

MERE MATTERS AND SO DOES WEST KNOYLE

YOUR COMMUNITY MAGAZINE AND
GUIDE TO LOCAL EVENTS



Wishing the London 2012 Olympics great success!

JULY/AUGUST 2012

MERE PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Council meets every month. Whilst it is not a public meeting, members of the public are welcome to come and listen. The Council members are working on YOUR behalf to sustain and improve the quality of life and the environment that we enjoy in the parish - come and hear what they are doing for you! You will be permitted to raise questions in a public session before the meeting starts. The next meeting will be held in the Andy Young Pavilion at 7.30pm on **Monday, 2nd July 2012**. There will be NO meeting in August.

The Chairman writes:

I think the highlight of this past month must be all the celebrations that have taken place throughout the country in celebration of Her Majesty The Queen's Diamond Jubilee. Even though the weather for the Jubilee weekend was not at its best, the enthusiasm for colourful celebration was undimmed, and Mere joined in with flags and bunting throughout the town and even the flower tubs displaying patriotic colours. Our Civic Service of Celebration in St. Michael's Church was a truly joyful occasion' and congratulations and thanks must go to Mrs. Jane Hurd, our Licensed Lay Minister for all her hard work in preparing and conducting the service.

We have had many comments on how good it was to see a beacon on Castle Hill again and thanks for that go not only to our clerk, Lindsey Wood, for dealing with the amount of paperwork for consent for the beacon, but also to Cllrs Phillip Coward and Rodney Coward, and all their helpers, for undertaking all the practicalities of getting everything to the top of the hill on the day – and of course down again afterwards. Not just beacon building involved but some body building too, I think! The fireworks coinciding with the beacon were spectacular and very much appreciated, from all the comments we have received, and many thanks must go to Mr. Bill Deeker for organising and firing the display.

The many street parties and events which took place in Mere were caught on camera by George Jeans and I understand these images will go into the Mere archive and will perhaps be included when our Museum next has a display to celebrate a jubilee, though I fear it will be very many years indeed before another diamond jubilee comes around!

On other matters, it was agreed at the last Parish Council meeting to make a contribution to the South West Wiltshire Area Board Community Area Transport Group for the alteration of line markings at the Walnut Road/Shafesbury Road roundabout and

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the cutting of vegetation there, which it is hoped will make the roundabout safer for motorists and pedestrians alike.

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

GEORGE JEANS, WILTSHIRE COUNCILLOR, MERE DIVISION, WRITES

The Year of Celebration is going well. I attended over ten street parties and functions in Mere, Kilminster, West Knoyle and Zeals. Kilminster and Stourton joined together, the good weather, a marquee and tractor rides around the village brought people together: it was a joy to be amongst so much local celebration.

The very local street parties in Mere were numerous. I cannot name them all, but Denes Avenue and Well Head were the larger ones and again you had to be there to understand the community bonding, celebration and atmosphere. I, and I think many younger ones, will not forget the event, with a beacon on Castle Hill and a red, white and blue salute of fireworks over Mere on the night of the 4th of June.

I would like to thank Bill Deeker for his efforts in providing the fireworks and setting up and releasing the display. I would like it recorded that the very large firework at the end of the display was paid for by Bill as a memory to his dad who died close to the date of the event. Philip and Rodney Coward, with helpers, did well to get the heavy metal beacon to the top of Castle Hill where I would guess around 200 people stood around the burning beacon, witnessing all the beacons around in the distance. Mark Cassidy and Mere Carnival Club provided an excellent community function, which raised money for local good causes.

I took much video and still photography during the extended bank holiday and around that time at many events in Mere, Kilminster, West Knoyle and Zeals. Andrew Holder has offered to edit this with me and possibly present it to the museum with a public viewing. Whatever happens, I will ensure this record is lodged with the museum.

Many in the area need to be thanked, however there is not room to name all individually. I thank the South West Area Board for providing funds for our area. A young lad, Daniel Cook, voluntarily helped me for many evenings to put up the flags and bunting in Mere. Another young person, Josh Howden, with his dad stopped their car one evening and started to help and came along other evenings, people came out of their houses to help, this list goes on and I am sorry I cannot name you all.

The Olympics are now about to start in The UK. The Olympic Torch arrives in Salisbury on 11th July with an event in Hudson's field that evening, and then setting off from Salisbury Cathedral on 12th July.

Grass cutting etc or lack of it. I get more complaints about this every year. Drivers complain they cannot see at junctions and people cannot walk the footpaths without getting wet, in some cases because the path is blocked with vegetation. Some of these footpaths are maintained by the council and therefore are not maintained by the landowner who would normally be responsible. We could do with footpath groups in some areas who work with the parish councils in many cases. Do we have any volunteers who would help with the work of keeping the footpaths clear in some areas of overgrowth, which sometimes would involve physical effort? The man and woman power is short at this time of year. If extra labour were to be brought in at this time of year, for example by Mere Parish Council, it would be a cost to the Mere residents. This is a contentious question.

A consultation meeting with the youth and adults was held in The Youth Development Centre, The Mere Peace Memorial Recreation Field, on the evening of the 14th June. We need extra grants to what we have, and we need proof that the facility has been consulted on by potential users. I still hope that by the middle of the school holidays we will have a skate park in place. Clive Hazzard has also volunteered to push this forward.

Many seem interested in the following, as stated last month for those that missed it. Great Western Broadband a partnership of Swindon, Wiltshire and South Gloucestershire Councils plus finance from others, which will roll out a minimum broadband speed of 2Mbt/s at peak time of about 5.00pm for all (virtually) in Wiltshire by 2015. Many of us will be able to get speeds of 10 to 25 Mbt/s at our local BT green cabinet. There will also be options for local community involvement for those who wish to improve the availability in their area.

Neighbourhood plans I am often asked about, on the North Dorset web site, is an application from <http://www.dorsetforyou.com/gillinghamneighbourhoodplan>. Gillingham, being our neighbour, this may interest you.

The speed of street lighting repairs has improved. Lindsey Wood and I now have a direct number to the contractor's engineer.

A water leak on the hill at The Lynch, Mere has been a concern for many months to one householder, where the water was entering their house. Also, if it was to freeze next winter, road users would be compromised. After communication with many, the land owner now has had the water leak repaired. The moral is, even with a major problem, councils and large agencies just take their time, and without Councillors they probably would take even longer!

'Families In Need' have been started by Amy Nugent ☎ 07505 314304 and Kate Marshall ☎ 07825 7874874, they collect old items voluntarily, an example being bedding etc., and hand back out to those who enquire.

I continue to attend meetings around the County using the knowledge gained to help the Mere Area. One example is when I attended a core strategy (development proposals) meeting at Chippenham, I stated that one-bedroom houses are required amongst other issues. The council do not agree with me. However, you all still have a chance to contest the document when it goes to the inspector, although to my knowledge the date is not yet set.

JOIN THE SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

For Children from Saturday, 14th July 2012



- **It's makes children want to read**
- **It's free**
- **It's great fun!**

The national Summer Reading Challenge for 4 to 11 year olds is run in Wiltshire libraries every summer during school holidays. It's a fun personal challenge which encourages children to read more, and in so doing get better at reading and enjoy it more. With 780,000 children aged 4-11 taking part across the country, the Summer Reading Challenge is the biggest national reading initiative.

The challenge is simple – for children to read six books over the summer, talk to library staff and volunteers about their books and collect rewards to mark their progress - such as stickers, a wristband and a medal.

Families love the challenge and over 90% said that by taking part in the challenge their child's reading had improved a little or a lot.

Last year 8,156 Wiltshire children joined the Circus Stars challenge, with 4,494 children reading all six books and over 30,000 books being read in total.

Comments on the 2011 Circus Stars challenge:

"...my youngest son (4) enjoys being read to. However, discussing his books with the library staff has actually encouraged him to start reading!" (Melksham parent)

"It has given my child a reason to read over the holidays, but as a parent [I] was particularly keen on my child having the confidence to talk to a stranger about the book she has read. By week 6 she was amazing!" (Westbury parent)

"I think it's really good because you discover new writers and you see how much fun it is." (7 year old Bradford on Avon)

"I think the challenge was very good and helpful. It made me feel a bit more confident about reading. Now I have lots of fun with reading." (10 year old, Westbury)



Story Lab - the Summer Reading Challenge 2012

In Wiltshire the Summer Reading Challenge will run from 14 July to 8 September 2012, children will receive a membership card on registering and their own 'Story Lab' after reading one book. Children then receive sets of stickers for each book read, a wristband when they get to book 4, a medal and certificate when they finish.

This year the Summer Reading Challenge will be an official programme within the Cultural Olympiad London 2012 Festival, the largest cultural celebration in the history of the modern Olympic and Paralympic Movements. The aim is for 1 million children to take part in the 2012 Summer Reading Challenge across the country.

For further information on the Summer Reading Challenge contact Mere Library on 01747 860546 or visit <http://www.summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/about/> or <http://www.readingagency.org.uk/children/summer-reading-challenge/>



'MERENEIGHBOURS' NEWS

New Priorities for Policing in and around Mere

1. Anti social crime has recently been more prevalent and we shall be increasing evening patrols in a bid to try and stamp this out.
2. In addition we have been asked to be more visible in West Knoyle where vehicle speeding appears to be a major issue.

Doorstep Thefts:

There have been several thefts of dairy deliveries in the early hours of the morning. If anyone is up and around at this hour of the day and sees anything suspicious please phone in the details.

Mere Police Station will be open!

We warmly welcome the assistance of a new volunteer who will be helping to man the station on Tuesday mornings from 10:00am until 12:00noon. If you need to leave messages or need assistance then this would be a good time to visit. Confirmation of dates will be advertised on the Mere Neighbourhood Policing Team page at <http://www.wiltshire.police.uk/>

Its Holiday time!

No one would wish to return from a holiday to find their premises have been broken into and possibly vandalised. You can find sensible and positive advice by reading our latest MereNeighbours Newsletter available on the web site, in the Post Office, Library, Chip Shop and the Grove Building – please obtain one and pass around to friends and neighbours.

Keep up to date with on the web site at: **www.MereNeighbours.co.uk**

We are always available for help and advice and our contacts are:

PC Richard Salter and PCSO Jake Noble ☎ 101 (24hrs)

✉: **richard.salter@wiltshire.pnn.police.uk** or

✉: **jacob.noble@wiltshire.pnn.police.uk**

For matters relating to 'MereNeighbours' only:

Richard Jefferies ☎ 01747 863425

✉: **rajefferies@btinternet.com** 📠 07950797273



Mere Dental Practice

The practice has two Dentists - Stephen Sherrard & Jacquie Barnes

Two Dental Therapist/ Hygienist - Wendy Hester & Jay Lonsdale

*Contact Details: - Mere Dental Practice, Duchy Manor, Springfield Road,
Wiltshire, BA12 6EW, Tele: 01747 860365,*

E-mail: meredental@btconnect.com, Website- meredentistry.co.uk,

*Opening hours: - Monday – Thursday 8.45am – 5.30pm, Tuesday
8.45am – 7pm & Friday 8.45am -5pm*

***Jacquie Barnes currently has availability on her NHS List, with priority
to Wiltshire Residents***



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

WEATHER REPORT

May was a perfect Summer month. We had 39mms (1.54ins) of rain, all except 2mms (0.08ins) of which, fell before the 15th. Last year in May we had 41.5mms (1.63ins). From the 15th to the end of the month we had a mini heat wave. The only complaint was that it was too hot!

There was a sudden difference in June. It turned colder and we had rain and strong winds. Up to the 14th, we had 82mms (3.23ins). Last year we had 115mms (4.53ins) in the whole month. Hopefully the second half of June will be more like summer!

Peter Durkee ☎ 01747 860363

ACTION FOR MERE RIVERS (AFMR)

Meet AFMR in The Square on Saturday, 14th July from 9.00am until 12.30pm. Do stop at our stall outside the Post Office for a chat or even to blame us for all the recent wet weather!

There will be information to collect and 'give-aways' for using water wisely so that supplies and the environment are safeguarded for future generations.

Adrienne Howell, AFMR ☎ 01747 860475

43rd (WESSEX) DIVISION MEMORIAL SERVICE

The annual 43rd (Wessex) Division Memorial service and Parade will take place on Sunday, 8th July 2012.

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*

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MERE CARNIVAL NEWS

Our 'Fun Day' on 'Jubilee Monday' was a great success and our thanks go to the Walnut Tree Inn for hosting this event and for their generous donation to our much needed funds. Gladys Pope kindly crowned our Carnival Royals on the day and congratulations go to Lois Jenkins our Carnival Princess and Rosie Batsford, Martha Jenkins, Lacey Read and Lola-Blue Barry who are her attendants.

Our next fundraising event is our Carnival Quiz Night on Tuesday, 3rd July in the Lecture Hall at 7.00pm for 7.30pm start - come and join in the fun and discover how much you didn't realise you knew!

Mere Carnival '100 Club'



We would like to invite all residents and friends of Mere to join our Carnival Supporters "100 Club".

For an annual subscription of just £24.00 your number would be entered into our monthly cash draw. There will be 3 cash prizes totalling 50% of all monies taken. By joining us you will be helping us to keep our Carnival "Alive and kicking". !

For more detailed information contact Chris Miles, either at Mill Pond Cottage, Clements Lane or e-mail:

chris@tradekitchensdorset.co.uk.

Forms available from: Walnut Tree Inn, The Post Office, Jeans and The George Inn or from any committee member.

All enquiries will be very welcome as we need your support.

Dates For Your Diary For September - Carnival Week

Friday, 7th September: Carnival Bingo in the Grove Building

Tuesday, 11th September Carnival Quiz in the Lecture Hall

Wednesday, 12th September to Saturday, 15th September: Carnival Fun Fair

Thursday, 13th September: Carnival Film Show in the Lecture Hall

Saturday, 15th September: Carnival Day - children's parade in the afternoon and grand carnival parade in the evening - not to be missed

Entry forms for the children's afternoon carnival can be collected from Mere Post Office from Friday, 24th August 2012 (to be completed and returned by 4.00pm Friday, 14th September 2012).

If you would like to join the carnival committee or help during carnival week, please e-mail me at: **luciechesh@hotmail.com** or call: **Carol Payne ☎ 01747 861639**

PARISH CHURCH DRIVE PLANTING to celebrate HM The Queen's Jubilee year

The response to my request in the May Mere Matters for donations of spring bulbs and primroses has been wonderful. The Parish Church has a refurbished, and newly edged, path to the main door, and to celebrate Jubilee year, the PCC, and Churchwardens approved the planting of naturalising flowers along the path edge, inside the tree line. The planting is now complete and we look forward to Spring 2013 to see the flowers in their new location.

Thank you **all** for your generosity. Special thanks to the **Sprout and Flower** who donated snowdrops and daffodils to enable me to start the project and to Dr Longbourne who donated snowdrops and bluebells, and to all of you, known and unknown, who contacted me or left primrose plants and bulbs in the church porch for my collection.

Hilary Gladding ☎ 05601791309



THE MERE AND DISTRICT CHAMBER OF TRADE



The Committee of Mere and District Chamber of Trade recently enjoyed a private meeting with the local MP, Dr Andrew Murrison, to discuss how to encourage new businesses to set up in town, and how existing businesses could be helped to remain viable. The Chamber is also supporting a Local Food Initiative for which grants are being sought by another organisation.

Recently, Mere Chamber held a successful networking meeting in The Grove Building. This was an open meeting and several new potential members came along.

Apart from some animated general discussions, Paul Scaife of Chalkstream Wines told us some of his marketing secrets during a polished illustrated presentation. Resulting from his success last year in the Wiltshire New Business Competition, he now has a brand new website. Samples of his products were available to taste.

Also present were two Business Managers from the Wiltshire Business Support Service recently launched to offer free advice to both new and established businesses.

A further event is being planned for the autumn. More details of the above and other events are available from Julie Cousins, Mere Chamber Secretary. Contact details below.

Date of next Chamber Committee Meeting

This is to be held at Mere Social Club for 7.30pm on Wednesday, 11th July 2012.

Julie Cousins, Secretary, ☎ 07856 700576

MERE THEATRE CLUB

It may well be summer (we hope!) but we shall soon be planning for the autumn. So if you have not paid your subscription this year, you will not be on the mailing list and may miss out. If in doubt please contact either Wendy or myself, numbers below.

Wendy Horne ☎ 01747 861712 or Madelaine Morris ☎ 01747 861833

JULY SHORT WALK

By popular request this will be slightly longer than usual and the plan is to walk over the A303 towards Stourhead and back over White Sheet Hill down to Manor Road. Anyone unable to manage the hill can return to Mere across the fields the way we came. Meet at 2.00pm in the Surgery Car Park on Tuesday, 17th July.

There will be no walk in August.

Janet Way ☎ 01747 860884

MDLS LITERARY FESTIVAL 8th – 14th OCTOBER

The final pieces of this year's programme have slotted into place and the week's events include talks by both local and nationally known authors, a number of whom have appeared at festivals such as Hay-on-Wye and Althorp. This year's competition is Write in the Week –for timed flash fiction – a very, very short story to include a given phrase. Pick up details from the Library, and other outlets or on: www.merelifest.co.uk

The official launch of the festival programme takes place on Friday, 20th July at the popular Quiz Evening (see details overleaf) and Book Stall in The Square on the following Saturday morning when flyers outlining the programme will be available. The full programme is published in September. The Linkscheme looks forward to your support.

Adrienne Howell & Lit.Fest.Group

MERE & DISTRICT LINKSCHEME (THE 'LINK')

Requests for Transport ☎ 01747 860096

The Annual Meeting of the Linkscheme was held in the Grove Building on Friday, 15th June.

Requests received by the Linkscheme during its 17th year totalled over 1,000. The Treasurer, Bill Pike, reported a satisfactory financial position. Donations from users of the scheme had contributed 75% towards transport costs. The shortfall and other costs had been met by a generous contribution from Mere Literary Festival and grants from Parish Councils in the area covered by the Linkscheme.

Like all Linkschemes in Wiltshire, Mere is linked to Community First. Mary Hardwidge, from Community First, reported that the 45 Linkschemes had received an award as

“Community Group of the Year” from “Wiltshire Life” magazine, having shown that “they made a worthwhile difference to the lives of Wiltshire residents.”

The retiring Chairman, Tony Taylor, and Judy Hingley, who is retiring as one of the transport co-ordinators, were thanked for their help and each was presented with a rose bush.

The members of the Management Committee were all re-elected for the coming year. The new Chairman is Peter Martin.

Molly Burden



MERE & DISTRICT LINKSCHEME

Reg. Charity No: 1062328

OFFICIAL PROGRAMME LAUNCH OF THE 2012 MERE
LITERARY FESTIVAL

QUIZ NIGHT

FRIDAY, 20th JULY

7.15 for 7.30p.m.

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Licensed Wine

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MERE CANCER RESEARCH

Our May Fayre Sale on Saturday, 19th May was well supported and raised £1,739.92. The Committee would like to thank all those who donated prizes to the raffle and also thank all our supporters.

The Mere branch has raised more than £260,000 since it started in 1973.

Shirley Thomas ☎ 01747 860586

MERE FILM SHOWS

At the time of writing we have just received the list of films available for the start of our next season and there are certainly some good things to choose from for our autumn programme. We start with a film for Carnival Week on Thursday, 13th September and we are hoping that it will be the comedy drama 'Salmon Fishing in the Yemen' which stars Emily Blunt, Ewan McGregor and Kristin Scott-Thomas and tells the story of a fisheries expert who is approached by a consultant to help realize a sheik's vision of bringing the sport of fly-fishing to the desert and embarks on an upstream journey of faith and fish to prove the impossible possible. We await confirmation. Posters will be

about around mid-August and tickets should be available at that time, but full details will be in the September copy of Mere Matters.

For the Literary Festival in October we have booked two screenings of 'The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel', which is most definitely a film not to be missed so make a note of Thursday, 11th October in your diary!

David Lamb, Merle Benson and I would like to say a big thank you to everyone who comes to support the Film Shows and we look forward to seeing you in September.

Mary White ☎ 01747 861257

MERELY WOMEN

Merely Women offers a warm welcome to any ladies living in Mere and the surrounding areas. This group is particularly helpful for newcomers to the area, as it is a place to chat and meet new friends. We have activities, speakers and discussions. There is always tea and coffee, a lot of chat and laughter, and a sympathetic ear if needed.

We meet in the Grove Building on the 2nd and 4th Fridays of the month, from 9.30 to 11.30am. There is no membership, so just come along between 9.30 and 10.00am for a pre-meeting tea/coffee and chat. Everyone, of all ages, and new or established residents, are most welcome. There will be meetings on Fridays 13th and 27th July, but none in August when we have our summer break. We start again on Friday, 14th September.

Jean Eyles ☎ 01747 863450



WOMENS INSTITUTE (WI)

Our next meeting will be on Thursday, 5th July at 7.30 p.m. in the Grove Building, when Bob Browning will talk on "Walking Offa's Dyke."

On Thursday, 2nd August, there will be an afternoon meeting in a member's garden.

Coffee Morning

Saturday, 28th July, from 10.00am until 12.00noon in the Grove Building

Stalls to include Cakes and Bring and Buy.

Friends and visitors very welcome.

Molly Burden ☎ 01747 860007



MOTHERS' UNION AND OPEN MEMBERS' GROUP

Our meeting on **Tuesday, 10th July at 2.30pm in the Grove Building**, focuses on 'the gift of giving' with the help of **Richard Parsons of the Trussell Trust**.

New members, visitors, supporters of the Trussell Trust and all who are interested are very welcome to join us. If you would like to discover more about what the Mothers' Union is and does, please phone me, or visit Mere Church during the month of August, where we plan to have a display, showing something of MU's origins and more recent developments, both locally and more widely.

Judith Thompson ☎ 01747 860553

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

We celebrated the Queen's Diamond Jubilee with a lovely meal followed by party games and pass the parcel with forfeits! We have also just returned from our outing to Swanage. The forecast was grim and we worried about being blown out to sea, but the sun shone constantly and a great time was had by all. The fish and chip portions were huge and a rumour has been circulating that some fishy leftovers were stowed away in someone's boot, and smuggled in the hold of the coach during the return journey!

On the 2nd July we will be holding another one of our popular tea dances, but this one will be with a difference: "1952 Revisited" with songs, dances and reminiscences from that important year in the British history. Then later in July we will be making jewellery and host a visit from the Mere School children among other activities. In August we plan to have another Desert Island Disc session.....I wonder who will be the next star?

Annual General Meeting

And finally, our Annual General Meeting will be held at 2.30pm on Monday, 23rd July 2012, in the Community Lounge, Lynch Close, Mere.

Sandie Hawkins, RGC Organiser ☎ 07835 272406

FRIENDS OF FIVES COURT

DON'T FORGET that The Friends' famous **Autumn Fair** will take place this year on **Saturday, 1st September at 2.00pm in the gardens of Fives Court**. Please make a few extra jars of jam this summer, or when clearing out cupboards while it rains outside, put aside things we can sell. Posters and flyers will be everywhere in due course, to remind you to support us in even greater numbers than you have in the past!

Jenny Wilding ☎ 01747 860908

Friends of Fives Court

Autumn Fair

Saturday, 1st September

in the grounds of Fives Court

Angel Lane at 2.00pm

Games * Stalls * plants * teas and much, much more...

Gillingham Junior Silver Band

MERE GARDENING CLUB

Our next meeting on Wednesday, 11th July at 7.30pm in the Grove Building features a talk: "Peonies and Iris" by Sue Applegate. Sue, once production manager at Kelways Nursery, which is famous for its peonies and irises, will give practical advice on growing these delights.

ANNUAL SHOW

***Saturday, 1st September
at 2.30pm in the Lecture Hall***

admission 50p (includes tea/coffee and biscuit)
children under 10 years free.

Have you planned your entries?!!! Nearly all categories are open and there are plenty for children. So why not join in the fun! Schedules and entry forms are available from Janet Way or from 'Sprouts and Flowers'. Entry forms to be delivered to Wits End, North Rd., by 800pm on Wednesday, 29th August, please.

Stop Press

We have one seat unexpectedly available for the outing to RHS Rosemoor on Friday, 13th July. Details from me.

Janet Way ☎ 01747 860884

MERE MUSEUM

We are planning to hold an open afternoon, **Tea At The Museum!** on **Wednesday, 18th July from 2.00 until about 5.00pm**. There will be opportunities to see behind the scenes at the Museum, for example a tour of the stores, seeing what's involved in accepting objects into the collection, including a demonstration of the computerised catalogue, and more. There will also be tea and cake!! Everyone is welcome. Do pop in when you can – we shall try to hold a rolling programme of events.

We have slightly changed the sequence of exhibitions over the summer and into autumn. The present Jubilee exhibition will run until Saturday, 4th August. A new exhibition about water in Mere – probably to be called 'Water, Water Everywhere' – will open to the public on **Tuesday, 7th August**. This will feature (among other things) a new map showing the locations of wells and springs in Mere recently identified by you, members of the public, which will chart the Mere Fault. Watch out for posters.

Jenny Wilding ☎ 01747 860908

FRIENDS OF MERE MUSEUM

The Friends will be holding a Quiz Night on **Friday, 13th July** (a lucky day for everyone) at **7.30pm in the Grove Building**. Tickets available at the door – see the poster below for details.

Please make a note now of the next Friends' Preview of the exhibition about water in Mere on **Monday, 6th August 6.30pm**. Previews provide a very good opportunity to **join the Friends**, so don't hesitate to come along.

Jenny Wilding ☎ 01747 860908

Friends of Mere Museum QUIZ EVENING



Friday, 13th July

Grove Building

7.30pm

**Teams of up to four people - £1 per head
pay at the door**

GROVE BUILDINGS "100" CLUB

The Result of the '100' Club Jubilee Draw for June, drawn after Family Communion on 10th March by Mr Kit Stallard was:

1st Prize	(£30)	-	No. 155	Lesley Traves
2nd Prize	(£20)	-	No. 176	Kathy Herbert
3rd Prize	(£10)	-	No. 37	Andrew Rees
4th Prize	(£10)	-	No. 67	Elizabeth Montgomery

Valerie Ransley ☎ 01747 860964

REMEMBER! COPY DATE FOR THE SEPTEMBER ISSUE

MONDAY, 13th AUGUST 2012

MERE AMATEUR DRAMATIC SOCIETY (MADS)

Mere Drama Society is presenting a pantomime this Autumn on 28th, 29th & 30th November and 1st December. In Jubilee year it is to be the patriotic George and the Dragon.

We are looking for people to take part or help back stage. There will be parts for children and adults. If you are interested please come along to a meeting in the Drama Room on Monday, 9th July at 7.30pm.

For more information please contact me by e-mail: **chris@merfishfarm.co.uk** or by 'phone. *Chris Wood ☎ 01747 860479*



MERE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

VISIT FOUR: Tuesday, 4th September 2012

Oxford & Pitt Rivers Museum

Oxford has such a wealth of delights to offer that on this occasion you will be left largely to decide how to spend your day for yourself. After our introductory talk, you may spend as long as you wish at the Pitt Rivers museum before setting off to revisit old favourites, or discover new aspects of Oxford. Suggestions available.

We will leave Salisbury Street Car Park at 9.00am and return between 6-&-6.30pm.

Cost: MHS Members £15.00, non MHS members £17.00, per person.
Excludes National trust entrance fee of £10

VISIT THREE: Tuesday, 17th July 2012

Somerset History Tour *Just a few spaces left!*

Includes a short coach tour and visit to Museum of Somerset.

Leaves Salisbury Street Car Park at 10.00am and returns by 5.00pm

Cost: MHS Members **£16**, non-MHS members **£18** per person

For more details of both visits
please ring Caroline Cook ☎ 01747 861797

Booking forms available from Mere Information Point

Note to members: If you were unable to attend the AGM please send your annual subscription (£6 per member) to the **Membership Secretary: Joan Slight, 7 Nursery Gardens, Mere.** ☎ 01747 860890.

SNOOKER CLUB

At the June tournament, the highest break was achieved by Oliver Hilborne - congratulations to him. The date of the next Club Doubles Tournament is Tuesday, 3rd July - contact the Chairman, Michael Durkee for details. All Club members are welcome to participate.

Our membership is increasing, so if you would like to brush up on your skills, or learn a new sport, then please contact me. *Kevin Smith, Secretary ☎ 01747 860305*

TISBURY & DISTRICT SPORTS CENTRE

A facility provided by Wiltshire Council, where everybody matters

Summer Holiday Programme

23rd July – 31st August 2012

With the Summer Holidays fast approaching, we are busy planning our Holiday Programme. Courses in tennis, football, olympic sports and bike ability will be taking place, together with a number of the children's favourite activities such as roller rumpus, art and craft, team games, racquet sports, jail ball, dodge ball, Wii sports and board games. Prices for some activities start at just £1 per child, so they are great value for money. Booking for all activities is strongly recommended, to avoid disappointment.

All adult activities will continue as normal throughout the whole of the holiday period.

For further details, a copy of our programme, a copy of our prices, or to book any activity, please contact us via one of the options below.

- Reception ☎ 01747 871141,
- e-mail us at: tisbury@wiltshire.gov.uk,
- visit the website at: www.wiltshire.gov.uk
- Follow us on :[Twitter@TisburyLC](https://twitter.com/TisburyLC) or [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/TisburyLC).

MERE BOWLS CLUB

I wish to start this month with a roll of honour of our new members: may they all enjoy the game and the Club for many years to come as much as the rest of us have. We welcome John Fitzgerald, Tony Rankin and Brian Silk of Mere in addition to Ray and Carol Kenzie and Derek and Diana Stevens of Maiden Bradley.

May I also welcome John Marks who joined us last year, but did not get a mention at that time.

Why not follow the example of the folks above, come down and give us a try – all you need to start is a pair of flat shoes, we can supply everything else.

For any information regarding the club, please contact Alan Inwood ☎ 01985 844215, Jeff Vigers, e-mail: jeffcarolvigers@hotmail.co.uk or ☎ 01747 860976, or me, Don Butchers, by phone (below) or e-mail: don.butchers@btinternet.com

Don Butchers, Club Secretary ☎ 01747 860219

MERE TOWN YOUTH FOOTBALL CLUB (MTYFC)

Soccer School

Soccer School will this year be held on the 7th, 8th and 9th August from 10.00am – 3.00pm at the Andy Young Pavilion.

As with former years, please send your child/children with hats for the sunshine (hopefully), also please apply suncream before they arrive as we are not permitted to apply it ourselves. Please supply a packed lunch and drink, although there will be constant supply of squash or water. For wet weather they will need a change of clothes if possible and a dry jumper or hoodie to change into at lunch time.

On the last day there will be a mini tournament with a presentation of certificates at 2.30pm, all parents are welcome at this time.

Please note that the cost of this year is £12.00 per day or £30.00 for the 3 days, and not as appeared in the June edition of Mere Matters.

If interested please contact our secretary Julie Hodge ☎ 07808 715725.

Mary Crorkin ☎ 01747 861652

1st MERE BROWNIES

Recycling project

We are now accepting any old and new Foreign and UK coins and notes - any currency and of any age.

We are still collecting Jewellery – Gold, Silver, Costume and watches. All those odd earrings, snapped chains and broken watches are a great start, also items which were once fashionable but you haven't worn for years. We can recycle them for you.

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!

We are still saving unwanted mobile phones. (They do not have to be working, but it is advisable to remove the SIM card). Chargers and accessories are not necessary.

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.

At our collection points we have envelopes that you can take away, to then deposit in the box when filled. If you can, why not take an extra envelope and ask your family and friends to participate in this recycling scheme also. Recyclable items can also be dropped in the collection boxes without the envelope.

Sue Jeans, Assistant Brownie Guider ☎ 01747 860215



MERE SCOUT GROUP

We are your local Scout Group and we meet in the Grove Building on Monday evenings during school term time. Come and see if you like to come and join us for fun and to learn new skills. There are places for boy and girls.

We have:

Beavers for 6 to 8 year olds meeting from 6.00 to 7.00pm

Cubs for 8 to 10½ year olds meeting from 6:45 to 8:15pm

Scouts for 10½ to 14 year olds meeting from 7.00 to 9.00pm

For more information please call:

Caroline or Garry ☎ 01985 844761 or Wayne 📠 07747 161968

MERE CHILDREN'S CENTRE

I know that the nights get shorter in summer but I swear that the weeks get shorter as well – where does all that time go to? We have been having a busy time at the Children's Centre.

Our New Baby Massage Course on Monday mornings has started well. If you are interested give us a call and get yourself booked onto the next course. Research has shown that Baby Massage can help with bonding with your baby, aid digestive problems, help your baby relax and to sleep better.

At 'Stay and Play' on Wednesday mornings we have made rolls and pizzas and enjoyed pasta with tomato sauce as part of our healthy snack programme. We made crowns for

the Queen's Diamond Jubilee and posed for a photograph with the children wearing their crowns. This photograph has since been submitted to Mere Pre-school to go in their Time Capsule so that in fifty year's time our children can look back to what they were doing in June 2012 though of course they won't be children when they are looking back! We look forward to seeing the capsule being buried on 21st June in the Garden of the Pre-school.

We are responding to parent request and are starting a Family Learning Course in Literacy so that those attending can brush up on their literacy skills and gain an NVQ stage 1 or 2 in literacy by the end of the course.

We have been enjoying a course on Thrifty Tips run by Wiltshire Wildlife where we have made delicious cinnamon and raisin bread, a colourful and fruity salad called Tabbouleh, and also easy smoothies packed with fruit and goodness for our children to try.

Over the summer Stay and Play will continue running except on Wednesday, 1st of August when we are planning a Family Fun Day for families with young children to come along and have lots of fun and join in the activities. Even if you don't normally come to Stay and Play come along and join us.

Weather permitting, we are hoping for a visit from Mere Falconry with their wonderful birds and the great displays that they have put on for us in the past. Come and join the fun and for a small contribution watch the antics of the owls and eagles who come to visit.

Bumps and Babes will also be running over the holidays as an informal 'Drop-in for Mums of young Babes' to come and have a friendly chat and a cuppa, we might even go so far as to offer tea and toast if you have been too busy looking after your baby to manage a relaxed breakfast for yourself!

In mid- August we are planning to run a table top sale in the Centre so have a sort out of your things and bring them along to sell while you browse through what others have brought in to recycle.

We also have a Musical Taster for you over the summer. On Tuesday, 7th August, come along with your toddlers for a session of 'Song and Rhyme, Rhythm and Music'. You don't need to be able to sing to join in, just be enthusiastic! Your children will love playing the instruments and learning new songs and rhymes to sing.

Whatever your plans for the summer and the holidays, have a wonderful time and come and join us in some of our fun activities

Jane Smith, Support Worker, ☎ 01747 861108

PURPLE CLASS NEWS



June 2012

Sports Week and Team Houses

Sports Week was held during the first week back after half term, and despite the weather we managed to take part in a wide range of sports. We now have team houses: Shreen, Duchy, Manor and Castle. We are all trying really hard to collect points for our houses. We can earn points by doing good deeds and for sportsmanship. Right now Castle are winning but the other teams have a chance to catch up on Sports Day. We're having a great week!

Sam Fricker, Craig Maidment & Tom Harvey.

Hurdcott House Estate

Just before half term Year 6 students went on an extraordinary trip to Hurdcott Estate near Dinton. This amazing day included a fabulous fly fishing session (We were in the group to see a Brown Trout hooked from the water), little lambs, a terrific tractor ride and an amazing display of fierce falcons which swooped between us – we actually felt the wing beats! Mrs Taylor, our teacher, said, 'It was such an exciting day and Purple Class behaved wonderfully. I was very proud.'

Jobey Parsons and Zenon Beale.

Mere Then and Now

Our Geography topic this term is linked to a business theme and we have researched how the businesses in Mere have changed over time. About 50 years ago there were many different shops and even over the last few years we have noticed that several shops have closed down. To investigate the changes we walked around Mere to look for signs that buildings had once been shops – such as large bay windows and big lintels over doors and windows. We also spent a very interesting afternoon at Mere Museum, with Dr Longbourne who was our guide. He had

prepared many interesting facts, photographs and items from old local shops. An old map of Mere helped us to match up present day photographs with old photographs of shops. We have learnt so much and now understand how the A303 bypass and the increasing use of cars has led to the reduction in local shops. We'll continue to keep our eyes open for signs of change. *Joseph Ralph & Sean Williams.*

The Wizard of Oz

This year, Year 6 are putting on a production of The Wizard of Oz and some Year 5s have been invited to help if they wish. The Director of the play is Headteacher, Mrs Williamson, and she has put a lot of time and work into the show and everyone is co-operating with determination and dedication. The final performance will be on the evening of Monday 16th July. *Libby Skinner & Stevie Barry.*

Moving On ...

We all have different feelings about moving on to Gillingham School. Some of us are looking forward to leaving, whilst others don't feel ready to leave all our memories behind yet. Recently we received a visit from some teachers from Gillingham and we talked about Induction day, busses and detention! We had many questions to ask which have now been answered. At the end of the talk we were given 'Pen-Pal' letters from Year 7 children. Thanks to the visit we are definitely more confident about moving on and can't wait for our Induction Day in July.

Kiera Smith & Rosie Maffey.

STOP PRESS!

Look on our school website for latest news and pictures: www.mereschool.co.uk

REV'D ELIZABETH KEMP, MERE UNITED REFORMED CHURCH MINISTER WRITES

Being Anchored

Back in June you couldn't help but notice miles of bunting; decorating streets, houses, shops, gardens, schools, offices and even car wing mirrors. Some places appear to be keeping the bunting up to greet the Olympic torch as it crosses the country. The Union Flag I was familiar with, but not so the red, white, and yellow, or to be more exact: pantone, white and gold, which is the flag of Dorset, adopted in 2008. Being newly resident in Dorset, I wanted to find out more about the flag.

Red and white come from the County Council coat of arms whilst the gold alludes to Gold Cap, highest point on the Jurassic coast, and also Gold Hill. The flag is also called "St Wites Cross" and recognises St Wite, a female Dorset Saint.

Very little is known about St Wite except that she was buried in Whitchurch Canonicorum and her tomb, with relics, was one of only two in Britain which survived the Reformation.

Wite was a Saxon Holy woman and it is suggested that she was an " anchoress", a type of hermit, who was martyred by the Danes during a raid in 831. Mother Julian of Norwich (1342-1416) was a well-known anchoress who did much good work in a later day. By the 13th Century a set of rules was written for anchoresses, to give these female recluses guidance.

Anchoresses moved from living out in the countryside in caves, into cells adjacent to the church; they would apply for permission to be "sealed in" and many such recluses would live out their days in the cell and be buried there too. These holy women were "anchored" to the church - they were not just people who had a strong faith; their lives were literally part of the church building.

The cells were supposed to have three windows - one to open into the church so that she could receive communion, one to allow her helper to assist her and the third window to enable ordinary people to come and seek her wisdom, advice and prayer.

It may seem a long way from 21st Century celebration of national events to the thought of holy women voluntarily being bricked up in cells, but history can raise questions. Having found out a little about the Dorset flag, I wonder whether we feel ourselves anchored into something greater than our own lives... Our family? Our community? Our faith? Finding out who has come before us, can influence our thinking about who we are and where we want to fit into a bigger picture.

Enjoy your summer whether it involves flag waving, or putting paper flags onto sand castles, or just sitting and quietly being ...and have a lovely time.

MESSY CHURCH AND BARN BUDDIES

It was good to see so many at our 'Messy Big Lunch' for the Diamond Jubilee. On Sunday, 22nd July we have our Messy BBQ at Barrow Street Farm, from 3.00pm, and then a break for August.

Barn Buddies continues each Friday evening from 6.30pm throughout the summer. If your son or daughter is starting year two in September, why not come along with them to Barn Buddies during the holidays?

We are most grateful to the kind and generous person who regularly sends a donation to help with Barn Buddies and Messy Church. Thank you.

If anyone would like to find out more about Barn Buddies or Messy Church please call me.
Tim Merrell ☎ 01747 860195

WEST KNOYLE GARDEN FETE

**The Parish House, The Middles, West Knoyle
BA12 6AJ**

21st July 12.00noon – 5.00pm

Plant stalls

Cream teas

BBQ

Locally made ice cream

Games and fun for all ages

Funds raised will be donated to West Knoyle Church



Everyone is invited to a
Coffee Morning and Bring & Buy in Aid of Suchana
on **Tuesday, 21st August 10.30am-12.00**
at Grove Cottage, Barton Lane
(opposite Library entrance)
home of Mark Lillie and Ross & Judith Thompson
☎ 01747 860553

And a date for your diary: We'll be holding a Beetle Drive in the Grove Building on
Friday, 22nd September at 7.30pm - an enjoyable evening for all ages.

St. Michael the Archangel, Mere

Songs of Praise

Sunday, 15th July @ 6.00pm

Do come and join us to sing hymns old and new

CHURCH SERVICES IN MERE AND WEST KNOYLE

JULY 2012

**The Parish Church, St Michael the Archangel: Contact Churchwardens
Mrs Jean Knapp ☎ 01747 860142 or Mr Peter Mason ☎ 01747 861296**

Each Sunday		8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)
Each Wednesday		10.30am	Holy Communion (BCP)
Each Friday		8.00am	Holy Communion (CW1)
		4.30pm	Evening Prayer
Sunday	1st	10.30am	Family Communion (CW1)
		6.00pm	Evensong (BCP)
Wednesday	4th	6.00pm	Start the month Holy Communion (BCP)
Sunday	8th	10.30am	Parish Communion (CW1)
		10.30am	Children's Sunday Fun Club in The Grove Building
		2.30pm	Drumhead Service for 43rd (Wessex) Division Memorial Parade below Castle Hill
	15th	10.30am	Parish Communion (CW1)
		6.00pm	Songs of Praise
	22nd	10.30am	Parish Communion (CW1)
		3.00pm	Messy Church BBQ at Barrow Street Farm
	29th	10.30am	Choral Matins

The United Reformed Church

Mere Contact: Mrs E Burfitt, ☎ 01747 860685

Sunday	1st	11.00am	Rev'd Margaret Laurie
	8th	11.00am	Rev'd Elizabeth Kemp
	15th	11.00am	Rev'd Stella Sivour

Sunday	22nd	11.00am	Rev'd Hazel Barkham
	29th	11.00am	Rev'd Margaret Laurie

The Methodist Church (☎ 01747 823777)

Mere Contact: Mrs M Siderfin: ☎ 01747 861370

Sunday	1st	3.00pm	Churches Together service at Stour head
	8th	6.00pm	Rev'd David Hollingsworth
	15th	6.00pm	Rev'd Ros Hollingsworth
	22nd	6.00pm	Local Fellowship Service
	25th	10.30am	Café Style Coffee Morning with Service at 11.00am
Sunday	29th	6.00pm	Mr Ken Harvey

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

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

Every Friday	10.00am	Mass
Every Sunday	5.00pm	Mass
On the 4th Sunday of the month - there will be tea and cakes after Mass together with the sale of Fairtrade produce.		

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

Sunday	1st	9.25am	Matins
	8th	9.25am	Holy Communion (CW1 trad)
	15th	10.30am	DIY Morning Prayer
	22nd	9.25am	Holy Communion (CW1 trad)
	29th	10.30am	Benefice Service at St Michaels, Mere

Note: BCP indicates Book of Common Prayer
CW1 indicates Common Worship Order 1 (trad - Indicates traditional language)

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AUGUST 2012

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Each Wednesday	10.30am	Holy Communion (BCP)
Each Friday	8.00am	Holy Communion (CW1)
	4.30pm	Evening Prayer

Wednesday	1st		6.00pm	'Start the Month' Holy Communion (BCP)
Sunday	5th	10.30am		Family Communion (CW1)
	12th	10.30am		Benefice Holy Communion
	19th	10.30am		Service at St Mary's, West Knoyle
	26th	10.30am		Parish Communion (CW1)
September				
Sunday	2nd	10.30am		Family Communion with Rural Dean

The United Reformed Church

Mere Contact: Mrs E Burfitt: ☎ 01747 860685)

Sunday	5th	11.00am	Rev'd Hazel Barkham
	12th	11.00am	Rev'd Elizabeth Kemp
			Holy Communion
	19th	11.00am	Rev'd Stella Sivyour
	26th	11.00am	Rev'd Margaret Laurie

The Methodist Church (☎ Shaftesbury 01747 854631)

Mere Contact: Mrs M Siderfin: ☎ 01747 861370

Sunday	5th	6.00pm	Rev'd Helen Caine
			Holy Communion
	12th	6.00pm	*Circuit Service at Strminster
			Newton Methodist Church
	19th	6.00pm	Rev'd Helen Caine
	26th	6.00pm	Mr Ken Elcock

* This service marks the handover of Superintendency and to thank circuit stewards. Tea from 4.00pm. NO service at Mere Methodist Church.

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

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Every Friday	10.00am	Mass
Every Sunday	5.00pm	Mass

On the 4th Sunday of the month - there will be tea and cakes after Mass together with the sale of Fairtrade produce.

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

Sundays	5th	9.25am	Matins (BCP)
	12th	10.30am	Benefice Service at St Marys to celebrate Patronal Festival

Sunday	19th	9.25am	DIY Morning Prayer
	26th	9.25am	Holy Communion (CW1 trad)

Note: BCP indicates Book of Common Prayer 1662

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

DIARY DATES FOR JULY 2012

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; YC-Youth Centre

1	Sun	10.00am	Mere Footpath Group	CP
2	Mon	9.30am	Tiddlers and Toddlers (also 9th)	L
		2.00pm	Zumba Gold (every Monday)	L
		2.00pm	Pilates (every Monday)	GB
		6.00pm	Beavers (also 9th)	GB
		6.45pm	Cubs (also 9th)	GB
		7.00pm	Scouts (also 9th)	GB
		7.00pm	Slimming World (every Monday)	L
		7.30pm	Parish Council Meeting	AYP
3	Tue	7.30pm	Mere Footpath Group – Moonlight walk	CP
		7.30pm	Carnival Quiz	L
4	Wed	9.30am	Tai-Chi (every Wednesday)	GB
		11.00am	Pilates (every Wednesday)	GB
		6.00pm	Karate (every Wednesday)	L
5	Thur	9.30am	Tiddlers and Toddlers (also 12th)	L
		10.00am	- 1.00pm Mere Art Group (every Thursday)	GB
		2.00pm	Bridge Club (every Thursday)	L
		7.30pm	Women's Institute	GB
		7.30pm	Shreen Harmony (every Thursday)	CC
6	Fri	6.00pm	Zumba Dancing (every Friday)	L
		6.30pm	Barn Buddies (every Friday)	BSF
7	Sat	10.00am	- 12.00noon Mere Credit Union (every Saturday)	Lib
		10.30am	'Drop In' Coffee Morning	CC
8	Sun	2.30pm	43rd (Wessex) Division Memorial Parade	CP
9	Mon	7.30pm	Mere Amateur Dramatic Society (Drama Room)	L
10	Tue	9.00am	Foot Care Clinic	L
		2.30pm	Mothers Union	GB
11	Wed	1.45pm	Friends Together Whist Drive	GB
		7.30pm	Gardening Club	GB
11	Wed	7.30pm	Mere Chamber of Trade Committee Meeting	MSC
12	Thur	5.00pm	Rainbows (also 19th)	GB
		6.15pm	Brownies (also 19th)	GB

12	Thur	7.30pm	Guides (also 19th)	GB
13	Fri	9.30am	Merely Women (also 27th)	GB
		7.30pm	Friends of Mere Museum Quiz Night	GB
14	Sat	9.00am	12.30pm Action For Mere Rivers	The Square
		10.30am	'Drop In' Coffee Morning	CC
17	Tue	7.30pm	St Michaels PCC	GB
		2.00pm	Mere Short Walk	CP
18	Wed	2.00pm	'Tea at the Museum'	Lib
20	Fri	7.15pm	Linkscheme Quiz Night	GB
21	Sat	10.30am	'Drop In' Coffee Morning + Traidcraft stall	CC
22	Sun	2.00pm	Mere Footpath Group	CP
		3.00pm	Messy Church BBQ	BSF
23	Mon	2.30pm	Rosemary Goddard Centre AGM	Lynch
25	Wed	10.30am	Café Style Coffee morning and service	MH
25	Wed	1.45pm	Friends Together	GB
		7.30pm	Julian Meeting (Upper Room)	GB
28	Sat	10.00am	WI Coffee Morning	GB
		10.30am	'Drop In' Coffee Morning	CC
31	Tue	9.00am	Foot Care Clinic	L

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1	Wed	9.30am	Tai-Chi (every Wednesday)	GB
		11.00am	Pilates (every Wednesday)	GB
		6.00pm	Karate (every Wednesday)	L
2	Thur	10.00am -	1.00pm Mere Art Group (every Thursday)	GB
		2.00pm	Bridge Club (every Thursday)	L
3	Fri	6.00pm	Zumba Dancing (every Friday)	L
		6.30pm	Barn Buddies (every Friday)	BSF
4	Sat	10.00am -	12noon Mere Credit Union (every Saturday)	Lib
4	Sat	10.30am	Drop In Coffee Morning	CC
6	Mon	9.00am	Foot Care Clinic	L
		2.00pm	Zumba Gold (every Monday)	L
		6.30pm	Friends of Mere Museum Preview	Lib
		7.00pm	Slimming World (every Monday)	L
7	Tue	9.30am	'Water, Water Everywhere' exhibition opens	Lib
		10.00am	3.00pm MTYFC Soccer School	AYP
8	Wed	10.00am	3.00pm MTYFC Soccer School	AYP
		2.00pm	Whist Drive	GB

9	Thur	10.00am	3.00pm MTYFC Soccer School	AYP
11	Sat	10.30am	Drop In Coffee Morning	CC
18	Sat	10.30am	Drop In Coffee Morning & Traidcraft Stall	CC
19	Sun	2.00pm	Mere Footpath Group	CP
		7.15pm	Church Meeting	CC
		1.45pm	Friends Together	GB
21	Tue	10.30am	'Suchana' Coffee Morning	See page 31
25	Sat	10.30am	Drop In Coffee Morning	CC



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Grove Building:	Richard Jefferies	☎ 01747 863425
Lecture Hall:	Ann Read	☎ 01747 861486
Methodist Church Schoolroom	Mary Siderfin	☎ 01747 861370

MERE INFORMATION

For full information on the businesses, organisations, societies, attractions and activities in Mere, together with current and back numbers of Mere Matters, please visit Mere's own website; www.merewilts.org

MERE INFORMATION POINT, THE LIBRARY

The following Clinics/Advice Centres are held on a regular basis

CITIZENS' ADVICE:	Tuesdays: 10.00am to 3.30pm
REGISTRAR	<u>By appointment only</u>
OF BIRTHS	Thursdays: 9.30am to 11.30am
& DEATHS:	For appointments ☎ 01225 713007
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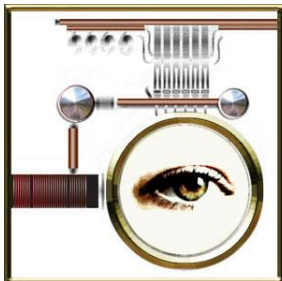
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