

# MERE MATTERS

AND SO DOES WEST KNOYLE

YOUR COMMUNITY MAGAZINE AND  
GUIDE TO LOCAL EVENTS



*St Mary the Virgin - West Knoyle*

**SEPTEMBER 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. 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, 7th September 2009.**

## **The Chairman writes:**

With reference to the recent spate of vandalism outside the Andy Young Pavilion, I would like to thank members of the public for being so observant. I am pleased to report that the police are acting on information received.

## **Local Development Framework**

I am sure that you will not have forgotten the meetings and discussions that we held last year over Salisbury District Council's discussion paper 'Our Place in the Future' and I am sure that you all responded to the paper. The latest document, Wiltshire Council's 'South Wiltshire Core Strategy' has just been produced which sets out the planning policies for the next 20 years and indicates where managed growth will be encouraged. This is the 'Publication Stage' of the South Wiltshire Core Strategy and Wiltshire Council say that they are inviting representations on whether the document is considered to be sound and legally compliant. The consultation period for the Strategy started on 10th August and ends on 30th September 2009. Details of the Strategy will be presented to South West Wiltshire Area Board meeting, which is to be held on Wednesday, 16th September at 7.00 p.m. in Nadder Hall, Tisbury. There will also be a public exhibition in the Lecture Hall, Mere on Tuesday, 8th September. (See page five.)

You may be interested to know that the Strategy is proposing 290 homes for the Mere area up to the year 2026, (270 in Mere itself and 20 homes in the rest of the Mere Community Area). Where exactly this growth will take place will be identified through a subsequent Site Specific Allocations Development Plan Document, we are told.

Copies of the South Wiltshire Core Strategy are available at Mere Library and the Parish Clerk has been given a copy also.

## **Allotments adjacent to the new cemetery – Your opinion is requested?**

As you may be aware, the field purchased by the Parish Council to use as a new cemetery is far larger than we need for the present time. The Parish Council therefore

fenced off a manageable area to use as a new cemetery for the next 50 – 60 years. The remainder of the field has no distinct use until after that time and, owing to the present demand for allotments, it has occurred to the Parish Council that it may please parishioners if we plotted out some allotments on the land. However, it has also occurred to the Parish Council that some people may feel that it is inappropriate to provide allotments adjacent to the cemetery. Before making a decision, the Parish Council agreed to put this notice into Mere Matters to see if there were any strong views from parishioners – please respond to the Parish Clerk – details at end of this report.

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

*Eric Mitchell, Chairman, Mere Parish Council*

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

My first two months as a Wiltshire Councillor have been enjoyable and interesting. I have travelled the county for training and meetings. Now down to practical matters, I wish people would not leave sheets of glass by the bottle bank in the main Mere car park; it is dangerous for those using the facility, especially after dark.

The first South West Area Board meeting has taken place in Mere; it was well attended and gave me some hope that “the board system” can be made to work. On another topic, housing is one of the main issues for which people contact the council. I have noticed an increase in the numbers contacting me in this regard. To be able to apply for social housing an applicant now has to use the special website: [www.homes4wiltshire.co.uk](http://www.homes4wiltshire.co.uk) Please note that “Homes4Wiltshire” does not appear on the home page of the Wiltshire Council web site at the present time. I have informed the Council about this omission.

Wiltshire Council has published the proposed submission documents for South Wiltshire's Core Strategy Development Plan Document, part of the Local Development Framework. The Core Strategy sets out a strategy over the next 20 years to 2026 for the Mere Community Area of a planned growth in Mere itself of 270 homes and three hectares of employment land. The rest of the Mere Community Area will have 20 homes developed. Where exactly this growth will take place will be identified through a subsequent Site Specific Allocations Development Plan Document. Proposed submission documents will be available to view at a special exhibition in Mere Lecture Hall on the 8th September 2009 from 12.30pm – 7.00pm. (See page five.)

*George Jeans, Wiltshire Councillor, Mere Division*

## **EXHIBITION IN MERE FOR THE SOUTH WILTSHIRE CORE STRATEGY DEVELOPMENT PLAN**

Wiltshire Council has published the proposed submission documents for South Wiltshire's Core Strategy Development Plan Document, part of the Local Development Framework. The Core Strategy sets out a clear strategy for delivery of growth in a managed way over the next 20 years to 2026, which balances meeting local needs with the protection of the environment. The Core Strategy will make strategic site specific allocations.

The Core Strategy covers the whole administrative area of south Wiltshire except for that area where the New Forest National Park is the local planning authority.

The council is inviting representations on proposed submission documents. The period for representations to be made will run from Monday 10th August until 5.00pm on Wednesday 30th September 2009. The proposed submission documents, as well as the Core Strategy include:

- Sustainability Appraisal
- Habitats Regulations Assessment
- Equality Impact Assessment
- Consultation Methodology and Output report

The Proposed Submission documents and supporting documents are available to view online at: [www.wiltshire.gov.uk](http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk) They are also available for inspection, free of charge, in Mere Library, Barton lane, Mere (Mondays 10.00am – 7.00pm, Tuesdays-Fridays 9.00am – 5.00pm or Saturdays 9.00am – 1.00pm)

**Proposed submission documents will also be available to view at an exhibition in the Lecture Hall, Mere on Tuesday 8th September from 12.30pm until 7.00pm. Officers will be available there to answer any queries.**

The proposed submission documents have been published in order for representations to be made prior to submission of the Development Plan Document (DPD) to the Secretary of State. Representations received during the period will be considered alongside the submitted DPD, which will be examined by an independent Planning Inspector. The purpose of the examination is to consider whether the Core Strategy complies with the legal requirements and is 'sound' against the tests of soundness as detailed on the representations form. Representation forms are available to download on the council's website ([www.wiltshire.gov.uk](http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk)) or from the Spatial Planning team using the contact details below or by calling ☎ 01722 434 390. Representations should be submitted in writing on the official representation form to: Spatial Planning South, Wiltshire Council, 61 Wyndham Road, Salisbury, SP1 3AH. Alternatively, they can be emailed to: [james.sutton@wiltshire.gov.uk](mailto:james.sutton@wiltshire.gov.uk) or faxed to 01 722 434 247.

Following the representation period, the Council will consider any comments received to ensure that no fundamental issues have been raised on the soundness of the Plan before submitting the document to the Secretary of State for independent examination by a Government appointed Inspector. It is the role of the Inspector to consider any representations received and to propose changes to the document in light of these rather than the Council.

I look forward to receiving your response. If you have any queries do not hesitate to call the spatial planning team ☎ 01722 434390.

*Dave Milton, Team Leader, Spatial Planning (South Office)*

## **MERE WEATHER**

The total rainfall for June was 49.5mms (1.95ins). Last year it was 63mms (2.43ins). So far this year up to the end of June we have had a quarter of the total rain for last year. There was a little thunder on the 25th and after that we had several days of hot weather. Some said it was too hot.

July started cooler, cloudy and windy with a total of 141.5mms (5.57ins) of rain, making up for June! Last year we had 158mms (6.22ins). Where is the summer we have been promised? Well, we had two weeks at the end of May and one at the end of June.

August last year we had 124mms (4.88ins) of rain. This August, up to the 16th we had 56.5mms (2.22ins) with a small bit of thunder on the 3rd, followed by 27mms (1.06ins) of rain on the 4th. There have been more sunny days so far this month with rain at night.

*Peter Durkee*



## **MERE POLICE NEWS**

We are now attending Mere Library on Monday's or Wednesday's 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, which you can access electronically via our website: [www.wiltshire.police.uk](http://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.

*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**

### **Flu Clinic Date 2009**

**Our normal flu vaccination clinic will be held on:**

**Saturday 26th September 2009**

**From 9.00am – 12.00noon**

**Further appointments sessions will be available throughout**

**October and November.**

The Department of Health recommends vaccination against Influenza for all patients aged 65 and over, Carers and patients with the following conditions:

Chronic Respiratory Disease  
(including Asthma and COPD)

Heart Disease

Renal Disease

Diabetes Mellitus

**Initially vaccination is only possible if you fall into one of these categories - please contact the surgery on**

**☎ 01747 860001 to make your appointment.**

***Please note - you will need to book an appointment for this vaccination***

## **Swine Flu Vaccinations**

At the time of writing, we have not been given confirmed guidance from the Department of Health on the immunisation programme for Swine Flu, although we believe the vaccinations will be given at the surgery when they become available.

Current information is that the vaccine will become available over the next couple of months and that it will be sent to surgeries in batches. It will be important for everyone that we stick to the Department of Health guidance on vaccinating the 'most at risk' patients first.

If we have to implement a vaccination programme for all patients we will have to provide limited medical cover for urgent patient cases only so that the remainder of our medical staff are available to give the vaccinations.

If this situation arises, we may have to cancel all routine, non urgent appointments for a few days while the vaccination programme is carried out.

Full details of when we expect to receive the vaccine together with details of which patients will have priority to be vaccinated will be shown on posters, which we will display at the Surgery, Mere Post Office and the Pharmacy.

If you fall within one of the 'at 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.

We would like to thank everyone for their patience whilst the vaccination programme is carried out.

Further information will be given when it becomes available.

*Drs Price, McBride, Halsey and Andrews 12th August 2009*

## **WILTSHIRE'S ORCHARDS: USE THEM OR LOSE THEM!**

Orchards are hotspots for wildlife and are composed of a network of habitats. They provide an abundance of food sources and support a number of UK Biodiversity Action Plan species that are rare, protected or scarce such as the Noble Chafer beetle. And, their products can also be enjoyed by you, the people of Wiltshire.

Since the last world war, Wiltshire, along with its neighbouring counties, has lost many of its traditional orchards. This has primarily been caused by changes in land use, development and agricultural intensification. English Nature's research report on

traditional orchards in England revealed that since the 1950s the area covered by orchards has declined by 57% (Lush et al 2005). As a result, traditional orchards have recently been added to the UK Biodiversity Action Plan as a priority habitat and an inventory has been undertaken by the Peoples Trust for Endangered Species (PTES), with the aim of conserving this distinctive habitat.

Wiltshire Traditional Orchards Project (WTOP) has been set up by a group of volunteers working in partnership with the PTES. WTOP aim to halt further loss of orchards across the county and prevent further neglect to this valuable habitat.

Very little is known about Wiltshire's orchards and WTOP are having to start from scratch to find out exactly what still exists. As Wiltshire is a large rural county the project needs your help. We are looking for:

- volunteers to become orchard surveyors – people who are happy to go out to a pre-defined site and undertake a survey of the condition of the orchard.
- orchard owners – if you have 5 or more fruit trees on your land, whether these be for personal or commercial use, we would love to hear from you.

If you would like to get involved please contact WTOP at Wiltshire Wildlife Trust, Elm Tree Court, Long St, Devizes, SN10 1NJ, ☎ 01793 815029 or e-mail: [orchardwilts@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:orchardwilts@hotmail.co.uk) For further information, see our website: <http://sites.google.com/site/wiltisorchards/>

## COMMUNITY LUNCH

Following the tremendous success and learning experience of the Community Buffet in June when over 75 people attended, it has been decided to continue with a Community Lunch.

So, in conjunction with the Mere Literary Week, a Community Lunch is to be held at the Old Ship Hotel at 12 noon on Tuesday 13th October 2009. It will be a two-course meal for £5.95, drinks not included, with a broader range of menu.

To achieve this, the Old Ship (☎ 01747 860258) has requested that those wishing to attend make their own booking by 11th October. I hope to see you there.

*Lynette Elliott* ☎ 01747 861646

**REMEMBER! COPY DATE FOR THE OCTOBER ISSUE:**

**MONDAY, 21st SEPTEMBER**



# 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

The practice now has a Dental Hygienist. We welcome Wendy Hester, who works on Mondays.

We are pleased to announce that we have had a number of examination successes amongst our staff recently. Our congratulations go to:

Tracy Adam, who passed her examination in Dental Radiography with outstanding results in April.

Kimberley Bailey, our Trainee Nurse, who passed the National Dental Examination in July, making her a fully qualified Dental Nurse.

Wendy, Margaret & Kitty, our Reception Staff for all passing the NVQ level 2 examination in Customer Care, also in July.

*Francine Sherrard, Practice Manager*

# **THE GROVE BUILDINGS**

You are invited to come and see the newly  
refurbished Grove Buildings

on Saturday 12th September 2009

Doors open from 10.00am to 12.00 noon

Come and enjoy a coffee, tea and cakes.

The building will be re-dedicated by the Rev'd  
Paul Barnes during the morning

All are very welcome

## **MERE & DISTRICT LINKSCHEME** **Requests for Transport ☎ 01747 860096**

From January to July this year, we received 655 requests from 158 users. This was an average of 21 requests per week.

213 of the requests were for appointments at Salisbury District Hospital, an average of 7 per week, with journeys totalling around 11,000 miles.

Our drivers give their time freely but receive a travel allowance of 40p per mile. Users of the Scheme are invited to give a donation, but we also rely on the contribution we receive each year from the Mere Literary Festival.

Details of this year's Festival, which takes place in October, are printed on page 15. Do please come along to some of the events, enjoy yourself and support a valuable local service. All proceeds are used to help people in Mere and the surrounding villages.

*Molly Burden ☎ 01747 860007*



# **THE MERE AND DISTRICT CHAMBER OF TRADE**

**SITE VISIT TO:**

## **STOURHEAD, NATIONAL TRUST**

**Wednesday 23rd September 2009, 2.30 – 4.30pm**

**Hosted by  
Wessex Association of Chambers of Commerce**

For further information please contact Sarah Lancaster, Wessex Association of Chambers of Commerce ☎ 01225 355553

### **WILTSHIRE NEW BUSINESS COMPETITION ARE YOU A NEW BUSINESS OR THINKING OF STARTING UP?**

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 for all entering the competition.

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

The closing date for entries is 25th September 2009.

For your entry pack and further information please contact:

*Julie Cousins* ☎ 01747 837909

# R S P C A

A reminder to all our supporters, and other Charities, please note. A Combined Sale with Cats Protection has been arranged for Saturday 7th November in the Lecture Hall at 10.00am.

Any donations for the stalls will be very welcome.

*Pete & Sue Howell* 📞 01747 860623

## LAUNCH OF MERE LITERARY FESTIVAL PROGRAMME

Mere Literary Festival (MLF) launched its 2009 programme with the help of Willy the Gorilla who tried to convince those who stopped at the festival bookstall that 'Darwin was Wrong'. But Willy is unlikely to turn up to argue with the opening speaker of the festival which runs from 12th-18th October 2009. This is James Taylor who gives an illustrated talk on *The Voyage of the Beagle*.

The line-up also includes noted biographers Clare Mulley, Adrian Tinniswood and Kate Williams, Druid author Penny Billington, children's author and illustrator John Rowe, and the coffee morning will promote local authors including Mere's Peter Durkee, Jane Holmes (Sharp) and Melinda Emby.

There will be discussions, readings, theatre, film, a guided history trail, a writing workshop and MLF is pleased to have the Community Lunch during festival week.

There is no team quiz this year, but test your knowledge with the new format quiz sheet. The festival concludes with Louis de Bernières and Ilone Antonius-Jones in concert with music, poetry and amusement on Saturday evening, and with the famous novelist announcing the results of the 2009 poetry competition on Festival Sunday.

It is hoped that a full programme can be delivered to houses during September, but if you fail to receive one they are available at the TIC/Library or on line at [www.merelifest.co.uk](http://www.merelifest.co.uk)

Details will also appear in October's issue of this magazine with our thanks to Mere Matters.

This is the festival you can afford, and tickets are now available at Mere Information Centre/Library. All events are in aid of the Mere & District Linkscheme (Reg.Charity No:1062328).

*Adrienne Howell & the Lit. Fest. Group* ☎ 01747 860475

## MERE CARNIVAL

The Mere Carnival Committee is now finalising its plans for Carnival Day on Saturday, 19th September 2009. A full range of events is scheduled for Carnival week including Bingo, Quiz, Treasure Hunt & Race Night. The fun of Carnival Day will commence in the morning with events held in the Square and the sale of raffle tickets.

In the afternoon, the children's procession through the town will commence at 3.00pm following the judging of the entries/costumes, which takes place at the Andy Young Pavilion from 2.00pm onwards. Entry forms for the afternoon procession are available from the Post Office or via the contact number below.

The evening procession will commence at 7.30pm and we are looking forward to an evening of fun for everyone. Full details of all the Carnival events are available in the Carnival Programme, which will be delivered to every house in Mere during the week before Carnival. We look forward to seeing lots of people at the events throughout the week, and big crowds on Carnival Day. Please support YOUR local Carnival.

***Deborah Merx, Mere Carnival Committee ☎: 07771 774054***

Please note the change of venue for the Bingo. This will be held on Friday 11th September in The Lecture Hall. Doors open at 7.00pm. Eyes Down at 7.45pm. Raffle, refreshments & 'special'.

Please support all the planned events, and please be generous with your contributions as the Carnival costs many thousands of pounds to put on each year. So, get those coins ready for the collections now!

If anyone has any unwanted/new items that would be suitable contributions towards raffle prizes, they will be very gratefully received. These can be left at Jeans Electrical Shop or Chapel, or at Waltons Newsagent/The Post Office.

***Sue Jeans ☎ 01747 860215***

### **NOTICE OF ROAD CLOSURE FOR CARNIVAL HAZZARDS HILL to WHITE ROAD**

The Mere Annual Carnival will take place on Saturday, 19th September and the main road through Mere starting at Water Street and going up through Hazzards Hill and into White Road will be closed to through traffic in that direction only from 5:30pm to 8.00pm.

The police will be on duty to stop through traffic, but if you live in the area then you will still be allowed through. Obviously, we do hope to keep disruption to a minimum.

### **MERE FILM SHOWS**

There is no Film Show this month, but our season starts next month 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 23 and will also be found in the Mere Literary Festival programme. Tickets will be available from the Tourist Information Office in the Library from 7th September.

## **Distribution of Funds**

Many applications for funds were received from organisations in Mere this year. In July a total, from the last two seasons, of £900.00 in varying amounts was donated to: The Rosemary Goddard Day Centre, The Friends of Fives Court, Mere Swimming Pool, Mere Guides, Mere Scouts, Mere & Tisbury Young Parents Development Group, Mere Snooker Club, Mere Gardening Club, Mere Literary Festival Community Project, Mere Drama Society, Mere Carnival and Mere Matters.

All the grateful thanks, which have been received from these organisations, I now pass on to everyone whose continuing and enthusiastic support of the film shows has made these donations possible.  
*Mary White* ☎ 01747 861257

## **MERE GARDENING CLUB**

**Saturday 5th September 2009**

**Grand Potato Weigh In  
2.00pm in The Square, Mere**

The Junior Club will be weighing their potato crop. Everyone is welcome to come and join in the fun. This will be followed by the:

**Annual Show  
2.30pm in the Lecture Hall, Mere  
Admission 50p (includes tea and a biscuit),  
children under 10 years free**

This year there are more open classes, and a new cup to win, so do come and enjoy the display. *Don't forget* to get your entry forms to Janet Way, ☎ 01747 860884, Wit's End, North Road, by 8.00pm on the 2nd September 2009.

## **Propagation**

This will be the title of the talk by Neil Lovesay of South Perrott Nursery at our first meeting in the refurbished Grove Buildings on Wednesday 9th September at 7.30pm. Neil will be demonstrating and talking about propagation of bulbs, perennials and shrubs. He would like you to bring plant material for propagation. Neil will also be bringing some of his own fabulous plants for sale. Join this month and enjoy a reduced membership fee. Visitors are welcome.  
*Caroline Cook* ☎ 01747 861797



## MERE MUSEUM

We are pleased to be able to report that our current exhibition, 'The Town Store in the Country' (Waltons of Mere), is enjoying rave reviews! So if you haven't yet been to see it, now's the time. It will be on until the end of October however, so it won't

be necessary to cancel your summer holiday to catch it. But allow time for a second visit – there's an awful lot to see!

*Jenny Wilding* ☎ 01747 860908

## FRIENDS OF MERE MUSEUM

Friends are reminded to check that they have the date of this year's AGM in their diaries: it will be on **Tuesday 20th October at 7.30pm.** To encourage you (if you are already a Friend) and to tempt you to join (if you are not) we can announce that there will be an entertaining talk about Pub Signs after the business meeting. More details next month.

*Jenny Wilding* ☎ 01747 860908

## WOULD YOU LIKE TO JOIN A MERE THEATRE CLUB?

If you enjoy going to the theatre and would like to go with other like-minded people, why don't we form a club? It could visit theatres within an hour or so of Mere, perhaps every couple of months. If there were enough people, we could hire a coach or share transport. If you would like to meet up to discuss this, please ring me.

*Madelaine Morris* ☎ 01747 861833

## MERE AMATEUR DRAMATIC SOCIETY (MADS)

Appearances can be deceptive, and in fact a lot has been happening at MADS during the summer. The Drama Room has been re-organised (it is now possible for three people to stand in it without touching anyone or anything else), the Autumn play has been chosen, and cast, and rehearsals will begin very shortly. That's all we're prepared to say at present, but we can reveal that the production will introduce a Brand New Director!

What is more, the two one-act plays ('The Annotator' and 'Handles' both by Adrienne Howell), which were entered with such dazzling success in the Codford Woolstore Theatre One-Act play festival (we took virtually all the prizes) will be performed again during the Literary Festival Week (October 12th-18th). So if you missed the open dress



rehearsal in May, or if you didn't, here is your chance to see the prizewinning performances again. Look for the dates in the Lit. Fest. programmes, which will be available shortly.

*Jenny Wilding ☎ 01747 860908*



UNLOCKING HISTORY

## MERE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

**VISIT FOUR: Wednesday 9th September 2009**

### ***Iminster Town Walk***

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

**We will leave Salisbury Street Car Park at 12 noon and return to Mere by 5.30pm approx.**

**Cost:** MHS Members £12.50, non MHS members £14.50, per person including tour and tea.

**Please ☎ Caroline Cook, 01747 861797 or Ros Castro, 01747 861957 for more details.**

**Non-members welcome**

**Booking forms available from Mere Information Point**

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Our self-guided historical trail leaflet, "A Mere Meander", is fast running out, but you can download a copy from [http://merewilts.org/historical\\_soc.html](http://merewilts.org/historical_soc.html)  
Just click 'Events' then 'Mere Meander' **DOWNLOAD**

## MERE WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Our next meeting will be at 7.30pm on Thursday, 3rd September 2009 in the URC, when Mr Simon Frackiewiz will speak on the "Eye of Africa".

Do come along, if you can.

*Jean Rees ☎ 01747 860392*

## MOTHERS UNION & OPEN MEMBERS GROUP

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday 8th September at 2.30pm in the Grove Buildings.  
The speaker will be the Rev'd Tim Heaton. The subject: "The Cost of Relationships!"  
*Thelma Ings* ☎ 01747 860262

## GROVE BUILDINGS RESTORATION FUND

The Result of the '100' Club Draw for July, drawn after Family Communion on 5th July 2009 by Mrs Patricia Stephenson, was:

1st Prize (£20)	-	No. 135	Mrs Annie Leece
2nd Prize (£15)	-	No. 134	Mr John Cox
3rd Prize (£10)	-	No. 89	Mr P Platt-Higgins
4th Prize (£10)	-	No. 158	Mr P Hapgood

The Result of the '100' Club Draw for August, drawn after Family Communion on 2nd August 2009 by Mrs Gilly Gristwood, was:

1st Prize (£20)	-	No. 182	Mr Roy Iliffe
2nd Prize (£15)	-	No. 60	Mr & Mrs G Jeans
3rd Prize (£10)	-	No. 176	Mrs K Herbert
4th Prize (£5)	-	No. 121	Mr R Wilding

*Valerie Ransley* ☎ 01747 860964

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

**10.30am - 3.00pm on Mondays and 10.30am - 4.00pm on Fridays**

If you go down to Lynch Close today,  
The guests may be in or they may be away  
At a pub enjoying lunch maybe  
Or a garden centre taking tea.

At the Rosemary Goddard Centre in Mere  
Go in for the draw and you might win a beer  
And the guests are always very merry  
Especially after their usual sherry!

When difficult quizzes we try in vain  
What we need is Singing for the Brain.

At Tai Chi we've had a dabble  
And we like to play Whist, Bingo and Scrabble.

Is the lunch box on its way?  
Who should be bringing it today?  
The food from Fives Court is always good  
With plenty of veg and a super pud!

A May Day party was enjoyed by all  
And at the tea dance we had a ball.

We pick up in the minibus

If anyone would like to join us.

**Judith Hope, Volunteer**

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Thanks Judith, what talent we have at the RGC! New guests and volunteers are always welcome just contact **Lynette** ☎ **01747 861646**. For more details of our programme look in the Library and on the notice board outside Waltons, the Newsagents.

## **FRIENDS OF FIVES COURT**

In case you've missed the posters, The Friends of Fives Court are pleased to tell everyone that they are holding their famous **Autumn Fair** on **Saturday 5th September at 2.00pm**. at Fives Court. The event will be opened by Lady Patricia Talbot, the Vice-President of the British Association of the Sovereign Military Hospitallers Order of St. John, who is also the President of The Friends of Fives. We shall be announcing details of a garden project at Fives Court for which The Friends are undertaking to raise the funds.

So we hope that we will have the usual heart-warming support from Mere Residents that we have enjoyed for the past five years. This means not only that we hope to see you on the day, but that you will help us as generously as you can with things to sell such as cakes, sweets, plants, garden produce, preserves and things in bottles and jars that we can add to our Tombola hoard. There is an enormous box in the porch at Fives Court where donations of all kinds will be very gratefully received. As a new attraction this year, we are holding a **Fancy Dress competition** for the **under 10s** which Lady Talbot will judge at 3.0pm. There will be prizes! We hope to see you there.

**Jenny Wilding** ☎ **01747 860908**

**Mere Brainwavers @ The Forge North St Mere**



# Family Fun Day

**Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> September 10am till 4pm**

**NEW Railway Demo ♦ LIVE Music ♦ Draw ♦ Raffle ♦ Magic  
Well ♦ Very Yummy Refreshments ♦ Guess doggy's name ♦ Tombola  
& LOTS more. Look forward to seeing you**

**WILTSHIRE MOVIOLA**  
in association with  
**MERE PARISH COUNCIL**  
proudly presents

**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) from 7th September 2009**

*For more information call Mary White ☎ 01747 861257*

Visit our website at [www.moviola.org](http://www.moviola.org)

## **MERE FOOTPATH WALKS - SHORT WALKS.**

The next Short Walk will be held on Monday 14th September, just 2-3miles locally. Meet at 2.00pm in the Salisbury Street Car Park. As advance notice, the following Short Walk will be held on Monday 5th October.

*Janet Way* 📞 01747 860884

# **TISBURY & DISTRICT SPORTS CENTRE**

*A facility provided by Wiltshire Council,  
Where everybody matters*

## **Calling all Clubs and Groups Multi-Sports Area now Floodlit!**

The tennis courts have recently had floodlighting installed, making the area available for hire up until the hours of 9.00pm weekdays and 5.00pm Saturdays. Not only can you play tennis on the multi-play surface, but also football, netball and cricket. So come on all you Clubs and Groups, the dark evenings will no longer mean that you cannot partake in your regular form of exercise all year round.

## **Children's After-School Clubs**

Our after-school clubs re-commence in September, and we currently have a number of vacancies in our football, gymnastics and trampolining groups. All of these sessions are coached by qualified instructors, and the clubs work towards recognised awards. They also run in conjunction with the school term-time calendar.

For further details concerning the above, to book a place, or information concerning other activities which take place at the Centre, please contact:

- Reception ☎ 01747 871141,
- e-mail us at: [tisburysc@wiltshire.gov.uk](mailto:tisburysc@wiltshire.gov.uk),
- or visit the website at: [www.wiltshire.gov.uk](http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk)

## **MERE ARCHERS**

Gloria and Gerald would like to thank everyone who showed an interest in trying Archery this summer. We would like to welcome Janet and Sheila to the club. Although the summer sessions are now coming to an end, we will be moving indoors for the winter towards the end of September.

*Gloria Mead ☎ 01747 863360*

## **MERE BOWLS CLUB**

Since the last report, the Club has won 6 matches and lost 3 in the Westbrook League. In the men's Salisbury District League they lost 5 matches but won 3, and in the Friendlies they won 3 matches and lost one.

The Singles Tournament was won by Mike Oram with Runner Up Alan Inwood. The Mixed Pairs was won by Janet Howell and Peter Dethick with Runners Up Mike Oram

and Chris Isgrove. The Open Pairs was won by Janet Howell and Alan Inwood with Runners Up Teresa Read and Peter Gear.

This year the Win Green Tournament was hosted by Mere, and was very close with Tisbury winning by two points, Mere coming second and Cranborne third.

If anyone would like more information about playing Bowls, please contact Teresa Read  
*Teresa Read ☎ 01747 860289*

## **MERE CROQUET CLUB**

By the time that this is published we will be entering our last few active weeks, bringing to an end what has been, in spite of the BBQ summer that never materialised, a most enjoyable and successful season. Attendances have been good and members enthusiasm, as well as their prowess, have significantly improved week by week.

Chairman Julian Mackie and Greenkeeper Ian MacDermott have, between them, maintained the ground throughout. They have done a magnificent job for which members are unanimous in their thanks and appreciation.

On 15th August, we entertained the Lytes Cary Croquet Club, which proved to be a most enjoyable occasion. Teas, and a heaving table of sandwiches, scones, cakes etc. were provided by our lady members and organised by Margot Boyes. They did a tremendous job. Our thanks to them and to Richard Norris, for so efficiently masterminding the event.

August Bank Holiday will see a Barbeque for members organised by Phillipa Mackie. This should be great fun. Fingers are crossed for a fine day.

There is no closing date for the season, play will go on until the weather deteriorates. Last year this was well into October. Until that time visitors who fancy "having a go" will always be most welcome. Saturday or Sunday afternoons are normally good days to come along, but you can always ring me at the number below to check beforehand.

*Rex Roberts ☎ 01747 860873*

## **MERE SCHOOL**

**July 2009**

On a Monday in June Mere Pool opened to the public and loads of people now enjoy the pool. The school has been using the pool and enjoying their lessons. Thank you to



'The Friends of Mere School' for paying for this. We are having a great time and learning a lot.

In June, the dance club performed a dance assembly. Mandy, a professional dancer, has been working with the group all term. She is very busy in London but will run another club next term.

On 8th July, some of our older children were lucky enough to go to London and see 'The Lion King' at the Lyceum Theatre. It was a fantastic trip and we are all hoping we can go to London to see another show.

Every year the Year 6 children leave the school for their new lives at secondary school. This year we will be saying goodbye to a very talented, helpful and caring class and they will be putting on a special assembly the day they leave. We will miss them! They all visited Gillingham School earlier this term. They enjoyed it, but got lost at times. Purple class will be having a special barbecue at the end of term – yum, yum!

Last year Miss Humphries worked in purple class. She is now a qualified teacher and she will be replacing Mrs Warmington at the end of term. We are all very excited about this, but will miss Mrs Warmington.

Some of our Year 5 children helped to open the new cricket pitch. They put on their sports kit and had a photograph taken by the newspaper.

Silver and yellow classes had a visit to the Weymouth Sealife Centre. They had lots of fun and learnt about different fish and sharks.

Hagbane's Doom is the final show that Year 6 will be putting on. It is due to take place on Tuesday 14th July. It is very funny, scary and sad.

We are about to have our 'Special Person to Lunch' when we can invite a visitor to eat lunch with us.

Our Year 4 and 5 rounders team took part in a tournament at Gillingham School. They did not win but represented the school very well.

Mr Walker and a group of brass players and the recorder players in Year 3 played to the school and their mums and dads. It was really funny and the music was good.

We had a special day yesterday – it was African day. We were very lucky to have an African dancer and drummer and we were involved in many fun activities.

Next week red class are going to visit the '@Bristol' Science Museum - a fun place to learn. Red class have also had a football coach called Matt to work with them.

They played all sorts of games. Mrs Carter also came into school to help us improve our athletics.

The Friends will be holding their summer fete next week. We hope to raise money for a new trolley of laptop computers. Let's hope the sun shines!

We are looking forward to carnival day next week. The whole school will be making masks so that they can wear them in the afternoon procession.

Blue and gold classes have both visited Stourhead this term. They looked for mini beasts, did some pond dipping and had a quiz.

We hope you all have a lovely summer holiday and we will write again in September.

*Charlie Hill, Klara Jenkins & Bryony Adams*



## **Georgina's Ramblings**

Firstly, I would like to offer huge thanks to everyone who braved the torrential storm to support the Big Lunch & the Children's Centre Open Day. We hope that everyone who came had a fun day and got a flavour for some of the things we have happening every week at Footprints.

Our next event is the Table Top Sale on Saturday 24th October from 10.00am at Footprints. Tables can be booked for £2.50, so it is time to start clearing out those cupboards and make a bit of money!

We have lots of exciting groups starting in September and we would love to see some of the new faces to come along and see what we have going on in the centre or at activities around the district:

### **Baby Massage**

**£4.00**

Once a month with a qualified practitioner Ann Read, who will guide you in the art of massage. Massage helps with sleeping problems, bonding and many other concerns that we experience in relation to our children. Baby massage is now taking bookings please ☎ 01747 861108 to book.

**Dad's Messy Morning's Saturdays: 12th September & 17th October 9.30-11 30am**

Come and find your inner child, have as much fun as the children with lots of messy play and outside activities.

**Free**

**Kindermusic Friday Mornings**

**£4.00**

Sessions to set the toes tapping and the brain working to help you support your child through those exciting first learning milestones – to music!

**Buggyfit Monday mornings**

**£4.00**

As you would imagine make that buggy work for you! Come and shape up for life - no excuses, please! You can bring the kids.

**Nature Club Monthly, Tuesday 8th September 11.00am-12.00noon Free**

Join us for a nature trail walk and wander in your surroundings with your child.

**Young Mum's Cooking Group Thursday mornings Free**

Come and share your cookery fun with friends and children.

**Steering Group Next meeting, Tuesday 15th September at 9.30am**

This group of Mere & District people help to shape the services offered by the children's centre. Do come along as the meeting is informal and there is plenty of space for children to play.

**Bumps and Babes**

Parents and carers of young babies and/or expectant mothers. Come and join us for tea and toast and an informal morning in a supportive environment.

**Summer Holiday Club** has been really busy this summer. When the sun shines, we have really been taking advantage of the sunny weather and playing outside as much as possible.

We would like to say 'thank you' to all the parents and staff who have supported us.

**Learning Zone**

**Wiltshire College** Advisor Brenda Forbes will be at Footprints every Tuesday from 10.00am-4.00pm and every Thursday from 10.00am-1.00pm to advise on courses and IT training.

Please telephone the children's centre for more information or to make an appointment. We can help with childcare, should you need it while you meet Brenda Forbes.

We have a new wide selection of courses run by Wiltshire College starting in September. Please contact the office ☎ 01747 861108 for information.

**First Aid training** will be available in September. Come and book now to secure your place.

**Cost Approx £70.00**

**Georgina Shaw-Halford, Footprints ☎ 01747 861108**

## **Do you know why Christians believe what they believe?**

Join us in September to discover how the Christian faith has been shaped since early times. An exciting new course begins at 'Footprints' in Mere on September 24th at 7.30pm. The course is called 'The Story of the Church', and is open to everyone.

It is held weekly for 10 weeks and costs £35.

For further information, or to book a place, telephone  
Ed Hart or Jane Murrell ☎ 01722 411944.

## **CHURCH OF ST MICHAEL, THE ARCHANGEL MERE**

### **Special Notice**

**Sunday 20th September  
Songs of Praise at 6.00pm**

**Sunday 27th September  
Patronal Festival at 10.30am**

**To be Celebrated by the Archdeacon of Sarum**



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

See Church Services on page 35  
for details of other services.

# FR BEDE, THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH MINISTER, WRITES:

## The Late Fr Bede Rowe

As anyone who knows me will readily tell you, I am not the most punctual of people. It is ironic really, as I have clocks all around the presbytery which mysteriously tell the exact time by the use of radio waves. I have no idea how they work, and my life is far too short to find out. Suffice it to say that I know when I am late, to the exact second. In theory, it should help me be on time, but so far... well no.

Warminster Community Radio broadcasts live during the summer, and I had agreed to do the 'God-slot' for a week. It began at 10.22am. Well... in theory that is when it began. On the first morning the young chap telephoned me to check that I knew that I had agreed to do it. The conversation went like this.

Young chap: "Fr Bede, do you remember that you're doing the 'Thought for the Day' this week?"

Fr Bede: *(desperately trying to remember what it was that he had said he was doing)* "Yes, it begins today doesn't it? What time do you want me?"

Young chap: "Three minutes time."

Fr Bede *silence* "Hmmm, three minutes you say? I'll be there in four."

And so I was, with a 'Thought for the Day' which owed more to desperation than planning. I thought it was rather good.

A few days before one of my parishioners had died at the age of 81. She had felt fine but was getting tired easily so went to see the doctor. She was dead within the month. A fine, faith-filled death. She had the chance to say her goodbyes and prepare her soul. But who would have thought that it would have been quite so sudden, from being full of life, to passing from it.

That was what my 'Thought for the Day' was about. You do not know what is round the corner. It may be a telephone call from a young chap telling you that you should be on the radio, or it could be news from the Doctor.

Now is the moment that you are alive.

Now is the moment to do something extraordinary for God.

Tomorrow is all well and good if you wake up to see it. It is not of much use if you wake to see the eternal judgement seat of Almighty God, and you had intended to do so many good things, but never got round to them!

Live for today! (*... and don't complain too much if I'm late*)

# **THE FRIENDS OF ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH**

INVITE YOU TO THEIR

## **AUTUMN BAZAAR**

on

**SATURDAY, 26th SEPTEMBER**

**from 10.00am to 12.00noon**

**at the GROVE BUILDINGS**

Coffee, Cakes, Books, Bric-a-brac, Tombola, Raffle & Kiddies  
Corner

**Please come and join us!**

## **A TRIBUTE TO JOHN BURDEN FROM HIS FRIENDS AT THE MERE UNITED REFORMED CHURCH.**

John grew up in the Congregational Church, he was a deacon and the longest serving Elder in the U.R.C.

John was the treasurer for 35 years then he headed the property committee, this covered not only the Church fabric, but also the rented properties of which there were five or six.

He was a valued member of the choir; he was a gentlemanly courteous man at all times, and before ill health was always at the end the telephone to help or advise with problems, even providing plastic sheeting to keep the Church warm in the winter.

John worked quietly in the background, however at the garden party (later called the summer sale) he came into his own, erecting stalls and supplying most wonderful flowers and plants for the sale.

He was always concerned when anyone was ill, he was kind and caring and we shall miss him.

**THANK YOU JOHN**

# **UNITED REFORMED/METHODIST CHURCHES HARVEST SERVICE**

**Sunday 20th September at 11.00am**

This will feature a Succah or booth, which we shall decorate with fruit and vegetables. Our worship led by Shirley Northcott from Preston will celebrate the harvest with which Jesus would have been familiar. Please bring a small branch and a citrus fruit to add to the succah. There will be lunch following the service.

## **AFTERNOON GET TOGETHER**

We resume at 2.30pm on Wednesday, 30th September 2009, in the Methodist School Room with Mrs Christine Davies. Do come and share in an informal and friendly occasion.

*Mary Siderfin ☎ 01747 861370*

## **RISING STARS IN MAIDEN BRADLEY**

**and much more!**

The Brodowski Quartet, one of the UK's most exciting young string quartets, are giving a concert in All Saints Church, Maiden Bradley on Sunday 13th September 2009.

Before the concert, the Duke of Somerset will host a reception in Bradley House, which will include a guided tour of his home. More information, timings and tickets can be obtained from Meg Oliver. Call 01985 844317 or e-mail: [m.oliver@forest-fact.co.uk](mailto:m.oliver@forest-fact.co.uk)

## **THE CHRISTMAS CHARITIES FAIR**

**Will be held this year on**

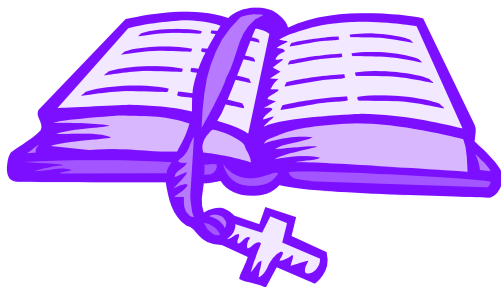
**Saturday 14th November**

**Between 10.00am and 12.00 noon**

**In the newly refurbished**

**GROVE BUILDINGS**

***MAKE IT A DATE IN YOUR DIARY***



## **CHRISTIANITY EXPLORED**

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

**Wednesday evenings 7.00-9.00pm  
beginning with a light supper**

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

**at Dovecot Barn, Manor Farm, Kilmington  
(by kind permission of Fiona and David Redfearn/McNab)**

***There is no charge for attending***

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

**The Revd Tim Heaton ☎ 01747 841076**

**or**

**The Revd Paul Barnes ☎ 01747 863313**



# CHURCH SERVICES IN MERE AND WEST KNOYLE

## September 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
Wednesday	2nd	7.30pm	“Start the Month” Holy Communion (CW1)
Sunday	6th	10.30am	Family Communion
		6.00pm	Choral Evensong
	13th	10.30am	Parish Communion (CW1)
	20th	10.30am	Parish Communion (CW1)
		6.00pm	Songs of Praise
	27th	10.30am	<b>Patronal Festival</b> Parish Communion (CW1) Archdeacon of Sarum to celebrate

### **The United Reformed Church**

**Mere Contact: Mrs E Burfitt, ☎ 01747 860685)**

Sunday	6th	11.00am	Rev'd Hazel Barkham
	13th	11.00am	Peter Kershaw
	20th	11.00am	Shirley Northcott
			United Harvest Service + Lunch
	27th	11.00am	Rev'd Stella Sivyour Holy Communion

### **The Methodist Church (☎ Gillingham 01747 823777)**

**Mere Contact: Mrs M Siderfin: ☎ 01747 861370**

Sunday	6th	6.00pm	Rev'd Ros Hollingsworth Holy Communion
	13th	6.00pm	Mr Andrew Hardiman
	20th	11.00am	United Harvest Service at the URC Church
		6.00pm	Rev'd Jane Ashplant
	27th	6.00pm	Mrs Margaret Whitford

**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	6th	9.25am	DIY
Sunday	13th	9.25am	Holy Communion (CW1 trad)
Sunday	20th	9.25am	Matins (BCP)
Sunday	27th	10.30am	Holy Communion Benefice Service at St Michael's Church, Mere (CW1 trad)

Note: BCP indicates Book of Common Prayer 1662

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

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### SEPTEMBER 2009

**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; YC-Youth Centre**

2	Wed	6.00pm	Karate (Every Wednesday)	L
		7.15pm	Church Meeting	CC
3	Thur	10.00am	Mere Art Group (every Thursday)	MH
		2.00pm	Bridge Club (Every Thursday)	L
		2.00pm	Line Dancing (Every Thursday)	GB
		7.15pm	Church Meeting	CC
		7.30pm	Womens Institute	CC
		7.30pm	Shreen Harmony (Every Thursday)	MH

4	Fri	6.30pm	Barn Buddies (every Friday)	BSF
5	Sat	10.30am	Drop In Coffee Morning	CC
		2.00pm	Friends of Fives Court Autumn Fair	Fives Court
		2.00pm	Mere Gardening Club Potato Weigh-In	The Square
		2,30pm	Mere Gardening Club Annual Show	L
7	Mon	9.00am	Tiddlers & Toddlers (Every Monday)	L
		6.00pm	Beavers (Also 14th, 21st & 28th)	YC
		6.45pm	Cubs	YC
		7.00pm	Scouts (Also 14th, 21st & 28th)	YC
		7.00pm	Slimming World (Every Monday)	L
		7.30pm	Parish Council	AYP
8	Tue	12.30pm	7.00pm Wiltshire Council Public Exhibition	L
		2.30pm	Mothers Union	GB
9	Wed	9.30am	Tai-Chi (Also 16th, 23rd & 30th)	GB
		12.00pm	MHS Visit to Ilminster	CP
		2.00pm	Whist	GB
		7.30pm	Mere Gardening Club	GB
10	Thur	9.00am	Tiddlers & Toddlers (Every Thursday)	L
		5.00pm	Rainbows (Also 17th & 24th)	GB
		6.15pm	Brownies (Also 17th & 24th)	GB
		7.30pm	Guides (Also 17th & 24th)	GB
11	Fri	09.30am	Merely Women (Also 25th)	GB
		7.00pm	Mere Carnival Bingo (Eyes Down 7.45pm)	L
12	Sat	10.00am	12.00noon Grove Buildings Official Re-opening	GB
		10.30am	Drop In Coffee Morning	CC
14	Mon	2.00pm	Mere Footpath Walks – Short Walk	CP
		6.45pm	Cubs (Also 21st & 28th)	GB
15	Tue	7.30pm	Carnival Quiz Night	L
<b>19</b>	<b>Sat</b>		<b>MERE CARNIVAL DAY</b>	
		10.30am	Drop In Coffee Morning + Traidcraft stall	CC
20	Sun	2.00pm	Mere Footpaths Group walk	CP
21	Mon	9.00am	Sale of Harvest Goods for Christian Aid	CC
22	Tue	9.00am	Foot Care Clinic	L
23	Wed	1.45pm	Friends Together	GB
26	Sat	9.00am	Normal Flu Vaccination Clinic	Mere Surgery
26	Sat	10.00am	Friends of St Michael's Church Autumn Bazaar	GB
		10.30am	Drop in Coffee Morning + RGC Bric a Brac	CC
29	Tues	9.00am	Foot Care Clinic	L

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## **BOOKING MEETING HALLS IN MERE**

To Book the Lecture Halls: ☎ Ann Read 01747 861486

To Book the Grove Buildings: ☎ Isabel Howell 01747 860297

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