

ME MATTERS

AND SO DOES WEST KNOYLE

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



**In Celebration of the Diamond Jubilee of HM Queen Elizabeth the Second
and her visit to Mere in July 1952.**

JUNE 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 **on Monday, 11th June 2012** at 7.30pm in the Andy Young Pavilion.

The Chairman writes:

The Annual Parish Meeting took place at the end of April on an evening of torrential downpours, which did not encourage attendance. However, on the subjects raised for discussion we were unable to promise improvements in parking in Mere as improvements are really down to the drivers themselves parking sensibly and considerately and in accordance with the Highway Code and the law.

Again, on the question of large lorries using Water Street and The Lynch inappropriately, some of the blame for this lies with 'satnav' equipment sending drivers who do not know the area that way and, to a degree, the drivers themselves not observing the weight restriction notices at the beginning of Water Street.

The meeting was informed that consents had been applied for the lighting of a beacon, as part of the Diamond Jubilee celebrations, on top of Castle Hill. At the May Parish Council Meeting it was confirmed that this had been obtained and the beacon will be lit at 10.15pm on Monday, 4th June.

The lighting of the beacon will co-ordinate with a firework display which will take place in a town centre location so will, hopefully, be seen by all wherever you are celebrating in Mere.

On the 1st May the Queen visited Salisbury as part of her Diamond Jubilee tour of the country. Each of the Wiltshire Community Area Boards had a large jousting tent on the Cathedral Close lawn in which many of the towns and parishes in their area had displays.

I am happy to say that in our own South West Area Board tent, Mere had an excellent display thanks to the invaluable help of Jenny Wilding, Curator of Mere Museum, and Dr. David Longbourne, Curator Emeritus, to whom I am very grateful for their considerable efforts.

Richard Robbins - Trained Gardener - 25 years experience. All aspects of Garden Care Undertaken
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Dr. Longbourne and I spent the day with our display to promote Mere and an excellent day it was, full of colour and costume, and excitement and activities from Morris, and Maypole dancers to choirs and knights in armour! Whilst we did see the Queen and Prince Phillip during their tour round some of the tents and activities taking place on the lawn, the South West tent was not one of those included to be visited by the royal party. It was certainly a day to remember and I am pleased that Mere was represented in it all.

At the Annual Parish Council meeting I was re-elected as Chairman for the coming year and my Vice-Chairman, Mrs. Lesley Traves, was also re-elected.

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

Mary White, Chairman, Mere Parish Council

GEORGE JEANS, WILTSHIRE COUNCILLOR, MERE DIVISION, WRITES

By the time you read this The Year of Celebrations will be well underway. The Olympics are in the UK, and our wonderful Queen will have her Jubilee celebration on all of four days, from the 2nd to the 5th of June.

I attended The Queen's visit to Salisbury on Tuesday, 1st May, and saw The Queen at the Cathedral who visited the many colourful medieval tents around Cathedral Close. I say The Queen is wonderful for many reasons, not least that at the age of 86 she walked a considerable distance in Salisbury, met with many and after having attended a similar event in the morning at Sherborne. There were around ten thousand people in the Cathedral Close to welcome her. Both adults and children were waving flags and flags lined Fisherton Street and many other areas; the sun shone and the excitement was everywhere. It was something that I shall always remember.

The Olympic Torch arrives in Salisbury on Wednesday, 11th July with an event in Hudson's field that evening, and then setting off from Salisbury Cathedral on Thursday, 12th July. It is a year to remember - especially as some of you football fans will be pleased that Chelsea has won The European Champions League Cup! Remember Kilmington, Stourhead, Zeals, West Knoyle and Mere all have Jubilee celebrations on the Jubilee weekend, which has been helped by funding from The South West Area Board.

In Mere we will be having our official beacon lit on Castle Hill at 10.15pm on Monday, 4th June and we shall be having a firework display in the centre of Mere once the beacon is lit. I would like to thank Bill Deeker for organising and supplying the fireworks,

and also thank Philip Coward of The Hill Brush Company for providing the beacon on Castle Hill. The Walnut Pub with The Mere Carnival will be having a large event – from 2 pm on Monday 4th June.

The Kilmington defibrillator is now in place and ready for any 999 calls. Mere is still waiting for its device to arrive back from the USA.

For the younger reader, Mere Parish Council hope to have at least the start of a skate park area in place by the end of this year. A meeting for the youth (children and probably the younger adult) to get connected with this project will be in the Youth Development Centre, the Mere Peace Memorial Recreation Field, on the evening of Thursday, 14th June. To the older ones among you, it is really important to get users to this meeting. We need extra grants to those we already have, and we need proof that the facility has been consulted on by potential users.

If you do not understand what I am talking about in the following, you probably do not need to know! Believe me, I wish I did not need to know sometimes, especially when I have to print documents from a slow running computer! Great Western Broadband, a partnership of Swindon, Wiltshire and South Gloucestershire Councils plus finance from others, will roll out a minimum broadband speed of 2Mbps at peak time at around 5.00pm for all (virtually) in Wiltshire by 2015. By this time between 85% and possibly 95% of all premises will have high speed broadband availability of upwards of 24Mbps. For those who wish to improve the availability in their area, there will also be options for local community involvement .

Rights of way widths

I have been asked to correct my last month's information regarding footpaths across open land. The following is an extract of Wiltshire Council's guidance: ultimately the decision relating to the width of path is a matter of evidence, which may need to be decided in the courts.

- If the width of a path is recorded in the Definitive Statement this is conclusive evidence of the minimum width of the path.
- In cases where the path runs between two established boundary features, such as ditches or hedgerows, the whole width between these boundaries can be presumed to be available, provided the features were laid out with reference to the highway. For example, ditches lining an ancient green lane can be used as reliable evidence of the width. However, fencing surrounding a garden or other property is unlikely to be reliable evidence. Where there are no clear boundaries or specified width, and a dispute arises, evidence from users may be sought to establish the width of way habitually used.
- The minimum widths specified for a new or diverted right of way, is 2m (6.5') for a footpath, 4m (13') for a bridleway, and 5m (16.5') for a byway or restricted

byway. Increased widths will be specified where high levels of use are anticipated, or (in the case of diversions), where the 'old' route of the path had a greater width.

- All rights of way should have 3m minimum overhead clearance.
- The Rights of Way Act 1990 sets out "minimum widths" in relation to ploughing and cultivating on farmland. When ploughing or cultivating crops, the landowner or occupier must ensure that the minimum width is reinstated, remains clear of crops and is apparent on the ground. The minimum width for a footpath is 1m across the field or 1.5m on the field edge; for a bridleway it is 2m across the field or 5m on the field edge. These widths only apply to the law on ploughing and cropping and do not affect other aspects of the law on rights of way.

It is the Footpaths Warden who enforces usable width. Again PLEASE do not leave your Dog excrement on a path; please remember a child could be blinded.

HAVE YOU GOT WORKING SMOKE ALARMS?

The national Fire Kills campaign is focusing on the importance of working smoke alarms throughout May.

A smoke alarm is the easiest way to alert you to the danger of fire, giving you time to escape from your home. They are cheap, easy to get hold of and easy to fit.

Station Manager Kathy Collis, from Wiltshire Fire & Rescue Service's community safety department, said: "You are more than twice as likely to die in a fire at home if you haven't got a working smoke alarm. The more alarms you have, the safer you'll be - as long as they are working - so make sure you test them weekly. You should have a minimum of one alarm on each floor. However, if you have only one alarm and two floors, put it somewhere you'll be able to hear it when you're asleep."

It usually takes a few minutes to install your smoke alarm yourself - just follow the manufacturers' instructions that come with it. The best place for your smoke alarm is on the ceiling, near or at the middle of the room or hall. The alarm should be at least 30cm (one foot) away from a wall or light.

To keep your smoke alarm in good working order, you should:

- test it once a week, by pressing the test button until the alarm sounds
- change the battery on the low warning signal or once a year (unless it's a ten-year alarm)
- replace the whole unit every ten years

Wiltshire Fire & Rescue Service can fit smoke alarms free of charge in households that meet certain criteria. To see if you qualify for a home fire safety check, ☎ 0800 389 7849 or visit: **www.wiltshire.gov.uk**

DO YOU WANT CHEAPER HEATING OIL?

Community First (Wiltshire) has set up a new social enterprise that will reduce the cost of your domestic heating oil each time you place an order. All you need to do to take advantage of the scheme is to pay an annual membership fee, which will cover as many oil orders as you need during the course of the year.

There are no snags. The scheme is being promoted by Community First, the Rural Community Council for Wiltshire, a long established and well respected Wiltshire charity.

By bringing communities throughout Wiltshire together and making the most of joint buying power, we can make savings and pass them directly to people like you whose fuel costs are high simply because you use oil-fired central heating.

Every time a tanker comes out to make a delivery, it is using a lot of diesel - a full tanker can get as little as a horrifying eight miles per gallon. If deliveries are organised so that one tanker delivers to several customers in a village instead of making lots of individual deliveries, the fuel consumption is reduced and so is traffic in the village.

Annual membership fees,

These will cover your oil deliveries for a year, and are:

Domestic: £20

Community Building £30

Business: £100

Five easy steps to cheaper heating oil

Step 1: Join the CF Bulk Oil Buying Scheme

Go to: **<http://www.communityfirst.org.uk/index.php/cf-bulk-oil-buying>** on the Internet. Then download and complete the CF Oil Buying Membership application form.

Step 2: Wait to hear from your local co-ordinator

We will let your local co-ordinator know that you have joined the scheme. Each month they will e-mail you to ask whether you want to place an order. The minimum order is 500 litres.

Step 3: Place an order

Let your local co-ordinator know you want to buy oil.

Each month they submit a total village order to us. Your order increases our negotiating power, so once submitted we regard it as binding.

Step 4: Sit back whilst we negotiate the price

We negotiate the best price from a whole range of suppliers. Your local co-ordinator will advise you who the supplier is, the price per litre (exclusive of VAT, currently at 5%) and the approximate date of delivery.

Step 5: Take delivery of the oil and pay the company

The oil will be delivered as soon as possible and you pay the company supplying the oil direct. *Can we tempt you?*

The price secured for our April oil purchase was 60.05 pence per litre

Community First ☎ 01380 722475



‘MERENEIGHBOURS’ NEWS

Criminal Damage/Anti-Social Behaviour

There have been a number of incidents in Mere where vehicles, walls and road signs have been spray painted and a window has also been smashed. These incidents occurred on the evening of Friday, 27th April 2012. We are also concerned about the ‘question mark’ stickers that seem to be appearing everywhere! Mere Neighbourhood Policing Team is currently investigating these incidents and if local residents have any information please contact PC Salter or PCSO Noble via Tel: 101 or Email: merenpt@wiltshire.pnn.police.uk

Beauty spot thefts

We are very lucky in Wiltshire to be surrounded by beautiful countryside and many people spend their leisure time walking the footpaths and public areas available to us all. Mostly people will park at the locality either in designated parking places or in local lay-bys, and the security of your vehicle and its contents is something that should be considered before leaving home. Try to remove anything that you will not need from the car before setting out.

Park your car in the most visible and best lit part of any car park, and leave the glove compartment open to show nothing is hidden within. Do not leave items such as bags or coats visible even if nothing of value has been left in them as thieves may break in to check what they contain. Preferably put items in the boot before entering the car park to avoid people seeing what you are storing and always make sure electrical items are completely switched off. If you notice anyone acting suspiciously at any time, don't be reluctant to call the police. We would rather check out a false alarm than have to deal with a crime.

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***

WEATHER REPORT

In April we had the March winds and April showers. In fact the rainfall for the month was the highest monthly figure I can find since I have recorded the rain in Mere. We had 166.5mms (6.56ins) mostly in the second half of the month. We had hail and thunder on the 21st. Last year the rain for the whole month was 18.5mms (0.73 ins).

May has started a little drier, with some sunny days but still cold winds. The rain up to the 20th was 39mms (1.54ins).

Peter Durkee

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.

ACTION FOR MERE RIVERS (AFMR)

Save our rivers – Save water

It is great to see running water again in Mere's rivers and Burton Pond. However, this improvement is mainly due to run off from the recent rainfall and the aquifers beneath the surface – the source of river and household water – are still below normal levels due to two successive dry winters.

This situation was explained at the inaugural meeting of ACTION FOR MERE RIVERS held on 2nd May. The meeting was facilitated by Mere Parish Council as promised in the Chairman's April report to Mere Matters. In attendance were representatives of Wessex Water, The Environment Agency, Wiltshire Wildlife Trust, Country Land & Business Association, Mere Parish Council, Gillingham Town Council and local residents led by river monitor, Ian Sheppard, who took the chair.

The meeting proved informative and constructive. A map was provided showing that the Mere source supplies water to a catchment area that includes Gillingham and its many surrounding parishes as far as Marnhull. In addition, a transfer of approximately 3.5million litres a day is at present exported south to Yeovil. Local residents reiterated their stance that the abstraction trial of 2008 to determine the effect of this transfer should not have been based on Mere's rivers being classed as winterbournes. The trial also took place in a wet year and conclusions needed to be tested in drier conditions.

The following main points were agreed:-

- The aim is for Ashfield Water and the Shreen to be clean, fresh, vibrant streams flowing 365 days a year.
- Wessex Water to be asked to run another trial into the effects of abstraction from the Mere source. This would involve turning off the Yeovil transfer and recording flows and demand.
- Local promotion of water efficiency measures to involve town and parish councils and schools. Local contact to be made within the catchment area.
- Local residents to decide on river management with advice from Wiltshire Wildlife Trust.
- Monitoring of the rivers to begin asap.
- More river monitors to be recruited locally with the possibility that Wessex Water will fund their training.
- WW to install gauges and to supply a notice board on the Shreen giving information on the monitoring, water use and other initiatives. A Wessex Water website relating to Mere will also be set up.

The many concerned residents who packed the Grove Building for the earlier river crisis meeting will see that a good start has been made to avoid a repeat of last year's dried up river scenes and the loss of an important town amenity. But ACTION FOR MERE RIVERS needs your help. At present, water for Mere and

the surrounding catchment area can only be supplied from the Mere aquifer – the same source that supplies the rivers. So water saved in every household helps our rivers.

Save Water – Save Our Rivers

In the next few weeks you will see ACTION FOR MERE RIVERS in The Square offering water saving advice and gadgets – do stop and get one FREE! Also more river monitors are required particularly for Ashfield Water and Burton. If you are able to help please contact **Ian Sheppard** at ☎ **01747 863370** or e-mail at: **i.sheppard@virginmedia.com** or for further information. The next meeting takes place in June.

Adrienne Howell, AFMR

St. Michael the Archangel Church

Celebrating the Diamond Jubilee of H.M. Queen Elizabeth II

***There will be a Civic Service of praise and
thanksgiving***

on Sunday, 3rd June at 11.00am

JUBILEE SERVICE AT ST MICHAEL'S

Everyone is invited to attend a special service of praise and thanksgiving to celebrate the the Queen's Diamond Jubilee, to be held on Sunday, 3rd June at St Michael's parish church, starting at 11.00am.

The service is based on one compiled by the Church of England for Her Majesty's Jubilee and includes the Diamond Jubilee Prayer that was especially written at her request. Mere Parish Council and community groups have been invited to send representatives, and local residents will do the readings. Jane Hurd, Licensed Lay Minister at St Michael's, will conduct the service.

Organist and Choir Director, John White, will direct an enlarged choir to perform two settings used at the Queen's 1952 Coronation: the 'Old One Hundredth', arranged by Ralph Vaughan Williams - including a planned trumpet descant - and the anthem 'O Taste and See', also written for the Coronation by Ralph Vaughan Williams. The service will end with a cathedral setting of the 'Amen'.

Steve Hoffman, Publicity Officer, St Michael's Church ☎ 01747 860514

SHREEN HARMONY

The choir began the New Year with a full programme of events and a lot of new music to learn. Our membership has grown and we are now full but if anyone is interested in joining us there is a waiting list and I would be happy to add your name.

On Saturday 9th June we are singing in the Stourhead Festival of the Voice. This is a lovely event. To wander around the beautiful gardens and the lake at Stourhead while listening to music coming from every available spot is a joy. You can take a picnic and just sit by the lake and listen – I highly recommend it!! We have a short performance on Saturday, 16th June at Buckhorn Weston and a full concert in Marnhull Church on Thursday, 12th July. Everyone is welcome at all these events.

I just hope that June and July will not be like the wet and cold month that May turned out to be!!

Sandra Fisher ☎ 01747 860424

MERE & DISTRICT LINKSCHEME

Requests for Transport ☎ 01747 860096

Annual General Meeting

Our Annual Meeting will be held on Friday, 15th June at 7.00 for 7.30pm in the Grove Building.

The Management Committee will be reporting on the year to March 2012 during which our volunteer drivers made 1,092 trips, covering 31,000 miles and taking 2,048 hours. If you would like to find out more, please come along to the meeting. *Molly Burden*

MERE CARNIVAL

Mere Carnival Family Fun Day

at the Walnut Tree Inn on Monday, 4th June - from 2.00pm to late:

Bouncy castle, children's games, face painting, stocks, raffle, BBQ, Zumba, large screen TV for royal events.

- 4.00pm crowning of the carnival princess and attendants
- 6.00pm live pig racing

- 8.00pm music by indigo blue
- 10.15pm fireworks

Come and celebrate the Royal Jubilee in style.

Mere Carnival Quiz Night

Our Carnival Quiz Night is back by popular demand on Tuesday, 3rd July at 7.00pm for 7.30pm start in the lecture hall.

£1.50 per person - tables of 4. If you would like to come on your own or with a friend, we will happily make up a table of 4. Refreshments and a raffle will be available during the evening

We look forward to seeing you there for another fun evening.

Carnival Supporters Club

Mere Carnival 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 three cash prizes totalling 50% of all monies taken. By joining us you will be helping us to keep our Carnival "alive and kicking"! All enquiries will be very welcome as we need your support.

Forms available from: The Walnut Tree Inn; The Post Office; Jeans Electrical and The George Inn or from any committee member. For more detailed information contact Chris Miles, either at MillPond Cottage, Clements Lane or e-mail: chris@tradekitchensdorset.co.uk. Carol Payne ☎ 01747 861639



MERE AND DISTRICT CHAMBER OF TRADE

Site Visit To

Parajet International Ltd

Thursday, 21st June at 2.00pm



Most people drive a car, take the train, cycle or walk to work, but this is not the case at the Parajet factory in Semley, where workers gain unique perspective into their products, using paramotors to fly in when the opportunity arises!

Wessex Association of Chambers of Commerce has arranged a site tour for Chamber members (and non-members) to join us to find out more about the paramotors manufactured by Parajet!

This event is FREE but places are limited! For further information or to book a place, please contact Julie Cousins on Tel no: 07856 700 576

Date of next Chamber Committee Meeting

Wednesday, 6th June 2012

To be held at Mere Social Club 7.00 for 7.30pm

Julie Cousins  07856 700 576

MERE 'JUBILEE' SHORT WALK

The June short walk will be a 'JUBILEE' walk on Wednesday, 13th June. Come and be amazed at the royal connections with Mere. Meet in the Surgery Car Park at 2.00pm.

Janet Way  01747 860884

MERE GARDENING CLUB

Our next meeting on Wednesday, 13th June at 7.30pm in the Grove Building features a talk by Gordon Cottis entitled: 'Unusual Forms of Common Garden Plants.'

Gordon, who is an RHS registered speaker, runs a small specialist nursery. He will be showing slides and bringing a few plants for sale.

NEW Hanging Basket Competition!

Are you planning on brightening up your home for the Jubilee Celebrations this year? If so why not enter your basket, tub or window box into our show and maybe win a cup!

We will come to your home and judge your entry *in situ* so there is no need to struggle to the Show on the day.

ENTRY FORM

Please return this entry form to Janet Way at Wits End, North Road, Mere, with your entry fee (20p), by Saturday, 18th August if you wish to enter, or look out for main schedule and entry form, now available from Janet or Sprouts and Flowers.

NOTE: nearly all categories for the show are open to all.

I wish to enter my Basket / Tub / Window Box (delete as required) in the Mere Gardening Club Competition.

NAME.....

ADDRESS.....

PHONE No. (to arrange a visit).....

STOP PRESS

We still have five places on our outing to the RHS Gardens at Rosemoor on Friday, 13th July, which is now open to non Garden Club members. Please telephone me for further details and to make a booking.

Janet Way ☎ 01747 860884

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| <p>REMEMBER! COPY DATE FOR THE JULY/AUGUST ISSUE MONDAY, 18th JUNE</p> |
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ROSEMARY GODDARD CENTRE (RGC)

The Day Centre for Mere and District, Lynch Close, Mere
Mondays and Fridays 10.30am - 4.00pm

Here at the Day Centre we have had great fun with our new singing sessions. We sang all the songs from the Sound of Music during the last session, and even managed to do a bit of harmony! Big thanks to Liz Miller who is providing this enjoyable activity for us.

This month we are going on a day trip to Swanage on Friday, 15th June. We have booked a large coach and still have a few spare seats available for others who may be interested. So if you fancy a trip to the seaside with us then please contact me on the number below. The price is £8.00 per seat for the return journey.

The coach will leave the Community Centre in Lynch Close at 10:00am and will return to Mere at approximately 5:00pm. It would be great to see you, and you really can't beat fish and chips by the sea.

Last but not least, our telephone number printed in last month's Mere Matters was incorrect. Sorry about any inconvenience caused. Please note our correct number is 07835 272406.

Sandie Hawkins, RGC Organiser 📞 07835 272406



Zen Yoga


Stretch Tone Relax with Mindful Movements

One-to-One / Small Groups / Large Groups

All ages welcome from seniors to students

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abicarter@gmail.com**

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CONCERT

Musical Director: SIMON TWISELTON

Piano: ANITA D'ATELLIS

Cello: ARTURO SERNA

presents

Requiem to Romance

A Requiem by Rutter

and music by Elgar, Chilcott, Sondheim, Porter, Mancini and others.

Saturday 30th June 2012

7.30 pm


***Parish Church of St Michael the Archangel
MERE***

Ticket £10.00

includes refreshments during the interval

Ticket Sales

On-line: **www.spectramusica.co.uk**

Nicky Cartwright  07771 562807 **OR** on the door



BRAINWAVE

We are pleased to report that the third Pamper Evening in aid of Brainwave took place on 28th April and was the most successful yet. This time, £3,300 was raised in the cause of helping severely brain-damaged children. For the first time we joined forces with Mere School, which provided the venue for the event and took care of the refreshments. Friends of the school also organised a fashion show during the evening and grateful thanks must go to them for their help.

We should also like to thank all the local businesses who supported the event, the therapists who pampered our customers and our loyal customers who once again did us proud. Thank you, one and all!

Our Mere shop will be now be launching into a series of celebrations starting with the Royal Diamond Jubilee followed by Brainwave's own thirtieth anniversary celebration with a number of special events planned. Finally, if you are searching for something red, white or blue to complete your Jubilee party outfit, Brainwave might have just the thing! For further information about Brainwave, please call the shop during business hours ☎ 01747 863432.

MERE FILM SHOWS

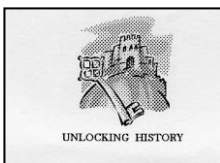
The final film for this season, on Thursday, 14th June, is **'The Artist' (PG)**, the black-and-white silent film that swept the board at the Academy Awards this year and also raised the question 'should a dog be able to win an Oscar?'

The story is of enthusiastic fan Peppy Miller who, outside a movie premiere, literally bumps into the swashbuckling hero of the silent film, George Valentin. The star reacts graciously and Peppy plants a kiss on his cheek as they are surrounded by photographers. The headlines demand: "Who's That Girl?" and Peppy is inspired to audition for a dancing bit-part at the studio. However, as Peppy slowly rises through the industry, the introduction of talking-pictures turns Valentin's world upside-down. Full details on page 24.

With the wonderful music of the era, the dancing, and of course the dog, this is a film you really should come and see!

The new season of films will begin on Thursday, 13th September with a film for Carnival Week. Have an excellent summer!

Mary White ☎ 01747 861257



MERE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

VISIT TWO: Thursday, 21st June 2012

with Mere Gardening Club

Athelhampton House & Gardens

Athelhampton House is celebrated as a medieval gem and is surrounded by a grade 1 listed garden, one of the great architectural gardens of England. There is a popular restaurant with a range of food on offer, and there are a few outside picnic tables.

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

Cost: Club Members £23.00, non-members £25.00, per person.

Includes coffee with shortbread and guided tour

For more details please ring Caroline Cook ☎ 01747 861797

Booking forms available from Mere Information Point

VISIT THREE: Tuesday 17th July 2012

Somerset History Tour

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

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

Cost: MHS Members £16.00, non-members £18.00, per person.

For more details please ring Caroline Cook ☎ 01747 861797

Booking forms available from Mere Information Point

*Members might be interested in the 2nd Chalke Valley History Festival
Tuesday, 26th June – Sunday, 1st July in Ebbesbourne Wake.*

Details: www.cvhf.org.uk or phone 01722 781206

Note to MHS members: Membership fees for 2012/13 are now due. If you have not yet paid, please send your fee (£6 per member) to the **Membership Secretary: Joan Slight, 7 Nursery Gardens, Mere.** ☎ 01747 860890.

Caroline Cook ☎ 01747 861797



MERE MUSEUM

The exhibition "Jubilee" is to be extended until the end of August. We are most grateful to those of you who have kindly lent royal events items to show, and we hope the display is both interesting and a fitting tribute to our Queen's 60 years on the throne.

We had hoped to mark the London Olympics with a "sporting" exhibition in July and August but, regrettably, this is now not possible.

David Longbourne ☎ 01747 860243

FRIENDS OF MERE MUSEUM

The Annual Plant Sale on 5th May was a great success and raised more than £800 for Museum funds.

We would like to thank those who generously donated plants to sell and those who supported the event so well.

David Longbourne ☎ 01747 860243

GROVE BUILDING RESTORATION FUND

The Result of the '100' Club Draw for May, drawn after Family Communion on Sunday 5th June 2011 by Mr Michael Davies was:

- 1st Prize (£20) - No. 202 Jennie Hoffman
- 2nd Prize (£15) - No. 208 Margaret Lawson Smith
- 3rd Prize (£10) - No. 80 Peggy Collinge
- 4th Prize (£5) - No. 132 Claire Shaddick

Valerie Ransley ☎ 01747 860964



MERE WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

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

Francis Burroughs will speak on "The Wonderful World of Glass," with especial reference to Bristol Blue Glass.

Molly Burden ☎ 01747 860007



MOTHERS UNION & OPEN MEMBERS GROUP

Our meeting this month is a relaxed Summer afternoon tea in the beautiful setting of the garden at Mere Down Farm at 3.00pm on Tuesday, 12th June. Christine Marsh will also give us a taster of her very recent cruise across the world.

This promises to be a lovely afternoon, and visitors are very welcome to join us.

If you would like to discover more about what the Mothers' Union is and does, locally and throughout the world, or if you would like a lift to Mere Down Farm – or directions for getting there - please call me. *Judith Thompson ☎ 01747 860553*

CASTLE HILL QUILTERS

Thursday, 21st June at 2.00pm at the Grove Building is when we welcome you to an interesting talk by Clare Hanham, from Vine Embroidery in Bradford on Avon, entitled "Learning, The Royal Way".

Clare was an Apprentice at the Royal School of Needlework at Hampton Court, a training little changed since Victorian times. She will bring us some of the work she completed and there will be an opportunity to purchase from her interesting sales table including her latest book. If you are interested, tickets are £3.50 on the door, so come and enjoy the afternoon and enjoy refreshments with the Quilters.

We will have a small display of the work the quilters have been doing this year. We look forward to meeting you.

For any enquiries about our group, please contact us:

Carol Lord ☎ 01747 861923 or June Holdom ☎ 01747 860185

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TICKETS £5.00

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HERE SNOOKER CLUB

Congratulations go to club members Chris Copplestone and Gareth James, winners of the Club Doubles Tournament in May. The date of the next doubles tournament is Tuesday, 12th June.

The Club also wish to thank Mrs June Watson for her kind donation of three snooker cues for club use, which is much appreciated.

Membership is growing and the Tuesday club night is now well attended. There is still space for more members, whether experienced players or beginners, so contact me for further information.

Kevin Smith, Secretary ☎ 01747 860305.

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New Activities

Beginners Archery – 6 week course from Thursday, 31st May

Pilates – register your interest at Reception

Zumba – re-commencing Thursday, 7th June at 6.00pm

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

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

MERE TOWN YOUTH FOOTBALL SOCCER SCHOOL

Soccer School this year will be held for three days in August from Tuesday, 7th until Thursday 9th, at The Duchy Manor Playing Fields, Mere, from 10.30am - 3.00pm each day.

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

Cost: £20.00 per Child for the three Days, but please bring your own lunch, snack, drink and Hat and change of clothes depending on the weather.

For further information, please contact one of us.

Mary Crorkin ☎ 01747 861652 or Julie Hodge ☎ 01747 860336

MERE TIDDLERS AND TODDLERS

Mere Tiddlers and Toddlers is a group of volunteers who open up the Lecture Hall twice a week and provide toys, wendy house, play cooker, books, dressing up clothes, an indoor small slide, puzzles, ride on bikes, space to play on soft mats, and a brilliant opportunity to meet parents and other children aged 0-5 years.

This year the group has been able to buy new resources, thanks to funds from the Lecture Hall Trust, Waitrose and now the S. W. Wilts Area Board Community Fund.

We have replaced a lot of the toys. The latest funds were requested by Ivers students who help support the group, to provide some new safety gates, a wooden train set, and two new ride-on cars.

We are open to drop in anytime between 9.00 - 9.30am (we arrive to set up at 9.30am, but if you want to come in earlier after drop off at school, it is always open) until 11.30am every Monday and Thursday in term time.

Dates are always listed in the Diary section at the back of each edition of Mere Matters.

We have a craft activity and a healthy snack and drink for the children, and unlimited tea and coffee included for parents, (even the occasional biscuit,) for just £1.50 per child!

In the summer holidays we often bump into each other at the big recreation ground either on Mondays or Thursday mornings depending on the weather. Bring your own snacks as there is no charge!

Drop in and meet new friends!

Anne Rich. ☎ 01747 861493

MESSY CHURCH DIAMOND JUBILEE PARTY

Mere Messy Church is planning a fantastic party to celebrate the Queens Jubilee. We will be holding a Diamond Jubilee Party at Barrow Street Farm on Sunday, 3rd June from 1.00pm onwards.

We would love you all to come and share in the celebrations with us, please bring along other family and friends! We are planning a bring and share picnic and hope that you could make it in the theme of the jubilee. We look forward to seeing all your creations! Also, if you like, you can wear red, white and/or blue.

There will be games for the children and a screen to watch events as they unfold on television if you wish!

If you would like to know more about this fantastic event please ring me, or email:
meremessychurch@hotmail.co.uk *Tamsin Edmed* ☎ 01747 863358

MERE CHILDRENS CENTRE

After such a wet May let us hope that June brings us some more seasonal weather to get outside for nature walks and outdoor play. The ducks might like having more water in the rivers, but we would like to get out and about!

We extend a warm welcome to Valda Hambleton who has joined the team as a support worker and who will be running groups soon.

At Stay and Play (Wednesdays, 9.15 to 11.00 am) the children have had fun making spice biscuits, painting Saint George's dragon, doing modern art with bath puffs, and making delicious bread to take home for lunch during National Breadmaking Week.

Hopefully, during June we will be able to get out for picnics and outdoor games and fun in the sun. If you have a toddler, come and join us at these fun sessions. All our sessions are free for children under five.

At Bumps and Babes (Tuesdays, 9.30 – 11.00am) we have enjoyed watching the babies explore our toys with their growing capabilities and enjoyed seeing them appreciate the equipment in the Sensory Room. We have made pictures of the babies' hand and footprints to save for when they grow up and also to track their growth. Some of the babies wriggled a bit when we painted their feet so they must be ticklish!

At this group, parents and carers of young babies meet to compare stories and share support while their babies explore our setting and play with our developmental toys. If you are expecting a baby or have a baby under the age of one come along and join this friendly group and meet us.

Our exciting Sensory Room can be booked for individual or group use, just call a member of the team on the number below and book a session. Babies and toddlers just love the Light Waterfall and the coloured bubbles and are fascinated by the changing colours. This is free for children under five and we would love to see you.

Musical Beginnings (Zeals Parish Room 10.00 – 11.00am) is going from strength to strength with children enjoying dancing, singing, listening to music and constructing their own musical instruments. Singing and reading to, and with, your children is hugely helpful when they are learning to speak so come along and join in this group.

On Monday mornings from 10.00 to 11.30am, starting on 11th June, Rachel Porter will be running a five week course of Baby Massage. This is excellent for bonding with your baby. It may also assist with sleeping patterns, circulation, digestive patterns and wind. There are limited places so book quickly to be sure of getting on the course.

This is **your** children's centre so if your children are under five come along and see what we have to offer. *Jane Smith, Support Worker, ☎ 01747 861108*

YELLOW CLASS NEWS



May 2012

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library news

Hello! We are Yellow Class. We are going to tell you about everything we are learning with Mr Perry and Miss Fricker. We were very sad to say goodbye to Mrs Norris at the end of term. She has gone to work in a solicitor's office. Miss Fricker and Mrs Harvey have come to work with us. Our class topic is all about islands and we have been reading the Katie Morag books.

We like these books because the grandmas do not like each other and we are learning all about islands. Mr Perry has been teaching us a Scottish dance and we now know all about Grace Darling. In science we have been on bug hunts looking for insects and mini beasts. We have been searching in the pond and in the science area. Isabelle found a slug and a snail and Libby found a worm.

We were very lucky as Mrs Fricker, Joshua and Zach came to our class to tell us all about being Jews. We tasted Jewish bread and we drank some special drink. The boys wore a special Jewish cap and we lit some special candles. Oliver said "It was a good visit," and Hattie said "I enjoyed the special Jewish story."

Joshua and Libby are taking part in the Family Literacy project with their mums and some children in Blue Class. They read the story of 'The Hungry Caterpillar' and made some sandwiches. "We have been making all sort of things with our mums" Libby said, "it is hard work!"

All of our school visited The Life Bus at the beginning of term. Our class learned about our bodies and Harold the giraffe helped us to do this. We talked about how to keep healthy and we sang healthy songs. At the end we were given a harold sticker.

Clubs have started again at Mere School. Liam goes to football club every Thursday. He says "I like being in goal best!" Charlotte goes to Disco Dance club and she likes learning new moves. Hannah enjoys Cooking Club and has made some delicious biscuits and Mariette says that

Tennis Club is "really good". At lunchtimes Matthew helps Mrs Symonds at Gardening Club and he has planted runner beans. Lots of us go to choir and sing some really good songs.

Other children in the school have been very busy as well. Eco Club are working with The Friends to create a wild garden in a corner of our school grounds. They have shared their ideas with a garden designer and are hoping to create some of the garden during the summer holidays.

Some older children in school went to Salisbury Cathedral to perform for Her Majesty the Queen. It was a really exciting and very special for our school. Only 2 primary schools in Wiltshire were invited and our children did some dance and drama for the Queen. Mrs Williamson was very proud of everyone.

Dr Andrew Murrison, MP, also came to our school to answer questions from our Cluster Parliament. Children from Whitesheet, Hindon, Ludwell, Semley, Chilmark, Wardour and Tisbury schools worked together to prepare some questions about what life was like as an MP. We found his answers very interesting.

We hope you have enjoyed reading all about how busy we have been. Blue Class will be sharing their news with you next term.

REV'D CHRIS MOORSOM, RECTOR OF UPPER STOUR, WRITES:

Her Majesty the Queen's Diamond Jubilee

60 years of service are worth celebrating in anyone's book: when those years have been spent in the service of not just one but a whole Commonwealth of nations, it deserves a spectacular celebration. And no doubt by the time you read this, the Festivities will be well under way in London and other cities, in towns and villages across the world.

Here in our various communities, there's plenty happening too. In Mere and in Upper Stour, we'll be holding a Celebration service for all on Sunday, 3rd June at 11.00am where we'll be aiming to bring together people and groups from around our communities to celebrate this landmark, and to highlight three key roles that our Queen fulfils:

1) Her loyal and dedicated service of the Commonwealth and our Nation over 60 years. So we'll be saying a big thank you to God in prayers and songs to celebrate this achievement.

2) Her upholding of community values working for the common good, which she has supported & encouraged in numerous ways; at St. George's, Bourton, we will have symbols and items linked to our village/community organisations to remind us of the values they embody.

3) Her active role as Head of the Church of England and in encouraging dialogue between denominations and faiths in our multicultural society; so there will be music and readings to reflect a little of this breadth.

Her Majesty's constant and steady interest in these key roles and her loyal service of her people is all the more to be celebrated at a time when there are numerous instabilities in world affairs, financial, political and environmental. Change happens and can be a sign of growth – but for change to be constructive and bring enduring benefits, there is a need for continuity and strong bonds of unity, enabling us to meet the changes and chances of this fleeting world with resilience and creative endeavour. The Queen represents this creative continuity both as our figurehead and in her personal commitment to us as her people.

So God save the Queen – may her long reign continue in peace, and her legacy be one which enables a world of justice tempered with mercy to grow for the benefit of all her peoples.

Churches Together Songs of Praise

There will be a Churches Together 'Songs of Praise' on Sunday, 1st July at 3.00pm in Stourhead Gardens (by the Bristol Cross - courtesy of the NT Stourhead Estate). In St. Peter's church, Stourton, if wet.

Janet Way

invites you to an Afternoon Tea Party
in aid of Suchana



**On Wednesday, 20th June between 2.00 and 4.00pm
at Wits End, North Road, Mere**

Contributions to the Cake Stall would be very Welcome

METHODIST CHURCH NOTES

Afternoon Get Together

We have suspended meeting now and will decide the future programme in September.

Café Worship

Wednesday, 20th June in the Methodist Hall from 10.30am to 12 noon - Coffee with a difference - an informal time of fellowship and worship

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CHURCH SERVICES IN MERE AND WEST KNOYLE

June 2011

The Parish Church, St Michael the Archangel: Contact Churchwardens
Mrs Jean Knapp ☎ 01747 860142 of 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 | 3rd | 11.00am | Diamond Jubilee Celebratory Civic service |
| Wednesday | 6th | 6.00pm | "Start the Month" Holy Communion (BCP) |
| Sunday | 10th | 10.30am | Parish Communion (CW1) |
| | | 10.30am | Children's Sunday Fun Club in the Grove Building |
| | 17th | 10.30am | Parish Communion (CW1) |
| Sunday | 24th | 10.30am | Parish Communion (CW1) |
| | | 4.00pm | "Messy Church" in Grove Building |

The United Reformed Church

Mere Contact: Mrs E Burfitt, ☎ 01747 860685

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|--------|------|---------|---|
| Sunday | 3rd | 11.00am | Diamond Jubilee Celebratory Civic service at St Michaels |
| | 10th | 11.00am | Rev'd Elizabeth Kemp Holy Communion |
| | 17th | 11.00am | Rev'd Stella Sivyour |
| | 24th | 11.00am | Rev'd Hazel Barkham |

The Methodist Church (☎ 01747 823777)

Mere Contact: Mrs M Siderfin: ☎ 01747 861370

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| Sunday | 3rd | 6.00pm | Mr D Webb |
| | 10th | 6.00pm | Rev'd Helen Caine |
| | 17th | 6.00pm | United Service at Gillingham |
| | 24th | 6.00pm | Rev'd Colin Marsh |

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

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

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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

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| Sunday | 3rd | 9.25am | Possible Holy Communion Service ☎ 01747 83054 for info. |
| | | 11.00am | Diamond Jubilee Celebratory Civic service at St Michaels |
| | 10th | 9.25am | Holy Communion (CW1 trad) |
| | 17th | 9.25am | DIY Morning Prayers |
| | 24th | 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

June 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; PWC Prince of Wales Club RGC-Rosemary Goddard Centre; MSC Mere Social Club; YC-Youth Centre

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| 1 | Fri | 6.00pm | Zumba dancing (every Friday) | L |
| | | 6.30pm | Barn Buddies (every Friday) | BSF |
| 2 | Sat | 10.00am - | 12.00pm Mere Credit Union (every Saturday) | Lib |
| | | 10.30am | Drop in Coffee Morning | CC |
| 3 | Sun | 11.00am | Jubilee Celebration Civic Service | St Michaels |
| | | 1.00pm | Messy Church Jubilee Party | BSF |
| 4 | Mon | 2.00pm | Mere Carnival Family Fun Day | Walnut Tree Inn |
| | | 7.00pm | Slimming World (every Monday) | L |
| | | 10.15pm | Lighting of Jubilee Beacon | Castle Hill |
| 5 | Tue | 10.30am - | 12.00pm Mere Carers Group | Lynch |
| 6 | Wed | 11.00am | Pilates (every Wednesday) | GB |
| | | 6.00pm | Karate (every Wednesday) | L |
| | | 7.30pm | M&D Chamber of Trade Committee Meeting | MSC |
| 7 | Thur | 10.00am - | 1.00pm Mere Art Group (every Thursday) | GB |
| | | 2.00pm | Bridge Club (every Thursday) | L |
| | | 2.00pm | Castle Hill Quilters (every Thursday) | GB |

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| 7 | Thur | 7.30pm | Womens Institute | GB |
| | | 7.30pm | Shreen Harmony every Thursday) | CC |
| 9 | Sat | 10.30am | Drop In Coffee Morning | CC |
| | | 2.00pm - 4.00pm | 'SUMMER FETE' | St Michaels |
| 10 | Sun | 9.30am | Mere Footpath Group Walk | CP |
| 11 | Mon | 9.30am | Tiddlers & Toddlers (every Monday) | L |
| | | 2.00pm | Pilates (every Monday) | GB |
| | | 2.00pm | Zumba Gold | L |
| | | 6.00pm | Beaver Scouts (every Monday) | GB |
| | | 6.45pm | Cubs (every Monday) | GB |
| | | 7.00pm | Scouts (every Monday) | GB |
| | | 7.30pm | Parish Council Meeting | AYP |
| 12 | Tue | 9.00am | Foot Care Clinic | L |
| | | 10.15am | Lip Reading (also 19th & 26th) | GB |
| | | 2.30pm | Mothers Union | GB |
| | | 7.15pm | Church Meeting | CC |
| | | 7.30pm | Mere Parish Council Meeting | AYC |
| 13 | Wed | 9.30am | Tai Chi (every Wednesday) | GB |
| | | 2.00pm | Friends Whist | GB |
| | | 2.00pm | Mere 'Jubilee' Short Walk | CP |
| | | 7.30pm | Mere Gardening Club | GB |
| 14 | Thur | 9.30am | Tiddlers & Toddlers (every Thursday) | L |
| | | 10.30am | Womens Institute Coffee Morning | GB |
| | | 5.00pm | Girl Guiding (every Thursday) | GB |
| | | 7.30pm | Moviola Filmshows: 'The Artist' | L |
| 15 | Fri | 7.30pm | Mere & District Linkscheme AGM | GB |
| 16 | Sat | 10.30am | Drop in Coffee Morning + Traidcraft Stall | CC |
| 20 | Wed | 10.30am | 12.noon Café Worship | MH |
| | | 2.00pm | 4.00pm Suchana Tea Party | Wits End, North Road |
| 22 | Fri | 9.15am | Merely Women | GB |
| 23 | Sat | 10.30am | Drop in Coffee Morning | CC |
| 26 | Tue | 9.00am | Foot Care Clinic | L |
| 27 | Wed | 2.00pm | Friends Together | GB |
| | | 7.30pm | Julian Meeting (Upper room) | GB |
| 30 | Sat | 7.30pm | spectra musica Concert | St Michaels |

St Michael the Archangel, Mere

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

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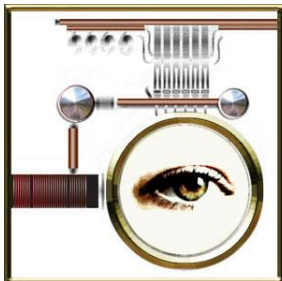
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