

MERE MATTERS

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YOUR COMMUNITY MAGAZINE
INCLUDING A GUIDE TO LOCAL EVENTS



JULY/AUGUST 2015

MERE TOWN COUNCIL

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

As a matter of Record, the July meeting was held in the Andy Young Pavilion at 7.30pm on **Monday, 29th June 2015** and there is **no meeting in August 2015**.

The Chairman writes:

May I first thank the members of Mere Parish Council for electing me as chairman to serve for the next twelve months. I will serve the people of Mere and the elected councillors to the best of my ability. I am also delighted to have Cllr. John Jordan working with me in his new role as vice-chairman. With a good team of dedicated councillors and staff, I look forward with confidence to the challenges ahead.

I would like to thank Cllr. Lesley Traves for the last two years of dedication she has given to the parish council serving as chairman. Lesley has been at the forefront of the Parish council for the last four years. It has been a pleasure to work with Lesley, and I have been proud to serve as her vice- chairman. Lesley can look back on her term in office with pride.

Following discussions at previous council meetings regarding changing the status of Mere Parish Council to Mere Town Council, a proposal was made at the May meeting, to become Mere Town Council. This would reflect the opinions agreed during the meetings and public consultations. The proposal was carried with a unanimous vote of approval.

The telephone box in The Square has been de-commissioned by BT and now belongs to the Town Council. The intention behind purchasing the telephone box, which cost £1, is for community groups and organisations to use it for display purposes. So if there are any groups interested, please contact the Town Clerk.

The street signs around the town have started to look rather weathered. If your street sign is in need of a clean, please inform the Town Clerk.

The town council has decided to proceed with the traffic management plan that was presented at the annual Parish Council meeting. The plans have now been submitted to Wiltshire Council. The modifications will restrict the number of parked cars in Salisbury Street by the Lecture Hall and Water Street.

The modifications will also create some more short-term parking places in The Square. The re-drawing of the parking bays in Salisbury street car park will be our next priority.

For information on Town Council activities, minutes, agendas, contact numbers etc. please refer to the Mere website: www.merewilts.org, e-mail the Town Clerk [✉ lindseywood@merewilts.org](mailto:lindseywood@merewilts.org) or ☎ 01747 860701.

Brett Norris, Chairman, Mere Town Council

Floral Enhancements

The Town Clerk would like to report that once again, the Town Council will be keeping up appearances by planting the tubs around the town to give impressive floral displays. Last year we were very grateful to the various sponsors (business and members of the public – see below) who helped to make these floral displays possible. The scheme was a great success. There are 14 tubs within the town and they are planted twice a year for summer/autumn displays and winter/spring displays. Mr. Clive Hazzard has graciously agreed to replant the tubs again this year, and I should point out that this is done at cost price and at no profit to him and we thank him for this generous offer. We also thank the willing volunteers who water the tubs. We estimate the cost of planting each tub is £40 per year and once again, we are looking for sponsors and would be grateful to any businesses or members of the public who would like to sponsor a tub. We will publish a list of all sponsors in a future edition of Mere Matters. If you would like to help with Mere's floral enhancements, please contact:

Mrs. Lindsey Wood, Town Clerk, Duchy Manor, Springfield Road, Mere.
☎ 01747 860701.

We would like to thank the following, who sponsored the tubs last year:

Jack, Chloe, Isabel, Eleanor, Connor, Bryony, Tye and Oly; Mrs. Jane Hurd; Mr. & Mrs. L. Stanton; Peter and Sue Breeze, Mr. & Mrs. F. Legge, Dr. David Longbourne and Mere & District Chamber of Trade.

Donations for Fireworks

Mere Town Council would like to thank the following people and local businesses for their kind and generous donations towards the fireworks that were set off on 8th May to commemorate the 70th Anniversary of VE Day:

Mr. John Jordan, Mr. Roy Sims, Paul Millard Plant Hire, G. & S. Jeans, R. J. Coward, Catley Chilled Foods Ltd., Mr. & Mrs. Traves, L. Wood, Two Counties Golf Range, Sprout & Flower, L. C. Hill & Son, R. K. Hughes, A. Fitzgerald, F. J. Chalke Ltd, Jane Hurd, C. Hazzard, and the Walnut Tree Inn. We would also like to extend a special 'thank you' to Mr. Bill Deeker who generously gave up his time to arrange and set off the magnificent firework display.

Housing Needs Survey

Throughout July and August, Mere Town Council and Wiltshire Council will be working together to identify the housing needs of local people within the parish of Mere and, we would be grateful for your help.

Households in Mere will be asked to take part in a survey that will provide up-to-date information about local housing circumstances and aspirations. This information will be used to help the Council develop its housing and planning policies to best meet these needs, including whether there is a need for affordable housing within Mere and, if so, of what size and type.

We need your help to find out what is important to you and therefore, when the survey reaches you during July, we would be grateful if you would take a few minutes to complete the survey.

GEORGE JEANS, WILTSHIRE COUNCILLOR, MERE DIVISION, WRITES:

I attended a planning meeting in Salisbury on Thursday, 11th June. There had been yet another fatality on Charnage Hill (Chadenwick). Traffic was diverted through to Shaftesbury, I was delayed about 30 minutes with all the traffic around Shaftesbury etc. I left Mere via Salisbury Street and Castle Street and the traffic was also slow moving. I had a complaint upon my return regarding the traffic management of Salisbury Street and Castle Street. Parking restrictions in the narrowest point of Salisbury Street were considered about two years ago and were delayed when more areas were considered.

The legal, design and advertising of a scheme cost many thousands of pounds and we were advised to submit one scheme not several for Mere, to save cost to the tax payer. Subject to highways officers' agreement etc. we have some partly local control, with The Community Action Transport Group (CATG) which covers Wilton, Tisbury and Mere. A traffic scheme for Mere, which has been consulted with householders, school, local council etc, and a meeting at the school hall with the public, will possibly go to CATG at Dinton village hall on 20th July. I have asked for an agenda slot to be made available.

If agreed, the next step would probably be more detailed drawings which comply with highway regulation, based on what had been agreed, and the scheme proposed to be advertised, where anyone can make a case for reduction of the measures advertised but not an increase in the measures proposed. As I am often in a hurry to get to Trowbridge and have to travel along Salisbury and Castle Street, I also wish to see a broadly agreed workable scheme sooner rather than later. I also wish for some control of traffic on Upper Water Street to help buses access the school without encouraging a higher traffic speed which would be a hazard for children on foot in the area. I also wish some 30 MPH round circular marking on the road opposite the Post Office, to help prevent traffic going against the one way direction indicated.

From 15th June 2015 a charge of £40 per year has been introduced for the collection of garden waste. This is an optional service and free collections did continue up until 15th June 2015, when the new garden waste collection began. you should have had a

notice placed on your green bin advising you of your last free collection. A new collection date was sent out at the beginning of June to everyone who paid for the service before 17 May 2015.

If you had signed up, you should have been sent a garden waste sticker to put on your bin to help us identify which households have paid. Please note that your garden waste collection day may have changed. If you paid by 17th May, a sticker and the new collection dates should have been sent to you by post at the beginning of June. If you signed up between Monday, 18th May and Saturday, 13th June, your sticker and new collection dates will have been sent to you in the post during the week commencing Monday 22 June and your collections should have started in the week commencing Monday, 29 June.

You can sign up for garden waste collection at any time to resume with your collections. See more at: <http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/gardenwaste#sthash.dS8UXNjy.dpuf>

Gypsy and Traveller sites are often controversial. A proposed Gypsy and Traveller site just in Mere on the Gillingham Road has now been deferred twice from the Wiltshire Strategic Planning Committee. A site visit will now take place on the proposed site. For those interested the next Strategic Planning Meeting at which the application may be discussed will be on Wednesday, 15th July 2015 at 10.30am in the Council Chamber, County Hall, Trowbridge BA14 8JN. Note: You must contact Wiltshire Council to check that it is on the agenda before you assume it is.

A presentation was given at Wilton on Monday, 8th June, organised by Wiltshire Council's South West Area Board, which was very well attended. Fibre Superfast Broadband has been well received in Mere. Those in the very rural environment of the surrounding villages of Mere, have not generally benefitted from the new technology, except Zeals. Note: parts of Zeals can benefit from Superfast broadband as some Zeals premises are benefiting from across the border upgrades in Dorset. £30.5 million has, and will be, invested in a partnership for intervention areas in Wiltshire, where commercial broadband would not be rolled out in the foreseeable future. Self-help schemes may be viable for some in the villages, such as Gasper and others, which are investing themselves in wireless superfast broadband.

In Mere I have come across problems; Mill Lane is fairly close to the centre of Mere and the western end of Mill Lane takes its telephone lines from the cabinet in the square known as CAB 1, the distance is significant and I am informed by residents that they cannot benefit at present. The eastern end of Mill Lane may as it is fed from another CAB (Green cabinet).

Local people interested in upgrading to the new fibre service should contact their chosen service provider to get connected and where available, start benefiting from the new

technology. If close to a green cabinet 80M packages are available, with 40M sometimes on offer if the connection is more distant from a green cabinet.

Since the Superfast rollout started, more than 44k premises have been connected to date and Wiltshire's target was reached by BT for 31/3/2015. Keep informed with the project and see Wiltshire Council's broadband postcode checker on line.

Kilmington I know has poor mobile signal and poor broadband speed and it appears no improvement is forthcoming in the short term. In West Knoyle, I am told broadband is so poor in some premises, residents have to phone each other to maintain any connection. More work is planned named "Superfast Extension" for Wiltshire to connect even more properties. This will be phase two, and £3.11 million pound is available from central government. I hope some of this intervention will improve the number of premises covered with superfast broadband in this area.

After the above meeting at Dinton, a demonstration in the use of defibrulators was given. Remember please, in case of need, we have two in Mere, one in Castle Street and one attached to Mere Dental practice. In addition there is one at Stourton and one at Kilmington.

We were told that if you need contact the emergency services on a mobile use 112 as it can identify your location better than 999, but use 999 for land lines.

We were told to put our immediate family and friends phone numbers on our mobiles phones, with the word ICE in front of the name. Any emergency services which attend, should you be unlucky enough to require, will look on your mobile phone for numbers beginning with ICE.

Wiltshire FR is to deliver a series of Senior enabling Days, where anyone over the age of 50 can source information and practical advice on how to keep safe at home. Mere will be Tuesday 6th October. An older persons "champion" may be appointed for Mere and around.

I attended the Magna Carta celebrations in Salisbury Cathedral Grounds, on 16th June. Our South West Area Board had a Baron in place amongst those from around Wiltshire. I took part in the Pageant and walked through Salisbury with The Magna Carter banner

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from our South West Wilts Area Board (Wilton, Tisbury and Mere). It was a lovely summers evening and thousands of people from the area lined the streets..

I have been to Coventry a total of four times over the last year for several days at a time to attend a Leadership Academy Programme. I have now completed the course and have received my “graduation” certificate issued by ILM being part of The City and Guilds of London Institute. I have gained knowledge and confidence which I hope I shall be able to use to help people in my Mere Division.



MERE LIBRARY NEWS

Record Breakers Summer Reading Challenge: *Inspiring children to read*

Aimed at 4-11 year olds the annual Summer Reading Challenge is simple and fun. Children are encouraged to read six or more library books of their choice during the summer holidays with collectable stickers and

rewards, plus a certificate and medal for every child who completes the Challenge.

Children can sign up at their local Wiltshire library from 11th July 2015 – it’s absolutely free and the challenge lasts for 8 weeks.

Every year there is a new theme and this year the Summer Reading Challenge has teamed up with Guinness World Records to establish a “Record Breakers” themed Challenge. Collecting stickers as they go, young readers will discover weird, wonderful and wacky records from around the world.

Last year 9,939 children joined the challenge in Wiltshire. 97% said that taking part in the challenge had improved their reading a little or a lot, but 57% said it had improved ‘a lot’.

On days you can’t get to the library, there is still the Record Breakers website: **recordbreakers.org.uk**, with so much for children to discover and they can keep a record of their Challenge too. Children can also recommend books and decide what to read next using the Book Sorter.

Your child will need a library card to borrow books, if they don’t already have one, we would be happy to arrange this with you, please ask staff.

For more information contact Mere Library or visit our website: **wiltshire.gov.uk/libraries** Laura Ford, Library Assistant ☎ 01747 860546



POLICE REPORT

Burglaries in Mere and Zeals

We have had 2 reports this month of dwelling burglaries on our patch, both occurred when the residents were out. Jewellery was the target in both of these incidents, the thieves ignored items like laptops, TV's etc. Enquiries are ongoing, We have had several reports of vehicles being seen by residents in our area with drivers who seemed to be looking over isolated properties. If you see a vehicle with suspicious activity by the occupants, please call us and if you can safely do so, take a note of the registration number. Pass this to us and we will check them out. Advice for residents going away on holiday; make sure your premises are secure. Let your neighbours know so they can keep an eye out. Leave a light and radio on in a bedroom, which makes it look like people are in. Don't post on social media that you are going away. Look into putting an alarm on your house that will make a lot of noise if someone breaks in! You can get alarms quite cheaply nowadays. Join a Neighbourhood Watch, or start one up! Call PCSO Pete if you want to start one ☎ 07528 972541. Or go online, 'Google' 'Neighbourhood Watch' you can join on there.

Fire warning

We have again had reports of someone lighting fires in the toilets area of Salisbury Street car Park. Anyone with any knowledge of who is doing this please call Wilts Police on 101. The toilets are left open at night for everyone to use, we don't want to see them closed at night due to the behaviour of someone who wants to cause damage. We have increased patrols and will be visible in the area.

Suspect Vehicles

Involved in shed breaks recently are a Dark Blue Shogun Estate, a Dark Blue Volvo Estate and a Red Rover 75. These have been spotted nearby when breaks occurred and may be linked to the thefts. 3 reports of garage breaks in Tisbury/ Fonthill Bishop, not far from our area. Trailer, Tools and Fishing Tackle targeted.

A303 Mayhem!

We have had more than our fair share of collisions and incidents on the A303 and A350 recently, some causing us to close the road with the resulting traffic issues that this causes. Most of these resulted in serious injuries and a couple resulted in people dying. The roads are a dangerous place. Please take care and remember that the SPEED you are travelling will make a big difference to your survival prospects if you collide.

PC Richard Salter and PCSO Peter Tscherniawsky ☎ 101 (24hrs)

✉ richard.salter@wiltshire.pnn.police.uk or

✉ peter.tscherniawsky@wiltshire.pnn.police.uk

ARE YOU A CARER?

Come to our Carers' Cafe



Do you help or support a partner, child, relative, friend, or neighbour who could not manage without your help? Caring is not easy and you may have unanswered questions regarding care. Why not come along and meet other carers and discuss your problems over a cup of tea or coffee. Our Carers' Support Café meets at the Angel Tea Rooms in Mere's main square.

Our meeting in **July will be on Monday, 20th** from 10.30am - 12noon.

Our meeting in **August will be on Monday, 17th** from 10.30am - 12noon.

If you would like more information on The Carers' Support Café and carers support contact your Local Wiltshire Good Neighbour, Ann-Marie Dean ☎07557 922023



Mere Dental Practice

*The practice has three Dentists: Stephen Sherrard,
Christopher Davies and Mishari Al-Dhafeeri.*

It also has 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*

MERE CARNIVAL NEWS

There will be a **Carnival Quiz** on Tuesday, 7th July in the Grove Building starting at 7.45pm - do come and join us for a fun evening. £2.00 each - tables of 4 - look out for posters around Mere for full details.

Carnival Bingo on Friday, 4th September in the Grove Building.

Carnival Quiz on Wednesday, 23rd September in the Grove Building.

Carnival Film Show in Lecture Hall on Thursday 10th September. Film to be advised.

Carnival Day - 12th September - Don't forget to pick up your **free programme** with full details of all events and our carnival royals.

Children's afternoon parade at 3.00pm and evening parade at 7.30pm.

Fair in usual field from Wednesday 9th until Saturday, 12th September.

Carnival Raffle Tickets will be on sale from July and all proceeds go to funding this annual event. The raffle draw will take place in the Walnut Tree Inn on Monday, 14th September at 8.00pm.

Afternoon and evening carnival entry forms available for collection from the Post Office on Friday, 21st August - return by 10th September at the latest.

Carol Payne, Carnival Committee, ☎ 01747 861639

✉: luciechesh@hotmail.com



THE MERE AND DISTRICT CHAMBER OF TRADE



Following the success of the 'Meet the Neighbours' Networking Evenings, which included 5 local business Chambers, Tisbury Business Association will be hosting a networking event on Wednesday, 1st July 2015 from 6.30 – 8.30 pm at Pythouse Kitchen Garden, near Hatch. Members from all 5 local business Chambers are invited to attend.

Mere Chamber will be hosting a Social Networking Evening with Business Motivational Speaker Chris Croft who will be talking about Customer Service and the importance of Customer Care for businesses. This will be at the Grove Building in Mere on Tuesday, 8th September from 7.00 – 9.00pm. A buffet and refreshments will be available.

For further information or to book a place, please contact me at the number below.

Dates of next Committee Meetings

Wednesday, 15th July 2015, and

Wednesday, 19th August 2015, both in Mere Social Club for 7.30pm.

Julie Cousins, Secretary, ☎ 07856 700576

MERE CANCER RESEARCH

Mere Cancer Research is delighted to announce that a stupendous £3,989 was raised at the May Fayre – with some more donations still to come in, so a HUGE thank you to everyone who came, bought, donated and supported us.

We were the beneficiaries of the Gillingham Waitrose ‘Community Green Token’ collection for the month of May, which raised £520 – thank you to everyone who put their buttons in our box.

A couple of dates for your diaries:

Saturday, 18th July, Coffee morning at Dewes Lodge, Salisbury Street (entrance through the Salisbury St Car Park) 10.00am – 12.00 pm. Tea, Coffee & fabulous cakes!

Friday, 14th August, Posh Picnic at Chetcombe House, Chetcombe Road. 7.00 pm for 7.30 – 10.00 pm.

Dancing and maybe even a bit of singing to the Sunset Café Stompers. Tickets are £10 per person and available from Roy Sims 01747 863328 or Katie at KM Beauty. Raffle on the night. Please bring all you need for a top notch picnic including tables, chairs and maybe even the odd candelabra! Prize for the best dressed couple. Fizz and nibbles on arrival.

Penny Fennon ☎ 07833 131712

MERE LITERARY FESTIVAL

Poetry Competition

A reminder that the Poetry Competition closes on Monday 6th July. It includes Open, Local and Junior sections. Local residents have two chances for the one entry fee being eligible for both the Open and Local prizes. There are good cash prizes so don't delay – post or deliver your poems by Monday 6th July. Your entry will support the work of the Linkscheme. Details from your local library or on www.merelifest.co.uk

Adrienne Howell ☎ 01747 860475

SHORT WALKS

There will be no Short Walk in either July or August, but please join me for one of my Guided Walks at Stourhead at 1.30pm on Saturday, 14th July or Tuesday, 4th August. The walk is free but you will need to pay for entry into the garden if you are not a National Trust member.

Janet Way ☎ 01747 860884



Mere Literary Festival

?? QUIZ NIGHT ??

FRIDAY JULY 24TH

THE GROVE BUILDING 7 FOR 7.30 P.M.

£6 pp. including Ploughman's Supper

Teams of 4 or come & make up a team on the night

Tel: 01747 861969 to book in advance

Raising Funds for the Mere & District Linkscheme

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MERE THEATRE CLUB

The autumn programme will be mailed out sometime during July or August so if you want to know what we're planning, do join our mailing list. We usually go to matinees and include some time at our destination for lunch or shopping and we're a friendly lot, so you don't have to do it alone! Looking forward to hearing from you.

Madelaine Morris ☎ 01747 861833. Wendy Horne ☎ 01747 861712

MERE FILM SHOWS

As this season of films ends, I must say a big thank you to everyone for supporting our Moviola film shows. At the time of writing I do not have the new film list for the autumn so I cannot confirm our film for Carnival Week in September but it will be a good one! Look out for posters and tickets in the library around mid August. One thing I can confirm is the film for the Literary Festival in October will be 'The Second Best Exotic Marigold Hotel', and that is certainly one not to be missed!

Mary White ☎ 01747 861257

SHREEN HARMONY

Summer is here at last (hopefully) and we are enjoying our new summer songs. We have two concerts booked in July – we will be singing in West Knoyle Church on Thursday, 16th July at 7.30pm and on Saturday, 18th July in Marnhull Church at 7.30pm, and we welcome all support.

Our concert in Gillingham at the end of May raised £515 for Alzheimer's and it was a very happy evening for all.

We will be enjoying our end of term Barbeque in July, which is always a relaxed evening of good food, wine, and song, a great way to end the year!! We do have several vacancies in the choir for altos or second sopranos, and if you are interested please either contact me or just pop in one Thursday evening to the United Reformed Church in Mere at 7.30 p.m. to see if you like what you find!! You would be made very welcome.

Sandra Fisher ☎ 01747 861980

'MERE MELODIES' SEEK NEW MEMBERS

Your local handbell team, Mere Melodies, is looking for new members. Ability to read music is not essential. We are a friendly group of people who enjoy making music. All are welcome to come and have a go. Come and meet us at our open mornings on Mondays 6th, 13th, 20th and 27th July between 10.00am and 12.00 noon in St Michaels Church. Enquiries to me please. *Kathy Herbert* ☎ 01747 861591



WOMENS INSTITUTE (WI)

At our meeting last month we were entertained by Judi Wray-Bliss telling us all about "The Season in 18th Century Bath." We heard about the difficult journey to Bath and the daily rounds, from taking the waters in the morning to the glamour balls and evening entertainment". The Season" was a "marriage market" and a young Welshman, Richard "Beau" Nash was the Master of Ceremonies in charge of all social events for almost 50 years from 1705, although his main interest in life was to make money from gambling. We learned about the appearance of the visitors, their hair, clothing, makeup and the etiquette. We now all know about the language of the fan and the importance of the positioning of the beauty spot and also the lack of dentists.

Our next meeting on Thursday, 2nd July at 7.30pm in the Grove Building is going to be a presentation by Michael Gamble. He has agreed to step in at short notice to give us another presentation of his superb photographs of local scenery and places of interest, all set to music. His presentation this time will not be limited to Wiltshire, but will spread slightly further afield, covering South West England.

Also in July, we have our usual games afternoon, a get together at the Angel Tea Rooms and are also having a lunch at the Stags Head in Yarlington. You would be most welcome to come to these events and indeed to any of our future meetings.

We do not have a meeting in August, but are planning to have a cake and produce stall to be held under the Clock Tower in Mere Square from 9.30am on the 8th August. This event proved to be very popular and successful when we held it last year.

Also in August, a Garden meeting for our local group WI's at the home of one of our members to celebrate the Centenary of the WI. Hopefully the weather will improve and a good time will be had by everyone. *Janet Fisher ☎ 01747 861323*



MOTHERS' UNION AND OPEN MEMBERS' GROUP

Our garden meeting at Mere Down Farm in June wasn't *quite* in the garden (too windy!), but it was a very lively and happy afternoon much enjoyed by all.

Our July meeting also promises to be enjoyable and stimulating, with a talk by Jane Hurd entitled *Faith, politics, cave churches and Whirling Dervishes in Cappadocia*. Everyone is welcome to join us to find out more – on **Tuesday, 14th July at 2.30pm in the Grove Building.**

We don't have a formal meeting in August, but on **Saturday, 1st August from 10.00-11.00am** we will be holding a **Cake Stall** on the triangle by **Mere Clock Tower** in aid of the MU Wheels Appeal.

This year's appeal is supporting families under stress in UK, as well as those suffering through war, sickness and relentless poverty further afield. So come and get a delicious home-made cake in support of a good cause!

Judith Thompson, MU Branch Leader, ☎ 01747 860553

REMEMBER! COPY DATE FOR THE SEPTEMBER ISSUE

MONDAY, 17th AUGUST 2015

FRIENDS OF FIVES COURT

It may seem as if summer has only just arrived, - but already The Friends are planning their annual big fund-raiser - the Autumn Fair - the 11th in the series! It takes place this year on **Saturday, 5th September** in the gardens of **Fives Court, opening at 2.00pm**. Though it seems a long way off, you could already start to help us by looking out good-as-new items for us to sell, setting aside for us a pot or two of jams or other preserves that you may be making this summer, and looking out books, tombola items, (full) wine bottles and so on for the benefit of our Fives Court Residents.

From mid-August there will be a box in the Fives Court porch for the receipt of donations for the Fair. Nearer the time we shall be appealing for spare garden produce, and cakes of course - watch out for posters. In the meantime have a lovely productive summer!
Jenny Wilding ☎ 01747 860908

ROSEMARY GODDARD CENTRE

For the over 60s.

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

I am writing this after just returning from another great trip to Weymouth! The coach was full of happy sun-kissed day trippers who all seemed to have a fantastic time. We paddled in the shallows, made 'sand angels', enjoyed delicious fish and chips and hit a few shops.

I want to thank all the volunteers who accompanied our guests. Without your sterling efforts, trips like these would not be possible. I also want to thank everyone who bought a ticket for the trip, hopefully we will do it all again next year, so watch this space! I was very impressed at how quickly the extra seats sold, so do keep this in mind for next year.

At the centre, we are looking forward to having a representative from Bath Cats and Dogs Home come in and give us a talk, and also a visit from Mere School children. Recently we made some wonderful pottery animal creations with the help of Eddie and much fun was had by all.

If you are interested in volunteering with us then just pop in during session times (see above) for a chat and to see what we are all about, alternatively give me a call on the number below.

All are welcome to our **AGM on Monday, 6th July 2015** at 2.00pm to be held in the Community Room, Lynch Close, Mere.

Sandie Hawkins ☎ 07835 272406

www.MereDayCentre.org.uk

MERE GARDENING CLUB

Our meeting on Wednesday, 8th July at 7.30pm Grove Building is a talk, Willow Work, by Mary Cross. Learn all about Mary's journey working with willow: from botanical information, its myths and legends and uses through the ages. She will demonstrate by making a small plant tepee. **£2 entry for visitors who are very welcome.**

Mere Garden Club's Annual Show takes place on Saturday, 5th September in the Lecture Hall from 2.00pm. Categories are open to everyone, so you do not have to be a member of the Gardening Club to take part. Let's make this a wonderful show case of our gardening efforts. There are sections for Art, Photography and Home Produce, so something for all our skills!

We are also hoping to have some of the items people have made in the popular Sewing Classes on display. Schedules are available from Sprout and Flower or from me. Entry to the Show is 50p, which includes tea and biscuits and much of the produce is sold afterwards.

Janet Way ☎ 01747 860884

CALLING ALL FAMILIES

Want something to do in the Holidays?

Why not take part in

MERE GARDEN CLUB's ANNUAL SHOW

On Saturday, 5th September?

There are 3 Categories specially for you:

FG1 An Animal out of vegetables

FG2 A Vase of Garden Flowers

FG3 We Grew this Ourselves

Entry Forms and all details are available from Sprout and Flower.

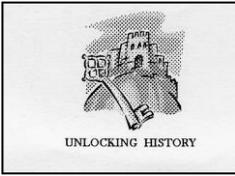
Janet Way ☎ 01747 860884

GROVE BUILDINGS “100” CLUB

The Result of the '100' Club Draw for June 2015, drawn on Wednesday, 3rd June by Rose Cox, was:

1st Prize	(£30)	-	No. 148	Bella Wallace
2nd Prize	(£20)	-	No. 36	Daphne Tighe
3rd Prize	(£10)	-	No. 172	Carol Brewer
4th Prize	(£10)	-	No. 12	Vicky Goodman

Valerie Ransley ☎ 01747 860964



MERE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Breamore House, Garden & Museum

Thursday, 16th July 2015

Still a few remaining places at time of writing. Breamore features on BBC's Flog It, series 13, compilation 35, still available on *i*-player.

Leaves Salisbury Street Car Park at 10.30am, return around 6.00pm

Cost: MHS Members £20, non-members £23 per person
Includes coach and tip, house tour and museum entry.

Waddesdon House

Wednesday, 9th September 2015

Spectacular Waddesdon Manor and its setting, which were created by Baron Ferdinand de Rothschild (1839–1898). The house is one of the National Trust's most visited properties and is set in formal gardens with an English landscape park. The house contains an outstanding collection of art treasures in 45 rooms. There is also much to delight in the Batchelor's wing, and a wine cellar. There is a display of Modern Art in the coach house.

Leaves Salisbury Street Car Park at 8.45am, return around 7.00pm

Cost: MHS Members £16, non-members £19 includes coach and tip
Entry to Waddesdon for non-National Trust members is £13 (group rate)

Please add this to your payment if applicable

DEADLINE for bookings: 21st August

Booking forms are available at Mere Library

NB Change of speaker for Tuesday, 6th October. The talk will now be: "History and Development of Variations; a musical adventure." By Jill Jenkins

www.merehistoricalsociety.org.uk

For more details on these visits, please ring me

Caroline Cook ☎ 01747 861797

MERE MUSEUM

Frederick Holmes, the Mere Photographer, is well and truly rising from obscurity! Many of you have said how excited you have been by the emergence of the man from his shadow in the current exhibition, and we're planning to keep him in Mere's mind. Early in September, before the exhibition closes, we shall be hosting a fund-raising event to enable the Museum to acquire a headstone for Frederick's (and his wife Annie's) grave, now temporarily marked in Mere Cemetery for the first time since their deaths in the 1930s. Watch out for notices later in the summer!

Jenny Wilding ☎ 01747 860908

MERE AMATEUR DRAMATIC SOCIETY (MADS)

After an extensive series of play readings, followed by vigorous - not to say rigorous - discussions late into the night, A Play Has Been Chosen, and cast, for MADS's Autumn Production. All we are prepared to reveal at present is that the play is by Agatha Christie, and that lines are being learned as we speak. Performance dates will be announced in the next issue. Have a lovely summer meanwhile!

Jenny Wilding ☎ 01747 860908

MERE BOWLS CLUB

It is with much sadness that the Club is again mourning the loss of a valuable member. Teresa Read passed away in the early hours of 30th May this year after a short battle against cancer, and this only a brief nine weeks after she lost her husband Colin. The Club's thoughts and prayers go out to her surviving family.

Both Colin and Teresa were staunch members of the Bowls Club for a long period of time, both serving in numerous posts in the Club over the years; Colin was one of the main driving forces behind the Club getting the new green built and then subsequently moving to its' new premises in 2006 while Teresa was my immediate predecessor and the only Club Secretary I have known in my time as a member. They will be both sadly missed by all who knew them within the Club.

Please remember Saturday, 19th September when the Club will be hosting a Barn Dance in the Grove Building with proceeds going to the Parkinsons Foundation in memory of Colin Read, our past President. Entrance tickets will be on sale closer to the time and will sell out quickly as they have done in the past. The ticket price includes dancing to the wonderful Black Bear Band and a Fish & Chip supper – what a deal! There will also be the usual refreshments and a raffle.

For any other details please contact either Alan Inwood ☎ 01985 844215, Alan Spencer ☎ 01747 860803 or me, on the number below or by ✉ don.butchers@btinternet.com

Don Butchers, Club Secretary 📞 01747-860775

MERE CROQUET AND BOULE CLUB

It has been quite a lively start to this season so far and gratifying to see so much action on the green with a number of new members enthusiastically knocking balls through hoops.

A monthly in-house Croquet competition was inaugurated in May, which has been well supported by members and is proving most popular.

The Boule players are going from strength to strength with an increasing number participating.

All we need now is some warmer and sunnier weather!

Our annual BBQ will take place on Saturday, 1st August, commencing at 12.00noon. It is, as always, an Open Day, everyone is welcome, entry is unchanged at £5 per person to include all food and a first glass of wine or soft drink, plus a game of Croquet or Boule for those who would like to 'have a go'. Visitors can be guaranteed a warm welcome. Please give me a call on the number below or ✉ bramleythesteep@btinternet.com if you would like to join us.

Rex Roberts 📞 01747 860873

MERE TOWN YOUTH FOOTBALL CLUB

Summer Soccer 2015

to be held on

Tuesday, 11th; Wednesday, 12th & Thursday, 13th August

Duchy Manor Playing Fields

!0.30am - 3.00pm

All children, 7-14 years are welcome to come along and enjoy some training with our coaches and take part in some friendly matches.

Please bring your own lunch, snacks and plenty of drink and wear/provide appropriate clothing for the weather.

Cost: £35.00 for 3 days, or £15.00 per day.

Coaches are CRC checked, most FA level 1 qualified.

Please contact me if you require more details or if you wish to book a place.

Julie Hodge 07808 715725

TISBURY LEISURE CENTRE

A facility provided by Wiltshire Council,
where everybody matters

Our Summer Holiday Programme has something for everyone. Why not come along and join in our fun games, various sports, nerf wars, roller rumpus, art and craft, bounce sessions, soft play and much much more.

All activities are just £1 per child per session (apart from art and craft which is £2). Booking is highly recommended to avoid any disappointment.

If your child is 9 years of age and you would like them to take part in our Bikeability course, we are looking to run this on 3 and 4 August. Please contact us to register your interest.

For a copy of the programme, more information about any of our classes, to book a place or details concerning any of our other activities, please contact us:

- Reception, ☎ 01747 871141,
- ✉ tisburysc@wiltshire.gov.uk,
- visit the website at www.wiltshire.gov.uk
- Follow us on Twitter@TisburyLC or Facebook.



Mere School Reports

Blue Class

The children have celebrated a Pirate week where they have been dressing up and tasting pirate 'grog' and 'jelly'.

Yellow Class

The children have been watching their plants grow and are looking forward to their trip to Langford Lakes.

Silver Class

The children have been busy creating fantastic drama pieces based on their Nocturnal Animal topic.

Gold Class

The children have been busy writing and filming TV adverts as part of their Literacy work.

Green Class

The children had a fantastic trip to Langford Lakes where they took part in bird watching, pond dipping and a mini beast hunt.

Red Class

The children had an amazing time on their residential at Pencelli. The variety

of activities that they took part in were a huge success.

Purple Class

The children are busy rehearsing for their end of year production of 'Bugsy' as well as taking part in the Junior Citizen programme.

Sports Update

This month the 12 children from Years 3 and 4 took part in Gillingham Family's Tennis tournament. Two of the teams did extremely well and qualified for the North Dorset finals.

Two teams also entered the Warminster Kwik Cricket Tournament. Both teams performed extremely well with one qualifying for the Wiltshire County finals.

STOP PRESS!

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

www.mereschool.co.uk

NEWS FROM HINDON PRIMARY SCHOOL

'From small acorns, mighty oaks grow'. This is certainly the case for this small Church of England primary school for which West Knoyle is in the catchment area, as an ever increasing number of parents and children agree with the sentiments reflected in the school's latest glowing inspection report.

'The school, through its distinctive Christian character, is outstanding at meeting the needs of all learners' SIAMs (Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools) report May 2015.

The report continues by saying - excellent pupil behaviour and attitudes reflect high quality relationships based on the school's distinctively Christian values.

Christian values of love, kindness and gentleness are deeply embedded into daily school life.

Progress and attainment are monitored closely; consequently, pupils reach well above national standards by the time they leave the school at the end of year 6.

The school ensures that challenging academic work within the classroom is balanced with a rich variety of outdoor activities. Outside spaces give pupils the freedom for safe adventure such as building dens in the small wooded area.

Pupils agree that their school is special and they struggle to think of ways it could be improved! To view the full report, and to get a taste of all that Hindon Primary School has to offer, please view the school website www.hindonce.co.uk or telephone the school office to arrange a visit.

Amanda Bristow, Hindon Primary School ☎ 01747 820260

FRIENDS OF ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH

Treasure Hunt and Afternoon Tea.

On **Saturday, 4th July** from 3.00pm, the Friends are organising a Walking Treasure Hunt in Mere for families or individuals, followed by Afternoon Tea in the Grove Building. The cost for entry to the Treasure Hunt (including tea) will be £3 for adults and £2 for children (5-15years), under 5s free. Children under 10 should be accompanied by an adult.

There will be prizes in the different categories for the best answers to the Treasure Hunt. Tickets will be on sale later in June – look out for the posters!

Mere Cook Book

Did you manage to buy a copy of "A Mere Cookbook" at the Fete? If you didn't, and would like one, contact Pat Isom ☎ 01747 861776 to place an order.

It is in colour, with photographs, and has a wide selection of recipes and the cost is a modest £8 per copy.

Alternatively, there is a sample copy for you to have a look at in the Friends Corner of the Church together with an order form.

Ann Dethick, Secretary ☎ 01747 863498

King James II Coat of Arms, part five

There are two inscriptions in English in the Coat of Arms. One is contemporary with the painting and is found along the top. It reads: 'Feare God, Honour the King', the phrase coming from 1 Peter 2, v. 17, and its meaning is quite clear. But it is not a regular part of the Royal Arms. The Churchwardens who commissioned the painting, Thomas Rabbetts and John ffoord, were themselves responsible for including it. It may be that they had premonitions of James's likely unpopularity (he was a Catholic King of a now predominantly Protestant nation) and were doing their best to encourage loyalty among the citizens of Mere. Or it may have been a product of the same, possibly unthinking, enthusiasm which managed to produce and hang the new Coat of Arms within two months of James's accession.

Another inscription in English appears at the bottom of the painting and is a very much later addition. It reads: 'Renovated by A. L.Coward March 1896'. Arthur Coward was a house painter and decorator and he may also have been a Churchwarden. His dated intervention is an important part of the history of the painting, an indication of renewed interest in it at the end of the 19th century. There is evidence of patches and repairs on the painting (of which more in the next issue), but it is not clear which of these were carried out by Mr Coward. The conservation process will reveal more.

Jenny Wilding ☎ 01747 860908

St. Michael the Archangel, Mere

Songs of Praise

Sunday, 19th July @ 6.00 pm

Do come along to join us at this informal service of praise and worship and sing favourite hymns chosen and introduced by local people.

ST MICHAELS' CHURCH FETE

Not the best of sunny days, but at least it was dry and warm at 2.00pm to enable King John and his entourage to open the annual church fete in the churchyard. In addition to the many stalls and attractions in the churchyard, some stalls, such as the cake stall, (which generated some heat as they sold out in 40 minutes!), were to be found in the coolness of the church building. Alongside them, The Friends of St Michaels did well with their new Mere Cook book and that is reported as selling 'like hot cakes!'

Around the churchyard, the usual stalls were to be found, and a programme of events took place including a large group of performing dogs and handlers from Dogwise demonstrating how dogs should behave. Stunt bears from Mere Cancer Research were flown from the roof of the tower to much amusement, although it is reported that there were some errant bears, who thought the peace and quiet of the church roof was better than a hard landing on the ground, which was busy and noisy with people enjoying the many stalls. In the vicarage field, just a few steps away along the footpath, Mere Archery was to be found masquerading as Robin Hood and his Merry Men.

All in all it was a good community day, enjoyed by many, and has raised around £3,450 for the church funds, which will help in keeping the ancient Grade 1 listed building in good shape for the community. *Editor*



IN MERE & DISTRICT

On Wednesday, 22nd July at 7.00pm at St George's Church, Bourton, **The Revd Graham Perryman** will be licensed as the new **Priest-in-Church of the Parish of Upper Stour** (Comprising Zeals, Stourton, Kilmington and Bourton). A very warm welcome to him on behalf of all the Churches of Mere & district. We look forward to working together with him.

Very many thanks to everyone who helped in any way with this year's **Christian Aid** collection in Mere, which has raised the amazing sum of £1,700 with a few late envelopes still being returned. Huge thanks to all who gave, collected, or counted.

A date for your diary: this year's **ONE WORLD FAIR** will be held in the Grove Building, from 11.00am-2.00pm on **Saturday 24th October**.

*Judith Thompson ☎ 01747 860553 & Janet Way ☎ 01747 8608840
Joint Secretaries, Churches Together in Mere & District*



CHILDREN'S HOLIDAY ACTIVITY CLUB

(Reception to Year 6)

**Tuesday, 21st July and
Wednesday, 22 July**

9.30am to Noon in the Grove Building

Registration from 9.15am. A parent or Childminder is required to stay with any child under the age of 5

For any further information please contact:

Rev'd Carol ☎ 01747 861859 or Christine ☎ 01747 861212

REV'D ELIZABETH KEMP, UNITED REFORMED CHURCH MINISTER, WRITES:

A Reflection from the Home of M&Ms

Hacketts Town New Jersey is home to the head office of M&M chocolates. You can see giant, coloured chocolate M&M characters hanging around outside their building. Hacketts Town is also where my friend Jeanne and her husband live in a pretty little detached wood frame house, full of character.

In their back yard (garden) is a small barn in working order. Houses in their tree-lined suburban street have the feel of Small Town America. People hold yard sales on designated days, children cycle in the streets and newspapers are thrown onto front doorsteps. Bears mostly stay in the woods and the residents' main worry is about visiting deer eating their flowerbeds.

It's a great place to live... until the autumn, when leaves are shed and one neighbourhood eyesore home is revealed. The neighbour is a hoarder. I have no idea what the inside of the house looks like, but the garden looks like a scrap yard. What should be a garden is filled with rusting cars, trailers piled high with old washing

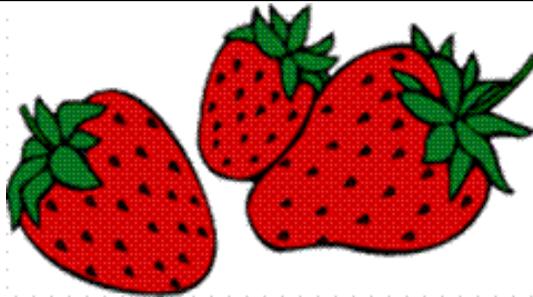
machines, car engines, rocking horses, old tyres and much more. This is not the home of a person who repairs or salvages anything; he just acquires stuff and keeps it. The place is not only visually alarming, it is a health and safety hazard.

Hoarding useless things is an affliction we can spot from afar but what about hoarding useless emotional baggage in our lives?

- the hurt we suffered years ago and still carry with us
- the relationships which went wrong but for which we cannot forgive ourselves
- the people we hold close to us even though they devalue and hurt us time after time.

Often people prevent themselves from enjoying today because of what happened yesterday, or even decades ago. If this is you, or someone you care about, remember that Jesus said "I have come that you might have life in all its fullness."

For Christ's sake, for your sake, and for the sake of your loved ones, give yourself permission to let go of the emotional rubbish which can become toxic and give yourself time and space to enjoy the days God gives you. As you get out and about this summer, remember: God has made you, God does not make rubbish, you are loved.



You are invited to a
STRAWBERRY TEA in Aid of Suchana
on Friday, 10th July from 2.30pm

at Rivermead, Pettridge Lane (Jean & Colin's house ☎ 01747 861168)

Everyone Welcome!

METHODIST CHURCH NOTES

Café Worship

Cafe Worship in the Methodist School Room In July will be led by the Minister Rev'd Paul Arnold on Wednesday, 29th, at 11.00am with Coffee at 10.30am. All are welcome to this friendly and informal time.

There will be no Cafe Worship in August, but Coffee Mornings continue for "stay at homes" 10.30 - 11.00am every Wednesday. *Mary Siderfin ☎ 01747 861370*

CHURCH SERVICES IN MERE AND WEST KNOYLE JULY 2015

The Parish Church, St Michael the Archangel:

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

✉: vicar@stmichaelsmere.org.uk

Churchwardens: Mrs Elizabeth Howden ☎ 01747 863424

Mr Michael Marsh ☎ 01747 861212

Church Administrator: Mr Ian Treece ☎ 07754 524802

✉: administrator@stmichaelsmere.org.uk

Each Sunday		8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)
Each Wednesday		10.30am	Holy Communion (BCP)
Each Friday		8.00am	Holy Communion (CW1)
			The Rev'd Carol Wilson Barker has a rest day
Sunday	5th	10.30am	Family Communion
Tuesday	7th	6.00pm	'Start the Month'
			Holy Communion (BCP)
Sunday	12th	10.30am	Parish Communion (CW1)
	*19th	10.30am	Parish Communion (CW1)
		6.00pm	Led by the Bishop of Ramsbury Songs of Praise
	26th	10.30am	Parish Communion (CW1)

*Traidcraft stall after 10.30am service

The United Reformed Church

Mere Contact: Mrs E Burfitt: ☎ 01747 860685)

Sunday	5th	11.00am	Mr Peter Kershaw
	12th	11.00am	Rev'd Elizabeth Kemp
			Holy Communion
	19th	11.00am	Rev'd Stella Sivour
	26th	11.00am	Rev'd Margaret Laurie

The Methodist Church (☎ Shaftesbury 01747 854631)

Mere Contact: Mrs M Siderfin: ☎ 01747 861370

Sunday	5th	6.00pm	Deacon Gary Hoare
	12th	6.00pm	Rev'd John Page
	19th	6.00pm	Songs of Praise at Parish church
	26th	6.00pm	Rev'd Paul Arnold

The Roman Catholic Church, St Mary's

Mere Contacts: Margaret Thompson ☎ 01747 860291

Every Saturday 5.30pm Mass

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

West Knoyle Parish Church, St Mary the Virgin

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

✉: vicar@stmichaelsmere.org.uk

Churchwardens: Mrs Jill Randall ☎ 01747 830534

Mr Colin Seaford ☎ 01747 830263

Sundays	5th	9.30am	DIY
	12th	9.30am	Holy Communion BCP
	19th	9.30am	Holy Communion CW1(Trad)
	26th	9.30am	Matins

Note: BCP indicates Book of Common Prayer 1662

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

AUGUST 2015

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Each Friday		8.00am	Holy Communion (CW1)
			The Rev'd Carol Wilson-Barker has a rest day

Sunday	2nd	10.30am	Family Communion (CW1)
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Tuesday	4th	6.00pm	“Start the month” Holy Communion (BCP)
Sunday	9th	10.30am	Parish Communion
	16th	10.30am	Benefice Service at West Knoyle
			NO service at St Michaels
	23rd	10.30am	Parish Communion (CW1)
	30th	10.30am	Parish Communion (CW1)

The United Reformed Church

Mere Contact: Mrs E Burfitt ☎ 01747 860685)

Sunday	2nd	11.00am	Rev'd Margaret Laurie
	9th	11.00am	Rev'd Elizabeth Kemp
Sunday	16th	11.00am	Rev'd Stella Sivyouur Holy Communion
	23rd	11.00am	Rev'd Margaret Laurie
	30th	11.00am	Rev'd Hazel Barkham

The Methodist Church (Tel. Gillingham 01747 823777)

Mere Contact: Mrs M Siderfin ☎ 01747 861370)

Sunday	2nd	6.00pm	Local Fellowship Service
	9th	6.00pm	Rev'd Paul Arnold Holy Communion
	16th	6.00pm	Rev'd John Page
	23rd	6.00pm	Dr Colin Farrant
	30th	6.00pm	Mrs Christine Marsh

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DIARY DATES

JULY 2015

AYP-Andy Young Pavilion; CC-United Reformed Church Centre; CP-Main Car Park; DMS-Duchy Manor School; GB-Grove Building; L-Lecture Hall; Lib-Library; Lynch-Lynch Community Centre; MH-Methodist Church Hall; MSC-Mere Social Club. RMC-Railway Modellers Clubhouse

1	Wed	9.30am	Tai-Chi (every Wednesday)	GB
		10.30am	Tai-Chi - small hall (every Wednesday)	GB
		11.15am	Pilates (also 8th)	GB
		6.00pm	Karate (every Wednesday)	L
		7.00pm	Railway Modellers (every Wednesday)	RMC
2	Thur	10.00am	- 11.30am Hearing Aid Clinic	Surgery
		10.00am	- 12.00pm Mere Art Group (every Thursday)	GB
		2.00pm	Bridge Club (every Thursday)	L
		2.00pm	Castle Hill Quilters	GB
		7.00pm	Womens Institute meeting	GB
		7.30pm	Footpath Group Moonlight Walk	CP
3	Fri	10.00am	Open the Book	GB
		2.00pm	Duplicate Bridge (every Friday)	GB
		6.00pm	Zumba (every Friday)	L
4	Sat	10.00am	- 11.00am Mere Credit Union (every Saturday)	Lib
		1.00am	Friends of St Michaels	GB
		10.30am	Drop In Coffee Morning (every Saturday)	CC
4	Sat	3.00pm	Friends of St Michaels Treasure Hunt	GB
		7.00pm	Oasis Bingo	L
6	Mon	9.30am	Tiddlers and Toddlers (also 13th)	L
		10.00am	Chair based Zumba (every Monday)	L
		11.00am	Zumba Gold (every Monday)	L
		2.00pm	Rosemary Goddard centre AGM	Lynch
		2.00pm	Pilates (every Monday)	GB
		6.00pm	Beaver Scouts	GB
		6.45pm	Cubs	GB
		7.30pm	Slimming World (every Monday)	L
		7.00pm	Scouts	GB

7	Tue	10.15am - 11.30am	Lip Reading	GB
		6.00pm	Pilates (every Tuesday)	GB
		6.20pm	Zumba (every Tuesday)	L
		7.00pm	Slimming World (every Tuesday)	L
		7.45pm	Carnival Quiz	GB
8	Wed	1.45pm	Friends Together Whist Drive	GB
		7.30pm	Gardening Club	GB
9	Thur	5.00pm	Girl Guiding	GB10
10	Fri	10.00am	Merely Women (also 24th)	GB
		2.30pm	Suchana Strawberry Tea	Rivermead
11	Sat	9.00am - 3.00pm	Flea Market (also 25th)	L
		10.00am	Children's Summer Reading Challenge begins	Lib
13	Mon	7.30pm	Mere Am. Dram. Socy (MADS) Meeting (Green R.)	L
14	Tue	9.00am	Foot Care Clinic	MH
		2.30pm	Mothers Union meeting	GB
15	Wed	7.30pm	Chamber of Trade Committee Meeting	MSC
18	Sat	10.00am	12.00pm Cancer Research Coffee morning	Dewes L
		10.30am	Drop In Coffee Morning + Traidcraft stall	CC
19	Sun	2.00pm	Mere Footpath Group Walk	CP
20	Mon	10.30am - 12.00noon	Carers Support cafe	Angel Tea Rooms
21	Tue	9.00am	Churches Together Childrens Holiday Club	GB
22	Wed	9.00am	Churches Together Childrens Holiday Club	GB
		1.45pm	Friends Together	GB
24	Fri	7.30pm	Mere Literary Festival Quiz Night	GB
28	Tue	9.00am	Foot Care Clinic	MH
29	Wed	10.30am	Café Worship	MH

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3	Mon	10.00am	Chair Based Zumba (every Monday)	L
		11.00am	Zumba Gold (every Monday)	L
		2.00pm	Pilates (every Monday)	GB
		7.00pm	Slimming World (every Tuesday)	L
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		6.20pm	Zumba (every Tuesday)	L

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		9.30am	Womens Institute Cake & Produce stall	The Square
		7.00pm	Oasis Bingo (also 29th)	L
11	Tue	9.00am	Foot Care Clinic	MH
		2.30pm	Mothers Union	GB
		7.00pm	Church Meeting	CC
12	Wed	1.45pm	Friends Together - Whist Drive	GB
14	Fri	7.30pm - 10.00pm	Cancer Research 'Posh Picnic'	Chetcombe House
15	Sat	10.30am	Drop In Coffee Morning + Traidcraft stall	CC
16	Sun	9.30am	Footpath Group Walk	CP
17	Mon	10.30am - 12.00noon	Carers Support cafe	Angel Tea Rooms
19	Wed	7.30pm	M&D Chamber of Trade Committee Meeting	MSC
25	Tue	9.00am	Foot Care Clinic	MH
26	Wed	1.45pm	Friends Together	GB

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MAKE A DIFFERENCE AT STOURHEAD

With a lovely National Trust property on our doorstep, many people in Mere enjoy volunteering at Stourhead. Why not join them to do one of the many roles available? Help make Stourhead an even more friendly and interesting place for all visitors, being on hand to answer questions, give directions and offer information to help visitors decide how best to enjoy their day out.

If you love Stourhead and have a little time to spare, please contact Jean Nimmo, Volunteer Co-ordinator ☎ 01747 841152 or ✉ jean.nimmo@nationaltrust.org.uk

BOOKING MEETING HALLS

Grove Building:

Ian Treece

☎ 07754 524802

Lecture Hall:

Sally Johnson

☎ 01747 861063

Methodist Church Schoolroom

Mary Siderfin

☎ 01747 861370

MERE INFORMATION

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MERE INFORMATION POINT, THE LIBRARY

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

HEALTH MATTERS

ADVICE

Fridays: 2.00 to 4.00pm

MEMORY LOSS

READING GROUP

Wednesdays: 2.30 to 4.00pm

ALZHEIMERS SUPPORT

1st Friday: 2.00 to 4.00pm

REGISTRAR OF BIRTHS

By appointment only (☎ 0300 0034569)

& DEATHS:

Thursdays: 9.30 to 11.30am

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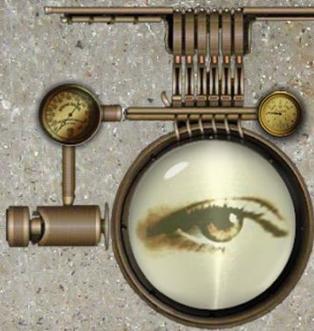
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