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## Editors News

Firstly my apologies to Andrea Laker who's picture was on the front cover of the last issue and I managed to miss out thanking her for the lovely picture of the fish house bathed in candle light.

Well as the line up for Glastonbury starts to be revealed and those with tickets look forward to the event, I hope we are all looking forward to joining the rest of the country for a weekend of celebrating the Queens 70 years on the throne and a 4 day bank holiday weekend. As much detail as possible on what is occurring in the Parish over the weekend has been put on the centre pages of the magazine for you to pull out and keep for reference nearer the time.

I am embarrassed to say that after 7 years of living in Meare I finally went along for Café Westhay at the School Rooms in March, where I met lots of lovely people from the Parish and had wonderful Coffee and Cake. They held a raffle and I was so please to hear they raised a wonderful £20, which they are donating to Children's Hospice South West.

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## Would like to Mention

### Meare Graveyard Maintenance and Flowers

Hilary would like to mention the following. We are grateful to M & P contracting, Malcolm and Patsey Sweet for continuing to maintain the graveyard, cutting and trimming around the headstones. Great care is taken but it would be helpful if all floral tributes could be kept to the stone plinths around the headstones and plaques. Shrubs and rose bushes should not be planted in the grass either as the roots can undermine the soil and headstones.

We received praise last year during the pandemic from an Australian seeking information about his grandparent's graves. He was sent photos and commented how well the graveyard looked 90 years on!

### Book Swap Shop

Christine Woodward has organized a regular Book, CD and DVD Swap Shop in the Church rooms. Friday Mornings is the best time to drop off or leave them on her doorstep anytime, Willow Cottage, 30 St. Mary's Road (opposite the Church Rooms) and she will pop them into the Church Rooms for all to share.



### Jubilee Celebrations

Anyone who would like to attend the Jubilee Celebration and will have a problem getting there, please let us know on [mandwjubilee@gmail.com](mailto:mandwjubilee@gmail.com) or ring the 01458 860295 and we will try and help you.

Likewise anyone who is able to help to take people to the Jubilee events please let us know. Thank you.

We would also like to invite everyone from the Parish, to another meeting to give an update as to what has happened so far. To listen to any feedback and ideas you have, and if anyone would like to help out or join us in organize the event come along. It will again be held at Meare Community Church on Friday 8th April at 7:30.

We will need as much support as possible, both monetary (Via the go funding page <https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/meare?>) and help on the day, so please donate via this link or email us at [mandwjubilee@gmail.com](mailto:mandwjubilee@gmail.com), we will be happy to collect any donations.

## Westhay School Rooms

At the committees Annual General Meeting held in January, the following events were arranged for 2022.

Richard Brown, Secretary

Westhay Schoolroom Events (Registered Charity No.288021)		
Copies of the two Parish Tithe Maps are stored at the Schoolroom; one was made in 1844 the other in 1884. These were required to be made at the parish expense, in order that taxes and tithes could be levied on the land. The current parish boundaries no longer match those shown on the maps. Originals of these two copies, are held at the County Museum at Taunton.		
2nd April	10:30am	Café Westhay
7th May	10:30am	Café Westhay
9th May	8:00pm	Committee Meeting
4th June	3:00pm	Queens Platinum Jubilee Tea
2nd July	10:30am	Café Westhay, Then the 1st Saturday of every month
9th July	6:30pm	Village Barbecue
23rd September		Harvest Service and Sale
19th December		Carols at the Tree

Bin Collection Dates :- kerbside by 6 am		
Wednesday 13th & 27th	April	Garden Waste only
<b>FRIDAY 22nd</b>	<b>April</b>	<b>Recycling &amp; Refuse</b>
Thursday 7th, 14th & 28th	April	Recycling only
Wednesday 11th & 25th	May	Garden Waste only
Thursday 12th	May	Recycling & Refuse
<b>FRIDAY 6th</b> Thursday 19th & 26th	<b>May</b>	<b>Recycling only</b>
<b>SATURDAY 4th</b>	<b>JUNE</b>	<b>Recycling &amp; Refuse</b>

## Clerk Report

Parish Council Meetings – 7.30pm in The Chapel

**Monday 25th April 7pm Parish Council Meeting**

**Monday 25th April 7:30pm Annual Parish Assembly**

**Monday 16th May Annual Parish Meeting**

### Rewilding

A meeting was arranged between Somerset County Council Highways, Mendip District Council, Mrs Laura Sorensen, and members of the Parish Council. It was also attended by members of MWFT.

Following lengthy discussions on the whys and wherefores of planting the verges it was agreed that MWFT would provide a list of the work that they had already carried out and that which they planned to do in the future to the Parish Council for approval seven days prior to the monthly meetings. The Parish Council would then forward the agreed work to Highways to ensure any necessary licensing was in place. The future approval route for any work on the verges is initially MWFT to the Parish Council and then the Parish Council to Highways and/or Mendip District Council as appropriate.

The Parish Council did publish Mrs Sorenson's survey about rewilding in the parish magazine but no responses from parishioners were forthcoming.

### Speed Limit between Meare & Westhay

The Council has agreed to fund a radar to ascertain the amount of speeding traffic between the two villages.

The response from Traffic Management Team is that there are guidelines on the setting of local speed limits and factors that need to be considered when reviewing a speed

limit such as history of collisions, road geometry and existing traffic speeds. Essentially, changes such as speed limits must be evidence-led.

A reduction to 50mph might be possible, but this would have to be Parish funded as upon reviewing the traffic speed and collision data for the Parish, this would not be a priority for Somerset County Council in terms of funding. Sadly, there are many other locations throughout the County where there are numerous recorded serious injuries and fatalities, the duty is therefore to direct their limited resources towards those sites.

The first step towards self-funded speed limit reduction would be a speed survey to ensure the current speeds are within the parameters for a speed reduction. However, it is worth bearing in mind that research has shown that a change in speed limit signs alone has very little effect on actual vehicle speeds and that the speed of vehicles is moderated by the surrounding environment rather than the posted speed limit. Where motorists do not understand the reasoning behind the implementation of a speed limit, a high level of non-compliance is likely to occur, and indeed this may lead to disrespect of speed limits elsewhere. A speed limit should encourage self-compliance.

The cost of radar equipment for one week is about £250. Meanwhile, a signing and lining inspection of the road between Meare and Westhay is planned to ensure all road markings and signs adhere to current guidelines.

## Facebook

Please note that the Council does not comment directly on Facebook. If you wish to discuss anything with the Parish Council please email the Clerk.



## Orange Street Lighting

Somerset County Council's Highways Lighting Team have informed the Parish Council that their policy is now to replace the old lanterns with LED lanterns only when they are no longer viable to repair.

With all local Councils under pressure to reduce carbon emissions the new LED lanterns on average give us an energy saving of 66%. This has a large impact on reducing Somerset's carbon emissions output and as a result is currently being rolled out throughout the County as and when budgets permit.

## Meare Defibrillator

A new guardian for the Meare Defibrillator is required. Their duties would be to do a weekly check and to send a monthly report to NHS South West Ambulance Service - Jonathan.Warren@SWAST.nhs.uk on the following: **Site Name**

**Indicator is green and rescue ready / red and out of order**

**Cabinet condition**

**Pads in date**

**Defib is in the same place and not been relocated.**

Please contact the Parish Clerk if you can help with this.

## Comedy Society Returns

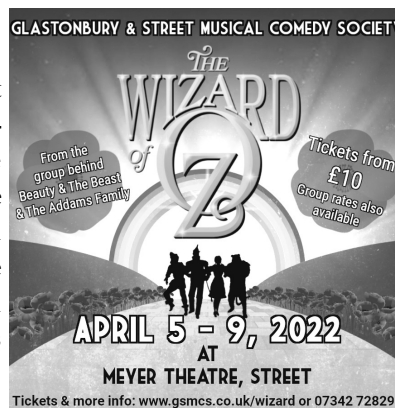
The award-winning Glastonbury & Street Musical Comedy Society is returning to the stage this April with the colourful family favourite musical The Wizard of Oz at the Meyer Theatre in Street. To help keep local theatre alive in mid-Somerset we're hoping to push this to as many towns and villages as possible.

They are doing a special group deal for local schools and community groups, which means they can potentially buy tickets for as little as £5 each. If you or someone you know would like to take advantage of this offer please email:

[boxoffice@gsmcs.co.uk](mailto:boxoffice@gsmcs.co.uk)

Many thanks for your support,

Christian Lockyer, Publicity Manager



## Police News

Sadly, two of the Sea Eagle England, Isle of Wight, reintroduced white-tailed eagles have recently been recovered dead on multi-agency operations in the south of England, including one in Dorset in late January. An investigation is underway to ascertain the causes of the death of both birds, who are undergoing post mortem and toxicological examination. Although not in our area we have lots of endangered species that live here. Please be vigilant of any incidents regarding wildlife and report any information to 101.

## Burglary in Cheddar

Officers investigating a burglary in Cheddar are appealing for information and witnesses. It occurred between 3pm and 11pm on Saturday 19 February, unknown offenders broke into a property on Labourham Way through a rear window. They left with a significant quantity of cash, gold jewellery and other personal items some pictured here. If you can help, please call 101 and quote reference 5222042028.



## MEARE PARISH ACTIVITY GROUP (MPAG)

As previously advertised over the last year, MPAG plan to add to the Jubilee celebrations on Friday the 3<sup>rd</sup> of June with a family treasure trail starting on the playing field. For Further details please see centre pages.

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## St. Mary's Church News

The church will be open for visitors more often in the week during the summer months. This does depend however on our small team of volunteer keyholders so we would welcome another person to join the Rota to help us out one week a month. ( Contact Robert White 860128)

We are hoping that the vicar David McGeoch will soon be recovered from his operation and celebrating Easter with us again. ( See below for services.)

### EASTER FLOWERS

We shall be decorating the church on Saturday 16th April at 10.00am onwards so if anyone would like to contribute flowers or an arrangement in memory of a loved one please come along.

Services and Events		
Sunday 3rd April	11am	Holy Communion
Sunday 10th April	10am	Palm Sunday Service at St. Johns Glastonbury
Good Friday 15th April		St. Mary's open for Private Prayer
Sunday 17th April	11am	Easter HC and Baptism
Saturday 23rd April		Wedding
Sunday 1st May	11am	Holy Communion
Sunday 5th June	11am	HC and Queen Jubilee Thanksgiving Service
2nd to the 6th June		<b>QUEENS JUBILEE FLOWER FESTIVAL</b> A display of 70 small flower posies from villagers. See Centre pages for more details

We hope to welcome many more of you in the future.  
Wishing you a Happy & Healthy Summer  
From All at St. Mary's Church.

## Announcements

### Deaths

**Kathleen Anne Franks “Kath”** aged 78 years, who passed away Peacefully on the 5th January 2022. The funeral service was held at St. Mary’s Church, Meare on Monday 24th January, to celebrate her life. The Funeral Directors were M Franks & Sons, Kath’s 3 Sons, who did her proud with a fantastic celebration of her life, her funeral attended by over 300 family, friends and neighbours. Kath's 4 grandsons were the bearers and they did a wonderful job. The organist was Matthew Remand and the service was led by Reverend David Hatrey and Reverend Martin Mudie. Donations in memory of Kath to be shared between Yeovil Breast Cancer Hospital appeal and St. Mary’s Church, Meare.

**Nigel Edwin John Grimstead** aged 91, Late of Meare and Westhay. He passed away on the 7th January 2022. The Funeral Service was held at St. Mary’s Church, Meare on 2nd February 2022. The Funeral Directors were M. Franks & Sons. The organist was Matthew Redman. The service was led by Richard Drown. Donation in memory of Nigel were for the Salvation Army.

**Linda Irene Parsons** aged 89 years sadly passed away at Yeovil District Hospital on 6 November 2021. The funeral service and celebration of her life was held at Mendip Crematorium on 6 December 2021 led by Mr David Parker. Linda’s ashes were interred at St Mary’s Churchyard, Meare the following week together with her husband Patrick, who sadly passed away on 9 May 2016. They shared a very happy and full life together in Meare for over 20 years. The internments and lovely small service was given by Reverend David MacGeoch. Donations received went to Children’s Hospice South West. Funeral Directors Forsey and Son, Glastonbury.

### Birth

Congratulations to Richard and Toni on the birth of their baby son. Toni Says “The wait is finally over, our home has grown by two feet! We were blessed with the safe arrival of Freddie Charles Francis on 25th February 2022 at 3.33am Weighing 5lb11oz. Ten little fingers, ten perfect toes, fill our hearts with love that overflows.”



## Meare Village Primary School

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Website: [www.meareprimary.co.uk](http://www.meareprimary.co.uk)

**Interim Headteacher: Mrs S Leggett**



Since February we have seen more normality at school with the number of Covid cases amongst staff and pupils declining. We have been able to stop our Key Stage bubbles and have returned to having whole school assemblies and playing together outside which has been lovely. We have also been able to resume specialist teaching of computing and music which has been wonderful.

Last half term the School Council raised money for Battersea Dogs and Cats home. On Valentine's Day the whole school wore red/pink hearts etc for Valentine's Day and made a contribution to this amazing charity. We also had an assembly about the origins of Valentine's Day.

This half term we welcome a new School council and they have decided to raise money for the Red Cross to support the people of Ukraine. We will also be celebrating Easter/Spring and running an Easter/Spring Garden competition. I know the children will enjoy making these gardens.

We have wonderful resources at the school which the children enjoy using. The Bike Track remains really popular with the children developing their sense of balance, strengthening their core muscles and at the same time having lots of fun.

Mrs Sandra Leggett  
Interim Headteacher



## The Queens Platinum Jubilee Parish Celebrations, Meare and Westhay

### Competitions Over the Weekend

#### **Best Dressed House Competition.**

Bring out the flags and Bunting and decorate your house and garden.

The winning house will have the picture put on the Front of the August Magazine.

#### **Fancy Dress & Crown / Tiara competition**

Judged on Sunday 5th

**Come Dressed as your favourite  
Royal or 1950's costume.**

**Home made Crowns and Tiara  
Competition**

**Art Competition At the Community Church  
(see Friday's Section)**

#### **THURSDAY 2nd June**

THURSDAY 2nd June to SUNDAY 5th June  
**St. Marys Church** is holding a display of 70 small flower posies from villagers. Bring contributions to the church by Thursday 2nd June please.

## FRIDAY 3rd June

### Family Treasure Trail

Friday 3rd as previously advertised, MPAG will be celebrating with a Fun Family Treasure Trail starting on the playing field, going through the village, keeping to a safe route, and returning to the field for a fabulous BBQ, tea, coffee, soft drinks and cakes.

Keeping the royal theme, there will be craft materials for the children (or adults!), to make crowns/tiaras etc, the headwear can then be worn and judged in the parade on the Sunday.

There will be shelter available, which will hopefully only be needed to keep cool!!

There is no charge for any of the above, but for those who would like alternative refreshment, we plan to have a licensed bar.

### Community Chapel Exhibition of Art

Friday 3rd June, there will be an Exhibition of Art work of all kinds (paintings, craft, pottery, tapestry etc.) at the Chapel from 10am to 4pm.

Exhibits will be collected from 9:30am - 12am on the morning of Thursday 2nd so that they can arrange the display in the afternoon.

The display will be taken down and collected from 10 - 12am on Saturday June 4th.

There will be a (modest!) prize for the winners in each category



## SATURDAY 4th June

### **Westhay School Rooms Afternoon Tea**

At the Westhay School Rooms Volunteers will be offering free delicious afternoon Tea from 3pm to celebrate the Queen Jubilee.

## SUNDAY 5th June

**St. Mary's Church 11am HC and Queens Jubilee Thanksgiving Service**

### **Big Jubilee Lunch**

The Parish Council and volunteers invite all to The Big Jubilee Lunch on the playing field, Muddy Lane

Drop off your own picnic at 12pm or buy from TT's Takeaway, the choice is yours. Then gather round to watch the Bridgwater Sea Cadets Marching Band and those in Fancy dress, parade down Muddy Lane and in and around the field, before sitting with friends and family for a lovely afternoon. Don't forget to bring your hand made Crowns and Tiara's and enter the competition. Tea, Coffee and Cake will be provided.

While Bantock Parties provide Music through the years, have a look at the Memorabilia stand, with pictures and items from the last 70 years.

Games for all the family start around 2:30, like Water Balloon Toss, Mr Crocodile and much more. Lisa Jackson Face painting, Gabbys Ice Cream Van and Bouncy Castle and Bar from the Carnival Club also available to purchase.

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## **Meare Community Church**

**Thought for today – Do we care? Mike Strange.**

As you watch the news from Ukraine, how does it make you feel? Heartbroken at the distress and suffering of ordinary families no different from our own? Outrage at the injustice? Appalled at the destruction of homes, heritage and environment? In the face of human tragedy on such scale, we may feel powerless. Unable to change the outcome.

“He looked around at them in anger and, deeply distressed at their stubborn hearts, said to the man, “Stretch out your hand.” He stretched it out, and his hand was completely restored.” Mark 3:5.

There were things that made Jesus angry. In this case it was people whose religious thinking stopped them from helping a fellow human who was suffering. According to the Bible, God hates things like injustice, selfishness, greed, harming children, exploiting the poor, and Jesus was outspoken in confronting them.

While the Bible also says much about, not losing your temper, not bearing grudges, and loving your enemies, some things should make us angry enough to care.

If we care, we would accept that there will be a personal cost for us. Certain things here will become expensive and in short supply. Refugees will need to be welcomed. Humanitarian and other forms of aid will need to be given. Local groups are even now asking for donations of essentials to provide to those fleeing the fighting (e.g., the Facebook group Help for Ukraine Taunton).

As we watch our television screens, these seem like small inconveniences.

**If we care.**

Mike Strange,  
Pastor  
Meare Community Church

For more details of events please visit the website at :-  
[www.mearecommunitychurch.org.uk](http://www.mearecommunitychurch.org.uk)

### Meare Community Church events diary

Sundays	11-12am	Worship for All
Mondays	9-10:30am	Music With Mike (Toddler Group)
Term Time Only	11am	Brunch (Food, Friends, discussion about the good book)
Thursdays	2:30pm	Tea For One! Meeting point for anyone who has been bereaved of their partner
<b>2nd and 4th Thursday of the month 6pm Youth Group</b>		
<b>3rd Thursday of the month 7:30pm Ladies Group</b>		
Friday June	3rd 10am till 4pm	Exhibition of Art Work of all kind at the Chapel. (Paintings, Craft, Pottery, Tapestry and much more) see centre pages



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## Street & Walton Men's Shed

The New Year has brought new challenges and opportunities for the Street & Walton Shed, our membership is increasing making our sessions very busy and productive with all sorts of projects being taken on by members. A lot of this work is producing items like Bird boxes and feeders, garden planters and we have been given the opportunity to sell all our wares at the Craft Fair which is held in Glastonbury Town Hall each month. Our next event will be on the 14th May in Glastonbury Town Hall from 10:30 to 4:30.

We are also helping with the Glastonbury Repair Café; where we are repairing items mainly made of wood, like garden tools chairs and small tables.

The shed is open for new members both male and female to join us. We have plenty of space in our two workshops for you to work, and a kitchen/social area for you to chat over tea or coffee.

So, if you are looking for something to do which is productive and fulfilling, along with a friendly and social atmosphere.

We open 3 days a week, Monday 9am to 12:30pm on Tuesdays 9am to 4:30pm on Thursdays 9am to 4:30pm, we may be opening for extra days if there is a demand.

The lady's session is from 1pm to 4:30pm on Tuesday afternoon, we also hold a mixed session on Thursday afternoon from 1pm to 4:30pm.

We are still accepting donations of tools and equipment (no matter how big), so please let us know if you have anything you no longer need (Maybe someone gave you a new tool for Christmas and you no longer need the old one!) please contact us and we will collect.

If you want more information about what a Shed is, how to visit or join our Shed, or any of the other local Sheds, please use the contact page at:

<https://streetwaltonmensshed.wixsite.com/street-walton-shed>

or Facebook using the tag: S&WMS in your browser or **ring: 01458 443940**. Brian Bastable, Secretary





## MEARE & WESTHAY FUNDRAISING TEAM

\*\*HAPPY SPRINGTIME EVERYONE\*\*



### LAZY SUNDAY BREAKFAST

The “MWFT Lazy Sunday Breakfasts” have returned and is proving a huge success. As before, they take place on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month, from 9 – 11 am in Meare Church Rooms.

Do come along for some lovely food and to catch up with friends. Takeaways are also available.



### EASTER SUNDAY – 10 APRIL – Meare Church Rooms

We will be holding **TWO** consecutive events. **Both events are for all the family so why not come to both and make a lovely day of it!**

3 pm – 5 pm:



**Afternoon tea:-** which will include cake, scones, sandwiches, crisps and a drink.

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**Family Bingo with prizes** We will provide nibbles but please feel free to bring your own drinks.

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*As spaces are limited for both events, please book early to avoid disappointment. Please contact us at: [meareandwesthayfundraising@gmail.com](mailto:meareandwesthayfundraising@gmail.com) or contact one of the team.*

**VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED PLEASE!!** We are asking for help in renovating the outside of the windows in the church rooms. For a long time the windows had been covered in overgrowth and now needs a bit of TLC. We aim to do this on **SUNDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> APRIL AND WILL START AT AROUND 10 AM.** Please wear old clothes and bring a paintbrush and sandpaper etc. Everything else will be supplied. Tea, coffee and cake will be provided for our kind volunteers.

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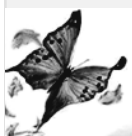
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## **Meare and Westhay Village Hall and Playing Fields Progress Update**

### **Grant Awarded!**

We are delighted to announce that we have been awarded a grant from Mendip District Council of **£20,000!** We are really pleased to have the support of our District Council and this funding has been allocated to the fit out of the new kitchen within the village hall.

### **Personal Donations**

Special thanks to **Mr and Mrs Rossetto** and to **Stephen Judge** who have made donations to the hall. Your personal support is really appreciated!

### **Grant Applications and Fundraising**

Calling all aspiring bid writers and events organisers! Your community needs you! We are a small committee so if anyone in the community has some time spare and wishes to get involved with grant applications and fundraising to support the hall, please contact us; we would value your input no matter how big or small.

Comparing car insurance? Looking at changing energy suppliers? Shopping online for your weekly food shop? Don't forget, you can do your bit while you shop and help raise funds by shopping at **easy-fundraising.org.uk** as well as **AmazonSmile**. All of these are great ways of raising funds for the village hall – at no cost! Both of these sites cost nothing to use and the savings really do add up!

### **Facebook Page and Village Website**

You can read all our latest progress updates on our Facebook page. Search for 'Meare and Westhay Village Hall' and share it with friends and family within the community.

As always, if anyone has any questions or would like to know more about the work we are doing to bring this project to fruition please email **villagehall@meareandwesthay.com** The committee are more than happy to answer any of your questions.



## Ladies Group

The Ladies Group have had two lovely talks recently. One from our very own group member Gloria McClurg who's family have lived in the Parish for many years, on the history of the Parish, which she brought along lots of great pictures which brought back many memories for some and gave an insight to what the Parish was like way back for others.



The second was a lovely evening, entertained by Mike Strange and his talk on Vintage Clothing. He explained why people wore what they wore and how fashion has changed through the years. He brought along some lovely clothes for us to see from his collection and even dressing in an early 19th Century Clothing with its George Bryan Brummell influence.

### Meare and Westhay Ladies Group Events and Meetings

Thurs. 21st April A Talk from Reverend Mike Hutchinson "Battling Bishops"  
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The Post Office, (S-bound), Cocklake	07:44	10:19	13:19	16:09
The Mall, (S-bound), Wedmore	07:47	10:22	13:22	16:12
Mudgely Cross, (SE-bound), Mudgely	07:52	10:27	13:27	16:17
Turnpike House, (S-bound), Westhay	07:57	10:32	13:32	16:22
Millbatch, (opp), Meare	08:00	10:35	13:35	16:25
Post Office, (near), Meare	08:01	10:36	13:36	16:26
Bus Shelter, (NE-bound), Stileway	08:02	10:37	13:37	16:27
Community Hospital, (S-bound), Brindham	08:09	10:44	13:44	16:34
Chinnock Road Spar Shop, (W-bound), Glastonbury	08:11	10:46	13:46	16:36
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Strode College, (E-bound), Street	08:25			
Crispin Hall, (W-bound), Street	08:28	11:03	14:03	16:53
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For bookings contact Anne Moss. tel. 01458. 860853.

Secretary. Richard Brown. e-mail. **richard-brown5069@btinternet.com**

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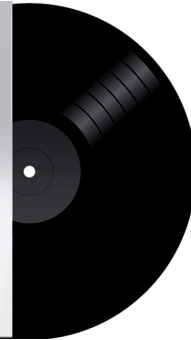
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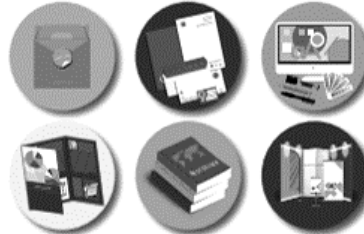
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