

MERE MATTERS AND SO DOES WEST KNOYLE

YOUR COMMUNITY MAGAZINE AND
GUIDE TO LOCAL EVENTS



Mere Library and Museum

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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 **on Monday, 4th October 2010** at 7.30pm in the Andy Young Pavilion.

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**
Lindsey Wood, Parish Clerk

GEORGE JEANS, WILTSHIRE COUNCILLOR, MERE DIVISION, WRITES

I have been attending, and participating in, Carnival events this week (mid September). It is refreshing to see so much participation, and it is a social event that we should try and keep. Wincanton have lost theirs this year, may-be for a long time. Mere Parish Council always call the Carnival AGMs, therefore if a committee was not found one year, hopefully it would the following year. At present Mere has an active and successful committee.

I hope possible charges for Mere Car Parks can be averted, although it may entail taking them under local control. The Environment & Select Committee meeting is to be held on Tuesday 2nd November 2010 where: 'The Review of Local Transport Parking Plan' is an agenda item. This is the last meeting before it goes to cabinet.

Any of you thinking of installing renewable energy schemes should note: schemes installed before 2012-13 will get the best subsidies. I attended a presentation at Wiltshire Council where it was claimed one of the biggest wins for Wiltshire Council would be to try and reduce the number of cars on the school run. It was noted, and pressure put on at the meeting, to try and get children close to the school picked up free on the spare capacity of some school buses. This needs to be closer than the present three miles radius from the school.

It has been brought to my attention that the excellent first response medical service provided by Mere Fire Brigade and other brigades may be cut, I am much against this and I believe it should be resisted.

NHS Wiltshire (PCT) should have issued a written response to my questioning of the partial loss of our National Health Dentist in Mere at our local Area Board. Upon chasing I find my statement was not put in the Area Board minutes, and the representative from

NHS Wiltshire forgot to write the statement. This makes me very sceptical, but I have been told a public written statement will be produced.

I have been told recently (if I am wrong I apologise, as with all information in this communication), that with the impending cuts, an estimated 2,000 public workers across Wiltshire may lose their jobs. This is not just Wiltshire Council, it includes many public bodies.

Local government is changing, especially the Wiltshire Councils involvement with schools. In three years time we may not be providing as many school services and buildings. It is acknowledged that many Secondary Schools will become Academy's. The Revenue Support Grant (central government provided) is being reduced by 5% to 40%, an average being about 25%. Highways are ring-fenced and no project is being withdrawn this year, but it is hoped the standard of maintenance can be maintained. We have had some roads repaired in the Mere area (this includes the outlying villages). I intend pursuing roads, as we know there are many locally in need of attention. The grant for free swimming for the over 60s and under 16 s has been removed, which will impact across Wiltshire.

The Area Board has been offered some more grit bins for our highways, these are few compared to the number requested. I will pursue those for West Knoyle, Stourton, Gasper and others.



MERE POLICE TEAM NEWS

We would like to start this month's bulletin by informing you of a piece of good work by your local neighbourhood policing team. A local man recently called into our office to report that his car had just been damaged by an unknown local youth, albeit he had a description of the offender. Details were recorded by us and an area search for the offender was commenced. A youth fitting the description was subsequently located in Mere and apprehended within 30 minutes! He is now helping us with our enquiries, and this case shows how prompt reporting and quick actions can help us to help you.

We are pleased to report that the Mere carnival was a great success on Saturday 18th September. The weather held out and the event was very well supported. I would like to thank the team of officers who assisted Jake and I with the various road closures, particularly as some of those volunteered to assist us on their day off!

We would like to inform you all that Pc Salter will be riding 'Therese' the camel through the streets of Mere on Saturday 18th December 2010. This is in aid of the Mere Nativity procession, and we look forward to seeing you there to support us!

We would like to take this opportunity to inform you that our local telephone number is now back in full working order ☎ 01747 861737 (not 24 hour).

Outbuilding & Shed Security

We recently wrote about the security implications of outbuildings, sheds and garages. We are still able to source low cost shed alarms. Please contact us or Amanda Clarke at the Community Safety Office, Salisbury ☎ 0845 408 7000

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

☎ 07980 701606 or 01747 861737 (NOT 24 hours)

WEATHER REPORT

August was a very wet month. We had a total of 106.5mms (4.16ins) which is the highest recording since July last year. The weather was not as hot as July.

September started with more sun, but colder winds. Up to the middle of the month we had 18mms (0.71ins) of rain. *Peter Durkee*

LINKSCHEME LITERARY FESTIVAL

This month sees the annual Mere Literary Festival – the major fundraising event for the Linkscheme. We look forward to seeing you at the events – the programme flyer appears on the inside front cover of this issue with thanks to Mere Matters. And do have a go at the new writing competition – a maximum of 350 words to include the given phrase - with cash prizes to be won. The results will be announced on Festival Sunday, 17th October – a free afternoon with book stalls for browsing and buying Christmas presents, readings by authors making the news, and refreshments. If you can help with cakes for this event, please contact Melody Parfitt (☎ 01747 861383) or June Lampard (☎ 01747 860876).

If you haven't received one through your letterbox, the big green festival programme is available at the library and other outlets or on www.merelitfest.org.uk. Tickets for all events are on sale at Mere Information Point (Library) or from the organiser.

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

MERE & DISTRICT LINKSCHEME

Requests for Transport ☎ 01747 860096

The majority of the requests we receive are for transport to appointments at hospitals and surgeries, but we also accept other requests as follows:-

- i) To dentists and opticians within an approximate 10 mile radius of Mere.
- ii) Shopping in Mere or Gillingham for those who cannot use public transport or the Connect2 bus.
- iii) Hairdressers in Mere only.

iv) Visits to relatives in hospital, usually sharing a car with someone who has a hospital appointment.

Please note that we cannot accept regular (i.e. weekly or fortnightly, etc.) bookings for either shopping or hairdressers.

We do **NOT** accept requests for transport to Gillingham railway station, **unless** it is for someone who has an appointment at a London hospital. If you require any further information, please contact the above telephone number.

Molly Burden ☎ 01747 860007

MERE CARNIVAL

Mere Carnival Street Collection 2010

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: SC01641

Name	Amount	Name	Amount
Collecting Float	£181.67	C Payne	£37.51
Fireman	£162.97	M Crockin	£35.12
J Walker	£104.12	J Hodge	£35.00
D Sealy	£99.35	B Howden	£33.38
R Sims	£84.63	M Gatehouse	£32.98
N Guy	£61.47	K Crockin	£27.91
L Rose	£61.37	E Rose	£24.40
D Sealy	£58.60	F Hodge	£22.24
M Harbert	£48.52	B Hodge	£21.98
Rosemary Goddard Centre	£48.14	M Davey	£19.99
V Hambleton	£39.54	Total:	£1,240.89

Prize Draw Winners

The Prize Draw was held on Carnival Day and the winners were;

Mrs Hooper	£100	Mr Murchie	£75
Mr Hewett	£50	Mr Guy	£25

Congratulations and a big thank you to the Hill Brush Company for sponsoring the tickets again this year. Trevor Lucas, Carnival Treasurer ☎ 07770 843815

Carnival Bingo Thanks

Thank you to the following businesses and individuals who have so generously donated prizes for use at the Carnival Bingo, which has enabled us to raise the magnificent figure of approximately £400.00 towards Carnival Funds:

Ethos Candles, The George Inn, Mere Pharmacy, Jeans Electrical, Mere Co-op, Lou's it, Pete Davie (Butcher), Golden Valley, Waltons of Mere, Gill Fox and Family, Mrs Judy Bickerstaff, The Old Ship Hotel, Mere Fish and Chips, and Marilyn and Sam at The Fruit Shop.

From outside Mere: National Trust (Stourhead), Mark and Fiona at Nectar, Longleat Enterprises Ltd., Neals Yard Remedies, Waitrose, Dorset Cereals and Clipper Teas.

And those donors who wish to remain anonymous.

Many thanks to you all.

Sue Jeans, On behalf of Mere Carnival Committee, ☎ 01747 860215

LIPREADING AND COMMUNICATION SKILLS

Thanks to the Mere Lecture Hall Trust

The Lipreading and Communication Skills class for people with a hearing loss takes place in Mere every Friday morning from 17th September until 3rd December with a two week break in the last two weeks of October. This is a very friendly group of people with all levels of hearing loss from mild to profound, but everyone enjoys learning more about the skill of lipreading and strategies for communication to help in those moments when diminishing hearing lets us down.

The great news this term is that we have been fortunate enough to secure a generous donation from the Mere Lecture Hall Trust to ensure that group members need only be charged the absolute minimum. We meet in a lovely classroom in the Footprints building at Mere School in Springfield Lane from 10.15am - 12.15pm every Friday. The room is easily accessible and there is plenty of parking. We use a hearing loop for those who need it.

We are very grateful for the Trust's generosity to help this vital class keep going during the coming year. We are always happy to welcome any new members. If you think you are not hearing as well as you used to do, perhaps now is the time to do something to arm yourself with a valuable skill, get to know other people and have some fun along the way. Learning to lipread, understanding more about hearing loss and meeting others in the same boat can make a problem into a very positive experience. We do hope you will join us!

Liz Messer, Lipreading Tutor ☎ 01300 348580

MERE SURGERY

Flu Clinics

A Flu Vaccination Clinic will be held at the surgery on the following Saturday, please contact the surgery to book your appointment time:-

Saturday 16th October 9.00am – 12.00pm

If you are unable to attend on this day further appointments sessions will be offered within normal surgery opening hours in November and December.

We would encourage all patients who are “at risk” to contact the surgery as soon as possible to book your appointment. Telephone requests for an appointment should be made after 1.00pm.

The Department of Health classifies patients with the following conditions as “at risk”:-

- All patients aged 65 and over
- Asthma
- Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease including Chronic Bronchitis and Emphysema
- Diabetes
- Chronic Heart Disease
- Chronic Renal Disease
- Chronic Liver Disease
- Patients who have had a Stroke/TIA
- Patients with Multiple Sclerosis, or other degenerative diseases of the Central Nervous System
- Immunosuppression including patients on long term steroids
- Carer's.

If you do not fall into one of the above risk categories but would still like to be vaccinated please contact the surgery after the 1st November 2010 when an appointment will be offered to you if we still have vaccine available.

Swine Flu Vaccination

If you have a child aged over 6 months and below 5 years with one of the above at risk conditions and they have not yet received a Swine Flu Vaccination, the Department of Health are recommending that they are vaccinated at the same time as the normal flu vaccination. Swine Flu vaccination is also still recommended for anyone who is immunosuppressed. Special clinics will be set up on Friday mornings for any patient who needs a Swine Flu Vaccination. Please ask at reception.

If you have any queries about flu vaccinations please ask at the surgery.

Angela Pitman Practice Manager ☎ 01747 860001

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MERE DENTAL PRACTICE



The practice currently has **NHS appointments** available to anyone in Mere, but Jacquie Barnes is the only dentist seeing new NHS patients

The practice 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 AND DISTRICT CHAMBER OF TRADE

So far so good with the Car Parking Campaign. Everyone feels so very strongly about this matter that meetings have had a good turnout. The 23rd August meeting saw quite a lot of people at the Area Board Meeting, both private individuals and business representatives, and the decision that the Area Board would go back to Wilts Council and state they felt it was not in the best interests of the local communities to charge for car parking. But the battle is not over and the war is not yet won.

If we do not defeat this particular piece of legislation, how long before parking at Business Premises is charged for and becomes part of the Business Rates? It is a long slippery slope that we are heading for, so we need everyone's help in making sure our Car Parks are safe from fees.

On a brighter note, Mere & District are holding several events early next year:

1. **9th February 2011** – Tim King from the Fredericks Foundation a successful entrepreneur is offering SME's in Wiltshire who have been rejected loans by banks, affordable alternatives.

2. **6th April 2011** – Rosemary McDonald from Wiltshire & Swindon Community Foundation, Wiltshire's best kept secret, looking to give away almost £1m to worthy causes in the County.
3. **8th June 2011** – Sue Wilkins from Trading Standards giving useful information to Businesses.
4. Bank of England Breakfast: Date to be confirmed

So come and hear for yourselves what is on offer, put the dates in your diaries, and in the January Mere Matters we will inform you of the venues and times.

The New Business Competition is upon us again and will be launched from Castle Combe on 7th October 2010. If you have started up your business on or after 25th November 2009 then you are eligible to enter. More information to come in November's Mere Matters.

Now that's a little bit to think and plan for do you not agree? Please come and support the Chamber as we badly need your help in maintaining the Chamber's presence in Mere & District.

Barbara S Hewitt, Chair ☎ 01747 863203



ONE WORLD FAIR

23rd October 2010

In the Grove Buildings from 11.00 am – 3.00pm

HELP TO MAKE THE WORLD A FAIRER PLACE

Mere One World Fair Needs You!!

This promises to be a lively, well-supported event with a good mix of fair-trade gifts, cards and Christmas goods, and other stalls representing various charities, together with fun activities for children, and world-flavour food and refreshments. We have a number of firm bookings, and several organisations have shown interest, but there is still room for a few more stalls as we go to print.

There will be singing from Shreen Harmony and Mere School, and dancing from the Brownies, as well as information celebrating the rich diversity of the 'One World' we live in. An event to cheer you up as the evenings get darker; and to help you begin your Christmas preparations.

To make the event a success we need LOTS OF VOLUNTEERS to help with:

- Setting up and clearing away
- Looking after stalls
- Preparing food in advance
- Serving refreshments on the day.

If you can help in any way, or would like to book a stall or find out more, please get in touch with either of us as soon as possible.

Janet Way ☎ 01747 860884, Judith Thompson ☎ 01747 860553

THE GROVE BUILDINGS

Christmas Charities Fair

Yes, it is that time of year again. This year's Christmas Charities Fair will be held on Saturday 13th November from 10.00am to 12.00noon in the newly refurbished Grove Buildings. Why not come along and see the new room, support local charities and buy some Christmas Stocking fillers. There will be a plant stall, bottle tombola, cake stall and a grand raffle with a £100 first prize, plus stalls run by a variety of local charities. Refreshments will be served throughout the morning.

We would particularly like donations of bottles for the ever popular bottle stall, and if you have any unwanted but presentable Christmas decorations we will be pleased to receive them.

Please contact: Isabel Howell ☎ 01747 860297, Peter Knapp ☎ 01747 860142 or Richard Jefferies ☎ 01747 863425, any or all of whom will be pleased to collect any bottles or decorations you may have.

SHORT WALK

This month's short walk will take place on Thursday, 21st October. Meet as usual at 2.00pm in the Surgery Car Park for a 3 mile walk, hopefully with glorious Autumn colours! Tea at the Angel Cafe afterwards. *Janet Way* ☎ 01747 860884

THE COMMUNITY LUNCH

The Community Lunch will be held at 12 noon on the second Tuesday of the month between October and Easter, so put that in your diaries. All are welcome but please could you book at the Walnut Tree (01747 861220) two days in advance. The first lunch will be held at **12 00 noon on Tuesday 12th October at the Walnut Tree Inn, Mere**. The menu for £8.95 includes: Braised chicken in red wine and mushroom sauce, mashed potatoes and vegetables, apple and mixed berry crumble, tea or coffee.

The October Lunch will be held in conjunction with Mere Literary Festival, complete with a storyteller and raffle. *Lynette Elliott* ☎ 01747 861646

QUIZ NIGHT - FIVES COURT/WRACA

Due to a clash of dates with the Lions Club quiz night, we have postponed our quiz night. It will now take place on Friday, 12th November, 7.30pm in the Lecture Hall. We look forward to welcoming all the quizzers!!

Gladys W Pope ☎ 01747 860887

**REMEMBER! COPY DATE FOR THE NOVEMBER ISSUE
MONDAY 18th OCTOBER**

CANCER RESEARCH UK MERE BRANCH

We will be holding our Autumn Fayre on Saturday 23rd October from 10.00am until 2.00pm in the Lecture Hall.

We will have various stalls including a Cake Stall, Tombola and Barbecue. We would be grateful for any donations by contacting Shirley Thomas ☎ 01747 860586 or myself, Beryl Webb ☎ 01747 860588



NEWS OF BRAINWAVE

As the leaves start to turn, the days shorten and autumn is setting in, I expect you will be thinking of changing to warmer clothes. Following an end of season sale at Brainwave, the last of the summer clothes have gone and we now have a fresh selection for you to choose from to suit the season.

Incidentally, if you have opened up your winter wardrobe and found items you no longer want, please bring them to Brainwave. We will certainly be able to find a good home for them and help raise even more funds for our charity, which has an on-going programme to assist brain-damaged children.

We have just done our part to join in with making a splash for Mere Carnival. Probably for the first time ever, the shop had a mobile shop window display with a carnival/fairground theme. This wouldn't have been possible without Jeans Electrical who loaned us the motorised turntables so that the carousels rotated. Very grateful thanks to Sue, George and Michael!

Finally, the Brainwave shop at Mere is now able to accept donations of small electrical items for re-sale (after they have been professionally tested). So, please, keep on donating your unwanted goods (CLOTHES, ACCESSORIES, TOYS, BOOKS AND BRIC A BRAC ETC). Although surplus to your requirements, they can do so much good for Brainwave! For enquiries, you can contact our shop during business hours by calling ☎ 01747 863432.

TOOLS FOR SELF RELIANCE (AFRICA)

A big thank you to the many local people who have recently generously donated old tools, sewing machines and machinery in recent weeks.

All the donations have been cleaned, polished, oiled, serviced and sharpened as appropriate, and are making their way to communities in Africa where they will be put to good use. Where the donations are not appropriate for sending, they are sold within the

UK to raise money to directly support the charity. Without this charitable work, many communities in Africa would not be able to develop their financial independence and move to improved posterity. Your donations really DO make a difference.

If you have any old tools or equipment you no longer require, which may be suitable, then do please give me a ring on the numbers shown below. Collections can be arranged. If you want to see more of the work done by TFSR then please view their web site at: www.TFSR.org

Richard Jefferies ☎ 01747 863425/07950 797273

MERE GARDENING CLUB

Hosting a Literary Festival Event

“Allotment Gardening” with “Dirty Nails”

Our next meeting is on Wednesday 13th October at 7.30pm in the Grove Buildings. Dirty Nails, aka Joe Hashman, will need no introduction to those of you who follow the gardening section of the Blackmore Vale Magazine. No doubt his book, 'On the Plot with Dirty Nails' (*I highly recommend this book. Written by an enthusiastic countryman and gardener - fresh air wafts from every page: online review*), will be on sale. Non-members £2 at the door (donation for Link Scheme)

Annual Show: Cup Winners 2010

Bernard Morgan Cup and Michael Powell Cup: Janet Fisher, **Geoffry Duckworth Cup:** Peter Platt-Higgins, **Collins Cup:** Phillip Powell, **Marie Brine Rosebowl:** Ann Carpenter, **Holmen Cup:** John Hyde, **Novice Cup and Lew Bristow Cup:** Laura Ford, **MGC Photographic Cup:** Chris Tuck, **MGC Cup (Open Classes):** Judy Hingley, **Children's Classes:** Maddie Wathen, **An Arrangement to Promote Your Business:** Charles Farris Ltd, **Junior Club Winner “Largest Sunflower Head”:** joint winners - Charlotte and Joshua Fricker. Congratulations to all.

Junior Garden Club: Potatoes, Prints And Vegetable Patches

As many members are now involved with other clubs on Wednesday evenings, the next Junior Club meeting will take place on Saturday, 16th October between 10.00 and 11.00am at Wits End, North Road. Bring an empty 1 litre tub (rectangular rather than round), 50p and a Grown Up with you. New and old members will be very welcome

Janet Way ☎ 01747 860884

MERE FILM SHOWS

Our film this month, at 7.30pm (doors open 7.00pm) in the Lecture Hall on Thursday 14th October, is an event for Mere Literary Festival and is the acclaimed film 'Invictus' (12A), directed by Clint Eastwood and starring Morgan Freeman and Matt Damon.

The film tells the inspiring true story of how Nelson Mandela joined forces with Francois Pienaar, the captain of South Africa's rugby team, to help unite their country. Newly elected President Mandela knows his nation remains racially and economically divided in the wake of apartheid. Believing he can bring his people together through the universal language of sport, Mandela rallies South Africa's rugby team as they make their historic run to the 1995 Rugby World Cup Championship.

'Invictus' has been variously described as 'brilliant', 'magical', 'a wonderful film' and it seems is not one to be missed. Support the Literary Festival and don't miss an excellent film! Tickets £5.00 from the Mere Information Point in the Library.

Dates for your diary: Friday 5th November, 'The Ghost'; Thursday 2nd December, 'Letters to Juliet'.
Mary White ☎ 01747 861257



MERE MUSEUM

As reported last month, some coins from the 1870 hoard of 'Barbarian Radiate' coins - 10 in all, are generously to be loaned to the Museum by Salisbury and West Wiltshire Museum as an addition to our current coin exhibition. This is very exciting – though don't be disappointed when you see how very tiny these coins are! Not for nothing are they called 'minimi'! It is quite a claim to fame, we think, that Mere can boast two 19th-century coin hoards. We shall provide as much information as we can to accompany the new display, but alas no-one knows where in Mere they were found. We hope that the new exhibit will be ready by the beginning of October; just keep checking.

Almost as exciting is that fact that this new display will be housed in a 'new' showcase! It is surplus to the requirements of the scaled-down Mere Information Point, from whom we have acquired it, and we hope you will agree that it is an asset to the Museum. An old showcase, now surplus to our requirements, is going to a new home in Market Lavington.

Jenny Wilding ☎ 01747 860908

FRIENDS OF MERE MUSEUM

Autumn is here and The Friends of the Museum are springing into action again as is their wont at this time of year! They wish to announce that on **Friday, 22nd October at 7.30 p.m. in The Grove Buildings**, the archaeologist **Julian Richards** (you may have seen his BBC documentary 'Meet the Ancestors'), who lives in Shaftesbury, will give a talk about Shaftesbury Abbey. Everyone is very welcome to this **fund-raising** event which, of course, supports the Museum. Tickets will cost £4 each, to include a glass of wine, and will be available from the Librarians from Friday 1st October. We very much hope to see you there.

Jenny Wilding ☎ 01747 860908

MARY SHELLEY'S MASTERPIECE PLAYS IN MERE!

You may have heard The Dorset Corset Theatre Company rehearsing in the Lecture Hall before its tour with '**Frankenstein; The Year Without a Summer**', a fantastical tale told by three actors that will leave your hair standing on end! Well now you can see the company perform the play in Mere on **Friday 22nd October at 7.30pm in the Lecture Hall**. Tickets are available from the Mere Information Point in the Library on ☎ 01747 861211

In May 1816, Mary and Percy Shelley travelled to Lake Geneva to stay with the infamous Lord Byron. It was there, late at night by candlelight, that Mary discussed her fascination of the medical experiments of the 18th century, specifically the ability of animating dead matter and the horrors of restoring a corpse to life. Prompted by her imagination, Byron formed a challenge – for Mary to create a supernatural story entirely of her own.

The Dorset Corset Theatre Company, known for its actor/musician skills and fast-paced adaptations, are bringing the story of Mary Shelley's classic to stages across the south. Inspired by reality and driven by fiction, the three of them unfold Mary's tale creating one of the greatest stories of all time!

If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact me. There is more information on our website: www.dorsetcorset.co.uk or call me ☎ 01747 861348.

Helen Watts, Co-artistic Director, The Dorset Corset Theatre Company

MERE AMATEUR DRAMATIC SOCIETY (MADS)

In defiance of the fact that it is indubitably autumn, MADS (like the Friends of the Museum), is Springing energetically into activity. The Autumn play has been chosen and cast, and rumour has it that rehearsals are under way. Mere is to be treated to a production of 'Old Dogs', a black comedy by Steve Raw. So get your diaries out now and make a note of the dates **Thursday to Saturday, 18th – 20th November 2010**. Tickets will available in due course.

In a new departure and to whet your collective appetites, we plan to provide you with an advance synopsis. But... this will be tantalisingly supplied in serial form. Here is part 1.

'The action is set in a run-down residential care home where the three male residents unexpectedly find themselves on their own and left to their own devices for three whole weeks....'

For the second (and final) instalment of the synopsis, please see November's edition of Mere Matters.
Jenny Wilding ☎ 01747 860908

MERE THEATRE CLUB

Although we have now closed bookings for the autumn, we shall soon be issuing the winter programme. So if you're interested in joining us, we're always happy to welcome new members. Contact either Wendy or Madelaine for details.

Madelaine Morris ☎ 01747 861833, Wendy Horne ☎ 01747 861712



MERE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

'The Mary Rose, Past, Present and Future'

Mr and Mrs Moore of the Mary Rose Trust

7.30pm, Tuesday 5th October, Grove Buildings.

Visitors will be very welcome.

VISIT FIVE: Friday 11th February 2011 Longleat House: Behind the Scenes

This behind-the-scenes visit includes a warming lunch, which will be in Lord Bath's private and colourful Banqueting Suite.

Leave Salisbury Street Car Park at 10.30am and return by 3.30pm
MHS Members £33, non-MHS members £35 per person, includes lunch

● **DEADLINE FOR BOOKING 31st DECEMBER 2010** ●

**Details on booking forms in members' packs,
also from Mere Information Point**

Caroline Cook ☎ 01747 861797

SHREEN HARMONY

We are now back to our regular Thursday Choir Practice after our Summer Break. We are settled into the United Reform Church Hall in Mere, which accommodates our numbers as we have grown in strength due to our immense popularity! At this moment we are unable to take any new members, but if you are interested in singing with us we do have a waiting list, and if you would like to contact me I will let you know as soon as a place becomes available.

We are rehearsing our winter programme and some of us will be singing at the One World Fair in the Grove Buildings on Saturday 23rd October at 2.00pm. Our Christmas Concert this year will be on Saturday, 11th December at 7.30pm, also in the Grove Buildings. As usual there will not be an entrance charge, but a collection will be made for charity, and there will be the absolutely delicious and irresistible supper and wine for your enjoyment in the interval. We do look forward to seeing as many of you there as possible to support us and to help us raise the roof with our carol singing as well.

Sandra Fisher ☎ 01747 860424

GROVE BUILDINGS RESTORATION FUND

The Result of the '100' Club Draw for September, drawn after Family Communion on 5th September by Mr Peter Dethick, was:

1st Prize (£20)- No. 191 Mr A McDonald **2nd Prize (£15)** - No. 26 Mrs J Plaxton
3rd Prize (£10)- No. 72 Mr M. Tighe **4th Prize (£5)** - No. 101 Mrs E Patterson

I can't thank you enough for all your willing support, past and present.

Valerie Ransley ☎ 01747 860964

MOTHERS UNION & OPEN MEMBERS GROUP

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday 12th October at 2.30pm in the Grove Buildings. There will be an AGM followed by a talk on Salisbury Cathedral by the Rev'd Ben Elliott. Will members who have "Overseas Boxes" please return them at this meeting.

Thelma Ings ☎ 01747 860262

MERE WOMENS INSTITUTE

We had our "Garden Meeting" at Snape Cottage Gardens in Bourton on 19th August, and had a very pleasant afternoon there – thank you, Mr and Mrs Whinfield. This was followed by a most informative and interesting talk at our meeting on 2nd September from Mrs Emery on the life and work of Gertrude Jekyll.

October is going to be busy with a visit to Wells Cathedral on Tuesday 5th October and our monthly meeting on Thursday 7th October at 7.30pm in the Grove Buildings when

the subject of our talk is "Taking Photographs". Do come and join us. Visitors are always welcome.
Sheila Shotter 📞 01747 861771

FRIENDS OF FIVES COURT

It seems a long time ago now, but the Friends of Fives Court's annual **Autumn Fair** on September 11th went surprisingly well considering the not-particularly-helpful weather forecasts. Our profit was a splendid £580, which will go towards the next Friends' project! We should like to thank everyone who so generously supported us by bringing and buying, and/or helping before, during and after. Your continuing, loyal support is hugely appreciated by Friends and Residents alike.

The hard landscaping for the new garden, for which The Friends have raised the money, was finished in August and is looking splendid – some of you may have caught a glimpse of it at the Fair. The water feature has been installed, and the next – and possibly the most prized and eagerly awaited element, the greenhouse, is on order. There will at some point be a grand opening of the new garden, of which plenty of notice will be given. The date will depend quite a lot on the weather. But keep your eyes peeled for posters!

Jenny Wilding 📞 01747 860908

ROSEMARY GODDARD CENTRE (RGC)

Mere and District Day Centre, Lynch Close, Mere
Mondays 10.30 - 3.00; Fridays 10.30 - 4.00pm

One of the RGC Guests, Hilary Norman, found a rather unique reason for joining us which she explains in the following poem:

*I was having a fair bit of trouble
Cos I wanted to be Twiggies double
Well I will go to the Gym
Where I'll surely get slim
But my dream, it just burst like a bubble
In the Gym, my Charles Atlas was waiting
To help get my body in trim
But I nearly wept
I can't get up the step
So how was I gonna begin
Mere chemist I thought I would try
They are bound to have pills I can buy
But they weren't very strong
They just didn't last long
And the price was so terribly high*

*I next joined a great slimming club
Well the venue was near to the pub
So I just put on weight
Cos I got there quite late
After tasting the Walnut's good grub
Then I heard of a group for the older
To join it I had to be bolder
Some fat and some thin
They welcomed me in
Gave comfort, a laugh and warm shoulder
So, I gave up the fight right away
I'd tried dieting every way
I joined Rosemary Goddard
Lynette's quite a card
And Shirley makes coffee my way*

Volunteers urgently needed! If there is anyone, even new to the area and looking for undemanding but rewarding work, we need volunteers on Mondays and Fridays to deliver lunches and other tasks. Do contact me:

Lynette Elliott (Organiser) ☎ 01747 861646

CASTLE HILL QUILTERS

The committee were delighted with the number of members old and new attending the first meeting on the 15th September at the Grove Buildings and to hear how many quilts had been completed during the summer break.

There is a planned visit to Midsomer Quilting in Chilcompton on the Thursday, 30th September, the shop will be opened by arrangement for the group to enjoy over a cup of tea; a sewing demonstration and possibly a little retail therapy.

We are looking forward to a Machine Quilting Workshop, between 10.00am to 4.00pm on Thursday, 14th October to be given by Meg Leach of New Threads in Andover: still a few spaces available although filling fast!

There is also an opportunity to make a Christmas Wall-Hanging starting on Thursday, 28th October; very attractive but easily achievable.

If you would like to join us, we meet on the first and third Wednesday afternoon and second and fourth Thursday afternoon each month. We have many members new to quilting. Some of those are starting to make the Linus Quilts for the well known children's charity as an enjoyable group effort. We meet from 2.00 – 4.45pm and refreshments are served. For more information look at our website:

www.castlehillquilters.org.uk or telephone me. *Carol Lord ☎ 01747 861923*

MERE BOWLS CLUB

Firstly a correction from last month, I thanked Burdens Nurseries for the donation of a raffle prize for our charity 60's night held on Saturday 11th September in the Grove Building – it should have read Townend Nurseries, sorry for any misunderstanding. While on the subject of donations, FJ Chalke came up trumps with the donation of a free MOT check for one lucky winner, many thanks to them for such a wonderful prize.

All the finances of the charity evening have now been totalled and checked – our final total raised on the evening in aid of the Mere LinkScheme was a very credible £440.61. At the subsequent Committee Meeting it was agreed to top this amount up to a round £500.00 from club funds, a cheque for this amount will be presented to the President of the LinkScheme at our annual dinner in January. The Club offers a big thank you to Mary Butchers and her team for organising such a well run and successful event.

Bowling for the 2010 season is now all but complete and we shall have put the green to sleep for the winter by the time this issue is printed. May I thank all those members who have supported the club and its endeavours during the year, and also take this opportunity to pass on the club's best wishes to Stan Clark and wish him a speedy recovery, we miss him on the green.

It is now too late for any prospective new members to join the Club this season. Anyone interested in joining the club next year is cordially invited to attend our Annual General Meeting in the Andy Young Pavilion on Thursday 9th December at 2.00pm.

For any information regarding the club, please contact Alan Inwood ☎ 01985-844215, Shaun Woods ☎ 01747-861707, or me, Don Butchers.

Don Butchers, Club Secretary, ☎ 01747-860219

MERE SNOOKER CLUB

Don't forget the QUIZ NIGHT at the Walnut Tree Inn on Tuesday 5th October at 7.00pm. It should be a great evening with Quiz entry, free drink on arrival and a choice of either Fish & Chips or Curry included.

There will be live music, quiz winners prizes and a raffle. So if you haven't booked your ticket yet, ring the Walnut on 01747 861220 without delay. See you there!

Kevin Smith ☎ 01747 860305

MERE SCHOOL

September 2010

We've hit a new term at Mere School and we have had a lot of new children joining us. We would like to wish our old year 6 class best of luck at their new secondary schools. We are all enjoying our new classes and the new blue class children have settled in well. We hope that all our new friends enjoy our school - it is a wonderful place.

There are some very exciting things coming up this term. Purple class are going to Pencelli where they will do rock climbing, abseiling and canoeing. Our Carnival Club have paraded with their Chinese dragon at Mere Carnival and there are 2 sporting tournaments, in netball and tag rugby.

*Chloe Tealey, Emily Kelly, Brandon Drake, Zach Hillier,
Millie Stainer and Teigan Gifford*

A Message from Mrs Williamson

If your child is due to start Mere School in September 2011, please could you pop into the school office and register your child so that we can send you an application form.

MERE SCHOOL FAYRE & BLUE BAGS COLLECTION

'The Friends' (PFTA) of Mere School are very pleased to announce a well attended and profitable School Fayre held in July. We were lucky to have such a warm, sunny day which drew a large crowd and raised a fantastic £916!!

We would like to thank the following people/organisations: Thank you to Jane and the staff at Brainwave Charity Shop, Georgie of the The Ship Inn, and Gillingham Cats Protection Charity Shop and many members of Mere Community who donated unwanted china, crockery and teddy bears. Particular thanks go to Caroline Ainscough for providing Teddy Bear Raffle stall paraphernalia. We had around 100 gorgeous soft toys, so much so that the Teddy Bear Raffle sold out quickly and was very popular with the youngsters. The China smash was a real crowd puller and took place in a wonderful 'Greek Parlour.' The crowds enjoyed the excitement of breaking up (the very forgiving!) Madame Theolopodopolis's best china! Another big thank you to Mr Deeker for his beautifully handmade stocks for soaking the teacher and pupils – this stall proved to be particularly popular!

We would like to thank the Mere Majorettes whose exciting routines and cowboy style costumes bedazzled us all! Well done girls! Finally we would like to extend our appreciation to YOU, the community, who came to support the school; we had a fantastic crowd who created a lovely atmosphere and raised lots of funds to purchase equipment which will enhance children's enjoyment and learning in school. A big "Thank You".

The Friends of Mere School' Forth-Coming Events:

Blue Bags Collection – many thanks to those who have already donated textile items in bin bags. Our big collection date is Thursday 7th October so there is still time to fill a bag or two. A quick reminder of the scheme: the school has an arrangement with a partnership company who weigh and buy donated bags of unwanted clothes etc. They then present the school with a cheque as a fundraiser. This year we are appealing to the local community to help us with this scheme. If you have any unwanted adults/children's clothing, bedding, curtains, shoes, belts, bags or soft toys (sorry no bric-a-brac), or if you know an organisation who has excess jumble, please fill a bin bag (or more) and either drop it off at the school anytime from Monday 4th October or telephone Louise Harlow 📞 01747 860647 who will arrange to collect any items from your home.

Clock Tower Cake Sale – we are holding our ever-popular cake stall on Friday 15th October from 9.30am until stock runs out (which is usually about an hour!). If there are any budding bakers out there, who could donate a home-made cake we would be delighted. Please bring along any items for sale either on the day (we will wrap them)

or ring Louise on ☎ 01747 860647 and local collection/drop off can be arranged. Otherwise, do come along and purchase a lovely cake for the weekend!

Louise Harlow ☎ 01747 860647

SONG-TIME

Louise and Jenny from Song-Time would like to say thank you to quite a few people! Firstly, we really want to thank all the children and their mummies, childminders and grannies who support our weekly live Song-Time music sessions and who help to make each Friday afternoon such fun!

Secondly, we would like to formally thank The Mere Lecture Hall Trust for their kind donation helping us to enrich Song-Time sessions by purchasing additional percussion instruments ideal for little hands, new music and exciting props. We are extremely grateful for the Trust's generous input.

Finally, we would like to thank the team at Footprints for including us in their Summer programme of events. We will continue to work with Footprints launching our new venture "Baby Song-Time" on Monday mornings at the Footprints Centre. Baby Song-Time is a musical and sensory experience for newborn babies and their mums, and will suit children up to the age of 12 months. Footprints are also providing a crèche for toddlers so that mums can have some one-to-one special 'Baby Song-Time' with their newborns and young babies. Then they progress to the Song-Time sessions ideal for toddlers and pre-schoolers that we run on Fridays.

We thoroughly enjoy running our Song-Time music sessions and would love to see you there. We run two sessions on Friday afternoons during term time in The Mere Methodist Church Hall on North Street. The slightly more gentle class at 1.00 - 1.45pm caters for babies and young toddlers and the second more active class at 2.00-2.45 pm is for toddler to pre-schoolers. Sessions are £4 for the first child and then £1 each for any other children, and you can pay as you go.

For more details, please visit our website: www.song-time.co.uk or give us a call Louise 01747 860647 or Jenny 01747 861603. Hope to see you very soon for lots of fun and singing!

Louise Harlow ☎ 01747 860647



September Review

After a short break at the end of August, Footprints' staff have returned with renewed vigour, very much looking forward to offering some exciting Autumn Programme activities for 0-5s and their families.

A repeat visit from our brave Wiltshire **Firefighters** in their fire engine caused great excitement in the children who were all allowed a go with the hose and to sit in the fire engine. Several families have taken advantage of their free fire Safety Check Service to ensure that their homes are as safe as possible. If you missed it and would like a check do give us a call and we can help to arrange this for you.

Our new slot for **Bumps and Babes** on Monday mornings seems to be going down well and we hope that more participants will join us in the weeks to come, especially as we are incorporating Baby Song-Time in this slot for 6 weeks. As well as an opportunity to meet and share experiences with other mums and their babies, this is an ideal session to increase bonding with your baby with charming songs and rhymes chosen for you by the Song-Time team.

The toddlers thoroughly enjoyed their **Sports Day** joining in the races and ball games with enthusiasm and being rewarded with a certificate for their achievements. We were all exhausted!

At the time of going to press we are greatly looking forward to the **Story-telling** at the Library as part of our autumn theme of relating to the local environment.

Activities for October

This month we look forward to autumn walks and conker collecting around which we have arranged some of our Wednesday **Craft Mornings**. We have themed our activities on natural elements, seasonal festivities and the local surroundings, in order to encourage the children to interact with their environment. On Wednesday, 17th November we have a visit and talk from the police, complete with **police car**.

Towards the end of October it is, of course, **Hallowe'en** which we will be celebrating by drawing and painting pictures and cooking delicious biscuits to accompany all the Hallowe'en themes to be seen in school, around town and in the local shops.

Scrap Store, which is becoming ever more popular, falls on Monday, 25th October, so be sure to pop along to get all the materials that you need for fancy dress and mask-making for the occasion.

Around the District

Once a month, on Saturday mornings we will be visiting villages in our region with a range of craft activities. On Saturday, 30th October from 10.00am-12.00noon we will be at Kilmington School Hall. On Saturday, 27th November we will be visiting Hindon Village Hall, also from 10.00am-12.00noon, where we will be joined by Tisbury Children's Centre.

Your team

The Footprints team is always happy to welcome new families and receive your feedback and suggestions on the activities offered by your Children's Centre. We can also offer support to families facing a wide range of issues from housing and debt to relationship breakdown, benefits support and job searching. Did you know we have a fantastic IT suite freely available to any family who does not have access to this at home? Do contact us if we can assist in any of these areas or if you would simply like our latest activity programme! Our e-mail address is admin@footprints.org.uk

Jane, Jane, Kate and Sandra, the Footprints Team ☎ 01747 861108

BARN BUDDIES – HELP FOR HEROES

On Friday, 19th November, the Barn Buddies are to host an evening in aid of the 'Help for Heroes' charity at Barrow Street Farm. This is an opportunity for the whole community of Mere to show their appreciation for the work that our troops have been and are doing around the world since 9/11.

There will be a bar, BBQ and raffle, and if any individuals or businesses would like to supply a prize or sponsor items for the BBQ or bar, please do get in touch.

Full details of the evening will be in November's Mere Matters, but please put the date in your diary, Friday 19th November from 6.30pm, and come and join us in raising funds for this very important cause.

Tim Merrell ☎ 01747 860195

THE REV'D ROS HOLLINGSWORTH, METHODIST MINISTER, WRITES:

*"Season of mists and mellow fruitfulness'
Close bosom-friend of the maturing sun;
Conspiring with him how to load and bless
With fruit the vines that round the thatch-eves run;"*

So begins a poem by John Keats entitled 'To Autumn', which I learned at school long before I had any sense or understanding as to what it was about. I learned it and enjoyed getting my tongue around the words, but it was much later that I began to gain a deeper appreciation of the thirty-three line poem, and I commend it to you.

Now it speaks to me of God's provision and bounty in creation, of all that is around us in nature, if only we stopped to recognise it. As I look at the plump fruit and vegetables and the magnificent flowers and trees turning all shades of greens, oranges and reds, I am reminded of how much God loves that which He has created, and continues to create, year after year and as season follows season.

In Matthew's Gospel chapter 6, Jesus says: "Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them.....Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these."

So consider, for a moment, the ordinary apple. At first glance, just an apple, but cut it open and you find the potential for lots more apples. Think then of other fruits such as melons or pumpkins, what tremendous bounty lies within.

When I look at such things I cannot but be amazed at the creator who makes such intricate things. How much more time and trouble does he take over us, his greatest creation. I am overwhelmed, astounded and so grateful.

"All good gifts around us are sent from heaven above, then thank the Lord, O thank the Lord for all His love."

HARVEST THANKSGIVING

**at St. Michael the Archangel, Mere
on Sunday, 3rd October at 10.30am**

We are holding an informal Family Service and you are warmly invited to join us.

Our harvest baskets and gifts (no fresh produce please) will be given to the Trussell Trust Foodbank at Warminster. This is a charity which distributes short-term emergency food aid to people in crisis.

This year we have a speaker from the Trussell Trust who will tell us more about the important work of this charity.

FRIENDS OF ST MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

Mere has many attractive and historic buildings, one of which is the Parish Church of St Michael the Archangel. It is important for us to maintain and refurbish this beautiful Church and its furnishings for future generations. The Friends of St Michael the Archangel group was formed in 1976 to foster interest in this and to help to provide funds to achieve it.

If you appreciate this wonderful building, even if you do not worship there, have you considered becoming a life member of the Friends of St Michael's? Friends receive annual newsletters and are invited to events held several times each year. Individual Life Membership costs only £30 and pink application forms are available in the Church, from Mere Library or by contacting the Membership Secretary, Jean Eyles.

Jean Eyles, Membership Secretary ☎ 01747 863450

THE FRIENDS OF ST MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL AUTUMN BAZAAR

**10.00am on Saturday 9th October
In the Grove Buildings**

**Please come along to meet old and make new friends, and
enjoy a cup of coffee or tea**

Everyone will be most welcome

METHODIST CHURCH NOTES

Afternoon Get Together

We shall meet on Wednesday 27th October at 2.30pm as usual in the Methodist School Room. "Memories are made of this" - Do come and join us and if you can, bring an object or picture that evokes a memory you would like to share.

Coffee Mornings

Just a reminder that on Wednesday mornings 10.00am-12.00noon, there is a convivial coffee morning in the Methodist Church, North Street, with a 'Pause for Thought' at 11.00am. Just pop in when you can for a chat with friends.

M Siderfin ☎ 01747 861370

'JULIAN MEETING'

Quiet Ecumenical Reflection Group – Everyone Welcome

This will be held on Wednesday 27th October at 7.30pm (finishing by 8.30pm) in the upper room in the Grove Buildings.

We're now officially a 'Julian Meeting' and would very much welcome anyone who would like to try this very simple time of quiet reflection together to come and join us. Please get in touch if you'd like to find out more – or just come along.

Paul Barnes ☎ 01747 863313, Ross and Judith Thompson ☎ 01747 860553

QUIET DAY

Under the auspices of the Franciscan Group,
BUT OPEN TO ALL

At Ivy House, Warminster

10.00am -4.00pm on Thursday 11th November 2010

Led by the Rev'd Judith Thompson

Cost £20 to include coffee, lunch and tea
(transport can be arranged)

REGISTRATION TO: Blanche Johnston ☎ 01747 860544

FUN WORD QUIZ!

In aid of St Mary's Church, West Knoyle

Cost of Quiz - £2.00

To be returned by 5th December 2010 –

Winner announced 12th December 2010

£100 prize - Details from Janet Howard ☎ 01747 830656

Copies available from: St Michael's Church, Mere, All Saints, Maiden
Bradley, and St Mary's, West Knoyle. Also from Walton's

Good Luck Everyone!

Thank you for supporting our Church.

ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL, MERE

All Souls' Service of Remembrance

Sunday 31st October at 6.00pm

You are warmly invited to join us as we remember those who have
departed this life.

To have a loved one's name read out or for further information,
please contact

The Rev'd. Paul Barnes ☎ 01747 863313

“THE BELLS OF LONDON TOWN”

St Martin’s Church, Zeals, invites you to see a floral display: “The Bells of London Town” (Oranges and lemons) in honour of the rededication of the church bells on Sunday, 10th October.

The display may be seen on:

Saturday, 9th October	10.00am – 4.00pm
Sunday, 10th October	2.00pm – 4.00pm
Monday, 11th October	10.00am – 4.00pm
Tuesday, 12th October	10.00am – 4.00pm

Light Refreshments will be available
Proceeds for St Martins

Gordon & Gwen Jackson ☎ 01747 840614

CHURCH SERVICES IN MERE AND WEST KNOYLE

October 2010

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	3rd 10.30am	Harvest Thanksgiving
	NO 6.00pm	Family Service
Wednesday	6th 6.00pm	Choral Evensong this month
		“Start the Month” Holy Communion (BCP)
Sunday	10th 10.30am	Parish Communion (CW1)
		Archdeacon of Wiltshire
		Preaching and Presiding
	17th 10.30am	Parish Communion (CW1)
	24th 10.30am	Parish Communion (CW1)
	31st 10.30am	Benefice Holy Communion at Maiden Bradley (NO 10.30am service in St Michaels)
	10.30am	Messy Sunday in Grove Buildings
	6.00pm	All Souls Service of Remembrance

The United Reformed Church

Mere Contact: Mrs E Burfitt, ☎ 01747 860685

Sunday	3rd	11.00am	Rev'd Elizabeth Kemp Holy Communion
	10th	11.00am	Rev'd Stella Sivyour
	17th	11.00am	Peter Kershaw
	24th	11.00am	Rev'd Hazel Barkham
	31st	11.00am	Rev'd Elizabeth Kemp

The Methodist Church (☎ 01747 823777)

Mere Contact: Mrs M Siderfin: ☎ 01747 861370

Sunday	3rd	6.00pm	Rev'd Ros Hollingsworth Holy Communion
	10th	6.00pm	Rev'd Helen Caine
Sunday	17th	4.00pm	Tisbury Methodist Church NOT Mere
	24th	6.00pm	Rev'd Ros Hollingsworth Church Anniversary
	31st	6.00pm	Mrs Barbara Jeffery

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

Mere Contacts: Teresa Read: ☎ 01747 860289 or Margaret Thompson: ☎ 01747 860291

Every Friday 10.00am Mass
Every Sunday 11.30am Mass
Children's Liturgy Service on the 2nd Sunday of the month.

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

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

Sunday	3rd	6.00pm	Harvest Festival
Sunday	10th	9.25am	Holy Communion (CW1 trad)
Sunday	17th	9.25am	DIY
Sunday	24th	9.25am	Holy Communion (CW1 trad)
	31st	10.30am	NO SERVICE. Benefice Holy Communion at Maiden Bradley

Note: BCP indicates Book of Common Prayer 1662

CW1 indicates Common Worship Order 1 (trad = traditional language)

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

October 2010

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

1	Fri	10.15am	Lip Reading Clases (also 8th and 15th)	Footprints
		2.00pm	Song Time. Music for Toddlers	MH
		6.30pm	Barn Buddies (Every Friday)	BSF
2	Sat	10.30am	Drop in Coffee Morning	CC
3	Sun	12.00pm	St Michaels Harvest Lunch	GB
4	Mon	9.30am	Tiddlers & Toddlers (Also 4th, 11th & 18th)	L
		10.00am	Baby Song Time. (Also 11th & 18th)	Footprints
		6.00pm	Beaver Scouts (Also 18th & 25th)	YC
		6.45pm	Cubs (Also 18th & 25th)	GB
		7.00pm	Scouts (Also 18th & 25th)	YC
		7.00pm	Slimming World (Every Monday)	L
		7.30pm	Mere Parish Council Meeting	AYC
5	Tue	6.00pm	Funky Feet dance Club (Every Tuesday)	L
		7.30pm	Mere Historical Society	GB
6	Wed	10.00am`	Mere Forest Charity: grant Applications	L
		11.00am	Pilates (Every Wednesday)	GB
		2.00pm	Castle Hill Quilters (Also 20th and 28th)	GB
		6.00pm	Karate (Every Wednesday)	L
7	Thur	9.00am	Blue Bag Collection	School
		9.30am	Tiddlers & Toddlers (Also 7th, 14th & 21st)	L
		10.00am	Mere Art Group (every Thursday)	MH
		2.00pm	Bridge Club (Every Thursday)	L
		2.00pm	Line Dancing (Every Thursday)	GB
		7.00pm	1st Mere Guides	L
		7.30pm	Womens Institute	GB
		7.30pm	Shreen Harmony (Every Thursday)	CC
8	Fri	10.00am	Merely Women (also 22nd)	GB
9	Sat	9.00am	Community First Responders St Johns Ambulance	L
		10.00am	Friends of St Michaels Autumn Bazaar	GB
		10.30am	Drop In Coffee Morning	CC
10	Sun	2.00pm	Mere Footpath Group walk	CP
11	Mon	7.30pm	Lit Fest: Graham Greene's Travels in Africa	GB
12	Tue	9.00am	Foot Care Clinic	L
		12.00pm	Community Lunch	Walnut Tree Inn
		2.30pm	Mothers Union	GB
		7.30pm	Lit Fest: 'Across our Fathers' Graves'	GB

13	Wed	2.30pm	Lit Fest: 'A Year in the Woods'	GB
		7.30pm	Mere Gardening Club & Lit Fest: 'Dirty Nails'	GB
		10.00am	Machine Quilting Workshop	GB
14	Thur	2.30pm	Lit Fest: 'Country Crafts & Characters'	L
		5.00pm	Rainbows (also 21st)	GB
		6.15pm	Brownies (also 21st)	GB
		7.30pm	Lit Fest: Moviola Film Night 'Invictus'	L
		7.30pm	Guides (also 21st)	GB
15	Fri	2.00pm	Song Time. Music for Toddlers (Also 22nd)	MH
		2.30pm	Lit Fest: 'From Page to Stage'	L
		7.30pm	Lit Fest: 'The State of Afghanistan'	GB
16	Sat	9.00am	Flu Vaccination Clinic	Surgery
		10.00am	Junior Gardening Club	Wits End, North Road
		10.15am	Lit Fest: Poetry Café	GB
		10.30am	Drop in Coffee Morning + Traidcraft stall	CC
		2.30pm	Lit Fest: John Aubrey at Draycot House	L
17	Sun	2.30pm	Lit Fest: Festival Sunday: Awards Ceremony	L
18	Mon	11.30am	RGC Bric-a-Brac	Lynch
		8.00pm	MADS Meeting (Drama Room)	L
20	Wed	9.30am	Tai Chi (Also 27th)	GB
21	Thur	2.00pm	Mere Footpath Group Shorter Walk	CP
22	Fri	1.30pm	RGC Tracing Your Family History	Lynch
		7.30pm	Friends of Mere Museum: Julian Richards Talk	GB
		7.30pm	DCTC 'Frankenstein: The Year without a Summer	L
23	Sat	10.00am	One World Fair	GB
		10.00am	Cancer Research 'Autumn Fayre'	L
		10.30am	Drop in Coffee Morning + RGC Bric a Brac	CC
26	Tue	9.00am	Foot Care Clinic	L
27	Wed	1.45pm	Friends Together	GB
		2.30pm	Afternoon Get Together	MH
		7.30pm	Julian Meeting (Upper Room)	GB
29	Fri	3.00pm	Messy Church	Footprints
30	Sat	10.30am	Drop in Coffee Morning	CC

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COUNCIL proudly presents for Mere Literary Festival

INVICTUS (12A)

In the Lecture Hall, on Thursday 14th October, at 7.30pm

TICKETS £5.00 (*Doors open 7.00pm*)

Available from the Tourist Information Office (in the Library)

For more information call Mary White ☎ 01747 861257

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