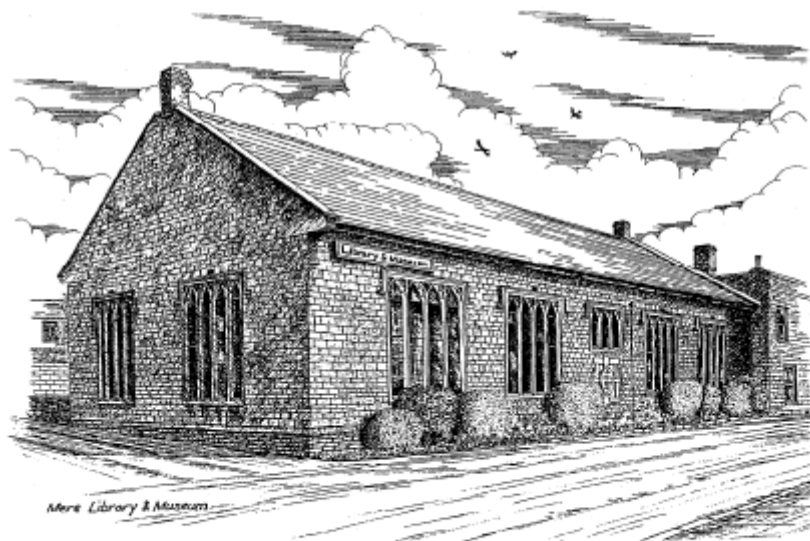


MERE MATTERS

AND SO DOES WEST KNOYLE

YOUR COMMUNITY MAGAZINE AND
GUIDE TO LOCAL EVENTS



OCTOBER 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, 1st October 2012** at 7.30pm in the Andy Young Pavilion.

The Chairman writes:

It would seem that our summer of celebrating remarkable achievements has drawn to a successful close, and what a wonderful finale by Andy Murray – look out Mere Tennis Club! But with the autumn Mere still has much to look forward to, beginning with various Autumn Fairs and of course our own Mere Carnival which was such a wonderful spectacle of light and colour! Congratulations to all those who worked so hard to make it such a success. October brings us Mere Literary Festival with its many events over the week, followed by the Firework Festival which did so well last year.

At our September Parish Council Meeting councillors voted to co-opt a new councillor to fill a vacancy, and Miss Ann-Marie Long was duly co-opted. Reports were given on the good progress of work on Long Hill and Castle Hill under the Higher Level Stewardship Scheme, and the pond at the Southbrook allotments is to be cleared and made good by the Duchy, after which it can be more properly maintained by the Parish Council. The matter of increasing amounts of traffic using The Lynch was brought up once again as there are concerns for the safety of pedestrians here. As has been mentioned before, a number of goods vehicles of varying sizes use this road despite the weight restriction sign at Water Street owing to the directions given by SatNavs, and it was agreed to look at the possibility of having a sign to indicate the narrowing of the road at the top of The Lynch. In the meantime we can only ask any drivers, and pedestrians, using The Lynch to do so with extra care please.

During the month I attended the launch of the South West Wiltshire new community blogsite for everybody in the Mere, Tisbury and Wilton community areas which will give local people, groups and organisations the opportunity to talk about local topics, promote initiatives and publicise events/activities in their area. The site can be accessed on: **www.southwestwilts.ourcommunitymatters.org.uk** so take a look and make a comment!

On the 13th September I had the pleasure of attending, and taking part in, the licensing service for our new vicar, the Reverend Carol Wilson-Barker. The service was also one

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of welcome to our new vicar and her family, and I am sure it will not be long before they discover just what a welcoming place our community is, particularly with all the things that go on in Mere.

Finally, a willing volunteer has come forward offering to help maintain and keep our rural footpaths open, and unobstructed, and to repair stiles etc. Whilst any volunteer help is to be encouraged, it would be far better if we could try and get a couple more helpers to re-establish the Mere Footpath Group so that the work could be shared and the group could be organised on a more formal basis. We imagine this may involve a couple of hours a week but could be less or more, depending on the uptake. If there are any other willing volunteers out there, please call the Parish Clerk, Lindsey Wood ☎ 01747 860701.

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

The Carnival is over, Mere was lucky to have fine weather for the afternoon and evening with an excellent turn out of locals and visitors. Extra bunting was put on the Clock Tower for the Carnival, and some of the more faded bunting was removed after our summer of celebrations. It is now sadly time to take the flags down, except the one on Castle Hill of course. To remind you The Literary festival will be showing some memories of this summers Royal Jubilee, in Mere, West Knoyle, Zeals and Kilmington, on Friday, 12th October, at 2.30pm in The Grove Building. Why not come along, you may see yourself.

I said last month that we need more tourists and I am working with the Mere Chamber of Trade to improve the tourist signs on the A303 and B3092. I am pleased to say that after the article and together with a letter we circulated to businesses in Mere, some have come forward and agreed to put some finance into the project, which is encouraging.

People often complain to me regarding potholes, overgrown signs, lights, footpaths and roads. I noted in central Dorset when passing through, there are areas in my opinion that are worse served than Mere for Highway Maintenance, not that this is an excuse, however it shows a sign of the times we live in, with restricted resources for highway maintenance. I often lament about walking across Burton Path in the past with greenhouses well-kept to left, a tarmac path that was flat, open visibility around and ducks not far from the dilapidated water wheel. The only good thing now is the refurbished water wheel is well kept!

A new website may interest you: **southwestwiltsblog@wiltshire.gov.uk**. It is an information and blog site for you all in this area. I have been to Dinton for the launch of the site and by the middle of next year all 18-community areas of Wiltshire will have one. South West Wiltshire is the second launched, the first was Salisbury.

Wiltshire residents are being asked to have their say on a new locally-run Council Tax Support scheme. Council tax benefit is a national scheme which people can receive if they pay council tax and their income and savings are below a certain level. From April 2013, the government is stopping the national council tax benefit scheme and asking councils to introduce and run a new discount scheme. Wiltshire Council has set up a consultation to explain the changes and ask residents for their opinion on the new Council Tax Support scheme. The consultation is now open and closes on Wednesday, 30th October 2012. Wiltshire Council spends around £27 million on council tax benefit and this is currently funded in full by central government. When the new scheme is introduced, the amount of funding available will be reduced by about 10-14 percent (approximately £2.7 - £3.5million). The final funding figure should be available by December 2012.

All residents, whether or not they receive council tax benefit, should look very carefully at the proposals and let Wiltshire Council know what they think. It is anticipated people of pensionable age will not be affected by these changes and will continue to receive their benefit. However, it does mean households with working age residents may be affected. The proposals can be viewed and downloaded from the Internet at: **<http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/counciltaxhousingandbenefits/welfare2012reform/counciltaxsupportscheme.htm>**.

Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 - Early Morning Restriction Orders and Late Night Levies. These could have some impact on our area. The Licensing Committee has been informed of forthcoming changes to licensing legislation brought into being by the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011.

Two new tools will be in the licensing suite of controls, namely Early Morning Restriction Orders and Late Night Levies which are designed to give local people a greater influence over the type and number of licensed premise in their communities. The Late Night Levy will permit the Council to charge more for late night licences to pay for additional policing. It is believed to be right that businesses which profit by selling alcohol in the night-time economy should contribute towards these costs, rather than relying on other taxpayers in the community to bear the full costs. Premises that do not wish to operate in the levy period will be able to make a free minor variation to their licence before the levy is introduced. It is likely that the licensing authority will have the discretion to offer an exemption from the levy to the following categories of premises and schemes although at the time of writing, the draft regulations listing the exemptions are still outstanding.

The night time economy includes: Premises with overnight accommodation; Theatres and cinemas; Bingo halls; Community Amateur Sports Clubs ('CASCs'); Community premises; Country village pubs and Business Improvement Districts ('BIDs').

Under recent legislation we now have the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL), which is a new charge that local authorities in England and Wales can choose to impose on development in their area. Moneys generated through the Levy will contribute to the funding of infrastructure to support growth.

CIL will contribute towards bridging the 'funding gap' between the total cost of infrastructure necessary to deliver new development and the amount of funding available from other sources. It should be noted these levies might be on commercial as well as domestic development, and the sums involved could be large. This may be good for some, however in rural areas such as ours, some businesses could be deterred from starting out, etc. I will be following the development of CILs closely.

Another source of income to the Council from infrastructure development, known as a "section 106", may remain. The cost of all this will impact on housing and business.

The responsibility for public health will transfer from the NHS to Wiltshire Council in April 2013. This will include Health protection, Health improvement and Health services.

DO YOU HAVE THE FACTOR?

Today, more than ever, we need good quality councillors at all levels, who are ready and willing to engage with the community and make tough decisions.

To celebrate Local Democracy Week, and to prepare for the forthcoming elections in May 2013, Wiltshire Council is holding events across the county so that people can find out more about becoming a local councillor. The sessions will be interactive and there will be an opportunity to ask questions and find out more about this rewarding and challenging role. They will take place on the following dates:

Monday, 15th October	– Civic Centre, Trowbridge
Tuesday, 16th October	– City Hall, Salisbury
Wednesday, 17th October	– Town Hall, Chippenham
Thursday, 18th October	– Corn Exchange, Devizes

All events will start at 7.00pm and will last about two hours. Why not come along and find out more? If you are interested please contact Rita Sanders ☎ 01225 718375 or email: rita.sanders@wiltshire.gov.uk to book your place.

Wiltshire Good Neighbours

Wiltshire Good Neighbours is a new and exciting service, funded by Wiltshire Council and provided by Community First in partnership with Age UK Wiltshire and Age UK Salisbury. It is aimed at older people in rural communities across the county. The

service provides a range of information about statutory, voluntary and commercial services that supports them to live safe, comfortable, fulfilling and independent lives. Employed by Community First, Good Neighbour Co-ordinators are at the very heart of this new community service.

Wiltshire Good Neighbours are local people with the local knowledge and networks to connect with those most disadvantaged, vulnerable or isolated living in their community area. By visiting clients in their home and listening to what they have to say about their needs, a Wiltshire **Good Neighbour** can identify which organisations are best suited to deal with each individual client's needs and then refer or support the client to access that service. We will always follow up the referrals we make to ensure that our clients have received the service they needed. Wiltshire **Good Neighbours** work flexible hours, so they are available at a time that suits both their clients and their families.

As employees of Community First, we are here to assist the older residents of our rural community access services in order for them to live safe, comfortable, fulfilling and independent lives.

We aim to be a friendly and familiar face in the community, to listen to your concerns and provide you with a range of information on services such as:

- Where to find financial advice about benefits
- Transport for health related journeys or shopping
- Healthcare needs
- Safety issues such as home security & fire safety
- Social activities and meetings in your area
- Keeping warm in the winter months
- Befriending services

If you feel you or somebody you know may benefit from this service please feel free to contact us.

If you are a younger person who has health concerns or a disability that proves challenging, we may also be able to help you.

Who are your GOOD NEIGHBOUR CO-ORDINATORS?

Ann-Marie Dean - Good Neighbour Co-ordinator for the Mere and Tisbury Community Areas. ☎ 07557 922023 or ✉ gncarea12@communityfirst.org.uk

Emma Curtis – Good Neighbour Co-ordinator for the Mere and Warminster Community Areas. ☎ 07557 922026 or ✉ gncarea15@communityfirst.org.uk

REMEMBER! COPY DATE FOR THE NOVEMBER ISSUE

MONDAY, 15th OCTOBER

Mere Dental Practice

The practice has Dentists - Stephen Sherrard, Jacquie Barnes & Christopher Davies and Dental Therapists Wendy Hester & Jay Lonsdale

Contact Details: - Mere Dental Practice, Duchy Manor, Springfield Road, Wiltshire, BA12 6EW, ☎ 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



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

MERE SURGERY

FLU CLINICS

We will be holding our usual Saturday flu vaccination clinic at the surgery on

Saturday, 13th October
9.00am – 12.00pm

Please check our website: www.meresurgery.co.uk for full details of the “at risk” categories and to see if you are eligible to have a free vaccination.

Appointments can be booked online.

WEATHER REPORT

August was a pretty good month for our summer this year. We had sixteen days of sunshine with no rain. We had two thunder storms on the 12th and 25th and a total rainfall of 121.5mms (4.78ins), 26mms (1.02ins) of which fell on the 15th. Last year we had 102mms (4.02ins). We had hot sunny weather from the 8th to the 11th and from the 17th to the 24th.

September has been good up to the 16th with only 4mms (0.16ins) of rain. Plenty of sun, but not as hot as August. To date we have had four consecutive months with more rain than last year. A total of 593mms (23.35ins) compared with 289mms (11.35ins).

Peter Durkee ☎ 01747 860363



HEARING AID MAINTENANCE CLINIC

The Hearing Aid Maintenance Clinic Is Moving

FROM Wednesday, 7th November the Hearing Aid Maintenance Clinic normally held in the Library is moving into Mere Surgery.

We will be there from 10.00 to 11.30 am as normal on the **FIRST** Wednesday of every month. We look forward to seeing you there.

Action on Hearing Loss is the new name for RNID

Our name has changed, but our vision hasn't - a world where hearing loss doesn't limit or label people, where tinnitus is silenced and where people value their hearing enough to look after it.

We also have a new website at: www.actiononhearingloss.org.uk

Gill Drayson, Community Support Officer, ☎ 01722 580014

NEW PRIEST LICENSED AT ST MICHAELS

More than 200 parishioners and visitors celebrated the licensing and installation of a new priest at a special service on 13th September at St Michael's Church, Mere. At the service the Rev'd Carol Willson-Barker received the "cure of souls" and the keys to the church buildings of her new benefice that includes Mere, West Knoyle and Maiden Bradley.

Conducting the service was the Bishop of Sherborne, Dr Graham Kings.

The traditional service included welcomes by parishioners and representatives from parish councils and schools. Also joining the service was a coach load of visitors from Carol's old parish of Hale with Badshot Lea in Farnham, Surrey. Following the service a reception was held in the Grove Building.

Carol was ordained in Truro Cathedral in 2003 and served as a curate in the Godrevy Team in Hayle, Cornwall, for four years before becoming a team vicar at Hale in 2007.

Steve Hoffman, St Michael's Publicity Officer ☎ 01747 861514



'SCREEN BITES' RETURNS TO MERE

On Saturday, 27th October, 'Screen Bites' returns to the Lecture Hall in Mere, after its successful visit last year. Once again Mere Fish Farm is generously sponsoring the

evening, which will include the Nigel Slater film 'Toast', and a talk, probably by Giles Henschel of Screen Bites main sponsor Olives Et Al.

There will also be tastings of food from Stourhead Farm Shop, Mere Fish Farm, Deersleap Chilies, The Lunch Box, Fussels, Lavender Blue, White Post Honey, Olives et Al, Fudges, Honeybuns, Chococo and Clipper Tea as well as a chance to buy their products and take them home. Purbeck Ice Cream will be on sale immediately before the screening of the film.

Toast, an adaptation of cook and broadcaster Slater's autobiography 'Toast: The Story of a Boy's Hunger', was first seen on television. It stars Helena Bonham Carter, Ken Stott, Freddie Highmore and Victoria Hamilton, and follows the young Nigel from the death of his mother, through his father's growing relationship with his housekeeper, their subsequent marriage and Nigel's leaving "home" where he was no longer welcome.

Food is the theme – from his mother's bizarre and unappetising concoctions to his step-mother's desire to conquer through culinary excess. He might have hated it, but her competitive cooking probably created the much-loved and admired chef he is today.

The full Screen Bites programme and tickets, priced at £8 each, are now available in print and on the website: www.screen-bites.co.uk. Alternatively, you can either ☎ 01963 32525 or email: screenbites@thanksgiving.demon.co.uk.

Joy Jolliffe ☎ 01305 871490

RESULTS OF THE WATER MAP OF MERE SURVEY

The survey continues

The map now on display in the *Water, Water Everywhere* exhibition in Mere Museum reports thirty wells in all, and in the account below I have shown in brackets the known depths of some, usually before they were filled in or covered.

Thank you to everyone who gave information about wells and springs by filling in a form in the museum or e-mailing me. If you can add more information please do likewise, also tell about wells and springs south and east of Mere.

Seven of the thirty wells were in Castle Street (40-50ft); three in Boar Street and The Square (16ft); three in Church Street (30-40 ft); three in Salisbury Street; four in Waterside, Old Hollow and The Fields; three in North Street (30-40ft); one at Mill Lane;

one at Woodlands Rd.; one on the Salisbury Rd and one north of the Mere Fault at Manor House. Off the map reports were two either side of the eastern end of the Mere Fault at Kelsey Farm and Wood Farm, West Knoyle; one at White Hill Lane (30ft) and a recent one at Wet Lane (20ft).

The historic depths give an indication of the level of the water table in relation to the topography of Mere. People in Castle Street always had to dig deeper than those around Church Street and the Square and, it seems, those to the south of Mere. People to the east, around the areas of the short satellite faults associated with the Shreen and Ashwell sources had the option of using flowing springs as well as wells.

While checking sites and looking at photographs into wells I was struck by the high quality of the stone work of the well interiors and stream retaining walls, which sometimes had lintels allowing the natural flow of springs into a water course. I wonder who built those.

*Dr. Paulette M. McManus ☎ 01747 861524,
✉ p.m.mcmanus@btinternet.com*

THE COMMUNITY LUNCH

In association with the Mere Literary Festival

The HOTPOT AND HERITAGE Lunch will be held at 12 noon at THE OLD SHIP HOTEL Castle Street Mere on TUESDAY, 9th OCTOBER 2012 .Hilary Townsend will be talking about her book Silk Hay - a story of her Tudor House in Stalbridge.

Please book in advance for the two course £8.95 lunch on 01757 863388

Lindy Elliott ☎ 01747 861646

MERE CARNIVAL WEEK 2012

The Carnival Committee would like to thank everyone for their continued support and making Carnival week such a success. We started with Carnival film, Carnival bingo and Carnival quiz which were all very well attended and great fun. On Carnival Day this year we were blessed with the most perfect weather for the children's afternoon parade and again for the evening. Both parades were bigger than in previous years and the streets of Mere were packed solid with adults and children in the carnival spirit, which started with Zumba to get everyone in a party mood. Our thanks go to all the members of the community and local businesses for their continued help and support to make this annual event possible.

A breakdown of monies collected etc. will be reported in the November Mere Matters.

A list of winners for both parades will be placed in Walton's Post Office window.

The four winners of the Mere Carnival Draw were:

1st prize (ticket number 3189) Mrs S. Coward - £100

2nd prize (ticket number 1799) Don - £75

3rd prize (ticket number 0150) Mr Mrs J. Bacon - £50

4th prize (ticket number 3193) Mrs S. Coward - £25

If you enjoyed Carnival and would like to be part of its organisation next year, please contact me.
Carol Payne ☎ 01747 861639

Thanks to Business Donators

Many thanks to the following businesses and individuals who so generously donated prizes, money and vouchers to aid Carnival Fundraising. They were used at The Carnival Bingo and Carnival Quiz events.

Mere Pharmacy, Jeans Electrical, Mere Co-op, Lou's it, Pete Davie (Butcher), Golden Valley, Waltons of Mere, Mere Fish and Chips, Hardy Bros, Sprout and Flower, Hayley's Hair Design/A Touch of Beauty, The George Inn, Indigo Blue, Farris Candles, Angel Corner Tea Rooms, Jill Christie Hair Salon, Mrs Nina Maidment, Mrs Evelyn Flower, Mrs Lynette Elliott, Mrs Edna Millward, Mrs Elizabeth Hames, Mrs Valerie Ransley, Mrs Heather Perry, Mark and Fiona at Nectar (Zeals).

Also, The Fleet Air Arm Museum, Yeovilton; The Tank Museum, Bovington; National Trust, Stourhead; Hall and Woodhouse, Blandford; Neals Yard Remedies, Gillingham and Longleat Safari & Adventure Park.

And those who wished to remain anonymous.

Sue Jeans, on behalf of Mere Carnival ☎ 01747 860215

£100 "Window Oddity" Competition Results

The competition was quite demanding and there were no perfect entries. The leading contenders scored (out of 18) 16, 15 and 14 respectively. As a result the awards are:

1st Prize £50 The Fricker Family

2nd Prize £30 Molly Rollins-Priest (aged 10)

3rd Prize £20 The Jenkins Family

Gillian H Brignell ☎ 01747 861114

OCTOBER SHORT WALK

This month, please join the popular 'Mere Meander' as part of the Literary Festival. David Hope and I will take you through some of the hidden secrets of Mere's fascinating past. Meet outside the St Michaels Church main gate at 10.00am on Thursday, 11th October.

Janet Way ☎ 01747 860884



THE MERE AND DISTRICT CHAMBER OF TRADE



Mere and District will be hosting more events this year, which we hope will be of interest to you. We are planning a networking and social evening, and will be confirming details

soon, so watch this space! This will be an opportunity to find out more about the Chamber and its work, and will also provide the chance to meet other local business people.

Wessex Chambers are running a **'Meet the Buyer Event'** on Thursday 25th October 2012, 8.30am – 5pm in the Civic Centre, Trowbridge. This event will give businesses the opportunity to meet large organisations seeking to use local services and providers, and will guarantee a one-to-one meeting with procurement managers of up to nine of the county's biggest spenders. This includes a wide range of services from pest control, cleaning services, catering services to helipad/helicopter landing points maintenance! Prices are £50 for the day for members and £100 for the day for non-members. Places must be booked in advance by Tuesday 16 October. Please contact us for further details.

We will be holding our Annual General Meeting in November, date and venue to be confirmed in next edition.

Date of next Chamber Committee Meeting

To be held at Mere Social Club for 7.30pm:

Wednesday, 10th October 2012

For further information on any of our events or meetings, please contact me.

Julie Cousins ☎ 07856 700576

ANITA D'ATELLIS – A PIANO RECITAL

Fundraising Event for Wincanton Choral Society

Anita is a very talented concert pianist, accompanist and teacher who has performed in many prestigious venues such as the Albert Hall and the Royal Festival Hall. She will be presenting a recital entitled 'Grand Tour of Europe' in the Performance Enhancement Centre at King Arthur's School on Saturday, 27th October in aid of Wincanton Choral Society. She was a wonderful rehearsal pianist for the Society for several years. It will be a most memorable evening. Tickets, priced £12, ☎ 01749 860457 or on the door.

THE TRUSSELL TRUST

Every year The Trussell Trust take Christmas to the forgotten people of Bulgaria by delivering Christmas Shoe Boxes. Last year, nearly 6,000 boxes saw smiles on the faces of men, women and children living in complete poverty. Filled with every day items and goodies, these boxes are treasured by all who receive them. None of this is possible without the help and kindness of the generous people in places like Mere.

Could you fill a box this Christmas, please? We need to have them ready to go by Sunday, 25th November. There will be posters around the town, or I will drop you in a

leaflet, anytime, to tell you how to go about filling your box. They are all finally collected in St Michael's church, so you could also leave your box there a few days before.

If you think that perhaps your work place would be interested in getting together to give boxes this Christmas, well, that would be wonderful! Just let me know and I will give you a poster and forms.

Thank you to all 150 people who were so kind last year!

Wendy Horne ☎ 01747 861712

MORE THAN JUST.....

It is the time of year when the new Traidcraft catalogue drops onto my doorstep and I am tempted by all the beautiful gifts, cards and goodies inside. Most people are now familiar with the Fair Trade Mark and we are very lucky here in Mere to have a number of outlets where we can buy our Fair Trade goods.

I am often asked at my talks why buy from Traidcraft rather than the supermarkets. Although it is marvellous to see so many products on the shop shelves, it is the way that Traidcraft 'goes the extra mile' in supporting small, vulnerable producers over many years that truly benefits them and their communities. For example, the new 'more than just chocolate' range is a real opportunity for the small-scale cocoa, sugar and coffee producers who will benefit from the sales. And the message of trade justice is now clearly displayed on each package showing how Traidcraft is not only fair but better than fair.

I am getting very excited as soon I will be joining one of the Traidcraft tours to visit some of the producers in Nepal where I will no doubt experience first hand the difference Fair Trade can make to people's lives (I can see a new talk in the making!).

I do hope people will support the Traidcraft stalls at St Michael's on the 1st Sunday, the URC coffee mornings on the 3rd Saturday and St Mary's on the 4th Sunday of each month.

There will be a stall at the One World Fair on Saturday, 20th October when you can see the catalogue and a wide range of the products. If everyone bought just one Fair Trade gift this year, it would make a huge difference to so many people around the world who struggle to raise themselves out of poverty. Looking forward to seeing you over the next few months.

Janet Way ☎ 01747 860884

SPECIAL CHOIR TO BE FORMED

**Calling all Blind and Partially Sighted People
in Mere and District**

It is recognised that losing your sight can cause loss of confidence, feeling alone and becoming isolated, but one of the legacies of the Paralympics and the Para-orchestra is that it does not have to be like that.

So to this end, a choir is being formed in Salisbury for blind and partially sighted people for people living in surrounding areas. A five weekly course, every Monday from 1st October, will be held in Salisbury Baptist Church, Brown Street, Salisbury from 10.45am to 12.45pm, costing £22.

If you need a lift, contact the Link Scheme. Do come and join us to meet friends and find support. It does not matter if you cannot sing, that will soon be resolved by our professional choir mistress.

Lindy Elliott ☎01747 861646



THREE EVENTS IN THE GROVE BUILDING

Saturday 20th October - 11.00am-3.00pm

ONE WORLD FAIR

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

Programme includes: 11.30am Indian Dance; 12.30pm Story Telling; 1.30pm Singing Workshop; 2.00pm Shreen Harmony; 2.45pm Raffle **ALL WELCOME (entrance free)**

Wednesday 17th October - 7.30pm

Talk on Sustainability

by Oliver Dowding.

Mere Gardening Club. (non-members £2)

Tuesday 23rd October - 7.30pm

Film: 'The Age of Stupid'

starring Pete Postlethwaite

on Climate Change, Sponsored by SW Cooperative Society.

Entrance free but donations welcome to charity supporting those whose lives have been devastated by climate change

Judith Thompson and Janet Way

Mere & District Churches Together ☎ 860884 or 860553

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

We will be holding a volunteer coffee morning on **Tuesday, 23rd October from 10:00am – 12:00noon** at the RGC in Lynch Close. If you have ever considered volunteering before, or not even thought about it, but fancy finding out more information, then this will be an opportunity to pop in for a coffee and a chat with other volunteers. We have different volunteering opportunities available that range from picking up our lunches or helping to wash up after lunch, to helping during our sessions. You can choose how many hours you would like to do. Please come along and show your support for the community, don't forget to tell any friends that may be interested too!

Sandie Hawkins ☎ 07835 272406

FRIENDS OF FIVES COURT

The Friends' **Autumn Fair** was an astonishing success this year, thanks to quite good weather and a splendid turnout on the part of our supporters. The Friends raised a staggering £888 which, added to £125 raised for their Amenity Fund by Fives Court staff who served delicious tea and cakes, brings the grand total to well over £1000! An utterly superb result – thank you all! (The Residents are happily busy writing shopping lists!)

The staff at Fives Court are holding a **book sale/coffee morning** for the 'Read for the RNIB' event on **Thursday, 18th October at 10:30am at Fives Court**. Proceeds will go to RNIB as many Residents are registered with them.

Jenny Wilding ☎ 01747 860908

MERE GARDENING CLUB

is pleased to host a special evening as part of Mere's One World Week celebration.

Oliver Dowding

speaking on Sustainability

Wednesday 17th October - 7.30pm Grove Building

Note: this is the 3rd Wednesday of the month

Oliver, the speaker on this important topic, has been farming in Shepton Montague since 1976, and over that time has farmed up to 1,400 acres.

Conversion to organic status was undertaken in 1989, and has been maintained ever since, so he has plenty of practical experience of some of the issues involved.

He is also a journalist and has written widely on the subject, including in the BMV. The Talk is open to all. Non-members £2

Annual Show: Cup Winners 2012

Bernard Morgan Cup, Geoffery Duckworth Cup and Novice Cup: Colin Rankin
Michael Powell Cup and Lew Bristow Cup: Janet Fisher **Collins Cup and MarieBrine Rosebowl:** Ann Carpenter **MGC All Comers Cup:** Carol Elliot
President's Rosebowl: Caroline Morton **Holmen Cup:** John Hyde **Burton Cup (Handicrafts):** Madeline Dixon and Caroline Cook **Honeydew Cup (Art):** Ann Henson
MGC Photographic Cup: Ross Thompson **Children's Classes:** Trystan and Sabien Fisher. Congratulations to all.
Janet Way ☎ 01747 860884

SHREEN HARMONY

Shreen Harmony is back in full voice after the summer break. We are to be found raising the roof in the United Reformed Church Hall every Thursday evening.

Our first public performance this autumn is at the One World Fair on Saturday, 20th October in the Grove Building. We will be singing at 2.00pm, but hopefully you will all be there to support the Fair and will enjoy our contribution at the same time!

We have started rehearsing for our Christmas Concert, which will also be in the Grove Building, on Saturday, 22nd December at 7.30pm, but more of that nearer the time.

Our membership is full at the moment, but if you are interested in joining the choir there is a short waiting list and I would be delighted to add your name and will contact you as soon as we have a space.
Sandra Fisher ☎ 01747 860424



MERE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

William Barnes in Mere

by Alan Chedzoy

*Tuesday, 2nd October
at 7.30pm in the Grove Building*

The West Kennet Long Barrow

Peter Knight

Tuesday, 6th November at 7.30pm in the Grove Building

Peter, who is an author and guide, lives near Avebury and has researched and been connected with the sacred landscape for many years. **£2.00 entry for non-members, who are very welcome.**

Change of Date

The December evening talk will take place on Tuesday, 11th December (not 4th December as in your programmes)

Morning Talk - Tuesday 16th October

"First People of Alaska" by Ruth Van Sloten. To be held in the small room of the Grove Building at 10.15am for 10.30am. . **£1.00 entry for non-members who are very welcome.**
Caroline Cook ☎ 01747 861797

MERE FILM SHOWS

This month's film is a Mere Literary Festival event and one which is most definitely not to be missed! **'The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel' (12A)** is to be screened on **Thursday, 11th October with two performances, at 4.00pm and 7.30pm.**

The film tells the story of a group of British retirees who decide to 'outsource' their retirement to less expensive and seemingly exotic India. Enticed by advertisements for a newly restored hotel, they arrive to find it less luxurious than its advertisements, but nevertheless the Marigold Hotel slowly begins to charm in unexpected ways. With a cast of seven of our best 'senior' actors, including Judi Dench, Maggie Smith and Bill Nighy, this heart-warming comedy drama will take you far away from the chill days of autumn and the darkening evenings to a place of light and colour and warmth!

Support the Literary Festival and come away with us! .

Dates for your Diary: Friday, 9th November: 'The Descendants' with George Clooney
Mary White ☎ 01747 861257



MERE MUSEUM

We have been very pleased that the 'Water Water Everywhere' exhibition has attracted quite a few complimentary comments from visitors. Small updates are being added to the Water Map and the Lordsmead Hydro-electric project exhibits, so make sure you keep up-to-date!

Thank you for your support of the Box-making afternoon. The next Museum event will be a Packing Workshop, led this time by a professional from the Museums Service! The workshop will teach us how to pack museum artefacts safely in all the acid-free boxes we have been making. The date is not yet fixed but we shall advertise the event

by means of posters and newsletters. Another chance to join a tour of the Museums and Archives departments of the History Centre at Chippenham will follow.

Jenny Wilding ☎ 01747 860908

FRIENDS OF MERE MUSEUM

The main announcement this month is that the Friends' **AGM** will take place on Tuesday evening, **30th October** at 7.30pm in the Grove Building. In an action-packed evening, we shall learn the size of the this year's annual cheque given by The Friends to the Museum, and after refreshments, there will be a lively talk by the Museum Curators about the history of the Museum, how we run it and the exciting business of creating new exhibitions.

Jenny Wilding ☎ 01747 860908

MERE AMATEUR DRAMATIC SOCIETY (MADS)

As we write, summer is here, at last. Maybe. For a bit. Nevertheless it's Pantomime time at MADS! Preparations are now under way for a Perfectly Patriotic Presentation of a Pandemonious Pantomime entitled '**George and the Dragon**'. You already know the dates and times, but we'll tell you again: **Wednesday to Saturday, 28th November to 1st December**. Tickets aren't quite on sale yet, but rest assured, we shall let you know the minute they are!

Jenny Wilding ☎ 01747 860908

MERE THEATRE CLUB

As a finale to this autumn's programme we are going to the Candlelit Carols at Wells Cathedral on 20th December. We will be going by coach getting there in good time for a bit of last minute shopping or just enjoying the Christmas atmosphere. There are a few tickets left, so do contact Wendy Horne and join us (you don't have to be a member).

Wendy Horne ☎ 01747 861712 Madelaine Morris ☎ 01747 861833

TISBURY & DISTRICT SPORTS CENTRE

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Kids for a Quid

Exercise doesn't have to be expensive, and at Tisbury we run a 'Kids for a Quid' scheme, offering children activities for just £1. So why not come along and take part in our term-time activities:

- Mondays – Football (8 years plus) - 5-6pm
- Tuesdays – Roller Rumpus - 3.30-4.30pm
- Wednesdays – Football (7-11 years) – 3.30-4.30pm
- Fridays – Soft Play – (Under 4 years) – 12 Noon-1pm
- Saturdays – Morning Madness (5 years plus) – 10am-11.30am

Watch out for our Half Term Programme, taking place from 29th October to 3rd November 2012. Copies will be available soon.

For further details on these, and all our other activities, please contact us:

- Reception, tel: 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.



Wiltshire Wildlife Trust Family Events at our Nature Reserves

The Big Draw

Let us draw you into our surroundings. It's happening all over the nation throughout October and you too can be part of the Big Draw with Wiltshire Wildlife Trust. Grab hold of pencils, pens, leaves twigs or whatever you can find to create masterpieces inspired by the natural world.

Dates and Venues:

Lower Moor Farm, Oaksey : Wednesday 31st October

Langford Lakes, Salisbury : Tuesday 30th October & Friday 2nd November

Time: 10.00am—12noon

Please remember for all our events:

- All children must be accompanied by an adult
- Please wear suitable clothing and footwear
- Our activities are specially designed for children under the age of 12 years

For more information and to book a place please call:

Lower Moor Farm 01380 725670 Langford Lakes 01722 790770

Admission: £3.50 per child, under 3's free

Pam Clemett, Administration Assistant ☎ 01722 790770

GROVE BUILDING '100 CLUB'

The Result of the '100' Club Draw for September, drawn on Sunday 9th September by Mr Richard Coward was:

1st Prize (£20) - No. 43 Mrs S Thomas
2nd Prize (£15) - No. 125 Mrs P Walker
3rd Prize (£10) - No. 194 Mr M Lucock
4th Prize (£5) - No. 187 Mrs M Edwards

Thanks to the loyal support of existing members and the willingness of new members to "have a go" we have a full house of 210.

Thank you all so much. The users of the Grove Building owe you a sincere debt of gratitude, as indeed do I.

Valerie Ransley ☎ 01747 860964

MOTHERS' UNION AND OPEN MEMBERS' GROUP

Last month's meeting gave us a lively and engaging insight from first-hand experience into some of MU's work overseas. Our meeting this month on Tuesday, 9th October at 2.30pm in the Grove Building promises to be an equally compelling account by Brenda Birt of some of MU's work in this country in prisons and for prisoners' families. Members and non-members are equally welcome to come and find out more – helpful preparation for Prisoners' Week in November.

Judith Thompson ☎ 01747-860553

CASTLE HILL QUILTERS

On Thursday, 4th October we will welcome Pauline Sherlock who will show us her miniature quilts, boxes and embellishing, and on the Thursday, 18th October Jennie Hoffman and I will be showing members how to make a Christmas tree decoration with a difference or a Dresden Plate Christmas Wreath.

Each week we meet at The Grove Building, on Thursdays 2.00 to 5.00pm as we have done now for three years. Our numbers have grown to around 30 and many new friendships have been made.

On a personal note I now hand over to a new president, Jennie Hoffman, who will bring all her quilting knowledge and experience that we have enjoyed since she joined us. I can look forward to doing a little more personal quilting, plus learning to spin and weave in my spare time.

I am delighted Castle Hill Quilters has been so successful and now part of life in Mere. All our details are on our website: castlehillquilters.org.uk

Carol Lord and Jennie Hoffman ☎ 01747 860514

MERE BOWLS CLUB

Mere Bowls Club supports a local charity each year and for 2013 we have chosen Five's Court as our local recipient. A function, or maybe more, will be run by the Club over the next months to raise funds in aid of this worthy local cause; the key word here being local as we wish as a Club to support local endeavours and not national ones where there is no logical track on where your donations have gone.

By the time this is being read we will have closed the green for the winter and will be all tucked up and hibernating away the cold months while we dream of once again bowling with the sun on our backs – fancy it? Then keep an eye on Mere Matters for news of when we will re-open for 2013 and when we will be holding our Open Day.

WILTSHIRE MOVIOLA
in association with
MERE PARISH COUNCIL
proudly presents
a film for Mere Literary Festival

'The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel' (12A)

**Judi Dench Maggie Smith Celia Imrie Penelope Wilton
Bill Nighy Tom Wilkinson Ronald Pickup**

Enticed by advertisements for a luxurious sanctuary for 'the elderly and beautiful' in Jaipur, India, retirement takes an unconventional turn for a disparate group of Brits. On arrival they discover that the hotel falls rather short of the romantic idyll promised in the brochure, but they are gradually won over by the ever-optimistic young manager Sonny (**Dev Patel**), and find that life really can begin again - when you let go of the past.

In the Lecture Hall
Thursday 11th October,
at 4.00pm and 7.30pm
(Doors open 3.30pm and 7.00pm)

TICKETS £5.00

Available from The Library

For more information call Mary White ☎ 01747 861257

Visit our website at: **www.moviola.org**

For any information regarding the club or the sport of Bowls please contact Alan Inwood ☎ 01985 844215 or Jeff Vigars e-mail: jeffcarolvigars@hotmail.co.uk or ☎ 01747 860976.
Don Butchers, Club Secretary

MERE SNOOKER CLUB

Advance Notice for Quizzers - on Wednesday, 24th October at 7.00pm the Club are holding a Quiz night with live music rounds in the Grove Building. Tickets cost £5, which includes one quiz entry and one cheese ploughman supper, and there will be a licensed bar to aid memory recall! Maximum of 5 persons per table and the quiz prize is £25. Tickets are available from club members or the Club Secretary ☎ 01747 860305. See you there for a very enjoyable evening.

Congratulations go to the winners of September's Club doubles tournament, Ray Wing and Michael Durkee. The next tournament date for members is Tuesday, 2nd October.

Kevin Smith, Secretary ☎ 01747 860305.

MERE TOWN YOUTH FOOTBALL

The 2012/13 season is up and running with many new players in all age groups, joining what is proving to be a very popular football club.

Fundraising

We kick off the new season with a Table Top Sale on 29th September with a cake stall and a Tombola, please come along.

On Saturday, 24th November we are again, with the Senior Football club, holding a joint Race Night at the Walnut Tree Inn. This evening was a huge success last year and I'm sure will be even better this year, so come along and enjoy a fun evening. Look out for posters and ticket information nearer the time.

The Christmas Bingo is on Saturday, 8th December at the Lecture Hall. Doors open 7.00pm eyes down 7.30pm. Yet another enjoyable evening for the whole family.

We are putting up on the notice board times and venues of our youth games, so if you wish you can come along and support our teams, we would be more than happy to see you.

Julie Hodge ☎ 07808715725

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MERE CHILDRENS CENTRE

At the Centre, we have had lots of fun over the summer with messy play and crafty activities, exploring the fascinating qualities of cornflour and water and having a great time playing with shaving foam, painting and digging in our sand pit. At the time of going to press we are preparing for the Carnival with the children going dressed as animals under the title of 'All Creatures Great and Small', which gives parents lots of scope.

We have had lot of changes at the Centre, with staff now working as a team across the group of centres in South West Wiltshire, so you will see new faces around.

In particular we extend a very warm welcome to Carla Russell who is joining us from the Tisbury Centre.

She will be here for the first half of each week and is taking over the running of our Wednesday morning, **Stay and Play**.

Our baby group has had a facelift and is moving to Friday mornings, to be run by Valda. At this group there will be time for relaxed chat and support, song and rhyme time and themed activities. Initially we will be investigating Senses and Health. We also hope to have guest speakers to help you with advice and support.

Musical Beginnings is being well attended at the Parish Room in Zeals at 10.00am on Tuesday mornings where the children have been making musical instruments and exploring songs from round the world.

Toddlers love to sing rhymes and songs, which helps them learn colours, numbers, body parts and so on and is also extremely helpful in speech development and creative development.

We are intending to run both a Baby Massage session and a Parenting Group this term. If you are interested, please ring us and speak to one of our friendly team and put your name down for these courses.

We are soon to be working in partnership with Mere Pre-school to have cooking sessions with the children from the pre-school, using our facilities to cook and weigh and measure, and have fun exploring the ingredients and experience them changing into the finished product. Hopefully we will be able to produce some seasonal dishes as well.

We are having a **Bingo night** on Friday, 5th October. Doors will open at 7.00pm with 'eyes down' at 7.30pm. Children are welcome to play as long as they are accompanied by an adult. If you have any unused gifts you could donate for the raffle prizes we would be grateful. – we already have a box of interesting items gathering in the office so come along to this event and have a chance of winning some of them.

On Saturday, 3rd November we are having a **Christmas Fayre** in the Grove Building from 10.00am to 2.00pm. Anyone who is interested in running a stall there (at £5 per table) please contact Valda Hambleton at the number below or email her at: **valda.hambleton@4children.org.uk** We would also be very grateful for donations or any unwanted gifts for raffle prizes.

All our child-based activities are planned to support your child's development and are free, but we do welcome donations which pay for snacks and help us to provide further activities for the children. If you have not attended our sessions before, come along and meet the friendly team and have fun with our great facilities.

We have a wonderful Sensory Room which is available for individual bookings. Children of all ages just love exploring the equipment in here.

Jane Smith, Support Worker ☎ 01747 861108

PURPLE CLASS REPORTS



YEAR 6

Exciting Changes at Mere School

New Entrance

If you get the chance to visit us you will be able to see our amazing new entrance which was finished during the holidays. Smart block paving will lead you under the stylish canopy which covers the main door. Visitors will be in no doubt that they are entering Mere School with our mission statement – *'We enjoy, we learn, we achieve'* clear for all to see.

New Wildlife Garden

Thanks to the hard work of The Friends of Mere School, parents and Mere Youth

Club we now have an area in the playground which will become our wildlife area. Paths have been laid and plants chosen to attract a wide variety of creatures. We're looking forward to next Spring when the garden will really start to grow and will be a popular place for children to visit.

New Playground Markings

The Friends have also been able to fund fun new playground markings which not only brighten up the area, but provide children with things to do during break. A popular addition is a friendship area where we can go if we need someone to play with.

New Children and Staff

Welcome to the many new children who have joined us since the start of term. Reception class children are settling in well and we have a lot of new children in other classes too.

Welcome also to Mrs Hillier in Blue Class, Mrs Tatman in Yellow Class, Mr Crossley in Silver Class and Miss Beckwith in Red Class. We hope that everyone will soon feel at home with us.

@ Bristol

In October Purple Class will be going to @Bristol. This is a very exciting and interactive science museum. We are extremely excited and are looking forward

to trying out all of the activities and learning more about our topic this term which is Space. A highlight will be a visit to the Planetarium to find out more about other planets and stars in our solar System.
Jess & Lauren

Clubs at Mere School

After all the excitement of the Olympics we are all glad to get back into our sporting activities. We have introduced a new club – Archery - to our wide range of after school clubs. We also have Tag Rugby and Library Club. Library Club is where a few children go to Mere Library/Museum and learn about Mere's history.

Robyn & Lucy

STOP PRESS!

**Look on our website for latest news:
www.mereschool.co.uk**

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SATURDAY, 17TH NOVEMBER 2012

IN THE GROVE BUILDING

BETWEEN 10.00AM AND 12.00NOON

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REV'D HELEN CAINE, METHODIST MINISTER WRITES:

It has been a wonderful summer for our country, hasn't it? I write this on the day after the Paralympics Closing Ceremony, and we wait to see whether there will be despair, and a collective sense of being in the doldrums. I hope not, of course. There has been talk about legacy, and I am sure what we have witnessed will linger long in our hearts and minds. Among all the hopes and dreams, and the preparation as we approached the Games and the Paralympic Games, there was a good deal of cynicism. And also some concern that parts of the complex jigsaw would not slot into place. There was also apprehension about the weather!

Some of you, in Mere, will have had the opportunity to travel to one of the venues, and to participate fully in the experience. I wasn't able to do that, and have had to make up my mind at a distance. The consensus is that everything exceeded expectations. And for once, we can be proud of what has been achieved in this country. I have enjoyed seeing people (mostly young) enjoying taking part in these events and savouring their place on the world stage. Their joy has been tangible.

I pray that we will have a sense of enjoyment, in all our local settings. There are many reasons to celebrate, as the year goes round. We don't have to wait for a once in a lifetime occasion, surely. This season traditionally brings Harvest Festivals. From ancient times the safe in-gathering of the harvest must have been such a sign of hope, offering a lifeline for another year. We still have every reason to acknowledge those who produce our food, locally, of course, and around the world, and all involved its distribution, processing and sale. At Harvest Festivals in Church, Christians also come before God the Creator, with joyful and thankful hearts. We come in all humility, and we pray for a just use of all the world's resources. Psalm 8 is often sung in Harvest worship, as it speaks of God's majestic power, and human responsibility. We need to remember that every day.

THE FRIENDS OF ST MICHAEL'S THE ARCHANGEL

The Friend's Annual General Meeting will be held on Tuesday, 2nd October, at 7.30 pm in the Church.

The meeting will be followed by refreshments and a talk by Mrs Jeannie Stevens on her recent visit to South Sudan.

Patricia Stephenson, Hon. Secretary ☎ 01747 860278

Quiet Day

Under the Auspices of the Franciscan Group, but

Open to all

On Friday, 30th November, Venue to be announced

To be led by Christine Marsh LLM

Further details from:

Cannon Michael Welch ☎ 01747 860047 - Blanche Johnston ☎ 01747 860544

METHODIST CHURCH NOTES

Café Worship

Wednesday morning at 10.30am on Wednesday, 31st October. Coffee with a difference! An informal worship service follows at 11.00am. Do come and enjoy a friendly boost to your midweek.

Mary Siderfin ☎ 01747 861370

BELL RINGING AT ST MICHAELS

Visiting ringers are coming to St Michael's church tower on 29th September, 6th October and 15th October. New ringers are welcome at Zeals church on Monday evenings at 6.00pm.

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

CHURCH SERVICES IN MERE AND WEST KNOYLE

OCTOBER 2012

The Parish Church, St Michael the Archangel: ☎ 01747 861859

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	7th	10.30am	Harvest Thanksgiving Family Service (NOT communion)
		6.00pm	Evensong (BCP)
Wednesday	10th	6.00pm	"Start the Month" Communion (BCP)
Sunday	14th	10.30am	Parish Communion (CW1)
		10.30am	Sunday Club in Grove Building
	21st	10.30am	Parish Communion (CW1)
	28th	10.30am	Parish Communion (CW1)
		4.00pm	Messy Church in Grove Building

The United Reformed Church

Mere Contact: Mrs E Burfitt, ☎ 01747 860685

Sunday	7th	11.00am	Rev'd Margaret Laurie
	14th	11.00am	Rev'd Elizabeth Kemp
			Holy Communion
Sunday	21st	11.00am	Rev'd Stella Sivyour
	28th	11.00am	Mr Peter Kershaw

The Methodist Church (☎ Gillingham 01747 823777)

Mere Contact: Mrs M Siderfin, ☎ 01747 861370

Sunday	7th	6.00pm	Local Fellowship Service
	14th	6.00pm	Rev'd Helen Caine
	21st	6.00pm	United Service at Gillingham Methodist Church
			NO service in Mere
	28th	6.00pm	Rev'd Margaret Oxenham

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	7th	9.25am	Matins
	14th	*9.15am	Holy Communion (BCP)
	21st	6.00pm	Harvest Festival
	28th	*9.15am	Holy Communion (BCP)

* Note **NEW** time.

Note: BCP indicates Book of Common Prayer 1662

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

DIARY DATES

October 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

1	Mon	9.30am	Tiddlers & Toddlers (also 8th, 15th, & 22nd)	L
		2.00pm	Pilates (every Monday)	GB
		2.00pm	Zumba Gold (every Monday)	L
		6.00pm	Beavers (also 15th & 22nd)	GB
		6.45pm	Cubs (also 15th & 22nd)	GB
		7.00pm	Scouts (also 15th & 22nd)	GB
		7.00pm	Slimming World (every Monday)	L
		7.30pm	Parish Council Meeting	AYP
2	Tue	10.15am - 12.15pm	Lip Reading Classes (also 9th & 16th)	GB
		6.00pm	Pilates (every Tuesday)	L
		7.00pm	Mere Historical Society	GB
		7.30pm	Friends of St Michaels AGM	St Michaels
3	Wed	9.30am	Tai Chi (also 10th, 17th & 31st)	GB
		11.00am	Pilates (every Wednesday)	GB
		6.00pm	Karate (every Wednesday)	L
4	Thurs	9.30 am	Tiddlers & Toddlers (also 11th & 18th)	L
		10.00am - 12.00noon	Mere Art Group (every Thursday)	GB
		2.00pm	Castle Hill Quilters (every Thursday)	GB
		2.00pm	Bridge Club (every Thursday)	L
		7.00pm	Womens Institute	GB
		7.30pm	Shreen Harmony (every Thursday)	CC
5	Fri	6.00pm	Zumba Dancing (every Friday)	L
		6.30pm	Barn Buddies (every Friday)	BSF
		7.00pm	Mere Childrens Centre Bingo Night	GBt
6	Sat	10.30am	Drop in Coffee Morning (also 13th, 20th & 27th)	CC
8	Mon	7.00pm	Lit. Fest. "A303 - Highway to the Sun"	GB
9	Tue	9.00am	Foot Care Clinic	L
		12.00pm	Community Lunch	Old Ship Hotel
		2.30pm	Mothers Union	GB
		7.30pm	Lit. Fest. "All the Kings Men"	GB
10	Wed	1.45pm	Friends Together Whist Drive	GB
		2.30pm	Lit. Fest. "The Drovers Boy"	GB
		7.30pm	Lit. Fest. "Lakeland Yesterday"	GB
11	Thur	4.00pm	Moviola "The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel" and	L

11	Thur	5.00pm	Rainbows (also 18th & 25th)	GB
		6.15pm	Brownies (also 18th & 25th)	GB
		7.30pm	Guides (also 18th & 25th)	GB
		7.30pm	Moviola "The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel"	L
12	Fri	9.30am	Merely Women (also 26th)	GB
		2.30pm	Lit. Fest. "Jubilee Memories"	GB
		7.30pm	Lit. Fest. "Just Boris"	GB
13	Sat	9.00am	- 12.00noon Flu Clinic	Surgery
		7.30pm	Lit. Fest. "A Dickens of an Evening"	L
14	Sun	2.30pm	Lit. Fest. Awards and Book Fair	L
15	Mon	7.30pm	MADS Meeting (Drama Room) Note new time	L
16	Tue	10.15am	Historical Society Morning Talk	GB
17	Wed	7.30pm	Mere Gardening Club	GB
18	Thur	10.30am	Book Sale/Coffee Morning	Fives Court
20	Sat	11.00am	One World Fair	GB
		10.00am	Cancer Research Autumn Sale	L
23	Tue	9.00am	Foot Care Clinic	L
		7.30pm	Churches Together Film Night	GB
24	Wed	1.45pm	Friends Together	GB
		7.00pm	Snooker Club Quiz Night	GB
27	Sat	7.00pm	Screen Bites	L
28	Sun	10.00am	Mere Footpath Group Walk	CP
		4.00pm	Messy Church	GB
30	Tue	7.30pm	Friends of Mere Museum AGM	GB
31	Wed	10.30pm	Café Worship	MH

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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

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REGISTRAR	<u>By appointment only</u>
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& DEATHS:	For appointments ☎ 01225 713007
RNID	1st Wednesdays 10.00 – 11.30am
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Editorial contributions for the November issue should be sent to Graham Avory, Little Tawny, Pettridge Lane, Mere, Warminster, Wiltshire BA12 6DG (☎: 01747 860439) by e-mail to: merematters@inbox.com from Monday, 8th October, or alternatively by post or handed in at the Library, Mere (in an envelope marked 'MERE MATTERS'). Whichever method you use the deadline is **4.00 pm on MONDAY, 15th October**. Would ALL contributors, however they provide copy, please add their name and a contact telephone number.

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