

# MERE MATTERS AND SO DOES WEST KNOYLE

**YOUR COMMUNITY MAGAZINE AND  
GUIDE TO LOCAL EVENTS**



**JULY/AUGUST 2011**

## 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 July 2011** at 7.30pm in the Andy Young Pavilion. There is no meeting in August.

### **The Chairman writes:**

Planning applications and financial matters seemed to be at the fore of the Parish Council's June meeting and I am happy to say that planning was dealt with in good order. At this time of year financial matters take up rather more time and consideration as we go from one financial year to the next and there are many required checks and balances, audits and reconciliations to be undertaken. However, thanks to the hard work, efficiency and expertise of Lindsey Wood, our Parish Clerk, these requirements have been satisfied and happily the books balance.

Many people, particularly newcomers to Mere, express astonishment at the number of events of one sort or another that take place in Mere, and it is indeed a wonderful thing, when you see how many spring sales, spring bazaars and plant sales took place during May that so many people do so much for the various charities and organisations within our community. Long may it continue!

I joined in with all the activity at the Church Fête at the beginning of June and have to confess to a slight feeling of disappointment that I was unable to emulate the winning touch of my predecessor on the bottle stall! However, I made various very useful purchases and thoroughly enjoyed the event, as did many others, judging by the crowd.

For information on Parish Council activities, minutes, agendas, contact numbers etc. please refer to the Mere website: **[www.merewilts.org](http://www.merewilts.org)**, e-mail the parish clerk at: **[lindseywood@merewilts.org](mailto:lindseywood@merewilts.org)** or ☎ 01747 860701.

*Mary White, Chairman, Mere Parish Council*

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

Car parking for those of you who drive to Salisbury, and park in the main car park of Wiltshire Council is still controversial. You have to pay for two hours minimum, unless you can find 'on street' meters, although they are often taken. I have noticed a decline in the number of people in Fisherton Street, which is an indication of our economy and I have noticed of late that Salisbury car parks have many empty places. Some of the small traders that give character to the area tell me that Wiltshire Council will do nothing

to help them in these difficult times. Furthermore, all the Superstores on the edge of the City have their own free parking.

I attend the Parish Council of Mere and those of the surrounding villages of Mere when other meetings do not clash. Often individuals of my Mere Division phone me about housing or housing problems, roads, noise, footpaths etc. You can contact me on 01747 860215 and I can give you a mobile number when required. As expected, I am getting many calls for grass and vegetation removal at the present time.

Should you need planning advice from Wiltshire Council, it is currently asking for a fee of at least £30. However, the following list outlining topics for which advice can be obtained free of charge from Wiltshire Council may interest some of you:

- Advice relating to protected trees (covered by a Tree Preservation Order or within a Conservation Area) and high hedges.
- Advice to third parties affected by development proposals.
- Advice to parish, city, town councils and area boards relating to development they will commission/undertake.
- Advice relating to development specifically for the benefit/use of disabled persons. (A disabled person is one to whom Section 29 of the National Assistance Act 1948 applies or a child who is disabled for the purposes of part III of the Children Act 1989. A medical practitioner's certificate may be required in some cases.)
- Applications required following the removal of permitted development rights by planning condition or Article 4 Direction.
- Advice on playing fields/recreational facilities for their own use sought by a non-profit making club, society or other organisations, whose objectives are to provide facilities for sport and recreation.

An enquiry made for a revised proposal within 3 months of the date of the response to the initial enquiry will be free of charge provided that:

- The enquiry is made by the same person as the previous enquiry.
- The enquiry relates to the same site or part of the same site as the previous enquiry.
- The development is of the same character or description as the development to which the earlier enquiry related.

At present many small voluntary groups will need to pay, for the little Wiltshire Council will lose, I hope it will allow these small 'not for profit' voluntary groups an exception.

It is unfortunate that largely due to the economy, Wiltshire Council has again had to renegotiate, and agree, to allow the low cost houses at Old Hollow to be sold for occupation by anyone at the market price. The plus point is about 40% of the capital raised will go back to social housing for those in South Wiltshire. (Until I questioned this

however, it was going to be Wiltshire Wide). Also one house was sold on this site to someone qualifying as local.

On the 13th June 'The Wiltshire Core Strategy' went out to consultation. If you are interested in the future of our area please get involved. Apparently there was a shortage of paper copies. However, Mere Library certainly has one.

Our summer should now be here, have a great July and August.

## WEATHER REPORT

The total rainfall for May was 41.5mm (1.59ins). Last year it was 35mm (1.38ins). I recorded the second week as cold, but generally the weather was sunny with wind.

Flaming June? The first three days were fine, including the Saturday of the church fête, then some one up there turned the tap on to quench the flames! Up to the 18th, we had 82.5mm (3.25ins) with thunder on the 4th. Nice steady drops of rain, just right for the garden!

*Peter Durkee*

## 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)**

..plus a dental therapist

**Jay Lonsdale (Tuesdays and Thursdays)**

### Contact Details: -

Mere Dental Practice, Duchy Manor, Springfield Road, Mere, 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

## **LIP-READING**

The Lip-Reading class has its last session for this summer on Tuesday, 5th July. We meet on Tuesdays, from 10.15am-12.15pm, and our NEW venue is the Methodist Church Hall, North Street. This is a GROUND floor room with all amenities close at hand. We start back again mid-September - date not yet fixed, but watch out for posters. We are a friendly group and would welcome any new members. Why not come along and see for yourselves. *Liz Messer, Tutor ☎ 01300 348580*

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

The annual 43rd (Wessex) Division Memorial service and Parade will take place on Sunday, 10th July 2011. The Parade will step off from the Salisbury Street car park at 2.30pm and proceed to the area below Castle Hill for a Drumhead Service.

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

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

## **ST MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL, SUMMER FÊTE**

### **Vicar and Churchwardens**

We would like to thank everyone involved in making our summer fête such a wonderful event. So many people were involved that it is not possible to thank you all individually, but our thanks go to; the organising team, stall holders, raffle ticket sellers, cake makers, tea servers, gazebo erectors, table carriers, musicians, donators of books, plants and bric-a-brac, raffle prize contributors, P.A. provider, everyone who attended and anyone else who helped to make this year's fete so successful.

Thank you all.

*Paul Barnes, Jean Knapp & Tim Merrell*

### **Organisers**

A big 'Thank You' to all those whose hard work went to making St. Michael's church fête such a successful event. Also, to all who supported us - we hope you had a jolly time, we were so blessed with the weather. We made a profit of just under £4,000, a very good sum.

Thanks again.

*Jean and Colin Kantharia*

## **THE FRUIT SHOP in THE SQUARE**

Fruit, flowers, floral tributes, floral sundries and much more.

Tel: 860300 Email: [merefruitflowers@aol.com](mailto:merefruitflowers@aol.com)

## **LITERARY FESTIVAL POETRY COMPETITION**

If you have a poem written or an idea for one, don't let it lurk on your computer or push it to the back of your mind. Get it down on paper and send it in for the Link's festival competition. As a local resident you can pop your entry into the letterbox at 'Lawrences', Old Hollow, Mere, which may be useful if you tend to leave these things to the last minute as the closing date for entries is Monday, 4th July. Local entrants are entered in both the Open and the Local Sections, so you have two chances for your one entry fee, which goes to support the work of the Mere & District Linkscheme. There are also two junior sections. Full details on: [www.merelifest.co.uk](http://www.merelifest.co.uk) or on entry forms available from the Library.

The Literary Festival programme for 10th -16th October is well in hand, and the first flyers will be out at the end of July followed by the full programme in September.

*Adrienne Howell & Lit. Fest. Group*

## **MERE & DISTRICT LINKSCHEME**

**Requests for Transport ☎ 01747 860096**

### **Annual General Meeting**

At the recent Annual Meeting the Chairman, Tony Taylor, reported on another successful year. The number of requests from users in Mere and the surrounding villages had kept drivers busy with journeys to local and more distant hospitals, as well as to other local destinations. He thanked all volunteers for their help and support. The Treasurer, Eugene Reed, reported that the Linkscheme was in a satisfactory financial position, with donations from users remaining high and the usual donation from the Mere Literary Festival, together with contributions from local Parish Councils, making good the shortfall.

Tony Taylor was re-elected as Chairman for the coming year, and Peter Martin was elected and welcomed as Vice Chairman.

### **High Volumes of Requests**

There have been occasional days recently with an unusually high number of requests. Whilst we make every effort to find volunteers for all requests, occasionally this is not possible. Some drivers may be on holiday and others have not been well. We regret the very few times when we have not been able to provide the help requested. Much more frequently drivers turn out at very short notice. For instance, recently one driver rang

early in the morning to say that he was not well but another agreed to drive to Salisbury with barely an hour's notice.

### **General Knowledge Quiz**

This will be held on Friday, July 22nd, at 7.30pm in the Grove Building. We will have Teams of 4 people – each with an entry fee of £3.00 per person, but this does include a Ploughman's Buffet. Come and help us to launch the 2011 Mere Literary Festival, which provides essential financial support for the Linkscheme. *Molly Burden*

## **CANCER RESEARCH UK (MERE BRANCH)**

The Committee would like to thank all who supported us at our Sale on 14th May. We would particularly like to thank those who donated Raffle Prizes and made cakes. The total amount raised was £1,403.43.

*Beryl Webb ☎ 01747 860588 Shirley Thomas ☎ 01747 860586*

## **MERE CARNIVAL**

### **Race Night**

Preparations for this year's carnival are now well underway and our first fundraising event will be the Race Night at the Walnut Tree Inn on Friday, 8th July from 7.00pm. Enjoy the thrill of an evening's horseracing. Great fun night out for friends, families or work colleagues. Tickets available directly from the Walnut Tree Inn are £10.00 in advance. This includes: dinner and a pint/or small glass of wine. Numbers are limited, so don't miss out!!

Sponsors are also required for races at £25.00. This is an excellent opportunity to advertise your business.

Raffle prizes would also be welcomed for this event.

Any enquiries should be directed to the Walnut Tree Inn ☎ 01747 861220.

### **Fundraising Events during this year's Carnival week**

Grand Bingo, Friday, 9th September. Quiz, Tuesday, 13th September. Film Night, Thursday, 15th September and Race Night, Friday 16th September. Carnival Day is on Saturday, 17th September. More details to follow.

Do please support the fundraising events and please be generous with your contributions, as the Carnival costs many thousands of pounds to put on each year.

Carnival Draw tickets - £1.00 per book with cash prizes available soon.

If anyone has any unwanted/new items that would be suitable contributions towards raffle prizes for any of the carnival fundraising events, these will be very gratefully received and can be handed in to Jeans Electrical Shop or Chapel or to Waltons Newsagent/The Post Office.

**REMEMBER! COPY DATE FOR THE SEPTEMBER ISSUE  
MONDAY, 15th AUGUST**

## **GREAT NEWS!**

A co-operative bank  
for saving & borrowing

### **The S-W Wiltshire CREDIT UNION**

will open a collection point in Mere  
**at the Library**  
starting

**10.00am to 12 noon**

**Saturday, 16th July**

Interest on deposits & loans at favourable rates

## **MERE SHORT WALKS**

JULY'S SHORT WALK will be a slightly longer walk of 4½ miles on Thursday, 14th July.  
Meet in the Surgery Car Park at 2.00pm. There will be NO short walk in August.

*Janet Way ☎ 01747 860884*



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

**The FINAL:** The final presentation evening for the New Business Competition was held on Friday, 20th May at Bowood Golf & Country Club. The overall winner of the competition for this year was announced as Triple Helix Wargames, a business based in Westbury.



BBC Radio Wiltshire was present during the evening and all 17 businesses that reached the final were interviewed and given the opportunity to say a few words about their business.

The winner for Mere was Paul Scaife of Beach Life @Wine - a business selling quality wine in PET bottles, to support a beach lifestyle. The Chamber would like to thank Paul, who was a worthy winner, for entering the competition and representing Mere.

We would also like to extend our thanks to Deborah Merx of Recycle for Cash, and Nick Gatehouse of Green Mountain Logging LLP who also participated in the competition.

### **Update on Dates for your Diary:**

The Chamber will be hosting a business networking evening in the near future. We would like to invite businesses in Mere and District to attend, whether you are an established or a new business, or maybe just starting up. If you would like the opportunity to give a short talk about your business, please let us know. If not, please just come along and meet other local business people and enjoy the social and networking opportunity! Further details to follow shortly, so watch this space.

**14th September 2011** An evening visit to Wylve Valley Vineyard beginning at 6.30pm.

**26th September 2011** Emergency First Aid Training, this is a day time course from 9.00am – 4.30pm to be held in the small room at Prince of Wales Club, Mere.

**19th October 2011** Food Hygiene Training, again a day time course from 9.00am – 4.30pm to be held in the small room at Prince of Wales Club, Mere

### **Date of next Chamber Committee Meeting**

This is to be held at R Hamilton & Co Ltd for 8.00am (yes **8.00am**) on Wednesday, 20th July 2011.

You are most welcome to join us at our meetings, and if you are interested in being on the committee please come along. More ideas are always essential to keep a Chamber active.

To book, or for further information on any of the Chamber events or meetings, please contact Julie Cousins ☎ 0785 670 0576. If there is anything the Chamber can do for you, please let us know. We are here to help all businesses, large or small.

*Barbara S Hewitt MSSP Assoc CIPD, Chair Mere & District Chamber of Trade*

## **‘THE SATURDAY SKETCH!’**

Firstly, a big thank you to all who came to support me at this year’s Wyllye Valley Art Trail, it was a huge success with a fantastic number of visitors both local and from further afield.

During the trail I had a number of enquiries for arts workshops and in response I am planning to run some tutored art classes, starting in August on Saturday mornings in Mere. If there is enough demand I will continue the classes after the summer too.

The sessions will run from 10.00am to 12.00pm and will include drawing and painting techniques. Every workshop will be themed, starting with ‘landscape’ and thereafter; ‘buildings and architecture’, ‘flora and fauna’ and ‘portrait and figure.’ Some of each session will be spent outside (weather permitting) at various points around the town, relating to the respective theme.

My sister, Sarah Swann, also a Wyllye Valley Art Trail participant, will also be on hand for ‘one-on-one’ tuition.

The cost will be £15 per session. Open to all from beginners to enthusiasts, aged 8 and over. Numbers will be very limited to ensure we can enjoy a good old chat with each person! So please contact me by e-mail: [laura@laurarichart.co.uk](mailto:laura@laurarichart.co.uk) or phone as soon as possible to register your interest or for more information.

*Laura Rich ☎ 01747 861537*

## **FROM NAPLES TO STOURHEAD**

Join us for a Magical Summer Evening on a journey from Naples to Stourhead via Milan and Rome, at St. Peter’s Church, Stourton on Friday, 5th August at 7.30pm, featuring the talented and acclaimed soloists Roma Cuiffa and Pietro delle Chiaie playing works on recorders and harpsichord, from Mancini, Corelli and Sammartini.

Come early and enjoy a visit to Stourhead Gardens.

Tickets at £10 to include a glass of wine and canapés (bar opens at 6.30pm) from Crin Fearon, e-mail: [fearoncrin@hotmail.com](mailto:fearoncrin@hotmail.com) or 01747 841 400.

Roma Cuiffa and Pietro delle Chiaie both graduated from the Conservatorio Musica Santa Cecilia in Rome to perform individually all over the world. Together they formed the Capella Musicale Enrico Stuart, recording and specialising in 17th & 18th Century French choral and instrumental works.

They joined the Roma Baroque Consort in 2005 and continue to play an Early Italian repertoire.

*Jane Joyce ☎ 07785 997 581*

**ROSEMARY GODDARD CENTRE (RGC)**  
**The Day Centre for Mere and district, Lynch Close, Mere**  
**Mondays and Fridays 10.30am - 4.00pm**

In July we will be saying goodbye to our Organiser of the past four years, Lynette Elliot, with thanks for the energy and enthusiasm she brought to the post. We will be warmly welcoming our new Organiser, Sandie Hawkins, who some of you may know as she lives in Mere. You will be able to meet her at our AGM to which all are very welcome.

We have started planning our stall for November's Charities Christmas Fair, and would be very grateful for any small items suitable for gifts, such as jewellery, you are able to spare. Please contact Pat Gear ☎ 01747 860320, or Jean Rodriguez ☎ 01747 860436 for more details.

You are all invited to our:

**AGM on Monday, 25th July at 2.00pm**  
**in the Community Room, Lynch Close, Mere**

For further information, please contact:

*Caroline Cook (Secretary to Trustees) ☎ 01747 861797*

**A PERSONAL THANK YOU**

As I leave the **Rosemary Goddard Centre**, I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has supported me as Organiser and who have contributed so much to make the Centre such a terrific place. Without the efforts of organisations, clubs, businesses and individuals in raising funds, the Centre would not have been able to achieve all that it has. It is the devotion of the volunteers (too many to mention) in helping with the sessions, washing up and the delivery of the lunches, that enables the Centre to run so smoothly.

I would particularly like to thank Fives Court Residential Home, the Connect2Wiltshire bus and the Co-op for all their constant hard work. Now, what can I say about the guests, they are just the most wonderful people in the world, how I will miss their laughter and sense of fun!! Finally, I would like to wish the Trustees and the new Organiser all the very best for the future as they continue the good work.

*Lynette Elliott*

**FRIENDS OF FIVES COURT**

We would like to remind you once again to keep **Saturday afternoon, 3rd September** free – the date of the Friends' Autumn Fair. We share this date with the Garden Club's annual show, and we hope that you will be able to support both events as you have so generously done in the past.

*Jenny Wilding ☎ 01747 860908*



## **BRAINWAVE**

This month, we are making an appeal for donations of your good quality clothing that you no longer need. As the seasons swing in and out of spring/summer mode we are trying to keep the rails stocked with just the right attire, whatever the weather. After the busy time when people were spring cleaning and bringing us their donations of clothes they no longer required, things have slackened off a bit. So, please, look again in your wardrobes and think about de-cluttering! Regular customers may have noticed that leading up to the Glastonbury Festival, our shop has featured a large range of ethnic style garments. There have been some beautiful pieces in bright colours made from soft Indian cotton. When the heatwave starts – as it surely will – these are just the sort of garments to keep you feeling cool and comfortable. For those who prefer a more formal look, we also have a small stock of the Laura Ashley label. For further information about Brainwave or what we have in store, please call the shop during business hours ☎ 01747 863432. Thank you.

## **MERE GARDENING CLUB**

Our next meeting on Wednesday, 13th July at 7.30pm in the Grove Building will be a talk by Marcus Dancer on “Climbing plants for Sun and Shade”.

Marcus is planning an interactive evening, and will take us through the choice of climbers for both sun and shade. He will demonstrate his talk with colour photographs and bring a range of specialist climbers which will be for sale. Visitors very welcome.

### **Visit**

On Wednesday, 10th August, members will make an afternoon visit to the Organic Garden, Blagdon, Somerset. Non-members very welcome. Details from Roger Laidler ☎ 01747 863447.

### **Annual Show Saturday, 3rd September 2.30pm in Mere Lecture Hall**

Schedules are available from Sam's Flower shop and Janet Way, Wit's End, North Road. It includes a category for local clubs to promote themselves, as well as other open categories with plenty for children. So everyone can join in the fun.

Entry forms to be returned to Janet by 8.00pm on Wednesday, 31st August, please.

**2010 cup winners, please, please, please return your cups to me asap**, either at the July meeting or to Wit's End, North Road. Many thanks.

*Janet Way ☎ 01747 860884*

## MERE FILM SHOWS

As I write this at the end of our current season, I await the new list of films for the autumn and the start of our seventh season of Film Shows. We start as ever with a film for Carnival Week on Thursday, 15th September and posters and tickets will be available before the end of August. Although I don't know yet what that film will be, we will endeavour, as always, to bring you the best choices we can over the season.

David Lamb, Merle Benson and I would like to say a big thank you to everyone who comes to support the Film Shows, as without this continued support Mere Film Shows would be financially unviable and we would be unable to carry on. The charges payable to Moviola come from ticket sales and, as there is a minimum charge, we have to be able to cover that.

That is why we always do our very best to select good films that we hope you will enjoy. Have a lovely summer!

*Mary White ☎ 01747 861257*



## MERE MUSEUM

We are delighted to announce three new arrivals in the Museum.

These are three brand new, made-to-measure showcases! They match the existing tall silver showcases and are just as elegant, and confer a really professional look on the museum. They also provide much-needed, extensive new storage space under the display area.

This new purchase has been made possible both by the large donation given by The Friends of the Museum at its AGM last year, and by an extremely generous bequest from the late Michael Tighe.

Michael was a wholehearted supporter of the Museum, and for some time served as the Chairman of its committee. One of the new showcases will bear his name, to commemorate him and the contribution he made to the Museum throughout his retired life here in Mere.

The latest exhibition was unveiled at the beginning of this month. Entitled 'Wish You Were Here', it is about postcards of Mere, ranging in date from 1902 until the 1950s, almost all produced in Mere and all from the Museum's collection. Quite a number were written and posted during that period, and the messages are often as interesting as the pictures.

About 40 of these were circulated among the Green family, who once ran a grocery business from a still-existing house on Hazzards Hill.

Many of the pictures contain images of people, of course, and we would love to know who they are. If you can help to identify anyone at all, please get in touch with the Curators! The exhibition will run until the end of October.

*Jenny Wilding ☎ 01747 860908*

## **FRIENDS OF MERE MUSEUM**

The Friends enjoyed a Preview of the Postcard exhibition at the end of May and a convivial time was had by all.

Unfortunately the new showcases (see above) didn't arrive quite in time for the preview, but the Friends have it in mind to hold a small event in the summer to officially mark their arrival and to unveil a plaque which will commemorate Michael Tighe's bequest. Watch out for posters.

*Jenny Wilding ☎ 01747 860908*

## **MERE AMATEUR DRAMATIC SOCIETY (MADS)**

After last month's tantalising hints, we are now prepared to reveal, up to a point, some of the details of MADS' Autumn Production. It will take place from Thursday to Saturday, 24th – 26th November.

You already know that the production will be a World Premiere of a new play, and we can now tell you that it is a comedy-drama about the lives of two middle-aged sisters who live, not always contentedly, together. More accurately, they are middle-aged when the play opens, but are old when the final curtain falls.

The title is ***Time Heals, They Say***. The author? Well, he (yes, he – another clue!) is very well known to the writer of this notice.

All really will be revealed at the end of August, promise!

*Jenny Wilding ☎ 01747 860908*



## MERE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

VISIT FOUR: Thursday, 1st September 2011

### Brunel's SS 'Great Britain'

Designed by Isambard Kingdom Brunel, the SS 'Great Britain' was the world's first great ocean liner and is now the centrepiece of a major attraction in a dry dock in Bristol. At the end of a long and varied career, she was abandoned in the Falklands in 1937, but subsequently brought home to the dry dock in Bristol where she had been built, and has since been restored and conserved.

We will have a guided tour of the 'Great Britain', after which there will be time to look further at the ship, to lunch in the café or to explore the area, including the ferry over the floating harbour and perhaps to visit the 'Matthew' the replica of Cabot's ship.

**We will leave Salisbury Street Car Park at 10.00am and return by 5.00pm.**

**Cost:** MHS Members £19.50, non MHS members £21.50, per person, to admission and guided tour.

***For more details please ring Ros Castro ☎ 01747 861957***

Although you will have received a pack if you were a member last year, **if you haven't got a blue membership card then you haven't renewed your membership.** If you intend to renew, it would be a great help to the Society if you would send your fee (£6 per member) to the Membership Secretary: Joan Slight, 7 Nursery Gardens, Mere, BA12 6PP. ☎ 01747 860890. Standing Order forms are available

## GROVE BUILDING RESTORATION FUND

The Result of the '100' Club Draw for June, drawn after Family Communion on Sunday 5th June 2011 by Mrs Carol Lord was:

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|-----------------|-----------|----------------------|
| 1st Prize (£30) | - No. 162 | Mrs J Woodroffe      |
| 2nd Prize (£20) | - No. 131 | Mrs H Willoughby     |
| 3rd Prize (£10) | - No. 64  | Miss J Croxton-Smith |
| 4th Prize (£5)  | - No. 59  | Mrs Ann Hannon       |

***Valerie Ransley ☎ 01747 860964***

## CELEBRATION OF FLOWERS

### A FLOWER FESTIVAL SET IN MAIDEN BRADLEY HOUSE

By kind permission of the Duke and Duchess of Somerset

**AUGUST 6<sup>TH</sup> AND 7<sup>TH</sup> 11am – 5pm £4 entry – in aid of the church**

## MERE THEATRE CLUB

Even though summer has barely started, we shall soon be planning for some exciting outings during the autumn. Don't miss out! If you are not already a member, it's never too late to join, contact either Madelaine or Wendy, details below. And who knows there may be another social gathering this autumn - watch this space.

*Madelaine Morris ☎ 01747 861833, Wendy Horne ☎ 01747 861712*



## MERE WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

**Next meeting: Thursday, 7th July at  
7.30pm in the Grove Building.**

**Wine adventures** Carol Whitehead will be our guide into the appreciation of wine, with emphasis on varieties from Australia and New Zealand.

**Coffee morning** on Thursday, 14th July at 10.30am in the Grove Building. This informal event will include stalls selling cakes and produce, handicrafts, bric-a-brac and a prize raffle. As usual refreshments will be available. All are welcome to join us.

**Denman College** is the National Federation's adult educational centre, named after the noted benefactress Lady Denman, our first national Chairman. A Wiltshire weekend at the college, located in Marcham, Oxfordshire, is at the planning stage and will take place from 2nd to 29th April 2012. 84 places only will be available for members from Wiltshire to spend the weekend learning new skills and making new friends.

**Future diary date: Thursday, 1st September** is the date of our next meeting and the lecture is entitled "Crafts of the Waterways". Susan Waldron will tell us about the history of navigation on our rivers and canals, the different craft that have developed and the crafts involved in their construction and decoration.

*Gillian H Brignell ☎ 01747 861114*

## MOTHERS UNION & OPEN MEMBERS GROUP

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, 12th July at 2.30pm in the Grove Building. The speaker will be Mrs Christine Marsh.

'Wave of Prayer' for this branch will be held on Wednesday, 27th July at 4.15pm at "Shreenvale". There will be NO meeting in August.

Thank you to all who gave cakes for the stall at the Church fete.

*Thelma Ings ☎ 01747 860262*



## CASTLE HILL QUILTERS

Our members were delighted with the response from our small exhibition at St. Michael's Fête on the 4th June. People just kept coming into the church and there were many requests to buy. We are pleased some of our members were demonstrating quilting. We are looking forward to new members joining our growing group.

This followed a popular day visiting an exhibition put on by the "Sprat and Winkle" Quilting Group celebrating their thirtieth year in Andover and we plan to visit Romsey Abbey on Thursday, 7th July.

Our meetings commence again on Thursday, 15th September. In future we will meet every Thursday afternoon at the Grove Building from 2.00 to 4.45pm. Due to high attendance we have been able to lower our meeting subscription. For more details about the group and photos of the exhibition, please look at our website: **Castlehillquilters.org.uk** or telephone me. *Carol Lord ☎ 01747 861923*

## MERE BOWLS CLUB

Flaming June is upon us, not that we have seen a great deal of sunshine this month. However we continue to do well in our matches as a club; with the ladies section yet to lose this season. This is a wonderful achievement when we only have eight lady members in the club – more ladies in the bowls club would be most welcome. As an added bonus Mere BC are top of the Westbrook mixed triples league as at the end of May. Long may the situation continue!

Internal club competitions are well under way with both the mixed triples and pairs being completed to the finals stage by the time this missive goes to print.

Finals day has been set for Saturday, 10th September, so once again we are hoping for an Indian Summer. Club Social Evenings have been introduced for the first time this year with a Cheese, Wine and Bowls evening being held in May and a Fish, Chips and Bowls night planned for mid-June. These are member and guest only evenings so the only way to enjoy them is to give bowls a try and then join the club. Once you have tried bowls you will be hooked as I was – and still am!

Still on the competition front, the club has entered teams in the Wiltshire Mixed Rinks, the Wiltshire Treasurer/Secretary and the Wiltshire Bowls Benevolent Fund competitions this year, thus getting Mere Bowls Club known on the County scene. Hopefully, more will follow next year as we get more adventurous.

For any information regarding the club please contact Alan Inwood ☎ 01985 844215, Jeff Vigars ☎ 01747 860976, or me, Don Butchers.

*Don Butchers, Club Secretary ☎ 01747 860775*

## **MERE CRICKET CLUB**

A report of the activity from Mere Cricket Club thus far this year.

### **U9's**

The under 9's have just played their first game and lost narrowly to Blandford. Whilst it would have been nice to win, seeing a group of enthusiastic 8 and 9 year olds playing cricket in Mere could not dampen the day, unlike this rain we've been having recently.

### **U11's**

The under 11's have beaten Stalbridge and Shaftesbury, and narrowly lost to Marnhull on the last ball - Danny Harkin, Bailey Hodge and Harry Bateson putting in star performances.

### **U13's**

The under 13's have won 3 and lost 1 thus far, solid opening batting from George Cassidy and Danny Harkin paving the way, but it's been the team fielding performances that have caught the eye, 2 run outs against Kilmington by Charlie Rayner standing out in particular.

### **U15's**

The older group have yet to win, but have performed 'manfully' and continue to impress me with their spirit and enthusiasm. A special mention to Adam Brocklehurst and Michael Catley for their sterling work behind the scenes.

### **Adults**

The adult team currently sit top of the Three Counties League, despite the weather's best efforts. The pick of the games so far was the away win against 2 time champions Buckhorn Weston, their first defeat for over a year.

Junior coaching continues on a Friday evening, when weather allows, from 6.15pm. Please feel free to pop down and join in.

If you need any further information, please contact Kevin Whitmore, or Mark Cassidy at the Walnut Tree Inn.

*Kevin Whitmore ☎ 01747 860639*

## **MERE KARATE CLUB**

It has been a while since the local Mere Karate Club has submitted a report in Mere Matters so I thought it was time I gave an update on what has been going on the last few months.

Firstly, Dawn Ginger, who many parents will know and remember from Dizzy Bugs Play in Wincanton, achieved her Shodan black belt earlier in the year, which is a great achievement. We also had 5 students enter a national all styles competition in Oxford in October last year and all came back with a medal or trophy. Worthy of special

mention is Luke Watson who entered the Black belts men's kumite (fighting) and took 2nd place by defeating one of the country's top fighters in his first fight of the day. Also, Madison Clarke, a junior, was also fighting in the junior brown/black belt section and came 2nd. Madison is a brown belt and beat a much bigger and higher graded opponent.

More recently, on 4th June, we had a visit from a Japanese instructor, Sensei Akita, who undertook a course for us at Wincanton Sports Centre.

Peter himself has also been very busy and has taught courses all over the country, from Wincanton, Kent, Wolverhampton, Oxford, Devon and Leicester and is soon flying to Sunderland to teach there and also undertake a dan grading.

The course in Leicester was billed as a Masters of Shotokan course and Peter was one of four instructors teaching that day and was voted best instructor of the day.

Apart from being a local karate club instructor, Peter is also Chief Instructor of the Traditional Shotokan Karate Association (TSKA) and Chair of the Technical Committee of the country's largest Governing Body, NAKMAS.

We have also just had our Annual Spring Residential course in Devon. This is the 12th year that the TSKA have hosted and run this event and, as always, it was a great success with students coming from all over the country, from Newquay and as far as John O'Groats, Scotland.

The event is held over 4 days from Friday to Monday with training for 3 hours in the morning in a Sports Centre and also an afternoon session on the beach (and in the sea) on the Sunday. On the Saturday night we have our annual party at the Beachcomber Bar, right on top of the cliffs. This is a fantastic event with Disco, Karaoke, children's and adult quizzes and even our own version of the X Factor. The instructors on the course were Peter Manning, John Euden - Kent, Paul Mitchell - Wells, and Gary Roberts - Newquay. *Pat Manning, TSKA Secretary ☎ 01747 860144*

## **MERE SNOOKER CLUB**

**Advance Notice.** Mere Snooker Club, with the support of The Walnut Tree Inn, will be offering a Quiz Night with live music in early November - date to be announced in next edition of Mere Matters. Those of you who attended last year's event will know that it is an occasion not to be missed! The Club offers membership to players of all abilities, and to those wishing to take up the sport. For details, please contact:

*Kevin Smith, Secretary ☎ 01747 860305.*

## **MERE TOWN YOUTH FOOTBALL**

### **Soccer School**

We are holding a Soccer School on Tuesday, 9th; Wednesday, 10th; and Thursday, 11th August 2011 at The Duchy Manor Playing Fields, Mere from 10.30am - 3.00pm.

All players aged between 6 years to 16 years, Boys and Girls, are welcome to come along and enjoy some quality training with our coaches and take part in friendly matches.

Cost £20.00 per Child for the 3 Days and please bring your own lunch, snack and drink as well as a Hat and change of clothes, depending on the weather. For more information contact:

*Mary Crorkin ☎ 01747 861652 or Julie Hodge ☎ 01747 860336*

## **1st MERE BROWNIES**

### **Recycling project**

We are still collecting:

- Jewellery – Gold, Silver, Costume and watches.
- Foreign and UK coins and notes - any currency and of any age.
- Mobile phones. (They do not have to be working, but it is advisable to remove the SIM card).

We can recycle them for you – with proceeds to unit funds.

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

Collection points for all your contributions are still at Waltons Newsagent/The Post Office, Jeans Electrical Shop and Jeans Chapel Showroom as well as The Library.

With many thanks.

*Sue Jeans ☎ 01747 860215*

# MERE SCHOOL

June 2011

Hello from Mere School!

At the beginning of June, year 6 were lucky enough to be invited to Hurdcott House. This was a very exciting experience because we learnt about farming and how they grow crops. We also had a talk about fishing. We had a great day and would love to go again.

Just after half term we had our sports week. We did all sorts of things including Speed Stacking and a sponsored Zumba. We also did some healthy cooking. We had our sports day and many of us went to an Area Sports Event at Gillingham School. Our cricket team came runners-up in the area cricket competition and we are now through to the county competition. It was a brilliant week.

Red class went to Pencelli on 23rd May for a week in South Wales. They did canoeing, caving, climbing, gorge walking and adventure walking. Most people liked the canoeing best. We paddled along the Brecon and Monmouthshire Canal for 3 miles. At the end we were allowed to capsize and jump in! Each evening we had different activities to do. So, overall Pencelli was great!

On June 8th two of us attended a languages day at Chilmark School with children from our cluster schools. We all really enjoyed ourselves. We did lots of songs, dancing, playing games and eating (yummy or not!) French food. Thank you to Madame Jacobs for organising such a fun day.

Three children from our school went to a technology day at Gillingham School. The first session was food where we made flapjacks and smoothies. The second was resistant materials where we made pencil holders with a laser cutter and a hot strip wire. The third session was textiles, where we made a felt phone case made out of wool. We all had a lovely day and we'd love to go again.

Green class had an Egyptian day. They came to school dressed as Ancient Egyptians (even the teachers!). In the morning we prepared the Pharaoh's treasures for the afterlife. It was great fun because we could use our imagination to create Egyptian artefacts. When we came back from lunch all the classroom windows were blacked out and the room was lit with candles. Together we embalmed our pharaoh and sealed him in his pyramid tomb.

This week our KS1 children took part in a mini Olympics event. Luckily the rain held off while the children did lots of things with the sports leaders from Gillingham School. Lana said "we played bubble gum, bubble gum and we had lots of fun!" and Leon said "we had different flags and I was Italy".

Our KS2 children went to an Area Athletics Event at Gillingham School, competing against other local schools. We did really well, coming in the top 3 in most events. We had fun challenging each other.

*Chloe Tealey, Zenon Beale, Rosie Maffey, Tom Harvey, Emily Kelly,  
Lindsey Thompson, Jessica Corbett, Millie Stainer, Dannan White,  
Jessica Sharpe, Zach Hillier and Thomas Chapman*



## **THE FRIENDS OF MERE SCHOOL**

### **Mere School Fayre**

**Saturday, 9th July 2011**

**From 1.00-4.00pm**

**Bouncy Castle + Stocks + Bottle Stall + Tombola + Teddy  
Bear Raffle + Lucky Dip + Face Painting + Burgers +  
Books + Cream Teas + Jumble Sale + Lots More**

### **Afternoon Cream Teas**

Treat yourself to a Taste of the English Summer! We will be serving two scones with preserve, clotted cream, and a cup of Finest Tea or Coffee for only £2.50.

### **Grand Jumble Sale**

We would love to have any unwanted adults and children clothes, bags, shoes, toys, books and bric-a-brac for our grand jumble sale at Mere School. In particular we will have a "posh jumble" rail so please also look out for any smarter items of clothing that you no longer need. Please call Penny Deeker ☎ 01747 861534 or Rachael Hansford ☎ 01747 860168 who would be happy to collect any items from you or leave any bags under the bicycle shelter at the school.

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### **Mere Fireworks Festival, Sunday, 30th October 2011**

This magical event by the Friends of Mere School in the Duchy Manor Grounds will feature a range of activities for the whole community to enjoy. We are delighted and privileged to have the services of pyrotechnics expert Bill Deeker, from Pains Fireworks, who will be designing and firing the show. Bill is a seasoned professional who cut his teeth on the famous display in Hyde Park for the wedding of Prince Charles and Lady Diana. Since then he has produced countless shows including King Hussain of Jordan's accession anniversary celebrations, Salisbury Cathedral spire display, Henley Festival, Stourhead Fete Champetre, Glastonbury and the Rod Stewart European stadium tour pyrotechnics. We are hopeful for great support from the community through sponsorship

and expect it to be strongly attended by locals from Mere and the surrounding towns and villages.

Festival events will include an illuminated lantern parade with a prize for the best lantern, story telling in the Children's Centre, pumpkin carving competition, fancy dress, face painting, performers, stalls, crafts, activities, games and an art exhibition. There will be indoor viewing for those who prefer it in the Children's Centre and also from the Pavilion which will be transformed into a "food hall" for the event.

Tickets will go on sale at the end of August but if you would like to reserve yours now visit our website at: **[www.merefireworksfestival.co.uk](http://www.merefireworksfestival.co.uk)** or send us an e mail to: **[info@merefireworksfestival.co.uk](mailto:info@merefireworksfestival.co.uk)**. Advanced tickets will cost £10.00 for a family (up to 2 adults and 3 children) or £4 per adult and £3 per child. If you or your business would like to find out about sponsorship opportunities then please send an e mail to Rachael Hansford at: **[Rachael\\_hansford@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:Rachael_hansford@yahoo.co.uk)** or ☎ 01747 860035/07989 470278.

## NEWS FROM WHITESHEET PRIMARY SCHOOL

The start of the new term at Whitesheet Primary coincided with the exciting news of a whole school trip to Hatch House near Tisbury on 8th July to see Covent Garden Dance Company, performing and discussing their performance.

A new website at: **[www.whitesheet.wilts.sch.uk](http://www.whitesheet.wilts.sch.uk)** is the culmination of months of input by children and staff at the school. It gives a fascinating insight into almost every aspect of school life. Do try to visit it!

Following a huge fund raising effort the swimming pool at the Zeals site is open ready for the summer. The new super-efficient air source heat pump and external insulation means the children can enjoy their swimming lessons while the school can enjoy much reduced bill!

Good news about the kitchen at Kilmington. It was awarded the highest level of 5 Star "Excellent" by the Environmental Health Service during an inspection recently. Congratulations to Mrs Burton our Cook for all her hard work.

Plans are well advanced for the Summer Fair on Saturday, 9th July at the school's Kilmington site organised by the Friends of Whitesheet School. There will be lots of fun for all the family. Do come!

The school has a new teacher. She is Miss Rory Whelan and she joins the school this term. She is a PGCE student at Bath Spa University, who has already started working in Wagtails class with Mrs Ware. *John Wigg, School Governor, 01747 840337*  
(Some children from Mere attend Whitesheet Primary School. Editor)

## BARN BUDDIES, MESSY CHURCH & MESSY SUNDAY

Barn Buddies will continue every Friday evening throughout the summer, from 6.30 until 8.00pm. If you have children who are going to start in year 2 in September, why not bring them to Barn Buddies during the holidays.

Messy Church will not meet on Fridays in July or August.

There will be an end of school year barbeque at Barrow Street Farm on Sunday, 24th July from 1.00pm. This is for everyone who has been a part of Messy Church this year, or is thinking about being involved next year. Messy Church and Messy Sunday will then have a summer break and be back in September.

For further details please contact:

Tim Merrell ☎ 01747 860195

e-mail Ben at: [meremessychurch@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:meremessychurch@hotmail.co.uk)

**Christian  Aid**

**We believe in life before death** Christian Aid Week 2011

Very many thanks to EVERYONE who donated, or collected, supported, counted, or contributed in any way to the Mere Christian Aid Week collection,

which raised over **£1,440** – an excellent total, which will make a very real long-term difference in the lives of people living in poverty.

Judith Thompson ☎ 01747-860553

### JANE HURD, LICENSED LAY MINISTER AT ST MICHAELS, WRITES:

This is the first time I have been invited to contribute to Mere Matters so I thought I had better introduce myself to begin with. I am a Licensed Lay Minister for Mere. I am not ordained, so I don't wear a dog collar and I'm not called 'Reverend' but I was Licensed as a Lay Minister by the Bishop of Salisbury in 2007. No doubt many of you know me as I have lived in Mere for 32 years.

As human beings, we all have different gifts to offer and it can sometimes seem that God calls the most apparently unlikely people into his service. It's not necessary to be a church minister to do God's work for we are all able to love and care for one another.



Indeed, the community in Mere is a very good example of that loving and caring, with so many clubs, societies and organisations – something for everyone.

Friends who came to stay with me recently commented on what an extraordinarily friendly place Mere was, with cheerful service in our shops and even total strangers wishing them ‘good morning’. Perhaps this is something that we who have the privilege of living here too often take for granted.

Even going to church has become a different experience to what it was when I first moved here and didn’t know anyone. It seems difficult to believe today that I was asked not to attend with my children because they were too disruptive, sitting at the back playing quietly with their cars. Today we are a community with our doors wide open to anyone and everyone: children are welcome and there is a children’s corner for them to play in; the elderly and not so able-bodied are given every assistance to be able to attend. Coffee is offered in the Friends’ Corner after the service, a great way to meet people.

The church is part of the wider community and the wider community is part of the church. It is not a ‘them and us’ situation. To take just one example, were you at the Fête on 4th June? It is St. Michael’s Church Fete in theory, but in practice it is Mere’s Fête, a happy event for everyone in Mere, supported by those who call themselves Christians and those who don’t. This is surely ‘community’ at its best.

‘Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me’ said Jesus (Matthew 25: 40) and we are all members of God’s family, whether we go to church or not. I pray that Mere will continue to grow as a friendly, loving community where strangers nod ‘hello’ and neighbours look out for one another. That is something we are all called upon to do.

**St. Michael the Archangel, Mere**  
**Songs of Praise**  
**‘Making Music for God’**  
**Sunday, 17th July @ 6.00pm**

This month, Songs of Praise may be a little different! We invite you to bring along a small percussion instrument if you have one. If you haven’t – just bring yourself.

## **AFTERNOON GET TOGETHER**

On Wednesday, 27th July at 2.30 p.m. in the Methodist Church, Mr D. Hollingsworth will be our visitor. Everyone is very welcome for a friendly and informal afternoon.

*Mary Siderfin ☎ 01747 861370*

## **URC OPEN DAY**

On Saturday, 27th August we are holding our Open Day, starting with our usual 10.30am Drop in Coffee Morning. Do come and join us. There will be several stalls including a cake stall and we are serving Light lunches at 12.30pm followed by Cream Teas at 3.00pm. Everyone is welcome.

*Eileen Burfitt ☎ 01747 860685*

## **BELL RINGING AT ST MICHAELS**

Sunday, 7th August marks the centenary of the church Bells at St Michaels and to mark the occasion on the 7th there will be a celebratory ring of the bells together with cake and a look around the bell tower. For exact time of peal, please ring.

*Jenny Lucas, Secretary, St Michael's Bell Ringers ☎ 01747 840293*

*Mike Durkee, Tower Captain ☎ 01747 960163*



**Everyone is welcome to come to a  
Coffee Morning and Bring and Buy in Aid of  
Suchana**

**On Tuesday, 26th July 10.30am – 12.00noon**  
at 14 Prospect Place (Carole Marshall's House  
☎ 01747 861905)

**And a date for your diary:** The next Mere Matters won't be published until the end of August so please book in your diary now for our **Ceilidh, with a licensed bar and live music**, in the Grove Building on **Saturday, 1st October, 7.30pm onwards**. Tickets will be available from the Library.

## **THE TRUSSELL TRUST**

Every day people in the UK go hungry for reasons ranging from redundancy to receiving an unexpected bill on a low income. The Trussell Trust Foodbanks provide a minimum of 3 days emergency food, nutritionally balanced and non-perishable, and support to people experiencing crisis in the UK.

The congregation of St. Michael the Archangel in Mere supports the Foodbank at **Warminster**, which provides emergency foodboxes for a wide area, including Mere.

**Saturday, 16th July**

**8.30am until lunchtime**

**We will be outside the Co-op with our trolley hoping that  
you will donate one item for the Foodbank.**

Sugar, tea, tinned goods, pasta, ready-made sauces, cereals – small sizes only, please – whatever you care to donate. If you have eaten today, please remember those who haven't. Thank you.

If you feel that you need help from the Trussell Trust, in confidence, please contact:

*Rev'd. Paul Barnes at the Vicarage, Angel Lane ☎ 01747 863313*

# CHURCH SERVICES IN MERE AND WEST KNOYLE

## July 2011

### 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	Family Communion (CW1)
		6.00pm	Choral Evensong (BCP)
Wednesday	6th	6.00pm	"Start the Month" Holy Communion (BCP)
Sunday	10th	10.30am	Parish Communion (CW1)
			Childrens Club in Grove Building
	17th	10.30am	Parish Communion (CW1)
		6.00pm	"Songs of Praise"
Sunday	24th	10.30am	Parish Communion (CW1)
	31st	10.30am	Choral Matins (BCP)

### The United Reformed Church

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

Sunday	3rd	11.00am	Rev'd Rev'd Margaret Laurie
			Holy Communion
	10th	11.00am	Rev'd Elizabeth Kemp
			Church Meeting
			Holy Communion
	17th	11.00am	Martin Heal
	24th	11.00am	David Webb
	31st	11/00am	Rev'd John Page

### 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	Mr & Mrs M Rawlins
	17th	6.00pm	Rev'd John Page
	24th	6.00pm	Rev'd Ros Hollingsworth
			Holy Communion
Wednesday	27th	2.30pm	Afternoon Get Together in the School Room
Sunday	31st	6.00pm	Mr D Hollingsworth

**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 each Sunday when help is available.

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	9.25am	Matins (BCP)
	10th	9.25am	Holy Communion (CW1 trad)
	17th	9.25am	Holy Communion (CW1 trad)
	24th	9.25am	DIY
	31st	10.30am	NO service. Matins at St. Michaels in Mere

Note: BCP indicates Book of Common Prayer 1662

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

## August 2011

**The Parish Church, St Michael the Archangel ☎ 01747 863313**

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Each Wednesday		10.30am	Holy Communion (BCP)
Each Friday		8.00am	Holy Communion (CW1)
		5.30pm	Evening Prayer
Wednesday	3rd	6.00pm	"Start the Month"
			Communion (BCP)
Sunday	7th	10.30am	Family Communion (CW1)
		6.00pm	Choral Evensong (BCP)
	14th	10.30am	<b>Benefice Holy Communion</b>
			<b>At St Mary's, West Knoyle.</b>
			<b>NO service at St. Michaels</b>
	21st	10.30am	Parish Communion (CW1)
	28th	10.30am	Parish Communion (CW1)

**The United Reformed Church**

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

Sunday	7th	11.00am	Rev'd Ros Hollingsworth
	14th	10.45am	Rev'd Elizabeth Kemp
			Holy Communion

Sunday	21st	11.00am	Rev'd John Page
	28th	11.00am	Peter Kershaw

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

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

Sunday	7th	11.00am	Rev'd Ros Hollingsworth
			Joint service at URC Church
	14th	6.00pm	Rev'd Gwyneth Owen
	21st	6.00pm	Mr Ken Elcock
	28th	6.00pm	David Hollingsworth

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			at West Knoyle. Patronal Service
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	28th	9.25am	DIY Service

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## **DIARY DATES**

### **July 2011**

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

1	Fri	6.30pm	Barn Buddies (every Friday)	BSF
2	Sat	10.30am	Drop in Coffee Morning	CC
4	Mon	9.30am	Tiddlers & Toddlers (also 11th & 18th)	L
		6.00pm	Beaver Scouts	GB

4	Mon	6.45pm	Cubs	GB
		7.00pm	Scouts	GB
		7.00pm	Slimming World (every Monday)	L
		7.00pm	Yoga (every Monday)	L
		7.30pm	Mere Parish Council Meeting	AYC
5	Tue	10.15am	Lipreading	MH
		6.00pm	Funky Feet Dance Club (every Tuesday)	L
6	Wed	9.30am	Tai Chi (every Wednesday)	GB
		6.00pm	Karate (every Wednesday)	L
7	Thur	9.30am	Tiddlers & Toddlers (also 14th & 21st)	L
		10.00am	Mere Art Group (every Thursday)	MH
		2.00pm	Bridge Club (every Thursday)	L
		7.30pm	Womens Institute	GB
		7.30pm	Shreen Harmony eEvery Thursday)	CC
8	Fri	10.00am	Merely Women (also 22nd)	GB
		7.00pm	Carnival Race Night	Walnut Tree Inn
		7.00pm	Dance Club (every Friday)	L
9	Sat	10.30am	Drop In Coffee Morning	CC
		1.00pm	Mere School Fayre	School
		8.00pm	MADS (Drama Room)	L
10	Sun	10.30am	Childrens Sunday Club	GB
		2.30pm	43rd (Wessesx) Division Memorial service	CP
12	Tue	9.00am	Foot Care Clinic	L
		2.30pm	Mothers Union	GB
		7.30pm	St Michael's PCC Meeting	GB
13	Wed	2.00pm	Friends Whist	GB
		7.30pm	Mere Gardening Club	GB
14	Thur	10.30am	Womens Institute Coffee Morning	GB
		2.00pm	Mere Short Walk	CP
		5.00pm	Girl Guiding	GB
15	Fri	7.30pm	Mere Footpath Group Moonlight Walk	CP
16	Sat	8.30am	Trussell Trust Foodbank Donation	Co-op
		10.30am	Drop in Coffee Morning + Traidcraft Stall	CC
19	Tue	9.15am	MHS Visit to Silchester & The Vyne	CP
22	Fri	7.30pm	Linkscheme General knowledge Quiz	GB
23	Sat	10.30am	Drop in Coffee Morning	CC
24	Sun	1.00pm	End of School Year BBQ	BSF
		2.00pm	Mere Footpath Group Walk	CP
25	Mon	2.00pm	Pilates	GB
		2.00pm	Rsoemary Goddard Centre AGM	Lynch
26	Tue	9.00am	Foot Care Clinic	L
		10.30am	Suchana Coffee Morning (page 32)	14 Prospect Pl.
27	Wed	11.00am	Pilates	GB
		2.00pm	Friends Whist	GB

27	Wed	2.30pm	Afternoon Get Together	MH
		7.30pm	Julian Meeting (Upper Room)	GB
30	Sat	10.30am	Drop in Coffee Morning	CC

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

1	Mon	2.00pm	Pilates (every Monday)	GB
		7.00pm	Slimming World (every Monday)	L
		7.00pm	Yoga (every Monday)	L
2	Tue	6.00pm	Funky Feet Dance Club (every Tuesday)	L
3	Wed	11.00am	Pilates (every Wednesday)	GB
		6.00pm	Karate (every Wednesday)	L
4	Thurs	10.00am	Mere Art Group (every Thursday)	MH
		2.00pm	Bridge Club (every Thursday)	L
		7.30pm	Shreen Harmony (every Thursday)	CC
5	Fri	6.30pm	Barn Buddies (every Friday)	BSF
		7.00pm	Dance Club (every Friday)	L
6	Sat	10.30am	Drop in Coffee Morning	CC
9	Tue	9.00am	Foot Care Clinic	L
		10.30am	MTYF Soccer School (also 10th & 11th)	DM Play Fld
13	Sat	10.30am	Drop In Coffee Morning	CC
20	Sat	10.30am	Drop in Coffee Morning + Traidcraft	CC
21	Sun	2.00pm	Mere Footpath Group Walk	CP
23	Tue	9.00am	Foot Care Clinic	L
24	Wed	2.00pm	Whist	GB
27	Sat	10.30am	Drop In Coffee Morning + Open Day	CC
31	Wed	7.30pm	Julian Meeting (Small room)	GB

## ‘PIMP ME VINTAGE’

‘Pimp Me Vintage’ is a one off arts event to be held in aid of the charity CLIC Sargent at Stourhead on Sunday, 3rd July. There will be a variety of vintage stalls and art exhibitions, a retro style bar and beauty parlour along with a ‘mad hatters tea party.’ The evening will host a burlesque and fashion show finale, followed by ‘music through the ages’ and dancing.

The event is set in the Memorial Hall and courtyard at the National Trust estate, starting at 2.00pm, and continue into the evening with the fashion and burlesque show commencing at 7.00pm. It is open to all with all day tickets costing £3.50 (under 12s will go free) to be bought on the door.

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