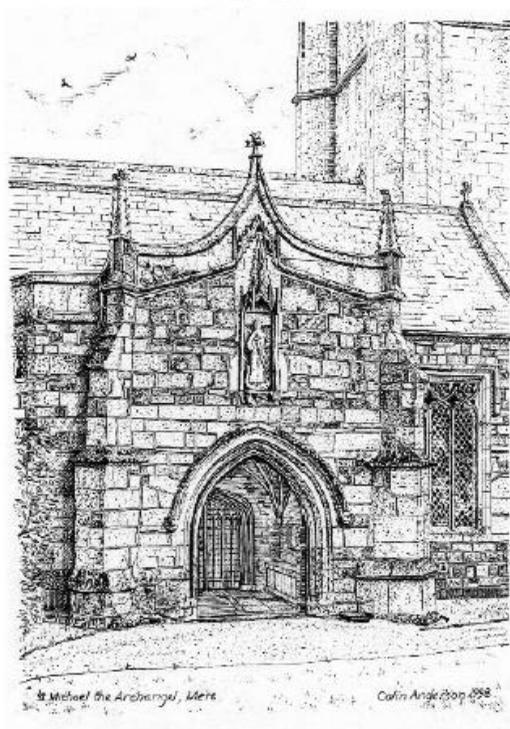


MERE MATTERS

AND SO DOES WEST KNOYLE

YOUR COMMUNITY MAGAZINE AND
GUIDE TO LOCAL EVENTS



MARCH 2013

MERE PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Council meets every month. Whilst it is not a public meeting, members of the public are welcome to come and listen.

The Council members are working on YOUR behalf to sustain and improve the quality of life and the environment that we enjoy in the parish - come and hear what they are doing for you! You will be permitted to raise questions in a public session before the meeting starts. The next meeting will be on **Monday, 4th March 2013** at 7.30pm in the Andy Young Pavilion.

The Chairman writes:

As March begins, there is a feeling that surely Spring must be on our doorstep with longer days and more clement weather, and on the subject of the weather I would like to thank our groundsmen, Tony Suter and John Thorpe for all their hard work in clearing the snow and ice around the streets of Mere during the snowy outburst in January. I have had many comments of gratitude from residents who are very appreciative of being able to get to the shops and necessary appointments during that time.

At the Parish Council Meeting in February there was confirmation from Wiltshire Council's Area Highway Engineer of his recommendation that the repainting of the yellow lines in The Square and those extending from Boar Street towards Barton Lane should take place as soon as practicable. As you will be aware, the yellow lines in The Square have become extremely worn and hard to see in places, but unfortunately this does not prevent the WC Parking Ambassadors issuing tickets for those parked on the lines, visible or not, and therefore they do need to be repainted in fairness to all.

I am happy to report that, with the agreement of the Parish Council, the newly formed Mere Footpath Group has already been busy surveying some of our most used footpaths with a view to start work on cutting back encroaching brambles and weeds to make passage easier for walkers of both the two and four legged variety – which leads me to once again add a reminder to **please pick up after your dogs**. Thank you.

At the beginning of February I attended the Annual Carnival Meeting to hear the news and reports of their sterling efforts over the year to produce such a colourful and entertaining Carnival. The work of the Carnival Committee goes on all year round and there is much to be done to produce such a wonderful event, but the Committee is always in need of more help, not just on the Committee but also at the fundraising events themselves. If you are able to help in any way at all, no matter how small, please contact the Carnival Secretary, Carol Payne, ☎ 01747 861639.

**Richard Robbins - Trained Gardener - 25 years
experience. All aspects of Garden Care Undertaken
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At the Budget Meeting in December the budget was set for the coming financial year and approved by the full Council last month. We are fully aware of the continuing need to keep a tight rein on expenditure whilst ensuring that necessary work continues efficiently, and this year the parish precept will increase by 2.09% which the Parish Council feels is an acceptable level.

Finally, local government elections for both county and parish councillors take place on Thursday, 2nd May. This is not only an opportunity for everyone on the electoral roll to vote for their local councillors but also a chance for anyone in Mere who so wishes to put their name forward and stand for election as a Parish Councillor for the next four years.

Those who would like to know more about standing for election can obtain information either by contacting our Parish Clerk, Mrs. Lindsey Wood, or by having an informal chat with one of your present Parish Councillors.

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

Mary White, Chairman, Mere Parish Council

GEORGE JEANS, WILTSHIRE COUNCILLOR, MERE DIVISION, WRITES:

As I said last month, 2012 was a fantastic year for Mere Town Football Club. Not only did the 1st team win their division for the second season running and gain promotion to the Dorset Senior League (the highest the club has ever been), but the Reserve team also won Division 5.

Wiltshire Council's South West Area Board has awarded a grant of £5,000 to the Mere Town Football Clubs for maintenance equipment. Also, the Mere Town Youth Football Club has been awarded a grant of £1,400 for a storage container.

The South West Area Board is being requested for the funds already awarded for a Skate Park in Mere to be rolled over at a special South West Area Board grants meeting that will take place at The Nadder Hall, Tisbury on Wednesday, 13th March 2013, for those interested.

Project Sunrise, a vision for Mere to bring businesses and other local organisations together to revitalise the area through commerce, trade and tourism was awarded a grant of £14,000 over two years, by The South West Area Board. As said last month if any more of our shops or services fail, we could end up like some communities of just short of 3,000 adults like ourselves, with just one pub and one community shop. We need a range of local services.

At the South West Area Board it was explained by The Youth Development Centre, that young drivers face a ban on carrying anyone other than family members as passengers under proposals being considered by the Government to cut the number of road accidents involving teenagers. It was stated this would impact on our rural environment, for instance any young person who offers to car share to a night work job, would be prevented from doing so.

Anyone considering being a Parish Councillor should note that the Returning Officer for Wiltshire Electoral Services will be accepting nomination papers from Monday, 18th March 2013 and the deadline for receipt of nominations is noon on Friday, 5th April 2013.

The Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) is now postponed until 2014. This is referred to sometimes as the "the roof tax". It could be a discouragement to small development, but it could produce money for infrastructure. I sit on the CIL task group and will keep you informed.

I also sit on the Car Park Project Board, and Councillors have now had to give up their dedicated car parking area. In other cost saving measures, workers are encouraged to work from home, my computer now has a camera, speaker and microphone built in, enabling me to communicate not only with sound but also with vision as well.

As a reminder, I have previously stated 2,730 bottles would have been lit during December 2012 on Bradley Knowle near Kilmington in aid of Breast Cancer. However, this had to be postponed due to poor weather conditions. It is now hoped that you will be able to see the pink and blue lights during June 2013. At five metres wide and three metres high, the installation, called 'Beacon On The Hill', will be the work of Bruce Munro, of Kilmington.

I have encouraged Mere, Zeals, Kilmington, Stourton and West Knoyle parish councils to claim Finger Post Sign grants as several of these directional signs are now missing from our area.

As I said last month, Wiltshire Council now is responsible for health matters including public health, health improvement, health protection and healthcare. This is not responsibility for individual care, but for health improvement generally. Wiltshire Council is now responsible for screening programmes for early detection of diseases. This includes Bowel and Breast screening and now extends to other diseases including aortic aneurysm screening, which is one I had not heard of!

Dog fouling. I am getting complaints as usual. If you see someone not "clearing up after their dog" on a public highway, please tell me. Footpaths in general are always needing attention and seeing Frank Marshall voluntarily carrying out maintenance to a footpath reminded me to thank all of you who do this and other helpful deeds without any recognition.

WASTE NOT WANT NOT

Waste Not Want Not (WNWN) is a furniture recycling project where the primary aim is to help those 'in need' to furnish their homes with good quality second-hand furniture, at low cost.

Sadly, due to some Charity Shops now selling second-hand furniture, WNWN is suffering from a lack of donated goods. This not only affects the disadvantaged (those on benefits or low income – and Senior Citizens, who are also able to avail themselves of this service), but it also means that the future of WNWN is questionable.

In order that the superb charitable work of Waste Not Want Not can carry on, it is important that more donations of furniture and household goods are received. So many people/families have been thankful for the Charity's help in furnishing their homes over the past decade, in fact Waste Not Want Not has an excellent showroom displaying quality furniture and household goods (for every room) at: 303, Hungerdown Lane, Chippenham.

So **please**, when disposing of your furniture think of WNWN, your contribution will be so greatly appreciated. **If you wish to donate goods, please call: ☎ 01249 447140**

Sheila Martin, Community Health & Wellbeing, Community First

WEATHER REPORT

On the 18th of January we were hit by the first real signs of winter-SNOW. A good 76.2mms (3.0ins) fell overnight and stayed with us until another smaller fall of about 25.4mms (1.0in) on the 22nd followed by on the 25th an overnight fall of 31.0mms (1.22ins) of rain, which washed most of it away. During this period we had bright sunny days and cold wind.

The total rain for the month was 111mms (4.37 ins). Last year was 53.5mms (2.11ins). We had rain every day after the 25th.

February started dry with hail on the 5th and a total of 28mms (1.10ins) rain until the 10th. It was generally cold with rain over night.

Peter Durkee

Mere Matters Distributor Wanted

Have you noticed that new issues of Mere Matters suddenly pop up in shops, surgeries, churches and the Library almost all at the same time. It is not by magic, but by the dedication of one volunteer who has kindly donated his services for the last ten years. Retirement now looms, so I am looking for a volunteer to spend about three hours on a Thursday,

just ten times a year, in order to ensure that new issues of your community magazine continue to be in the right place as soon as they are published.

If any public spirited local resident would like to take over the role (a car driver would be preferable) please contact me by ☎ 01747 860439 or by

✉ **merematters@inbox.com**

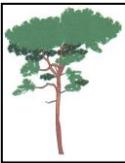
Graham Avory, Editor

Mere Dental Practice

The practice has two Dentists - Stephen Sherrard & Christopher Davies
 and two Dental Therapists - Wendy Hester & Jay Lonsdale
 Contact Details: - Mere Dental Practice, Duchy Manor, Springfield Road,
 Wiltshire, BA12 6EW, ☎ 01747 860365,
 E-mail: meredental@btconnect.com, Website: meredentistry.co.uk,
 Opening hours: - Monday – Thursday 8.45am – 5.30pm, Tuesday
 8.45am – 7pm & Friday 8.45am -5pm



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



MERE FOOTPATH GROUP

Walks 2013

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| Sunday | 17th March | 2.00pm - local walk |
| Sunday | 21st April | 2.00pm |
| Sunday | 19th May | 2.00pm |
| Sunday | 9th June | 10.00am |
| Sunday | 23rd June | 7.30pm - moonlight walk |
| Sunday | 30th June | 2.00pm |
| Sunday | 21st July | 2.00pm |
| Sunday | 18th August | 2.00pm |
| Sunday | 8th September | 2.00pm |
| Sunday | 29th September | 10.00am |
| Sunday | 13th October | 2.00pm |

 Thursday 2nd January 2014 New Year's walk (details later)

Walks start from the main car park in Mere. Please share cars where possible. Everyone very welcome, including dogs if on leads. Bring small picnic if you wish. Further details of destination and distances will be posted on a board outside the Post Office nearer to the dates.

Liability Disclaimer - As the group has no insurance, walkers should be aware that they take part in walks at their own risk and that neither the walk leader nor the group can accept liability for any injury or loss howsoever caused.

Ann Newberry, for Mere Footpath Group, ☎ 01747 861184

SHORT WALK

This month's short walk around the lanes and paths of Mere will take place on **Wednesday, 13th March**. Meet at 2.00pm in the Surgery Car Park. Tea at the Angel Cafe afterwards for those who wish to indulge! *Janet Way ☎ 01747 860884*

MERE FOOTPATH GROUP (Maintenance)

During the 1990's and up until 2002 there was a Mere Footpath Group which achieved an amazing amount, visiting every footpath in the parish and making 70 new stiles and bridges as well as cutting back overhanging greenery. Since 2002 the stiles have aged and the footpaths overgrown.

Now the Mere Footpath Group (Maintenance) has reformed and is aiming to keep as many of the 77 footpaths in Mere open and useable.

We are currently surveying the paths with the intention of identifying priorities for work. If you find any footpaths overgrown or inaccessible in any way, do let us know and we will do what we can to sort it out. If you would like to join us in our task, you would be very welcome.

To contact me: ✉ madsmorris@gmail.com and my telephone number follows.

Madelaine Morris, Secretary ☎ 01747 861833

MERE & DISTRICT LINKSCHEME

Requests for Transport ☎ 01747 860096

I would like to take the opportunity this month to say thank you and goodbye to Molly Burden. Molly has worked very hard for the link over the years and I for one think she should have a public Thank You. "Thank you Molly".

After this month Jackie Felton will be preparing the monthly notices to you.

Can I please remind you all that we are a registered charity and as such do not charge for your Link journeys. However, we do rely heavily on the donations that we receive from our passengers. Without donations the Link would not be able to run. We only ask that you give what you can afford for each journey.

Can I also thank all our hard working drivers and co-ordinators. Your efforts do not go unnoticed. "Thank you all". *Barbara Thomas, Secretary, Linkscheme*

BUTTERFLY CONSERVATION

A kind knowledgeable volunteer is needed to record butterflies on a downland site between Mere and Maiden Bradley.

There is a car park at the end of a lane eastwards from the Red Lion Pub. Recording is carried out every week between April/September.

The volunteer would be asked to join the team who each make a record of what they see in the 8 sections on the day of their choice, but within their agreed week. Each team member records about 4 to 5 times in the total 6 months. If willing to join the team, please phone me.

Derek Remington ☎ 01747 860401



MERE AND DISTRICT CHAMBER OF TRADE

‘Meet your neighbours’



The meeting of 5 Chambers

On Wednesday, 13th March 2013, Mere Chamber will be participating in a joint Social Networking Event with Shaftesbury, Gillingham, Tisbury and Wilton Chambers of Commerce. The venue will be Orchard Park, Shaftesbury Road, Gillingham from 7.00 – 9.00pm where refreshments will be available (free).

Fanny Charles, Editor of the Blackmore Vale Magazine, will be our Guest Speaker. Members, guests and potential members are all welcome.

Business Lunch with Pearson May Chartered Accountants on ‘PAYE in Real Time’

Wednesday, 20th March 2013 12.30 – 2.30pm at The George Inn

Between Saturday, 6th April and October 2013, employers will have to start reporting PAYE information to HMRC in real time. This means that employers (or their accountant, bookkeeper or payroll bureau), will have to:-

- send details to HMRC every time they pay an employee, at the time they pay them.
- use payroll software to send this information electronically as part of their routine payroll process.

If you would like to find out more about Real Time Information and what this will mean for businesses, please come along and join us.

Places are £10.00 per delegate Members and £12.50 per delegate Non Members. Prices include lunch.

To book a place or for further information, please contact me.

Julie Cousins 📞 07856 700576



PROJECT SUNRISE – MERE

During the last eight or nine months, Mere & District Chamber of Trade Committee has been discussing ways in which trade and tourism could be encouraged in the area. While strategies and plans are fine, carrying them out demanded finance beyond the direct means of the Chamber. We are delighted to announce that the Wiltshire Council's South West Wiltshire Area Board has accepted our Proposal for a Community Project and granted funding of £14,000 over the next two years. We are extremely grateful for this recognition and expression of confidence in our plans and for the guidance of Councillor George Jeans.

What are these plans? We shall be having an open evening and project launch in a couple of month's time, and will be looking for people from the area to assist in delivering the vision of this project. If you would like to help, please get in touch. In the meantime here are some tasters.

There are many micro businesses in the area which need encouragement. Identifying and publicising them, and other people whose skills should be more widely recognised, will be a prime task. They will be linked to a dedicated business portal website for which local designers will be used. There will also be assistance to small businesses to build individual websites.

In conjunction with the Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, the Parish Council and local societies, we will be undertaking promotion of the historical and natural attributes of the area. There will be joint representations made to implement improved signage both on the A303 and locally, again using local craftspeople as far as possible.

With the help of local businesses, there will be an investigation to consider how local industrial sites could be adapted to attract new firms to the area, and encourage business start-ups, especially if they can provide youth employment.

Local artists will be consulted to see how gallery space can be found for them to display their work all year round.

If you are interested, please contact me (my telephone number follows) or Julie Cousins ☎ 07856 700576.

Hamish Bell, President, MD Chamber of Trade ☎ 01747 861717

THE REAL BREAD CAMPAIGN

Real Bread Makers Week in May

During Real Bread Makers Week we hope that anyone and everyone will 'have a go' at baking bread. We have organised a talk on Real Bread and a 'Bake in'. More details next month.

In the meantime:

- Do you have a bread-making machine you no longer use and would donate to someone else?
- Do you have baking or cookery books you no longer require that we could sell on a bookstall?
- Do you have the time to teach two or three other people to bake bread in your own home and spread the word?
- Would you like the opportunity to learn more about bread making?
- Could you offer ideas, time, help or 'sponsorship' in any other way?

If the answer to any of these questions is 'YES' please get in touch with me. There is also more information on the Internet: www.sustainweb.org/realbread/

Judy Phillips ☎ 01747 860835

GREAT BRITISH FISH AND CHIP SUPPER



Want to do something different? Want to raise money where you live or work? Want to eat Fish and Chips, while raising money for charity? Hold a fish and chip supper on Friday, 17th May 2013 whilst raising awareness of spinal cord injury and supporting Spinal Injuries Association's (SIA) information and support services. You can hold a fish and chip supper in your own home, at work or hold a larger supper for your local community.

SIA will provide a fundraising pack containing hints and tips, recipes, invitations and donation envelopes. By inviting 7 friends and asking them to donate an additional £5.00 means you will raise at least £35.00 from your supper but we will also give you additional fundraising ideas to raise even more money for SIA.

Since 2009 we have raised over £20,000 and it has become our flagship community fundraising event. We want to raise £10,000 from this event in 2013 so we can provide more support to spinal cord injured people. The money raised from the suppers will help the SIA offer support to individuals who become paralysed, and their families, from the moment a spinal injury occurs, and for the rest of their lives by providing services and publications which enable and encourage paralysed people to lead independent lives.

Every year in the UK over 1,000 people experience a spinal cord injury and there are an estimated 40,000 spinal cord injured people in the UK alone.

Community Fundraising Manager, Elizabeth Wright, says, "The Fish and Chip Supper is a wonderful opportunity for a great evening with friends and family. We are also encouraging people who work to hold a Fish and Chip Lunch in their work places to

raise even more funds. You may be even a local community group wanting to run a fun evening with your group. Be a part of something special and make a real difference to help spinal cord injured people gain access to the information and support they need to enable them to live full and independent lives.”

For more information or request a fundraising pack call Elizabeth Wright ☎ 0845 071 4350 or ✉ fundraising@siafishandchips.co.uk or visit www.siafishandchips.co.uk

FAIR TRADE FORTNIGHT

25th February - 10th March

Every year, supporters up and down the country hold events to raise awareness of the work of Traidcraft. The first event in Mere will be my **Nepalese Evening** in the Grove Building at 7.30pm on **Tuesday, 26th February** when you can learn about the difference Fair Trade makes to families, and particularly women, in Nepal.

This year we have been asked particularly to help raise money to support smallholders to grow more and provide food for their families and communities. Paul at the Angel Café has kindly offered to hold a **'Big Brew'** event on **Monday, 4th March** between 2.00 and 4.00pm. Why not call in, enjoy a Fair Trade cuppa and a piece of Fair trade fruit cake, and perhaps choose an Easter or Mothering Sunday gift made by craft producers from around the world knowing that it will help a family out of poverty. Looking forward to seeing you there. *Janet Way ☎ 01747 860884*

MERE THEATRE CLUB

At the time of writing there are a few tickets left for April and May, Laurie Lee & Terence Rattigan. Give Wendy a ring if you are interested - you don't have to be a member to buy tickets.

A reminder to all existing members, if you haven't paid your subscription since Christmas, you may need to, if you want to be on the next mailing. If in doubt give us a ring and we can let you know.

Madelaine Morris ☎ 01747 861833 Wendy Horne ☎ 01747 861712

MERE ARTIST ON SHOW IN DORCHESTER

Mere artist and regular contributor to the Wylde Valley Art Trail, Hilary Turnbull, is showing at a new exhibition at Dorset County Museum in Dorchester.

Hilary's subject is Woodsford Castle, a pre-Domesday Survey manor house in which she had the good fortune to live for a few months as a school girl in 1951. There are over 20 participating artists in the Wessex Contemporary Arts group who are

responding to an item or object in the Museum's collection. Other subjects range from Maiden Castle, through William Barnes and Emma Gifford to Roman coins and pottery and include the "The Tomb of the Dorset Biker" to name but a few.

The exhibition, 'Encounters', is open now and runs until Friday, 7th June 2013. Entry to the exhibition is free.
Hilary Turnbull ☎ 01747 860349

MERE FILM SHOWS

This month's film is an absolute delight! On Friday, 8th March we present '**Quartet**' (12A) starring Maggie Smith, Tom Courtenay, Pauline Collins, Billy Connolly, Michael Gambon and many other familiar faces.

The story tells of Cissy (Pauline Collins), Reggie (Tom Courtenay), and Wilfred (Billy Connolly) who are in a home for retired musicians. Every year, on 10th October, there is a concert to celebrate Giuseppe Verdi's birthday and they take part. Jean, who used to be married to Reggie, arrives at the home and disrupts their equilibrium. She still acts like a diva, but she refuses to sing. Still, the show must go on... and it does.

It is film full of humour and a little sadness and a lot of talent, rather as one would expect with that cast list. Don't miss it! Full details on page 23.

Dates for your Diary:

Thursday, 11th April: '**Skyfall**' with Daniel Craig and Judi Dench

Mary White ☎ 01747 861257

MERE AMATEUR DRAMATIC SOCIETY

No doubt you will remember that we broke all the rules last year and gave you our pantomime in November. So now what? Well it's what may well become another biennial event: the nearly famous MADS SPRINGTIME VARIETY SHOW!

MADS members – and non-members - are busily polishing up their party pieces as I type. So let us entertain you, on Friday and Saturday, 22nd & 23rd March at 7.30pm. in the Lecture Hall.

Tickets, **£7 each to include a ploughman's supper**, are on sale now in the Library! Limited numbers, so book early to avoid disappointment!

Jenny Wilding ☎ 01747 860908

MERE GARDENING CLUB

Spring Show and AGM!

Wednesday, 13th March 7.30pm Grove Building

The Spring Show categories include bulbs (don't forget your MGC bulbs) photos, cookery and handicraft and will be judged by members. Schedule on display at the Post Office, or contact me if you would like a copy.

Subscriptions are due at the AGM and are **unchanged** at £7.00. This is great value as it not only covers all our monthly meetings, talks and workshops, and enables you to take part in the Annual and Spring Show, but also gives access to discounts from local Nurseries.

The Committee meets four to five times a year and there are vacancies, so if you would like to join them or to propose someone, your suggestions will be very welcome.

Visitors and friends very welcome .

Janet Way ☎ 01747 860884

COMMUNITY LUNCH

This will be the last of this season's Community Lunches. So before heading to your gardens and off on your summer holidays, come and join us for fun and companionship and to share a two course meal for £8.99, (drinks not included) at **12.00noon on Tuesday, 12th March 2013 at The Walnut Tree Inn, Shaftesbury Road, Mere.** Please book in advance ☎ 01747 861220.

For further details please contact me:

Lynette Elliot ☎ 01747 861646

FRIENDS OF FIVES COURT

We were sorry to have to postpone the promised Quiz Night in January, because of all that snow, but can now announce that we will have another go on Friday, 5th April in the Grove Building at 7.30pm. Surely no snow then? Watch for posters.

Jenny Wilding ☎ 01747 860908

**Fund raising for local charity in Angel Lane!
Friends of Fives Court Quiz Evening
Friday, 5th April
Grove Building 7.30pm**



**Teams of four people
If you are not in a team you will be able to
join one when you arrive.
£1.50 per head - pay at the door**

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

Here at the centre we were fortunate to have Ann Marie Dean from Wiltshire good neighbours come in and talk to us about keeping warm and safe in our homes. The timing was perfect as it was just before the snow!

During March we will be getting artistic with pottery and mosaic dragons, and towards the end of the month we will hopefully be holding an Easter tea dance.

I am on the hunt for a new session volunteer to help one or two Mondays a month. If you fancy joining us in our fun and games please do get in touch.

Don't forget about our next exciting fundraising event, **a Bonhams's Valuation Day on Thursday, 7th March** at the United Reformed Church from 10.00am until 3.00pm.

Sandie Hawkins, RGC Organiser ☎ 07835 272406

Merrell's Mobile Foot Health Clinic.

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



BRAINWAVE

There's a rumour that Spring is just about to start, so if you need something to liven up your wardrobe or are de-cluttering and Spring-cleaning, don't forget Brainwave!

We now have our ever-popular 'Pound Rail' back in the shop, giving customers even more opportunities to bag a bargain. Also, look out for Easter goodies at Brainwave at the end of the month. We are sure to be sorting out items to decorate our displays that will reflect this festival.

Finally, our Supervisor has booked a date for another Brainwave Pamper Evening. This will be on Saturday, 20th April. We are back at the Lecture Hall with a wonderful range of pre-owned clothing and a separate room dedicated to holistic therapies and something for the 'inner' you. Tickets, which are bound to be snapped up quickly, will be on sale at the shop from the end of this month.

For further information about Brainwave, please call the shop during business hours ☎ 01747 863432.



MERE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

AGM

Followed by a talk on

The Chancery Chapels in St Michaels

By the Rev'd Ben Elliott

Tuesday, 5th March at 7.30pm in the Grove Building

You are invited to join the committee for drinks and nibbles at 7.00pm prior to the AGM which will begin at 7.30pm. **Subscriptions for 2013/14 are now due** and can be paid before the AGM. If you are unable to attend please send your fee (£7.50 per member) to the **Membership Secretary: Joan Slight, 7 Nursery Gardens, Mere. Tel 860890.** Standing Order forms are available.

Morning Talk

Our morning talk for Tuesday, 19th March is: "Nathaniel Ireson, a distinguished local builder" by Peter Lewis. We meet in the small Room of the **Grove Building** at 10.15am for 10.30am. **£1.00 entry for non-members who are very welcome.**

Caroline Cook ☎ 01747 861797

MERE MUSEUM

WE WANT YOUR PHOTOGRAPHS!

The next exhibition will be of photographs **taken by you**, the residents of Mere and district. The exhibition will be called '**Mere Vistas**', and we're hoping for a bumper response to this call for contributions. Here are a few guidelines:

1. Photographs may be of **any subject** relating to Mere and district, up to A4 in size (29.5 x 21 cm), including the mount if you choose to use one.
2. Each contributor may submit up to 6 photos, of which we will display at least one, and we hope many more; it will simply depend on space..
3. On the back of **each** photograph, please write: your name, e-mail or street address and phone no., the title or location of the photo and the date it was taken.
4. Bring your photographs in an envelope to the Library/Museum at any time after Friday, 1st March but before 5.00pm on **Thursday, 4th April**. The exhibition will open on Tuesday, 9th April, with a preview for **Friends of Mere Museum** on Monday, 8th at 6.30 p.m.

Fuller guidelines are available in the Museum. N.B. This event is NOT a competition.

Jenny Wilding ☎ 01747 860908

GROVE BUILDING "100 CLUB"

The result of the '100' Club Draw for February, drawn on Sunday, 3rd February by Mrs C Bishop was:

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| 1st Prize (£20) | - | No. 148 | Mr A Dawson |
| 2nd Prize (£15) | - | No. 111 | Mr C Stephenson |
| 3rd Prize (£10) | - | No. 171 | Mrs L Ford |
| 4th Prize (£5) | - | No. 75 | Mrs S Shotter |

All Members of the 100 Club

I have had a card of thanks from the Treasurer of the Grove Building, saying that this year we raised nearly £2,000.

I thought I should share these thanks with you. We did well!

Valerie Ransley ☎ 01747 860964

MOTHERS UNION & OPEN MEMBERS GROUP

Our regular meeting this month, at 2.30pm on Tuesday, 12th March will be a special presentation of Janet Way's talk on her recent visit to Traidcraft centres in Nepal as well as her trek in the Annapurna region of Nepal related to our theme of 'Sowing Seeds'. If you missed Janet's talk entitled *That old woman walks fast* on 26th February, this is your chance to share in her experiences in trekking and Traidcraft – everyone is welcome.

March is a busy month: members will be attending the Women's World Day of Prayer service at St Michael's at 11.00am on Friday, 1st March (open to all), as well as the MU Diocesan Festival in the Cathedral at 11.00am on Saturday, 9th March, at which Bishop Nicholas will be enrolled as an MU Member, along with Carol Lord from our Mere branch and 100 other new members. (If you would like to come to this service we will be very pleased to squeeze you in!). Then Sunday, 10th March is, of course, Mothering Sunday, to be celebrated at St Michael's at 10.30am

Judith Thompson (MU Branch Leader) ☎ 01747 860553

MERE BOWLS CLUB

A Barn Dance in aid of our chosen charity for 2012/13 was held on the evening of Saturday, 9th February in the Grove Building. Jeff Vigers and his team's sterling work has enabled the Bowls Club to donate the sum of £500.00 to Fives Court. The cheque presentation will be held in due course.

The Club wishes to thank all the members of the Club who supported the event and, more importantly, the members of the public from Mere and the surrounding area who gave their time and money in these difficult financial times; and finally we must thank the Black Bear Band without whom there would have been no dance: they were as fantastic as ever. The organising team consisted of Jeff & Carol Vigers, Alan & Sheila Spencer, Alan & Chris Isgrove and Karen Guy.

The Bowls Club opens for registration and hopefully a game on Saturday, 6th April. All interested parties are requested to turn up at the green on Springfield Road (opposite the dental surgery) at 2.30pm to pay their dues for the coming year. This will be followed by a 'spider' and a roll-up (weather permitting).

For any information regarding the club or the sport of Bowls in Mere, please contact Alan Inwood ☎ 01985 844215, Jeff Vigers ☎ 01747 860976 or ✉

jeffcarolvigars@hotmail.co.uk, or me, Don Butchers telephone below, or 
don.butchers@btinternet.com.

Don Butchers, Club Secretary, ☎ 01747 860775

MERE TIDDLERS AND TODDLERS

Spring Term Events:

This year we are pleased to announce that we have had a great taster session from Hartbeeps, which is a multi-sensory session with music and puppets, mirrors and sparkly things for those aged 0-4 years. Thanks to Fran Bridgewater.

We have a special indoor fun play session with Mister B's soft play equipment, once a month on the first Monday, which is also available for hire for children's parties at very reasonable rates.

Now, a brilliant new Wiggle and Shake dance, coordination and song activity for the toddlers has just started this term on Thursdays with Yana Rehorova, a trained teacher, organised to wake us up (at song time) and get us moving! *(continued on page 24)*

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Pauline Collins Billy Connelly

Wilf (**Billy Connolly**) and Reggie (**Tom Courtenay**), along with former colleague Cissy (**Pauline Collins**), are residents of Beecham House, a home for retired opera singers. Every year on Giuseppe Verdi's birthday, the residents unite to give a concert to raise funds for the home. But when Jean Horton (**Maggie Smith**), a former Prima Donna - who is also Reggie's ex-wife - moves in, plans for the concert start to unravel...

In the Lecture Hall

Friday, 8th March, at 7.30pm

(Doors open 7.00pm)

TICKETS £5.00

Available from The Library

For more information call Mary White on 01747 861257

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

We also have a visit once a month on the third Thursdays, from Jane at Sure Start, with a messy play activity, but we have craft activities every session from playdough making, to planting spring seeds in your own decorated pots.

Also we have organised a parents trip to the theatre on the 28th March to see 'Boy at the Edge Of The Room' at Salisbury Playhouse, written by local playwright and Toddler parent, Richard Conlon.

Our new ride-on-cars and sandpit, safety gates and wooden train set with London landmark buildings are all very popular, provided with money raised from Wilts Strategic Committee funds for young people in the area, organised by Ivers' students who help run Toddlers.

Thanks to all the students from Ivers House, Marnhull, for all their hard work and input: Sandra Mundy, Kieran Stone and Jack Marshall.

Finally thanks to the lovely Charlotte Horner who has volunteered her invaluable help at every session since last September; you are a star! *Anne Rich* 📞 01747 861493

MERE CHILDREN'S CENTRE

We have been having a busy time here over the last month with lots of visitors and new families registering. If you are interested in joining us please come along and meet the friendly team. Our wonderful volunteer Michelle Lapham has made an excellent start at the centre this year, helping us run sessions and make people feel welcome.

Our **Parenting Programme** on **Mondays** has been well attended with course tutors giving great tips on how to get the behaviour you want from your child. Parents have found this course extremely helpful. If you are interested in putting your name down for the next one we run, please ring and talk to a member of the team.

Gary Lamont from the Wiltshire Wildlife Trust is running a great course on Healthy Eating and Cooking at our **Stay and Play** sessions on **Wednesday** mornings; helping Mums and toddlers discover new healthy options for snacks and meals. On Wednesday, 6th March, we have local NHS Dieticians attending "stay and play" to look at portion size and healthy snacks to give your child.

We're Out and About on Thursdays! We have been working in partnership with Tiddlers and Toddlers once a month doing messy play and craft activities. On the **first Thursday of the month** Mere Pre-school have been visiting us for cooking fun-making yummy biscuits, pizzas and fruit salad. (*continued on page 26*)

REMEMBER! COPY DATE FOR THE MARCH ISSUE

MONDAY, 11th MARCH

GREEN CLASS REPORT



STOP PRESS!
Look on our website for
latest news and pictures:
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SNOW DAY!

Mrs Williamson had to make the difficult decision to close the school. We all enjoyed an extra day at home playing in the snow. On our return to school there was still lots of snow to have fun at playtimes.

This term's topics

Other new topics are Blue Class- People who help us; Yellow Class – Animals; Gold Class – Adventures and Explorers; Green Class – India; Red Classes – Africa, and Purple Class – Angry Aztecs!

TA arrested!

Blue class had an exciting day yesterday when the police visited the school. They came in their car and “arrested” Mrs Harrison!

After half term

Gold class are looking forward to an exciting term after the holiday with climbing and swimming on the timetable. Red class are going to be making African jewellery. Green class will be ‘working’ in the Co-op to try and persuade people to buy Fair Trade goods. They are also looking forward to

a trip to the local Indian restaurant to taste different foods.

Book day

The whole school is preparing for book day. We will all be choosing a book and dressing up on the day as the characters in the book. Activities on the day will include ‘dressing’ our door with art work to illustrate the book. We will also be having a ‘book at bedtime’ event. This is when teachers and children return to school at night to enjoy a story and cup of hot chocolate.

Things we enjoy

Yellow class enjoy reading, Silver class are enjoying drawing illustrations, Blue Class enjoy going on visits and green class enjoy swimming, ICT and art.

Playground Pals

From each key stage 2 class, four children have been chosen to become a playground pal. The children had to fill out an application and have an interview before they were selected for the team. These children will now be trained. The team will then be available to support other children at breaktimes.

Children love exploring the ingredients, getting hands-on with the bread dough and biscuit mixture, learning to measure and getting expert at using cookie cutters for the perfect biscuit. On the **second Thursday morning of each month** we are taking our Stay and Play activities out to East Knoyle village hall. Please, please if you have friends or family in East Knoyle, let them know about this activity and help boost the number of children coming to learn and have fun.

Our bouncing babes are enjoying our baby group on **Friday** afternoons playing with bubbles or rice crispies as part of their sensory development. If you have a baby aged up to 18 months, come along and join our friendly supportive group.

Coming up: in March we have our **First Aid Course**, for which we have been collecting bookings. This is a great opportunity with Learning Curve offering to come and run the course for only £20 instead of the £150 it would normally cost. If you are interested we still have a few places left so please ring to book yourself on the course as soon as you can.

Calling all groups and businesses, On Saturday, 13th April we are planning a **Community Extravaganza** for local groups to come along and showcase what they are about and what they offer to the community. There will be fun games and activities for families including a hidden egg trail – find all the paper eggs and win a prize. If you would like to promote your business or activity group, please contact us for more details. Through this event we aim to raise awareness of all that we have to offer and to encourage more people to register with us and take advantage of all that we have to offer.

Don't forget our stimulating **Sensory Room is open for bookings too!** For more information about Mere Children's Centre or to sign up for any of our groups please call the number below. *Jane Smith, Support Worker, ☎ 01747 861108*

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

The Priorities of the Kingdom

For many Christians, March is a season for reflection on our priorities, but not just in the spiritual sphere (meditating on Christ's life and Passion), but also in matters of Stewardship (how we spend our time, talents and treasure). It is also common for the annual financial accounts of churches and charities to be presented, so that we can reflect on the way money has been raised and spent, and set priorities for the coming financial year.

How do Christians set their priorities? Lent studies and services can be a help, but then we need to earth our spiritual exercises into our daily living and choices.

So here are a couple of suggested Lenten exercises which might help:

- 1) Take a look at personal income and spending, and assess what percentage you spend on different aspects of life.
- 2) Over a few weeks, keep a log of time spent on the various activities of your life, and then work out the percentages over the period.

A day might look something like this (*a fictional day*):

Monday

| Domestic | Sleep | Work(paid/unpaid) | Spiritual | Recreational |
|-----------------|-----------|-------------------|-----------------|----------------------|
| Chores 2½ hrs | 7½ hrs | Travel 1 hr | Reading 10 min | Dog walks/gym 40 min |
| Meals 2½ hrs | | At work 7 hrs | | TV – 1 hr |
| Other ½hr | | Homework ½ hr | Prayers – 10min | Book/chat – ½ hr |
| Total 5½ 23% | 7½ 31% | 8½ 35½ % | 20 mins 1½% | 2 hr 10 min 9% |

Then ask yourself honestly: Does this reflect the priorities that I believe in? How might the Lord call me to spend my resources more wisely and generously?

As we are reminded of the story of Jesus' setting his face towards Jerusalem, his priority becomes clear: he is to proclaim God's kingdom at the heart of the nation's life and religion, knowing that the cost will be his own suffering and death. Those around him have very different priorities: survival, power, success, escape from suffering; but Jesus is single-minded in focussing on his Father's will ('not my will but Yours be done'), though this brought him great suffering and a cruel death. Yet without this, the victory of the cross and the hope revealed through his resurrection could not have been fulfilled.

So as we celebrate the new and living relationship which Jesus has forged for us with the Father, we too have the opportunity to re-align our lives with his purposes of love, and to give more generously for Christ's work to be done through us and his Church today.

A joyful Eastertide to you all!

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

At St Michaels's Church on Friday, 1st March at 11.00am

This is an annual international and interdenominational great wave of prayer that starts at sunrise in Samoa and ends in American Samoa at sunset, by when services will have taken part in 170 countries.

This year the theme is 'I was a stranger and you welcomed me'. This colourful and lively service has been compiled by women in France. It considers the many problems associated with immigration. All are welcome: men, women, people of all ages. Please join us.
Christine Marsh, LLM ☎ 01747 861212

JULIAN MEETING

Ecumenical Quiet Prayer Group

We will meet on Wednesday, 27th March, in Holy Week, at 7.30pm as usual but in **St Michael's Church**. After that our regular Quiet Prayer meetings will continue in the Upper Room of the Grove Building for the rest of the year but **PLEASE NOTE on the second Wednesday of each month** (no longer on 4th Wednesdays). These are ecumenical meetings, and EVERYONE is always welcome to come.

Judith Thompson ☎ 01747 860553

The Joint Benefice of Mere, Maiden Bradley and West Knoyle 'LET US TALK'

During the first year of Bishop Nicholas' time as Bishop of Salisbury he travelled across our Diocese noting our great historic traditions and our attitude to church and ministry in the large and varied counties of Dorset and Wiltshire. He concluded the task by giving a paper entitled Christians in the Community to the Diocesan Synod in November culminating in a challenge to meet and look at ourselves and our churches and communities. This is our chance to contribute to the consultation.

Please come along on Friday, 1st March 2013 in The Grove Building at 7.30pm.

Light refreshments provided. Time 7.30pm to 9.30pm approx.

If you need further information please contact:

Parish Office (☎ 01747 861775), or me, John Howard.

The Grove Buildings are in Church Street, Mere, opposite St Michael the Archangel Church.
John Howard ☎ 01747 860312

FAIR TRADE AT ST MICHAEL'S

There has been a Fair Trade Stall after the Family Service on the first Sunday of the month at St Michaels for the past two years. As from 17th March, it will be held on the third Sunday of each month and hopefully my loyal supporters will still be able to come for their fairly traded goodies. There is always a selection of foods and beautiful hand-made cards for that special occasion, so if you have not visited the stall, why not give it a try and know you are giving someone else a chance in life to move out of poverty.

Don't forget there is also a Traidcraft stall at St Mary's RC church on the fourth Sunday and at the URC Coffee Morning on the third Saturday of each month.

Janet Way ☎ 01747 860884

LENT SPRING CLEAN AT ST MICHAELS

Everyone is invited to come along to St Michael's for a Lent Spring Clean of the church on Saturday, 16th March. Please, bring your own dusters, polish etc. Gentlemen (or very brave ladies) to do the high places at 9.30am and Ladies of a more delicate disposition at 10.00am after the dust has settled! There is a possibility of special refreshments being provided. Further details from:

Jean Knapp, Churchwarden ☎ 01747 860142

METHODIST CHURCH NOTES

Café Worship

Wednesday, 27th March Coffee from 10.30am at the Methodist Church with worship at 11.00am.

Mary Siderfin ☎ 01747 861370

LENT & EASTER 2013

Lent Lunches continue on Fridays up to and including Good Friday, 29th March at 12.30pm at the Grove Buildings. All are welcome to a frugal lunch of soup, bread and fresh fruit.

Procession of Witness on Good Friday Leaves the Square at 11.00am. All welcome. Why not come to Lent Lunch on your way back from Castle Hill?

CHURCH SERVICES IN MERE AND WEST KNOYLE

March 2013

The Parish Church, St Michael the Archangel:

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

✉ carolw953@aol.com

Churchwardens:

Mrs Jean Knapp ☎ 01747 860142 and **Mr Peter Mason** ☎ 01747 861296

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| Each Sunday | | 8.00am | Holy Communion (BCP) |
| Each Monday | | 9.15am | Morning Prayer |
| Each Tuesday | | 9.15am | Morning Prayer |
| Each Wednesday | | 9.15am | Morning Prayer |
| | | 10.30am | Holy Communion (BCP) |
| Each Thursday | | The Rev'd Carol Wilson Barker is not available | |
| Each Friday | | 8.00am | Holy Communion (CW1) |
| | | 4.30pm | Evening Prayer |
| Sunday | 3rd | 10.30am | Family Communion with Baptism |
| | | 5.00pm | Lenten Worship |
| Wednesday | 6th | 6.00pm | "Start the Month" Holy Communion (BCP) |
| Sunday | 10th | 10.30am | Mothering Sunday |
| | | | Family Service without Communion |
| | | 5.00pm | Lenten Worship |
| Sunday | 17th | 10.30am | Parish Communion (CW1) |
| | | 5.00pm | Lenten Worship |
| Sunday | 24th | 10.30am | Palm Sunday with Procession |
| | | | Parish Communion (CW1) |
| | | 5.00pm | Lenten Worship |
| | | | Holy Week |
| Monday | 25th | 6.00pm | Compline |
| Tuesday | 26th | 6.00pm | Compline |
| Wednesday | 27th | 12.00pm | Stations of the Cross (Franciscans) |
| | | 7.30pm | Julian Prayers |

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| Thursday | 28th | 8.00pm | Maundy Thursday Holy Communion (CW1) |
| Friday | 29th | 9.30am | Good Friday Stations of the Cross for Families |
| | | 11.00am | Walk of Witness up Castle Hill |
| | | 2.00pm | Meet in Square for 11.00am start 'The Last Hour' - a Meditation in words and music' |
| Sunday | 31st | | EASTER DAY |
| | | 6.30am | Easter Communion at Barrow Street Farm with breakfast |
| | | 8.00am | Holy Communion |
| | | 10.30am | Parish Communion |

The United Reformed Church

Mere Contact: Mrs E Burfitt, ☎ 01747 860685

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|--------|------|---------|-------------------------------------------------------------|
| Sunday | 3rd | 11.00am | Rev'd Stella Sivyour |
| | 10th | 11.00am | Rev'd Elizabeth Kemp |
| | 17th | 11.00am | Rev'd Margaret Laurie |
| | 24th | 11.00am | Rev'd Hazel Barkham |
| Friday | 29th | 10.30am | Good Friday Joint service with Methodists |
| Sunday | 31st | 11.00am | EASTER DAY Rev'd Elizabeth Kemp Holy Communion |

The Methodist Church (☎ 01747 823777)

Mere Contact: Mrs M Siderfin: ☎ 01747 861370

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|--------|------|---------|----------------------------------------------------|
| Sunday | 3rd | 6.00pm | Mr Brian Collis |
| | 10th | 6.00pm | Mothering Sunday Mr and Mrs Mike Rawlins |
| | 17th | 6.00pm | Mr Andrew Hardiman |
| | 24th | 6.00pm | Palm Sunday Rev'd Helen Caine |
| Friday | 29th | 10.45am | Good Friday at the URC |
| | 31st | 6.00pm | EASTER DAY Rev'd Helen Caine |

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

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

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|--------------------------|---------|------|
| Fridays (1, 8, 15 & 22) | 10.00am | Mass |
| Sundays (3, 10, 17 & 24) | 5.00pm | Mass |
| EASTER DAY | 10.00am | Mass |

There are no services in Mere on **Maundy Thursday or Good Friday** but there are services in **Warminster, Wincanton or Gillingham**.

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

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

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|--------|------|--------|-------------------------------------------------|
| Sunday | 3rd | 9.15am | Matins (BCP) |
| | 10th | 9.15am | Mothering Sunday Holy Communion (BCP) |
| | 17th | 9.15am | DIY |
| | 24th | 9.15am | Palm Sunday Holy Communion (BCP) |
| | 31st | 9.15am | EASTER DAY Holy Communion (BCP) |

Note: BCP indicates Book of Common Prayer 1662

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

DIARY DATES

March 2013

AYP-Andy Young Pavilion; BSF-Barrow Street Farm; CC-United Reformed Church Centre; CP-Main Car Park; DMS-Duchy Manor School; GB-Grove Buildings; L-Lecture Hall; Lib-Library; Lynch-Lynch Community Centre; MH-Methodist Church Hall; MSC-Mere Social Club; PWC Prince of Wales Club RGC-Rosemary Goddard Centre; MSC Mere Social Club; YC-Youth Centre

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|---|-----|-----------|---------------------------------------------|-------------|
| 1 | Fri | 11.00am | Womens World Day of Prayer | St Michaels |
| | | 12.30pm | Lent Lunch (every Friday) | GB |
| | | 6.30pm - | 8.00pm Barn Buddies (also 8th, 15th & 22nd) | BSF |
| | | 7.00pm | Zumba dancing (also 15th & 29th) | L |
| | | 7.30am | “Let us Talk” see page 29 | GB |
| 2 | Sat | 10.00am - | 11.00am Mere Credit Union (also 16th) | Lib |
| | | 10.30am | Drop in Coffee Morning (every Saturday) | CC |
| | | 7.00pm | Cancer Research Charity Concert | L |
| 4 | Mon | 9.30am | Tiddlers & Toddlers (every Monday) | L |
| | | 2.00pm | Pilates (every Monday) | GB |
| | | 2.00pm - | 4.00pm Fair Trade “Big Brew” event | Angel Café |
| | | 6.00pm | Beaver Scouts (every Monday) | GB |
| | | 6.45pm | Cubs (every Monday) | GB |
| | | 7.00pm | Scouts (every Monday) | GB |
| | | 7.30pm | Parish Council Meeting | AYP |

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| 4 | Mon | 7.00pm | Slimming World (every Monday) | L |
| 5 | Tue | 10.15am - 12.15pm | Lip Reading Classes (every Tuesday) | GB |
| | | 10.30am | Lent Study Course (also 12th & 19th) | CC |
| | | 7.00pm | Pilates (every Tuesday) | L |
| | | 7.30pm | Mere Historical Society | GB |
| 6 | Wed | 9.30am | Tai Chi (also 13th & 20th) | GB |
| | | 10.30am | Tai Chi (also 13th & 20th) | GB |
| | | 11.00am | Pilates (every Wednesday) | GB |
| | | 6.00pm | Karate (every Wednesday) | L |
| | | 7.30pm | Lent Study Course (every Wednesday) | GB |
| 7 | Thur | 9.30am | Tiddlers & Toddlers (every Thursday) | L |
| | | 10.00am - 3.00pm | RGC's Bonhams Valuation Day | CC |
| | | 10.00am - 12.00noon | Mere Art Group (every Thursday) | GB |
| | | 2.00pm | Bridge Club (every Thursday) | L |
| | | 2.00pm | Castle Hill Quilters (also 14th) | GB |
| | | 7.30pm | Womens Institute | GB |
| | | 7.30pm | Shreen Harmony every Thursday) | CC |
| 8 | Fri | 10.00am | Merely Women (also 22nd) | GB |
| | | 7.30pm | Moviola/Mere Filmshows "Quartet" | L |
| 11 | Mon | 7.30pm | MADS Meeting (Drama Room) | L |
| 12 | Tue | 9.00am | Foot Care Clinic | L |
| | | 12.00noon | Community Lunch | The Walnut Tree Inn |
| | | 2.30pm | Mothers Union | GB |
| 13 | Wed | 2.00pm | Mere Short Walk | CP |
| | | 1.45pm | Friends Together Whist | GB |
| | | 7.30pm | Mere Gardening Club | GB |
| 14 | Thur | 5.00pm | Girl Guiding (also 21st & 28th) | GB |
| 16 | Sat | 9.30am | Lent Spring Clean | St Michaels |
| | | 10.30am | Drop in Coffee Morning + Traidcraft Stall | CC |
| | | 7.00pm | Oasis Carnival Club Bingo | L |
| 17 | Sun | 2.00pm | Mere Footpath Group Walk | CP |
| 19 | Tue | 10.30am | Mere Historical Society MorningTalk | GB |
| 20 | Wed | 12.30pm | M&D Chamber of Trade Business Lunch | The George |
| 22 | Fri | 7.30pm | MADS Springtime Variety Show | L |
| 23 | Sat | 7.30pm | MADS Springtime Variety Show | L |
| 26 | Tue | 9.00am | Foot Care Clinic | L |
| 27 | Wed | 10.30am | 12.00noon Café Worship | MH |
| | | 1.45pm | Friends Together | GB |
| 29 | Fri | 11.00am | Procession of Witness up Castle Hill | The Square |

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BOOKING MEETING HALLS IN MERE

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

MERE INFORMATION

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REGISTRAR **By appointment only**

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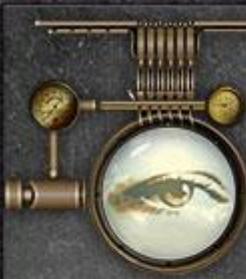
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