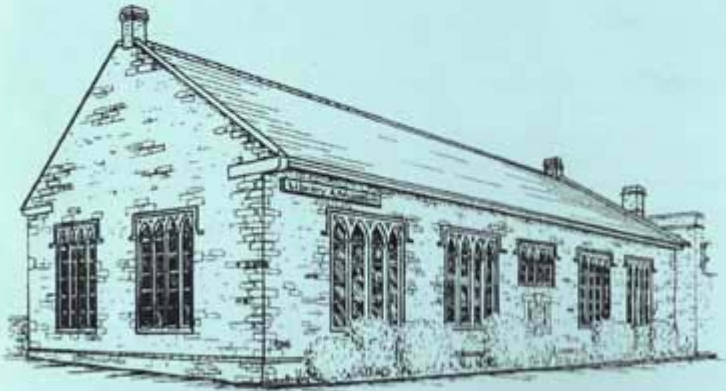


MERE MATTERS

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YOUR COMMUNITY MAGAZINE AND
GUIDE TO LOCAL EVENTS



Mere Library and Museum

Colin Anderson 1997

OCTOBER 2009

MERE LITERARY FESTIVAL

OCTOBER 12th – 18th 2009

MONDAY 12th THE VOYAGE OF THE BEAGLE Darwin's extraordinary Adventure aboard Fitzroy's famous survey ship. James Taylor gives an illustrated talk on the voyage that led to Darwin's radical theories and the publication of On the Origin of Species. Celebrating the Darwin anniversaries! Grove Buildings 7.30p.m. * £6 in advance £7 otd

TUESDAY 13th SO WHAT ABOUT ADAM & EVE, THEN? Join a discussion on the relevance of the Biblical creation stories to modern society & science Lecture Hall 2.30p.m. Free
WOMEN IN HISTORY with Clare Mulley, Adrian Tinniswood and Kate Williams
Three noted biographers discuss famous and less well known women of history and the subjects of their recent books. More great biography! Grove Buildings 7.30p.m.*£6 in adv. £7 otd

WEDNESDAY 14th THE DRUID VIEW OF THE WORLD. Penny Billington, Author & Druid, gives a talk on the druid view of our world. Fascinating! Grove Buildings 2.30p.m.*£3
FILM NIGHT Wiltshire Moviola presents THE YOUNG VICTORIA. Lecture Hall 7.30p.m.*£5

THURSDAY 15th CREATION IN AN AFTERNOON Poems & readings inspired by aspects of creativity from nature to nurture, gardening to painting, cooking to writing, crafts and skills. Come and listen or bring along your favourite piece to read or be read. Lecture Hall 2.30p.m. Free

LIVE THEATRE - Chester House Productions present FLORENCE a full length play on the life of Florence Nightingale. Illuminating! Lecture Hall 7.30p.m. *£5 in adv. £6 otd

FRIDAY 16th WRITING WORKSHOP A workshop with emphasis on writing for young people led by Sue Ashby Numbers Limited. To book contact organiser Grove Buildings 2.15 – 5p.m. £12.

POETRY IN THE GROVE Showcase readings of the poems short-listed in this year's open competition and prizes awarded by audience vote. Come and choose your favourite. Featuring a talk by the Brimstone Press. Grove Buildings 7.30p.m. Free Admission

SATURDAY 17th COFFEE & TALK—with LOCAL AUTHORS. Hear how authors from Mere and district made it into print. Grove Buildings 10.15a.m. Retiring donations

CHILDREN'S EVENT with children's author & illustrator John Rowe. Library 2p.m *Free ticket

ENCORE! Mere Drama Society presents its two Woolstore Festival prize-winning One Act Plays
Lecture Hall 2.30p.m. Retiring Donations

LOUIS de BERNIÈRES and ILONE ANTONIUS-JONES in concert as THE ANTONIUS PLAYERS. A unique blend of music, poetry and amusement. Back by popular demand. Not to be missed! United Reformed Church 7.30p.m.*£8 in adv./£10 otd

SUNDAY 18th AWARD CEREMONY Adjudications with Louis de Bernières, Sue Ashby and Mary White. Lecture Hall 3p.m. Book stalls from 2.30p.m. Free admission

*Tickets from Aug.10th: Mere Information Centre 01747 861211 or Festival Organiser 01747 860475

Postal Booking Form on: www.merelifest.co.uk * Quiz Sheet Guided Mere History Trail Book Stalls

In aid of the Mere & District Linkscheme - Reg. Charity No: 1062328

MERE PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Council meets every month. Whilst it is not a public meeting, members of the public are welcome to come and listen. The Council members are working on YOUR behalf to sustain and improve the quality of life and the environment that we enjoy in the parish - come and hear what they are doing for you! You will be permitted to raise questions in a public session before the meeting starts. The next meeting will be held in the Andy Young Pavilion at 7.30pm on Monday, 5th October 2009.

The Chairman writes:

Firstly, I would like to congratulate Mere Carnival Committee on the excellent activities that were held during carnival week culminating in the wonderful carnival procession held on 19th September. The weather was perfect, and it was a delight to see the crowds of people, young and old, lining the streets of Mere and enjoying the procession. It certainly looked like the collection buckets were being filled as a sign of appreciation.

The Parish Council has received communication from a councillor in the village of Méré, France, asking if we might be interested in twinning. The Parish Council discussed this at a recent meeting but felt that it was not within the Parish Council's remit to discuss whether or not Mere should be twinned, and any such project would certainly not be an appropriate use of ratepayer's funds. However, members did suggest that there may be residents who would wish to give this matter some consideration or who may want to form a twinning association. If anyone would like further information on the Méré proposal, please contact the Parish Clerk.

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

Eric Mitchell, Chairman, Mere Parish Council

GEORGE JEANS, WILTSHIRE COUNCILLOR, MERE DIVISION, WRITES

The Leader and Chief Executive of Wiltshire Council regularly write a "blog", being a diary of events and experiences published on the Internet. Monthly, when I can, this is my "blog" for the very local magazines.

Hitherto Councillors have been being addressed as "Mr" and not "Councillor" for official purposes, but at a recent full council meeting it decided that Wiltshire Councillors are now to be called "Councillor" and not "Mr" for official purposes. This is to differentiate at meetings between Councillors, Officers and members of the public, etc.

Harmonisation is one of the “in” words at the present time. For example, I was told that for Wiltshire Car Parks it was just a matter of taking the lowest charge and the highest charge across Wiltshire and deciding what one consistent charge would be, probably ending up somewhere in the middle bracket of existing charges. A charge put onto Mere local car parks will not be helpful, particularly for the local Doctors Surgery, the viability of local businesses, etc. On the 3rd November 2009, the WC Environment Select Committee will discuss harmonisation of car parking charges. This meeting will be held at the old West Wilts offices at Bradley Road, Trowbridge. The public can attend and speak however, do check nearer the time if you intend coming to this meeting. Similarly, harmonisation of waste could reduce our collection to once every two weeks. Harmonisation also affects enforcement and other areas.

Voluntary groups, amongst others, may be interested to know that The Wiltshire Cabinet will be deciding very shortly whether or not to allow 22.5 hours, or pro-rata thereof, for voluntary working in council time for employees of Wiltshire Council, excluding most School workers. In the present economic climate, the members of the Southwest Wilts Area Board are against this.

I have copies of the South Wiltshire Core Strategy Development Plan Documents (DPD), publication stage representation forms and notes, should you wish to respond non-electronically to The South Wiltshire Core Strategy proposed submission document (That is enough words!!!!). 270 homes are proposed for Mere itself over 20 years, but allowing for those already built since 2006, I am told this gives less than 170 more homes to be built in Mere. Employment land is that already available and “reserved” in the last published plan. The villages around Mere, including East and West Knoyle and Sedgemoor will only be able to develop a total of 20 houses between them in the 20 years. I would ask readers resident in villages around Mere to consider if this is enough, because concerns were raised at the last South West Area Board meeting that this may not be enough for those villages.

“JUST A MINUTE”

Wiltshire Council’s New Local Newsletter

The South West Wiltshire Area Board of Wiltshire Council, which comprises the Mere, Tisbury and Wilton Community Areas has now published “Just a Minute”, as a regular newsletter.

Councillor Bridget Wayman, Area Board Chairman in her welcome column writes: “We would like to keep you posted about what the Board is doing, the decisions that are being made, when the various events are being held and guides to raising issues and applying for grants. If you attended the first

meeting in Mere in July I hope you found it informative. Future meetings will concentrate on real issues that affect you. Do come along". Too late for our September edition, the second Area Board meeting was held in Tisbury on Wednesday 16th September 2009, but the next meeting is on Wednesday 21st October at a venue in the Tisbury Community Area that has yet to be determined.

The Newsletter tells us that our Community Area Manager is Richard Munro who has been appointed to support the Area Board and to work in all three community areas. His role is another important feature of the way Wiltshire Council will work with communities. Richard will work very closely with the Area Board, but he will also work with many other organisations in the locality helping to promote the area and make things happen. The Area Board ask you to contact Richard whenever you want more information about the work of the Area Board, and especially if you want to be kept in touch.

With that in mind, a community area network (CAN) is being established in the Mere, Tisbury and Wilton community areas. This will be open to anyone who wants to sign-up for email alerts and information about the work of the Board and its partners including agendas, reports, minutes, diary of events, forward work programme, links to local organisations, contacts and more. You can sign up for the CAN by sending an email with your details to: **richard.munro@wiltshire.gov.uk.** *Editor*

WEATHER REPORT.

August did not fulfil the forecast as a 'Barbecue' month. It was colder than usual, with some sunshine, but cool winds. The rain totalled 75mms (2.95ins) with a little thunder on the 3rd and a cold day on the 30th. Last year we had 124mms (4.88ins) of rain.

We had 20mms (0.79ins) of rain on the 2nd of September with hail. Total rain to the middle of the month was 31.5mms (1.24ins). On the whole, the weather has improved and from the 9th we have had several very sunny days. An Indian Summer?

Peter Durkee

MERE POLICE NEWS



Just to reiterate that we are now attending Mere Library on Mondays or Wednesdays between 11.00am & 1.00pm. If you would like to meet us then please call in for a chat. The specific dates for this contact point are listed on the Mere Neighbourhood Policing Team (NPT) website,

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which you can access electronically via our website: www.wiltshire.police.uk. Please select 'policing in your area', then click on the blue map ('county division') and then select 'Mere' from the neighbourhood policing list. This will then take you to our website where you can access our local priorities, consultation dates & locations and team information.

If you wish to contact us then please remember that we have a mobile phone, local landline, individual & NPT email accounts, confidential drop off post boxes (located at Mere & East Knoyle Post Offices) and Fax machine. We are also contactable through the main Wiltshire Police contact line. All of these telephone numbers are listed below and we do hope that you will continue to contact us with your local community issues.

Recently, Pc Vicky Pegrum (Warminster Rural Beat Manager) and I carried out some covert patrols in an unmarked police vehicle. This was part of our joint patrol strategy covering our respective rural policing areas. We shall be continuing this practice in order to combat the anti-social behaviour and possible drug issues which occur on both of our areas.

Please don't forget to keep an eye on our website for any future photo's, these can be accessed via the link at; <http://merewilts.org/police/ss/police.html>

Richard Salter, Community Beat Manager, Police Constable 1312

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

Jake Noble, Police Community Support Officer

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

☎ : 0845 408 7000 ext 746815/749817

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

☎ 07980 701606 (mobile- not 24 hours), Fax: 01747 860013

MERE SURGERY

Swine Flu Vaccination Programme

Following instructions given by the Department of Health, the Surgery has been informed that the Swine Flu vaccination programme could begin mid-October, although this date is yet to be confirmed.

Priority will be given to the risk categories in the order listed below:

1. **Individuals aged between six months and 65 years** with a diagnosis of chronic respiratory disease, asthma (that requires continuous or repeated use of medication), chronic heart disease, chronic renal disease, chronic liver disease, chronic neurological disease (stroke or TIA), diabetes, immunosuppression or individuals who are the main carer for an elderly or disabled person.

2. All pregnant women
3. Any individual who has contact with a person who is immunocompromised.
4. Individuals aged 65 and over in the above risk categories.

If you fall within one of the risk categories we anticipate using an open surgery system for vaccinations. You will not need to phone the surgery for an appointment, patients will be vaccinated in the order that they arrive at the surgery.

Full details of when we expect to receive the vaccine together with clinic dates, will be shown on posters displayed at the Surgery, Mere Post Office and the Pharmacy.

*Drs Price, McBride, Halsey and Andrews
1st 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

..and one Dental Hygienist:

Ms Wendy Hester (Mondays only)

Contact Details: -

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

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

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

MERE DENTAL PRACTICE NEWS

Our practice is a member of the British Dental Association's Good Practice Scheme. This means that everyone in our practice has made a commitment to quality dental care. We are now able to display the scheme's logo in our notice above. Details of the ten points covered by the Good Practice Commitment are available from the Dental Surgery.

We aim to keep up to date with nationally agreed standards of good practice and provide the best care for our patients.

Displaying the current year on our Good Practice Scheme plaque in our surgery shows that our membership is up to date. We are also listed on the British Dental Association's patient website: www.bdasmile.org

Francine Sherrard, Practice Manager

MERE FOOTPATH WALKS - SHORT WALKS.

The next Short Walk will be held on Monday 5th October, just 2-3miles locally. Meet at 2.00pm in the Salisbury Street Car Park.

Janet Way ☎01747 860884

MERE CARNIVAL

Carnival Bingo

Thank you to the following businesses and individuals that so generously donated prizes to myself for use at the Carnival Bingo. Through this, we have raised a further £302.00 for Carnival Funds..

Ethos Candles. The George Inn. Mere Pharmacy. Jeans Electrical. Mere Co-op. Lou's it. Pete Davie (Butchers). Golden Valley. Neals Yard Remedies. Waltons of Mere. Gill Fox and Family. Mrs Judy Bickerstaff. Sam and Marilyn (The Fruit Shop) Waitrose. Mrs Bickerstaff. Dorset Cereals. Old Ship Hotel. Clipper Teas. And thanks ,too, to those that wished to remain anonymous.

Many thanks to you all.

Sue Jeans, on behalf of Mere Carnival Committee

Mere Carnival Street Collection 2009

Thank you to all those who collected at the processions and especially to all those who donated. A Street Collection Permit was issued by Wiltshire Council to the Mere Annual Carnival and the details are as follows:

Promoter: Clive Hazzard

Permit number: SC01494

Name	Amount
Collecting Float	£149.34
Derek Sealy	£88.71
Fireman	£75.74
R Sims	£70.41
Clive Hazzard	£67.10
Derek Sealy	£64.89
Neil Francis	£64.73
Jenny Walker	£64.27
Trevor Lucas	£60.88
Gladys Pope	£60.39
Nick Guy	£54.27
Deborah Merx	£39.16

Mary Herbert	£32.50
Kieran Crorkin	£30.35
V Hammond	£30.05
Joshua Howden	£29.76
TM Andreas	£26.60
Mary Corkin	£21.89
R Parsons	£20.72
Tracey Tealy	£18.82
Ben Howden	£18.56
William Thorpe	£17.55
Football Club	£13.35
Total:	£1,120.04

Carnival needs more money every year to survive. Many do not realise that we have to pay all entries appearance money along with all the support services such as the First Aid. Once these and any other costs have been met, we donate to local good causes.

Raffle Winners

The Raffle was drawn on Carnival Day and the winners were;

Mr Bristow	£100	T Ings	£75
P Platt-Higgins	£50	A Oliver	£25

Congratulations and a big thank you to the Hill Brush Company for sponsoring the tickets again this year.

Deborah Merx, Mere Carnival Committee ☎: 07771 774054

**Christmas Fair - Wednesday 4th November
from 10.00am to 12.30pm at Grove House, Semley.
Come and do your Christmas shopping.
Entrance £3 each to include coffee. 01747 861121**

GREENER LIVING ROADSHOW

The new series of Wiltshire Wildlife Trust's Greener Living Roadshow events will kick-off with a host of family-friendly activities on Saturday 3rd and Sunday 4th October, as part of the Green Living Show at 'Stourhead Uncovered'.

Activities will include making winter 'bug hotels' for ladybirds and lacewings, creating beautiful hand-crafted papers and sampling traditional varieties of Wiltshire apples– and what's more, you'll discover why these things can make a difference in reducing your eco-footprint and living a greener lifestyle.

"The Roadshow is ideal for anyone interested in making a difference," writes the WWF, "Whatever it is that you do – be it recycling, composting or growing your own vegetables – it's always possible to make improvements on what you're doing".

Trust staff and other advisers will be on hand to offer advice and information on a range of issues, including climate change and wildlife; how to cut down waste, reduce energy use and save water; grow your own vegetables, collect seeds and make gardens wildlife-friendly; environmentally-friendly transport options available; how to make ethically and environmentally sound choices at the shops; and how to get involved in your local area by taking part in volunteering opportunities.

The Trust's education team will run 'make-it and take-it' craft activities. On Saturday they will be making hand-crafted paper from old magazines and newspapers and on Sunday making underwater sea creatures from hard-to-recycle items, like plastic bottles and cardboard.

The compost team will be demonstrating how to make seed pots out of old newspapers and providing seed and Hills compost so that people can take home their seed pots together with an information sheet on how to care for their plant.

And with winter fast approaching, it's also the perfect time to make a bug hotel so that insects like lacewing and ladybirds can hibernate during the cold months. The environmental action team will be on hand to show you how to build your own which you can then take home with you.

And there will be plenty of information leaflets to take home with you, from SMART (Save Money and Reduce Trash) Shopping to Fairtrade Directories and the popular 'What to do with leftovers'.

The event opens to the public from 10.30-17.00 on both days and information can be found at: www.greenlivingshow.co.uk. For more information visit the Trust's website: www.wiltshirewildlife.org



OPEN LETTER FROM BARBARA HEWITT CHAIRPERSON, MERE & DISTRICT CHAMBER OF TRADE

It has been a good year so far, although some businesses are still not members of the Chamber and we hope that we can encourage you to join. Maybe some of you think that as a Chamber of Trade we are for the Retail Industry only. This is a Chamber for ALL businesses, from the one man band up to large companies.

Some of the events we have held include a talk by Alastair Cunningham from the Unitary Authority about the new authority and what could be expected from them. In February, Mr Lenarduzzi, Head teacher of Gillingham School told us about "Children into Work" and explained how differently today's children view the "World of Work".

Sue Wilkins of Trading Standards gave an excellent talk on the Trading Standards Regulation Update - How New Regulations affect businesses.

Next year we hope to have further events and we would like to invite all businesses in the area to attend. Some of these will be "fun" events but often more related to Employment Law, Health & Safety etc. We welcome any suggestions as to what you would like to have as events.

In December we are holding our Annual General Meeting –Details in next month's Mere Matters.

As a Chamber we are here to work for **YOU** in representing members in areas affecting its business, in particular a strong lobbying voice for members with local government, MPs and MEPs.

We also offer the following:

- Extensive networking opportunities
- Special Interest Groups
- Impartial business information service

Also as we are part of the Wessex Association of Chambers of Commerce there are further benefits:

- Inter-member discount scheme
- RAC breakdown
- Business Insurance – 10% discount or up to £500

Many of the services are free and are exclusive to members. Please feel free to contact me on 📞 01747 860088 for further information.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely

Barbara Hewitt (Ms) MSSP, Chair, Mere & District Chamber of Trade

MERE & DISTRICT LINKSCHEME **Requests for Transport 📞 01747 860096**

We have recently received several donations from individuals and from groups. We are very grateful for these contributions. All the money received will be used locally to help provide transport for those in need. *Molly Burden 📞 01747 860007*

LINKSCHEME LITERARY FESTIVAL **12th-18th October**

We might well expect something to go wrong with programme No.13 (Yes, this is Lit. Fest. No. 13) and the eagle – eyed among you will have noticed the wrong dates on the 'Week at a Glance' page. Obviously a computer malfunction or a cunning ploy to encourage the return of booking forms! Fortunately the date on each event page is correct, so please book your favourites and help boost the Linkscheme funds. There is a wide choice of events with nationally known and local authors as well as film, theatre and children's event and it all starts on MONDAY 12th OCTOBER – as shown on the inside cover of this issue with thanks to Mere Matters.

If you are able to offer a cake for Festival Sunday, 18th October, please contact June Lampard (📞:01747 860876) or Melody Parfitt (📞: 01747 861383).

Adrienne Howell & Lit. Fest. Group 📞 01747 860475

MERE FILM SHOWS

Our Film Show season starts with a film for Mere Literary Festival on Wednesday 14th October, 'The Young Victoria' (PG), Julian Fellowes's account of Queen Victoria's early life. This film has won many accolades since its release earlier this year and is well worth seeing, with an excellent cast in Emily Blunt, Rupert Friend, Harriet Walter and Jim Broadbent. Full details are on page 29 and will also be found in the Mere Literary Festival programme. Tickets are available now from the Tourist Information Office in the Library. *Mary White 📞 01747 861257*

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MERE THEATRE CLUB

After an excellent response, we held our first meeting on 16th September and appointed a committee, names and telephone numbers below. We are setting up a mailing list to alert members to our future programme. If you would like to join, please ring Madelaine Morris. There will be a small membership fee of £5 per year to cover administration.

Our first outing will be on 21st November to Salisbury to see "Arsenic & Old Lace". If you would like to book, no obligation to join, please ring Wendy Horne, our Treasurer.

Committee: Mr. Roger Bellars ☎ 01747 861643; Mrs. Wendy Horne ☎ 01747 861712; Ms. Madelaine Morris ☎ 01747 861833 & Mrs. Janet Rodger ☎ 01747 861046.

Madelaine Morris

MOTHERS' UNION & OPEN MEMBER'S GROUP

The next meeting will be on Tuesday 13th October at 2.30pm in the Grove Buildings. This will be a members meeting of their favourite readings, poems, prayers, etc.

Will all members who have overseas boxes, please return them to this meeting – Thank you.

Thelma Ings ☎ 01747 860262

MERE WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Our next meeting on Thursday, 1st October 2009 at 7.30pm will be a Craft & Cookery Show in the Lecture Hall. There will also be a demonstration on Wood Turning by Richard Jeffries.

Guests and new members, as always are very welcome.

Jean Rees ☎ 01747 860392

CASTLE HILL QUILTERS

A group of ladies are forming a quilting group to be known as Castle Hill Quilters, which will meet in the beautifully refurbished Grove Buildings on the first and third Wednesday afternoon of each month from 2.00 to 5.00pm, commencing on the 7th October 2009.

If you are interested in Patchwork and Quilting, or would like to learn, then come along to our first meeting where we will share our plans to run a "sit and sew afternoon group", sharing our knowledge and ideas.

We are planning a "Show and Tell" of work we have completed or work in progress, also quilting books and magazines for members to look at for ideas. This will also be an opportunity for you to bring some sewing with you, with or without your sewing machine. We will serve refreshments and hope to have a very enjoyable afternoon.

The cost of £2 will cover our admission fee and refreshments. If you would like to know more please telephone from MONDAY 5th October to either Jean Daw ☎ 01747 860997 or Carol Lord ☎ 01747 861923.

We look forward to meeting you. If you cannot attend the first meeting, you will be most welcome on 21st October.

Carol Lord and Jean Daw.

MERE WEA BRANCH

A one day Course on the

Life and Work of Edward Hopper

Saturday 7th November
From 10.00am to 4.00pm
At Footprints
Duchy Manor Site

Tutor Paul Chapman
Fee £17.50

For more information and bookings, please
contact: Natalie Hooper ☎ 01747 861108

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ART THERAPY!

You are invited to come and join our friendly group of painters at Mere Art Group held in The School Room at the back of Mere Methodist Church. We paint, chat, exchange ideas, drink coffee and *r e l a x*.

We are open every Thursday (except Christmas and New Year) from 10.00am to 1.00pm. Come any time between these times. There are no term-times and no tutors. £2 per session or part of session and you only pay for the sessions you attend.

Drop in for a **free** taster session including use of a large selection of art materials. Enquiries to: *Judy Hingley* ☎ 01747 861596

THE COMMUNITY LUNCH

In conjunction with

MERE LITERARY WEEK

You are invited to

THE COMMUNITY LUNCH

To be held

THE OLD SHIP HOTEL

Town Centre, Mere

on

TUESDAY 13th October 2009

from

12.00 noon onwards

The Old Ship (01747 860258)

requests that you book your choice of menu by 11th October 2009

Menu

Beef Casserole and Mash

Creamy Curry and Rice

Roasted Vegetable Pasta

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Apple Crumble and Custard

Citrus Crepes

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£5.95 (drinks not included)

MERE SLIMMING WORLD GROUP

We have just gone live with the wonderful new Xpress Weigh computerised system! Caroline hopes the new system will bring more interest and fun into the group, which meets at 7.00pm every Monday in the Lecture Halls in Salisbury Street.

The group has gone from strength to strength since opening on 16th April 2007. This is just one of the new things brought to the group by Slimming World this year along with the new extra easy eating plan that came in from January, with its combination of meat, fish, vegetables and starchy foods on the same plate. It is easier to follow for the whole family and members have achieved great weight losses so far eating this way.

This year is Slimming Worlds 40th year and parties are being held throughout the country, where groups are inviting anyone to pop in to see how groups are run without the obligation of joining! Our party is on 28th September, but if you want to pop in on another week please do!

If you want to lose weight ready for Christmas, now is the time to start! For all information, phone: Caroline ☎ 01747 840013

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

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

Following a discussion about the various uprisings that have happened around the World, and the decline of trust in organisations that we used to respect, EM came up with an idea, 'I am so disgusted with everything that is happening around us, I think we ought to have our own revolution'. "That's a good idea, we are game for that," said the Brummie sisters, "but can you just hang on for the next couple of weeks as we are off on holiday." What spirit the guests have at the Rosemary Goddard Centre, I only hope that the country's security do not get wind of their plans.

Lynette Elliott (Organiser)

Urgently needed. Due to ill health and holidays, we find ourselves very short of volunteers. If there is anyone, even if you are new to the area and looking for an undemanding job, we need a volunteer to wash up (approx 1 hour) on the 2nd Monday of the month. If you have more time, we require someone to help with the guests all day on the 2nd and 3rd Monday of the month. If interested. please contact Lynette ☎ 01747 861646.

Secretary Caroline Cook, Secretary ☎ 01747 861797

FRIENDS OF FIVES COURT

The weather was against us, but our friends were definitely for us at our annual Autumn Fair at the beginning of September. The total raised (the Friends' stalls and competitions combined with teas served by the Staff), just touched £640 – a truly marvellous result. Thank you to everyone who supported us in any way; we all (Residents especially) are extremely grateful.

Those you came to the Fair will know that The Friends are about to launch a big fund-raising campaign – the biggest we have ever undertaken – to transform a dull and unused area of the garden to the rear of Fives Court into a new space with raised beds, seating, the long-promised water feature and a greenhouse. Drawings (kindly done for us by Colin Anderson) are in the porch at Fives Court – do go and have a look.

Jenny Wilding ☎ 01747 860908



MERE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Building a Gothic Cathedral Patrick Brown English Heritage

This is the first of our next series of evening meetings. Patrick will be talking about engineering expertise in the mediaeval period.

*Tuesday 6th October at 7.30pm in the Grove Building
£2 entry for non members, who are very welcome.*

Guided Historical Walks around Mere

A guided walk is planned during the Literary Festival on *Thursday 15th October at 10.00am. Meet at the gates of St Michael's Church.* All are welcome, and there is no charge. The theme will be around William Barnes, the famous Dorset dialect poet who ran a school in Mere in the early 19th century.

Caroline Cook ☎ 01747 861797

MERE GARDENING CLUB

Hospices and Their Gardens

Our next meeting is on Wednesday 7th October 2009, yes, the first Thursday in the month, at 7.30pm in the Grove Buildings when Mark Walker Smith will be talking about Hospices and Their Gardens. Mark Walker is an award winning garden designer

receiving many medals including those for his Sunken Retreat designed for the Children's Hospice South West base in Wraxall.

Mark fronts an organisation called Walkers Garden Retreats, which creates show gardens for charities. His aim is to help raise the profile for a given charity at big stage RHS shows. He is also interested in educating the public about his design techniques and, most importantly, what gardens can do for wildlife.

Donations would be appreciated and visitors are welcome.

Junior Gardening Club

The Junior Gardening Club meets at 6.00pm prior to main meeting. We will be planting "magic leaves". Bring an adult + 50p. A drink and biscuit will be provided. Details from Janet Way ☎ 01747 860884.

Annual Show

We would like to thank everyone who took part in this year's Show making it one of the best in recent years. The judges, all local people, commented on the very high standard particularly the allotment collections and photographs. The Club Floral Arrangements were particularly impressive and it was a very difficult task to choose a winner!

It was lovely having exhibits by the Art Club for a glimpse of what goes on in the Methodist Schoolroom each Thursday morning. There was great interest, too, in The Junior Club's potato growing competition. A list of prize winners have been displayed in the Newsagents and Lecture Hall notice board and listed in the Blackmore Vale with a whole page spread.

Now our Show is well and truly on the map, look out for next year when we are expecting an even better display. Watch out you cup winners: there will be some stiff opposition!

Janet Way, Secretary, Mere Gardening Club ☎ 01747 860884

MERE MUSEUM

Time is running out – the Walton exhibition will close on Friday 30th October at 5.00pm. Don't miss it!

Jenny Wilding ☎ 01747 860908

**REMEMBER! COPY DATE FOR THE NOVEMBER ISSUE
MONDAY 19th OCTOBER 2009**

FRIENDS OF MERE MUSEUM

Friends are reminded that their A.G.M. will take place on Tuesday, 20th October at 7.30pm in The Grove Buildings. After the very short business meeting there will be the usual light refreshments and then Michael Marshman, County Local Studies Librarian, will give a talk entitled "From 'The Anchor and Hope' to 'The World's End' – a history of pub names". If you haven't yet joined this dynamic group of Museum supporters, there couldn't be a better time to do so. We shall look out for you!

Jenny Wilding ☎ 01747 860908

GROVE BUILDINGS RESTORATION FUND

Draw

The Result of the '100' Club Draw for September, drawn after family Communion on 6th September by Mrs Jean Eyles, was:

1st Prize	(£20)	-	No. 125	Mrs Penny Walker
2nd Prize	(£15)	-	No. 181	Mrs Irene Lucas
3rd Prize	(£10)	-	No. 27	Generously Returned
4th Prize	(£5)	-	No. 180	Mrs Jennifer Mello

Grove Buildings 100 Club - Members new and old

It's "thank you" time - for your welcome and for your cheerful willingness to give me your £12 for the Grove Buildings. We've done it again and reached our target of 200 members! As you probably know, the money for this refurbishment came from funds raised by the sale of St Matthew's Church, but your money was very much appreciated before these funds were available and will still be needed for the upkeep of the building. Your continued support will, as ever, be very welcome and necessary. Thank you again.

Valerie Ransley ☎ 01747 860964

MERE AMATEUR DRAMATIC SOCIETY (MADS)

It's official – the new Mere Drama season is upon us! Members are well into rehearsals for the Autumn Production, translated from the Spanish by our very own Mal Mallet, entitled 'An Honourable Woman'. This is a comedy – and everyone knows how extraordinarily good we are at those! – so get your diaries out now and make a note of the dates: **Thursday – Saturday, 19th – 21st November**. Tickets will go on sale at the usual outlets during October; watch out for posters, and we shall also issue a reminder in the next issue of this august journal.

ALSO, don't forget that during Literary Festival week you have another chance to see the award-winning, one-act plays by Adrienne Howell that swept the board at the one-

act play festival earlier this year. Look in the programme for place, date and time. It will be your last chance!

Jenny Wilding 📞 01747 860908

MERE GIRL GUIDES

Centenary Launch Party

In September 1909, when girls were not allowed to run or put their arms above their heads, a small group of girls gate-crashed a Boy Scout Rally at Crystal Palace and asked Lord Baden Powell for "something for the girls". He listened, and very soon the

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Girl Guides were formed. This grew and has now developed in to the 600,000 strong, girl only organisation that is thriving in the UK today, with more than 7,000 members here in Wiltshire.

Mere Girl Guides held its own party to launch the Centenary celebrations at Whitesheet School, Zeals, by kind permission of Mr Ben Howden, Headteacher, and the Board of Governors. We thank them for their co-operation that made this possible.

The Rainbows, Brownies and Guides and their leaders, enjoyed a Barbeque and various ball games, parachute games and other activities and also watched a short DVD depicting the history of the movement. There were also photographs on display illustrating the movement in Mere throughout the years, which brought back many memories. Afterwards, with our invited guests, including ex-leaders, we cut a cake to launch our Centenary celebrations officially and further made merry with party poppers, confetti and balloons!

Many thanks for the contributions and donations towards this event.

Sue Jeans ☎ 01747 860215 & Sue Luffman

TISBURY & DISTRICT SPORTS CENTRE

A facility provided by Wiltshire Council,

Term Time Programme - Kids for a Quid

We don't just have Football, Gymnastics and Trampolining clubs, but a "Kids for a Quid" programme of activities, sessions for which run every week, as follows:

- Mondays – **Cricket** - for 5 to 11yr olds, 3.30pm-4.30pm.
- Tuesdays – **Roller Rumpus or Temple of Gloom** - for 5 to 11yrs, 3.30pm-4.30pm.
- Wednesdays – **Football** - for 5 to 10yr olds, 4pm to 5pm, and 11 to 16yr olds, 5pm-6pm.
- Thursdays – **Hockey** - for 5 to 11yr olds, 3.30pm-4.30pm.
- Saturdays – **Morning Madness** - for 5 to 14yr olds, 10.30am-12 Noon.

Wii Madness sessions are also part of this scheme and take place on Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays. (Please contact us for the various times and age groups). So why not come along with your friends, and pay just £1 to take part in these active and fun activities.

School Holiday Half-Term Programme

The **Halloween Half-Term** Programme of activities will take place from Monday 26th to Saturday 31st October 2009. Programmes detailing the specific activities, times and age groups will be available shortly

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Adult Education - Computer Courses for Everyone

Adult Education Computer Courses have recommenced, with a wide range of computer courses taking place at the Sports Centre on Mondays and Wednesdays, 11am-3pm. Instructed by tutors from the Wiltshire College, you can enrol or obtain further information at any time throughout the year, by either coming along to the Sports

Centre during the hours above, or contacting the College IT Workshop on ☎ 01722 344364.

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

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

Debbie Stevens, Duty Manager ☎ 01747 871141

MERE TOWN YOUTH FOOTBALL CLUB

We have had a mixed start to the new season. A very good win for the under 10s, who won 7 - 0 at Melksham. The Youth Development team won their opening game, as did the under 15s.

Training also takes place during the week and new members are always welcome. Please contact me, Neil Francis for further details.

QUIZ NIGHT - FRIDAY, 9th OCTOBER.

Mere Town Youth Football Club have arranged a general knowledge QUIZ NIGHT, hosted by Gladys Pope, to be held in the Lecture Hall at 7.30pm on Friday, 9th October.

Teams of 4 (£1.50 per person). There will be refreshments and a raffle so do please come along and enjoy the evening.

Neil Francis, Chairman MTYFC ☎ 01747 860760

MERE SCHOOL

September 2009

We have had a lovely holiday and were disappointed it had to end, but it is rather exciting to be in the oldest class in the school. Everyone is enjoying their new teacher and they are pleased to see their friends again. We also hope that the new people in blue class have a good term.

We have a lot of new children this term. Matthew (new to purple class) writes: "A new school, new faces, new things to learn and it seems that you could forget to make a new friend. Well it's easy. First find a group of people, second talk to one of them to see what they are like, and, third be yourself, and you might make a friend!"

Miss Humphries is a new teacher at Mere School. We hope she likes it here and she is very kind.

This year we have all started a new topic. Year 6 are doing space, year 5 the Romans, year 4 World War II and year 3 the Tudors. We are having fun learning about these different things.

On 19th September Mere Carnival is coming, led by the Carnival Princess and her attendants - Klara, Kiera and Freya. Everyone enjoys the carnival and you can also go to the fair. I particularly love the evening with all the lights on the floats. All of the children at our school have made a mask to wear at the carnival.

*Charlie Hill, Matthew Green, Oliver Aldridge, George Peirce,
Matthew Forsey, Bryony Adams, Eliza Howell, Evie Sutton Fay,
Kieran Crockin, Klara Jenkins & Madeline Howden*

Footprints

Georgina reports:

This month has seen the AGM, a time to reflect on the last year - and what a year! We are now a Sure Start Children's Centre and with that comes a responsibility to support families against the Government's Every Child Matters agenda. It sounds really grand and even a little scary however, what it means is that we will continue to deliver a range of great services to the parents of our 0-5s but that we cease to charge for most of the activities in this age range.

From Footprints we offer help to all ages with every possible issue including; debts, benefits, school, pre-school and nursery admissions, we help with funding applications for a whole range of things from transport to hospital, to free childcare in our 'after-school, breakfast and holiday club'; health referrals, social services, housing, business and employment.

We are now looking to extend our outreach work, so if you have a coffee morning or toddler group do invite us to come along, we usually come bearing gifts as well as a host of information and there may be things that we can help you with. During the week, we are open to the whole community offering information, advice or just a meeting place. All age groups are welcome to come in and use our excellent facilities, which include: a computer suite with all PCs linked to the internet; the washing machine;

the kitchen with your friends; start your own clubs and groups; learn a new skill on a Wiltshire College course or join a weekly session. Footprints is also an ideal venue for parties and is a fraction of the cost of other venues.

Regulars

- Kidzone 8:00-9:00am/ 3.15-6.00pm (3-11 year olds afterschool & breakfast club)
- Daily tea and toast for those who just drop in, all ages welcome (small donation)
- Wednesday morning we have structured stay & play, the theme this month is Autumn (so join your toddler in fun crafts where you can make a mess without the worry).
- Thursday PM: Pilates with creche. All you need is a mat. (advance booking essential!)
- Friday AM: Music and movement sessions with Kindermusic for both 0-18 months *and* 18mths – 5. (crèche available)

New

- Tuesdays: Kilmington Village Hall Stay and Play
- Tuesdays: 2.00-4.00pm WEA classes
- Tuesdays: 2.00-4.00pm Credit Union Bank (safe saving and borrowing for all)
- Wednesdays from 1.30pm – Knitting group
- Wednesdays at 7.00pm: Baking for Beginners (booking essential)
- Last Friday of the month: Baby and Toddler Massage (bring a towel and a cushion) booking advisable
- Saturday 17th October: Dads Messy Play 9:30-11:30pm

We would like to start a Breast Feeding Group, so to all of you new Mums please pop in on Monday afternoons for a chat and to share stories. Dads welcome!

Date for your diary: Speech & Language 'drop in' sessions from 9th November. at 9:30am.

As you see, the centre is for everyone. What we offer is divided into three areas: Kidzone, Adult Education, and the separately-funded Sure Start Children's Centre, specialising in the support of the 0-5 age group and their families.

All our Children's Centre activities are completely free of charge – do pop in and find out more about these.

The results of a recent Survey among parents using our Kidzone service included the following comments: "Kidzone has really done me a good service; without Kidzone I wouldn't be able to work and the staff are really good with my child." Also, from another

parent: "Kidzone is very good, my son thoroughly enjoys the activities it keeps him well entertained and is good value for money."

I hope that this will encourage all of you who have never been, or haven't been into the centre for a while, to pop in and see for yourself what a wonderful community facility you have.
Georgina Shaw-Halford, Footprints 📞 01747 861108

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WILTSHIRE MOVIOLA
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A Mere Literary Festival Event

The Young Victoria (PG)

Emily Blunt Rupert Friend
Harriet Walter Jim Broadbent

"Love Rules All"

Julian Fellowes's account of Victoria's early life: an unhappy childhood, accession to the throne at 18, and marriage to her handsome cousin Albert.

In the Lecture Hall
Wednesday 14th October at 7.30pm
(Doors open 7.00pm)
TICKETS £5.00

Available from the Tourist Information Office
(in the Library)

For more information call Mary White ☎ 01747 861257

Visit our website at www.moviola.org

BARN BUDDIES

The Barn Buddies is a youth club for boys and girls from school year 2 upwards that meets at Barrow Street Farm, Mere, BA12 6AB, each Friday evening from 6.30 until 8.00pm. It is always good to welcome new members so if you have a child who has just started in year 2, or if you have just moved into the area, why not come along and see what we do?

Further information from:

Tim Merrell ☎ 01747 860195

REV'D PAUL BARNES, PRIEST IN CHARGE OF ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH, WRITES:

Harvest Festival, which will take place at St Michael's on 4th October, is one of my favourite Sundays of the whole year.

The church is beautifully decorated with the fruits of God's creation; baskets of home grown produce; sheaves of wheat and the harvest loaf placed on the altar, and magnificent flower arrangements, not in the bright, brash, 'in your face' colours of spring and summer, but in the golds, oranges and crimsons of autumn. Young and old, tuneful and tone deaf, gather to belt out those wonderful harvest hymns, 'Come, ye thankful people, come', and 'We plough the fields and scatter'.

More recently this festival has been renamed 'Harvest Thanksgiving' and I am quite happy with that re-branding because a day of thanksgiving it certainly is. We have so much to be thankful for and yet far too often we forget to count our blessings, we take the good things we enjoy for granted, and perhaps worst of all we leave God, our creator and sustainer, from whom all blessing flow, totally out of the picture.

Alongside our thanksgiving for a good harvest is God's call to share our riches with those less fortunate than ourselves. In the Bible, God instructed the Israelites to leave parts of their fields unharvested and not to pick-up any grain that was dropped so that it would provide a source of food for the poor.

This year we will once again be supporting the important work carried out by the Trussell Trust, the Salisbury based organisation that provides food boxes as three-day emergency food relief to people experiencing crisis. The economic downturn that we are currently living through has led to a growth in the number of people being helped by foodbanks. So far this year 24,000 people have been fed compared to 14,000 in 2008.

Foodbank network manager, Jeremy Ravn, writes: "ecession means more people who would never have thought they'd need help are hitting a crisis forcing them to go without

food. The UK public is beginning to understand hidden hunger in the UK and, through the foodbank project, is responding to meet this growing need. We are so encouraged by the rising number of foodbanks opening across the UK, and by increased community participation in current foodbank projects: in the last year alone communities have donated over 200 tonnes of food to help feed people in crisis."

During the Harvest Thanksgiving service at St Michael's there will be the opportunity for us to bring forward gifts of non-perishable foods such as cornflakes, UHT milk, pasta, tinned vegetables, rice pudding, orange juice, and having given thanks for them we will deliver them to the Trussell Trust warehouse for distribution.

The church service is a joyful celebration for all ages and everyone is welcome to attend, but if you are unable to be there and would still like to support the Trussell Trust, food can be left in the church or in the porch.

HARVEST FESTIVAL at St Michaels Church

Sunday 4th October @ 10.30am

As usual this year we will be giving all the produce, and the money collected, to the TRUSSELL TRUST in Salisbury. They are a voluntary organisation who help local people in crisis. The reasons are varied, often caused by redundancy, bereavement, illness or marital breakdown.

Church Pastoral Workers, Health Visitors, Social Workers, Doctors Surgeries and many other professionals working in the community refer people to the Foodbank for help.

The need is for:- TINS of meat, fish, vegetables, fruit, beans, rice pudding & tomatoes – plus – UHT milk, fruit juice, biscuits, sugar, pasta sauces, cereals, soup, rice & pasta.

So please give generously and if you can't come to the service, just leave your contribution in the church. Many thanks

HARVEST BRING & SHARE LUNCH

**Sunday 4th October 2009 @ 12 noon
in the Grove Buildings**

**Please see Angela or Gilly after the service or
phone us to reserve your place**

Angela ☎ 01747 861602

Gilly ☎ 01747 861768

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SUCHANA: WHAT NEXT?

First of all, a very big thank-you to everyone who came along, or wished us well for our house-warming and Suchana evening in August. It was a very happy event, and we are very grateful for everyone's kindness and welcome to the occupants of the new top floor of Grove Cottage as well as your interest in and support for Suchana. The evening wasn't really intended as fund-raising event, but actually raised nearly £800, as well as the spontaneous donation of two lap-tops for Suchana. This was wonderful!

'Suchana' – for those who don't know – is creative basic education and health project started by our niece, Kirsty and her husband, Rahul in rural West Bengal. Working with parents, teachers and other members of the local community, Suchana provides help in literacy and accessible education for 140 children from the most disadvantaged local groups. Most of them have parents who cannot read or write and many do not speak Bengali (the language used in government schools in the area). Without the kind of support that Suchana provides, these children tend to fail in ordinary schools in very large classes with no special help.

Suchana has a flourishing and well-used children's library and has just opened a new building to provide all-weather classes and space for study. The programme also includes sports and creative activities, and an amazing annual show in a variety of local languages, as well as English, in which every single child takes part. Basic health-care issues are covered too, for parents and children.

As a follow-up to all the interest in and support for Suchana, we're holding two coffee mornings at Grove Cottage (round the corner from the Grove Buildings, opposite the Library entrance) on Tuesday 27th October and Tuesday 24th November from 10.30am-12.00noon to which EVERYONE IS WELCOME. Whether or not you came to the evening in August, please come along if you can and would like to.

In the meantime, anyone who would like to find out more about Suchana could have a look at their website: www.suchana-community.org or ask if you would like to borrow a DVD that shows a bit about their work (and play!)

Mark Lillie and Ross & Judith Thompson ☎ 01747-860553

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON GET TOGETHER

On Wednesday 28th October at 2.30 p.m. in the Methodist School Room North Street, 'It happened to a Vet'. Miss Julie Mercer is the Vet. Do come and join us!

Mary Siderfin ☎ 01747 861370

FRANCISCAN QUIET DAY

Saturday 14th November 2009

at HILLFIELD PRIORY

from 10.00am - 4.00pm

Led by Sister Carol SSF

Cost £5.00 Names please to :
Canon Michael Welch ☎ 01747 860047
or Blanche Johnston ☎ 01747 860544

Bring a packed lunch Coffee provided

THE CHRISTMAS CHARITIES FAIR

Will be held this year on

Saturday 14th November

Between 10.00am and 12noon

In the newly refurbished

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CHURCH SERVICES IN MERE AND WEST KNOYLE

October 2009

The Parish Church, St Michael the Archangel ☎ 01747 863313

Each Sunday		8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)
Each Wednesday		10.30am	Holy Communion (BCP)
Each Friday		8.00am	Holy Communion (CW1)
		5.30pm	Evening Prayer
Sunday	4th	10.30am	Harvest Thanksgiving Family Service
		6.00pm	Evening Prayer with Hymns
Wednesday	7th	6.00pm	Start the Month Holy Communion (BCP)
Sunday	11th	10.30am	Parish Communion (CW1)
	18th	10.30am	Parish Communion (CW1)
Sunday	25th	10.30am	Parish Communion (CW1)

Advance Notice for Sunday 1st November. There will be NO 10.30am service at St Michaels, but there will be a Benefice Service at 10.30am at All Saints, Maiden Bradley.

The United Reformed Church

Mere Contact: Mrs E Burfitt, ☎ 01747 860685)

Sunday	4th	11.00am	Rev'd Margaret Laurie
	11th	11.00am	David Webb
	18th	11.00am	Kate & Mike Rawlins
	25th	11.00am	Rev'd Stella Sivyour Holy Communion,

The Methodist Church (☎ Gillingham 01747 823777)

Mere Contact: Mrs M Siderfin: ☎ 01747 861370

Sunday	4th	6.00pm	Rev'd Ros Hollingsworth Holy Communion
	11th	6.00pm	Rev'd Colin Marsh
	18th	6.00pm	Mr & Mrs Rawlins
	25th	6.00pm	Rev'd Gordon Elford Church Anniversary
Wednesday	28th	2.30pm	Afternoon Get together (see notice on page 33)

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

**Mere Contacts: Teresa Read ☎ 01747 860289 or
Winn Richards ☎ 01747 861004**

Every Friday	10.00am	Mass
Every Sunday	11.30am	Mass

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

West Knoyle Parish Church, St Mary the Virgin ☎ 01747 830534

Sunday	4th	9.25am	DIY
	11th	6.00pm	Harvest Festival
	18th	9.25am	Holy Communion (CW1 trad)
	25th	9.25am	Holy Communion (CW1 trad)

Note: BCP indicates Book of Common Prayer 1662

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

DIARY DATES FOR OCTOBER 2009

1	Thurs	9.00am	Tiddlers & Toddlers Group (Every Thursday)	L
		10.00am	Mere Art Group (every Thursday)	MH
		2.00pm	Bridge Club (Every Thursday)	L
		2.00pm	Line-dancing Club (Every Thursday)	MSC
		7.30pm	1st Mere Guides	L
		7.30pm	WI Craft & Cookery Show	L
		7.30pm	Shreen Harmony (Every Thursday)	MH
2	Fri	6.30pm	Barn Buddies (Every Friday)	BSF
3	Sat	9.30am	URC Cake Stall	The Square
		10.30am	Drop in Coffee Morning	CC
4	Sun	12.00pm	St Michael's Church Harvest Lunch	GB
5	Mon	9.00am	Tiddlers & Toddlers Group (Every Monday)	L
		2.00pm	Mere Footpath Group Short Walk	CP
		6.00pm	Beaver Scouts (Also 12th & 19th)	YC
		6.45pm	Cub Scouts (Also 12th & 19th)	GB
		7.00pm	Scouts (Also 12th & 19th)	YC
		7.00pm	Slimming World (Every Monday)	L
		7.30pm	Parish Council Meeting	AYP
6	Tues	7.30pm	Mere Historical Society	GB
7	Wed	9.30am	Tai Chi (Every Wednesday)	GB
		10.00am	Mere Forest Charity Applications	L
7	Wed	2.00pm	Quilting Group (Also 21st)	GB
		6.00pm	Karate (Also 21st & 28th)	L
		6.00pm	Mere Junior Gardening Club	GB
		7.30pm	Mere Gardening Club	GB
8	Thurs	5.00pm	Rainbows (Also 15th, 22nd & 29th)	GB
		6.15pm	Brownies (Also 15th, 22nd & 29th)	GB
		7.30pm	1st Mere Guides (Also 15th, 22nd & 29th)	GB
9	Fri	10.00am	Merely Women (also 30th)	GB
		7.30pm	Mere Town Youth Football Club Quiz Night	L
10	Sat	10.30am	Drop in Coffee Morning	CC
12	Mon	7.30pm	Lit. Fest. "The Voyage of the Beagle"	GB
13	Tues	9.00am	Footcare Clinic	L
		12.00pm	The Community Lunch	The Old ship Hotel
		2.30pm	Mothers Union	GB
		2.30pm	Lit. Fest. "So What About Adam & Eve Then?"	L
		7.30pm	Lit. Fest. "Women in History"	GB
14	Wed	2.30pm	Lit. Fest. "The Druid View of the World"	GB
		7.30pm	Lit. Fest. Mere Film Shows "The Young Victoria"	L
5	Thurs	2.30pm	Lit. Fest. "Creation in an Afternoon"	L
		7.30pm	Lit. Fest. "Florence" Live Theatre	L
16	Fri	2.15pm	Lit. Fest. Writing Workshop	GB
		7.30pm	Lit. Fest. Poetry in the Grove	GB
17	Sat	10.15am	Lit. Fest. Coffee morning talk with local Authors	GB

17	Sat	10.30am	Drop in Coffee Morning + Traidcraft Stall	CC
		2.30pm	Lit. Fest. Two One Act plays by MADS	L
18	Sun	2.00pm	Mere Footpath Group Last Walk of 2009	CP
		3.00pm	Lit. Fest. Award Ceremony	L
19	Mon	8.00pm	MADS (Drama Room)	L
20	Tues	7.30pm	Friends of Mere Museum AGM	GB
		7.30pm	Dorset Corset Theatre Co. "Under the Greenwood Tree	L
24	Sat	10.00am	Cancer Research Autumn Sale	L
		10.30am	Drop in Coffee Morning + RGC Bric a Brac	CC
27	Tues	9.00am	Footcare Clinic	L
28	Wed	2.00pm	'Friends Together'	GB
		2.30pm	Afternoon Get Together	MH

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 School Room; MSC-Mere Social Club; YC-Youth Centre

Cranborne Chase Wood Fair

Please lend your support to this event on Saturday 10th and Sunday 11th October at the Larmer Tree near Tollard Royal.

A warm welcome awaits you and it promises to be a fun day out for the whole family.

The woodfair objective

To provide an inspirational enjoyable and entertaining family day out whilst demonstrating a range of practical rural skills which are seldom found in today's woodlands.

Who will be there?

Timber framers; furniture makers; wood turners; sustainable living exhibitors; willow weavers; harvesting and timber processors; bushcraft skills; environment, conservation and wildlife groups; local food producers, crafts people and environmental artists.

Tickets

Now available from www.woodfair.org.uk or by calling 08700 115 007 Family tickets are £16, Seniors £5 and Adults £6 in advance, under 5's are FREE.

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To Book the Grove Buildings: ☎ Isabel Howell 01747 860297

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