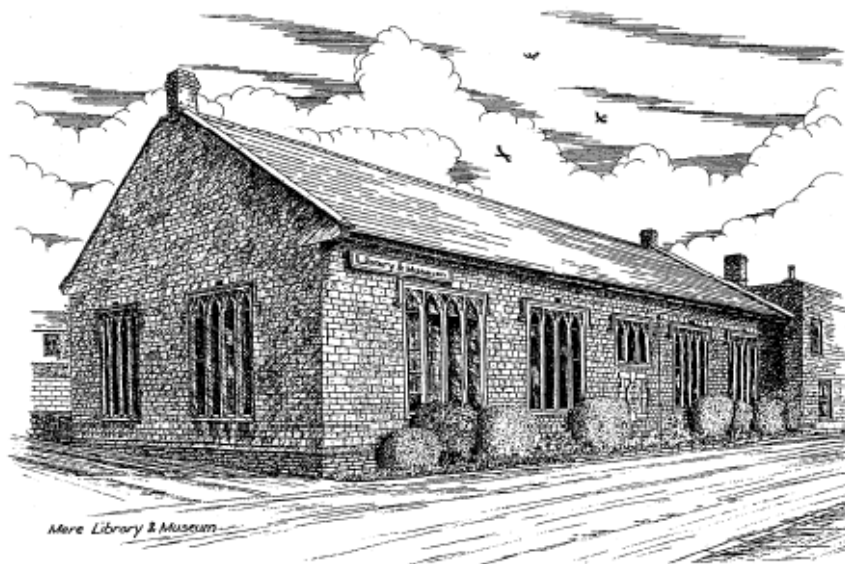


# MERE MATTERS AND SO DOES WEST KNOYLE

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



**OCTOBER 2011**

# MERE LITERARY FESTIVAL

OCTOBER 10th – 16th 2011

**MONDAY 10th** KITTY DIMBLEBY in conversation with FANNY CHARLES.

Kitty Dimbleby, journalist & author of *Daffodil Girls*, talks to the editor of the *Blackmore Vale Magazine*.

**TUESDAY 11th** CASSEROLE & CHARACTERS Community Lunch with talk.

Join in the popular Community Lunch and be entertained over coffee by historian **Rex Sawyer**

telling tales of Nadder Valley Characters. (Lunch £8.95) **The Old Ship Hotel 12.00 for 12.30pm**  
**WW 2 FROM BOTH SIDES with PATRICK BISHOP and ROGER MOORHOUSE .**

**Patrick Bishop**, best selling author of *Fighter Boys and Bomber Boys*, and **Roger Moorhouse**, author of the acclaimed *Berlin at War*. **Grove Building 7.30pm\*£5 in adv. £6otd**

**WEDNESDAY 12th** BOMBS and BETTY GRABLE with JOHN WILCOX

**John Wilcox** discusses his autobiography and how he became a successful author. His Simon Fonthill novels are highly acclaimed/ hugely popular. **Grove Buildings 2.30pm** Retiring donations

**THE PEOPLE'S BIBLE** The 400<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the King James Bible

Community groups present readings to celebrate the 400th anniversary of the publication of the King James Bible. **Grove Buildings 7.30pm.** Retiring Donations.

**THURSDAY 13th** A MERE MEANDER Guided walk **Church Gate 10.00am Free**

**RECOLLECTIONS of CHILDHOOD** Memories, poetry & prose on childhood. Come to listen or contribute a memory, your own writing, or piece to read or be read. **Grove Buildings 2.30pm Free**

**FILM NIGHT** Mere Film Shows & Wilts. Moviola present *Oranges and Sunshine*, the moving true story of the stolen childhood of children shipped to Australia. **Lecture Hall 7.30pm. \*£5**

**FRIDAY 14th** ENGLAND, MY ENGLAND with GERRY HANSON An uplifting and often humorous talk by the poetry anthologist Gerry Hanson **Lecture Hall 2.30pm.** Retiring Donations

**POETRY IN THE GROVE** –A reading of the poems short-listed in this year's competition and you can choose your favourite in the audience vote. **Grove Buildings 7.30pm. Free**

**OPEN MIC at THE SHIP** A new event giving the 18 -30s a chance to present their own original work- a song, playlet, monologue, joke, poem or prose(Max.10mins)-for a prize.

**The Old Ship 8.30 for 9.00pm**

**SATURDAY 15th** ANTHOLOGY LAUNCH COFFEE MORNING **United Reformed Church**  
Mere's Pennybank Writers together with the White Horse Writers launch an anthology of member's work. **United Reformed Church 10.15am. Free**

**POETRY WORKSHOP** with popular poet **Nikki Bennett**. 2.30–5.00pm £12 Contact MLF  
Organiser

**CHILDREN'S EVENT** with author & illustrator **Claire Barker**. Library 2.15pm. \*Free ticket

**THE LONDON FOREST CHOIR** This popular choir makes a return visit to Mere in a concert of  
choral music inspired by the King James Bible.

**United Reformed Church 7.30pm**. Retiring Donations

**SUNDAY 16th**  
**Free**

**AWARD CEREMONY** Lecture Hall 3.00pm Book stalls from 2.30pm.

**\*Tickets from Mere Information Centre 01747 860546 or Festival Organiser 01747 860475**

Full details/Postal Booking Form on: [www.merelifest.co.uk](http://www.merelifest.co.uk) & in Festival Programme

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

# MERE PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Council meets every month. Whilst it is not a public meeting, members of the public are welcome to come and listen. Council members are working on YOUR behalf to sustain and improve the quality of life and the environment that we enjoy in the parish - come and hear what they are doing for you! You can raise questions in a public session before the meeting starts. The next meetings will be on **Monday, 3rd October 2011 at 7.30pm in the Andy Young Pavilion.**

## The Chairman writes:

As I write this report arrangements have just been completed to hold a Public Meeting on 26th September, with representatives from Wessex Water, the Environment Agency and Dorset Wildlife in attendance, to try and resolve the problems and concerns we have in Mere with the very low water levels in our rivers. By the time you read this, the meeting will have taken place and I hope that I might have some more positive news to report in next month's Mere Matters.

At the September Parish Council Meeting the matter of the 'Salisbury Vision' proposals to cut down trees in Salisbury's Central Car Park was brought up and, after some discussion, councillors agreed that the Parish Council should write in support of the feelings of many of Mere's residents that this should not happen.

The question of parking has again come to the fore just recently. Some areas of what might be called 'inconsiderate' parking have been highlighted where there are problems in driving safely down a street. Cars parked on both sides of the street and right on the corners of junctions have left badly impaired views of oncoming traffic and sometimes only a very narrow space for cars to drive through. In one instance a delivery van was unable to get through a narrow space and heavy goods had to be carried by hand some distance to the recipient. Remember, if a delivery van is not able to get through, neither will the fire engine or ambulance.

Finally, how good it was to see the crowds that lined the streets for both the afternoon and evening processions for this year's Carnival. Despite the rain that came in such heavy bursts, it was a grand and colourful parade once again for everyone to enjoy. Well done to the Carnival Committee and all those working so hard to make Mere Carnival such a success.

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

*Mary White, Chairman, Mere Parish Council*

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

Our community spirit is still very much alive, despite a lot of regulations and Mere has just had two excellent Carnival processions, with many entries in the Children's section.

Our river levels are low this year, with very low volumes as early as March. We all require water, it is precious, we should not waste it. If, as in the past when most people had to get it in a bucket from a well I am sure consumption would drop significantly!

Kilminster is now definitely having a public access Defibrillator, mounted on the wall of 'Thenford' in the centre of Kilminster. There will now be two in our area, Stourton and Kilminster. I hope Mere will also have one before too long.

The South West Area Board, which covers our area, is advertising for a new Community Area Manager internally within Wiltshire Council. Community groups who cannot easily raise funds remember the South West Area Board gives community grants, usually up to £5,000, at its discretion.

A new Speed Indicator Device is being ordered, with data gathering. It will be used across the whole of the Area Board. A parish or town needs to meet set criteria for Community Speed Watch (CSW) or a Speed Indicator Device (SID).

The possibility of being housed by a social landlord appears to be getting worse to me. I have people sleeping in cars in my area. Lucky ones, if you can call it that, being housed with no furniture, as now it appears more difficult to get grants etc. for furniture. I have personally helped a few when my staff, customers, charities and the general public have had spare items etc to donate. I must stress I have very limited resources to do this. I get informed of the needy by neighbours, parents etc. Most of us are very lucky to live in this area, and it takes situations as above for myself, and I am sure others to realise it.

A Good Neighbour Co-ordinator is now available for many villages and one will be going round some or all the local parishes. The Co-ordinator may, for example, find someone to collect a vulnerable person's medical prescription.

Let me know what Street Lights are out, with winter approaching they will be needed.

The Jubilee approaches, will Mere be celebrating?

## **SUPPORT IS OUT THERE: DO YOU CARE?**

Do you regularly help someone? Would they not be able to manage without your help? Are you helping and not getting any pay for the work you do? The person could be a friend, a relative or a neighbour and you do not have to be living with them and caring

for them 24 hours a day. Of course there are carers who do provide 24 hour care and cannot leave the house without someone else being there to care.

So take a moment to think about what you are doing to help. Washing, shopping, cleaning, help with sorting out bills and money, checking they are eating meals, gardening and household repairs, going in every day for a chat, making appointments and going with them, helping with tablets or other treatments. These are just some of the things carers do and often they build up slowly.

Does this sound like you? Or does it sound like someone you know? If so, you may be interested in what Carer Support Wiltshire could offer. We are a Wiltshire-wide charity supporting people who care for family members or friends. This could be looking after a young child with a learning disability, caring for an elderly spouse with dementia or helping a friend with a mental health problem, to name but a few examples.

We provide carers with confidential emotional support, access to information that can help them with their caring role, as well as opportunities for time out – social groups, pampering sessions and days out. All of our services are free to carers.

If you'd like to find out more about us, or would like to receive some information or support, please freephone us ☎ 0800 181 4118 or visit our website at: <http://www.carersinwiltshire.co.uk>

*Fiona Hunter, Communications Officer, Carer Support Wiltshire ☎ 0800 181 4118*

## **YOUR NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH (NHW)**

Mere and the surrounding areas may be considered as one of the safest areas in the country and fortunately we have a very low crime rate. Despite this, we all have to be vigilant and this is best done by helping and supporting each other. Until recently Roy Sims has been the NHW Co-ordinator and over the years he has built up a willing band of local Scheme Co-ordinators across the town. Sadly Roy has decided to step down from this role and whilst we thank him for all his input, he is going to remain active in NHW and his other Parish Council interests, so we are not losing him altogether.

I have been asked to take over the Area Co-ordinator role and together with our excellent local Police staff and the existing and more local 11 Scheme Co-ordinators, we are hoping to enlist more help so we can continue to keep Mere a safe and special place for everyone.

Ideally each road/street should have a Scheme Co-ordinator. If you do not get monthly newsletters then it is likely that your road/street is not represented by NHW. Would you be willing to spend only a few moments each month making sure your immediate neighbours get the newsletters? It is not a difficult task and really does make a difference. Wherever possible we can send newsletters via email and by utilising this

efficiency we can get additional news and help/suggestions out to everyone on a more regular basis where necessary.

If you would be willing to assist in becoming a local Scheme Co-ordinator for your road/street then please do contact me. (We are especially short of help on the Northern side of the town although there are other unsupported areas).

*Richard Jefferies ☎ 01747 863425 Mob: 07950 797273*

## MERE WEATHER

The rainfall for August was 102mms (4.02ins). Last year it was 106.5mms (4.19ins). Most of the rain was in the early part of the month and we had several days of sun in the second half. September started generally sunny in the morning and overcast late afternoons with light rain overnight. Rainfall up to the 18th was 36.5mms (1.44ins). 14mms (0.55ins) fell on Carnival day, mostly short heavy showers early afternoon.

A lady left a telephone message early in September wanting details of past rainfall. Unfortunately, she omitted to leave her name nor telephone number. If she would like to ring again I will do my best to help her. *Peter Durkee ☎ 01747 860363*

## 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

## **MERE SURGERY**

### **Flu Clinics**

Our Saturday Flu Clinic will be held on Saturday, 15th October from 9.00am – 12noon. Please read the information below and if you fall into one of the "at risk" categories please book an appointment either by contacting the surgery or if you are registered for our online service by visiting our website **[www.meresurgery.co.uk](http://www.meresurgery.co.uk)**.

Please note: this year we are unable to vaccinate patients who do not fall into one of the "at risk" categories listed below. Please check our website for full details but if you are unsure whether you are entitled to a vaccination or not please contact the surgery directly.

#### **"At-risk" Groups**

It is recommended you have a flu jab if you:

- Are 65 years of age or over
- are pregnant
- have a serious medical condition (see below)
- are living in a long-stay residential care home or other long-stay care facility (not including prisons, young offender institutions or university halls of residence)
- are the main carer for an elderly or disabled person whose welfare may be at risk if you fall ill
- are a frontline health or social care worker

#### **Flu vaccine eligibility: medical conditions**

The seasonal flu vaccine is offered free of charge to anyone who is over six months of age and has one of the following medical conditions:

- chronic (long-term) respiratory disease, such as severe asthma, COPD or bronchitis
- chronic heart disease, such as heart failure
- chronic kidney disease
- chronic liver disease
- chronic neurological disease, such as stroke, TIA, polio syndrome
- diabetes
- a weakened immune system due to conditions such as HIV or AIDs, or treatments that suppress the immune system, such as chemotherapy.

Further clinics will be held during October, November and December

*Angela Pitman Practice Manager ☎ 01747 860001*

### **Merrell's Mobile Foot Health Clinic**

For the professional treatment of: Corns • Callus/Hard Skin  
Nail Trimming • Fungal & Thickened Nails • Athletes Foot

**Contact Mary on 07809 738237**



# MERE CARNIVAL 2011 RESULTS

## Street Collection 2011

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: SC01822

<b>Name</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Total</b>
Fireman	£162.69	Mere Town Football Club (Elias)	£30.72
D Sealey	£104.98	Mere Town Football Club (Mary)	£30.32
N Guy	£98.47	Mere Town Football Club (Michael)	£27.94
S Cooke	£97.62	Mere Town Football Club (Kieran)	£27.43
Collecting Float	£82.40	C Miles	£25.96
Mere Youth Group (10)	£61.10	Mere Youth Group (4)	£23.30
Mere Town Football Club (Julia)	£47.56	Mere Youth Group (27)	£22.95
Mere Town Football Club (Tracy)	£47.06	Mere Youth Group (14)	£20.57
Mere Youth Group (16)	£45.79	Mere Town Football Club (Wills)	£19.97
Mere Youth Group (11)	£39.14	G Coleman	£17.49
M Herbert	£34.89	Mere Town Football Club (Bailey)	£13.66
Mere Youth Group (22)	£34.16	Mere Youth Group (28)	£4.53
		<b>Total:</b>	<b>£1,120.70</b>

## Prize Draw Winners

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

K Shearing of Mere	£100
R Lucas of Warminster	£75
J Farrel of Mere	£50
C Hanson of Mere	£25

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

*Trevor Lucas – Carnival Committee Treasurer ☎ 01747 860859*

## Carnival “Thank You”

Many thanks to all the businesses that again advertised in the Carnival Programme and also to the following businesses and individuals that so generously donated prizes for use at Carnival week events/raffles:

Mere Pharmacy. Jeans Electrical. Mere Co-op. Lou's it. Pete Davie (Butcher). Golden Valley. Waltons of Mere. The Old Ship Hotel. Mere Fish and Chips. Mark and Fiona at Nectar (Zeals). Neals Yard Remedies. Dorset Cereals. Indigo Blue. Mrs Nina Maidment. Wookey Hole. Mrs Evelyn Flower. And those who wished to remain anonymous.

Many thanks to you all.

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

## A ‘THANK YOU’ FROM THE FRUIT SHOP

**Sam and Marilyn Squires**

would like to thank all their customers  
for their support and friendship over 20+ years in the Fruit Shop,  
and for all the cards and gifts they have received on their retirement



## THE MERE AND DISTRICT CHAMBER OF TRADE



The Chamber and guests had an enjoyable visit to Wyllye Valley Vineyard on 14th September, where we were given a tour of the Vineyard and an informative talk on how the wine is produced. We also had the opportunity to sample the wine, along with some cheeses afterwards, all of which are stocked in the Wyllye Valley Farm Shop.

We have more events coming up in October which include a Business Networking Evening and the second of our training courses which we hope will prove useful to local businesses. As we mentioned last month if you have any training needs please do not hesitate to contact us and we will be more than happy to facilitate the provision of the training specialists and venue.

## Update on Dates for your Diary:

**19th October 2011      Food Hygiene Training**

The Food Safety Act 1990 requires that people handling food must be trained in food hygiene. At the end of the course there will be an exam, and a nationally recognised certificate will be issued to successful candidates.

9.00 am – 4.30 pm in the small room at Mere Social Club

Members: £67.00 exc. VAT, Non Members: £84.00 exc. VAT

## **26th October 2011      Business Networking Evening**

The Chamber will be hosting a Business Networking Evening at Stourhead House 6.00pm – 8.00pm. We would like to invite businesses in Mere and District, whether you are an established or a new business, or maybe just starting up to come along and meet other local business people.

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.

## **11th October 2011      Date of next Chamber Committee Meeting**

To be held at Mere Social Club for 7.30pm

## **30th November 2011      We will be holding our Annual General Meeting at 7.30pm**

**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.**

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

## **SCREEN BITES**

‘Screen Bites’ is coming to the Lecture Hall in Mere for the first time at 7.30pm on Saturday, 8th October. The food film festival is now in its seventh year, and has already shown more than 50 food-themed feature and documentary films in halls around Dorset and into Somerset. Our first venture across the Wiltshire border will be a chance for audiences to see ‘The Secret Life of Bee’s, to hear slow beekeeper Bisi Adekunle talk about her work with bees and their keepers in the UK and in Nigeria, and to taste (and buy) locally produced food. Sponsored by Mere Fish Farm, the evening will start at 7.00pm with tastings and a mini-farmers market, followed by the talk and then the film.

For more details log onto the website, **[www.screenbites.co.uk](http://www.screenbites.co.uk)** or telephone 01963 32525. The “Secret Life of Bees” is set in South Carolina in 1964. It is the story of 14-year-old Lily (Dakota Fanning) haunted by the death of her mother and escaping from the angry and cruel grief of her father. She has only a scrap of paper to link her with her mother, and when she and her friend and carer Rosaleen run away, they find themselves at the house of the Boatwright sisters, May, June and August. August (Queen Latifah) is a bee keeper and she teaches the girl all about honey, as well as how to deal with adult relationships and to come to terms with her own memories. The film also stars Jenifer Hudson, Alicia Keys, Sophie Okonedo and Paul Bettany.

*Gay Pirrie-Weir ☎ 01963 32525*

**Richard Robbins - Trained Gardener - 25 years experience. All aspects of Garden Care Undertaken**  
**01373 473008 Mobile 0751 0130 083**



# THE COMMUNITY LUNCH

in association with  
**THE LITERARY FESTIVAL**

You are invited to join us at **The Old Ship Hotel**, Castle Street Mere, on Tuesday, 11th October at 12.00noon for 12.30pm for Casserole & Characters, a two course lunch including coffee or tea for £8.95.

This will be followed by a talk by historian Rex Sawyer on the Nadder Valley Characters. Please book in advance by ringing the Old Ship Hotel ☎ 01747 860258.

The Community Lunch is on the second Tuesday of each month from October to Easter, held alternatively at the Old Ship Hotel and the Walnut Tree Inn.

**All are welcome.**

*Lindy Elliott* ☎ 01747 861646

## MERE AND DISTRICT LINKSCHEME

**Transport requests - ☎ 01747 860096**

### **Volunteers Welcome!**

Could you spare one morning or afternoon a week to help, perhaps taking someone to an appointment at a local hospital or to the surgery, dentist or optician? Our drivers give their time freely but receive a generous mileage allowance.

### **CALL 01747 860096 TO FIND OUT MORE**

You can also find out more about the Linkscheme by coming to one of the events at our main money raising effort, the Mere Literary Festival, which will be held in the week beginning Monday, 10th October.

*Molly Burden*

## LINKSCHEME LITERARY FESTIVAL

This year's festival runs from Monday, 10th, to Sunday, 16th October and the outline programme appears on the inside front cover with thanks to Mere Matters.

It has events for all the family at great prices and many with free admission but where any donation to the LinkScheme funds would be appreciated. This includes the concert by the noted *London Forest Choir* celebrating the wonderful words of the King James Bible at 7.30pm on Saturday, 15th October in the United Reformed Church.

Friday evening sees an *Open Mic Night* for young people at The Old Ship Hotel. This is the Mere Fringe - so forget Edinburgh! Come and be a singer, thespian, poet, storyteller or comedian.

Books will be on sale at most author events and at the Awards Ceremony on Sunday - a chance to buy some early Christmas presents and hear the results of the 2011 Poetry

Competition. Donations of cakes for afternoon tea at the awards are always appreciated.

The annual festival helps fund the LinkScheme which plays such an important part in our community, so please support as many events as possible.

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



## **BRAINWAVE**

October is upon us and there is just time to give a final plug to our Pamper Evening, at the Lecture Hall on Saturday, 1st October from 7.00-10.00pm. Ticket sales have been going well this time, probably helped by the

huge success of our first Pamper Evening, which took place in the Spring. It will be the same format with a range of good quality, new-to-you clothing, taster sessions of beauty and holistic treatments, healing and esoteric, light refreshments and other goodies to buy and sample. In early September, we had a major sale to clear out the last of our Summer stock, which proved very popular and left us with space to bring out our Autumn collection.

September saw our annual carnival. We did our best, with bits and bobs saved during the year, to join in with the festivities by decking our windows in best carnival style. Our supervisor, Jane, unearthed a large box of fancy dress materials, and a good deal of enthusiastic scrimmaging took place as customers searched for last minute additions to their carnival costumes. Even after the best part of a century, the tradition of carnival seems to be alive and well in Mere!

As always, please keep your donations coming – clothes you no longer need, bric-a-brac, small items of furniture, books and toys. All will be used to support the Brainwave Charity which helps to make a difference to the lives of brain-damaged children. Thank you for your support.

For further information about Brainwave or our Pamper Evening, please call the shop during business hours ☎ 01747 863432.

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

We are holding our Autumn Sale on Saturday, 29th October from 10.00am until 12.00noon in the Lecture Hall.

There will be a Tombola, raffle, cakes as well as the usual stalls. We would be grateful for any donations of cakes or items for the tombola. *B Webb* ☎ 01747 860588

## **MERE AMATEUR DRAMATIC SOCIETY**

As you would expect of your august local Dramatic Society, rehearsals for the Autumn Production of Roger Wilding's play, 'Time Heals, They Say' are in full swing and have been for months. Well, weeks at least. The excitement of preparing for a world premiere is more than making up for the shorter days and having to make our way home in the dark. Curious props, a multiplicity of costumes, and an extremely demanding set are providing challenges a-plenty for the technical and back-stage

crews. It's not long now until all will be revealed! You have noted the dates haven't you? (24th – 26th November, 7.30pm, Lecture Hall.)

*Jenny Wilding ☎ 01747 860908*

## MERE FILM SHOWS

This month's film for Mere Literary Festival is '**Oranges and Sunshine**' (15) on Thursday, 13th October at 7.30pm. This film tells the true story of Margaret Humphries, a social worker from Nottingham, who exposed the scandal of the thousands of British children in care who were exported to Australia supposedly to give them a better life – 'a land of sunshine where you can pick oranges from the tree'.

But for most of them life was anything but 'better' and having been told their parents were dead, many of them were subjected to hard labour and life in institutions. Almost singlehandedly Margaret Humphries reunited thousands of families, brought authorities to account and worldwide attention to an extraordinary miscarriage of justice.

With extraordinary performances from Emily Watson and Hugo Weaving, this is a truly moving film of one woman's determination against overwhelming odds. Come and support the Literary Festival and see the film, but make sure you have a hanky in your pocket! Full details on page 25.

**Dates for your Diary:** Friday, 11th November, 'Larry Crowne'; Thursday, 8th December, 'West Side Story'.

*Mary White ☎ 01747 861257*

## MERE THEATRE CLUB

Although most of the autumn programme is now booked, we still have places on the coach for the Carol Service at Salisbury Cathedral on Tuesday, 6th December at 2.30pm. YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE A MEMBER TO COME ALONG! So do join us for Christmas carols and readings, and mulled wine and mince pies.

Cost £27 including coach fare and tickets.

For bookings contact:

*Carol Payne ☎ 01747 861639 or Madelaine Morris ☎ 01747 861833*

## OCTOBER SHORT WALK

October's Short Walk will take place on Thursday, 27th October. Meet in the Surgery Car Park at 2.00pm for a walk of 3 miles to view the Autumn colours.

Tea at The Angel Café afterwards.

*Janet Way ☎ 01747 860884*

## MERE GARDENING CLUB

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, 5th October at 7.30pm in the Grove Building when Milly Carmichael will talk to us on the "Background to Evergreens". Milly has researched our traditional Christmas plants, holly, ivy and mistletoe, and will give us an illustrated talk about their legends and traditional uses. **Visitors very welcome.**

### Annual Show: Cup Winners 2011

**Bernard Morgan Cup** Mark Lillie, **Geoffrey Duckworth Cup:** Rachel Hyde, **Collins Cup:** David Dunn, **Marie Brine Rosebowl:** Ann Carpenter, **Holmen Cup:** John Hyde, **Burton Cup:** June Holdom, **Honeydew Cup:** Chris Tuck, **Novice Cup:** Derek Fisher, **Michael Powell Cup:** Janet Way, **Lew Bristow Cup:** Ann Carpenter, **MGC Photographic Cup:** Ann Carpenter, **MGC All-Comers' Cup** Sandra Fisher, **Children's Classes:** Lucy Webb, **An Arrangement to Promote Your Business/Club:** Mere Historical Society, (Ros Castro). Many congratulations to all.

*Janet Way ☎ 01747 860884*

## MOTHERS' UNION & OPEN MEMBER'S GROUP

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, 11th October at 2.30pm in the Grove Building. There will be a short AGM followed by the speaker, Jane Hurd.

*Thelma Ings ☎ 01747 860262*



## MERE WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

**Next meeting: Thursday, 6th October at 7.30pm in the Grove Building.**

In addition to a mini-craft and cookery show, a feature of this meeting will be a display of items reflecting the activities available to members, including craft items, paintings, photographs or other items of interest. Contributions are invited.

This is also the time of year when members are encouraged to make suggestions for the next year's programme.

Our November meeting will be on Thursday, 3rd November. Tony Davis will give an illustrated talk on Thorngrove Garden Centre. It will cover their produce, function and mode of operation.

### Federation events

The sport and leisure sub-committee are initiating a Federation Scrabble competition, in which WIs entering will be divided into Groups on an area basis to play each other twice, home and away. The winners will go on to meet winners of other groups in the Finals on Tuesday, 26th June 2012.



The Federation has also organised an eleven day holiday to Canada, the home of the WI. It will include visits to Montreal, Toronto, and Niagara Falls. The highlight of the trip will be taking lunch with members from Stoney Creek WI, where the movement actually began in 1897 when Adelaide Hoodless addressed a meeting for the wives of members of the Farmers' Institute. The first British meeting took place on 16th September, 1915 at Llanfairpwll on Anglesey in North Wales.

The Federation Board of Trustees, Subcommittees and staff aim to provide members with a stimulating programme of talks, learning opportunities, social and cultural events as well as support and guidance in the running of their own activities.

*Gillian H Brignell ☎ 01747 861114*

## **FRIENDS OF FIVES COURT**

The Friends are delighted to report that the total raised at the Autumn Fair in September was £785 – an excellent result. Thank you, everyone, for your most generous support in donations of time and effort as well as goods to sell, and for coming – and spending – on the day. Your warm support of The Friends is equally warmly appreciated; you won't be surprised to know that the Residents have already given us ideas about what they would like us to do next!

*Jenny Wilding ☎ 01747 860908*

### **'Friends of Fives Court'**

**Friday, 28th October 7.30pm (doors open 7.00pm)**

# **QUIZ**

## **Grove Building**

## **Ploughman's supper**

## **£4**

## **Licensed Bar**

## ROSEMARY GODDARD CENTRE

The Day Centre for Mere and district, Lynch Close, Mere

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

**Looking for speakers:** During November our Theme will be 'Local people and their trades, professions or hobbies'. We are therefore looking for a variety of speakers at the Centre.

Do you enjoy your job? Do you attend a local club of interest? Do you think you could talk for 30 minutes on your favourite pastime or passion? Maybe you feel there isn't enough awareness of the job you do? Come and tell us! You don't have to be a public speaker or MP in the making. We are an extremely friendly bunch and would love to welcome people from all walks of life.

**Volunteers needed:** If you feel you could volunteer just 20 minutes of your time on a Monday or Friday lunchtime, we would love to hear from you. We urgently need volunteers every fifth Monday and Friday of the month to collect the lunch box from Fives Court kitchens and deliver it by car to the Day Centre. Your help will mean a lot to the Guests in having a hot nutritious meal at the Centre.

**Mere Co-op Community Support Card in aid of the Rosemary Goddard Centre:**

This is a charity scheme run by the Southern Co-operative in Mere whereby the company donates a cash sum to a nominated charity each time a shopper presents the card at the till. If you do not already have a card, please ask a member of staff at the Mere Co-op to give you one. The cards are free to the shoppers, and it will cost you nothing when you present it, but you will be helping the Rosemary Goddard Centre raise much needed funds. Thank you for your support.

For further information, please contact:

*Sandie Hawkins, Organiser ☎ 07871 174251*

## GROVE BUILDING RESTORATION FUND

The result of the '100' Club Draw, drawn after Family Communion Service in St Michaels on Sunday, 4th September by Mrs Margaret Herbert was:

1st Prize (£20)	-	No. 139	Mrs E Lucas
2nd Prize (£15)	-	No. 200	Mrs E Nightingale
3rd Prize (£10)	-	No. 203	Mrs J Hoffman
4th Prize (£5)	-	No. 128	Mr & Mrs P Smith

Thank you so much to all 210 members of the "100 Club". You are a truly remarkable group of generous people and I have so enjoyed catching up with you all. Incredibly, far from our membership falling - it has increased! Lucky Grove Building to have such splendid support.

*Valerie Ransley ☎ 01747 860964*

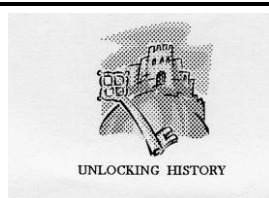
## CASTLE HILL QUILTERS

We met on Thursday, 15th September, when we were pleased to welcome five new members to our group at our well attended first meeting. We now meet each Thursday afternoon at the Grove Building from 2.00 – 4.45pm, however, our meeting on Thursday, 13th October will be held at a member's house as the Grove Building is unavailable due to the Literary Festival.

Many members of the group will be travelling by coach to the Malvern Quilt Show on Friday, 28th therefore the meeting the day before has been cancelled.

Some of our members have requested a Christmas Wall Hanging workshop which takes place on Thursday, 20th October, so a lively and busy start to our third year. Once again if you are interested in taking part do get in touch or look at our website: [castlehillquilters.org.uk](http://castlehillquilters.org.uk)

Carol Lord ☎ 01747 861923



## MERE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

### **“The Spy from Tisbury”**

Yvonne Varley

***Tuesday, 4th October***

***at 7.30pm in the Grove Building***

Dr Varley will begin our series of evening talks with a fascinating local story.

**£2 entry for non-members who will be very welcome.**

***Members - if you haven't got a blue membership card you haven't renewed your membership. Your £6 subscription can be paid at this meeting.***

**Our morning talks** begin on Tuesday, 18th October, in the **Grove Building** at 10.15am for 10.30am. **(Note that we're no longer using URC)** “Bengeworth to Salt Lake City – following my ancestors”, Val Roberts. **£1.00 entry for non-members who are very welcome.**

***Congratulations to Ros Castro who, on behalf of the Society, won Mere Gardening Club's class to promote businesses and clubs.***

Caroline Cook ☎ 01747 861797

## LECTURE AT WEST KNOYLE

Colin and Pepe Seaford invite you to hear a short illustrated talk: “Naval Adventures in the Baltic – 1919” given by Cdr. Rodney Agar. This is the exciting story of pivotal events in world history, set against the background of the Russian Revolution.

Saturday, 19th November. Programme: 6.30-8.15pm cocktails and canapés; illustrated talk 7.00pm will last half an hour.

Tickets £12.50 each; all proceeds to West Knoyle Church. Please call for further details and to receive an invitation.

*Bonnie Morant ☎ 01747 830341*

## MERE MUSEUM

I don't know where the time goes! All of a sudden we are hovering on the brink of October, and at the end of this month the Postcards exhibition ends and the 8 local groups who have promised to 'make an exhibition of themselves' will be doing just that.

This eagerly anticipated show will open on **Monday, 31st October**, and during the following four weeks you, the audience, are encouraged to vote for the showcase that you think contains the best exhibit. Papers and a ballot box will be provided, and of course, in the best tradition of such competitions, you can vote more than once!

*Jenny Wilding ☎ 01747 860908*

## FRIENDS OF MERE MUSEUM

Friends are reminded that this year's AGM is on **Tuesday, 25th October**; *please see the notice below*. There will be **no preview** of the 'Make an Exhibition of Yourselves' show, but there will be a Prize-giving party on **Monday, 28th November** at 6.30 p.m. This will be a very exciting event – make a note of the date now

*Jenny Wilding ☎ 01747 860908*

### **Friends of Mere Museum AGM**

**Tuesday, 25th October 7.30pm (doors open 7.00pm)**

Following the short business meeting there will be a talk by

**Delia Horsfall on**

**'Mapping'**

**Showing useful maps for all areas with especial interest on  
maps from 1840 to 1940**

**This event is FREE and everyone is most welcome  
Refreshments**

## **SNOOKER CLUB**

Now that autumn has arrived, the snooker and billiard season is coming into full swing. New members are still welcome to join us, whether experienced players or beginners; for details contact the secretary.

We also have our acclaimed Quiz Night with Live Music, on Tuesday, 1st November, at The Walnut Tree Inn. Tickets are available from The Library, Jeans Electrical Shop in Salisbury Street and club members. The ticket price includes one free meal, a drink and quiz entry. Teams should book their table direct with The Walnut Tree Inn (☎ 01747 861220) to avoid disappointment. See you there!!!

*Kevin Smith, Secretary, ☎ 01747 860305*

## **MERE BOWLS CLUB**

Work is progressing on the arrangements for our Barn Dance in aid of the Rosemary Goddard Centre being held on the Saturday, 25th February 2012. As usual there will be a bar, raffle and a supper – members of the team may be coming through the village looking for the donation of raffle prizes in the coming months to this very worthwhile cause.

Following an appeal regarding irregular mathematics in the compilation of the league table it has now been confirmed that Mere Bowls Club have won the 2011 Westbrook League by 3 points from both Amesbury and Sixpenny Handley, an impressive effort by the whole team! In addition we have also won the Win Green trophy. This trophy is played for annually in a tri-team match with Tisbury and Cranbourne. On top of all that, we have definitely won more matches than we have lost in our friendlies. Our Ladies section have played eight ladies-only matches and won six, losing narrowly only to Frome Selwood Ladies, both home and away. I know that they are aiming for a 100% record next season, not bad when you consider that we only have eight full time bowling Ladies. Mary Butchers, Ladies Captain, would like to thank all the ladies for their sterling efforts both on and off the green during the past season.

As seems to be the case with most Bowls Clubs at the moment, Mere BC could do with more members. New applicants can be of any age, for obvious reasons the younger the better. However, while there are no lower age limits with bowling, younger aspirants would need to be at least large enough to hold and deliver a bowl, an ability to understand and react to guidance would also be an advantage. While on the subject of age, older people who would like to have a go and enjoy the camaraderie of belonging to a club are always welcome at any of our club gatherings. Finally I am happy to announce that Mere Bowls Club continues to receive ongoing support from Jeans Electrical of Mere. This support is invaluable in the running of the club.

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

*Don Butchers, Club Secretary ☎ 01747 860775*

## **MERE CHILDREN'S CENTRE**

Our Stay and Play sessions have continued throughout the summer and it has been good to see everyone, including older siblings, who have come along and helped their smaller brothers or sisters to engage with our activities. It was great to catch up with some of the children who are still within our age range but who have already started school so we no longer see them at our sessions. Our holiday extra sessions on Thursdays have been very successful. Before the stream dried up so much, we had great fun pond dipping for small fish, shrimps and water snails to show the children what wildlife lived in our streams. All were carefully returned to the stream after our activity.

Well done to those brave enough to come along to our swimming morning, the weather might not have been very sunny but once submerged in the pool, what does a raindrop or two matter? Great fun was had by all – children parents and of course the staff. Many thanks to Bob Parsons and the staff of Mere Pool for letting us book the pool for the morning.

<p><b>REMEMBER! COPY DATE FOR THE NOVEMBER 2011 ISSUE</b> <b>MONDAY 17th NOVEMBER 2011</b></p>
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**WILTSHIRE MOVIOLA**  
in association with  
**MERE PARISH COUNCIL**  
proudly presents  
**a Mere Literary Festival Event**

# **'Oranges and Sunshine'**

**(15)**

**Emily Watson    Hugo Weaving**

The true story of the Nottingham Social Worker who  
exposed the scandal of the British children in care  
who were shipped as cheap labour to Australia.

**In the Lecture Hall**  
**Thursday 13th October, at 7.30pm**  
*(Doors open 7.00pm)*

**TICKETS £5.00**

**Available from the Tourist Information Office**  
**(in the Library)**

*For more information call Mary White on 01747 861257*

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

Best of all was the exciting day when Allan Gates brought some of his beautiful feathered friends to see us from Mere Falconry. What wonderful patient birds to come and sit on the arms of all who were brave enough to want to hold them, and well done to all the children who were brave enough; this was most of the children, even the very young ones. The birds were great: running along instead of flying, riding a radio controlled car – right between Allan's legs at one point - and sitting on Stevie's hoodie! How beautifully behaved both the birds and the children were. It was fascinating to see how very quietly they fly, and to learn that those with amber eyes are about during the day. Many thanks to Allan for such an entertaining instructive morning.

With the new term starting as I write, we are planning our Autumn Programme. In addition to our Stay and Play sessions on Wednesday mornings, we are now going to offer a Bumps and Babes session on Tuesday mornings from 9.30 to 11.00am. This term we are looking at the five senses and how to encourage your child's development. Also on Tuesdays, there is a relaxed Drop- in session in the afternoons from 1.00 to 3.00pm for parents and carers to come along and play with their children and use our toys and facilities.

A warm welcome to Rachel Porter who has joined us, she will be working here two days a week as a Support Worker and will also be involved with the Webster Stratton Parenting course, which we will be starting this term. Please ring the centre ☎ 01747 861108 if you are interested in attending this course.

*Jane Smith, Support Worker, ☎ 01747 861108*

## **TIDDLERS AND TODDLERS**

### **Wiltshire Scrapstore Visit To Tiddlers and Toddlers:**

The scrapstore van will be arriving at Toddlers on Monday, 5th December, to help us along with all those invaluable bits for craft activities and replenish stocks! They will be outside Toddlers at the Lecture Hall for an hour from 10.15- 11.15 a.m. Everyone welcome: mums, carers, childminders etc.,

#### **Prices:**

Large bags of great scrapstuff £12; small bags £6, but there are also consortium priced new craft paints and packs of themed collage things etc.,

We are very lucky to have this service available , and need to use it or lose it, so tell your friends, and any community groups who might want to stop by, to come on down! The scrapstore van visits again next year on Monday, 6th February 2012.

### **Toddler Xmas Party: (sorry to be so early!)**

If you would be interested in coming to the party this year please give your name and money to Anne at Toddlers. It is planned for Monday, 12th December, with a Father



Christmas visit, party food and entertainment. Tickets: £3 per child. We are very busy organising it, and it is going to be a big one - so be sure to book early! Each child needs to have a present wrapped and named, given to us secretly beforehand, to the value of £5 maximum please.

***Anne Rich and the students from Ivers House Special Needs Training Establishment. ☎ 01747 861493***

## **MERE SCHOOL**

### **September 2011**

We have really enjoyed our summer holidays and are glad to be back at school. We are ready to be educated in our new classes! We warmly welcome Blue Class (Foundation Stage) and their new teacher, Miss Bevan. Also Miss Harris and Mrs Whitcombe have started with us in silver and gold classes. Some teachers have also swapped classes.

Mrs Bundy has retired but still comes in to teach many classes. We are looking forward to the new school year, new experiences, new teachers and having fun.

Gold and green classes have started swimming at the pool in Gillingham - Riversmeet, instead of Warminster. They go every week which helps them to learn to swim and will greatly improve their skills.

At Mere School we are able to take part in a wide range of clubs after school which include art and pottery, sewing, tennis, football and cooking and many other fun clubs. It is hard to chose which clubs to come to.

Red class went to visit Charmouth Coastal Centre as part of their topic on Dinosaurs. We had a map and had to label everything that was man made and natural, and we also had to complete a survey on how many people were using the beach. We broke the record for this. We built sand castles and threw water at them to investigate erosion. We also measured the profile of the beach. Everyone was really excited about going. We are glad we went and we learnt a lot. We hope our parents take us back there.

***Kiera Smith, Libby Skinner, Connor Martin and Jessica Sharpe***

### **Some Messages from Mrs Williamson**

Thank you to members of the community who contributed to Mrs Yvonne Bundy's leaving gifts. We gave her a National Trust Membership, 2 original watercolour paintings, a real turkey (!), a duck sculpture and a book of special memories. She was overcome with these gifts and is now enjoying a little more time at home helping her husband.

If your son or daughter is due to start school next September (they were born between 1st September 2007 and 31st August 2008) please could you contact Mrs Rawlings in our office to collect a form to register them. Thank you!

## **REV'D. CHRIS MOORSOM, RECTOR OF UPPER STOUR, WRITES**

### **One World matters – the ‘Butterfly Effect’**

One World Week (OWW ) has been helping to change our attitudes and actions so as to have big scale effects: its motto - ‘Think globally, act locally’. Another could be ‘Flap your wings, and change the world’.

The well known ‘butterfly effect’ refers to the idea that: *‘a butterfly’s wings might create tiny changes in the atmosphere that may ultimately alter the path of a tornado or delay, accelerate or even prevent the occurrence of a tornado in another location. .... Had the butterfly not flapped its wings, the trajectory of the system might have been vastly different.’* (Wikipedia)

This can be seen positively or negatively: e.g. take recent financial problems. Yes, this is in part due to ‘rogue dealers’ and bankers taking too much risk, but it’s also to do with the way everyone else reacts – causing major market fluctuations.

But it can work positively too: take the ‘Fair Trade’ movement. Buying goods with the Fair Trade badge on is still only a small act for those of us doing our weekly shopping: yet its effects make a big difference in the lives of many. E.g the Sunstar group in N. India; as well as growing and selling rice at fair trade prices, the farmers will use the Fairtrade premium to build 13 worm composting units to make their own low cost fertiliser. (see: [www.fairtrade.org.uk](http://www.fairtrade.org.uk))

OWW attempts to educate us all about our interconnectedness across the world, and to highlight some of the key issues for the global community – climate change, poverty, bio-diversity, fair trade, etc. OWW is a call to each of us to make some extra effort to change our thinking, and lifestyles, to ‘live more simply, so that others may simply live’. Here’s a prayer from the OWW resources to help inspire you to make a difference: remember, a small change for good can have a Global effect.

God of light and life

whose breath sustains us,

in your forgiving, inspire us with new ways of living

in your redeeming, show us our interdependence with all creation

in your saving, grant us courage to live simply

that we may be good news for the rest of the planet. Amen

## QUIET DAY

(under the auspices of the Mere Franciscan Group)

Saturday, 5th November 2011

Led by Canon Michael Welch at

Ivy House, Warminster

10.00am to 4.00pm

Cost £20, to include coffee, lunch and tea

Bookings please to:

Blanche Johnston ☎ 01747 860544 or Canon Welch ☎ 01747 860047

## SPECIAL SERVICES AT ST MICHAELS

You are warmly invited to the **Harvest Thanksgiving Service** at St Michael's on Sunday, 2nd October at 10.30am.

This will be a service for all ages. Our Harvest gifts (no fresh produce please) will be given to the Trussell Trust Foodbank at Warminster.

The service will be followed by a Harvest Lunch in the Grove Building, tickets for which are available from Gilly Gristwood (861768)

Our **All Souls Service of Remembrance** will take place at St Michael's on Wednesday, 2nd November at 7.30pm.

During this quiet, reflective service the names of our departed loved ones are read out and candles are lit in remembrance. All are welcome to attend, and if you would like your loved ones to be included please let

Rev'd Paul Barnes know their names. (☎ 01747 863313)



**ONE WORLD FAIR**  
**Saturday, 22nd October 2011**  
**11.00am-3.00pm**

**In the Grove Building**

A chance to celebrate the rich diversity of our One World with Fair-Trade Gifts – Christmas Cards – lunches & refreshments – Children's activities – music – dancing – singing and more.

**ALL WELCOME (entrance free)**

*Churches Together in Mere & District ☎ 01747-860553/ 860884*

**THE GROVE BUILDING**  
**Christmas Charities Fair**

Here is an early Warning

Christmas is coming. Be prepared for the big day by coming to the Grove Building annual Charities Fair where you can buy that little stocking filler that will make somebody's day.

This year's Fair is on

Saturday, 19th November from 10.00am to 12.00noon.

There will be all the usual stalls and refreshments and a Grand Raffle with a first prize of £100.

We would welcome donations of bottles (preferably full!) for the tombola stall which will this year branch out into pastures new with other goodies for your delectation.

Please contact Isabel Howell (☎ 01747 860297 ) or Peter Platt-Higgins (☎ 01747 860809) with offers of goods or bottles for the Tombola stall.

## **“HAND MADE” SALE**

The United Reformed Church will be holding a “Hand Made” Sale on Saturday, 12th November, from 10.00am to 1.00pm. This will include Cakes, Cards, Gifts, and the usual Coffee morning.

*Aileen Maitland ☎ 0777 424 0730 or ☎ 01963 23551*



## **SALISBURY CATHEDRAL CHOIR**

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**SACRED MASTERPIECES  
FROM ACROSS THE CENTURIES**

Featuring the Music of: Byrd, Dering, Howells, Palestrina  
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At St Michael the Archangel Church, Mere  
On Monday, 3rd October 2011 at 7.30pm



**NO Tickets Required**

**A Retiring Collection will be taken  
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Saturday, 1st October @ 7.30pm

Grove Building, Mere



Live Music (Black Bear Band) & licensed Bar  
with Supper included

Adults **£7.50**

Children **£5**

Tickets from Mere Library (MIP) or ☎ 01747 860553

## ST MICHAEL'S BELL RINGERS

We have two new recruits coming on very well. Beginners and lapsed ringers welcome.  
*Jenny Lucas, Secretary, St Michael's Bell Ringers ☎ 01747 840293*

## AFTERNOON GET TOGETHER

On Wednesday, 26th October at 2.30pm in the Methodist School Room, Miss Violet Culliford will speak on the History of the English Bible. - Everyone welcome.  
*M Siderfin ☎ 01747 861370*

## CHURCH SERVICES IN MERE AND WEST KNOYLE

### October 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	2nd	10.30am	Harvest Thanksgiving Family Service (not Communion)
			<u>NO</u> 6.00pm Service
Wednesday	5th	6.00pm	"Start the month" Holy Communion (BCP)
Sunday	9th	10.30am	Parish Communion (CW1)
Sunday	16th	10.30am	Parish Communion (CW1)
	23rd	10.30am	Parish Communion (CW1)
		4.00pm	Messy Church (Grove Building)
		6.00pm	'One World Week' Service
	30th	10.30am	Choral Matins (BCP)
		10.30am	<b>Benefice Holy Communion at Maiden Bradley</b>
			<u>NO</u> service at St Michaels

**The United Reformed Church**

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

Sunday	2nd	11.00am	Rev'd Morris Munns
	9th	11.00am	Rev'd Elizabeth Kemp
			Holy Communion
	16th	11.00am	Rev'd Hazel Barkham
	23rd	11.00am	Rev'd Margaret Laurie
	30th	11.00am	Rev'd Stella Sivour

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

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

Sunday	2nd	6.00pm	Mrs Sharon Hawkes
	9th	6.00pm	Rev'd Helen Caine
	16th	6.00pm	Rev'd Helen Caine
	23rd	6.00pm	at St Michaels "One World Week" service
Wednesday	26th	2.30pm	Afternoon Get Together
Sunday	30th	6.00pm	Rev'd Gwynneth Owen Church Anniversary and Holy Communion

**The Roman Catholic Church, St Mary's. (☎ Warminster 01985 212329)**

**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	2nd	6.00pm	Harvest Festival
	9th	9.25am	Holy Communion (CW1 trad.)
	16th	9.25am	DIY
	23rd	9.25am	Holy Communion (CW1 trad.)
	30th	10.30am	Benefice Service in Maiden Bradley. NO West Knoyle service

Note: BCP indicates Book of Common Prayer 1662

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

## DIARY DATES

### OCTOBER 2011

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

1	Sat	10.30am	Drop in Coffee Morning (every Saturday)	CC
		7.00pm	"Brainwave" Pamper Evening	L
		7.30pm	"Suchana" Ceilidh	GB
2	Sun	12.00pm	St Michael's Harvest lunch	GB



3	Mon	9.30am	Tiddlers & Toddlers (also 10th, 17th & 31st)	L
		7.00pm	Slimming World (every Monday)	L
		7.00pm	Yoga (every Monday)	L
		7.30pm	Salisbury Cathedral Choir	St Michaels Church
		7.30pm	Mere Parish Council	AYP
4	Tue	10.15am	Lip Reading classes (also 11th & 18th)	GB
		7.30pm	Mere Historical Society	GB
5	Wed	9.30am	Tai-Chi (also 12th & 26th)	GB
		10.00am	Yoga (every Wednesday)	L
		11.00am	Pilates (every Wednesday)	GB
		2.00pm	Friends Together Whist Drive	GB
		6.00pm	Karate (every Wednesday)	L
		7.30pm	Gardening Club	GB
6	Thu	9.30am	Tiddlers & Toddlers (also 13th & 20th)	L
		10.00am	Mere Art Group (every Thursday)	GB
		10.30am	Church Meeting	CC
		2.00pm	Castle Hill Quilters (also 20th)	GB
		2.00pm	Bridge Club (every Thursday)	L
		7.30pm	Womens Institute	GB
		7.30pm	Shreen Harmony (every Thursday)	CC
7	Fri	6.00pm	Zumba Dancing (every Friday)	L
		6.30pm	Barn Buddies (every Friday)	BSF
8	Sat	10.00am	12.00noon Credit Union (every Saturday)	Lib
		10.30am	Drop In Coffee Morning	CC
		7.00pm	"Screen Bites" Food & Film evening	L
10	Mon	7.30pm	"In Conversation" Literary Festival	GB
11	Tue	9.00am	Foot Care Clinic	L
		12.00pm	Community Lunch	Old Ship Hotel
		2.30pm	Mothers Union	GB
		7.30pm	"WW2 From Both Sides" Literary Festival	GB
12	Wed	10.00am	Mere Forest Applications	L
		2.30pm	"Bombs and Betty Grable" Literary Festival	GB
		7.30pm	"The Peoples Bible" Literary Festival	GB
13	Thur	2.30pm	"Recollections of Childhood" Literary Festival	GB
		5.00pm	Rainbows (also 20th)	GB
		6.15pm	Brownies (also 20th)	GB
		7.00pm	Guides (also 20th)	GB
		7.30pm	Moviola/Mere Film Shows "Oranges & Sunshine"	L
14	Fri	9.30am	Merely Women (also 28th)	GB
		2.30pm	"England, My England" Literary Festival	L
		7.30pm	"Poetry In The Grove" Literary Festival	GB
16	Sun	3.00pm	Literary Festival Award Ceremony	L
17	Mon	2.00pm	Pilates (also 31st)	GB
		6.00pm	Beavers (also 31st)	GB

17	Mon	6.45pm	Cubs (also 31st)	GB
		7.00pm	Scouts (also 31st)	GB
		8.00pm	MADS Meeting (Drama room)	L
18	Tue	10.15am	Mere Historical Society Morning Meeting	GB
22	Sat	11.00am	One World Fair	GB
23	Sun	4.00pm	Messy Church	GB
25	Tue	9.00am	Foot Care Clinic	L
		7.30pm	Friends of Mere Museum AGM	GB
26	Wed	1.45pm	Friends Together	GB
		2.30pm	Afternoon Get Together	MH
		7.30pm	Julian Meeting (Upper Room)	GB
28	Fri	7.30pm	Friends of Fives Court Quiz	GB
29	Sat	10.00am	Cancer Research UK Autumn Sale	L
		2.30pm	Children's Fancy Dress Halloween Disco	L
30	Sun	3.30pm	Mere Fireworks Festival	Duchy Manor
31	Mon	10.00am	New Mere Museum Exhibition opens (page 21)	Lib

## STOP PRESS

Wiltshire Police now has a new  
NON emergency number - 101.



## MERE FIREWORKS FESTIVAL

### Organised by the Friends of Mere School

Further to our announcement in the September edition of Mere Matters, we are pleased to announce the booking of internationally renowned performers Cirque Bijou for our Fireworks Festival at the Duchy Manor Ground next to the school opening at 3.30pm on Sunday, 30th October. They create spectacular fire performances, with wonderful costumes and we are very proud to be able to bring something so high profile to the community

The event will also feature, among other things, fireside storytelling in a Mongolian Yurt and a torchlit lantern parade before the big fireworks finale at 6.30pm.

Tickets for the festival are now on sale around Mere and online at:  
**[www.merfireworksfestival.co.uk](http://www.merfireworksfestival.co.uk)**

Thanks to fantastic support from local businesses and other grants, tickets cost just £10 for a family with up to 3 children when purchased in advance. An adult ticket is just £4.

We look forward to bringing our community together at this new annual event for the town.

*Rachael Hansford ☎ 01747 861534*

## **BOOKING MEETING HALLS IN MERE**

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HEALTH MATTERS  
ADVICE Wednesdays: 9.30am - 12.30pm

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