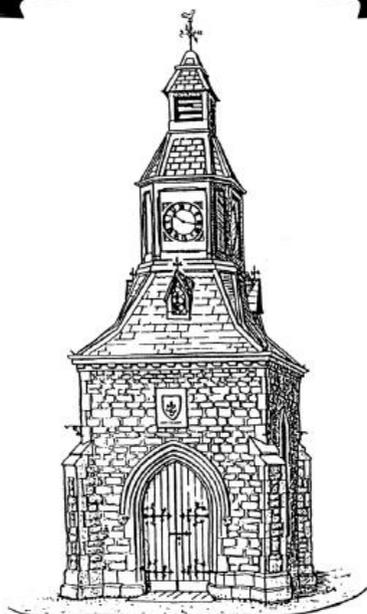


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150th Anniversary of Mere Clock Tower 1868 – 2018



Clock Tower - Mere

Colin Anderson 1992

JULY/AUGUST 2018

MERE TOWN COUNCIL

The Town 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 town - come and hear what they are doing for you! You will be permitted to raise questions in a public session before the meeting starts. The next meeting will be held in the Andy Young Pavilion **at 7.30pm on Monday, 2nd July 2018**. There is NO meeting in August.

The Chairman writes:

At our June meeting we spent time on financial matters, going through the accounting and governance procedures before the council's audit of accounts is published. We also looked at how the Town Council practice will adhere to the new GDPR regulations. These are two tasks which have occupied our Town Clerk this past month and which I am sure she is glad to see completed.

We heard from several councillors and our clerk about how the process of appeal had been conducted on the Outline Planning Application for the land at Gillingham Corner. I had an opportunity to put the Town Council's view based on the decision taken by the town council last year. Those of us that attended, felt that the process was being conducted properly and we were pleased to see the contributions by the CPRE and several local residents as well as our County Councillor. At the time of writing this, I have not seen a decision posted on the Wiltshire planning website.

I reported to the council that I had asked the Wiltshire Cabinet Officer for the white lining at the junction of Boar Street and the Square be repainted as I feel that the junction is now dangerous as there is little indication that there is a give-way there. I have complained previously at South West Wiltshire Area Board meetings about the quality of white lining in our area but this is an urgent case. I hope to hear that something is to be done, or better – see that something has been done. At another meeting I was able to put the case, as agreed by the town council, for width restrictions to be placed and signposted on the Lynch. Our request for this to be considered is now with Wiltshire Council but it will be some time before it rises to the top of their system of priorities.

At our May meeting I was re-elected as Chairman of Mere Town Council and I look forward to another year of working with the councillors and council staff to provide the best for Mere residents, my Vice-Chairman Councillor Symonds was also re-elected and I thank her for her support. At that meeting we confirmed and allocated links between councillors and various bodies in the town as well as the make-up of our committees. It is at times like this that I reflect on the amount of work that councillors do and also on the opportunity for members of the public to attend these meetings and, also, to put themselves forward to be elected to the town council. I do hope that some of you, when reading this, think of doing both of these things. At this meeting we heard

about the plans for the celebration of the 150th anniversary of the Clock Tower and the centenary of the end of the First World War. Both of these events will benefit from the cleaning of the memorial which is now taking place.

John Jordan, Chairman, Mere Town Council

For information on Town Council activities, minutes, agendas, contact numbers etc. please refer to the Mere website  : www.merewilts.org, e-mail the town clerk at  : lindseywood@merewilts.org or  : 01747 860701. To contact the chairman directly  : chair@merewilts.org

GEORGE JEANS, WILTSHIRE COUNCILLOR, MERE DIVISION, WRITES

Wiltshire Council previously gave £200 000 to Visit Wiltshire, enabling promotion of Salisbury after the world wide reporting of the attempted murder of Sergei Skripal and his daughter, I often attend Salisbury and I consider Wiltshire Council's collective actions are without doubt helping Salisbury to return to its former self.

I have received many complaints since the locking of the archway gates near Brainwave. These complaints are varied, for instants powered wheelchair users say that they find using Penny Bank Lane difficult when others in the lane are approaching from the opposite direction. Wiltshire Council are considering if it is possible to register a public footpath from near The Mere Town Clock tower to North Street.

It was interesting to note at The Southern Area Planning Committee, that a proposed footpath change of route at East Knoyle included a viewing spur. Normally a footpath goes somewhere, a path developed to a viewing point is unusual and the first as such I have ever seen. It was agreed to allow the application to proceed further.

Grass verges at road junctions etc. have been growing fast and not cut as quickly as perhaps required. Wiltshire Council, as I am sure Highways England respond, however they do not have the capacity to be everywhere at once.

It has come to my attention that the good intentions of many towards animal welfare have probably inadvertently caused Wiltshire Council to request some local attractions to have a Zoo Licence. These licence cause an expense of about £2500 for a small enterprise and may impact on their existence, when local knowledge may tell us there is no problem.

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The recently completed new Bungalows and public parking spaces at Bramley will have been officially opened on June the 18th. I could not attend owing to been away. Parking outside the bungalows for four of the six spaces is for public use and not to be obstructed by flower tubs etc. Although only two more social houses, they will help go toward the many that require housing. More than 60,000 council houses have been sold nationally under the Right to Buy scheme in the past six years, some at half the market rate, with the Government taking some of the sale cash, it is claimed councils have been left with enough for just 14,000 replacements.

Changes to Wiltshire Council's Constitution have taken place. These changes will affect local Town and Parish Councils.

To summarise the proposed changes, the Government has made clear its desire to ensure that more housing is provided. One of the areas it wishes to see change is in a greater diversification of the market, allowing a larger number of smaller and medium enterprises to successfully obtain land for housebuilding. It perceives that there is a problem that needs to be addressed namely the difficulty that firms of this size have in obtaining planning permission on small sites. The Government have introduced legislation that will allow applicants to submit applications for 'Permission in Principle' for minor housing led developments of up to nine houses. This legislation will come into force on 1 June 2018. An application for 'Permission in Principle' differs from a planning application both in the reduced amount of information that is required to accompany the application, and the much shorter length of time that a local planning authority has to determine the application. The current Scheme of Delegation is predicated on the Council having eight weeks in which to determine planning applications for residential development and this allows time for consultation to take place with parish and town councils and for a request to be actioned. The new legislation provides a shortened timetable of five weeks for the Council to make a decision on applications for 'Permission in Principle'. This will mean that the current procedures for circulation of new applications and call-in of those applications are insufficient to determine 'Permission in Principle' applications in an appropriate timescale. It was considered that call-in of planning applications was one of the more vital of councillor powers, and did not consider that removing 'Permission in Principle' applications from call-in provision was appropriate. Instead, it has proposed a shortened time frame for call-in of these applications be put in place in line with the shortened time frame for determination, as well as expedited procedures for notification to local councillors.

A poll commissioned by the Independent newspaper has found that nearly 4m adults in the UK have used food banks. Thanks to all our local volunteers in supporting and running our Food Bank

I attended a local meeting in The Angel Tearooms regarding voluntary caring including representatives of Carer Support Wiltshire being in attendance. I have noted from

information elsewhere a study to mark Carers' Week has highlighted how the UK's 6.5m unpaid volunteers looking after relatives are risking their own health, with 72% having suffered mental ill health, while 61% feel their physical health has worsened. Almost 70% struggle to get a good night's sleep, and two in five fear providing less care or no care as their own health starts to fail. Despite their health concerns, data obtained from 88 councils show that 52 now charge them for respite breaks. Twenty councils said they had raised charges over the last three years. Regarding non voluntary care, analysis shows that nationally social care spending has fallen by 9% per person since 2009-10, despite efforts by councils to protect services by switching money from other budgets. The Institute for Fiscal Studies (IFS) found that local authorities' spending on adult social care dropped by 10% in real terms between 2009-10 and 2014-15, although this was partially offset by additional funds since then from central government, the NHS and higher council tax receipts.

Mere Town Council is offering to donate a gas-fuelled beacon to a local Council. The gas beacon comprises a burner unit, 2m high stand with anchor, 10m hose and regulator to connect to the gas cylinders, lighter, spanner, hose assembly and Y manifold to link the 2 cylinders, plus instructions .The beacon could be useful for a Council taking part in this year's centenary commemoration of the end of WW1.

The Mere area had four main events one weekend plus other functions, we were spoilt for choice. Kilmington Ball, Healthy Walking in Mere, Mere Church Fete and Dogwise amongst others. I attended The Kilmington Ball on Friday 8th June, a fantastic event in a rural setting, a mighty fund raising event for such a small area.

I was informed last month that from July your black box will be for glass only, however most plastics except black plastic will be able to be placed in the blue recycling bin (see Page 27). You will receive a list of what may now be recycled. The collection days or times may change. This has now changed I understand to 1st April next year. The period in-between is now known as the interim period, the staff are in place, however some facilities are not. Although some may know, it is useful to remember you can at present put textiles in the black box.

Singing for All

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The following application could appear. A planning application at Court Farm, Lower Woodford for the storage of electrical energy on a large scale has been presented to The Southern Area Planning Committee on which I sit. The application with batteries in containers of a total weight of one hundred tons, attached to the national grid. Woodford and Durnford Parish Councils objected. I attended a special site meeting at which it was interesting to view the setting. The site can be seen from Old Sarham or nearby to Old Sarham. The above parish council asked the committee to give consideration of alternative sites. A proposed Telecom Mast needs to show alternative site considerations however we were informed this is not the case for proposed battery storage sites. The above local parish council complain of the same problems we get in the Mere area, the above parish councils stated in a letter:- "The Wishford Road is constantly being obstructed by vehicles unable to pass each other and the T-Junction by the telephone box is always very congested at school times morning and afternoon. Just this morning on my way to look again at the Quidhampton site I was delayed for ten minutes." The application is yet to be determined.

I hear complaints sometimes regarding weight limits not been enforced. Two more companies have been successfully prosecuted for breaching the weight restriction limit on Bradford on Avon Town Bridge. Yvonne Bennett, Wiltshire Council trading standards manager said "These prosecutions are further examples of positive partnership working and the dedication of local volunteers. Our aim is to prevent breaches of the Town Bridge weight restriction and we hope that these successful results will serve as a reminder that a disregard for weight restrictions in our communities will not be tolerated. Inspector James Brain said, "Wiltshire Police rely on the time and efforts of volunteers who report offending vehicles to the Wiltshire Police Lorry Watch Support team.

With our high streets around us in decline, I note ministers are working on a fairer tax system in an effort to help high street stores compete against their online rivals. During a Parliamentary debate last week, Mel Stride, Financial Secretary to the Treasury, revealed he was looking at tax reform proposals that would reflect the consumer switch to shopping online.

A reminder again, I have a Facebook page Cllr George Jeans, for use to display some events I attend and maybe other material. It is not a platform for conversation at present; I do not view it regularly, whereas

✉: george.jeans@wiltshire.gov.uk 📞: 07710 441599



MERE DENTAL PRACTICE

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MERE MUSEUM AND RIVERS GROUP JOINT EXHIBITION

Our join exhibition 'A Tale of Two Rivers' opened on 12th June – do go to see it as there is lots of local information. Find out why the Shreen and the Ashfield are threatened with low water flows and how we use water at home and in businesses in Mere.

Updates and new segment additions will appear on Wednesday 1 August and Saturday 1st September so you can come again and again.

Dr Paulette McManus ☎: 01747 861524

MERE CARNIVAL BINGO

Friday, 6th July 2018, Grove Building

Doors open: 6.45pm - Eyes Down: 7.30pm

Excellent variety of quality prizes including family ticket for Bishop's Palace and Garden, Wells, a Virginia Hayward Hamper and more!

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Sue Jeans ☎: 01747 860215

Once again Mere is looking for carnival royals, queen, princes, attendants, princesses, supergran for our carnival on **September 15th**. We look forward to hearing from youngsters of all ages and grans to represent us and help make it a memorable carnival once again. Post applications to Penny Allen, secretary 3 Ashgrove, Mere, BA12 6BX

or ✉: pennyallen@hotmail.co.uk

MERE RIVER GROUP

Wildlife Sightings for May

As we predicted the leaves made it more difficult to spot wildlife particularly as the greenery 'exploded' with a very warm May, so well done to those who spotted and reported their sightings to us.

Moorhens were seen daily on their nest and by the end of the month seven chicks had hatched, now being carefully tended by their parents. The nine ducklings have now grown into young ducks and are still together on the Shreen. Other sightings reported have been:

Water Vole seen three times and a pair of Red Kite have been sighted. The Yellow Iris is growing along the Shreen. Single sightings of the following have been received: Tree Creeper, Greenfinch, Weasel, a Beautiful Demoiselle, Orange Tip Butterfly and a dead Signal Crayfish.

Nature Notes

Our next report in September will cover wildlife sighting for June and July - please keep your observations coming and encourage your children, during the school holidays, to also record what they have seen. What about a family stroll together, in the sunshine, with a notepad (or camera!!) looking for and recording wildlife along our rivers. As always, please send your sightings to ✉: mereriverwildlife@btinternet.com. Thank you!

Lynne Bann ☎: 01747 860174.

WARMINSTER FOOD BANK

We are arranging another collection for our local food bank following the amazing success of our April collection, which saw us collect an amazingly 'hefty' 296 kg of much needed supplies and £95 that was spent on vital supplies.

We will be outside the Co-Op Mere on Saturday, **21st July** from 9.00am to 12.30pm. Please could you kindly consider buying one extra tin, packet or box of non-perishable food in your next few grocery shops for us. We will have a collection point in both the Co-Op and KM Beauty from **Tuesday 17th July**.

We are in need of volunteers for the Saturday collection, so if you can spare us an hour or so or even a few minutes, we would be very grateful. If no reply please leave a message. Thank you and please if you have eaten today remember those who have not.

Katie ☎: 01747 860081

GET YOUR BAKE ON IN AIR AMBULANCE WEEK

If you like cakes, then why not host a bake sale or bake off and help Wiltshire Air Ambulance to keep flying and saving lives? Bake Off for Lift Off is our theme for National Air Ambulance Week, **10th - 16th September**.

We're asking individuals, community groups, schools, colleges and businesses to get their bake on and fundraise for our lifesaving charity. Organise a bake off with your friends, family or colleagues, hold a bake sale, dress up at a Mad Hatter's Tea Party or hold a Teddy Bears' Picnic.

We've been saving lives for over 28 years thanks to the incredible support and generosity of the public who donate. But we have to raise £3.25 million a year to keep our lifesaving service operational. Join us in our mission to Bake Off for Lift Off and help us save lives. Let us know what you're planning to do and we can send you your pack to kick-start your fundraising! Register your interest in our event by calling us:

✉: bakeoff@wiltshireairambulance.co.uk ☎: 01225 300536

ON YOUR DOORSTEP

Increasing numbers of people are moving to Mere to make it their home and are keen to get involved in the community. When they arrive this publication and Facebook's Mere Muttters are both useful sources of information in settling in and working out the lay of the land. However, there are hidden gems that offer goods, services and job opportunities that may not be so obvious and this feature will tell you more about the great things that are right here in (or near) Mere.

If you have a local business and want to let people know about it, then please submit 200 to 300 words (contact details on page 41) and through 'On Your Doorstep' Mere Matters will be happy to let people know about your venture.

Graham Avory, *Editor*

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For an informal chat or further information please contact me.

Richard ☎: 07774 328416 ✉: rc24@hotmail.co.uk

WILTSHIRE HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST – RIDE & STRIDE - 8 SEPTEMBER 2018.

Sponsored cycle, horse-ride or walk around Wiltshire's churches and chapels to raise money for St Michael's and the Wiltshire Historic Churches Trust. For further information and sponsorship forms please contact *Sherry Dixon* ☎: 01747 861319.

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SHREEN HARMONY

When you are reading this article the choir will be taking their summer break. We have had a good year and we sang in Gillingham in May for the Alzheimer's Society and raised £620.39. It was a lovely evening and we were joined for the concert with several guests who all helped to make it such a success. We also will be singing in June in St Michaels Church in Mere for the Friends of St Michael and I hope this will be a great musical evening. We will be back again in early September but for now we are all enjoying our summer holiday.

Sandra Fisher ☎: 01747 861980



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MERE & DISTRICT RAILWAY MODELLERS

It is good to report about the sixth Mere Model Railway Exhibition where both members and supporters pitched in and contributed to a most memorable weekend.

The ladies' catering was of particular note, with many a member of the public bestowing praise about the ingredients and presentation.

This year our attendance increased, due mainly to the sixty eight children who attended, up by fifty from 2017. Total attendance excluding the thirty five staff and exhibitors was 450. To get the best layouts the author has to plan well ahead, he already has the **2019 Exhibition** complete and is well on the way with 2020. The date for those of you interested will be the weekend of **15th & 16th June 2019** so please put this in your diary or forward planner.

We now have a more relaxed month to look forward to with the Garden Railway Season during July.

Should anybody wish to join in our activities we meet every Wednesday from 7.00pm.

Tom Snook ☎: 01747 861977

MERE FOOTPATH GROUP

HEALTHY MERE WALKING

We hope that you are getting out onto the footpaths of Mere Parish and enjoying the beautiful place that we all live in. If you discover any stiles which need repair or are overgrown then do let us know at ✉ : merefootpathgroup@gmail.com or on our website: 🌐 : merefootpathgroup.btck.co.uk or leave a message on the number below.

While we made a big fuss over the Great Bottom walk on June 10th, please remember that the walkers go out regularly. There is a schedule on our display in the clock tower. Coming up are walks at 2.00pm on **Sunday 22nd July** and 10am on **Friday 3rd August**. These go from Salisbury Street Car Park and there is information about the walk on a notice board by the Post Office.

Great News about Great Bottom was that 97 people did the Great Bottom walk. It involved three and a half miles of walking on paths leading up 370ft and around the geographical feature known as Great Bottom. The youngest walker was 4 years old and the eldest was 92. It was exhilarating to see people, many of whom were not experienced footpath walkers, take on such a challenge and come back proud and smiling. The weather was perfect and the walkers were great. We raised over £500 to spend on improving the footpaths of Mere. A huge thank you from us, to farmers David Coward and Kevin Hooper, to our sponsors and to all of the volunteers who made it happen and congratulations to the walkers. Sponsoring the walk were: Wellbeing Group - SW Wiltshire Area Board , Tiddlers and Toddlers, Sandra Catley Core & Fitness Training, Co-operative Food Mere, ASDA Gillingham.

John Jordan Treasurer ☎: 01747 861567

MERE FILM SHOWS

Our final film before the summer break is the Oscar winning Darkest Hour (PG). In May 1940, the fate of Western Europe hangs on British Prime Minister Winston Churchill (Gary Oldman), who must decide whether to negotiate with Adolf Hitler, or fight on or risk a humiliating defeat for Britain. See a brilliant cast, including Kristen Scott Thomas as his wife and Gary Oldman at his very best. Tickets are available from the library.

Dates for your Film Diary: No film in August – we will be back for Carnival week on Thursday **13th September** and on Thursday **11th October** as part of the Mere Literary Festival.
Rosie ☎: 01747 861567

JULY SHORT WALK

Monday 9th July a change in the usual walk as I have been asked to lead one towards Stourhead with lunch at The Red Lion. We will meet at 10.30a.m. in the Surgery Car park at 10.30am There will be the option of a longer walk by returning over White Sheet Hill or for those who prefer to return by car from the pub. There will be no walk in August.

Janet Way ☎: 01747 860884

MERE GARDENING CLUB

Wednesday 11th July 7.30pm Grove Building

The cultivation and uses of unusual herbs **Carrie Pakenham**

This will be an amusing hands-on talk with herbs for sale as well as to touch and smell.

£2 entry for visitors who are very welcome. Members' summer garden social **Wednesday 8th August**. Mere Garden Festival **Saturday 1st September**.

Janet Way ☎: 01747 860884

MOTHERS' UNION AND OPEN MEMBERS' GROUP

A big thank you to all who provided cakes for our stall at St Michaels. We sold out very quickly and raised £251.40 for Church funds.

The speaker at our next meeting **10th July** is Karen Woolland on welcoming refugees to Warminster.

We plan to celebrate Mary Sumner Day on **Thursday 9th August** with a short communion at 11.30 in the church followed by a Bring & Share lunch. Mary started the Mothers Union over 100yrs ago

Jenny Larder ☎: 01747 861397

MERE GARDEN FESTIVAL

September 1st 2.00pm - 5.00. Mere gardening Club are very excited about this year's new event. Not only will we be holding the usual Garden Show in the Lecture Hall but the Grove Building will be buzzing with activity with a huge range of stalls of all things gardening - plants, gifts, and handmade items. We have been delighted to have the Front Cover of the programme chosen from a delightful selection of designs from Mere School. Look out for these bright leaflets listing all the events of the day in Sprout and Flower, the Library and Angel Tea Room at the end of July. The pupil's posters should also be seen around the town too.

Hopefully everyone has picked up the new style schedule and is planning to enter lots of items into our new-style show. It is open to ALL as a showcase of all the wonderful things we can grow and make. Entries can be made in Sprout and Flower and even up to the evening beforehand from 7-8 p.m. in the Lecture Hall on Friday August 31st. We are delighted to have an experienced panel to answer all your gardening queries at 3.30 in the Grove Building, there is to be the Potato Weighing Competition and a Gardening Bring and Buy stall - so do come along and enjoy the fun AND of course refresh yourself with delicious tea and cake! Looking forward to seeing lots of you there.

Janet Way ☎: 01747 860884

MERE MUSEUM

The new exhibition 'A Tale of Two Rivers', mounted jointly with the Mere Rivers Group, was enthusiastically received at its launch on June 11th and has already attracted positive comments in the visitors' book. The exhibition will be on throughout the summer and will be changed from time to time to reflect new developments and ideas. So do go back more than once to keep up to date!

The Museum's 'Big Event' was extremely well attended and we all had an interesting and enjoyable afternoon. Several people were sufficiently enthused to join our band of volunteers, but that list isn't closed! At the Big Event we were delighted to announce that the Museum's catalogue is now available online! We owe this huge step forward to Steve Hoffman whose patience and perseverance in the face of almost insuperable odds have been admirable!

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Digitising the catalogue has been the work of several volunteers over the past 20 years, who have patiently entered details of each item together with photographs to record and document the objects in the Museum's collection. Jenny Wilding, the Museum's curator, thanked her co-workers for their efforts at recording all the details of each object. "Making the catalogue available online has been a long-held dream of the Museum, so that the wider public can see what a diverse and an interesting collection of items we have." www.meremuseumcataloguesearch.org.uk

FRIENDS OF MERE MUSEUM

The Friends were very pleased to support the Museum's Big Event in mid-June which was extremely successful. We are planning a busy year of events for the coming year, including another of our very successful Quiz Nights in September. In the meantime we hope you have a warm and enjoyable summer!

Jenny Wilding ☎: 01747 860908

SUMMER SONG WORKSHOP

If you enjoy gospel music, spirituals, or even show songs, then please come along and join us in an informal workshop to be held at the Grove Building on **July 14th** from 10.00 – 3.30 p.m. The session is open to all ages and all abilities (you do not have to be able to read music). The cost is just £12 (£10 if unemployed or state only pension). Refreshments will be provided but bring your lunch. It is hoped that this workshop will provide the beginning of a gospel choir to be based in Mere.

It would be helpful if you could let me know in advance if you would like to come along.

Sandra Fisher ☎: 01747 861980 ✉: delfisher@btopenworld.com

WOMENS INSTITUTE

In June, Mere WI had a very entertaining speaker talking about Making Family Memories. Not only is it a very interesting hobby researching your past but equally important to leave these memories for those that follow on. This does not necessarily have to be done 'on-line' but can be done via church records, county records and, in the

speaker's case, through her father's P45s. Also, very important to talk to family members while they are still here. Don't leave it too late! We also had an outing to Thorngrove Nurseries, which, as well as beautiful, reasonably priced, plants, now has a new cafe with outdoor and indoor seating. Well worth a visit. There is no meeting in the Grove Building in August as we will be having our summer meeting at the Croquet Club.

Barbara Bourne ☎ : 01747 863411

DRESSMAKING IN MERE

As I write we commence the final week of our Summer Dressmaking Course. We then have a lovely break although there will be an opportunity for some to return and some new people joining our next "Sewing All Day" on **Tuesday 3rd July**.

We have had yet another very successful course, in many ways one of the most successful with so many garments finished, especially from our new and inexperienced dressmakers and many smiling faces. We offered an opportunity of a taster session of two or three classes within our six week courses for people to come and see what we do and in every case they have taken the opportunity of enrolling on our next course in September. New people coming from West Knoyle, (thank you to Mere Matters) and Westbury and one new lady who met us at the Creative Mere exhibition last year. Our Facebook page has had much more interest lately and people seem to contact me on every type of connection from Social Media, text, email and phone.

Our next courses on Tuesday mornings from 10.30 am and Wednesday evenings from 7pm commence in the middle of September with a further course from late October to December. At present our Morning course appears very full and space in the evening. We run a waiting list and soon fit people in. We offer excellent tuition for anyone who is new or hasn't done any sewing for a long time. We look forward to hearing from you. Contact us by phone or look at our Facebook Page "Dressmaking in Mere":

Carol Lord ☎: 01747 861923 or Susanne 📠: 07788 595434



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Richard Jefferies ☎: 01747 863425 📧: rajefferies@btinternet.com

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Mere Literary Festival

QUIZ NIGHT

FRIDAY JULY 27th.

THE GROVE BUILDING 7.00 for 7.30pm.

£6 pp. including Ploughman's Supper

Teams of 4 or make up a team on the night.

Book if you can please on ☎: 01747 861969

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MERE AMATEUR DRAMATIC SOCIETY (MADS)

Choices! Choices! Decisions! Decisions! We are reading a play a day (well...almost) and we now have a short list. But by the time you read our next report we will be already rehearsing and we'll certainly let you know what we are going to present in the Autumn. Meanwhile don't forget that we are always looking for new members for back-stage as well as on-stage performances. Do get in touch if you would like to join our merry band of players! ☎ : 01747 861257 for further information.

Jenny Wilding ☎ 01747 860908

ROSEMARY GODDARD CENTRE (RGC)

for the over 60s

Mere and District Day Centre, Lynch Close, Mere

Mondays and Fridays 10.30am to 3.00pm

As Trustees we have given you, over the last year, an insight into the work that goes on behind the scenes that is so important to the running of a successful Day Centre. For this double issue we are highlighting some of the summer fun that will be happening.

On Saturday 14th July we will be celebrating the Rosemary Goddard Centre 30th Anniversary and are really looking forward to sharing it with you. It will be held in the Community Room at Lynch Close from 1.30pm to 4.30pm. Our MP Andrew Murrison has kindly agreed to attend and give an opening address as well as Pippa Webster from AgeUK Wiltshire. We hope it will be an afternoon of conversation, reminiscence, fun and entertainment with guests, families and friends, and the people who have supported us over those 30 years in so many capacities.

Friday 22nd June is the date of our summer trip to Weymouth, when Day Centre guests will be joined by friends from the locality for a lively day at the seaside.

The fun continues as we hold our annual Rosemary Goddard Charity Skittles Match 2018, on Sunday August 19th at 2pm at Mere Social Club - with a cream tea! Do come along and bring your family - the more the merrier!

We hope you have a good summer whatever you do, and we look forward to regaling you with stories of our activities in the September issue of Mere Matters.

Chris Dillon Chair of trustees

Sandie Hawkins, RGC Organiser ☎: 07835 272406



marginalised children and their families in rural West Bengal – as well as having an enjoyable time.

Everyone is invited to two events. Please come to one or both if you can. You'll be helping to make a real and positive difference in the lives of very

1 STRAWBERRY TEA:

No tickets but donations please for Suchana on **Friday 6th July from 2.30pm** at Rivermead, Pettridge Lane. (Home of Jean and Colin Kantharia) ☎:01747 861168

2 COFFEE MORNING AND BRING & BUY:

On **Tuesday 14th August 10.30am-12.00** at Grove Cottage, Barton Lane, Mere (home of Ross & Judith Thompson and Mark Lillie) ☎ 01747 860553

Mere Historical Society

Chavenage House & Tetbury

Wednesday 18 July 2018

Leaves Salisbury Street Car Park at 9am and returns by 6pm

Bookings closed.

Old Sarum and Amesbury

Boscombe Down Aviation Collection and Amesbury History Centre

The Boscombe Down Aviation Collection (BDAC) is located on Old Sarum Airfield. The Collection tells the history of Boscombe Down and explains the major role it has played in the history of flight and flight test. We will be given tea or coffee while we have a 30 minute introduction, and then be able to view the collection and sit in many of the cockpits. You may want to look round the hangers and note the Belfast trusses, a system used for fast construction in 1917 and one of the few remaining examples. During lunch time watch the airfield's operations while having a snack or hot meal at Old Sarum airfield's Skies Café. There are plenty of picnic tables. After lunch we will visit the fine old Abbey church of St Mary and St Melor and the Amesbury History Centre. **We will leave Salisbury Street Car Park at 9.30 am and return around 4.30pm.**

Cost: MHS Members £22 Non-members £25

Includes coach and tip, entrances and tea/coffee at both sites.

DEADLINE 25 AUGUST

For more details please ring Caroline Cook 01747 861797

Booking forms available from Mere Information Point, and online:



: merehistoricalsociety.org.uk Caroline Cook ☎: 01747 861797

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Thursday 12th July at 7.30pm
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For more information call Rosie ☎ 01747 861567

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Mere School

Time has flown by and it is now the last half term of school already! The classes are busy completing all their learning and are getting ready to meet their new teacher before the summer holidays!

Green Class

This term Green Class has been learning all about the local area. They have learnt how to map Mere, looking closely at any geographical features that they could include. They then used watercolours to create beautiful landscape pictures.

Red Class

Red class have just returned from a fantastic trip to Pencilli. They had a great time caving, canoeing, rock climbing and orienteering. Take a look at Mr Rich's blog on our school website for more detail on the trip. Miss Beckwith would like to thank all the adults that helped during the busy week away.

Purple Class

Purple class are enjoying their last half term ever at Mere School! They have completed their end of year tests and are now busy rehearsing for their end of year production.

Sport

It has been another busy term of sport for Mere School. Three teams of Year 3/4 children competed in our local tennis tournament and qualified for the semi-finals! One team were joint winners of the tournament and now go on to take part in the North Dorset finals. Another sporting success was when our Y6 boys' team won their Wiltshire area cricket tournament, beating our Y5 team in the semi-finals! They now go forward to the county finals!

STOP PRESS!

Don't forget to look at our website for more details and pictures of what we have been up to:



www.mereschool.co.uk

RHYME TIME AT MERE LIBRARY

Come along to our Rhyme Time in the Library, a FREE Activity for Babies and Toddlers.

Run every Friday 10.00-10.30am.

This is a lovely way to introduce your Baby or Toddler to the world of Rhyme and Songs.

For further details, contact the Library on the number shown below.

Sally-Ann, Mere Senior Library Assistant ☎: 01747 860546

ST MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

We are fortunate in Mere to have, at the core of the community, the ancient Church of St Michael the Archangel. This Church provides some of the fundamentals of life, baptisms, wedding, funerals, as well as a sanctuary for those coping with overwhelming problems, those researching their ancestors, those interested in the history and artefacts of the Church and those curious about our iconic building who come from all over the world and often comment on the loving and peaceful atmosphere of the Church.



This is wonderful and is due to the hard work, past and present, of a devoted and dedicated team of volunteers, of all faiths or none, who help in the running, maintenance and updating of this ancient building. We should be so proud of St Michael's Church but, as the saying goes, 'we must use it or lose it' and to this end we are looking to use the Church more for the community, but we need your help.

If you are able to offer just a few committed moments of your time we would be very grateful. There are many little jobs such as gardening, woodwork, cleaning etc. which could help in the smooth workings of the Church.

Sherry Dixon ☎: 01747 861319 or Lindy Elliott ☎: 01747 861646

LETTER FROM THE CHURCHES

REV'D CAROL WILSON-BARKER OF ST MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL, WRITES:

We had a great meeting in St Michaels last night to think about making the church more accessible and welcoming in our quest to make you feel at home there. Our facilitator Rev Canon Janet Smith told a great story about the church of the past how it was a fantastic meeting space for people. They gathered with their households including their cattle and as they came to the door were served with ale. There would be dancing in the nave and general chat. Any railings were put up not for us to piously kneel but to stop the dogs weeing on the altar – as if my dog Baloo would do that! We did serve wine last night – sorry you missed out!

We had all sorts of ideas from jazz and folk concerts, to dancing in the aisles and drama. We thought of art and photography exhibitions and a children's art competition. We thought of high brow and low brow concerts, even a contemporary version of Love Island (though we weren't sure how that would work) and some of us said we hadn't seen it! Murder mystery staged in the church with atmospheric lighting, gospel music or jazz at vespers. We love our building and we think many of you do to. Do you like any of these ideas and could you help put on events like this?

Jesus said that the "harvest is plentiful but the labourers are few". He was meaning there is a lot that can be done but we have to work together and be bold and volunteer to make it happen. You don't need to worry that we would be negative, we will listen to anything.

You see good Christianity is for every part of our lives it is for the highs and the lows it is in joy and in sadness. Worship of God needs to be deep and meaningful to connect us with His power. God rejoices with us being truly ourselves he has a handy knack of turning our weaknesses into strengths. It's not so much that you are stubborn (that implies you aren't doing what someone else wants after all) but that you are strong-willed and when we turn our attributes to God for His power and healing we become better people. Actually Christ-like – now that's an awesome thought!

With love and blessings

Rev Carol

Great news – from 30 July you'll be able to recycle even more plastics and cartons in your blue lidded bin!



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SPECTRA MUSICA

Spectra Musica's Summer Concert, entitled 'A Pastoral Idyll', will be performed on **7th July at 7.30pm** in the beautiful setting of **King's School, Bruton**. Their Memorial Hall is a new venue for the group and a perfect setting for a summer's evening. Led by Musical Director Peter Leech, the programme promises to be as varied as ever with composers including Britten, Vaughan Williams and Stanford; a lively samba and much more. Concert pianist and accompanist Anita D'Attellis will feature once again.

Tickets are £12 and available from: tickets@spectramusica.co.uk ☎ : 01963 350160 or on the door. There is ample parking at the venue.

ST MICHAELS CHURCH FETE 2018

The fete, held on a sunny 9th of June turned out to be very enjoyable and fun day. A total of £3400 was raised and this will go towards the costs of maintaining our beautiful Church.

Sincere thanks are offered to all those who ran stalls, sold raffle tickets, helped erect and dismantle everything, and stayed to help clean up afterwards, but a few people perhaps deserve special mention:

Jaki Farrell and her team from Seeds4Success must take top billing. Their enthusiasm and energy was infectious and many of the young people worked through from 8am – 5pm. Chris Bixby and Judy Bickerstaff, ably assisted by Eiluned Morgan-Nash also worked nonstop serving cream teas. Judy is also to be thanked along with Mike Jeans, for their generous cash donations.

Dave and Paula, The Pearly King & Queen, opened the show and spent the afternoon greeting and talking with guests, and Penny Fennon did a brilliant job on the microphone keeping everyone advised of what was happening.

Final mention is for the warmth, humour, and generosity of the people of Mere who showed yet again what a great community we have.

St Michael's Fete Committee

REMEMBER! COPY DATE FOR THE SEPTEMBER 2018 ISSUE

MONDAY, 13th AUGUST 2018

CHURCH SERVICES IN MERE AND WEST KNOYLE

JULY 2018

The Parish Church, St Michael the Archangel:

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

Rest Day – Saturday. ✉ vicar@stmichaelsmere.org.uk

Churchwardens: Mrs Elizabeth Howden ☎ 01747 863424

Mrs Lynette Elliott ☎ 01747 861646

PCC Secretary: Mrs Sherry Dixon ☎ 01747 861319

✉ : office@stmichaelsmere.org.uk

Each Sunday	8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)
Each 1st Tuesday	6.00pm	Holy Communion (BCP)
Each 3rd Wednesday	10.30pm	Holy Communion
Each Friday	8.00am	Holy Communion (CW1) Not 24th August
Sunday	1st 10.30am	Family Communion
	6.00pm	Evensong
	8th 10.30am	Parish Communion
	15th 10.30am	Parish Communion with Sunday
		Club for Children
Wednesday	18th 10.30am	Holy Communion (BCP)
Sunday	*22nd 10.30am	Holy Communion
	29th 10.30am	Holy Communion

*Traidcraft stall after 10.30am service

The United Reformed Church

Mere Contact: Mrs E Burfitt, ☎: 01747 860685

Sunday	1st	11.00am	Songs of Praise
	8th	11.00am	Rev Duncan Goldie
	15th	11.00am	Holy Communion
	22nd	11.00am	Mr Martin Heal
	29th	11.00am	Rev Colin Marsh
			Mr Kenneth Elcock

The Roman Catholic Church, St Mary's

Deacon Michael Hughes ☎: 01747 830766 ✉: michael@faithandjoy.co.uk

Mere Contacts: Margaret Thompson ☎: 01747 860291 or **John FitzGerald**

☎: 01747 860867

Every Monday to Wednesday	9.30am	Morning Prayer
Every Thursday	10.00am	Rosary

Every Friday	9.30am	Morning Prayer
Every Saturday	5.30pm	Mass

Tea and Cakes will be served after the last Mass of the month.

West Knoyle Parish Church, St Mary the Virgin:
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 ✉ :vicar@stmichaelsmere.org.uk
Churchwardens: Mrs. Jill Randall ☎ 01747 830534
Mr. Colin Seaford ☎ 01747 830263

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	8th	9.30am	DIY
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Each Friday		8.00am	Holy Communion (CW1)
Sunday	5th	10.30am	Family Communion No Evensong
Sunday	12th	No Service	Benefice Com in West Knoyle
Wednesday	15th	10.30am	BCP Holy Communion
	*19th	10.30am	Holy Communion (no Club)
	26th	10.30am	Holy Communion)

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Please refer to service details on Church notice board for August.

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Sundays	5th	9.30am	DIY
	12th	<u>10.30am</u>	Patronal Festival for St Mary Benefice Service
	19th	9.30am	DIY
	26th	9.30am	Holy Communion (BCP)

Note: BCP indicates Book of Common Prayer 1662

DIARY DATES - JULY 2018

AYP-Andy Young Pavilion; CC-United Reformed Church Centre; CP-Main Car Park; GB-Grove Building; HBF-Hill Brush Factory; L-Lecture Hall; Lib-Library; Lynch-Lynch Community Centre; MSC-Mere Social Club; RMC-Railway Modellers Clubhouse; StM-St Michaels Church

2	Mon	9.30am	Tiddlers & Toddlers (also 9th, & 16th)	L
		6.00pm	Beavers (every Monday)	GB
		6.00pm	Slimming World (every Monday)	L
		7.00pm	Scouts (every Monday)	GB
		7.00pm	Watercolour Club (also 9th)	L
		7.30pm	Parish Council Meeting	AYP
3	Tue	9.30am	- 1.00pm Life Drawing (+ 10th, 17th, 24th & 31st)	L
		2.00pm	- 4.00pm Digital Champions Drop-in session	Lib
		10.00am	Moo Music (also 10th & 17th)	L
		6.00pm	Pilates (every Tuesday)	GB
		6.20pm	Zumba (every Tuesday)	L
4	Wed	9.30am	Tai-Chi (every Wednesday)	GB
		10.30am	Tai-Chi (every Wednesday)	GB
		11.15am	Pilates (every Wednesday)	GB
		6.00pm	Karate (every Wednesday)	L
		7.00pm	M&D Railway Modellers (every Wednesday)	RMC
5	Thur	10.00am	- 11.30am Hearing Aid Clinic	Surgery
		2.00pm	Bridge Club (every Thursday)	L
		7.00pm	Womens Institute (Small Hall)	GB
6	Fri	10.00am	- 10.30am Rhyme Time (every Friday)	Lib
		10.00am	Alzheimers Group	GB
		1.45pm	Duplicate Bridge (2.00pm start - every Friday)	GB
		2.30pm	Strawberry Tea (Suchana) @ C & J Kantharia's	
		6.30pm	Mere Carnival Bingo	GB
		6.00pm	Zumba (also 13th & 20 th & 27th)	L
9	Mon	10.30pm	Short Walk towards Stourhead	CP
		7.30pm	Mere Am. Dram. Socy (MADS) Meeting	L
10	Tue	10.00am	- 12.00pm Health Trainer Session (also 24th)	Lib
		2.30pm	Mothers Union	GB
		7.00pm	Yoga	GB
11	Wed	1.45pm	Friends Together Whist Drive	GB
		6.00pm	Karate (every Wednesday)	L
		7.30pm	Gardening Club	GB
12	Thur	5.00pm	Girl Guiding (every Thursday)	GB
		7.30pm	Mere Film Shows (Our Darkest Hour)	L
13	Fri	10.00am	Merely Women (also 27th)	GB
14	Sat	10.00am	Summer Song Workshop	GB
		9.00am	- 12.00 Mere Cancer Research	L

		6.30pm	Oasis Carnival Club Bingo	L
18	Wed	6.00pm	Karate (every Wednesday)	L
21	Sat	10.30am	(after service)Traidcraft stall	StM
22	Sun	10.30am	Drop In Coffee Morning + Traidcraft stall	
		2.00pm	Mere Footpath Group	CP
25	Wed	1.45pm	Friends together	GB
		6.00pm	- 8.00pm PennyBank Writers	L
27	Fri	10.00am	Merely Women	GB
		7.00pm	- for 7.30 Mere Literary Festival Quiz Night	GB
28	Sat	6.00pm	Link Scheme Quiz Night	GB

AUGUST 2018

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1	Wed	11.15am	Pilates (every Wednesday)	GB
		11.30am	Singing for All	L
		6.00pm	Karate (every Wednesday)	L
		7.00pm	M&D Railway Modellers (every Wednesday)	RMC
2	Thur	10.00am	- 11.30am Hearing Aid Clinic	Surgery
		10.00am	- 12.00pm Mere Art Group (every Thursday)	GB
		2.00pm	Bridge Club (every Thursday)	L
3	Fri	10.00am	Alzheimers Group (also 17 th & 31 st)	GB
		10.00am	Mere Footpath Group	CP
		1.45pm	Duplicate Bridge (2.00pm start - every Friday)	GB
		6.00pm	Zumba (also 10th & 17th)	L
7	Tue	2.00pm	- 4.00pm "Digital Champions" Drop-in session	Lib
		6.00pm	Pilates (every Tuesday)	GB
		6.20pm	Zumba (also 14th & 28th)	L
8	Wed	1.45pm	Friends Together Whist Drive	GB
		6.00pm	Karate (every Wednesday)	L
		7.30pm	Gardening Club	GB
11	Sat	7.00pm	Oasis Carnival Club Bingo	L
14	Tue	10.30am	Coffee Morning (Suchana) @ R & J Thompson's	
		2.30pm	Mothers Union meeting	GB
15	Wed	11.30am	Singing for All	L
18	Sat	10.30am	Drop In Coffee Morning + Traidcraft stall	CC
19	Sun	10.30am	(after service) Traidcraft stall	StM
22	Wed	1.45pm	Friends Together	GB
29	Wed	7:30pm	Pennybank Writers	L

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Ian Treece

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Sally Johnson

☎: 01747 861063

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Eileen Burfitt

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By appointment only (☎: 0300 003 4569)

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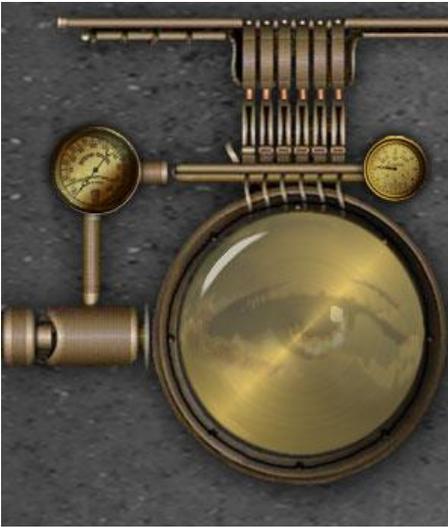
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