

MERE MATTERS AND SO DOES WEST KNOYLE

**YOUR COMMUNITY MAGAZINE
INCLUDING A GUIDE TO LOCAL EVENTS**



JUNE 2013

St. Michael's Church

Summer Fete

Saturday June 8th

To be opened at 2.00pm
by

"The Gruffalo"



The Black Bear Band

Shreen Harmony

One Man & His Gundog

Art & Craft Exhibitions

Teas

Preserves

CDs/DVDs

Bottle Tombola

Cakes

Sweets & Biscuits

Toys

Accessories

Jewellery

Children's Photography Competition

Face Painting

Plants

Books

& Lots More

MERE PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Council meets every month. Whilst it is not a public meeting, members of the public are welcome to come and listen. Council members are working on YOUR behalf to sustain and improve the quality of life and the environment that we enjoy in the parish - come and hear what they are doing for you! You can raise questions in a public session before the meeting starts. The next meeting will be on **Monday, 3rd June 2013** at 7.30pm in the Andy Young Pavilion.

The Chairman writes:

Firstly, we would like to thank all the parishioners for taking time to come out and vote during the recent local government elections. Of the 15 previous councillors, 13 stood again and all were re-elected along with two new members - Mr. Mark Cassidy and Mr. John Jordan. A meeting of the new Parish Council was held on 13th May where I was elected as Chairman for the ensuing year and Brett Norris was elected as Vice-Chairman. Sadly, we bade farewell to Mary White who has served as a Parish Councillor since 1994, carrying out two terms as Chairman and actively working on behalf of the Parish Council during the last 19 years. Mary's involvement with the Parish Council will be very much missed. The outlook for the next year seems to be as busy and interesting as ever, and I feel sure that we will all continue to work together for the benefit of Mere and its parishioners. Parish Council meetings will be held on the first Monday of every month (except August) or the second Monday if the first is a Bank Holiday. Meetings are usually held in the Andy Young Pavilion at 7.30 p.m. and the public are welcome to attend.

The Parish Council acts as consultee for all planning applications. Should any parishioner wish to comment on any planning applications, whether it be in support or to lodge an objection, the primary importance is to write or email to the Planning Authority at Wiltshire Council, but it is also helpful to the Parish Council if we receive a copy of your comments so that we are aware of them when we consider the applications.

The Mere website has been revamped and modernised – do visit: **www.merewilts.org** – we are grateful to our Webmaster, Mr. Tim Thornley for his work on this. We are still undergoing some updating work and will be adding some more information over the next couple of months but if you want anything amended or added, please contact the Parish Clerk.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate George Jeans on his outstanding victory in the Wiltshire Council elections. I think his voting record is a reflection of the hard work and dedication he gives to Mere and the community.

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



For information on Parish Council activities; details of meetings and copies of minutes, please view the Mere website: www.merewilts.org; or contact the parish clerk, Mrs Lindsey Wood: ✉ lindseywood@merewilts.org or: ☎ 01747 860701.

Mrs Lesley Traves, Chairman, Mere Parish Council

GEORGE JEANS, WILTSHIRE COUNCILLOR, WRITES

I feel very humbled that 1464 of the Mere Division electorate voted for me, for which I thank all those who re-elected me to Wiltshire Council. I had the highest number of votes of any Wiltshire Councillor. Mere division had the highest turnout in Wiltshire, 54.79 per cent; West Knoyle had the highest turnout in the Mere Division, 57.41 percent. The Mere division is now "of interest" within Wiltshire Council. I have received problems of late that take more than ten A4 pages to note, I am now addressing these issues, but it will take a while!

Christine Crisp has been appointed Chairman of Wiltshire Council and Roy While appointed Vice-Chairman. The Cabinet has now been reduced by one to nine including the leader; but no cabinet members are from the south of Wiltshire.

Healthwatch is not in place in Wiltshire at this time. Should you have health issue complaints regarding the NHS use Swan Advocacy, the independent NHS Complaints Advocacy Service in Wiltshire - ☎ 03333 44 7926.

Superfast Broadband remains of great interest locally. I am still on the project board. To remind you again Wiltshire Council will be providing some updates to its web site (www.wiltshireonline.org) that will show when work will be starting in the Mere area (i.e. late 2013, 2014 and 2015).

The latest National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) which I mentioned last month is now only about 20 pages or so, much easier for those interested locally in planning issues, previously the documents were volumes in length.

A dwelling house from 30th May 2016 not on article 1(5) land (Conservation area for example) nor on a site of special scientific interest, can be enlarged by extending beyond the rear wall of the original dwelling house, by no more than 8 metres in the case of a detached dwelling house, or 6 metres in the case of any other dwelling house. The height of the new extension must not exceed 4 metres. Plans must be submitted to Wiltshire Council, prior to the development, but the council cannot charge for this service. Wiltshire Council can refuse the plans submitted, having 42 days to make a decision including 21 days to consult. A system to cover this type of submission of plans is being worked on. The above is allowed for three years to encourage development and the economy. I would strongly advise you to take professional advice before carrying out such permitted development.

Between 2006 and 2026 at least 37,000 new houses are required across Wiltshire and in the emerging local plan, Mere is listed as a Local Service Centre and not as a large or small village. I learnt these facts at the induction training I was given.

The Southwest Area Board awarded grants for some fingerpost direction signs to be refurbished. Stourton has now completed one and Mere and West Knoyle will be getting two signs refurbished in the coming months.

A multi-million pound contract to maintain Wiltshire highways and streetscenes was awarded at the same time as an additional £3.6m of government funding for road maintenance had been announced, in December 2012

The contract which deals with key services such as highway maintenance, grass cutting, litter collection and street lighting will now come into operation. Currently the services, which also include dealing with winter weather, drainage and bridges, are covered by four different organisations, including an in-house team, but under the new contract the works will be carried out by one contractor. The value of the contract over five years will be around £150m and the contract has been awarded to Balfour Beatty Living Places.

There is new financial protection for those with modest wealth when needing to pay for their care costs. The changes will mean that those with property value and savings of £100,000 (in 2010/11 prices) or less will start to receive financial support, with the Government paying a proportion of their residential care costs on a sliding scale. The most financial support will go to those with the greatest care needs and the least in savings or home value, and the poorest people will continue to have the majority of their care costs paid. From April 2015, no-one will have to sell their home in their lifetime to pay for residential care. If people cannot afford their fees without selling their home, they will have the right to defer paying during their lifetime. Subject to the legislation, the changes above will take effect from April 2017 and will provide people with a new legal right to financial protection from very high care costs, from the state, which has not existed previously.

Those of you requiring a local authority stamp on a document please contact me, this service is required, for example, for receipt of a pension from abroad, to witness that the recipient is still alive. At present an officer is sent out across Wiltshire to a customer's premises if required. We used to have such a stamp at The Mere Library, and I am pursuing the return of this stamp to Mere.

Two Royal Oak trees, from acorns from The Royal Estates, have been planted in The Duchy Manor Grounds, Mere to commemorate the Diamond Jubilee. Stourhead National Trust Gardens some time ago planted a Royal Oak tree, organised by Stourton Parish Council, This was also to commemorate The Diamond Jubilee.

To conclude, Diamond Jubilee DVDs to commemorate Queen Elizabeth's Diamond Jubilee in The Mere Area, will soon be on sale in Waltons of Mere, priced about £4.99.

All proceeds will go to The LinkScheme. This video was taken by me of Mere, Kilmington and Stourton, West Knoyle and Zeals celebrations, which featured many local people, possibly you. The video was edited and produced by Andrew Holder of Mere, who made a very professional video. The video has been professionally converted to DVD and printed by Morris Lane Creative Media at Devizes.

SOUTH WEST WILTSHIRE YOUTH ADVISORY GROUP (SWWYAG)

We are a group of young people and adults from across South West Wiltshire who are working together to form a local Youth Advisory Group. We are looking for members who can represent a variety of groups or organisations across the 3 community areas (Mere, Tisbury & Wilton), and our aim is to enable better communication between young people and adult decision-makers so that we can have a say in the way our the local services are run, and create better relationships between the two generations. We will have young people chairing the meetings and taking responsibility for actions, and we also hope to be involved in the grant making process.

For our first project to start building better relationships between the two generations we are planning to organise a community event that would bring older and younger people together to communicate and socialise. After discussing a few ideas, we decided on having a quiz night. If successful we aspire to run further events such as coffee mornings, bingos etc.

We are holding a quiz night on Saturday, 29th June, starting at 6.00pm in the Nadder Hall, Tisbury. We are inviting anyone in the community who would like to attend. The teams will consist of 4-6 people, which will have older and younger people enabling them to communicate and build relationships, which is our main aim! We hope that in the long run this will change the way older people view the younger generation and vice versa. The quiz will include different categories such as; music, films, sports, politics, news, which will be delivered in many different ways through PowerPoint, video and sound. At the start of the event there will be stalls in the hall promoting activities, youth activities, sports clubs, etc. This will enable people to come and have a look around at what we and other people in the community do and what's on offer. Refreshments will also be available, and there will be lovely prizes up for grabs!

The Event will be free although there will be the opportunity for participants to make donations. Also, on the night we are hoping to have a raffle. Any money raised will be put towards another similar community event in the future. Bring your talent/knowledge to a team, could you be the lucky winner?

We hope to see you at the event! For more information contact SWWYAG by e-mail: swwyag@live.co.uk or call me at the telephone number below

WEATHER REPORT

April was a pretty dry month compared with last year. The rain totalled 40mms (1.57ins), whereas last year we had 160.5mms (6.32ins). Most of the rain fell in the first half of the month. Winter had its final stab on the 17th when we had a light shower of snow, which did not settle. The weather was getting milder.

May started sunny and mild, still with that cold wind. On the 7th we had small drops of rain, mostly at night, until the 14th when it drizzled all day and we had 23mms (0.91ins) of rain. The total rain up to the 19th was 41mms (1.61ins). The weather was generally warmer, the tulips were out and Summer is on the way!

Peter Durkee. ☎ 01747 860363



Mere Dental Practice

*The practice has Dentists - Stephen Sherrard & 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*

Merrell's Mobile Foot Health Clinic.

For the professional treatment of: Corns • Callus/Hard Skin • Nail Trimming • Fungal & Thickened Nails • Athletes Foot • In growing toenails • Qualified to treat diabetics and those taking Warfarin and steroids • Massage given to make your feet feel fitter in the comfort of your own home. **Contact Mary on 07809 738237**

MERE RIVERS GROUP (MRG) MEETING

There was an excellent attendance at the MRG meeting on river maintenance. Riparian owners and other interested parties enjoyed an interesting illustrated talk by Sarah Williams. She is an expert on chalk streams for Dorset Wildlife and explained best practice to maintain wildlife habitat and river flow. A question and answer session proved helpful, and from this came the idea of producing a river plan to map out some of Sarah's suggestions.

The talk was followed by a walk along the Upper Shreen where Sarah – well equipped with wellies and net – pointed out the good and not-so-good areas.

She also confirmed the fact of a colony of water vole – a protected species. Exciting news and MRG ask that dog owners keep their animals under control in the upper reach of the Shreen as water voles are becoming increasingly rare.

MRG are encouraged by the interest shown at this meeting and offers of volunteer help. If you haven't done so already, do contact Ian Sheppard ☎ 01747 863370 if you want to be involved.

It is hoped to organise a 'river day' and to ask Sarah Williams to do a walk of Ashfield Water in the future. Look out for MRG news and the water voles. *Adrienne Howell, MRG*

ELECTRICAL INTERFERENCE

For the last couple of months, Sunday services in St Michael's church have regularly been interrupted by strange noises in our sound amplification system, which begin at about 11.20am. From experiments conducted, our equipment suppliers are convinced that it is interference from an outside source created by some form of electrical or electronic device.

This time on a Sunday is not the only occasion when interference occurs, but it is the time which is most regular. It has resulted in us being unable to use one of our lapel microphones, since the noise is constant and ear shattering and our other lapel microphone makes loud annoying noises intermittently.

If you have recently acquired an electrical item, which you turn on at around 11.20am on a Sunday morning, within about half a mile from St Michael's, we would be keen to hear from you, if only to assure you that your device is not the cause of our problems!

Graham Avory, PCC Fabric Committee Chairman, ☎ 01747 860439

A PLEA FROM A PERSON WITH HEARING LOSS

I recently attended a talk at the Grove Building where there is an excellent hearing loop system. Apparently the talk was very interesting, however, despite wearing efficient hearing aids I was unable to hear a word said as the loop system was not switched on.

I know I was not the only person wearing hearing aids, nor the only person who didn't hear much. 1 in 7 people have a hearing loss of some form.

Please could the organisers of talks in any hall equipped with a loop system make sure that they use it; check it and microphone batteries are all working; equip the meeting's speaker with a properly adjusted microphone (switched on), and that a further roving microphone is also available for questions from the floor.

Thank you in advance.

Lyn Snook ☎ 01747 861977

THE HEARING AID CLINIC **ACTION ON HEARING LOSS**

Important Changes

From June 2013 we are changing the day of our clinic permanently from the first Wednesday of the month to the **first Thursday of the month**

The next clinic will be Thursday, 6th June from 10.00 to 11.30am at Mere Surgery, Dark Lane.

Gill Drayson, Action on Hearing Loss, ☎ 01722 580014

“THANK YOU” from the Warminster & District Foodbank

Our foodbank collection, which we held outside the Southern Co-operative of Mere (with its kind permission) on Saturday, 20th April, raised £39 in cash donations and 113.3kg of groceries.

A very big thank-you to everyone who gave so generously.

Last year the Foodbank helped 1,582 people, including 594 children, some of whom live in Mere. If you find yourself in need of an emergency foodbox, details of how to obtain a voucher are available in St. Michael's Church porch, the May edition of Mere Matters (if you have discarded your copy, you can still find it on-line on the Mere Town website, details on page 38), or you can ring me. *Jane Hurd ☎ 01747 860218*

ENOUGH FOOD FOR EVERYONE: ‘IF’

The world produces enough food for everyone, but not everyone has enough food.

Do you remember “Make Poverty History”? Many charities joined together in 2005, and again this year a national campaign has been launched which aims to make this the generation that gives everyone, every family, every child, enough food. Thousands of people will join together on 8th June to ask World Leaders at the G8 Summit to take action on global hunger.

We have many opportunities here in Mere to help: by contributing to the Food Banks for local families in difficulties and by buying Fair Trade goods whenever we can. I also have campaign wristbands for sale at £1.

Further details of the Campaign and what we can do to help can be found at:
www.enoughfoodif.org *Janet Way ☎ 01747 860884*

LAUNCH & LUNCH

Linkscheme Festival Launch & Community Lunch BBQ

Mere Lit. Fest. and the Community Lunch are to join together for a weekend celebration to launch the festival programme, enjoy a summer community lunch and raise money for the Linkscheme. Please note the following dates in your diary -

Friday, 26th July

Quiz Night with Ploughman's Buffet.
In the Grove Building at 7.00pm.

Saturday, 27th July

Community BBQ in The Old Ship Inn
1.00 – 4.00pm BBQ & Jazz Band
4.00 – 7.00pm Open Mic Jam Session

Look out for posters. More details next month.

L. Elliott, Community Lunch Organiser ☎ 01747 861646

A. Howell, Lit. Fest .Group ☎ 01747 860475



PROJECT SUNRISE – MERE

A successful launch meeting was held on 1st May. More than 30 people attended from local businesses large and small, the Parish Council, and voluntary organisations. From the discussions and networking both before and after the meeting, it was apparent that there was considerable enthusiasm and support for the project

aims. It was good also to see a number of people attending in a personal capacity and displaying an interest. A number of suggestions and ideas for further development were offered to the Committee. We thank Paul Scaife of Beachlife Wines for his support in supplying the wines which helped to animate the discussions.

At the subsequent Committee Meeting of the Chamber of Trade, outline plans were made to commence five of the projects. These are:

- Identification and recording of local small businesses and SPEs (single person enterprises)
- Renovation and updating of the community signboards in the Square and car parks
- Signage improvement on the A303
- Liaison with the local Area of Natural Beauty (AONB) to promote walking and cycling routes
- Exploration of a link up with Stourhead

Arrangements are now being made to set up the appropriate project teams. The Committee itself doesn't have the resources to staff all these projects so offers of

assistance from others who may wish to be involved will be welcome. The possibility of involving local youth is on the agenda for discussion with the Youth Leaders in Mere.

The website at: **www.projectsunrise-mere.org.uk** is now live with further information.

If you are interested in helping, contact me (number below) or Julie Cousins on ☎ 07856 700576.

*Hamish Bell, President, Mere & District
Chamber of Trade ☎ 01747 861717*

MODEL RAILWAY EXHIBITION

in aid of Brainwave

Saturday, 15th June from 10.30am - 5.00pm

In the Lecture Hall, Salisbury Street

Layouts Featured

Haul-y-Bryn (009): *Eddie Field*

16mm NG Display (009): *Tom Snook*

Bradbury Junction (OO): *John Cruse*

Valencia (4mm Irish): *Andy Cundick*

Stoney Middleton to Furness Quarry (7mm NG): *Tom Snook*

'O' gauge Test Track: *Keith Wareham*

WWGOG Club Layout (O): working methodology

Second hand O Gauge and 1 Gauge stand with a number of Railway
Pictures for sale.

Large (O) gauge industrial layout in private house nearby (Directions will
be given)

Full Trade Support

Admission

£3, with FREE entrance for children under 10 years of age if accompanied by an adult.

Amenities

Disabled access, Refreshments provided by "The Mere Cats".

Mere & District Railway Modellers

Further to our invitation in the May edition of 'Mere Matters' to join the new Mere & District Railway Modellers Group, seventeen people have signed up at the time of writing.

For further information on the Model railway Exhibition on 15th June and the Mere & District Railway Modellers Group, please contact:

Jenny Seward ☎ 01747 860151 or Tom Snook ☎ 01747 861977

THE CINNAMON TRUST NEEDS YOU

Registered Charity No 1134680

Dog walking volunteers urgently required in Mere

The Cinnamon Trust is a national charity for the elderly and terminally ill and their much loved, much needed pets.

Volunteers help to keep owners and pets together either by walking a dog for a house-bound owner, fostering pets when the owners need hospital care or even cleaning out a bird cage.

Unfortunately we have a shortage of volunteers in Mere who are able to offer much needed walks for two lovely dogs: an 11 year old Collie and a 5 year old Shih Tzu.

The Cinnamon Trust is desperate for volunteers in this area. Even if you can only offer an hour a week it will improve the dogs' quality of life and give the owner peace of mind.

If anyone in the locality of Mere can help, please call Sally ☎ 01736 758707, or ✉ volunteer@cinnamon.org.uk. Please check out the web site for more details: www.cinnamon.org.uk



BRAINWAVE

We have great news to report this month following our Pamper Evening. The event raised £2764.50, and thanks must go to our customers for their enthusiastic support and for the prizes some of them donated to

our grand raffle. Thank you also to all who helped, including the practitioners and therapists, and those who gave their time and energy to make the evening possible. Finally thanks go to the Friends of Mere School who took care of the catering.

In the weeks since then, our rails at the shop have been boosted by stock left over from the event, including brand new Laura Ashley samples. So, it's well worth a visit. In addition, our Summer Tombola is now underway with a host of instant-win prizes in store.

Finally, we must mention that there are a few vacancies within our team of shop volunteers at present. We are open six days a week, and volunteer slots run from 9.30am-1.00pm and 1.00-4.30pm. It can be hard work and includes sorting donations, checking stock, steaming and ironing, keeping the shop clean and tidy, and serving customers. Training will be given but commitment and flexibility are definitely required! Please enquire at the shop for further details. ☎ 01747 863432. Thank you.

JUNE SHORT WALK

This will be across the wild flower meadows on Thursday, 13th June. Meet at the Surgery Car Park at 2.00pm. Refresh yourself afterwards with tea at the Angel Cafe!

Janet Way ☎ 01747 860884

<p>REMEMBER! COPY DATE FOR THE JULY/AUGUST ISSUE MONDAY, 17th JUNE 2013</p>

MERE THEATRE CLUB

Hopefully summer is here to stay for a while, but the autumn theatre programmes are now out. So sometime during the next month the autumn mailing will be winging its way to all members. If you would like to know what's on offer this autumn, do join our mailing list by contacting either Madelaine or Wendy, phone numbers below. It's still only £5 per year per household to join.

Madelaine Morris ☎ 01747 861833 or Wendy Horne ☎ 01747 861712

MERE

The flag is flying on Castle Hill
And down in the Square the clock stands still
Giving joy to those living near
As its chimes all night they could hear.
The bells ring on at St Michael's Church
But the strikes have gone, I don't know where.
A peaceful place to live is Mere.
The wind it blows and it drowns all sound.
But sun and rain we hope will abound
And keep the flag flying for Mere.
In spite of the time that is always the same
May it stay like that for those getting old
And may summer be one that is warm and not cold.

Composed on 9th May 2013

Ann Lander ☎ 01747 860303

SHREEN HARMONY

Shreen Harmony will be singing at the **Church Fete on Saturday, 8th June at 2.30pm.**

If this gives you a taste for more, then our next full concert will be on **Saturday, 22nd June at 7.30 pm in St. Michael's Church**, with funds raised going to the Friends of St Michael's.

With an exciting new programme of songs from around the world, ranging from Mediaeval times to the 20th century there is something for everyone!

Thank you for supporting your local Community Choir. To find out more, take a look at our website - **www.shreenharmony.co.uk** or find us on 'facebook'.

Shreen Harmony will also be singing at Stourhead on Saturday, 13th July from 10.30am - 12.00noon. More details to follow.

Jane Edwards ☎ 01985 840065

THE VIP SINGERS

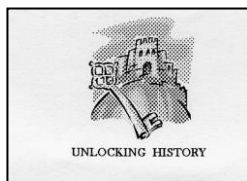
Previously The Blind Club

After several successful sessions, we are looking to expand our scope and support. We wish to make our group more inclusive, so we have changed our name to THE VIP SINGERS. Our members have found our sociable and informal singing group enjoyable, great at boosting their confidence and making friends.

We would like to invite everyone but particularly visually impaired people to join us for a five week block of singing starting from 31st May to 28th June then from 12th July until 9th August 2013.

Membership will cost £25 for 5 sessions - come for a free taster session. The sessions are held on Fridays from 11.00am to 12.30pm at The British Legion Club, Endless Street, Salisbury opposite the Bus Station. For further details ring me. (telephone numbers below)

Lynette ☎ 01747 861646 or 📠 07864 077578



MERE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Kelmscott Manor

Thursday, 20th June 2013

We will leave Salisbury Street Car Park at 8.45am and return by 5.00-5.30pm

This visit is FULLY BOOKED

Winchester and the College,

Thursday 11th July

Winchester College, founded in 1382 by Bishop Wykeham, has the longest unbroken history of any English school. Our guided tour will take us around the college's medieval heart. After our tour you will be free to explore the ancient centre of Winchester.

We will leave Salisbury Street Car Park at 9am and return by 5.0-5.30pm

Cost: MHS Members £15, non-members £17 per person
includes tour of Winchester College

Booking forms and details are available at Mere library.

Caroline Cook ☎ 01747 861797

MERE AMATEUR DRAMATIC SOCIETY

A cast of four MADS actors took part in – and indeed opened - the Woolstore one-act play festival at the end of April with a dazzling performance of 'Relics' by David Campton. It was well received, and all four actors and the director were nominated for awards. June Hewett won the cup for the best comedy actress – for the second time. Many congratulations June!

Moving right on, we are already planning the Autumn Production, in preparation for which there will be a play reading on Tuesday June 4th at 7.30 p.m. in the Green Room (Lecture Hall). 'Sing Noel' is an unusual and imaginative play, written by our very own Adrienne Howell. There are LOTS OF PARTS, none of them huge for thespians of all ages. If you've always fancied treading the boards of our illustrious Lecture Hall stage, why not just come along and, well, read all about it?

Jenny Wilding ☎ 01747 860908

Rural Arts Wiltshire Touring event

Mere Amateur Drama Society are hosting **The FB Pocket Orchestra** on Thursday 20th June at 7.30pm in the Lecture Hall.

The orchestra takes its listeners back to the hot jazz, blues, ragtime & popular dances of the 1920/30s and earlier, presenting a contemporary slant on popular acoustic music from the early part of the last century.

'Atmospheric, yet vibrant, this charming collection of songs will make you wish you had been born some 100 years ago' - Jazz FM

Ticket Prices are: £7 for adults, £6 for concessions and £4.50 for children under 16. Tickets are available from Mere Library, or by ringing me

Maggie Durkee ☎ 01747 860163

MERE FILM SHOWS

Our last film of this season, to be shown on Thursday, 13th June, is 'Argo' (15), which won this year's Oscar for Best Film and also the Oscar for Best Director for Ben Affleck who is also its star. The film is based on a true story of a hostage incident in Iran in 1979 and the rescue from the country of six of the hostages who managed to escape their captors. There is of course some elaboration in the retelling – it is after all an American film! – but the film itself is high adventure and well worth seeing, and those I know who have seen it have all described it as 'excellent'. Full details are on page 22.

Distribution of Funds

May I remind you that we are currently inviting applications from those organisations in Mere who are fundraising or in need of funds for specific purposes, for a share in the distribution of funds from Mere Film Shows. The

deadline is Friday, 14th June and letters should be sent to me c/o Mere Parish Council, The Parish Office, Duchy Manor, Springfield Road, Mere, BA12 6EW.
Mary White ☎ 01747 861257

MERE GARDENING CLUB

Our next meeting on Wednesday, 12th June at 7.30pm in the Grove Building will be a talk on Dahlias, by Bob Hendry.

Bob has 55 years of experience with dahlias, having started as an 11 year old helping in his parents' nursery. He has bred many new varieties and won medals. Now retired, he has reduced his work load from propagating 10,000 a year to a mere 2,000! He will take us through the dahlia year including how to propagate, and bring plants if he has any available. **£2 entry for visitors who are very welcome.**

Janet Way ☎ 01747 860884

GROVE BUILDINGS RESTORATION FUND

The result of the '100' Club Draw, drawn on Wednesday, 1st May 2013 by Peter Knapp:

1st Prize (£20)	-	No. 64	Mrs J Croxton-Smith
2nd Prize (£15)	-	No. 202	Mrs J Hoffman
3rd Prize (£10)	-	No. 26	Mrs J Plaxton
4th Prize (£5)	-	No. 147	Mr R Wrigglesworth

Valerie Ransley ☎ 01747 860964



WOMENS INSTITUTE

We had an extremely good debate last month on the National Federation of WI's resolution on the "Decline of our High Streets and Town Centres". Unfortunately we were unable to decide whether to support it or not, ending with giving our representative a discretionary vote on the day. Yes, on the face of it, everybody should support their local shops but variety and cost

of goods play a huge part in community survival. Local landlords also play their part. So there were very good reasons to support the motion, but it would be very difficult to support it whole heartedly.

Our next meeting is at 7.30pm on Thursday, 6th June in the Grove Buildings. David Andrews will be giving us a talk on the history of popular song - "all the same songs really", - accompanied with his guitar. He will be demonstrating what makes a memorable song, same cords, different tempo. Please come and join in and enjoy some old favourites. New members and visitors are always welcome.

Janet Fisher ☎ 01747 861323.



MOTHERS' UNION AND OPEN MEMBERS' GROUP

Our meeting this month is our annual treat: tea in the lovely garden of Mere Down Farm, entertained by flute music as we enjoy what will undoubtedly be a beautiful summer afternoon(!) - in a perfect setting. We're also going to share with each other some of our creative skills and interests – so please bring along anything that you enjoy which you would like to share. The date is **Tuesday, 11th June**, and we'll be meeting at the slightly later time of **3.00pm**.

As always visitors are welcome to join us for the afternoon. If you would like a lift or directions for getting there, please give me a ring.

Judith Thompson ☎ 01747 860553

FRIENDS OF MERE MUSEUM

The Friends would like to thank everyone who supported their annual plant sale in May. The total raised was a magnificent £878.74, only a few pounds short of the previous record! Thank you to all those generous supporters who gave plants and made cakes for us to sell, and to everyone who bought just about everything there was to buy! All we need now is some gardening weather. *Jenny Wilding ☎ 01747 860908*

WILTSHIRE MOVIOLA
in association with
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proudly presents

'ARGO' (15)

Ben Affleck John Goodman

Tehran, 1979. Students demanding the extradition from the US of the former Shah of Iran to face trial have laid siege to the US Embassy, taking 90 people hostage. However, six American Diplomats have managed to escape to the Canadian Embassy and are in hiding, hoping for a miracle. Exfiltration expert Tony Mendez (**Ben Affleck**) devises a daring ruse: posing as the Producer of a fake Canadian movie project filming in Iran, he plans to smuggle the six out as production crew.

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

TICKETS £5.00
Available from The Library

For more information call Mary White ☎ 01747 861257

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

FRIENDS OF FIVES COURT

Our first fund-raising event (a coffee morning) in aid of the rather daunting goal we have set ourselves to raise five thousand pounds for a Transport Fund, has now got this ambitious project off the ground. There will be lots more events during our 10th year so keep eyes and ears open!

A REALLY IMPORTANT event will take place on **Friday, 21st June**. Fives Court will be taking part in the **National Care Home Open Day**. There will be coffee in the morning, tea in the afternoon and a barbecue in the evening – take your pick, or come to all three! The idea behind the scheme is to encourage local people to come and meet and talk to Residents and find out about all the opportunities and services that are available for them. The incentive is a prize of £250 for the home in each category (e.g. small homes) which attracts the largest number of visitors that day! So please come and support us and see if we can't win that prize! Watch out for posters for more details.

Jenny Wilding ☎ 01747 860908

ROSEMARY GODDARD CENTRE FOR THE OVER 60s

Mere and district Day Centre, Lynch Close, Mere
Mondays and Fridays 10.30am - 3.00pm

At the time of going to press we are still busy organising our fundraising skittles knockout for Saturday, 1st June. I will let you know how it goes in the next edition. We have our Annual summer outing booked for Monday, 24th June to go to Weymouth. We have extra seats on the coach which we are offering to people at £10 per person. If you would like to book a place on the coach please contact me on the number below. We are aiming to leave Lynch Close at 10:00am and will be returning at approx. 5:30pm. As well as having a day by the seaside, you are also helping to contribute to a worthy Charity, so please do contact me.

We still have spaces for new guests on Fridays. Maybe you are a carer for a loved one and could really do with some respite? Or perhaps you are new to the area and looking for new friends to chat to? We are a friendly bunch and would love to welcome some new guests on a Friday, please get in touch on the number below, or through our website: www.meredaycentre.org.uk.

Sandie Hawkins, RGC Organiser ☎ 07835 272406

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THE MAN WHO NEVER WAS

by Gerry Binstead

In last month's edition of Mere Matters' Graham, the Editor, announced my 'retirement' from the distribution of the magazine with some kind words gratefully received, and I must say it was pleasure to help out from the time when John Wilson was looking for assistance.

I must say that I will never retire and even if one of my feet was nailed to the floor I would still run round in a circle. My wife Maureen and I set ourselves projects and recently combined with our 50th Wedding Anniversary in April we set out to find the grave of 'the Man Who Never Was', in Spain.

So who was this man? He was the subject of a true WW11 story. A film was made in 1956 and a recent documentary on Channel 5 retold the incredible story of 'Operation Mincemeat'.

In 1943 Winston Churchill came up with a plan to fool the Germans that the Allied Assault in southern Europe was going to be spearheaded through Greece and Sardinia and not Sicily and Italy. To do it they planted 'a body' in the sea off Huelva, Spain to give the impression he was the victim of an air crash. He had strapped to his wrist a briefcase carrying secret documents indicating it was the Allies intention to attack through Greece and not Italy.

The body selected was the corpse of a vagrant who had died in London of pneumonia and was selected for the fact that pneumonia has the same physical attributes of a person who had died from drowning and his name was Glyndwr Michael. He was born in Abergold, South Wales on 4th January 1909 and had died on 28th January 1943 in London.

He became Major William Martin, of the Royal Marines and was dressed in a uniform as such. He carried false documents of his existence, letters and a photograph of his fiancée, his London Club membership card and a tailor's receipt amongst other things to aid the deception. "The Man Who Never Was" was then taken to Spain in a submarine and released into the sea off Huelva fairly close to the Portuguese border and washed up on the beach to be found by Fascist Agents of General Franco. The information was then eventually fed back to the German High Command who fell for the ruse hook, line and sinker and the rest became history.

So to find the "The Man Who Never Was" known in that part of Spain as 'el hombre que nunca existio' was the task that we set out to achieve and my interest in doing so was that firstly I was a former Royal Marine of 40 Commando and my father was one of those who invaded Sicily and luckily came through that landing unscathed, which could have been due to 'the man who never was'. To find the cemetery in Huelva, we set out from Jerez de la Frontera on 26th April to drive via Sevilla, a round trip of about 200 miles. We wondered on arrival there how we would find the grave due to vast area it covered and the fact that the office was closed (siesta time waits for no man in Spain).

We wandered around the cemetery totally lost until we came across a huge family vault the size of a small house, typical of Latino cemeteries where family members traditionally go to

talk with their deceased relations. Two elderly people were inside and I asked the gentleman if he knew of and where 'Major William Martin' was buried. He instantly replied 'Of course senor' he said 'you are standing not 20 metres away from him!'. If ever you have experienced a time when you think there may have been a divine intervention from above, it was one of those precious moments.

We paid our respects to 'Major William Martin' and thanked him for saving so many allied lives, although unbeknown to him, or was it? The grave is beautifully kept by the Commonwealth War Graves Commission and is in a place of great tranquillity. So with a great sense of achievement we returned to the city of Jerez, 'mission accomplished'.

MERE SNOOKER CLUB

Did you enjoy watching the televised snooker championship during May? Feeling inspired? When you play snooker yourself you appreciate the skill of the top players even more, so if you would like to brush up on your skills or start playing, then do contact me for more information.

Kevin Smith ☎ 01747 860305

MERE BOWLS CLUB

Our 'Open Day & Fete' held on the 4th May was marred by high winds and some rain. One gazebo was written off while the big marquee needed a lot of repairs following the event, but we still managed to show a small profit for the club. We are currently planning to hold an Autumn Fair in the car park of The Old Ship Inn on a date yet to be agreed. Please keep an eye on 'Mere Matters' for date, time, etc.

The Club Ladies have played two matches so far this season with a 100% record, well done to all who have taken part.

For any information regarding the club or the sport of Bowls please contact: Alan Inwood ☎ 01985 844215; Jeff Vigers ☎ 01747 860976 or ✉ jeffcarolvigars@hotmail.co.uk; or me, Don Butchers, by telephone (number follows) or ✉ don.butchers@btinternet.com

Don Butchers, Club Secretary, ☎ 01747 860775

MERE TOWN YOUTH FOOTBALL CLUB

Date for your diaries! Our popular Summer Soccer School this year is being held on 6th 7th and 8th of August at Duchy Manor playing Field – from 10.30am – 3.00pm for 7 - 14year olds. Cost and other information will be published in next month's 'Mere Matters'.

Next season the club are introducing 'Mere Town Minis'. This is football training specifically for 5 and 6 year olds. They will be coached by a Level 1 qualified dad on a Friday evening from 6.00 – 7.00pm. Boys and girls are welcome. For more information please contact club secretary Julie Hodge (telephone number on page 26).

If you are interested in your child's football team results, the 'Sunday Independent' publishes all results in the West Wilts area Youth & Senior. This season, the Senior players (both squads) have excelled, resulting in them both being promoted to higher divisions. Our reserves are now moving to Division 3 and our 1st team to Dorset Premier League.

Julie Hodge, Club Secretary ☎ 07808 715725



BLUE CLASS REPORTS

Blue Class' Dinosaur Egg Hatches!

Having looked after the dinosaur egg, found by Alfie and Olivia in the cupboard, Blue Class arrived after lunch today to discover that it had hatched. "I saw footprints in the playground" explained Sean and "I heard a very loud roar" said Isabelle.

The children were keen to know what type of dinosaur had come out the egg. Luckily Felicity the Phoneme Fairy had sent a letter telling the children that a triceratops had hatched and had gone back to dinosaur land.

The children have spent the two weeks, since finding the egg, researching dinosaurs. They also designed and wrote about their own dinosaur before making it out of clay.

We are now beginning to look at habitats before our school trip to Carymoor Environmental Centre. We enjoyed looking around the school grounds for mini-beast habitats. We looked in the school pond to see if we could find anymore tadpoles to join the ones in the tank in the classroom.

Egyptian Museum

Green Class had an exciting trip to Bristol to visit the Egyptian Museum. "We had a fantastic time" said Isabella. Holly said "There was a dark maze with lots of little mummies. The mummies had real dead bodies in!". The children all completed a quiz as they looked round.

For homework pyramids were made, from a variety of materials, which are displayed for the school to see outside their classroom.

Butterflies

Yellow class have been learning about the lifecycle of a butterfly. "We had some cocoons in our classroom and they have hatched into four beautiful butterflies. Do you know they eat oranges and bananas?" said Lacey.

Silver Class

In science Silver class have been looking at how plants grow. They have planted broad beans. "Wow. It's amazing how fast mine has grown" said Charlotte.

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www.mere.school.co.uk

BARN BUDDIES

During May, the Barn Buddies celebrated their 12th birthday. Life continues every Friday from 6.30pm until 8.00pm. Between 20 and 30 young people meet to chat, play games and generally chill, and Mums and Dads often stay just to chat with each other and drink coffee. Barn Buddies is open to all young people from Mere and the surrounding area in school year 2 or above, or younger children are welcome if Mum or Dad stay. We are open throughout the summer so do feel free to pop in and see what is going on. For more information give me a call or just drop in on any Friday to the Barn at Barrow Street Farm, BA12 6AB.

Barn Buddies and Mere Dazzler Majorettes Grant Success

Barn Buddies and Mere Dazzler Majorettes have been successful with an application for a grant from the South West Area Board of Wiltshire Council. The grant monies are to be used to help improve the fabric of the barn, with a priority to continue insulating and draft proofing the barn. Work parties will be organised throughout the summer. If you are interested in joining in, please let me know by e-mail: timmerrell@btinternet.com

Tim Merrell ☎ 01747 860195

THE FRIENDS OF MERE SCHOOL

Mere School Fete and Grand Jumble Sale

Saturday, 6th July 2013

The **Fete** starts at 12.00noon

The **Jumble Sale** starts at 12.30pm

ALL at Mere Primary School

For more information contact:

Sarah Cope ☎ 01747 863389

MERE CHILDREN'S CENTRE

June is nearly upon us and the weather is finally warming up. Here at the Children's Centre we are planning to build some raised flower beds for the children to do some planting and observe the magic of dry little seeds growing into pretty flowers and, with luck, vegetables that they can pick and eat. We have been busy here at the Centre, and also out and about, having fun with children – doing messy play, craft activities, singing and rhyming, and generally having a great time engaging in all sorts of developmental activities.

Stay and Play group on Wednesdays at 9.15am continues to be popular and busy with children taking full advantage of the activities and wide range of developmental toys that we have on offer.

On the first Thursday of the month, during Cooking fun with Mere Pre-school, we have made delicious wraps and oaty biscuits and are planning to try making smoothies and bread in the near future. In May there was international bread making week in Mere with delicious breads and cakes in the Lecture Hall for people to come along and try so we thought it would be fun for the children to have a go here in the centre. On the third Thursday of the month we joined up with Tiddlers and Toddlers for art activities, where recently the children made beautiful collage Cherry Tree pictures with twigs and scrunched up tissue paper.

Also on Thursdays, our Functional Numeracy course, delivered by Family Learning, is going well.

On Fridays at 1.30pm Mere Babes, is a great supportive group for parents and babies of 0 - 18 months. We do lots of activities planned to support the babies' development. At present we are encouraging the babies' physical development through exploration and discovery.

Friday mornings is also a good morning for Drop-In for those of you who would like to come in to the centre to use our facilities, explore our Sensory Room or bring along your toddlers to meet up with other friends and their toddlers.

In May we ran a Dad's Day event, which was very popular with those who attended. Were they attracted by the promise of the Breakfast Butty, we wonder! Our next Dad's Day is on Saturday, 13th July when we will be 'Making Pizza with Pop'.

Coming up; we have our Fun Day on Wednesday, 31st of July. This is a day packed with great activities for you and your children to have fun with. Mere Down Falconry, who came to give us a fabulous display of the birds at this event last year have very kindly agreed to come again this year. The sight of a bird of prey riding a remote control vehicle through their handler's legs was one that had the children in hoots last time we saw it! It is wonderful to have a chance to see these beautiful birds up close and in action. They are coming at 10.00am so don't be late and miss the show.

For further information about any of these events please ring the number below and speak to one of the members of our friendly team.

Jane Smith, Support Worker, ☎ 01747 861108

ST MICHAELS CHURCH NOTES

May I remind you that Churches Together in Mere and District will be holding an open air "Songs of Praise" service on Sunday, 30th June at 11.00am in Stourhead Gardens, courtesy of the National Trust.

'Bishop Ed', the Rt Rev'd Dr. Edward Conby, Bishop of Ramsbury, will be in Mere on Wednesday, 12th June at 5.00pm to say Evening Prayer in Church. All are welcome.

Advance Notice. At 6.00pm on Sunday, 21st July, Evening Praise in the church will be using the music of Taize. If you would like to be involved, there are music and singing practices on Wednesdays, 12th June and 17th July at 6.00pm. *Rev'd Carol*



Everyone is invited to a
Coffee Morning and Bring & Buy in Aid of Suchana
on **Tuesday, 4th June 10.30am-12.00noon**
at Rivermead, Pettridge Lane
home of Jean & Colin Kantharia ☎ 01747 861168

METHODIST CHURCH NOTES

Café Worship

Wednesday, 26th June from 10.30am-12.00noon at the Methodist Church - an informal time of reflection and worship, open to all, worship begins at 11.00am.

Mission Sunday

On Sunday, 9th June the Methodist Church will welcome Miss Rosemary Scott, recently retired from working with the Africa Inland Mission in a Mission Hospital in Kenya. She recently spent a month in Tanzania at the administrative base for TIMO (Training In Missionary Outreach).

TIMO is a two-year experience with three priorities - training, church planting and the unreached. It exists to plant churches among the unreached peoples of Africa. In order to accomplish this purpose TIMO trains new cross-cultural workers in team settings. An experienced church planter will lead the team through the two years, through example and teaching. Teams come from anywhere in the world, serving together for the sake of the unreached of Africa compelled by Christ's love for Africa's unreached people groups.

This evening will be an informative and inspiring glimpse into a little known part of mission in the Christian Church. *Mary Siderfin* ☎ 01747 861370

ST MARY the VIRGIN WEST KNOYLE CHURCH
COUNTRY FLOWER FESTIVAL

Saturday, 1st June 2.00-5.00pm & Sunday, 2nd June 2.00-4.00pm

LANDSCAPED GARDEN ADJACENT TO CHURCH
OPEN to VISITORS

DELICIOUS CREAM TEAS, Cake & Plants stalls
ALL WELCOME

Followed on Sunday, 2nd June with
Songs of Praise Service in St Mary's at 4.30pm
For more information: Liz Hide ☎ 01747 830422

FR. TOM SMITH, PRIEST AT THE ROMAN CATHOLIC
CHURCH OF ST MARY'S, WRITES:
To be or not to be....a Christian?

The other week I went on an amazing conference organised by Holy Trinity Church, Brompton, London. Any of you who are familiar with Holy Trinity will know that it is an Anglican Evangelical Church and each year they hold a Christian Leadership conference in the Royal Albert Hall. A friend of mine went last year and told me how fantastic it was, so I thought I would go to see for myself and it certainly lived up to the expectation.

On the first of the two days we sat and listened to the Lead Pastor of Holy Trinity, Nicky Gumbel interview the new Archbishop of Canterbury, Rev'd Justin Welby. We were then treated to another interview with the head of Serco, Christopher Hyman, and then a talk by Bill Hybels, the lead Pastor of Willow Creek church in America, one of the most well resourced churches in America. He spoke to us about team building in a church context.

Day two was my favourite. We heard Eleanor Mumford (mum of Mumford and sons), the National Director of The VineYard Churches speak to us and she was captivating. Cardinal Christoph Schonborn, the Archbishop of Vienna, was interviewed and spoke from his heart and Patrick Lencioni, a world class business guru spoke to us about the five dysfunctions of a team and something he said struck me between the eyes!

One of the five dysfunctions of a team is a fear of conflict (for the other 4 you will have to read his book). Unless a team can speak honestly with each other there will not be adequate trust or challenge to make it work effectively. Patrick works with world class businesses and top CEOs, but his most brutal point for me was that of all the organisations he works in, the one with the worst back channels of conflict is the church!

He said that Christians think it is very unchristian to disagree with or want to be in conflict with someone in their community, therefore they leave their disgruntlement unsaid. I am sure this is the same in the Catholic Church as it is in the Anglican Church as any Parish Council or village community in the country, but the result of this behaviour is that the person who is disagreed with becomes ostracised and eventually has their spirit crushed.

This truth hit me with a thud, is it worse not to disagree or to crush someone's spirit, I can think of nothing worse than crushing someone's spirit. By trying to be Christian many Christians can behave in a way that is utterly void of any Christian love or care. But how many of us are guilty of it, be we christian or not?

St. Michael the Archangel, Mere

Songs of Praise

Sunday, 16th June @ 6.00pm

We warmly invite you to this informal service where we meet to sing hymns old and new, chosen and introduced by members of the congregation.

CHURCH SERVICES IN MERE AND WEST KNOYLE

JUNE 2013

The Parish Church, St Michael the Archangel:

Priest in Charge: Rev'd Carol Wilson-Barker ☎ 01747 861859,

✉ carolw953@aol.com

Churchwardens:

Mrs Jean Knapp ☎ 01747 860142

Mrs Elizabeth Howden ☎ 01747 863424

Each Sunday	8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)
Each Monday	9.15am	Morning Prayer
Each Tuesday	9.15am	Morning Prayer
Each Wednesday	9.15am	Morning Prayer
	10.30am	Holy Communion (BCP)
Each Thursday	The Rev'd Carol Wilson Barker is not available	
Each Friday	8.00am	Holy Communion (CW1)
	4.30pm	Evening Prayer

Sunday	2nd	10.30am	Family Communion
Wednesday	5th	6.00pm	"Start the month" Holy Communion (BCP)
Sunday	9th	10.30am	Parish Communion (CW1)
Wednesday	12th	10.30am	Children's Sunday Club in Church
		5.00pm	Evening Prayer led by Ed Condry, Bishop of Ramsbury
Sunday	16th	10.30am	Parish Communion (CW1)
		6.00pm	Songs of Praise
	23rd	10.30am	Parish Communion (CW1)
	30th	11.00am	Churches Together Service in Stourhead Gardens

The United Reformed Church

Mere Contact: Mrs E Burfitt ☎ 01747 860685)

Sunday	2nd	11.00am	Rev'd Stella Sivyour
	9th	11.00am	Rev'd Elizabeth Kemp
			Holy Communion
	16th	11.00am	Rev'd Hazell Barkham
	23rd	11.00am	Rev'd Margaret Laurie
	30th	11.00am	Churches Together Service in Stourhead Gardens

The Methodist Church (Tel. Gillingham 01747 823777

Mere Contact: Mrs M Siderfin ☎ 01747 861370)

Sunday	2nd	6.00pm	Rev'd Helen Caine
	9th	6.00pm	Mission Sunday
			Miss Rosemary Scott
	16th	6.00pm	Songs of Praise at St Michaels
	23rd	6.00pm	Rev'd Margaret Oxenham
			Holy Communion
	30th	11.00am	Churches Together Service in Stourhead Gardens

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
Sunday	30th	11.00am	Churches Together Service in Stourhead Gardens

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

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

Sunday	2nd	9.15am	Matins
		4.30pm	Songs of Praise
	9th	9.15am	Holy Communion (BCP)
	16th	9.15am	DIY
	23rd	9.15am	Holy Communion
	30th	11.00am	Churches Together Service in Stourhead Gardens. NO service at West Knoyle

Note: BCP indicates Book of Common Prayer 1662

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

DIARY DATES

JUNE 2013

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; RGC-Rosemary Goddard Centre; MSC Mere Social Club; YC-Youth Centre

1	Sat	10.00am - 11.00noon	Mere Credit Union (also 16th)	Lib
		10.30am	Drop In Coffee Morning (also 8th, 22nd & 29th)	CC
		10.30am	5.30pm Art Exhibition (Small Hall - Last day)	L
3	Mon	9.30am	Tiddlers & Toddlers (every Monday)	L
		10.00am	Chair Based Zumba (every Monday)	L
		1.00pm	Yoga (every Monday)	L
		2.00pm	Pilates (every Monday)	GB
		6.00pm	Beavers (every Monday)	GB
		6.45pm	Cubs (every Monday)	GB
		7.00pm	Scouts (every Monday)	GB
		7.00pm	Slimming World (every Monday)	L
		7.30pm	Parish Council	AYP
4	Tue	10.15am - 12.15pm	Lip-Reading (every Tuesday)	GB
		6.00pm	Pilates (every Tuesday)	L
		6.00pm	Zumba "Tone-in" (every Tuesday)	L
		7.30pm	MADS Play Reading (Green Room)	L
5	Wed	9.30am	Tai-Chi (every Wednesday)	GB
		10.30am	Tai-Chi (every Wednesday)	GB
		11.00am	Pilates (every Wednesday)	GB
		6.00pm	Karate (every Wednesday)	L
6	Thur	9.30am	Tiddlers & Toddlers (every Thursday)	L
		10.00am - 12.00noon	Mere Art Group (every Thursday)	GB
		10.00am - 11.30am	Hearing Aid Clinic	Surgery

6	Thur	2.00pm	Bridge Club (every Thursday)	L
		2.00pm	Castle Hill Quilters (every Thursday)	GB
		6.30pm	Weight-Watchers (every Thursday)	MSC
		7.30pm	Womens Institute	GB
		7.30pm	Shreen Harmony (every Thursday)	CC
7	Fri	10.30am	St Michaels "First Friday" Coffee Drop in	GB
		6.30pm	Barn Buddies (every Friday)	BSF
		7.00pm	Zumba (every Friday)	L
8	Sat	2.00pm	St Michaels Church Fete	St Michaels
		7.30pm	Oasis Club Bingo (Eyes Down)	L
9	Sun	10.00am	Mere Footpath Group Walk	CP
10	Mon	7.30pm	MADS Meeting (Green Room) Note New venue	L
11	Tue	9.00am	Foot Care Clinic	L
		3.00pm	Mothers Union	Mere Down Farm
12	Wed	1.45pm	Friends Together - Whist Drive	GB
		7.30pm	Gardening Club	GB
13	Thur	2.00pm	June's Short Walk	CP
		5.00pm	Rainbows (also 20th & 27th)	GB
		6.15pm	Brownies (also 20th & 27th)	GB
		7.30pm	Girl Guides (also 20th & 27th)	GB
		7.30pm	Mere Filmshows/Moviola "Argo"	L
14	Fri	10.00am	Merely Women (also 28th)	GB
		6.00pm	Linkscheme	GB
15	Sat	10.00am	5.00pm Model Railway Exhibition	L
		10.30am	Drop In Coffee Morning + Traidcraft stall	CC
20	Thur	7.30pm	FB Pocket Orchestra (hosted by MADS)	L
21	Fri	All day	National Care Home Day	Fives Court
22	Sat	7.30pm	Shreen Harmony Concert	St Michaels
23	Sun	7.30pm	Mere Footpath Group Moonlight Walk	CP
25	Tue	9.00am	Foot Care Clinic	L
26	Wed	10.30am	12.00noon Café Worship	MH
		1.45pm	Friends Together	GB
30	Sun	2.00pm	Mere Footpath Group Walk	CP

TISBURY & DISTRICT SPORTS CENTRE

Teeny Tots Gym Club

Did you know that we run a Teeny Tots Gym Club on Thursdays for children rising 3 - 5yr olds from 2.00pm - 2.45pm. We bounce, jump, roll, stretch, balance, count, tuck, swing, hang, learn ball skills, and we sing and mime actions to the songs too. Then, when we have become really good at this, we receive a British Gymnastics Badge and Certificate. So come on Mums and Dads, bring your young ones along for some fun, whilst at the same time learning new skills and co-ordination.

For more information call ☎ 01747 871141 for further details

St. Michael's Church

Summer Fete

Saturday June 8th

To be opened at 2.00pm
by

"The Gruffalo"



The Black Bear Band

Shreen Harmony

One Man & His Gundog

Art & Craft Exhibitions

Teas

Preserves

CDs/DVDs

Bottle Tombola

Cakes

Sweets & Biscuits

Toys

Accessories

Jewellery

Children's Photography Competition

Face Painting

Plants

Books

& Lots More

BOOKING MEETING HALLS IN MERE

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

MERE INFORMATION

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

MERE INFORMATION POINT, THE LIBRARY

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

CITIZENS' ADVICE:	Tuesdays:	10.00am to 3.30pm
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