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Mere Town Council

Completing month two in the role of Mere Town Council Chair I like to think I am settling into the role. I have appreciated the kind responses from the community and genuinely give thanks for the support.

Vice-Chair Rachael Hansford and I have been out and about in town chatting in the community, we love to hear your voices, and we will be spending some time each month being around town on council tasks and invite you all to say hello. We are aware how vibrant our town looks, and to continue this we would invite volunteers to help keep our flower tubs flourishing with watering and deadheading. If you're interested, please contact the Clerk Lindsey Wood.

On the 3rd June, the new owners of the Beaumont Business site in Woodlands Road, Redcliffe Homes, met with us to explain their draft intentions for the development of the site and will be attending our next Council meeting on **Monday 7th July** at 7pm with a further presentation. I would urge the community to attend the meeting. I do need to be clear that this is not a question-and-answer session at this time, but it will give the community a good understanding of what to expect.

Wiltshire Community Foundation will be partnering with the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner to run a PCC Community action fund. We would like to apply for this funding and if we are successful, this would be a good opportunity to address Anti-Social Behaviour and Crime in our area. We want our community to feel safe. I would welcome anyone who has experienced any issues that have made you feel unsafe to contact me so that we can consider how best to utilise this fund if our application is successful.

A small ceremony for VJ Day and the end of the 2nd World War will take place on **Friday 15th August** at the **War Memorial in the Town Square**. We are still awaiting confirmation of the time and there will be a minute's silence. Please keep your eyes open for further advertising to confirm.

On 17th June I attended a presentation at the Grove Buildings, where Cian Hannon presented her vision on The George Revival. The attendance of our community was impressive, to say the least. Cian is looking for community support and pledges to bring this vision to a reality and make The George into a welcoming and successful pub and a centre point for our town. Again, please keep your eyes open for her advertising and crowdfunding on social media sites and leaflets being distributed in Mere. My understanding is that you will be able to contact her directly with any questions you may have. I wish her all the best and success with this project.

Sandra Catley, Chair, Mere Town Council

for information on Town Council activities, minutes, agendas etc.

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Wiltshire Councillor ~ George Jeans Writes

I am writing this looking at St Agnes Head in Cornwall (Poldark country), a heat wave has been declared, compared to the heat wave I experienced around 1976, it has a "long way to go". Hoping for a nice summer for everyone.

Direction finger post, Town and Village name plates are no longer just replaced for Mere or the surrounding villages. West Knoyle are in need of replacement Village Name plates. Wiltshire Council highways team contractor M Group are not able to enter into agreement directly with parish councils etc to manufacture parish or road nameplates. The replacement of such signs is not a priority for Wiltshire Council due to a lack of funding for what are classified as "discretionary" signs or works. West Knoyle Parish Council are able to use an accredited highway signs contractor of their own choosing to manufacture and erect such signs at their own expense. M Group can manufacture and erect such a sign for the council, acting as the client, then West

Knoyle need to pay Wiltshire Council as would any other local council for that service.

Residents who wish to renew their garden waste collections are being reminded to do so, to avoid missing a collection. Households that pay online for their garden waste collection have received an email reminding



them that their subscription expires on 30 June 2025 and if they wish to avoid a gap in their service, they need to renew by Monday 30 June. Customers who haven't previously paid online and the council does not have email addresses for, have been sent a letter advising them of their renewal arrangements. Waste crews use in-vehicle technology to identify which households have subscribed to have their garden waste collected. People will need to ensure their garden waste bin is identifiable by putting their house name or number on it, or if they have one, leave their previous bin sticker displayed which would also include the property details.

It is now year two of the Wiltshire Fit For Growth Programme, there is still a wealth of fully-funded support available to help business grow, adapt, and thrive. Whether a business is looking to boost productivity, plan your next big move, or simply navigate today's changing market, help is available.

Wiltshire has a strong relationship with the Armed Forces. The 2021 Census has provided informative and interesting information regarding the Veterans in Wiltshire from the 2021 Census 31,378 Veterans lived in 28,835 households, 67,124 residents lived in a household with a veteran. Who veterans are:- 84% Male; 16% Female.52% Under 65; 48% Over 65, 92% Born in the UK; 8% Born outside the UK. What we know about their service: 82% served in the Regular Forces, 13% served in the Reserves, 5% served in both the Regulars and Reserves. What we know about their lives: 26% were disabled as defined by the Equality Act. 21% of veterans households provided unpaid care. Further I have been informed, 150,000 veterans and their families receive compensation awarded by the government for the pain and loss they

endured in service to HM Armed Forces. This compensation is considered income when determining eligibility for many benefits, while civil compensation awarded by courts, such as personal injury or medical negligence compensation, is exempt.

Practical Help with Technology will be available at The Grove Building, Mere on 1st July. Bring your phone, laptop or tablet. Free of charge and refreshments provided. Contact Karlene Jammeh on 01722434437 or Catherine Pearcey on 01225 718685.

Business grants are available for young entrepreneurs in Wiltshire and Swindon. Should you be aged 18 - 30 and living in Wiltshire or Swindon? If you're thinking about starting a business or already running one and want to grow, it might be worth applying for one of our two business grants, delivered by Wiltshire Community Foundation in partnership with South West Enterprise Fund (SWEF). Start-Up / Early Stages Grant – up to £500 For young people in the early stages of setting up a business or earning less than £500 a month. Funding can go towards essentials like equipment, materials, website creation, training, or product development. Established Business Grant – up to £2,000 For young people already trading (less than two years) and making over £500 a month. This grant can support growth—helping you expand operations, upgrade equipment, or increase income in other ways.

Between now and the middle of July the government is seeking evidential information regarding small business. One of many items being questioned is business banking at The Post Office. For those not aware, the Post Office can carry out some business banking transactions, where possible if you wish the Post Office to exist, it is very hard for the many Post Masters at present. At the National Federation of Sub Postmasters conference in Warwick in May, it was being questioned by many of the over 200 sub postmasters how we can survive on less than £10 per hour, when the minimum wage when overheads are included is much higher.

Dog fowling again, I am getting an ever-increasing number of complaints about this. By highlighting it here again, hopefully it will send out a message again for dog owners to be more responsible, however any improvements always seem to be forgotten in a short time. It really is the owners who are the problem and not the dogs!

The South West Area Board, which the public can attend and interact with the five Wiltshire Councillors who represent their divisional areas from Wilton to Mere, will be held in Mere on Wednesday 4th February, 2026.

Penny Fennon gave May's rainfall for Salisbury Street as a total of only 4.25 cm with 2.0cm being the wettest on the 21st of May.

Pam Baldock gave the total rainfall for May in Lordsmead at 21mm, with the wettest day being the 21st with 7.5mm.

Every month I publicise the fact Wiltshire Council is recruiting foster carers, (children are waiting) with a range of flexible roles on offer including full time, short break or emergency care. To find out more about fostering in Wiltshire, people can visit www.wiltshire.gov.uk/fostering or contact the team at fostering@wiltshire.gov.uk, I believe you can also call 0800 169 6321 or text the word Foster to 60002.

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Quinn's charity challenge!

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35 miles for 35 years challenge.

I am aiming to walk 35 miles across the whole of July to raise money for The Wiltshire and Bath Air Ambulance. I have chosen to raise money for this important charity because I want to help them continue to be able to help people in need.

Living in Mere I have seen the air ambulance lots of times and I think they are amazing but I also understand it costs lots of money to provide this fantastic service.



Thank you for reading, if you would like to sponsor me please either click on the link on the Mere Mutters Facebook page or pop into Mere Pharmacy.

Quinn Long



Here at Wiltshire and Bath Air Ambulance Charity we are marking our 35th year of operation in 2025 with a special challenge. Introducing 35 for 35 - a chance for individuals, families, companies or teams to complete 35 miles throughout July.

Take part however you chose, walk, run, cycle or swim your 35 miles, just over a mile a day.

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before Christmas, applied for in October. Applications for assistance are
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Mereforest@gmail.com



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We endeavour to continue delivering a professional, timely and personable service. Sometimes factors can challenge us, including:

- Reduced funding
- Post COVID effects
- Availability of medications from wholesalers
- More services moving into pharmacies to reduce the pressure on GP practices
- Unrealistic expectations from some members of the public

Since COVID we have had to advise that you should allow 5 clear working days for your prescriptions to be processed (excluding Saturdays and Sundays & Bank holidays). This does not apply to emergency or new medications.

We are not responsible for the situation where patients fail to order their repeat medications in time for us to process them. Running out of medication or having an impending holiday are the main reasons for this. Queue jumping can be avoided. We understand that on occasion people forget and we try to accommodate this as best we can.

We have recently experienced some negative attitude towards us, which on occasion has evolved into aggressive, rude and/or disrespectful behaviour.

We will not tolerate this behaviour.

Please be mindful that we have the right to refuse and redirect your prescriptions to another pharmacy if we are made to feel uncomfortable or threatened.

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Story Garden

The Summer Reading Challenge is for children aged four to 11 to read six books (or the equivalent) over nine weeks of the summer - in return for various prizes. The free challenge will run in Wiltshire libraries from **Saturday 5 July to Saturday 6 September.** The first two weeks (5 to 19 July) will be for registration only; from Monday 21 July children can start to collect stickers (and continue to register). Children must be library members to take part - it's free and easy to join, for more information visit: wiltshire.gov.uk/libraries-join-the-library.



The 2025 theme is: **Story Garden** – Adventures in Nature and the Great Outdoors, which will inspire children to tap into a world of imagination through reading, exploring the magical connection between storytelling and nature. When registering children will receive their own Story Garden sticker booklet to record their reading and as they finish reading books – will receive stickers for each one read, plus a certificate a badge on completion.

Although the challenge is to read six books, there is flexibility in this number, especially for children who struggle with reading or read longer books. Children can read any books of their choice; they don't have to be linked to the theme and they can read/listen to eBooks and audiobooks as well. It's all free and can make a real difference to a child's motivation and enjoyment of reading.



Free summer reading fun for children aged four to 11 years old Running in Witshire Libraries Sat 5 July to Sat 6 Sept 2025

Books on the official 'Story Garden Book Collection' list are available to reserve and borrow for free from any Wiltshire library. The list includes a mix of fiction (picture books, early readers and middle grade titles), nonfiction, poetry and graphic novels, plus several dyslexia-friendly books. Children can also sign up online at summerreadingchallenge.org.uk, where



they can use the Book Sorter to discover new books, find fun reading activities and active challenges, play games, watch

videos and write book reviews.

For children who want a further challenge and those older than 11 we have the Story Adventurers' Club, a personal reading challenge where children set their own reading goals, the target to read 100 books. For children aged under 4, we have a fun family book sharing challenge called 'Story Sharers'.

libraryenquiries@wiltshire.gov.uk

Mere Railway Modellers

Probably best ever Mere Model Railway Exhibition on Saturday 14th and Sunday 15th June. All the Halls and rooms were used at Mere Lecture Hall, which very few events use all the area available. Mid-morning Saturday "Cafe" provided was full. Ten plus layouts were on show. Mere had its own entrant with Mere Cross. This is a new Mere Railway Modellers Club layout which is designed to show what is possible in the traditional 6 foot x 4 foot format. One exhibit commanded virtually the whole length of the main hall,

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which was very impressive. A nice colour program was given to top it all off.

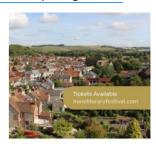


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Mere Literary Festival

The all-new festival committee came together last year determined to create a week of events that would appeal to everyone. Since unveiling our list of authors and performers for October, we have been delighted by the support shown by the people of Mere. For more information go to mereliteraryfestival.com - Wayne Stevens, Festival Director.

organiser@mereliteraryfestival.com





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Ukes at The Butt of Sherry

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We will also be meeting on Thursday 14th August at 7.30pm.

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Walking in Mere

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If you'd like to join us, we meet by the surgery at 10.00am. Unfortunately, for safety reasons, no dogs are allowed on these walks, except assistance dogs.

Dave and Wendy Drewett 07508 340105

Short Walk:

Meet in the surgery car part at 2.00pm on Thursday 10th July and join me for a short walk of about 3 miles around our lanes and paths. Enjoy a refreshing cuppa afterwards at The Angel Café. Please note there will be no walk in August.

Janet Way 860884

Mere Walking Group:

Our next walk will be on Sunday 20th July, meeting at Salisbury Street car park for a 2.00pm departure, with car sharing to the start point. The walk will be approximately 4 miles. Further details will be posted on Mere Mutters Facebook page nearer the time. All are welcome to join in, dogs on leads please.

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Mere Jelly

The Mere Jelly is a fantastic opportunity to meet likeminded professionals, and share ideas in a relaxed, informal setting. At our Jelly, you can collaborate, gain fresh perspectives, and even find potential partners or clients.

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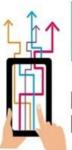
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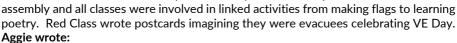
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Mere School - VE Day at Mere School

The 80th anniversary of VE Day was marked at Mere School on 8th May 2025 – signaling decades since the end of the Second World War in Europe.

These commemorations provided a unique opportunity for our children to connect with this chapter in history. We held a special



Dear Mary and Basil,

VE Day was excellent! Kitty and I saw mother for the first time in seven years! We ate an enormous slice of Victoria jam sponge EACH with a dollop of cream!! The surviving soldiers danced late into the night and we listen to Winston Churchill's speech on the wireless. Father never came home; I don't think he ever will. Thank you for everything.

Mathilda Brown (Tilly).

Purple Class wrote letters to Veterans who served at this time. Libby wrote:

Dear Veteran.

My name is Libby and I am writing to you from Mere School. I would like to chat about the Second World War; before I do, I would like to thank you, for without you fighting; Europe would not be as it is today. Do you remember what role you played in the war, were you a soldier on land, in the navy at sea or anything else? If I were you, VE Day would make me happy yet sad (because it probably reminds you of the bad things that happened).

Since it was a long time ago, I do not expect you to remember, did you choose to fight in the war or got chosen to fight? When I was in year 4, which was 2 years ago, my class and I went to a place in Weymouth called Nothe Fort and the teachers were really strict; were they like that in the 1940s?

Did you have any injuries during the war? You also have taught me and probably a lot of other children out there that we do not always have to do dangerous things for ourselves, we could do it for a whole continent. If you do not wake up every day that you saved thousands of lives I have no idea what you are thinking. Although it is a very long way until I become an adult, I wish to follow in your footsteps when I become one as a fighter for my continent. You are an inspiration to million!

One last thing, I am writing this letter to you on VE Day (8th May) the day you should celebrate all the work you did. It could not have been easy fighting against the Nazis, who had a lot of incredible defences.

I would like to give you one last thank you.

Yours sincerely,

Libby

We had a very special day to remember.

Catriona Williamson

Diary Dates (Recurring events are first shown in Bold then in Blue).

Venue Key:

AYP - Andy Young Pavilion

SCP - Salisbury Street Car Park

Drs - Surgery

GB - Grove Building

L - Lecture Hall

Lib - Library

MSC - Social Club

RMC - Visit Hillbrush

WT - Walnut Tree Inn

JULY

1	Tues	09:00 Little Angels (every Tues)	GB
		14:00 Digital Inclusion	GB
		09:30 Tai-Chi (every Weds)	GB
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16	Weds	19:00 Merekits Women's Institute Tai-Chi, Wiltshire Walking Group, Railway Modellers Pilates, Karate			
17	Thurs	Rhyme Time, Art, Shreen Harmony, Yoga, Harmony FH Bridge			
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Closing deadline is: 16:00hrs on Thursday 21st August

Email contributions are preferred, to the Editor, Richard Jefferies 863425 editor@merematters.co.uk or deliver to 16 Underhill. Mere, BA12 6LU.

Please be sure to state your name and a contact telephone number to ensure inclusion.

Mere & District Link Scheme

Many thanks to everyone who came to the Link AGM on Friday 6 June where we were also able to recognise the contribution of retiring driver Rod Lemon, ably supported by his wife Pam. Rod has had to stop driving after 10 years during which he has done more than 1,000 trips covering an estimated 50,000+ miles. A truly amazing effort for his local community. We were also able to thank Mary Wilson and Elaine Noble who are standing down from the Link Committee. Welcome to Kate Albone (driver) and Judy Bickerstaff (co-ordinator) who have joined the committee.

Mary Wilson has shared her thoughts on being a Link driver:

"If you've got a car and a bit of spare time, plus a liking for driving around the countryside and meeting interesting people, it's an absolute no-brainer. That's what I tell people if they ever ask me why I'm a Link driver. The fact that you are providing a very much appreciated service, you get paid petrol money, and maybe one day they will do the same for you - all those are added bonuses. And you only take on a drive when it suits you (in my case it has been about once a month recently. Some drivers do it twice a week or more).

Mere is about as far from our nearest hospitals as anywhere in Wiltshire, and other medical services are dotted about the area with little or no public transport. So if you are housebound, or unwell and unable to drive, and your family are not available, how lovely it must be to be picked up from home, helped into the car, driven by a friendly careful driver, and helped at the other end to find the right department. Then to meet that same friendly face for the return journey, all for a donation of whatever you can afford to help meet the costs of running the Link Scheme.

I've been driving for Link in Mere since I moved here 10 years ago. I'd done it in my previous area as soon as I retired, and knew that it would be the first thing I would volunteer for when I moved here, as I had found it so rewarding. It's a great team of kind and generous people who make Link work. We are so lucky to be part of this community."

If you are interested in volunteering as a driver, please call our co-ordinator on 01747 860096.

In May we did 120 trips. As ever, Salisbury District Hospital was the busiest destination with 37 trips.

Our co-ordinators work in their own homes - we do not have an office - so please keep calls to 9-5 Monday to Friday and only use the 01747 860096 number.

If you want to use the Link, once you have an appointment please call 01747 860096 to book a driver. As a charity we do not charge for trips but ask for a donation.. Also, it is a great help if you can give us a minimum of 48 hours notice (not including Saturdays and Sundays). Our co-ordinator has to ring round to find a driver who is available to take you to your appointment and we cannot guarantee our co-ordinator will be at home to arrange last minute requests.

John FitzGerald Chair 860096



merelink.org.uk

Mere Gardening Club.



A huge thank you to everyone who entered their Scarecrows, we really appreciate the work involved. It gives great pleasure to those who visit the trail and we had some positive comments from visitors who enjoyed their chats as they went round. Winners will be announced at our July meeting. (I am still counting up).





Our members enjoyed a wonderful trip to RHS Rosemoor in June. The weather was kind and the gardens were stunning.

Our next meeting in July, at the Grove Building, is a talk on Climbing plants and Shrubs by Alan Eason and we will also be judging our fuchsia competition. In August we have our annual social meeting which is open to members only.

We hope you are enjoying the summer in your gardens and don't forget we always welcome new members and visitors to our meetings (visitors £5).

Rose Heesom, Membership Secretary roseheesom@yahoo.co.uk

Mere Art Group

The Summer arrives with some hot weather - great for drying paint and chatting in the kitchen over coffee and cakes. Attendance has continued well.

Our rates are £4.00 per session, including Tea, Coffee, Biscuits and Cakes, and the first Session is free!!!

Please enter your diaries with "ART EXHIBITION - 6 SEPTEMBER - ENTRANCE FREE - GROVE BUILDING" - we don't want you missing it!!!

The Art Work this issue was by Sue Green, using 'Metallic-Acrylic' Paint.



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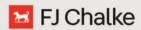
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Letter from the Churches

At Christmas my youngest brother dropped by and cheerfully announced that he hadn't got long to live. We spent the remainder of his brief visit chatting and laughing, celebrating the delight of meeting again. To have responded in any other way would have felt false as he is a person so full of life.

Some time later our daughter lent me a book given her by my brother; it fell open at an anonymous quote: "The great tragedy is not that men perish but that they cease to live."

I was reminded of the words of Christ, "I am come that they might have life and have it more abundantly."

I've been fortunate to know many exceptional people but a woman who lived eight centuries ago lingers in my memory as an example of how to live life fully through following Christ.

Margaret Biset spent some of her childhood in a leprosy hospital in Bradley as her mother had leprosy. Most of Margaret's adult years were spent looking after her brother's children; when he died Margaret, aged 58, decided that she would sell her property and give the money to the leprosy hospital, now a priory, and retire there to live out her days in quiet devotion.

God had other plans for Margaret; a few months later the king died and Margaret was called to court to care for the two year old Princess Isabella whose mother had abandoned her. Despite the derisory pay of a penny a day Margaret stayed on as Isabella's governess and transformed the education of royal girls. Margaret accompanied Isabella as her maid when she married Frederick II the Holy Roman Emperor. No expense was spared in the preparation for the wedding but as soon as it was over Isabella and Margaret were locked up in Frederick's harem alongside his menagerie; Isabella wasn't even allowed into the court when her brother visited. Frederick was a cruel man and life in the harem must have been a trial for Margaret's faith but the following year Henry III married the 12 year old Eleanor and Margaret was summoned back to be her governess. Isabella died five years later in childbirth; she named her baby 'Margaret'.

Around the time of Margaret's 80th birthday an assassin entered the palace searching for the king, the chronicle recorded,

"Margaret was by chance awake and was singing psalms by the light of a candle (for she was a holy maid and one devoted to God) and when she saw this madman searching all the private places, to kill the king.... She was greatly alarmed and began to utter repeated cries."

Thanks to Margaret the assassin was caught and her prayers were credited with saving the king's life.

The chronicle for 1242 recorded the death of Margaret at 84, describing her as,

"Illustrious and morally pure"

Soon after the village where she had done so much for the priory became known as 'Maiden Bradley'.

Celia Blay c_a_blay@hotmail.com

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Churchwardens: Mr Kit Stallard 07803-086161 Mr Richard Wilson 07966-244373

Admin Secretary: administrator@stmichaelsmere.org.uk

JULY

6 th	Sun	08:00	BCP Communion
0	Sun	10:30	Informal 'Sunday First' Family Service
13 th	Sun	08:00	BCP Communion
13	Sun	10:30	Parish Communion
20 th	Sun	08:00	BCP Communion
20	Sun	10:30	Parish Communion
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10 th	Sun	08:00 10:30	BCP Communion Parish Communion
17 th	Sun	08:00 10:30	BCP Communion Patronal Festival - Benefice Service at West Knoyle
19 th	Tues	10:30	Roman Catholic Mass
24 th	Sun	08:00 10:30	BCP Communion Parish Communion
31 st	Sun	08:00 10:30	BCP Communion Parish Communion

West Knoyle Parish Church St Mary the Virgin:

Vicar: The Rev'd Michael Molano 07396 979448

Churchwardens: Mrs Jill Randall 830534 Sir Charles Burnett 01747 812089

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The United Reformed Church

Minister: Vacancy

Mere Contact: Elaine Laurence 07403-845711 elainelaurence57@gmail.com

JULY

6 th	Sun	11:00	Mrs Jane Hurd
13 th	Sun	11:00	Mrs Christine Marsh
20 th	Sun	11:00	Rev Sue Litchfield
27 th	Sun	11:00	TBC

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3 rd	Sun	11:00	Mr Dudley Coates
10 th	Sun	11:00	Rev Peter Clark
17 th	Sun	11:00	TBC
24 th	Sun	11:00	Mrs Christine Marsh
31 st	Sun	11:00	TBC

The Roman Catholic Church: St Mary Queen of Peace.

St Mary's has been closed and weekend Masses are now at SS Luke and Teresa, South Street, Wincanton BA9 9DH.

Parish Office: 01963-34408 hope.stlukeswincanton@outlook.com

Mass at St Michael the Archangel usually on the third Tuesday of each month.

Coffee morning at Visit Hillbrush on the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 10.30am.

John FitzGerald 860867

Mere Information

For full information on the businesses, organisations, societies, attractions and activities in Mere, together with current and back numbers of "Mere Matters", please visit merewilts.org

Mere Library

Monday: 10:00 - 14:00* and 14:00 - 19:00

Tuesday: 09:30 - 17:00

Wednesday: 09:30 - 13:00* (a change from 02/07/25)

Thursday: 09:30 - 17:00
Friday: 09:30 - 17:00
Saturday: 09:30 - 13:00
* Volunteer operated opening hours.

Sally-Ann, Mere Senior Library Assistant 860546

Booking Meeting Venues

Grove Building:	administrator@stmichaelsmere.org.uk	07942 291266
Lecture Hall:	Sally Johnson	861063
URC Church Hall:	Mrs E Laurence	07403-845711





Mere Bowls Club



The Outdoor Bowls season is now well underway for Mere Bowls Club. We had mixed results for the first few matches, both home and away in the Wessex League with two wins and two losses but in the Westbrook league, we have had five wins out of five and are currently top of the league. The Wessex league is mainly clubs to the west of Mere, going as far away as Chard, and the Westbrook league is mainly clubs to the east, going as far as Amesbury.

Jon & Marie Wright played in the first round of a Family National Pairs competition at Melksham, sadly losing, but Les Manwaring and Shaun Tealey playing in the same competition, but Foundation Pairs; which is where one player must have under 3 years experience, are now through to the Wiltshire area semi-finals.

The club triples competition was played on 25th May and won by Les, Ron Heesom and John FitzGerald, in a close fought final against Alan Isgrove, Penny Allen and Jon Wright.

The season long club competitions are also in full swing with all the first round matches to be played by 14 June, going through to the finals on 6 September.

If you are interested in giving bowls a go, please come to the club on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 5.30pm or Saturdays at 3pm for our Roll-up (practice) sessions, all you need are flat-soled shoes and we supply the rest including refreshments afterwards.

John FitzGerald 860867 fitzgeraldjns@sky.com

Researching your family history?

Is anyone interested in informally meeting occasionally to share tips/ideas/stories about their family research? I have been researching on and off for 5 years. (Not just local to the area.) If so, then please get in touch and I will arrange something. Thanks!

Rosie 861567 rosiejb77@gmail.com

Fair Trade in Mere

These are back to the third weekend of the month and therefore I will be at the URC Coffee Morning on **Saturday 19th July and 16th August** and after the Morning Service at St Michael's on **July 20th and August 17th**. Do come and see the new products now available.

Were you one of the attendees at 'The Year Clock' who loved the cheese biscuits? If so, you might like to know I have some back in stock! First come, first served!

Janet Way 860884

Mere Toddlers Foodbank

Outside of the Mere Co-operative, 2nd August from 9.30-noon, Mere Toddlers Foodbank will be collecting **long life items** for Food parcels.

If you would like to donate anything we would be very grateful indeed. From toiletries and toothpaste, to tins of tuna or custard, or packets of pasta to tins of peaches... all will safely be gathered in.



Anne Rich / Mere Toddlers Foodbank 07413-51202 arich4@icloud.com

Friends of Mere Museum

Have you saved the date yet? On **Friday 10th October** at the Grove Building, we will be hosting a special evening all about Mere using film footage from the 1950s and 1960s. A chance to see the centre of Mere with the main road to the south west going through its centre. A clip of a local resident speaking about his work – will you understand the dialect? An opportunity for you to wonder at the Health and Safety regulations back then!

Details about tickets and times will be available from September.

Rosie 861567 (Secretary of FoMM)

Mere Museum

Maintaining the displays and completing the research is what makes my job so fascinating as I learn so much each time. I would however love some feedback and ideas of what the residents of Mere would like to see and in particular some help with identifying people in photos. We have a collection up in the display area at present, so please pay a visit and see if you recognise anyone. We are in the process of updating the website so please bear with us if you are doing any research and cannot access photos. We also have a new email address.

Rose Heesom, Hon. Curator 07791-559674 curator@meremuseum.org

From Times Gone By!

A festival in celebration of the peace commenced in Mere on Thursday se'nnight, and continued four days. On the first day a dinner of roast beef and plum pudding, with good strong beer, was served up in a large field at the foot of Castle Hill, to nearly 5000 persons. The most respectable part the inhabitants dined in a pavilion, and the poorer part were regaled at tables in front of it. In the afternoon there were rustic amusements, and dance on the green, in which all classes joined. On the second day there was a grand match of single-stick, which was well contested ... and in the evening there was a ball at the Ship. On Saturday, the plentiful remains of Thursday's dinner was distributed amongst the poor and in the afternoon there was a match of single stick, with other amusements. On Sunday, after evening service, the principal inhabitants met again in the pavilion, and the ladies were regaled with tea, syllabub, &c. The whole was extremely well conducted and it is impossible that anything could exceed the harmony and happiness which prevailed during the whole four days.

Salisbury & Wilts Journal, 20 August 1814

(The land beneath Castle Hill was divided into several fields at this time which roughly equate to the plots which now have houses on, in addition to one which became the children's park. The largest field, and perhaps the one mentioned in the article, was where the Bramley Hill flats and bungalows now stand. The 'peace' was the Treaty of Paris, which appeared to have ended the long Napoleonic Wars. However Napoleon's escape from Elba the following year culminated in the Battle of Waterloo, after which another Treaty of Paris was signed.)

Seven Years' Transportation: James Herridge, for stealing two loaves from John Gilford. Mere.

Salisbury & Wilts Journal 2 August 1830

Martyn Beardsley

Mere Theatre Club

It's now the height of summer, hopefully, so soon it will be time to plan the winter programme! Theatres are now booking up to a year in advance which means we have to plan at least 6 months ahead if we are to get tickets for the best productions.

So if you're thinking of getting out and about this winter and would like to make some new friends, get onto our mailing list - membership still only £8 per household per year, contact details below

Madelaine Morris 07481-555101 madsmorris@gmail.com

Merekits - Women's Institute

Merekits have had a busy month during June which included preparing for the Scarecrow Festival. Our Scarecrow 'Madge Watts' was an inspirational figure for the Women's Institute Movement. She originated from Canada where there was a movement that helped educate girls in practical home skills in the late 18th century. 'Madge' moved to England as a young adult and suggested in 1915 that the first WI of Great Britain should be formed. Madge (the scarecrow) was made by the talented members of Merekits and the attention to detail was amazing. To support Madge and in true WI fashion Merekits provided teas, coffees, cakes and savouries in the Grove Building over the weekend which was enjoyed by lots of visitors.

In our June meeting we went to a local meadow to find out more about meadow flowers and their part in the eco system. The weather was glorious, and the evening was enjoyed by all. We welcomed some new ladies into the group who may become new members which was great.

Coming up, the next meeting will be on **Wednesday 16th July** when we will be welcoming Rose from our local Mere Museum who will be telling us more about some of the well-known ladies who have lived in Mere in the past. Following that, in **August (Wednesday 20th)** we will be trying our hand at (or just watching others play) Croquet at the lawn in Steep Street.

If you are interested to know more, why not come along on the third Wednesday of each month in the Grove Building from 7pm to 9pm? Our meetings offer a varied programme of events throughout the year including talks, activities and demonstrations. We also have a variety of other groups including guided walks around the local area, skittles evenings, an active book club, international dining evenings, days out and a craft group. Merekits WI provides an opportunity for you to meet like-minded people and make new friends in the area. Please do come along to have fun and meet us all.

Verena Cooper 07971-790256 verenacooper2@gmail.com

Mere Social Club

Here we are, halfway through the year and it looks like Summer has eventually decided to arrive, so we now have our guest ciders from Lilley's Cider in stock. Our new committee has been elected, and we are looking forward to fresh ideas for events in the club. We also welcome and will consider any suggestions from our club members. The Summer Skittles competition is now in progress with 16 teams entered.

Live music for this month will be provided by **Mono Band** on **Saturday 26th July**. On **Saturday 30th August** we will host the upbeat acoustic duo **Salt of the Earth**.

Both events start at 8.30pm and all are welcome.

Elaine Laurence, club steward <u>elainelaurence57@gmail.com</u>

Mere Mortals Petanque Club

Mere Mortals Petanque are holding their own in the local Nadder & Stour Petanque League and hope to go one place better this year than second place in 2024. It is all good fun and nobody takes



things to seriously but it would be nice to top the table. Fun also applies at our club sessions on Tuesdays (while the light holds) at 6pm. Wednesday afternoons from 2.30pm and Saturday mornings from 10.30am. Please feel free to come and join us. No previous experience necessary, boule and tuition provided. The playing area is available to anyone at anytime.

Colin Senneck 706008 colin2423@sky.com

Mere Footpath Group

They're here! The new Walking in Mere cards are now out and can be bought for the same price, £3 for 6 cards in a waterproof cover. 6 new walks, some shorter and easier and some longer and more challenging.

Available from the Library, the Angel Cafe and the Sprout & Flower.



Enjoy discovering Mere and thanks to the Town Council with Wiltshire Towns Funds, Tower Stories and the Mere Footpath Group.

Madelaine Morris 07481-555101 madsmorris@gmail.com

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Mere Amateur Dramatic Society (MADS)

We welcome everyone, no matter how keen to act on stage or help backstage, with our next meeting on the 12th August at 7.30pm in Mere Lecture Hall.

Our next performance will be "ALLO ALLO 2" performing 4 nights in November due to popular demand we are performing 4 nights instead of 3.

Thank you for your continued support.

Holly Robert



Jenny Wilding 860908 jenny@flaxmill.org.uk

PennyBank Writers

Member Pauline Morphy, well known for her popular pony books for children, has now published an adult novel. Entitled **The Thyme Bank**, it is a love story set in the 1980s.

The romance between Frances and Simon leads to their marriage, but will it be happyever-after as past events start to catch up with Simon?

The Thyme Bank joins Llangamull as newly published books by PennyBank members and both will be available on the group's stall at the **Frome Small Publishers' Fair on Saturday July 5th. 10am -3.30pm.**

If you are visiting our Somerset neighbour on that day then do visit PennyBank's stall at this free popular event held at **Frome Silk Mill**. It is part of the 2025 Frome Festival and a must for all book lovers. PennyBankers will be delighted to see you.

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Mothers Union

It was easy to tell from the numbers attending that we had invited a popular speaker in June, promising an interesting subject!

Colin Senneck told us a great deal about his service in the Metropolitan Police, from the lower ranks right up to Protection Officer, with a gun concealed about him somewhere! On the way he met an enormous number and variety of people who gave him many stories to tell, some amusing as well as interesting. Altogether a valuable look at the work of the Met which gave us plenty to talk about over our refreshments afterwards!

As a complete contrast, at our next meeting on **July 8th** we are going to be listening to each other. The subject is Holiday Memories and we are asking people to tell us about the ones that have stuck in their memories for whatever reason. It will be completely voluntary to take part but listening should be interesting and amusing!

And of course, there will be refreshments and time to chat afterwards as well as a short informal service beforehand.

Non- members are always very welcome and it's a good way to get to know people you may not have met before.

Meg Oliver 860111 or Carol Lord 685429

Volunteers needed to help at Mere Library

We are looking for local people to get involved as volunteers at Mere Library.

Our Community Library Volunteers operate the library during opening hours. This is a great role if you have a few hours to spare twice a month, enjoy meeting people of all ages and have a love of books and reading.

Our volunteers provide a friendly welcome to all visitors and assist them with using the library services. This includes dealing with enquiries; assisting with the self-service machines; shelving the stock and helping customers to log onto the public computers.

Simon, one of our current volunteers describes his role:

'I've always regarded my local library as somewhere special. A source of mystery and delight to be had from the simple pleasure of reading. But these days libraries offer far more than just books: access to computers, a meeting place for parents and babies, a welcoming space in the cold winter months and a warm hello all year round. Volunteering helps keep this essential public service alive and kicking not just for me, but for everyone.'

If possible, we are looking for volunteers who can be flexible and are able to do at least two sessions per month.

If you are interested in volunteering at Mere Library and would like further details about the Community Library Volunteer role, please make contact.

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THE GROVE BUILDING

SATURDAY 6TH SEPTEMBER



10 A.M.-4 P.M.



