*

## CALLING ALL FLOWER ARRANGERS

As part of our Hidden Garden weekend we are holding a mini Flower Show and Art Exhibition in the Methodist Church, North Street. The theme is to be 'Memories'. If you would like to take part in this, please contact me to arrange to book your 'spot' in the Church. We look forward to your imaginative arrangements!

*Janet Way ☎ 01747 860884*



## THE MERE AND DISTRICT CHAMBER OF TRADE



### Breakfast Meeting

The Chamber will be hosting a Breakfast Meeting at The Walnut Tree Inn, Mere on **Wednesday, 11th June at 7.45am.**

The Guest Speaker will be local accountant **Tom Urch**. The meeting will be in a 'question & answer' style format, so if you have any queries, questions, or burning issues, please come along and join us.

Places are £10.00 per delegate for Chamber members and £12.00 per delegate for Non-members.

For further information or to book a place, please contact Julie Cousins on telephone number below.

### Date of next Chamber Committee Meeting

to be held at Mere Social Club for 7.30pm on **Wednesday, 18th June 2014**

*Julie Cousins, Secretary, ☎ 07856 700576*

## **PARISH ADMINISTRATOR for St Michael, The Archangel Church**

Working from a modern purpose-built first floor office opposite the Church in Mere centre. The post is permanent. Responsible to the Priest-in-Charge and the Church Wardens, it is envisaged that this new post will occupy 2 half days per week to start with, but may increase subject to negotiation.

Duties will include weekly service information and co-ordination, correspondence, post, book keeping, minute taking. A good telephone manner is important and computer skills would be essential. There will be a co-ordinating role with adjacent churches and the Diocese.

Please apply in writing with previous career notes and experience. A basic knowledge of, and sympathy with, the Church of England would be expected. Apply to: The Reverend Carol Wilson-Barker, The Vicarage, Angel Lane, Mere, Warminster, Wiltshire, BA12 6DH.

Closing date for applications Monday, 16th June 2014, interviews will be held on Tuesday, 15th July 2014.  [carolw953@aol.com](mailto:carolw953@aol.com).  01747 861859

## **MERE CARNIVAL 2014 Saturday, 13th September 2014**


### **Selection of Carnival Royalty**

Applications are invited for the roles of:

- Carnival Prince and Princess - aged 5 - 13.
- Teen Queen - aged 13 - 19.
- Super Gran - any age!


**from those living in the BA12 6 postcode area.**

Successful applicants will receive prize money and contribution towards their outfit for Carnival Day, and also will be leading the afternoon and evening processions along with other royal duties.

Application forms are available to download from the NEW Mere Carnival 2014 website: [www.merecarnival2014.co.uk](http://www.merecarnival2014.co.uk), or alternatively from Katy at KM Beauty, Salisbury Street, Mere, Wilts. (opposite entrance to Main Car Park), to where they should be returned **by Monday 30th June 2014**. If you have any enquiries, please telephone Katy  01747 860081 and she will be happy to help.

Why not take a look at the NEW carnival website which has information and photos of bygone carnivals and will regularly be updated with new events and information.

**MERE CARNIVAL QUIZ NIGHT**  
**WEDNESDAY, 4TH JUNE**  
**GROVE BUILDING - 7.30PM START**  
**£2.00 ENTRY - TABLES OF 4 MAX.**  
**REFRESHMENTS AND RAFFLE**



*Carol Payne, for Mere Carnival Committee 📞 01747 861639*

### **MERE FILM SHOWS**

Our film for June, on Thursday, 5th, is **‘The Railway Man’ (15)** starring Colin Firth and Nicole Kidman. Eric Lomax was one of thousands of Allied prisoners of war forced to work on the construction of the Thai/Burma railway during WW2. His experiences, after the secret radio he built to bring news and hope to his colleagues was discovered, left him traumatised and shut off from the world. Years later he met Patti, and fell in love. Patti was determined to rid Eric of his demons. Discovering that the young Japanese officer who haunted her husband was still alive, she faced a terrible decision. Should Eric be given a chance to confront his tormentor? Would she stand by him, whatever he did? The true story of a brave man. Full details on page 27.

This year we are extending our season into July and as our last film is on Thursday, 3<sup>rd</sup> July – not long after Mere Matters comes out – we are giving a bit of advance detail here. The film is **‘The Invisible Woman’**, starring Ralph Fiennes and Felicity Jones, with Kristin Scott Thomas and Tom Attwood. The story tells of how, at the height of his

career, Charles Dickens meets a younger woman who becomes his secret lover until his death. Make a note of the date in your diary, it is an excellent film with an excellent cast!  
*Mary White* ☎ 01747 861257



launch of the 2014

# mere literary festival

raising funds for Mere & District LinkScheme

## ??? quiz night ???

friday, 25th july at the grove building

7.00 for 7.30p.m.

teams of 4 (max) @ £6 pp to include ploughman's buffet

book on 01747 861969 or turn up on the night

&

**BOOK STALL in THE SQUARE**

10.00a.m. – 12 noon

**SATURDAY, 26th JULY**

### **HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

Traidcraft began in 1979 when 3 students from Durham University wanted to do something to help the poor of the world in a practical way. They felt that by setting up a Company to trade fairly they would enable the poor of the world live better, dignified lives and give them a voice in the competitive market place.

That work still continues today continually working to develop products on Fair Trade principles. The Company has grown from a two A4 page photocopied brochure to the attractive catalogues of today illustrating a wide range of gifts, foods and household items.

Please join me on Wednesday, 18th June in the Methodist Church Schoolroom at the Wednesday Coffee Morning for a piece of birthday cake to celebrate their 35 years and my involvement as a Voluntary Rep for over 30 years. 10.30am-12.00noon, with a short 'Pause for Thought' on Traidcraft's work at 11.00am.

Janet Way ☎ 01747 860884



**T@3**  
**Join us for T@3 in the**  
**Angel Tea Rooms**  
**on Wednesday,**



**18th June from 3 to 4.30pm.**

This is our final tea before our long hot summer! We shall all meet up again in September when we hope to hear of all your remarkable summer adventures.

This is a time for meeting old friends and making new ones. Everyone is welcome to join us, young or old.

This event is very popular so please let us know you are coming by contacting Wiltshire Good Neighbour Ann-Marie Dean ☎ 07557 922023 no later than the morning of Monday, 16th June.

*Wiltshire Good Neighbours helping you to access the services you need to live a safe, comfortable and independent life*

## **MERE THEATRE CLUB**

Following our suggestion to add some concerts/music events to our programme, we have had a very positive response. We shall, therefore, definitely be putting forward some music events this autumn in addition to the theatre outings.

The mailing for the autumn will probably go out in July so if you would like to see the proposed programme, do join us. It is still only £5 per household per year! Contact numbers below.

*Madelaine Morris ☎ 01747 861833. Wendy Horne ☎ 01747 861712*

## **FOR JUNE 'SHORT' WALK READ 'ESTATE' WALK**

There will be no walk around Mere this month, but please join David Hope and myself on the free Estate Walk to White Sheet Hill on Friday, 27th June.

We meet at the NT Car Park on the Lane leading from the Red Lion Pub at 11.00am and after exploring the site walk back to Stourhead where transport is arranged to take the drivers to collect their cars. Hopefully, we will see many orchids and butterflies.

Booking is essential on ☎ 01747 841294

Janet Way ☎ 01747 860884

## **RSPB BLACKMOOR VALE.**

On Friday, 20th June at 7.30pm in Gillingham primary School, Colin Ryall will talk on "Introduced Species: increased biodiversity or conservation nightmare?" All welcome. See the local RSPB website: [www.rspb.org.uk/groups/blackmoorvale](http://www.rspb.org.uk/groups/blackmoorvale)

*Myrene Coward ☎ 01747 860445*

## **SHREEN HARMONY**

Shreen Harmony will be performing the second of their summer concerts at St John the Baptist Church, Buckhorn Weston, on Saturday, 7th June at 7.30pm. This is in aid of church repair and restoration works. Admission is £6.00 for adults (to include a glass of wine and nibbles). Under 16s - £3.00.

For further information please contact Pat Read (01963 370114) or Jenny Sledge (01963 370709). It would be helpful for catering purposes if you could let them know you will be attending, but if you decide to just turn up on the night that is fine too.

Shreen Harmony's following concert will be on Thursday, 17th July at 7.30pm at Motcombe Church. Look out for further details of this nearer the time.

If you have never heard Shreen Harmony now is your chance!

The choir sings in unaccompanied four part harmony, and as usual the programme will include an exciting and eclectic mix of songs from different countries and cultures.

Further information about the choir including recordings of previous concerts can be found on their website: [www.shreenharmony.co.uk](http://www.shreenharmony.co.uk)

*Jane Edwards ☎ 01380 830918*

## **S & W WILTS HUNT SUPPORTERS**

### **Annual Dog Show**

The annual Dog show will be held on Sunday, 1st June 2014 at Fonthill Park near Tisbury by kind permission of Lord Margadale. The day will start around 11.00am.

This is a fun family day out with classes for dogs of all shapes and sizes! There will be Agility and Gundog classes as well as qualifiers for Terrier and Lurcher Championships. There will be a BBQ, Bar and lots of stalls and a raffle in aid of Hounds for Heroes.

Look out for our bright yellow flyers. For more info see: [www.swwhunt.co.uk](http://www.swwhunt.co.uk).

*Rosemary Leek ☎ 01747 860940*



## WOMENS INSTITUTE (WI)



At our meeting last month we debated the National Federation of Womens' Institutes' Resolution "Increasing Organ Donation", to be put to the final vote at our Annual Meeting in Leeds on Saturday, 7th. June. Right from the start of the debate it became clear that many members hold strong views about this subject and the decision was not as clear cut as you may at first think. In the end we voted by a majority in favour of the proposal, but gave our proxy voter discretion should the vote be too restrictive. For example, Wales is introducing presumed consent, which comes into force on the 1st December 2015.

Most of us realise that donation can transform lives, but have we actually shared these thoughts about organ and tissue donation with our closest friends and family? This resolution is about easing the burden on grieving families. It's about all of us considering the idea, making a choice and sharing it. Then, if our families are ever faced with this decision, they know what our wishes are. Please give it some thought, your decision could mean a great deal to another family.

On a lighter note, last month we enjoyed a lunch at The George and a Group meeting at Sutton Veny, where the Group re-organisation was discussed and there was an opportunity to have a go at decorating a candle, making jewellery along with other things, and a demonstration of flower arranging.

Our next meeting, on Thursday, 5th June in the Grove Building at 7.30pm will be a talk and visual presentation by Daphne Atkinson entitled "Life Below Stairs". Daphne's talk tells of her mother's experiences working as a 3rd Housemaid between 1934 and 1938 at Ickworth Mansion, which is a Georgian mansion near Bury St. Edmunds, the Suffolk home of the Marquess and Marchioness of Bristol.

Please come and join us and hear about what really went on both "Upstairs and Downstairs", you would be very welcome. *Janet Fisher* ☎ 01747 861323

## FRIENDS OF FIVES COURT

The Friends of Fives Court would like you to put Saturday, 6th September in your diaries - the date of our **10th Autumn Fair**. If you're making jam or other preserves during the summer, please make an extra jar for us! New and nearly new items are also welcome for our 'Make us an Offer' stall. *Jenny Wilding* ☎ 01747 860908



Our meeting this month **on Tuesday, 10th June**, is our annual treat: tea in the lovely garden of Mere Down Farm. We'll be meeting at the slightly later time of **3.00pm**, and we're going to hear from Vickie Goodman about her journey to ordination.

As always, visitors are welcome to join us for the afternoon. If you would like a lift or directions for getting there, please give me a ring.

*Judith Thompson* ☎ 01747 860553

## **ROSEMARY GODDARD CENTRE (RGC) for the over 60s**

The Day Centre for Mere and district, Lynch Close  
Mondays and Fridays 10.30am – 3.00pm

We would like to thank all of those people and organisations/companies who helped us with our Silent Auction held on 10th May. It turned out to be a very successful event, which raised much needed funds for our charity. So if you helped by providing a service or item for the auction or ended up being a lucky bidder, then a huge thank you from us!

We are really looking forward to our Annual seaside trip to Weymouth on Monday, 2nd June. Last year a couple of us even went for a paddle in the shallows, fingers crossed for the weather and let's hope we can do it again.

We have our usual mix of activities this month with Pottery, Quizzes and Bingo, and we are really excited due to the arrival of the new community room TV. So far, we have had some picture slide shows and a few brain training games like Sudoku and Guess the Picture.

Hopefully in the near future we are going to hook up a Wii (gaming console) to the TV to enjoy some 'virtual ten pin bowling' and perhaps a round of golf!

We currently have spaces for new guests on a Friday, please get in touch with me on the mobile telephone number below if you are interested. For Internet users, our website address is: **[www.MereDayCentre.org.uk](http://www.MereDayCentre.org.uk)**

*Sandie Hawkins, RGC Organiser* ☎ 07835 272406

## MERE MUSEUM

**WW1 Exhibition:** The Curators would be very interested to hear from anyone who can provide material relating to **Mere men who survived WW1**. Please let us know what you might be able to lend to the exhibition - we would like just a list at the moment please so we can select the items most suitable for the exhibition.

Also, please don't forget that with her team of researchers, Angela McDonald is gathering information and photos of the **men from Mere who died** in WW1, and she would be glad to hear from anyone who can help with information or photographs. Please contact her ✉ [a4.mcdonald@btinternet.com](mailto:a4.mcdonald@btinternet.com) or ☎ 01747 861602.

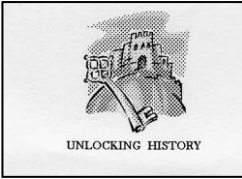
Secondly, we are planning another **Tea At The Museum** event in late June or early July. Principally we want to let you see and have a go at our new touch-screen, but there is much else to show off about too! Watch out for details!

*Jenny Wilding ☎ 01747 860908*

## FRIENDS OF MERE MUSEUM

A huge thank you to everyone who so enthusiastically and generously supported our plant sale earlier this month. You helped us raise £1,117 for the Museum - a brilliant result - the best ever!

*Jenny Wilding ☎ 01747 860908*



**MERE HISTORICAL SOCIETY**  
with Mere Gardening Club  
**Edmondsham House and Garden**

**Tuesday, 10th June 2014**

At the time of writing there were still a few places remaining on this outing.

**We will leave Salisbury Street Car Park at 11.30am  
and return around 6.00pm**

Cost: MHS & Gardening Club Members £18, non-members £21  
per person - Includes tours and tea

**Booking forms are available at Mere Library**

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**Portsmouth Historic Dockyard**

**Thursday 10 July 2014**

***Fully booked***

**We will leave Salisbury Street Car Park at 8.45am  
and return by 5.30-6.00pm**

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**NOTE: Chatsworth 7/8th September  
DEADLINE for deposit was 31st May**

**If there was not enough interest the visit will have been cancelled, and deposits  
will be refunded as soon as possible.**

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*For more details please ring*

*Caroline Cook ☎ 01747 861797*

**MERE GARDENING CLUB**

**The World of Water Gardens by Geoff Northcote**

**Wednesday, 11th June - 7.30pm Grove Buildings**

Geoff's talk will cover all aspects of the water garden from design and construction to water plants and much more.

He will illustrate his talk with slides of water gardens he has visited all over the world.

***£2 entry for visitors who are very welcome.***

*Janet Way ☎ 01747 860884*

## GROVE BUILDINGS “100” CLUB

The Result of the ‘100’ Club Draw for May, drawn on Sunday, 4th May by Col. Bob Montgomery, was:

1st Prize	(£20)	-	No. 189	Mr & Mrs Stokes
2nd Prize	(£15)	-	No. 137	Mr E Bishop
3rd Prize	(£10)	-	No. 179	Mrs Pauline Prentice
4th Prize	(£5)	-	No. 141	Mr E Ireland

*Valerie Ransley* ☎ 01747 860964

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## MERE AMATEUR DRAMATIC SOCIETY (MADS)

Just in case you should think that now 'Under Milk Wood' is done and dusted and so nothing more of note will happen at MADS for a bit, we have news for you! There will be not one but two play readings, in June in our quest for an equally dazzling production to tackle for the autumn. The dates are **Tuesday, 3rd June** and **Tuesday, 17th June at 7.30 p.m.** in the Green Room (Lecture Hall). If you fancy treading the boards, or would just like an entertaining evening, do please come and join us. Everyone Welcome!  
*Jenny Wilding ☎ 01747 860908*

## MERE BOWLS CLUB

4th May saw the Mere Bowls Club Open Day being held at the Green on Springfield Road, a disappointing turn out seeing as the weather was so good but the club gained two definite new members and a very possible one.

The club continues to grow in prowess and skill level, however there is always room for improvement and the influx of additional members, even if you have never bowled before. To this end we have yet to fix dates, but we have a commitment by the Mere Youth Football Team to give it a try!

For any additional information about the club please contact either Alan Inwood in Maiden Bradley ☎ 01985 844215 or myself on the number below or by ✉: **don.butchers@btinternet.com**

*Don Butchers, Club secretary ☎ 01747-860775*

## MERE CROQUET AND BOULE CLUB

The club unfortunately suffered a setback in April when the club premises were broken into and equipment stolen. Additional security is now in place, which will make it more difficult for a repeat performance to go undetected.

The green has greatly improved this year due to the professional lawn treatment which is ongoing, and all the members are looking forward to a sun-rational summer and some good playing weather.

New members to the Club are always welcome. To learn more please do not hesitate to email me ✉ **lesleyeastment@btinternet.com**

*Lesley Eastment, Secretary, ☎ 01963 364113*

**REMEMBER! COPY DATE FOR THE JULY/AUGUST ISSUE**

**MONDAY, 16th JUNE 2014**

## MERE CHILDRENS CENTRE

Here at the centre we have been busy as usual with Family Learning who are running a food safety course, which is an accredited course, for those who have completed other courses with Family Learning. We are also currently running a Baby Massage course, which is designed to help parents bond with their young babies and which is thought to help with sleep patterns and aid good digestion.

In June and July we will be running a HEY! Healthy Eating Course by Danone, to give ideas and recipes for healthy meals and snacks for your toddlers.

Tuesdays is our time for Zeals Music Group meeting in Zeals Parish Room at 10.00am, a fun morning packed with rhymes and songs for you and your children to join in with. We are learning new rhymes and songs all the time, so do come along and learn them with us.

We are still running Stay and Play on Wednesday mornings at 9.15am, a session full of activities for your children to do, planned to assist in their all round development. Children have lots of fun, learning through play and socialising with their peer group.

In the afternoon from 1.30 to 3.00pm we have our Breastfeeding support group for breastfeeding Mums to come along, compare notes, meet each other and chat to our Breastfeeding Support Volunteer, Mel Collins. Very recently two of our mums told us that this group was the "highlight of their week".

Thursdays is a busy day with Family Learning running their Food Courses in the morning, and once a month Mere Pre-School join us for a cooking session in the afternoons, making cakes, biscuits, smoothies, and other simple snacks.

On **Fridays** we have our **Bumps and Babes group at 1.30pm** parents-to-be and parents of young babies to get together and take part in activities for their babies, which are planned to encourage early development.

We also use this opportunity to make use of our exciting sensory room which is also available for individual bookings by ringing the number below and speaking to one of our friendly team.

On Thursday, 19th June we will be starting our HEY! Healthy Eating Course on Thursday mornings, and we will be running an Incredible Years parenting programme starting in June on Mondays too, so if you are interested, please give us a ring on the number below.

For further information about any of our groups and activities, please ring the number below or come and visit us in the centre meet the team and see our great facilities.

*Jane Smith, Centre Support Worker, ☎ 01747 861108*





# **RED CLASS REPORTS**

We are all looking forward to an action packed Summer Term. There are many exciting events planned including our multi-cultural Spanish day and lots of different sporting activities.

## **Dinosaur Crazy Blue Class**

Blue Class have gone dinosaur mad this term. As well as making their own dinosaurs they have had the very important job of looking after a dinosaur egg until it hatched.

## **Classes favourite things about school:**

Blue Class really enjoy lunch times.

The children in Yellow Class like islands the best.

Silver Class's favourite parts of school are Golden Time and PE.

Gold Class loved World Book Day.

Green Class enjoyed learning about the Blitz.

Red Class think the teachers are their favourite part of the school.

Purple Class's favourite work was when they investigated chocolate.

## **Fire! Fire!**

Silver Class had an exciting afternoon when they got to meet a fire lady. She spoke to the class about fire safety. This visit formed part of their topic on The Great Fire of London which the children have thoroughly enjoyed.

## **Spring Has Sprung in Gold Class.**

The children in Gold Class are learning all about plants and how they grow. They have been busy growing their own runner beans. We will be waiting to find out whose grows the tallest!

## **Good Luck!**

We would like to wish all of the children in both Purple Classes all the best of luck in their SAT's. We know that they have been working incredibly hard!

## **We Can't Wait!**

Red Class are looking forward to their residential trip to Pencelli. We are ready to try lots of different sports and we promise to look after our teachers!

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**Look on our website for latest news and pictures:**

**[www.mereschool.co.uk](http://www.mereschool.co.uk)**

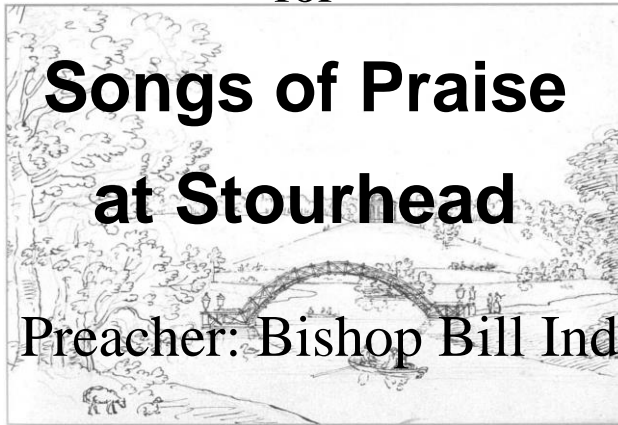
# CHURCHES TOGETHER IN MERE AND DISTRICT

## 'Songs of Praise' and Picnic

Please join all the Churches in our district on Sunday, 29th June for 'Songs of Praise' at the Bristol Cross in Stourhead Gardens. The service of favourite hymns will start at 11.00am and the speaker will be The Rt. Rev'd Bill Ind, former Bishop of Truro. Also, please bring a picnic to enjoy afterwards. (If wet it will be held in the adjacent St Peter's Church).

Judith Thompson ☎ 01747 860553

You are welcome to join  
Churches Together in Mere and District  
for



Sunday 29th June  
at 11.00am

We meet in the Gardens  
near to the Bristol Cross

*Bring a chair or a rug, and  
a picnic to enjoy after the service*

## **REV'D CAROL WILSON-BARKER, PRIEST IN CHARGE AT ST MICHAELS, WRITES:**

We have just celebrated a lovely weekend in Mere. The day began with the Friends' of St Michael's Spring Fair and the Mere May Cancer Fair and included the lovely wedding in St Michael's of a local family: Julie Ings to Simon Gulliver. In the evening I went with a young man and his family to Salisbury Cathedral as he was confirmed and on Sunday we had a Rogation service in a beautiful woodland glade at the Bison Farm in West Knoyle. The day finished with a Songs of Praise service in the Parish church with large church bells and the little ones of Mere Melodies. A weekend of happiness to be sure.

All these good things take planning. As Christians we trust in God's guidance of our activities by the Holy Spirit but also know that careful planning and prayer are required. At the recent Annual Meeting we were thinking about what we would like to give special attention to in this coming year. Together with the usual work of the church we are going to concentrate our activities in the areas of children's and family work, "Time and talents" and "Blue Sky Thinking".

The "Blue Sky Thinking" group will plan for the St Michael's that our children and grandchildren will inherit. At present the hard working church fabric committee keeps the church in good condition considering its age, but this group will look at making it more "user-friendly" perhaps with better disabled facilities, a toilet, children's area and a servery for refreshments. If you are interested in this project please contact me.

"God's house is the whole world.....God's house is also every faithful soul" Hugh of St Victor.

Blessings and grace.



Everyone is invited to a  
Coffee Morning and Bring & Buy in Aid of Suchana  
on **Tuesday, 17th June 10.30am-12.00noon**  
at Grove Cottage, Barton Lane (opposite Library)  
home of Mark, Judith and Ross ☎ 01747 860553

## TWO OPPORTUNITIES TO SUPPORT THE SALISBURY-SUDAN LINK

*Come, if you can, to:*

### **The Bishop of Salisbury's Garden Party 2.00-4.00pm on Sunday, 15th June**

We are all invited to this lively event in the beautiful setting of the Bishop's garden by the river near Salisbury Cathedral (if wet it will be held in the Cathedral instead). Salisbury Diocese has been committed to supporting the Church in Sudan for many years and now when the Church is struggling to help bring peace and vital assistance to this troubled and war-torn country, our support is more important than ever.

The event will include strawberries, teas, cakes and stalls of all kinds. If you would like a lift, or directions for getting there, please ring the telephone numbers below.

### **Sponsor the Vicar**

If you can't come to the Garden Party, you could instead (or as well!) sponsor our Vicar, Rev'd Carol who, on 20th/21st June, with a group of clergy colleagues, will be walking the 34 miles of the Avon Valley Path from Christchurch Priory to Salisbury Cathedral in aid of the Salisbury Sudan link and other Sudanese charities. Please sponsor her if you can – sponsor form at back of St Michael's Church. Thank you very much.

*Barry Edwards ☎ 01747 860609 or Judith Thompson ☎ 01747 860553*

## **Maiden Bradley Church**

# **Summer Concert**

**by bellAcappella**

**Reception from 6.00pm in Bradley House on Saturday, 14th June**

Tickets from Liz ✉: [ernixon66@gmail.com](mailto:ernixon66@gmail.com)

☎: 01985 844242

## **CAFÉ WORSHIP**

Wednesday, 25th June in the Methodist School Room - Coffee as usual at 10.30am.  
Worship at 11.00am. Everyone very welcome *Mary Siderfin* ☎ 01747 861370

# CHURCH SERVICES IN MERE AND WEST KNOYLE

## JUNE 2014

The Parish Church, St Michael the Archangel:  
Priest in Charge: Rev'd Carol Wilson-Barker ☎ 01747 861859,  
✉ carolw953@aol.com

### Churchwardens:

Mrs Elizabeth Howden ☎ 01747 863424

Mr Michael Marsh ☎ 01747 861212

<b>Each Sunday</b>		8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)
<b>Each Wednesday</b>		10.30am	Holy Communion (BCP)
<b>Each Friday</b>		8.00am	Holy Communion (CW1)
			The Rev'd Carol Wilson Barker has a rest day
Sunday	1st	9.15am	Said Eucharist followed by coffee
		10.30am	Family Praise
		6.00pm	Evensong
Tuesday	3rd	6.00pm	Start the Month Holy Communion (BCP)
Sunday	8th	10.30am	Parish Communion (CW1)
	15th	10.30am	Parish Communion (CW1)
		6.00pm	Taizé service
	*22nd	10.30am	Parish Communion (CW1)
Sunday	29th	11.00am	Churches Together "Songs of Praise" and picnic at Stourhead Speaker: Bishop Bill Ind former Bishop of Truro NO service at St Michaels

\*Traidcraft Stall after 10.30am service

### The United Reformed Church

Mere Contact: Mrs E Burfitt, ☎ 01747 860685

Sunday	1st	11.00am	Rev'd Stella Sivour
	8th	11.00am	Rev'd Elizabeth Kemp Church meeting
	15th	11.00am	Rev'd Margaret Laurie Holy Communion
	22nd	11.00am	Rev'd Hazel Barkham
	29th	11.00am	Churches Together "Songs of Praise" and picnic at Stourhead

**The Methodist Church (☎ 01747 823777)****Mere Contact: Mrs M Siderfin: ☎ 01747 861370**

Sunday	1st	6.00pm	Rev'd Paul Arnold
	8th	6.00pm	Holy Communion
	15th	6.00pm	Mr Dudley Coates
	29th	11.00am	'Songs of Praise' at the Methodist Church
		6.00pm	Churches Together "Songs of Praise" and picnic at Stourhead
			Local Fellowship Celebration Service

**The Roman Catholic Church, St Mary's****Mere Contacts: Margaret Thompson ☎ 01747 860291 or Teresa Read ☎ 01747 860289**

Every Friday	10.00am	Mass
Every Sunday	5.00pm	Mass

**NOTE From Saturday, 7th June 2014**

Every Saturday	5.30pm	Mass
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**West Knoyle Parish Church, St Mary the Virgin ☎ 01747 830534**

Sunday	1st	9.15am	DIY service
	8th	9.15am	Holy Communion CW (trad)
	15th	9.15am	Matins (BCP)
	22nd	9.15am	Holy Communion (BCP)
	29th	11.00am	Churches Together "Songs of Praise" and picnic at Stourhead.
			NO service in West Knoyle

Note: BCP indicates Book of Common Prayer

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

**DIARY DATES FOR JUNE 2014**

**AYP-Andy Young Pavilion; BSF-Barrow Street Farm; CC-United Reformed Church; CP-Main Car Park; MS-Mere School; GB-Grove Buildings; L-Lecture Hall; Lib-Library; Lynch-Lynch Community Centre; MH-Methodist Church Hall; MSC-Mere Social Club; PWC Prince of Wales Club RGC-Rosemary Goddard Centre; YC-Youth Centre**

2	Mon	9.30am	Tiddlers and Toddlers (every Monday)	L
		10.00am	Chair Based Zumba Gold (every Monday)	L
		11.00am	Zumba Gold (every Monday)	L

2	Mon	2.00pm	Pilates (every Monday)	GB
		6.00pm	Beavers (every Monday)	GB
		6.45pm	Cubs (every Monday)	GB
		7.00pm	Scouts (every Monday)	GB
		7.00pm	Slimming World (every Monday)	L
3	Tue	7.30pm	Parish Council Meeting (June)	AYP
		10.15am	Lip Reading (every Tuesday)	GB
		6.00pm	Pilates (also 10th & 24th)	GB
		6.20pm	Zumba (every Tuesday)	L
4	Wed	7.30pm	MADS Play Reading (Green Room)	L
		9.30am	Tai-Chi (every Wednesday)	GB
		10.30am	Tai-Chi (every Wednesday)	GB
		11.00am	Pilates (every Wednesday)	GB
		6.00pm	Karate (every Wednesday)	L
5	Thur	7.30pm	Mere Carnival Quiz Night	GB
		10.00am	- 12.00pm Mere Art Group (every Thursday)	GB
6	Fri	10.00am	- 11.30am Hearing Aid Clinic	Surgery
		1.00pm	Bridge Club (every Thursday)	L
		2.00pm	Castle Hill Quilters (every Thursday)	GB
		6.30pm	Weight Watchers (every Thursday)	MSC
		7.30pm	Women's Institute	GB
		7.30pm	Shreen Harmony (every Thursday)	CC
		7.30pm	Mere Filmshows/Moviola: "The Railway Man"	L
7	Sat	10.30am	St Michaels "First Friday" Coffee Drop in	GB
		6.00pm	Zumba (every Friday)	L
		6.30pm	Barn Buddies (every Friday)	BSF
9	Mon	10.00am	- 11.00am Mere Credit Union (every Saturday)	Lib
		10.30am	'Drop In' Coffee Morning (also 14th, 21st & 28th)	CC
10	Tue	7.30pm	Mere Amateur Dramatic Society (Green Room)	L
		9.00am	Foot Care Clinic	L
11	Wed	3.00pm	Mothers Union	Mere Down Farm
		7.45am	Chamber of Trade Breakfast meeting	Walnut Tree
		1.45pm	Friends Together Whist Drive	GB
12	Thur	7.30pm	Gardening Club	GB
		5.00pm	Girl Guiding (also 19th & 25th)	GB
13	Fri	10.00am	Merely Women (also 27th)	GB
14	Sat	6.30pm	Oasis Carnival Club BINGO	L
17	Tue	7.30pm	MADS Play Reading (Green Room)	L
18	Wed	10.30am	Traidcraft Celebration Coffee Morning	MH
		3.00pm	Community Tea Party	Angel Tea Rooms
		7.30pm	Chamber of Trade Committee Meeting	MSC
21	Sat	10.00am	- 4.00pm Model Railway Exhibition	L
		10.30am	'Drop In' Coffee Morning + Traidcraft stall	CC
22	Sun	10.00am	- 4.00pm Model Railway Exhibition	L

22	Sun	2.00pm	Mere Footpath Walking Group walk	CP
24	Tues	9.00am	Foot Care Clinic	L
25	Wed	10.30am	Café Worship	MH
		1.45pm	Friends together	GB
27	Fri	11.00am	Estate Walk	see p19
29	Sun	11.00am	Churches Together 'SoP' and Picnic	Stourhead Gds
30	Mon	7.30pm	Parish Council Meeting (July)	AYP

**Please add the Mary Poppins Church Fete poster (in a slightly smaller version) from the Inside front Cover here as well.**



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Lecture Hall:	Sally Johnson	☎ 01747 861063
Methodist Church Schoolroom	Mary Siderfin	☎ 01747 861370

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**MERE INFORMATION POINT, THE LIBRARY**  
 The following Clinics/Advice Centres are held on a regular basis

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HEALTH MATTERS ADVICE	Tuesdays:	1.30 to 4.30pm
MEMORY LOSS READING GROUP	Wednesdays:	2.30 to 4.00pm
ALZHEIMERS SUPPORT	1st Friday:	2.00 to 4.00pm
REGISTRAR OF BIRTHS & DEATHS:	<b>By appointment only</b> (☎ 01225 713007)	
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