

# MERE MATTERS

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Your community magazine  
and guide to local events



July/August - 2009

## 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. 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 can raise questions in a public session before the meeting starts. The next meeting will be **on Monday, 6th July** at 7.30pm in the Andy Young Pavilion. There is **NO** meeting in August.

### **The Chairman writes:**

As I am writing this it is raining, but what ideal weather we had for the Church Fete, which was well supported by the public and well done to all the stall holders for their hard work. Having viewed the alcohol on the bottle stall, I bought several pounds worth of raffle tickets and luckily enough, I won two prizes – a bottle of lemonade and a bottle of sweet and sour sauce. Guidance from above?!

Our parish clerk is working very hard and trying to complete the accounts to send to the external auditor. The powers that be have moved forward the date by which the Annual Return needs to be approved by the Parish Council. It used to be 30th September and now it is 30th June and so she is up against a tight deadline now. The Annual Return, accounts and related documents will be available for public inspection, however, from 29th June 2009 on reasonable notice on application to the Clerk. Details of the exercise of electors' rights and inspection of the accounts will be displayed on the Parish Council noticeboard, outside the Lecture Hall, by 29th June. The Clerk will also be trying to sort out the water issue for the allotment holders at Wellhead.

Congratulations to George Jeans on being elected as an independent councillor for the Mere area. George, we know that you will work hard to support the residents of Mere and the surrounding villages.

Sadly, we have recently experienced a spate of vandalism in our beautiful town. For example, one mindless act involved someone climbing onto our sports pavilion roof and bending the clock hands on both clocks either side of the pavilion, for their own personal satisfaction. It was the kind people of Mere, whose sponsorship enabled the purchase of these clocks in the first place; and it seems such a pity that a small minority of heartless individuals are intent on

causing damage and expense. I would urge all members of the community to be vigilant and observant and to report any antisocial and suspicious behaviour to the police in the hope that we can stamp out this vandalism.

Here is hoping we have a long hot summer and that the Swimming Pool is full to capacity and all the other sporting facilities are thriving in the sunshine.

For information on Parish Council activities; details of meetings and copies of minutes, please view the Mere website: [www.merewilts.org](http://www.merewilts.org); or contact the parish clerk, Mrs Lindsey Wood: e-mail: [lindseywood@merewilts.org](mailto:lindseywood@merewilts.org) or ☎: 01747 860701.

*Eric Mitchell, Chairman, Mere Parish Council*

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

I would like to thank the readers of "Mere Matters" who took the time and trouble to vote at the Mere Division elections for Wiltshire Council. Democracy is alive and well in the Mere Division. The turnout was 61.41 percent, which was the highest in Wiltshire. I feel very honoured that 1188 people voted for me, giving me a majority over my nearest rival of just over 300 votes.

I sincerely thank all those that helped me, of which there were many, to become one of the first Wiltshire Councillors, and to carry on the tradition of an Independent Councillor as Andy Young and Jack Paul did before me. After visiting about 500 houses and speaking to many people, I have a fair idea of what is wanted locally and I shall strive to achieve these requests.

I have been fortunate to gain a seat on the Southern area Planning Committee. This committee carries out a regularity function for development planning in the old Salisbury District Council area of south Wiltshire. Meetings are usually held in Salisbury. This planning committee will determine the development planning applications that are not delegated and determined by officers, for the Mere Division, which includes Mere, Kilmington, Stourton, West Knoyle and Zeals. I shall also sit on the Audit Committee.

The South Wiltshire Core Strategy, which will have housing delivery as its key driver, is programmed for adoption in April 2010. The Wiltshire Core Strategy, which will be the first step in delivering consistent planning policy across all Wiltshire, including the Mere Division detailed above, should be adopted in August 2011.

I have only been elected for just over a week (Sunday, 14th June as I write), but I have had induction training in Trowbridge, Salisbury and Chippenham. I have met many old

faces and am enjoying being back on a “major council”. I am now able to continue working directly with council officers on the electorate’s behalf as I did as a District Councillor.

One of my most important roles is communicating, therefore please note that the first meeting of the new South West Wiltshire Area Board meeting, when the public and press are welcome to attend, will be in The Mere Lecture Hall on Tuesday, 14th July at 7.00pm (probably 6.30 for 7.00pm).

## **REPAIRS TO A303 WILLOUGHBY HEDGE TO MERE**

Since the debacle at the end of last year over the inordinate 14 week planned A303 closure, the Highways Agency and its service provider, InterRoute, have spent a significant amount of time reviewing the planned works and has managed to substantially reduce the period required for a full closure to 5 weeks. This reduction was achieved by changing the design and working methods, allowing significant works to be undertaken safely under reduced traffic control, including lane restrictions, traffic signals and night-time closures. However, in addition to the 5 week full closure there will need to be 9 weeks of overnight traffic signals, allowing an alternating flow of traffic in both directions and approximately 5 weeks of overnight closures, during which time traffic will be diverted by other routes.

The work has been broken down into three separate phases to reflect the nature of work and limit disruptions. This will allow the maximum level of activity to be undertaken within the minimum amount of traffic management. Seasonal traffic fluctuations and events affecting the network have also influenced the timing of the works:

1. Phase 1: Investigation and drainage repairs (traffic signals, 19.00hrs – 06.00hrs); May - July 2009
2. Phase 2: Widening preparation, drainage works, signage and safety fencing (traffic signals, 19.00hrs – 06.00hrs and night closures 22.00hrs -05.30hrs); Nov - Dec 2009
3. Phase 3: Drainage channel construction and signage (24 hour single lane closure on three lane section of Chaddenwick Hill); Jan - Feb 2010; and major surfacing and drainage channel works (24 Hour closure for 5 weeks excluding unusual weather risk); Feb - Mar 2010

The Highways Agency and InterRoute have worked closely with, and sought advice from, the Police and three highway authorities, Dorset, Somerset and Wiltshire, in devising the most suitable diversion routes. This considered the needs and concerns of road users, residents and businesses situated along the routes. After reviewing all

available options, and taking into account the constraints across various routes, the preferred diversion routes are:

**Night time closures:**

Light vehicles to use the A350 and B3082 through Gillingham both ways;

Heavy good vehicles to use A37/A361/A36 both ways; and

High loads to use A359/A371/A361/A36

**24 Hour closures:**

All eastbound traffic to use the A37/A361/A36 except high loads;

High loads to use A359/A371/A361/A36; and

All westbound traffic to use A350/B3081 through Gillingham

**Interoute are holding a Public Information event in the Lecture Halls on Thursday, 16th July** from 2.00pm until 9.00pm. If you have any urgent enquiries in the meantime, please contact the Highways Agency Information Line ☎ 08457 504030 or email: [ha\\_info@highways.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:ha_info@highways.gsi.gov.uk)

*I am sure you have read the articles in the local press about upgrading the A303 through Somerset, Dorset and Wiltshire to continuous dual carriageway. There is a petition for upgrade on the Prime Minister's "No 10" website. The website address is: <http://petitions.number10.gov.uk/Upgrade-A303/> I signed it a couple of months ago, but when I checked on progress in mid June there were only a disappointing 514 signatures. If you believe that the road should be dualled, please sign up. You have a couple of months, but note that it closes to new signatures on the 5th September 2009. Editor*



## **NEW BUSINESS START UP COMPETITION**

The Mere and District Chamber of Trade, in connection with the Wessex Chambers of Commerce, are participating in a New Business Competition launched on the 14th May 2009.

Wiltshire Council is the main sponsor and the competition is organised by The Wessex Association of Chambers of Commerce. If you started your business after the 26th September 2008 or are planning to start trading before 30th November 2009 you are eligible to enter this competition.

There are benefits to be had for all entering the competition, which include:

- 35% discount on advertising
- A one-to-one with a Business Link Advisor
- A training needs analysis with advice on Government funding
- New account package for small business
- 20% discount on printing
- Microsoft Business Productivity Online Suite at 18% discount in the first year

Plus for each town winner £1,000 prize money and publicity in the local press.

Plus for the final winner £2,000 prize money as well as:

- £500 of advertising
- £500 Media Awareness training course
- Business Start-up Course (3 days)
- £250 of printing
- £500 prize money for both 2nd and 3rd places

For your entry pack and further information please contact  
Julie Cousins ☎ 01747 837909

The closing date for entries is Friday, 25th September 2009

## MERE DENTAL PRACTICE

The practice currently has **NHS appointments** available to anyone.

The practice at present has two Dentists:

**Mr Stephen Sherrard**

**Ms Jacqueline Barnes**

### **Contact Details: -**

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

Tuesday 8.45am – 7.00pm (Both Dentists cover evening appts.)

Normal hours (9.00am – 5.30pm on Mon, Wed, Thurs & Friday.

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

## **WEATHER REPORT**

The rainfall in May was only 32.5 mms (1.28ins) compared with 124.5 mms (4.9ins.) last year. This is the lowest rainfall I have recorded in two years. The weather was sunny and the last week quite hot.

In June up to the 14th, we had 34.5 mms (1.38ins). 19.5 mms (0.77ins) fell during the night following the Church Fete. Up to the 11th, the temperature was less than May, cloudy days and keen winds. On the 11th it brightened up and gave us hope for the hot summer we have been promised!

*Peter Durkee*

## **CHURCH FÊTE REPORT**

We would like to thank all those local residents and their friends who supported the Fête at St Michael's Church on Saturday, 6th June. It was a wonderful community event, which seemed to be enjoyed by all, and weren't we lucky with the weather? Warm sun would have been nice, but at least it didn't rain!

We offer a particular word of thanks to the many stall holders and other helpers who made the afternoon such a success. Through all your efforts, we raised around £4,460 net, which was approximately £300 up on last year.

*Angela, Jean & Judy*

## **CHURCH FÊTE REFRESHMENTS**

I would like to thank the ladies who made cakes and scones for the fête refreshments and to the ladies who worked so hard in the morning setting up the tables with the cakes and preparing the cups and saucers for the drinks, and Rebecca for acting as cashier once again.

My thanks also goes to the ladies who worked tirelessly washing up, serving and clearing the tables, also clearing up after the fête refreshments.

A special thanks to Tim Merrell who saved the day by lending us two tables when we found we had no tables.

*Judy Bickerstaff ☎ 01747 860335*

**REMEMBER! COPY DATE FOR THE SEPTEMBER  
ISSUE**

**MONDAY 17th AUGUST**

## **43rd (WESSEX) DIVISION MEMORIAL SERVICE**

The annual 43rd (Wessex) Division Memorial service and Parade will take place on Sunday 12th July 2009. The Parade will step off from the Salisbury Street car park at 2.30pm and proceed to the area below Castle Hill for a Drumhead Service.

The service is in memory of the men of 43rd (Wessex) Division who gave their lives in Europe 1944/45. Anyone wishing to join the parade will be most welcome.

*Tony Coombes, Secretary  
Devonshire & Dorset Regiment Assn., Gillingham Branch*

## **MORRIS DANCING COMES TO MERE**

Treacle Eater Clog, a Northwest Tradition, or style, of morris team, based in Yeovil, will be dancing outside of The George Inn, Mere, at 8.50 pm on Monday, 27th July, and will be joined by Sarum Morris, who dance the Cotswold Morris Tradition.

Treacle Eater Clog originated in the old industrial Northwest of England, where it evolved as a processional dance, performed mainly in carnivals. The dancers dressed in brightly coloured clothing, and were accompanied by a large band so that the dancers could hear the music above the din. The Northwest tradition, like other styles of morris, has been taken up by teams throughout the country.

The dances consist of figures and step ups, or choruses. The step ups were used to process along the streets and if at any stage the procession stopped, the Squire, or team captain would call out for a static figure to be danced. When the carnival moved off again he would call out "up street" and the dancers would continue to process. It has been adapted so that it can be danced in static situations.

The team was formed in 1983, and our name derives from Jack the Treacle Eater, a character who sits on top of a folly in Barwick Park' near Yeovil. Legend has it that Jack was a servant at the big house and ran errands, sometimes as far away as London, sustained on treacle. We are most pleased to welcome new members, dancers or musicians, male or female. If anyone is interested in joining us or just having a go, please call me.

*Terry Davis ☎ 01935 814118.*

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THE FRUIT SHOP in THE SQUARE, MERE  
TELEPHONE: 860300**



## **SPONSORED CYCLE RIDE ACROSS BRITAIN**

I shall be setting off in August on a sponsored cycle ride. Over 3 days I will be cycling 140 miles from Whitehaven on the North West coast of England to the North East coast, where I will end my journey in Newcastle. The funds I raise will go to Amnesty International and my target to meet by July is £700.

I am looking for local sponsorship and if you could assist me, I would be most grateful and it would mean a great deal to me. You can sponsor me through my online fundraising page: <http://www.justgiving.com/nicolameare1> or call my mobile telephone. Thank you in advance. *Nicola Meare* ☎ 07835 168828

## **SLIMMING WORLD**

### **Still time to 'sizzle' this summer!**

"The countdown to summer starts here! There's still plenty of time to get in shape for summer. Anyone who joins Slimming World at the end of June and tries our fabulous and filling new Extra Easy eating plan could easily lose a stone by the end of August," says Caroline.

Caroline, who runs the group in Mere says: "Summer should be a time to enjoy yourself but many people feel uncomfortable in the heat and self-conscious about wearing slinky tops, shorts and dresses. On top of that there are lots of social occasions such as picnics and barbecues that leave them worrying about piling on the pounds".

"Slimming World's Food Optimising eating plan encourages members to fill up on foods such as pasta, rice, potatoes, eggs and lean meat and fish, and fruit and vegetables so they needn't ever feel hungry and can still enjoy lots of summery treats. The plan is so flexible it fits around any occasion, from holidays to summer parties, and every week at group meetings my members share recipes and tips to help each other through any potential pitfalls."

The group is held on Mondays at 7.00pm in the Lecture Halls, Salisbury street, Mere. For any more information on the group call Caroline ☎ 01747 840013 or 07941 334284

## **MERE FOOTPATH GROUP**

The July shorter walk will be held on Tuesday, 28th July. Meet at 2.00pm in the Salisbury Road Car Park for a gentle ramble of 2-3miles and tea at The Angel Cafe afterwards. There will be no short walk in August. *Janet Way* ☎ 01747 860884

Don't forget that the moonlight walk will take place from the main Salisbury Street car park on Tuesday, 7th July starting at 7.30 pm. The usual length walks will be held on Sunday 12th July and again on two Sundays in August, on the 2nd and 23rd. On each occasion, we will meet at the main Salisbury Street car park at 2.00pm.

Further details of destination and mileage from board outside the Post Office just before each walk date.  
*Mere Footpath Group*

## **WEA COURSES**

The WEA is offering two interesting courses this autumn. Starting on Tuesday, 15th September for six weeks: **"What Happened in the West country from the Tudors to the Canal Age"**. Dinah Starkey will be leading this course in the comfortable lecture rooms at FOOTPRINTS. On Wednesday, 4th November from 10.00am to 4.00pm, Paul Chapman will be offering a day school on **Edward Hopper**.

Please look out for the summer course brochures in the library giving details of these and many more courses running in Wiltshire. If you would like to pre book either of these courses please contact Natalie at Footprints ☎ **01747 861108** or email: **Natalie@merefootprints.org.uk**

Looking forward to 2010, there is a seven week course starting in January: **"The Industrial History of the South West of England"**. The Tutor will be Mick Atkinson. There will also be a one day course: **"The Archeology of Religion and Burial"** on Saturday, 6th February: with Tutor Ian Meadows, and another one day course on **Calligraphy** on Saturday, 17th April 2010.

*Margaret Durkee, Mere WEA Branch ☎ 01747 860163*

## **MERE AND DISTRICT LINKSCHEME**

**Transport requests - ☎ 01747 860 096**

The Chairman of the Management Committee, Tony Taylor welcomed 30 volunteers and friends to the Annual Meeting in the URC on 5th June and reported on another successful year, when the number of requests received had been a record.

The Treasurer, Evelyn Chapman, reported that donations from users of the Linkscheme plus the contribution from last October's Literary Festival had resulted in a satisfactory balance.

Two new members were elected to the Management Committee, Eugene Reed from Kilmington and Alan Inwood from Maiden Bradley, who have both been driving for Link

for several years. This is a development that is particularly welcome as we are trying to involve the surrounding parishes more in the activities of the Scheme.

Helen Astill from Community First, the Wiltshire "Good Neighbour" charity to which all Linkschemes in the county are affiliated, reported that the 43 Schemes now operating cover virtually all areas of the county. Although other counties have various voluntary transport and Good Neighbour schemes, the scope and organisation in Wiltshire is unique and something of which the county can be justly proud.

In the coming year we hope to expand the services so that we can offer to include non-driving jobs, such as escorting patients going to hospital appointments, shopping in Mere, delivering prescriptions, etc. Anyone interested in finding out more about this aspect of our work, please telephone me.

*Molly Burden ☎ 01747 860 007.*

## **LINKSCHEME LITERARY FESTIVAL AND COMPETITION**

A reminder that Tuesday, 7th July 2009 is the closing date for entries to this year's Poetry Competition. Entry forms are available from Mere Library or can be downloaded from the World Wide Web on: [www.merelitfest.co.uk](http://www.merelitfest.co.uk)

If you are short-listed in either the Open or Local sections you will be informed by the end of September, but adult prize winners are not announced until the Award Ceremony on Festival Sunday (Mere's very own 'Mann-Booker' ceremony!)

The festival programme will be launched on Saturday, 18th July when first-flyers outlining the week's events will be distributed from our bookstall in The Square from 10.00am – 12.00noon – with thanks to Jean Young for the use of her garage. Come and pick up a book bargain and details of the Mere Literary Festival 2009.

*Adrienne Howell & Lit. Fest. Group*

## **MERE AMATEUR DRAMATIC SOCIETY**

After the thrill of taking part in the Woolstore Festival, it's back to basics for MADS with serious tidying of the Drama Room and a sorting out of the wardrobe and props. But our success in the festival has engendered much interest and requests for a second performance of *The Annotator* and *Handles* in Mere. This has now been arranged as part of the Mere Literary Festival on the afternoon of Saturday, 17th October. So, if you

missed our open rehearsal or even if you were there, this will be another chance to see MADS two prize-winning actors - Mary White as Doreen in *Handles*, and June Hewett as the Annotator.

Over the summer months we shall be holding play readings for those interested in taking part (front or back stage) in our Autumn production. These take place on Thursdays, 16th July and 13th August at 7.30pm in the much 'tidied up' Drama Room. MADS next ordinary meeting is on Monday, 13th July at 8.00pm.

*Jenny Wilding* ☎ 01747 860908

## MERE FILM SHOWS

The last film of the season having now been shown, there will be no films during July, August or September. The first film of the new 2009/10 season will be held on Wednesday, 14th October for Mere Literary Festival and will be 'The Young Victoria', so make a note and be sure to come along to enjoy the film and support the Festival. Full details will be in the September issue of Mere Matters, and tickets will be available from the TIC in the Library as usual around the middle of that month. Until then have a lovely summer.

*Mary White* ☎ 01747 861257

## MERE GARDENING CLUB

### Mere School Gardening Show

Gardening Club members will be judging the Mere School show, on Tuesday, 7<sup>th</sup> July from 2.30-3.30pm, and you are all very welcome to come and enjoy their work. Club members are urged to enter 2 classes which the children will judge:

**65. Peas or Broad Beans, 5 pods & 66. An African inspired arrangement not to exceed 24" across.** Please bring entries to Janet Way, Wits End, North Road, on 6th July. The children's entries are always a delight, so please come and support them and encourage the next generation of gardeners.

### Mere Junior Club

With the Grove Buildings closed for refurbishment over the next few months, we had thought we could not meet this term. However, by kind invitation of a few allotment holders, we have arranged a fun quiz meeting at Well Head on Tuesday, 14th July at 5.00pm, or if wet Tuesday, 21st. There will be the chance for a taster of a few vegetables! Bring a 500g margarine tub and your usual 50p.

**Please make a note of the date in your diaries.**

Further details from Janet Way ☎ 01747 860884

P.S. How are your potatoes doing? Are you remembering to top them up with compost and keep them watered in dry weather?

## **Gold Hill Organics**

Mere Garden Club are organising a visit to Gold Hill Organics, Childe Okeford, on Wednesday 15th July. This visit is open to both members and non members. There will be a tour of its farm, raised beds, polytunnels and propagating areas and a chance to see its herd of organically reared cows! Afterwards there will be the opportunity to look around its shop and gallery and sample a delicious tea in its tea rooms. We will meet at 2.00pm in Salisbury Car Park to share transport.

Please telephone Roger Laidler ☎ on 01747 863447 for further details and to reserve a place.

## **Summer Garden meeting**

Wednesday, 12th August 6.00pm (members only).

Details from Janet Way ☎ 01747 860884

## **Summer Show**

**Saturday, 5th September**

Don't forget our Summer Show! Entries should be in by Wednesday, 2nd September. Schedules are available from the Fruit Shop, or from Elizabeth Munro ☎ 01747 860052, and there are plenty of open classes so this year everyone can take part. Classes include:

**71 Special Class: Floral arrangement to promote your local organisation.** Don't miss this opportunity to raise your club or organisation's profile!!

**75 Allotment holders:** a collection of 3 different vegetables, one or more of each, in a basket or box.

Let's make it an extra special show this year to celebrate our gardens and vegetable patches! Pick up a schedule for more details.

*Caroline Cook ☎ 01747 861797*

## **MOTHERS' UNION & OPEN MEMBER'S GROUP**

Our next meeting will on Tuesday, 14th July. The meeting will be held at Shreenvale at 3.00pm. Unfortunately, the scheduled speaker, Peter Mason, Organist, will not be available, so this will now be a surprise afternoon, with cream teas.

Thank you to all who donated cakes for the cake stall at the Church Fête.

*Thelma Ings ☎ 01747 860262*

## MERE WOMENS INSTITUTE

We meet next on Thursday, 2nd July 2009 at 7.30pm in the URC hall, when Mr R Grundy will speak on Tristan Da Cunha.

All new members and guests will be very welcome.

*Jean Rees ☎ 01747 860392*

## ROSEMARY GODDARD CENTRE (Mere & District Day Centre, Lynch Close, Mere)

**10.30am - 3.00pm on Mondays and 10.30am - 4.00pm on Fridays**  
**Fundraising news:**

Judith and David Hope, a volunteer and a Trustee, plan to walk the Two Moors Way Trail (117 miles) in Devon this summer to raise much needed funds for the Day Centre. We hope you will be as generous as ever and sponsor them. There will be a box for donations in the Post Office and a sponsorship form at the Dental Surgery and Mere Surgery. If you would like to help with our fundraising, we would be delighted. Please contact Caroline Cook ☎ 01747 861797.

### Annual General Meeting

This will be held on Monday 6th July 2009 at 2.00pm in the Community Room, Lynch Close, Mere

*Caroline Cook (Secretary) ☎ 01747 861797*

Lynette desperately needs a volunteer to wash up on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month. Can you help? If so please give her a ring.

*Lynette Elliott (Organiser) ☎ 01747 861646*

## THE FRIENDS OF FIVES COURT

The Friends of Fives Court's **Autumn Fair** will take place this year on **Saturday, 5th September at 2.00pm at Fives Court**. Do watch out for posters, which will begin to appear in August, and in the meantime we would be extremely grateful if through the summer you could make an extra jar or two of jam for us to sell, as well as looking out some 'good-as-new' items for our very successful Make-Me-An-Offer table. Cakes and plants will also (in due course!) be very gratefully received.

We plan to have lots of stalls and attractions and maybe even one or two surprises! If it isn't there already, please put the date in your diaries, in bright red, NOW!

*Jenny Wilding ☎ 01747 860908*

## SOUTHERN BREEZE, LINE DANCING CLUB

We have been in Mere on a Thursday afternoon for two years now and been involved in several local events; most recently at the May Day celebrations held at The Rosemary Goddard Centre. Our next big event is on 25th July when we will be demonstrating at Bramley House's Garden Party.

Dancing is a unique way of keeping the body fit, brain active and having an enjoyable social experience. We dance to all types of music and currently meet at Mere Social Club from 2 to 4.30pm on Thursday afternoons.

New members are always welcome, do come along and give it a try, regardless of your age we currently have members from 12 to 75. For further information ring:

Lynn ☎ 01747 824642



### MERE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

VISIT FOUR: Wednesday, 9th September 2009

### *Ilminster Town Walk*

This trip gives us a chance to appreciate the history of the attractive Somerset country town of Ilminster, which takes its name from the Minster founded by the river Ile by the Saxon King Ina (689 – 728 AD).

We will arrive at about 1.00pm at the Minster for an introductory talk about the area and its history, and a look at the Minster itself, followed by a guided walk around the town. We will finish at the Arts Centre, to enjoy the displays and our included afternoon tea.

**We will leave Salisbury Street Car Park at 12.00noon and return to Mere by 5.30pm.**

**Cost:** MHS Members £12.50, non MHS members £14.50, each

**Please ☎ Caroline Cook 861797 or Ros Castro 861957 for more details.**

Booking forms available from Mere Information Point

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**Just a few places remaining for Great Chalford Manor and Garden on Friday, 10th July**

## ***'A Mere Meander'***

In July we launch a series of guided historical walks around Mere. The first two walks are: Thursday 23rd July and Saturday 15th August, 2pm, starting by the gates of St Michael. Everyone welcome. Free of charge.

Look out for our guided walk leaflet, ***'Mere Meander'*** at Mere Information Point."

## **MERE MUSEUM**

A new exhibition opens to the public on Tuesday, 30th June. It is entitled **'The Town Store in the Country'** – a phrase the first **John Walton** used to describe his chain of shops which, in the heyday of Waltons, occupied much of The Square and beyond. This new exhibition has come about because a great deal of new material about Waltons has been given to the Museum during the past year. And, it's certainly not too late to write down any memories you have of working or shopping at Waltons – we shall aim to incorporate as many of these reminiscences as possible in the display. The exhibition will run until the end of October

*Jenny Wilding* ☎ 01747 860908

## **FRIENDS OF MERE MUSEUM**

This month just a reminder to Friends that the preview of the next exhibition (see above) will be at 6.30pm on Monday, 29th June in the Museum. As always, potential new Friends will be most welcome – don't hesitate to come along to meet us!

*Jenny Wilding* ☎ 01747 860908

## **GROVE BUILDINGS RESTORATION FUND**

The result of the '100' Club Draw, drawn after Family Communion Service in St Michael's on 7th June by Mrs Pat Isom:

1st Prize (£30)	-	No. 182	Mr Roy Illiffe
2nd Prize (£20)	-	No. 123	Mrs Christina Barnes
3rd Prize (£10)	-	No. 151	Mrs M Butchers
4th Prize (£10)	-	No. 65	Mr John Howard

*Valerie Ransley* ☎ 01747 860964



## MERE SWIMMING POOL

The Pool opened on 6th June.

I would like to thank several people and groups in helping getting the pool open this year: David Stratton and Mere Carnival club for their kind donations; Colin and Pete from Shaftesbury Garden Machinery for their help in trying to get the broken pool pump fixed; also Hill brush Company for all its help with the same pump. Eric Mitchell, Chairman of Mere Parish Council, for his contribution towards fixing the old pump, Mere Parish Council for the new pump (in the end the old one was definitely broken), and finally Steve, from Blackmore Agas and Boilers, for his help in servicing the pool boiler.

The pool opening time until Monday, 20th July is from 3.30 to 6.00pm on Fridays and Mondays and from 3.00 to 6.00pm on Saturdays and Sundays (these times may be altered in the school holidays).

Look out for information on our website [www.merepool.org.uk](http://www.merepool.org.uk) and notices around town. A resident lifeguard will always be on duty to ensure safe swimming. Family membership costs £7.00 annually, or £4.00 for individuals. Members swim for £1.50 per session, non members pay £2.50 per swim. The pool is available to hire for parties, groups and clubs.

If you would like to join Mere Swimming Pool Committee, be a volunteer to help man the pool, or need any more information, then details are available from Bob Parsons ☎ 01747 861298 or Lyndie ☎ 01747 861613.

## MERE ARCHERS

Mere Archers is run by Gloria Mead and Gerald Farrell who have been involved in archery for over 25years. Gloria is a qualified coach, former British Champion and Great Britain Team Member. They both love the opportunity of introducing archery to others and feel it really is a sport for all. They are taking names for their next 'Introduction to Archery' course. A course is four one-hour sessions on a Tuesday evening 7.00 – 8.00pm on the Duchy Manor Playing Fields, by the Andy Young Pavilion. Please book in advance as spaces are limited. *Gloria Mead* ☎ 01747 863360

## MERE BOWLS CLUB

The Club continues to do well in its matches. In the Westbrook League it beat Alderbury at Home, Salisbury Away, but lost to Tisbury Away. In the friendlies it beat Cranborne, Queen Camel and Wincanton at Home and Gillingham Away, but lost to Westbury Away and Sherborne at Home in a very close game. In the men's Salisbury District League it lost to Salisbury & Downton Away, but beat Amesbury Away. The Triples Club Tournament was won by Maureen McCormack, Janet Howell & Peter Gear, and the runners-up were Chris Coombs, Tom Cardoza, and Don Butchers.

Anyone interested in Bowls, please come along on a Tuesday or Thursday evening at 6.00pm or Saturday afternoon at 3.00pm to the Club at the Mere School Site in Springfield Road. All you need is a flat pair of shoes. For further information, please call me.  
*Teresa Read (Hon. Sec.) ☎ 01747 860289*

### **ASD Parents/Carers Support Group**

1.30-3.00pm at Footprints Centre, Mere

Wednesday, 15th July and Wednesday, 9th September

Do you have a child with an Autistic Spectrum Disorder?  
Would you like to meet with other parents/carers who have children  
with ASD?

We share your passion & commitment to improving the range of  
opportunities available for people of all ages and abilities who have  
ASD.

We also want to help and support the families and carers to ensure that  
their needs are not forgotten.

Our aim is to empower you by listening to your needs and concerns and  
helping you to find a solution which best fits your situation.

Late Lunch of Soup & Roll available £3

For more information, please contact

Kirsty on 01747 823562 email: [kirsty@metamorphictouch.co.uk](mailto:kirsty@metamorphictouch.co.uk)  
Michelle on 01747 861108 email: [michelle@merefootprints.org.uk](mailto:michelle@merefootprints.org.uk)



## **Georgina's Ramblings**

As we move into the summer we have so many exciting things happening and look forward to seeing more of you here each day. In addition to our usual activity, we have been busy forming a partnership with a Children's Centre in South Africa and we will be keeping you posted with appeals for help to support another worthy cause, but in the meantime if you have any clothing, IT equipment or household items that you would like to dispose of donate them here.

Thank you to everyone who supported our stall at the Church Fete and for the lessons from Leaping Frogs that made it a success, raising £63. You will also have seen our new logo on T Shirts; come and register in the centre and your children will receive T-shirts.

A special thanks to Terry Webb, our Bristol City director of coaching, for his on-going support, almost 30 now join us for Football Skills and Bacon Butties from 9.00 - 11.00am every Saturday morning, so Dad's (or mum's) come and share the fun of getting fit as a family.

Our Main event of the year is looming and Footprints NEED YOU. We have registered as organisers of the Big Lunch on Sunday, 19th July and will use this national event as a backdrop to our open day; however, we need volunteers to help with everything from refreshments to entertainment, so if you have a talent or know someone who does, please contact us now. Also, balloons will be on sale. We are looking to sell 2,000 and you could win our top prize a Balloon Ride for 2.

## **Tiny Toes – See Kate Robbins for more details and a T Shirt!**

Since Tiny Toes has been re-launched, our numbers have steadily increased and we have welcomed new parents, many whom have moved into the area recently. Our Wednesday Crafty Kids is now a structured session, with a planned activity: we started this half-term with scone making, which was a lot of fun. The children have been enjoying the variety of indoor toys we have, but we are now looking forward to getting outside over the next few weeks to benefit from the glorious summer weather. The Tiny Toes groups will be open as usual over the summer holidays and we have lots of fun outside activities planned, such a Teddy Bears picnic and Mini Olympics.

Date	Activity
Wednesday 22nd July	<b>Teddy Bears picnic</b> – bring your favourite teddy and enjoy a picnic together. Guess the name of the guest teddy.
Wednesday 29th July	<b>Nature Trail</b> – take a walk with us and see what you can find.
Wednesday 5th August	<b>Mini Olympics</b> – have a go at some classic summer sports, such as egg and spoon races, hula hoop and skipping.
Wednesday 12th August	<b>Day at the Beach</b> – bring a towel and have lots of fun with sand and water.
Wednesday 19th August	<b>Treasure Hunt</b> – who can find the pirate treasure?
Wednesday 26th August	<b>Let's go camping!</b> Help us to set up camp at Footprints - lots of playing and singing to be had.



# Kidzone Summer



# Holiday Club

**Sign up NOW!**

**Places are going  
fast!**

Orienteering

Treasure Hunts

Water Games

Silly Sports

# Fun In The Sun

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27<sup>th</sup> July – 21<sup>st</sup> August

8.30am – 5.30pm Daily (half days available)

£22 per day for 3 to 11 year olds

Phone 01747 861108 to book ASAP

Mere and District Footprints, Springfield Road, Mere. BA12 6EW



## **Learning Zone – speak to Natalie or Georgina for more information.**

We are taking bookings for First Aid, Health & Safety, Safeguarding Children training that we hope to run in July.

Our Arts group meeting on Thursdays from 12.30-3.00pm offers a range of activities each week including painting, knitting, sewing and jewellery making do come and join us.

Pilates – Thursdays 1.45-2.45pm please come and book for your holiday sessions now.

Lip Reading – Fridays with Liz from 10.00am-12.00noon, - not just for those with reduced hearing, this helps your organisation meet the equality & diversity legislation. Also come and meet Gracey the Hearing Dog!

IT – drop in classes continue Tuesdays 10.00am-4.00pm & Thursdays 10.00am-1.00pm.

## **Kidzone – Speak to Lesley, Jane & the Team.**

Please call in to register your children for the Holiday Club. To those who are new to Kidzone, we offer a free taster after school or breakfast session. Please see the leaflet about the Kidzone holiday club, which is filling up fast for this summer holiday.

*Georgina Shaw-Halford, Footprints 📞 01747 861108*

## **1st MERE BROWNIES**

### **Jewellery recycling project**

Do you have any unwanted jewellery sitting around in the back of a drawer or old jewellery box? Maybe you have a single earring, few links of a bracelet, a stopped watch, a ring with a missing stone which can't be mended, or any gold, silver or costume jewellery which were once fashionable but you haven't worn for years. If so, we can recycle it and subsequently receive a donation to our unit funds.

**Please note: This is about you giving unwanted items. Please be careful not to give anything of sentimental value that you may later regret donating!**

### **Mobile phone appeal**

We thank everyone very much who has supported our appeal for unwanted mobile phones. (They do not have to be working, but it is advisable to remove the SIM card). We will still be continuing to recycle unwanted mobile phones.

Collection points for your jewellery and mobile phone contributions are at Waltons Newsagent, The Post Office, Mere Library, Jeans Electrical Shop and Jeans Chapel Showroom. *Sue Jeans, Assistant Brownie Guider ☎01747 860215*

## **MERE SCHOOL**

**June 2009**

On 18th May, purple class went to Plas Pencelli, an outdoor adventure centre in the Brecon Beacons in Wales. They took part in many activities such as climbing, caving, canoeing and many more. The trip lasted for five days. Purple class worked as a team and lots of children conquered their fears and had a great time.

A few weeks ago, red class went on an amazing trip to Hurdcott House. We learnt everything we needed to know about farming and our private tour around the farm was absolutely brilliant and action packed! We saw lots of displays like falconry, working dogs, horses and saw eel traps and had a nature walk. We even went on a tractor ride!

On Monday 20th May, three year five children went on a playground leaders course at Gillingham School. They met the 'Jump UK' skipping team who gave a demonstration to the children.

Our sports week took place on Monday 1st June. It was a chance for everyone to do sport all week, including speed stacking. The week began with a sponsored ball event, which was organised by 'The Friends'. The whole week went very smoothly and speed stacking and caving were the favourite events. We also visited The Life Education Bus during the week. On Friday, we had sports day with mini field events and races. Everyone really enjoyed themselves - including our mums and dads.

Yesterday, amber class went to Sherbourne Castle as part of their castle topic. They all had chance to fire an arrow.

*Philippa Murrison, Rebecca Shave, George Peirce, Matthew Green, Evie Sutton-Fay, Eliza Howell, Claudia Emby, Kitty Cotton, Arun Sheldon and Jake Suter*

## **THE QUEST SEEKERS ARE COMING TO MERE LIBRARY**

The Summer Reading Scheme for 2009 is about the power of the imagination. It will take Young Readers into a Mysterious and Magical land where they can discover the joy of Reading.

The adventure starts at Libraries on the 18th of July and continues through the Summer Holidays finishing on the 5th of September. Children from 4-12 can choose books to read with family and friends and then talk to Library Staff about their Reading.

The Summer Reading Scheme is not a competition, but a fun personal challenge that offers Reading inspiration and incentives to encourage children to enjoy Reading and coming into Libraries. Children who finish the scheme by reading a minimum of 6 books receive a Medal and a Certificate.

It is Free to join, and there will be themed Activities on three Monday afternoons during the Summer Holidays - so come along, and join the Quest.

For Further Information contact Mere Library ☎ 01747 860546

## **MERE PRE-SCHOOL**

Mere Pre-School is pleased to announce a forth-coming event this summer to raise funds for its continuing development. On Sunday, 5th July 2009 the pre-school staff and parents will don their 'pinnies and marigolds' and be serving a selection of light refreshments including home-made cakes, sandwiches, cream teas and hot and cold drinks at the Stourton Memorial Hall in the Spread Eagle courtyard of Stourhead Gardens.

This is an all day event starting at 10.00am, but if time is permitting or weather too inclement for a walk around the delightful Stourhead gardens, the doors will still be open, so please support your local pre-school and pop down for a cuppa. We look forward to serving you!

If you would be interested in donating a home-made cake please contact the Pre-school on ☎ 01747 863337 or Louise Harlow on ☎ 01747 860647.

## **Wiltshire Historic Churches Trust**

**with the Parish of Upper Stour**

### ***Ride and Stride 2009***

**Saturday 12th September 2009**

*The Parish of Upper Stour is to support this annual event with sponsorship from its 4 churches. Everyone is invited to bicycle, tricycle, walk or ride a horse/pony around the four churches (St Georges Bourton, St Mary's Kilmington, St Peter's Stourton, St Martin's Zeals) and local pubs (Red Lion, Spread Eagle, Bell & Crown, and White Lion) bringing everyone back to Zeals Green for an all day barbecue (noon-6 pm). The churches of Mere and Maiden Bradley and many others in the county will also be open.*

Sign in on the day from 10 am at any one of the four churches for refreshment, suggested routes etc. Money raised will go 50% to WHCT and the remainder to the 4 churches. St Martin's Zeals will be making a special effort to support their Bell Restoration Project.

Put this in your diary **now** – sponsorship forms available by end June. Contact David Corbin on 01747 840847/ **dajcorbin@aol.com** for information and/or if you can help with organisation on the day.

***Bring your friends and family for a good day out***



# BARN BUDDIES

The Barn Buddies is a youth club for boys and girls from school year 2 upwards that meets at Barrow Street Farm, BA12 6AB, each Friday evening from 6.30 until 8.00pm. We will continue to meet throughout July and August, but will be closed on Friday, 28th August.

Throughout the summer we try to hold a monthly BBQ. These will be held on Fridays, 17th July and 14th August this year.

It is always good to welcome new members so if you have a child going into year 2 in September, why not come along to Barn Buddies with them for one of the BBQ's to introduce us to them? For further information phone:

Tim 📞 01747 860195

## THE REV'D STELLA SIVYOUR, UNITED REFORMED CHURCH, RETIRED, WRITES

Introducing 'Vision 2020'. This is being developed as a ten-year plan for mission for the United Reformed Church. It challenges the whole church at local, Synod and Denominational level to think about what kind of church we want to be in ten year's time. It also provides suggestions for how to get there together. It asks us to think about our identity, our role in the local community and our relationships with other churches. It will also help us to clarify what we can do for justice and for the environment. And, it challenges us to grow.

This is the Mission Creed:

### We believe in God's mission:

- Beginning at creation with a word of possibility and a promise of abundance.
- Breathing us into existence to delight in creation and to tread carefully.
- We are creatures of the earth, reflecting God's diversity, interconnected and interdependent.

### We believe in God's mission:

- Bringing good news in person, starting where others need to begin and finding holiness in every encounter.
- Bursting through the walls of our churches, to reach out to the marginalised with unconditional love.
- We are called to be a people of resurrection, sojourners in this generation, dependent on the generosity of God.

**We believe in God's mission:**

- Challenging complacency, and calling for action, through contemplative love.
- So that we might be at one with each other and at peace with the world.
- We are commissioned by God, Creator, Saviour, Holy Spirit, Source of the mission we seek to fulfil.

***Church of St Michael,  
The Archangel  
MERE***

**Special Notice**

**Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> July  
Songs of Praise  
6.00pm**



*Join us in singing popular hymns and hearing familiar, much-loved, readings.*

*See Church Notices (page 33 in this issue) for other services.*



## **CHRISTIANITY EXPLORED**

**An informal course for anyone who would like to investigate Christianity or just brush up on the basics**

**Wednesday evenings 7-9 pm  
beginning with a light supper**

**Commencing Wednesday, 23 September  
for ten weeks**

**at Dovecot Barn, Manor Farm, Kilmington  
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***There is no charge for attending***

**To register or to find out more please contact:**

**The Rev'd Tim Heaton – 01747 841076**

**or**

**The Rev'd Paul Barnes – 01747 863313**

## **AFTERNOON GET TOGETHER**

There will be no "Get Together" in either July or August, but there will be a Tea Party at Shearstone, Southbrook on Wednesday, 29th July at 3.00pm. It will be held in the garden, weather permitting. Do come if you can.

We shall resume "Get Together" meetings at the Methodist Church on Wednesday, 30th September.

*Mary Siderfin* ☎ 01747 860370

# CHURCH SERVICES IN MERE AND WEST KNOYLE

**JULY 2009**

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

Each Sunday		8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)
		10.30am	Holy Communion (CW1)
Each Wednesday		10.30am	Holy Communion (BCP)
Each Friday		8.00am	Holy Communion (CW1)
		5.30pm	Evening Prayer
Wednesday	1st	7.30pm	“Start the Month” Holy Communion (CW1)
Sunday	5th	10.30am	Family Communion Fair Trade Sunday
		6.00pm	Choral Evensong
Sunday	12th	10.30am	Parish Communion (CW1)
Sunday	19th	10.30am	Parish Communion (CW1)
		6.00pm	Songs of Praise
	26th	10.30am	Parish Communion (CW1)
Friday	31st	3.15pm	Messy Church in Footprints Building

## **The United Reformed Church**

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

Sunday	5th	11.00am	Rev'd Hazel Barkham
	12th	11.00am	Brenda McCarron
	19th	11.00am	Rev'd Morris Munns Holy Communion
	26th	11.00am	Rev'd Margaret Laurie

## **The Methodist Church (Tel. Gillingham 01747 823777)**

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

Sunday	5th	6.00pm	Rev'd Helen Caine Holy Communion
Sundays	12th	6.00pm	Mr David Webb
	19th	6.00pm	United Service at Bell Street United Church, Shaftesbury
	26th	6.00pm	Mrs Margaret Whitford

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

**Mere Contact: Teresa Read: 01747 860289**

Every Friday	10.00am	Mass
Every Sunday	11.30am	Mass

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

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

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

Sundays	5th	9.25am	DIY service
	12th	9.25am	Holy Communion (CW1 trad)
	19th	9.25am	Matins
	26th	9.25am	Holy Communion (CW1 trad)

Note: BCP indicates Book of Common Prayer 1662

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

**AUGUST 2009**

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

Each Sunday		8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)
		10.30am	Holy Communion (CW1)
Each Wednesday		10.30am	Holy Communion (BCP)
Each Friday		8.00am	Holy Communion (CW1)
		5.30pm	Evening Prayer
Sunday	2nd	10.30am	Family Communion
		6.00pm	Evening Prayer with Hymns
Wednesday	5th	7.30pm	"Start the month"
Sunday	9th	10.30am	Holy Communion (CW1)
		10.30am	Parish Communion (CW1)
Sunday	16th	10.30am	Benefice Service at
			St Mary's, West Knoyle
Friday	23rd	10.30am	<i>No Service at St Michael's</i>
		3.15pm	Parish Communion (CW1)
Friday	28th		Messy Church in
			Footprints Building
Sunday	30th	10.30am	Choral Matins

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

Sunday	2nd	11.00am	Rev'd Stella Sivour
	9th	11.00am	Rev'd Hazel Barkham
	16th	11.00am	Rev'd Margaret Laurie Holy Communion
	23rd	11.00am	Brian Collis
	30th	11.00am	David Webb

**The Methodist Church (Tel. Gillingham 01747 823777**

**Mere Contact: Mr D Lawley Tel: 01747 860338)**

Sunday	2nd	6.00pm	Rev'd Ros Hollingsworth Holy Communion
	9th	6.00pm	To be arranged
	16th	6.00pm	Rev'd Gordon Elford
	23rd	6.00pm	Mr Stanley Wilson
	30th	6.00pm	Mr and Mrs R Rawlins

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Sunday	2nd	9.25am	DIY service
	9th	9.25am	Holy Communion (CW1 trad.)
	16th	10.30am	Holy Communion (CW1 trad.) Patronal Festival Benefice Service
	23rd	9.25am	Holy Communion (CW1 trad.)
	30th	9.30am	Holy Communion at Maiden Bradley

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# DIARY DATES

## JULY 2009

1	Wed	9.00am	Tai Chi	L
		6.00pm	Karate (every Wednesday)	L
2	Thur	9.00am	Tiddlers & Toddlers (also 9th)	L
		10.00am	Mere Art Group (every Thursday)	MH
		2.00pm	Line Dancing (every Thursday)	MSC
		2.00pm	Bridge Club (every Thursday)	L
		7.00pm	Guides	L
		7.30pm	Shreen Harmony (Every Thursday)	MH
2	Thur	7.30pm	Womens Institute	CC
3	Fri	6.30pm	Barn Buddies (every Friday)	BSF
4	Sat	10.30am	Drop In Coffee Morning	CC
6	Mon	9.00am	Tiddlers & Toddlers (also 13th)	L
		2.00pm	Rosemary Goddard centre AGM	Lynch
		6.00pm	Beaver Scouts	YC
		6.45pm	Cubs	YC
		7.00pm	Scouts	YC
		7.00pm	Slimming World (every Monday)	L
		7.30pm	Parish Council Meeting	AYP
7	Tue	7.30pm	Mere Footpath Group Moonlight Walk	CP
11	Sat	10.30am	Drop In Coffee Morning	CC
12	Sun	2.00pm	Mere Footpath Group Walk	CP
13	Mon	8.00pm	MADS Meeting (Drama Room)	L
14	Tue	9.00am	Foot Care Clinic	L
		3.00pm	Mothers Union	Shreenvale
		5.00pm	Junior Gardening Club	Wellhead
		7.30pm	Church Meeting	CC
16	Thur	2.00pm	Interoute "A303 Public Event" until 9.00pm	L
		7.30pm	MADS Play Reading (Drama room)	L
18	Sat	10.00am	Literary Festival Bookstall	The Square
18	Sat	10.30am	Drop In Coffee Morning & Traidcraft Stall	CC
25	Sat	10.30am	Drop In Coffee Morning with RGC Bric-a-Brac	CC
		2.30pm	Garden Party	Bramley House
28	Tue	9.00am	Foot Care Clinic	L
		2.00pm	Mere Footpath Group Shorter Walk	CP

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

## AUGUST 2009

1	Sat	10.30am	Drop In Coffee Morning	CC
2	Sun	2.00pm	Mere Footpath Group Walk	CP
3	Mon	7.00pm	Slimming World (every Monday)	CC
5	Wed	6.00pm	Karate (every Wednesday)	L
6	Thur	10.00am	Mere Art Group (every Thursday)	MH
6	Thu	2.00pm	Line Dancing (every Thursday)	MSC
		2.00pm	Bridge Club (every Thursday)	L
		7.30pm	Shreen Harmony (Every Thursday)	MH
7	Fri	6.30pm	Barn Buddies (Also 8th, 15th and 22nd)	BSF
8	Sat	10.30am	Drop In Coffee Morning	CC
11	Tue	9.00am	Foot Care Clinic	L
13	Thur	7.30pm	MADS Play Reading (Drama room)	L
15	Sat	10.30am	Drop In Coffee Morning & Traidcraft Stall	CC
22	Sat	10.30am	Drop In Coffee Morning	CC
23	Sun	2.00pm	Mere Footpath Group Walk	CP
25	Tue	9.00am	Foot Care Clinic	L
29	Sat	10.30am	Drop In Coffee Morning with RGC Bric-a-Brac	CC

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#### Summer Holiday Programme

**Monday, 20th July to Saturday, 5th September 2009**

With Summer fast approaching, we have a fun-packed seven weeks planned for the Summer Holiday Programme commencing on Monday, 20th July. **We strongly urge you to book your children in for activities in advance.** The Centre will be open on Bank Holiday Monday, 31st August.

All adult activities take place as normal during the whole of the Summer Programme.

For further details concerning: the full schedule of activities, times and days of sessions, age ranges for activities, requests for brochures, to book a place, or information concerning other activities which take place at the Centre, please telephone Reception on ☎ 01747 871141, or e-mail us at: [tisburyssc@wiltshire.gov.uk](mailto:tisburyssc@wiltshire.gov.uk).



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## **BOOKING MEETING HALLS IN MERE**

To Book the Lecture Halls: ☎ Ann Read 01747 861486

To Book the Grove Buildings

From 1st September onwards: ☎ Isabel Howell 01747 860297

## **MERE INFORMATION POINT, THE LIBRARY**

THE FOLLOWING CLINICS/ADVICE CENTRES ARE HELD ON A REGULAR BASIS

CITIZENS' ADVICE:           Tuesdays: 10.30am to 4.00pm  
Private Appointments telephone 01722 327222

REGISTRAR                        By appointment only  
OF BIRTHS                        Thursdays: 9.30am to 11.30am  
& DEATHS:                        For appointments telephone 01985 213435

## **COPY DATE FOR SEPTEMBER ISSUE**

Material for the September issue should be sent to Graham Avory, Little Tawny, Pettridge Lane, Mere, Warminster, Wiltshire BA12 6DG (tel. 01747 860439) or alternatively handed in at The Information Office, The Library, Mere (in an envelope marked 'MERE MATTERS') by 4.00 pm on **MONDAY, 17th AUGUST 2009**. E-mailed contributions will be preferred, but please telephone the Editor for his e-mail address. Would contributors please add their name and a contact telephone number to any submission.

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