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## Editors News

Well the Jubilee weekend seemed to go well, and we are very grateful to everyone who put in so much hard work to make these events happen and to everyone who came and participated to make the Queen's Platinum Jubilee a memorable one.



We know some families were unable to attend on Sunday. If your child is 16 and under and lives in the Parish and has NOT receive a Jubilee mug please come to South View Farm, Chapel Lane, Meare, BA6 9TJ with your Parish address on Monday 8th August and we will give out Mugs. Please ring me if you cannot make this date, as we do not want children of our Parish to miss out.

The Jubilee Sunday event ended with a down pour. So we did not play as many games as we would have liked especially for the little ones, so we have a few prizes left over. Look through the magazine and if you find the word **“Winner”** and a number hand written please ring me and you will receive one of the left over prizes.

I've tried to fit in as many pictures of the events over the Jubilee weekend as I can. I am going to create a memory book and have it printed for future generations to see. If you have any pictures I could include please send them to [MandWJubilee@gmail.com](mailto:MandWJubilee@gmail.com). I have a few pictures so far so I may not use all of them but I would like a nice variety to choose from. I will create a disc too with all of them on.

Bin Collection Dates :- kerbside by 6 am		
Wed 3rd & 17th	August	Garden Waste only
Thurs 4th & 25th	August	Recycling & Refuse
Thurs 11th & 18th	August	Recycling only
<b>Thurs 1st</b> , Wed 14th & 28th	September	Garden Waste only
Thurs 15th	September	Recycling & Refuse
<b>Fri 2nd</b> , 8th, 22nd & 29th	September	Recycling only

## Would like to Mention

### Glastonbury Peregrine Falcons

I thought I would update you on the Peregrine Falcons in Glastonbury. In the last issue Steve wrote a wonderful piece about how he became such a fan of this wonderful bird. I must admit I'm becoming a little bit smitten myself.

Both Chicks hatched and both have now fledged. Watching them I was amazed at how quickly they grew and flew the nest. Below are 2 pictures taken by the webcam 7 days apart. They went from a little fluffy chick to a bird with feathers and 4 or so days later they were flying around the tower.



### Westhay School Room Charitable Donations

You probably know that Westhay School Room holds Café Westhay on the first Saturday of each month. It is run by volunteers and you can get delicious piece of cake. But did you know they hold a raffle and raise money for local charities. Below is a list of the fund raising in recent months. Another local group who silently meet and support the community and local charities.

March.	£20.00.	Children's Hospice South West.
April.	£18.00.	British Liver Trust.
May.	£20.00.	Headway.
July.	£10.00.	Somerset & Dorset Air Ambulance

#### Queen's Platinum Jubilee Tea.

June.	£124.00.	Somerset & Dorset Air Ambulance.
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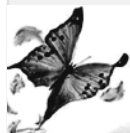
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## Ladies Group


In May we had another nice evening playing Pétanque and a great get together. Thanks to everyone who attended, it was lovely to hear so much laughter and the weather held out too.

In June we had a wonderful talk about Carnival Clubs and its history by John Dando. Did you know that it all started because of the gun powder plot. It was fascinating. Lots of interesting details about the Jubilee Cart, which will be in the carnival this year, if they can make it short enough. If you ever get the chance to hear one of John's talks they are well worth it, you will laugh the whole way through. Thank you John.

Meare and Westhay Ladies Group Events and Meetings	
August 18th	Walk and Afternoon Tea at Avalon Marshes@ £12 per person.
September 15th	Paul Davies talk on Shepton Mallet Alms Houses

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## Street & Walton Men's Shed



August is a busy time in the shed, we are preparing for Merriman Park Fun Day in Street on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> September and if there is one the Walton Fun Day later in September. But we are still offering the same opportunities to our members and prospective members of a place to come and work and socialise in a safe and friendly environment.

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Mondays: 9am to 12:30 (Mixed session)

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Thursdays: 9am to 4:30pm (Mixed session 12:30 – 4:30)

Our plans for the future are to continue to provide a place for the older person, both male & female to be able to work & socialise with others, our large workshops have tools and machines of every description, including 4 lathes for the use of beginners up to skilled users.

We are also affiliated to the Glastonbury and the soon to start Street Repair Cafes and are accepting wood working restoration jobs as part of this innovative recycling/reusing project.

We are still accepting donations of any tools or machinery that you may have cluttered up your shed or garage, please contact me through the Email or telephone No. below.

If you would like more information about the shed, how to join and what we can do, please contact Brian on 01458 443940 or Email [bri-anbastable123@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:bri-anbastable123@hotmail.co.uk) Thanks Brian

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## MEARE PARISH ACTIVITY GROUP (MPAG)

MPAG were delighted that so many parishioners came along to join in the Jubilee celebrations and hope you all enjoyed what was on offer.

Even the weather was kind to us, with the first raindrops not falling, until the last burger was served late in the afternoon, so British through and through!

We had been planning for almost a year, but putting those plans into action takes a lot of manpower, and to each and every one who helped in any way, please accept a huge “THANK YOU”, from the MPAG committee, we are very grateful to you all.

MPAG started following the previous Jubilee in 2012. Not as a fund raiser for any particular project, but to continue the community spirit of the celebrations, by holding small events, quizzes, bingo, curry nights etc, for all parishioners, young and old, to enjoy. Costs are kept as low as possible, with any small profit used to fund a larger event in September, the last in 2019.



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# Queen Elizabeth's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations

## Godney Beacon



Thursday Saw the lighting of the Beacons. The principal beacon outside Buckingham Palace, a 21-metre-tall Tree of Trees sculpture for the Queen's Green Canopy initiative was illuminated by the Duke of Cambridge. Then beacons were then lit around the UK and Commonwealth.

The one on the Tor was lit followed by Godney Farm. Michael and Jenny Churches along with the Young Farmers invited all to witness, with Bagpiper and food and Drink the sky was lit up by the soaring flames



## Village Flowers and Bunting

MWFT Started by Planting Red, White and Blue flowers and bunting at each of the planting area they support in the Parish.



Janet Westover Worked her usual magic and decorated the Memorial Monument with these beautiful flowers.



## Best Dressed House Completion

The Parish was a wash with Red, White and Blue decorations everywhere you looked and Sam Bantock Winner of the Best Dressed house competition (front page), had plenty of competition.



## St. Mary's Church Floral Celebration

Over the weekend St. Mary's Church Celebrated with a Floral tribute of 70 posies donated by locals.



Accompanying these were additional larger displays donated by Janet Westover and Rita Wren.

## Community Chapel Display of Arts & Crafts



On Friday the display of local Arts and Crafts came flooding in. Such brilliant work. Congratulations to all those who won prizes.

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Also on the Friday was MPAG's Treasure Trail, BBQ and Crown/Tiara Making. What a fabulous BBQ and selection of items for the Tiara's and Crowns making. Villagers set off looking for clues like their life depended on it. What a great idea it was.



On Saturday Westhay School Rooms provided a scrumptious afternoon tea. People were sitting everywhere. Relaxing and enjoying the wonderful atmosphere



### Carnival Club on Parade

On Sunday, the final Day the 20.5 Metre Long Carnival Cart created by a collaboration of Somerset's carnival clubs, paraded down the Mall. What a fantastic cart it is too.



Many miles away from the parade on the playing field the Jubilee Picnic took place. As the Marching band played, people brought out their picnics for an afternoon of games, fun and laughter and yet more cake. Beautifully painted faces, crowns and tiara's



Our Special thanks to Gwilliams of Edington and Nisa Stores. Without their wonderful prize donation we would have really struggled.

Thanks to everyone who joined together and supported each other. For the support and donations we received and to everyone who gave up their time to make the weekend a special and memorable weekend.

**Lastly from everyone who organised these events, thank you to all who were able to attend, your smiles made it all worth while.**



## Meare Community Church

We would like to thank Mike Strange for all his help as Pastor over the past few years. Mike has retired and his last service was Sunday 10th July.

Mike built a strong relationship with Meare Village Primary School over the years (along with his puppet, Dunk the Dog). We wish him all the very best in his retirement. As many of you know, Mike is a talented artist, and we hope to see more of his work should we have the occasion for another Art display.

Mike will keep in touch with Meare Community Church, and we hope to have him back on a Sunday morning from time to time.

Music with Mike finished for the Summer and has been replaced by an informal cafe style indoor play session 9am Monday morning. This is expected to start with play equipment for the toddlers, and change during the morning into a more informal space for friends to chat over a coffee. We look forward to seeing you in September.



Pictured Above, Mike entertaining the children with Dunk the Dog

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Facebook and website: [www.mearecommunitychurch.org.uk](http://www.mearecommunitychurch.org.uk)

Meare Community Church events diary		
Sundays	11am-12pm	Worship for All
Mondays Term	9-10:30am	Toddlers
Time Only	11am	Chapel Café

## Announcements

### Birthdays

Happy 89th Birthday to Mary Grimstead. Mary lived for many years in the Parish and more recently in Wells. The family organised a lovely party for Mary at Westhay Schoolrooms and many friends were able to attend on Saturday 11th June 2022.



### Westhay School Rooms Events

Westhay Schoolroom Events (Registered Charity No.288021)		
Copies of two Parish Tithe Maps are stored at the Schoolroom; one was made in 1844 the other in 1884. Required to be made at the parish expense, in order that taxes and tithes could be levied on the land. Current parish boundaries no longer match those shown on the maps. Originals, held at County Museum at Taunton.		
Every Tuesday & Thursday	6:30pm	1 hour of Yoga <b>also on Zoom.</b> £7 per session
August 6th	10:30am	Café Westhay
September 3rd	10:30am	Café Westhay
September 5th	8pm	Committee Meeting
September 23rd	10:30am	Harvest Service and Sale

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OUR NEXT BREAKFAST DATES ARE, SO GRAB YOUR DIARY:

Sunday 17 July

Sunday 21 August

Sunday 18 September

100 Club Draw:

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<b>Bus time Table 668</b>				
The Miners Arms, (W-bound), Shipham	07:25	10:00	13:00	15:50
Tweentown, (E-bound), Cheddar	07:33	10:08	13:08	15:58
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
Town Hall, (S-bound, Glastonbury	08:16	0:511-	13:51	16:41
Strode College, (E-bound), Street	08:25			
Crispin Hall, (W-bound), Street	08:28	11:03	14:03	16:53
Sainsburys, (NE-bound), Street	08:33	11:08	14:08	
Sainsburys, (NE-bound), Street	08:50	11:25	14:30	
The Library, (SE-bound), Street	08:55	11:30	14:35	17:00
Street Strode College (N-bound) Street				17:05
Town Hall, (N-bound, Glastonbury	09:05	11:40	14:45	17:13
Chinnock Road Spar Shop, (E-bound), Glastonbury	09:10	11:45	14:50	17:18
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Post Office, (near), Meare	09:20	11:55	15:00	17:28
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Westhay Turnpike House (N-bound),	09:25	12:00	15:03	17:31
Mudgely Cross, (N-bound), Mudgely	09:30	12:05	15:10	17:38
The Borough Yard, (N-bound), Wedmore	09:35	12:10	15:15	17:43
The Post Office, (N-bound), Cocklake	09:39	12:14	15:19	17:46
Tweentown, (W-bound), Cheddar	09:48	12:23	15:28	17:55
The Miners Arms, (NE-bound), Shipham	09:54	12:29	15:34	18:03

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## **Clerks Report**

In response to the concerns of speeding traffic in the vicinity of Homeway Farm, Meare Parish Council commissioned Somerset Highways to undertake a speed monitoring exercise. You may have noticed the rumble strips at this location for a couple of weeks towards the end of May. The results of this study informed that the majority of vehicles passed through within the statutory speed limits. As the percentage of vehicles travelling faster than the permitted speed limit is low, the Parish Council concluded that no further actions are to be taken.

Gerard Tucker—Clerk to Meare PC

## **Think Travel**

Somerset County Council have launched a new online travel planner which is particularly useful for those using public transport and/or residents without easy access to a car. The website also carries information on demand responsive and community transport and has a community board for car sharing.

They are currently running a campaign to raise awareness – you can read more about it here via the link below or search Think Travel Somerset.

<https://somersexnewsroom.com/2022/05/27/planning-a-journey-in-somersex-think-travel-can-help/>

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## **Hedges and Pavement**

A little reminder to please keep the hedge cut and pavement clear from obstructions in front of you house.

Parish Council Meetings – 7.30pm in The Chapel

The parish Council meeting are held on the 3rd Monday of each month except August and December.

Monday 19th September 2022

## Ashcott Beer Festival

A yearly fundraising festival which this year was supporting Ashcott: Primary School, Playing Field and Cheeky Chimps (the amount raised is not yet known at the time of printing).

They have many sponsors for their beer's and ciders which included our own R A Stacey Plant Hire Ltd, 'Devon Dew' Summerskills Brewery Devon and M Franks & Sons Funeral Directors, 'Oh Mr Porter' by Abbey Ales Somerset.

We went on the Friday and when we got there we saw a separate marquee all setup and a film crew was at the ready. The film crew were there filming for Sarah Beeny's, New life in the Country, Channel 4 series. Although Sarah never appeared her husband Graham and eldest son Billy did. They tasted several beers while chatting to others. So if you watch it you may see someone you know.

The Festival now in its 23rd year offered beer, other drink, food and music to keep adults entertained on the Friday and Saturday was for the whole family with the addition of Arts and Activities, Street Sings and lots of Fun and entertainment. It comes highly recommended and a good laugh was had by all, even if some was at my expense, due to the strength of the beers

## St. Mary's Church Events Dates

I just wanted to say on behalf of St Marys- Many thanks to all those who brought lovely posies and flower arrangements to the church for the Jubilee .

Services and Events		
Sunday 7th August	11 am	Holy Communion plus the introduction of the new Glastonbury Benefice trainee curate " Keiron".
Sunday 4th September	11am	Holy Communion

## Allotments

You must be a member of the parish to have an allotment subject to availability. Located at the end of Bramble Close. Yearly membership is £10 & rent £20 pa. Contact John Shaw on (01458 860040) or email him using, [Johnshaw59@btinternet.com](mailto:Johnshaw59@btinternet.com).



## Halls and Meeting places

Westhay School Rooms.

The Schoolroom consists of a main hall, a kitchen and a small meeting room.

The cost of hire is £8.00 per hour, this includes electricity, the use of the kitchen and crockery, also the use of table and chairs.

Hirers are expected to clean up after use, and to remove any rubbish from the premises.

For bookings contact Anne Moss. tel. 01458. 860853.

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

### The Muddy Lane Playing Fields.

The field has a car park for up to 30 cars, a children park and play area and a Petanque terrain. Dogs cannot be exercised on the playing field, although dogs and their owners can use the public footpath to access the network of footpaths in the surrounding fields. The footpath has been diverted and now runs around the perimeter of the playing field. Details of the diversion were published in the June - July 2021 edition of the Meare and Westhay Village News. The field can accommodate outdoor sports and events. Booking via the Meare and Westhay website:- [MeareandWesthay.com/cgibin/pages/vhpf\\_bookings.pl](http://MeareandWesthay.com/cgibin/pages/vhpf_bookings.pl). Please read the term and conditions.



**Meare Church Rooms**



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