

# MERE MATTERS

## AND SO DOES WEST KNOYLE

YOUR COMMUNITY MAGAZINE AND  
GUIDE TO LOCAL EVENTS



**JULY/AUGUST 2010**

## **DR ANDREW MURRISON, OUR LOCAL MP AND MERE RESIDENT, WRITES**

Thank you for returning me so handsomely at the general election. I was truly humbled by the result in the new South West Wiltshire constituency.

I'm no sage but I did predict a long time ago that the Lib Dems could very well lose seats at the general election but, paradoxically, end up in a more powerful position. However, nobody could have predicted the situation that we now find ourselves in. It is hardly surprising that Lib Dem MPs, especially the large number who have landed up as ministers, look like cats that have got the cream.

Although the marriage is a gritted teeth affair, I do support the coalition since it appears to offer our best hope of putting in place the framework for economic recovery. Time and again on the doorstep during the election campaign people told me that the state of the national finances was their top priority, so it should be mine.

I believe that the new session has got off to a reasonable start, albeit one shaken by the cabinet's first casualty in the form of David Laws, the Lib Dem MP for Yeovil. The new boys and girls seem a good bunch and many of them, mercifully, have experience of something other than politics.

I am pleased that an early move has been to tackle the disastrous regional spatial strategy. I hope that this will mean a more rational approach to development in areas like ours and one that is more locally determined. I look forward to further measures that will advantage our small market towns and villages in the months and years ahead. Let's, at long last, have some proper rural-proofing of government policy.

### **MERE PARISH COUNCIL**

The Parish Council meets every month. Whilst it is not a public meeting, members of the public are welcome to come and listen. The Council members are working on YOUR behalf to sustain and improve the quality of life and the environment that we enjoy in the parish - come and hear what they are doing for you! You will be permitted to raise questions in a public session before the meeting starts. The next meeting will be held in **the Lecture Hall (small room) at 7.30pm on Monday, 5th July 2010**. There will be NO meeting in August.

#### **The Chairman writes:**

Having to write this in early June, we still do not know the outcome of the decision on the proposed car parking charges in Mere. However, the Parish Council has been very vocal, in different circles, to try and prevent it happening. The Vice-Chairman and myself met with Jane Scott (leader of Wiltshire Council) and showed her around Mere, pointing out its shops, churches, library, cemetery, the recreational & sporting facilities and the two car parks! She fully understood why we are so anti-car parking charges. Let's hope she will influence the right people. On that subject, however, I do need to tell you that the car parking review will NOT now be discussed at the next Area Board meeting to be held on 25th June. There is, apparently, a delay in producing the consultation documents and it looks likely that the matter will now be raised on the

agenda for the Area Board meeting to be held on Wednesday, 25th August. Of course, members of the public are entitled to attend any Area Board meeting to raise issues of concern but if you are eager to 'have your say' about the possible imposition of car parking charges in our two car parks, it may now be better to wait until August. Please view the following website address for possible updates and the agenda: <http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/communityandliving/areboards/southwestwiltshireareboard.htm>

What a lovely day for the church fete at the beginning of June and well done to all the volunteers who worked so hard to make it such a successful day. The sun shone on me when I visited the bottle stall, winning several prizes, some of which I returned, but I kept the wine and vodka – certainly an improvement on last year's bottle prize of a jar of curry sauce! It was nice to see so many people enjoying themselves in the church grounds.

For further information on Parish Council activities, details of meetings and copies of minutes, please go to the Mere website: [www.merewilts.org](http://www.merewilts.org) or contact the Parish Clerk, Mrs. Lindsey Wood, ☎ 01747 860701 or e-mail: [lindseywood@merewilts.org](mailto:lindseywood@merewilts.org)

*Eric Mitchell, Chairman, Mere Parish Council*

## **GEORGE JEANS, WILTSHIRE COUNCILLOR, MERE DIVISION, WRITES**

From 1st April 2010, the charge for the collection of bulky items of rubbish has been harmonised across Wiltshire (increased in our area). 1 to 4 items cost £19.50 then through steps to 9 to 12 items costing £55.10. While we are on harmonisation, I will make a statement at the Wednesday 23rd June meeting near Wilton in South Newton and Wishford Village Hall regarding our wish to keep our car parks in Mere free of charge. The consultation will now be at East Knoyle Village Hall on Wednesday, 25th August 2010. I hope some of you will come, especially to the latter meeting. The PCT will be present on the 23rd June, 2010, should you wish to express a view on access to a NHS dentist, the government (department) says 72 percent of us should have access to a NHS dentist.

I noted that Wiltshire Council signed off a decision which could impact on the advertising of charitable events etc. locally. Upon checking, I find The Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005, which relates to fly-posting only if an authorised officer witnesses an individual in the act of placing an illegal poster. The powers contained in the Town and Country Planning Act and the Highways Act, are unlikely to be enforced if the advert is for Charitable and community events etc. Common sense does prevail, sometimes.

On 6th April, 2010, legislation came into force to allow local Councils to impose Community Infrastructure Levies (CIL) for needed roads etc, This is a developer's contribution to bridge the gap between funds available and those required, and may be a good idea. However, in the present financial situation with a possible increase in new

house prices plus the impact it could have on affordable houses (no new houses means no affordable houses), I am not sure that Wiltshire Council should implement it in the foreseeable future.

## A SENIOR MOMENT

The South West Wiltshire Area Board will be hosting a Fair to focus on the requirements of older people in the Mere, Tisbury and Wilton Community Areas and the services available. It will be held from 3.00 – 7.00 pm in the Nadder Hall, Tisbury on Thursday, 15th July 2010 to:

- Raise awareness of issues concerning older people
- Engage service providers with the Area Board
- Promote services to older people
- Identify key actions to enhance the lives of older people
- Identify avenues to explore opportunities for engagement with older people

### Who will be exhibiting?

Adult Care Services, NHS, carers' groups, nursing and residential accommodation providers, leisure centres, health charities, schools, other public services, support groups, and many others.

### Who should attend?

Everyone who has an interest in the delivery of services for older people in the Mere, Tisbury and Wilton Community Areas – both providers and users.

### Outcomes?

- Greater awareness by service providers of issues concerning older people
- Clearer understanding of the types, depth and extent of services available for older people
- Simpler channels of engagement with older people by public, voluntary and private service providers
- Clearer understanding by older people of the roles of the Area Board and Community Area Partnerships

### What's on offer?

Information about the needs, services and opportunities for older people in the areas, plus:

- Signposting to support
- Lifestyle guidance
- Health screening
- Security advice
- Accommodation and nursing options
- Your chance to influence policy

*Contact Richard Munro, Community Area Manager, for details:  
e-mail: [richard.munro@wiltshire.gov.uk](mailto:richard.munro@wiltshire.gov.uk) ☎ 01985 844825*

## STRUGGLING TO GET TO WORK?

If you or someone you know is over 16 and cannot access a job because of transport problems then the **Wiltshire Wheels to Work** scheme may be able to help.

Wiltshire Wheels to Work is a scheme that provides 50cc scooters, rider training and equipment on a short-term, not-for-profit basis to local people who would otherwise be unable to access work or work-based learning in Wiltshire.

Local communities' charity Community First runs the scheme.

For more information about the Wheels to Work scheme please visit: [www.communityfirst.org.uk/Wheels-to-work.htm](http://www.communityfirst.org.uk/Wheels-to-work.htm) or call ☎ 01380 722475 and ask for either Liam Tatton-Bennett or Sheila Martin.

## WEATHER REPORT

May was a pretty dry month, as we only had 35mms of rain (1.38ins). Last year, we had 32.5mms (1.28ins). In the middle of the month, we had some very hot days, but it did not last. On the last day of the month, we had 12 mms (0.47ins) of rain.

June has been disappointing, starting with over cast skies and so far 14mms of rain (0.55 ins) with no thunder, which had been forecast. We had a dry and quite warm day for the Church Fête with some sun, but not too much. A very pleasant day.

*Peter Durkee*

## MERE SURGERY

### Out of Hours Cover

On the first of April 2010, Wiltshire Primary Care Trust commissioned Wiltshire Medical Services to provide Out of Hours care for our patients. Part of this contract allows patients in this area to continue to be seen at Shaftesbury Treatment Centre during their opening hours, which includes evenings up to 11.00pm and weekends but not overnight.

We have been informed by some patients recently that they have been asked to attend the Treatment Centre in Trowbridge or another centre in Wiltshire rather than being offered to be seen in Shaftesbury.

This is partly because the base for Wiltshire Medical Services is in Chippenham and the initial telephone calls are being handled by staff there, who do not know this area or are not aware of the contract to see patients at the Treatment Centre in Shaftesbury. We have of course taken the matter up directly with Wiltshire Medical Services.

**We would however, encourage all our patients who are asked to attend a Treatment Centre by the Out of Hours Service to ask to be seen in Shaftesbury if this is the most convenient centre for you to travel to.**

I would also ask patients to feed back any problems encountered with the Out of Hours Service to the surgery so that we can pass it onto Wiltshire Medical Services and the Primary Care Trust.

*Angela Pitman, Practice Manager* ☎ 01747 860001

## MERE DENTAL PRACTICE



The practice currently has **NHS appointments** available to anyone in Mere, but Jacquie Barnes is the only dentist seeing new NHS patients

The practice has two Dentists:

**Mr Stephen Sherrard**

**Ms Jacqueline Barnes**

..and one Dental Hygienist:

**Ms Wendy Hester (Mondays only)**

### Contact Details: -

Mere Dental Practice  
Duchy Manor, Springfield Road  
Mere, Wiltshire, BA12 6EW  
☎: 01747 860365

Tuesday 8.45am – 7.00pm (Both Dentists cover evening appts.)

Normal hours (9.00am – 5.30pm on Mon, Wed, Thurs & Friday.)

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

## MERE DENTAL PRACTICE NEWS

It has come to my attention that there is perception that the practice has gone completely private. This is not the case and I would like to reassure you that this is far from the truth. Mere Dental Practice remains committed to the NHS. Jacquie is seeing patients who are either fee paying or exempt patients under the NHS, whilst Stephen continues to see patients who are exempt under the NHS. There are NHS appointments available to people in Mere.

I would like to outline to you the reasons of why the recent changes have occurred. On the 1st April 2006 NHS Dentistry was radically reformed in this country. NHS dentistry funding and running of dental practices was directly placed in the hands of Primary Care Trusts. The idea being that Primary Care Trusts bought NHS services from dentist. Out of this change, "dental contracts" were created, where dentists are awarded an amount of NHS funding from their local Primary Care Trust and in return dentists have to reach a certain level of dental activity set by their local Primary Care Trust. Each individual Primary Care Trust sets the amount that it will pay their local dentists, which is why nationally dentists are no longer paid the same amount unlike pre-April 2006. Also dentists could now mix NHS & private treatment plans, which was previously never

allowed. The latter change was introduced so private dental work would subsidise dentists individual NHS contracts. For the first three years of this new NHS contract the funding was 'ring fenced'. Primary Care Trusts could not use this money for any other reason than NHS dentistry, and it gave dentists time to adjust to the changes in their NHS funding. The 'ring fence' has now been removed and dentists are fighting to maintain their levels of NHS funding within the present economic climate.

Mere Dental Practice remained 98% NHS in this period of time, but now like all the other dental practices in this country we cannot survive solely on NHS funding and have to offer more private dental care. Hence, the reason why Stephen has reduced his fee paying NHS patients and is offering Denplan Care; a budget system which enables people to pay either in instalments for their dental care (not an insurance scheme) or alternatively a 'pay as you go' alternative on a 'fee per item' basis.

In a recent issue of the "Blackmore Vale Magazine", I saw an advert for a Dental Practice offering NHS appointments; I also noticed that within this advert the Denplan logo was displayed. The days of purely a NHS dental practice are sadly no more and unfortunately, Mere Dental Practice has had to adjust to this.

*Francine Sherrard, Practice Manager ☎ 01747 860365*

## **ST MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL, SUMMER FÊTE THANK YOU**

We would like to thank everyone involved in making our summer fête such a wonderful event. So many people were involved that it is not possible to thank you all individually, but our thanks go to the organising team of Colin & Jean Kantharia and Martin & Jean Eyles. Also, to all stall holders, raffle ticket sellers, cake makers, tea servers, gazebo erectors, table carriers, musicians, donators of books, plants & bric-a-brac, raffle prize contributors, fire brigade, P.A. provider, in fact everyone who attended and anyone else who helped to make this years fête so successful. Thank you all.

*Rev'd. Paul Barnes, Pat Isom & Tim Merrell*

### **From the Fête Organisers**

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who contributed to making this event such a success. Stall holders, their helpers, those many local businesses who contributed raffle prizes, plus bottles, cakes, biscuits etc., from many people, organisations who lent their tables, those who put up and took down gazebos etc., and many others to numerous to mention. We took just under £5,000 on the day, a wonderful result.

*Colin, Martin and the 2 Jeans*

### **From the Refreshments Organiser**

I would like to thank all the ladies and gentleman who so kindly made cakes and scones for the church fête refreshments. We had a lovely selection and without your help we would not be able to provide this popular service.

Also, my thanks to the ladies who helped lay up the tables and prepare the cakes in the morning and the ladies and young man who worked so hard serving, washing up and clearing away in the afternoon.

*Judy Bickerstaff*

## **MERE CARNIVAL**

This year's Mere Carnival will be held on Saturday, 18th September.

The committee are still very busy organising what we hope will be a successful carnival and more details of events will be published nearer the time.

*Sue Jeans on behalf of Mere Carnival committee ☎ 01747 860215*

## **LIZ DEAKIN, MEMORIAL SERVICE**

There will be a memorial service in St Michaels Church at 12 Noon on Friday, 23rd July 2010, for the artist Liz Deakin who lived in Mere before emigrating to Australia, but sadly died earlier this year.

*Margaret Fricker 01747 861380*

## **CANCER RESEARCH, MERE BRANCH**

We would like to thank all who supported us at this year's May Fayre. The total raised was £2,502.

*B. Webb ☎ 01747 860588*

## **43rd (WESSEX) DIVISION MEMORIAL SERVICE**

The annual 43rd (Wessex) Division Memorial service and Parade will take place on Sunday 11th July 2010. The Parade will step off from the Salisbury Street car park at 2.30pm and proceed to the area below Castle Hill for a Drumhead Service.

The service is in memory of the men of 43rd (Wessex) Division who gave their lives in Europe 1944/45. Anyone wishing to join the parade will be most welcome.

*Tony Coombes, Secretary  
Devonshire & Dorset Regiment Assn., Gillingham Branch*

## **THE OLD SHIP HOTEL IS AFLOAT AGAIN!**

The Old Ship Hotel has had a rather chequered history from its time as residency of the infamous Sir John Coventry to its recent history of opening and closing to the good folk of Mere. We are now the new 'caretakers' of The Old Ship, for that is what we feel we are....caretakers of a very special building not only in the centre of Mere, but also in the hearts of many of you in the community.

As you read this, we hope that we can keep our promise to those of you who are as passionate about this very special building as we are, and already we have strived to replace the special atmosphere of the Hotel's Lounge Bar together with the paintings, militaria and special feel for which the Hotel is so famous.

We would also like to assure you all that you can count on the Old Ship sailing on for as long as we gain the support and patronage of the community of Mere and surrounding areas. Our great inexpensive menu should be up and running as this goes to print,

together with plans for 'High Teas' with entertainment at The Ship, Cream Teas, Weddings, Christenings, Dinner with entertainment nights etc., etc.. But, we are also very aware that the Old Ship is at the very heart of the Community and therefore if there are any events for which you would like to use the Old Ship, then please don't hesitate to give us a ring and we'll strive to cater for your needs.

*Steve, Mike & Georgie ☎ 01747 860258*

## **MERE SHORT WALKS**

The next two short walks are as follows. Wednesday, 28th July and Monday, 9th August.

Please meet at 2.00pm in the Surgery Car Park for a gentle walk of 3-4 miles around the footpaths of Mere with tea at The Angel Cafe afterwards.

*Janet Way ☎ 01747 860884*

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## MERE TOWN WALK

With MADS

‘The Demon Drink’

Featuring The Temperance Movement in Mere

**Meet by the gates of St Michael’s Church  
on Tuesday, 17th August. Walk from 7.00-9.00pm**

Mere has a fascinating history and a wealth of stories to tell about its past. Following the success of last year’s walks, this year Janet Way and David Hope will be leading a walk centred around the Temperance Movement. The walk will end in the Lecture Hall with a tea meeting where you will be served tea and cake and reminded of the evils of the demon alcohol! **Donations please towards costs.**

More details from:

*Janet Way ☎ 01747 860884 & David Hope ☎ 01747 861364*

## LINKSCHEME LITERARY FESTIVAL

Plans for the 14th Mere Literary Festival from 11th to 17th October are well in hand. The programme is to be launched with our bookstall and first flyers on **Saturday, 31st July** in The Square from 10.00am until 12.30pm.

There is to be a *Write in the Week* competition this year for a short, short story which must include a given word or phrase. The starting pistol will fire on Friday 8th October with details of the required word/phrase being available in local libraries, other outlets, festival events and on the MLF website: [www.merelifest.co.uk](http://www.merelifest.co.uk) The finishing line will be on Friday, 15th October, just one week to write a story of no more than 350 words. Prize winners will be announced on Festival Sunday and there are cash awards. Look out for more details in *Mere Matters* and in the festival’s big green programme in September.

Local authors who would like to promote/sell their books at the awards on Sunday, 17th October can contact the festival organiser as shown below.

*Adrienne Howell ☎ 01747 860475*

## MERE & DISTRICT LINKSCHEME

**Requests for Transport ☎ 01747 860096**

**Annual Report June 2009 - May 2010**

Requests received	1,176
Appointments at Salisbury District Hospital	315
Visits to seriously ill relatives	86
Other hospitals	138
Surgeries, dentists, opticians	305
Other requests	332

We have 33 drivers, 4 of whom were new during the year.

There are 4 co-ordinators, who arrange transport.

The Management Committee for the coming year will be:

Chairman, Tony Taylor

Secretary, Barbara Thomas

Joint Treasurers Bill Pike and Eugene Reed

Other members Allan Inwood, Adrienne Howell, Molly Burden

We are grateful for the donations we have received from users of the Linkscheme and especially to those who have increased their contributions by arranging Gift Aid.

We know that the Linkscheme is greatly valued in Mere and the surrounding villages; if you would like to help, either by driving or in any other way, please contact us.

*Molly Burden* ☎ 01747 860007

## **MERE FILM SHOWS**

At the end of this season we can look back on a year of mixed fortunes as far as the films go. There were some very good films but no real 'blockbusters' this year, except perhaps for 'The Young Victoria' and 'Julie and Julia', although 'The Boys are Back' was certainly one of the best. However, I think one of the highlights must be the very moving documentary added to the June programme, 'Mugabe and the White African' with the discussion afterwards with Lucy Bailey and Andrew Thompson who made the film. I am very grateful to them for coming to us for that very well attended evening.

There will be no films in July and August and we will start our new season in September with a film for Carnival Week on Thursday 16th September and posters will be about and tickets for sale towards the end of August, with full details in the September issue of Mere Matters.

As mentioned last month, the funds in the pot at the end of this season are small and therefore we have decided, with the agreement of the Parish Council, to hold these over to next year, as we did in the previous two years.

Have an excellent summer and let's hope the weather is kind to us all!

*Mary White* ☎ 01747 861257

## **CASTLE HILL QUILTERS**

The months of May and June have been both busy and interesting. Eighteen members and friends visited The American Museum in Britain for a private tour of the Classic American Quilts Exhibition on 27th May. Without exception, everyone enjoyed the day with excellent weather, a beautiful venue and an extremely knowledgeable tour guide. The quilts were quite beautiful. Those new to patchwork and quilting were particularly interested. The exhibition is open until October.

On the 10th June we arranged a tour of the V&A Museum to view the much publicised exhibition Quilts 1700-2010. A very popular and moving exhibition we are so pleased to have seen. There was much debate over tea and cake following our viewing and the chance to buy fabric and quilting books.

Our meeting on the 24th June, a workshop to make a simple hexagon cushion called A Country Garden, very apt after the hustle and bustle of the excursion to London, brought our first year to a close.

We will meet again on Wednesday, 15th September following two garden parties in July and August. We now have a website: [castlehillquilters.org.uk](http://castlehillquilters.org.uk) and you can contact me by e-mail at: [info@castlehillquilters.org.uk](mailto:info@castlehillquilters.org.uk) or by telephone (see below).

*Carol Lord ☎ 01747 861923*

## **MERE WOMEN'S INSTITUTE**

At the National Federation AGM on 2nd June, the WI resolution to urge HM Government to introduce clear and mandatory 'Country of Origin' labelling on all meat, poultry and fish products sold in this country was carried by 6,273 votes for, to 55 against.

At our meeting in June we had an informative talk and presentation: "Travelling in Thailand for Tearcraft", with some attractive and well made items for sale.

July will be a busy month. We have our monthly meeting on Thursday, 1st July, a visit to Orcas Manor House on Thursday, 15th and **A COFFEE MORNING on Thursday 29th from 10.00am until 12 Noon in the Grove Buildings**. Please support us.

Our Garden Meeting in August this year will NOT be a meeting in a member's garden, but a visit to Snapes Cottage Garden in Bourton, on Monday 19th July.

*Sheila Shotter ☎ 01747 861771*

## **MOTHERS' UNION & OPEN MEMBER'S GROUP**

Thank you to everyone who supplied cakes for the cake stall at the St Michael's Fete in June, which was a great success.

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday 13th July at 2.30pm in the Grove Buildings. The speaker will be Felicity Jones and her subject: "Relationships around the table, with ideas for picnics".

Our following meeting will be in September, with more information about the programme for that meeting later.

*Thelma Ings ☎ 01747 860262*

## **ROSEMARY GODDARD CENTRE (RGC)**

**Mere and District Day Centre, Lynch Close**

**10.30am to 3.00pm on Mondays & 10.30am to 4.00pm on Fridays**

The Rosemary Goddard Centre is in urgent need of voluntary drivers to help with the transport of Guests once a month on a Monday. We are also looking for volunteers to deliver lunches and return the food container, once a month on a Monday or a Friday, from and to Fives Court Residential Home in Angel Lane. If you can spare up to an hour a month then please contact Lynette at the number below.

This request got me wondering. Not so long ago volunteers were found from the 40 to 50 year age group, but they now return back to work. Nowadays the volunteers are in the 60 to 70 year age group. In the future, due to pension problems, people will have to work into their 70s, and as we are all going to live to be 100, there will be a greater need to keep people independent, active and stimulated, there will be more need for Day Centres, but where are the volunteers going to come from ..... who is going to look after me when I'm 80? Just a thought.

*Lynette Elliott 📞 01747 861646*

### **Dates for your diaries:**

- Saturday, 26th and Sunday 27th June, 2.00-5.00pm, Mere Open Gardens Tickets available from Mere Information Centre, and on the days from 1.00 pm at the Clock Tower or Reeves Acre, Pettridge Lane.
- Friday, 2nd July 'Not the Independence Day Street Party' held at Lynch Close, 2.00-4.00pm
- Monday, 5th July, 2.00 pm, Annual General Meeting, Community Room, Lynch Close  
*Caroline Cook ☎ 01747 861797*

## FRIENDS OF FIVES COURT

We did it! News hot off the press is that an application by the Friends of Fives Court to The Grassroots Community Foundation for a grant of close to £5,000 for the garden project has been awarded IN FULL! It is extremely good news and means that, together with a Wiltshire Council Community Area Grant for £1,500, and the £1,400 we have raised so far under our own steam with your help, we are in a position to set the wheels in motion.

This does not mean that fund-raising will cease! The project has been growing rather like the garden we plan to install, and there are now substantial extra additions we would like to make to it, such as guide hand-rails which would enable Residents to access the garden more easily and safely, and a garden shed in which to store the tools Residents will need for their gardening activities. But we are moving into a more constructive stage in every sense of that word!

Please don't forget our Autumn Fair, to take place on **Saturday, 11th September at 2.00pm**, at which we shall need things to sell, such as garden produce, preserves and pickles of all sorts, cakes etc. So as you enjoy your husbandry and harvesting through the summer months, please save something for us! Thank you!

*Jenny Wilding* 📞 01747 860908

## MERE GARDENING CLUB

### “What the Judges Look For” with Philip Powell

Our next meeting is on Wednesday 14th July at 7.30pm in the Grove Buildings.

Philip, who recently moved to Mere, will be giving us tips on how to prepare for our Annual Show. Before moving here he ran his own nursery and was involved with Cheddar show in Somerset, so he is very familiar with the requirements for show exhibits. **Visitors welcome.**

### **Thursday, 1st July. Mere School Show , 2.30 – 3.30pm**

Last year's show was a delight so do try and get along if you missed it last year. Even better enter the sections for Gardening Club members:

7. Five broad bean pods
8. The tastiest peas (school pupils to judge)
9. Floral Art: An arrangement for the Mad Hatter's tea party.

### **Sunday, 25th July. Members visit to Gants Mill, Bruton**

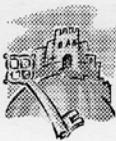
Meet at 1.00pm in Salisbury Street car park to share lifts. Cost £7 including tea and tour. Please let Janet know if you intend to come. Telephone number below.

### **Wednesday 11th August. Members visit to Highgrove**

### **Annual Show on Saturday, 4th September**

This will be held in the Lecture Hall at 2.30pm. Schedules are available from Sam's Flower shop and Janet Way, and include a new category in the Floral Art Section for Businesses to promote themselves, and more open categories with new ones for children, so everyone can join in the fun.

*Janet Way* 📞 01747 860884



UNLOCKING HISTORY

## MERE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

VISIT Four: Thursday 16th September 2010

### Yandles of Martock

Yandles is the name of a timber merchant and sawmill established in Martock in 1860, which grew into a thriving business particularly concerned with making coffin boards from elm. In the middle of the twentieth century the supply of their raw material disappeared with the onset of Dutch Elm disease and the company had to diversify. It found its way into the growing crafts and hobby woodworking world. Though it remains a working sawmill and continues to supply timber goods, its old buildings now house a splendid tool shop and timber store for the hobbies and do-it-yourself market, together with a comprehensive craft materials department and a gallery of wonderful items created by local artists and craftspeople.

On arrival at Yandles, we will be given a talk by David Mountstephen, who has followed his father as managing director of the company, and has a wealth of knowledge of the history of the company, the town and the surrounding area. Then we will have a tour of some of the workshops following which there will be time for you to wander through the stores, the gallery and to take tea in the cafe, (which does exceedingly good home-made cakes).

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

**Cost:** MHS Members £10.00, non MHS members £12.00, per person

**Booking forms available from Mere Information Point**

***Please send your booking to Ros Castro ☎ 01747 861957***

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***NB Visit THREE to Mells, on Friday 23rd July: to check if places are still available, please call Caroline Cook ☎ 01747 861797***

## MERE MUSEUM

Our new exhibition is about coins, entitled (with no great originality I'm afraid) 'Money Money Money!' There was a large find of Roman coins in Mere in the mid-nineteenth century (about which we shall tell you more) and this was really the jumping-off point for the exhibition. The Museum has some of these coins in its collection, and many more which have been found in and around Mere ever since.

The exhibition will feature other aspects of coins, such as Maundy money, and tokens – an official but technically illegal form of coinage, which has a long history. The Museum's collection has been enhanced by generous loans from one or two local collectors and will range from Roman, through medieval to 20th- and 21st-century money.

Come and see how we have made an exhibition of objects that can be as tiny as 16mm across and 1mm thick! The exhibition will open to the public on Tuesday, 29th June.

*Jenny Wilding ☎ 01747 860908*

## **FRIENDS OF MERE MUSEUM**

It would be hard to match the drama of last month's Friends' news, so we won't even try. But there is an imminent **Friends' Preview** event looming. This is the opening of the new exhibition: 'Money money money!' on **Monday, 28th June at 6.30pm**.

As always, we hope to see lots of you then and, if you have a friend or neighbour who might like to become involved in this dynamic group, please bring them along. Our friendly Treasurer is always on hand with a membership form!

*Jenny Wilding ☎ 01747 860908*

## **GROVE BUILDINGS RESTORATION FUND**

The Result of the '100' Club Draw for June, drawn after Family Communion service on 6th May by Mrs Carol Lord, was:

1st Prize	(£30)	-	No. 110	Mr R Hiscock
2nd Prize	(£20)	-	No. 163	Mr P Dethick
3rd Prize	(£10)	-	No. 46	Miss S Brown
4th Prize	(£10)	-	No. 118	Generously Returned

Dear generous, loyal supporters of the Grove Building "100 Club", I am afraid it's subscription time again! Half of me enjoys this time of year and the other half hates it! I enjoy seeing everyone, but hate asking for your £12. However, we can be so proud of our efforts. The new look Grove Building is a joy and although we can't take all the credit, we do help pay towards the upkeep, which is vital. If you would like to continue your membership, I should be truly delighted, but would totally understand if you decided to call it a day. I am so grateful for your support, past and present. Any new members are always welcome in September, and if you would like to join us please contact me.

*Valerie Ransley ☎ 01747 860964*

## **MERE AMATEUR DRAMATIC SOCIETY (MADS)**

The AGM is done and dusted, and our thoughts (on automatic pilot we must confess) turn to the Autumn Production, though in truth, we want a really good summer first! Play readings will take place through the summer months, and anyone interested is warmly welcomed to come along and take part.

The dates have not been settled at the time of going to press (neither has the play, obviously), but a very good way of discovering all is to come along to MAD's next monthly meeting, on **Monday 12th July at 8.00pm** in the Drama Room, Lecture Hall.

*Jenny Wilding ☎ 01747 860908*

**REMEMBER! COPY DATE FOR THE SEPTEMBER ISSUE  
MONDAY 16th AUGUST 2010**

## **MERE SNOOKER CLUB**

We are still welcoming new members, whether experienced players or beginners. Membership and table fees are very reasonable, so for details please contact me.

*Kevin Smith, Secretary ☎ 01747860305*

## **MERE BOWLS CLUB**

Having advised in my last article that we were to play Bowls Wiltshire, I now have to tell my readers that we had postpone the match due to a failure with our irrigation system for the green. This led to large areas of the green not getting any water for a very long time due to a loss of pressure. Eventually, a total failure of the system meant no water was getting to the green at all, and during the hot spell in May the green suffered to the extent that it was unsuitable for the county team to play on – had we gone ahead with the match we may have earned a reputation we do not want.

In mid-May we played the first of our internal club competitions, namely the Triples; a full and very hot days bowling was enjoyed by all of the six teams taking part: the championship eventually being won by the team of Maureen McCormack, Pauline Woods and Mike Oram.

It is not too late for any prospective new members to join the Club, just turn up at the pavilion inside the school grounds any Tuesday evening from 18.00hrs onwards when we hold our 'Club Night' and any member will be more than pleased to show you round. They will offer you a cup of tea, a chat about bowls and a practice session – please remember to bring a pair of flat shoes.

For any information regarding the club, please contact Alan Inwood ☎ 01985-844215, Shaun Woods ☎ 01747-861707, or me, Don Butchers.

*Don Butchers, Club Secretary ☎ 01747-860219*

## **MERE CROQUET CLUB**

The season has got off to a very good start and we have been pleased to have several new and enthusiastic members joining the ranks.

Having got the Croquet side of things well established we are now pressing ahead to build the Boule (Petanque) Court and hope to see this in action before the end of the season. Once operative we will be welcoming people to give it a try, or perhaps relive their holiday experiences. Progress on this project will be further publicised.

The Club is looking forward to assisting at a fund raising event for The Rosemary Goddard Centre when there will be Croquet on the lawn at Reeves Acre in Pettridge Lane. By the time this goes to press the event will have taken place but we wish the organisers every success in supporting such a worthy cause.

Looking ahead, we will once again be the guests of The Lytes Cary Croquet Club on Saturday, 4th September. Why not come along to Lytes Cary Manor on the day and cheer the Mere contingent on, it is a very beautiful venue and well worth a visit.

The Club regularly plays on Saturday and Sunday afternoons and we are always very happy to welcome visitors who would like to come along and give it try. In addition to the telephone number shown below, you can also contact me by e-mail: [rexroberts@ba126ed.fsnet.co.uk](mailto:rexroberts@ba126ed.fsnet.co.uk) *Rex Roberts* ☎ 01747 860873

## MERE TOWN YOUTH FOOTBALL CLUB

Neil Francis thanked all the parents and club members attending the Presentation Evening, with special thanks to Jean Young and Eric Mitchell for presenting the awards. A full list is displayed on the Notice Board outside the Post Office.

Neil reported that he had seen all the teams play during the season and was very proud of the players dedication, skills and efforts. There are 7 youth teams and 2 adult teams. The League results have been very favourable.

The three main trophies were awarded to:

The Andy Young Award for Merit .-	Tom Harvey
Dedication Award -	Michael Gatehouse
Clubman of the Year -	Mrs Julie Hodge

Julie has 3 sons playing in 3 different teams but can always be relied on to cope with the refreshments and making visiting teams feel very welcome.

In concluding the evening, Neil said he would be standing down as Chairman at the AGM but would remain as a manager and coach and looked forward to everyone's support when the new season starts.

*Gladys W Pope, Press Officer, MTYFC* ☎ 01747 860887

## 1st MERE BROWNIES

### Mobile Phone appeal

We thank everyone very much for supporting our appeal for unwanted mobile phones.

We are continuing to recycle unwanted mobile phones. (They do not have to be working. Accessories and charger not necessary, but it is advisable to remove the SIM card). Collection points for your mobile phone contributions are at: Waltons Newsagent, The Post Office, Mere Library, Jeans Electrical Shop and Jeans Chapel Showroom.

Money raised will assist our unit funds and particularly our Girlguiding Centenary celebrations.

*Sue Jeans, Brownie Guider* ☎ 01747 860215

## MERE SCHOOL SUMMER FAYRE

What looks to be an exciting and lively summer Fayre will be held at Mere school on Saturday 10th July. The school gates open from 1.00 – 4.00 pm to a variety of

entertaining stalls including the ever popular bouncy castle, beat the goalie, crockery smash, teddy bear raffle, bottle/tombola stall, treasure map, phoenix cards, tattoos and face painting.

Among other organised entertainment, daring teachers and parents are in for a soaking in the stocks with 'throw a wet sponge'! A variety of smaller side stalls will be there for youngsters to enjoy and spend their pocket money. To quench the thirst and settle those rumbling tums there will be a burger van, an ice cream stall, a cake stall and teas/coffees. Come for lunch and make an afternoon of it!

All profits will go to the 'the Friends' (PFTA) who organise activities and equipment to benefit the pupils. We hope to see you there for a fun packed afternoon – your support will be much appreciated.

### **Appeal for teddies and old china!**

Many thanks to those of you who have already donated teddies and crockery for the school Fayre but **we still need more!** If you have any teddies in a clean and reasonable condition who need a new and loving home and/or any old or damaged crockery that has seen better days then please call Louise Harlow ☎ 01747 860647 or Valda Hambledon ☎ 01747 861038 to arrange for collection or pop items into the school ☎ 01747 860515 in Springfield Road.

### **And finally another fundraiser ...**

Each term Mere School raises funds with a scheme for getting rid of unwanted textile items. Similar to the door-step scheme where charity bin bags are posted through our doors, the school has an arrangement with a partnership company who weigh and buy donated bags of unwanted clothes etc. They then present the school with a cheque as a fund raiser. This year we are appealing to the local community to help us with this scheme. The money raised goes toward taking the whole school on a trip to the pantomime in Salisbury – a very special and memorable Christmas treat for all pupils. So if you are having a clear out this summer and have any unwanted adults/children's **clothing, bedding, curtains, shoes, belts, bags or soft toys (sorry no bric-a-brac)** or if you know an organisation who has excess jumble from a summer sale, please fill a bin bag (or more) in time for early Sept. Please call Louise Harlow ☎ 01747 860647 or Valda Hambledon ☎ 01747 861038 nearer the time for details of the collection date or to arrange for collection from your home.

**Many thanks for your anticipated support to any of these fund raisers.**

*Louise Harlow ☎ 01747 860647*

# MERE SCHOOL

June 2010

KS2 have had a football tournament to raise money for a water pipe in The Sudan. Our teams were named after the countries in Africa. Zach Hillier's team lost in the final, but he said: "We all had a blast!" Red class also had a sale to raise money for our link school in The Sudan and their water pipe. They had loads of stalls and with the football tournament managed to raise over £300. Everyone had a good time and hope that the Sudan school have a nice time with clean water.

Years 4 and 5 are extremely lucky to be taking part in a singing workshop to prepare them for a concert in Salisbury Cathedral. Mr Wicks teaches us every afternoon with some help from Mrs Harlow. We look forward to singing in the Cathedral in a few weeks time.

Thomas Chapman and Joseph Ralph have been nominated to represent Mere School at the Cluster Schools Parliament. The Parliament hope to encourage parents to get more involved with their children at school. The first session was at The Royal Chase Hotel in Shaftesbury and we played some games to get to know each other.

Last month green class had an Egyptian day. They had great fun and learned loads. Sean liked the big mummy and Alisha liked making jewellery.

We have just had a visit from The Life Bus and all the classes visited it. Mitchell, in blue class liked Harold the Giraffe because 'he was funny and cool!' Poppy and Katie said it was fun to learn about their bodies. Red class learned about drugs and alcohol. Harry said 'It was very interesting because I learnt more about the dangers of smoking'.

We are very lucky to have a new science area to look at nature and go pond dipping. We are also completing a Bumble Bee survey because they are becoming extinct. Our science club have made bird and owl boxes that look fantastic. Red class have made bag gardens. Mr Perry has set up a question board with different ones for us to answer. Here is one - How many different colours of flowers/plants can you find? A big thank you to Mr Perry, Mr Newman and Mr Drake who have made this area for us.

Purple class went to Pencelli just before half term and had a great time. They climbed, canoed, caved, abseiled and went orienteering. Bryony said: "It was sad leaving my mum but it was really fun on the bus. Activities were fun and scary!" Jack also said: "I liked the caving because it was really cold and you had to go chest deep into the water."

We have just come to the end of sports week. Pete came into school and did some Karate with us and a lady called Jackie helped us with our gymnastics. Every morning we did 'Wake and Shake' with Mrs Tealey. We also had sports day during the week and a sponsored obstacle course. There was also a speed stacking competition. Luckily, it did not rain but we were all exhausted! Thank you to Mr Marshall for organising this all for us.

Caribbean day is on Thursday, 8th July and that means we will do everything in Caribbean style. We will dress up, make mocktails (cocktails without the alcohol), Caribbean art, dance and steel drumming. We hope this is the best day ever!

*Red Class*



## Footprints Update

Now the sun is finally here we have headed outside, running activities from planting pea seeds to finding toys in cold pasta, to give the children lots of outdoor fun and learning experiences. In May we started 'Fun with Food', a course from Wiltshire Family Learning; aimed at pre-school children and their parents/carers - it has proved lots of fun for those attending. The emphasis is on making food, but also with a big focus on the importance of talking, playing and singing with your children. We were thrilled when Wiltshire Family Learning asked us to host this course, because we were sure it would offer something new and exciting for you. We know, from talking to attendees, that it's been a big success. We'll explore opportunities for similar courses, so do keep your eyes peeled for details, ring us to find out what's coming up, or just let us know what you want us to run.

We have now held two more Messy Saturdays out and about in our area; one at Whitesheet School and one in Maiden Bradley. At both sessions, it was great to welcome new families; over the last few months we have seen lots of families, some new and some familiar faces, but we are always keen for anyone who hasn't visited us yet to come and say hello. We are open every weekday for drop-in sessions; come in with your little ones for a play with the toys and some refreshments - why not bring a friend or two and have a good old natter in a friendly, relaxing environment.

I know that many little ones took advantage of our face painting presence at the Church Fête. Thanks to Kate for giving up her Saturday, as well as to Tamsyn and Colin, without whose kindly offered assistance we could not have so readily supported the Church's event.

### What's coming up in July/August

All our activities are detailed in our latest leaflet, which is available from Footprints and a wide range of venues across the region. Key highlights are:

- Bumps and Babes, a small group of new parents meeting every Tuesday morning at Footprints. We are always delighted to welcome expectant or new parents, who can enjoy a chat and cuppa as they support each other through the wonderful, but sometimes tricky, first months of babydom: the babies love getting together, too! Come and have your baby weighed on Tuesday, 6th July with Community Nursery Nurse, Sandy Hillier.
- The very popular 'Crafty Kids' at Footprints on **Wednesdays from 10.00am-12.00noon.**
- If you haven't been to **Scrapstore** before, it is well worth a visit on **Monday, 26th July** and **Monday, 23rd August** – there's loads of materials for a themed activity in the centre. Materials can also be bought at very low cost for crafty activities at home too. The crafty materials, which would otherwise be thrown away, are all donated by local companies, so it is saved from landfill, to provide exciting activities for children. And if any **local companies** have materials that they think could be useful to Scrapstore then I can put you in touch with one another.

You may also like to know that our **computer suite** will remain open and available for use. As long as the room is not pre-booked you are welcome just to turn up, to access the internet, word processing, etc, and we are happy to assist with job applications, job centre plus web searches, interview advice etc. Children/teenagers must be accompanied, please.

### **Your Children's Centre needs you!**

Did you know that you can have a say in how your local Children's Centre is run? We constantly seek your feedback, as Children's Centres are for the community in which they are based and it is families and professionals who inform us what is needed. We are currently putting together a 'Have Your Say' notice board with a suggestion box in Footprints to collect all of your great ideas. It will give options that we might offer you, and you can also suggest activities you would like to see if we haven't thought of them ourselves.

We need the views of those who use our services and those who don't, so that we can ensure we are providing services for all. If you would like to get involved with any aspect of the Children's Centre, please contact us or come into the office to find out more.

With the summer holidays just around the corner, we are now finalising an exciting programme of summer holiday activities – look out for some fun events happening in Mere and out and about in the villages.

### **And Finally**

On an individual level, there is good news and some less good news for Footprints. The good news is that Danielle has now had her little boy, Riley, who was born at home on 29th May. Mother and son are reported to be doing well and I know that those of you who know her will be thrilled for her.

Less good for Footprints, but good for her, is that Kate will be leaving us and will be heading off for an exciting new life in Dublin where her husband's work is taking him. She will still be with us for a while until everything relating to her move is fully arranged, but I know that she has given so much to so many of you through her passion and commitment to her work in Footprints. We are happy for her as she sets out on this new episode to her life, but we have sad hearts at her departure. Good luck, Kate. And we will update, in the next edition of Mere Matters, on the alternative arrangements to fill the gap that Kate will inevitably leave.

*Jane Batten Acting Centre Manager 📞 01747 861108*

## **BARN BUDDIES, MESSY CHURCH & MESSY SUNDAY**

Barn Buddies will continue every Friday evening throughout the summer, from 6.30pm until 8.00pm. If you have children who are going to start in year 2 in September, why not bring them to Barn Buddies during the holidays.

Messy Church will NOT meet on Fridays in July or August.

Messy Sunday will meet at the Grove Buildings from 10.30am on Sundays, 25th July and 29th August.

For further details, please contact me.

*Tim Merrell* ☎ 01747 860195.

## **REV'D CHRIS MOORSOM, RECTOR OF UPPER STOUR, WRITES**

### **Moving on, moving in.**

There's been a lot of moving on or moving in over the last few weeks: a new Prime Minister moving into No.10 and the former one moving on; a new cabinet and a change of style of government, with a coalition finding ways of working together that seems to be fresh and promising. Change is of course an essential part of life, and yet we can easily see it as an unwelcome threat, to be ignored, or avoided. Yet without it, the world could not exist, human life could not have developed, the Church could not have been born, Christian faith would become stale or lifeless. Change can be welcomed, if it brings hope and new life. So I'd like to tell you briefly about some changes in the ministry for some of our churches that are recent or imminent:

1) The Rev'd. Tim Heaton, Curate in Upper Stour, is about to begin a new chapter in his ministry journey: he is to be ordained Priest on Saturday 3rd July at Salisbury Cathedral at 11.00 a.m. A coach is being organised by Sheila Williams, (01747 840220) if anyone would like to come along. Bring a Picnic lunch for afterwards on the Cathedral Green (or if wet, in the cloisters). He is then presiding at his first Parish Communion at St. George's Bourton on Sunday 4th July. Then he will be starting an extended placement in the parishes of Gillingham and Milton on Stour, working with Rev'd. Peter Greenwood, the new Priest in Charge there. It is expected that he will return to join the ministry team in this area once again, at the end of this period.

2) The Revd. Ros Hollingsworth received her Final Ordination at Portsmouth on 26th June, marking the next stage in her ministry in this region.

3) The new URC Minister has been appointed, the Reverend Elizabeth Kemp; she will be inducted in Blandford on Saturday 31st July and her first service in Mere will be on Sunday 1st August. We look forward to welcoming her to our Churches Together fellowship soon after that.

No doubt changes of various kinds will affect our own lives and communities over the coming months and years, some more welcome than others. Such changes demand some adjustment from all involved, and this can prove challenging and sometimes painful. But the lesson we can draw from the birth of the Church at Pentecost, is that it needed such changes for the disciples to be open to the new things God wanted to do with them. If Jesus had not gone to the Father, then how could they have received His Spirit and begun the explosion of creativity that launched the early Church?

So as we pray for those moving on, moving in, or facing changes of many kinds, let's aim to be open to the new growth and opportunities that arise, and ask the Holy Spirit to be our guide and inspiration for whatever the future brings.

## PRAYING THE GOSPELS

### Quiet Gospel-based Prayer open to all

We meet at 7.30pm (finishing by 8.30pm) in the Upper Room in the Grove Buildings.

### On Wednesday 28th July

Reflecting on the Gospel stories relating to Lazarus, Martha and Mary (whose day is on Tuesday) and how they may apply in our own lives.

### On Wednesday 25th August

This meditation will focus on some of the teaching and healing encounters in Mark chapter 7 (which is set for reading at evening prayer during this week)

*Paul Barnes ☎ 01747 863313 Ross & Judith Thompson ☎ 01747 860553*

## OPEN DAY

**A warm welcome awaits you at**

**MERE UNITED REFORMED CHURCH**

**on Saturday 21st August**

**from 10.30am to 4.30pm**

**Light refreshments served all day plus various stalls etc.**

**Please join us**

## AFTERNOON GET TOGETHER

There will be no gathering during July and August, but we shall meet again on Wednesday 29th September at 2.30pm as usual. See you there!

*Mary Siderfin ☎ 01747 861370*

## FAIRPLAY FOR AFRICA

As I write this, the country is in Football Fever and the eyes of the World are on Africa.

How about supporting thousands of producers and their families by buying some their products bearing the FAIR TRADE Mark?

You could light up a 'Braai' with a BBQ containing charcoal from Namibia and nibble on a range of delicious dried or fresh fruits.

Wash your meal down with Fair Trade beer or South African wine, juice or a fresh cuppa of African Gold tea!

And for all those young football fanatics, how about a Fairly Traded Football?

Pop in to the Coffee Morning at the URC on 17th July or at the Catholic Church and St Michael's on the first Sunday of the month to support the Traidcraft Stalls and show your support for Africa.  
*Janet Way ☎ 01747 860884*



Everyone is welcome to come to a Coffee Morning and Bring and Buy sale in aid of Suchana on Tuesday 27th July from 10.30am – 12.00 noon at 14 Prospect Place (Carole Marshall's house).

It is now a year since we started up a Mere support group for Suchana - a health and education programme for very disadvantaged children in West Bengal, India. In that time, we have managed to raise £2,334.55, through fund-raising events, and also a number of very generous donations. We have just received their Annual Report for 2009-10, an exciting wish list for 2010-11 and a statement of accounts which shows that in the 8-month period from August 2009-March 2010, the Mere group raised 1/8 of the total amount raised for the project, contributing very significantly to its recent key developments.

Suchana now has its own building with a small library which is open 7 days a week and available for private study and support, as well as for a wide variety of special teaching projects (previously it ran only 2 ½ days a week). Hopes for the future include building a clinic and latrines, as well as an upstairs with more teaching space, and a solar power system – to avoid interruptions caused by power cuts. Short term goals include increasing the number of teaching sessions and the book supply, and producing more books in the children's mother tongue, as well as publishing some of their own writing – all of which help to build up confidence. So, you can see your support makes a real difference! A very big thank-you to all who have supported us so far and to all who will do so in the future!  
*Ross & Judith & Mark ☎ 01747 860553*



**ONE WORLD FAIR**  
**23rd October 2010**  
**11.00am – 3.00pm**  
**In the Grove Buildings**

### **Book a Stall Now for your Organisation!**

A reminder of this special 'Fair' which has two aims. It is designed both to celebrate One World Week, and also to enable you to buy or order a range of fairly-traded gifts, cards and goods ready for Christmas.

There will be singing and dancing as well as refreshments and all sorts of information celebrating the rich diversity of the 'One World' we live in. An event to cheer you up in spite of the approach, at that time, of dark winter evenings!

To make it a success we need lots of stalls, so please encourage anyone you know who is involved in any organisation which aims to support Fair Trade or/and justice and peace in the wider world to book a stall. This can be to sell things, or for information and publicity. There is no charge for stalls – just a booking fee to be returned to you on the day. To book or find out more, please contact either of us:

*Janet Way ☎ 01747 860884 & Judith Thompson ☎ 01747 860553*

## **CHURCH SERVICES IN MERE AND WEST KNOYLE**

### **July 2010**

**The Parish Church, St Michael the Archangel: ☎ 01747 863313**

<b>Each Sunday</b>		8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)
<b>Each Wednesday</b>		10.30am	Holy Communion (BCP)
<b>Each Friday</b>		8.00am	Holy Communion (CW1)
		5.30pm	Evening Prayer
Sunday	4th	10.30am	Family Communion with Baptism
Wednesday	7th	6.00pm	Start the Month Holy Communion (BCP)
Sunday	11th	10.30am	Parish Communion (CW1) with Visiting preacher (Mission Aviation Fellowship)
	18th	10.30am	Parish Communion (CW1)
Sunday	25th	10.30am	Parish Communion (CW1)

**The United Reformed Church**

**Mere Contact: Mrs E Burfitt: ☎ 01747 860685)**

Sunday	4th	11.00am	Rev'd John Page
	11th	11.00am	Rev'd Margaret Laurie
			Holy Communion
	18th	11.00am	Mandy Hibbert
	25th	11.00am	David Webb
	31st	3.00pm	Induction of Rev'd Elizabeth Kemp in Blandford

**The Methodist Church (☎ Gillingham 01747 823777)**

**Mere Contact: Mrs M Siderfin: ☎ 01747 861370**

Sunday	4th	6.00pm	Rev'd Ros Hollingsworth
			Holy Communion
	11th	6.00pm	Mission Sunday with Bill and Rosemary Rettie, AIM International

Sunday	18th	6.00pm	Mr Stanley Wilson
	25th	6.00pm	Rev'd Colin Marsh

**The Roman Catholic Church, St Mary's. (☎ Warminster 01985 212329 – Fr. Bede Rowe)**

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

Every Friday	10.00am	Mass
Every Sunday	11.30am	Mass

Childrens Liturgy Service on the 2nd Sunday of the month

On the 1st 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	4th	9.25am	Choral Matins
	11th	9.25pm	Holy Communion (CW1 trad)
	18th	9.25am	Holy Communion (CW1 trad)
	25th	9.25am	Holy Communion (CW1 trad)

Note: BCP indicates Book of Common Prayer 1662

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

## **CHURCH SERVICES IN MERE AND WEST KNOYLE**

### **August 2010**

**The Parish Church, St Michael, The Archangel ☎ 01747 863313**

Each Sunday		8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)
Each Wednesday		10.30am	Holy Communion (BCP)
Each Friday		8.00am	Holy Communion (CW1)
		5.30pm	Evening Prayer
Sunday	1st	10.30am	Family Communion (CW1)
		6.00pm	Evening Prayer with Hymns
Wednesday	4th	6.00pm	"Start the month" Holy Communion (BCP)
Sunday	8th	10.30am	Parish Communion (CW1)
	15th	10.30am	Benefice Communion at St Mary's West Knoyle
	22nd	10.30am	Parish Communion (CW1)
	29th	10.30am	Choral Matins (BCP)

**The United Reformed Church**

**Mere Contact: Mrs E Burfitt, ☎ 01747 860685**

Sunday	1st	11.00am	Rev'd Elizabeth Kemp Holy Communion
	8th	10.45am	Rev'd Stella Sivour

Sunday	15th	11.00am	Rev'd Hazel Barkham
	22nd	11.00am	Rev'd John Page
	29th	11.00am	Rev'd Elizabeth Kemp

**The Methodist Church (☎ 01747 823777)**

**Mere Contact: Mrs M Siderfin: ☎ 01747 861370**

Sunday	1st	6.00pm	United Service at Sturminster Methodist Church
	8th	6.00pm	Rev'd Ros Hollingsworth
	15th	6.00pm	Rev'd Helen Caine
	22nd	6.00pm	Mr Ken Harvey
	29th	6.00pm	Rev'd Mark Davenport

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	8th	9.25am	DIY
	15th	10.30am	Benefice Service, Patronal Festival
	22nd	9.25am	Holy Communion (CW1 trad)
	29th		NO service

Note: BCP indicates Book of Common Prayer

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## DIARY DATES FOR JULY 2010

1	Thurs	9.30am	Tiddlers & Toddlers Group (also 8th, 15th & 22nd)	L
		10.00am	Mere Art Group (every Thursday)	MH
		2.00pm	Bridge Club (every Thursday)	L
		2.30pm	Mere School Show	School
		7.00pm	1st Mere Guides	L
		7.30pm	Womens Institute	GB
		7.30pm	Shreen Harmony (every Thursday)	CC
2	Fri	2.00pm	Street Party, Rosemary Goddard Centre	Lynch
		6.30pm	Barn Buddies (every Friday)	BSF
3	Sat	10.30am	Drop in Coffee Morning	CC
4	Sun	2.00pm	Mere Footpaths Group walk	CP
5	Mon	9.30am	Tiddlers & Toddlers Group (also 12th, &19th)	L
		2.00pm	AGM Rosemary Goddard Centre	Lynch

5	Mon	6.00pm	Beaver Scouts	YC
		6.45pm	Cub Scouts	GB
		7.00pm	Scouts	YC
		7.00pm	Slimming World (Every Monday)	L
		7.30pm	Parish Council Meeting (small room)	L
6	Tues	9.30am	Aerobics (also 13th & 20th)	L
		10.30am	Mere Carers Group	Com. Lounge, Lynch Close
		6.00pm	Funky Feet Dance Club (every Tuesday)	L
7	Wed	9.30am	Tai Chi (Every Wednesday)	GB
		6.00pm	Karate (every Wednesday)	L
		7.15pm	Church Meeting	CC
8	Thurs	5.00pm	Rainbows (also 15th)	GB
		6.15pm	Brownies (also 15th)	GB
		7.30pm	1st Mere Guides (also 15th)	GB
9	Fri	10.00am	Merely Women (also 23rd)	GB
10	Sat	10.30am	Drop in Coffee Morning	CC
		1.00pm	Mere School Summer Fayre	School
11	Sun	2.30pm	43rd (Wessex) Division Memorial Service	CP
12	Mon	8.00pm	Mere Amateur Dramatics Society (Drama Room)	L
13	Tues	9.00am	Footcare Clinic	L
		2.30pm	Mothers Union	GB
		7.30pm	St Michaels PCC meeting	GB
14	Wed	2.00pm	Whist	GB
		7.30pm	Mere gardening Club	GB
17	Sat	10.30am	Drop in Coffee Morning + Traidcraft Stall	CC
24	Sat	10.30am	Drop in Coffee Morning + RGC Bric a Brac	CC
25	Sun	10.30am	Messy Sunday	GB
		2.00pm	Mere Footpaths Group walk	CP
27	Tues	9.00am	Footcare Clinic	L
28	Wed	1.45pm	'Friends Together'	GB
		2.00pm	Mere Short Walk	CP
29	Thurs	10.00am	Womens Institute Coffee Morning	GB
31	Sat	10.00am	Literary Festival Bookstall	The Square
		10.30am	Drop in Coffee Morning	CC

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2	Mon	7.00pm	Slimming World (every Monday)	L
3	Tues	6.00pm	Funky Feet Dance Club (every Tuesday)	L
4	Wed	6.00pm	Karate – Adult sessions (every Wednesday)	L
5	Thurs	10.00am	Art Group (every Thursday)	MH
		2.00pm	Bridge Club (every Thursday)	L
		7.30pm	Shreen Harmony (every Thursday)	CC
6	Fri	6.30pm	Barn Buddies (every Friday)	BSF

7	Sat	10.30am	'Drop In' Coffee Morning	CC
9	Mon	2.00pm	Mere Short Walk	CP
10	Tue	9.00am	Foot Care Clinic	L
11	Wed	9.30am	Tai Chi (also 18th)	GB
11	Wed	2.00pm	Whist Drive	GB
14	Sat	10.30am	'Drop In' Coffee Morning	CC
17	Tues	7.00pm	Mere Town Walk	St Michaels Church Gates
21	Sat	10.30am	URC CHURCH OPEN DAY	CC
		10.30am	'Drop In' Coffee Morning, + Traidcraft stall	CC
		3.00pm	Cream Teas	CC
22	Sun	2.00pm	Mere Footpaths Group walk	CP
24	Tue	9.00am	Foot Care Clinic	L
25	Wed	1.45pm	Friends Together	GB
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## **TISBURY & DISTRICT SPORTS CENTRE**

### **Camp Activate**

#### **Summer Holiday Programme 2010**

Our **Camp Activate Programme** commences on Monday 26th July, offering full day activities for 8yrs+, from 9.00am-3.00pm for just £12 per child, as well as casual court hire. Under 8yrs can attend for an hour and a half, either during the morning or afternoon of our full day activities programme.

- Mondays is 2010 Olympians Challenge Day
- Tuesdays – Mini Adventurers and Mini Sports
- Wednesdays – Ball Games Day
- Thursdays and Fridays – courts available to hire @ £1 per child
- Fridays – Roller Rumpus from 1430-1600 @ £1 per child – you may bring your own skates or blades for these sessions.

Children participating in our Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday activities should bring a packed lunch, drinks and snacks, and their swimming kit.

Our **Cycling proficiency Course** takes place from 11.00am to 1.00pm from Monday 9th to Wednesday 11th August.

**Booking for all of the above activities is required. Wisecards are applicable to Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays.**

For further details concerning any of the above, a copy of our full programme, or information about the wide range of activities which take place at the Centre, please contact: Reception ☎ 01747 871141, or e-mail us at: [tisburyssc@wiltshire.gov.uk](mailto:tisburyssc@wiltshire.gov.uk), or visit the website at: [www.wiltshire.gov.uk](http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk)

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