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Editors News

Hello all and Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! That sounds so funny as it just does not feel like Christmas, especially as we still have flowers blossoming and I'm writing this in November. Its so mild I walked the dogs this morning with no coat. No doubt, now I have said this, by the time you are reading this we will be knee high in snow!

Well the carnival was really great, again when writing this, I have no idea who has won as we are only half way through, but they are all winners really. All that hard work all year and going out and performing to entertain us, in all weathers is just fantastic.

MUGS :- Are there any children who still do not have a Jubilee Mugs! Please ring me on 01458860295 if you are 16 and under and still have not received a Jubilee Mug.

Is there anyone that would like to volunteer to deliver the magazine to Kirlegate please?

Could I also ask if those that currently deliver the magazine could help me by letting me know where you deliver to. At the moment we do not have a full list of who delivers to which street I am trying to check that everyone receives a copy of the magazine.

We have used up the final amount of money donated for the Jubilee by creating a photo book of all the events in the parish. The book will remain in the parish and I will take it to different events if possible in the parish so that everyone can have a look. It will also be at what ever event occurs in the parish for the Kings coronation. If you have any ideas of how we could celebrate the Kings Coronation please let either myself or MPAG know. It would be great for the parish to get together to commemorate it.

I have also purchased 2 Christmas trees which can be planted in the Parish as part of the Queens Platinum Green canopy initiative, for ours and future generations to enjoy.

I have received more reports of people NOT clearing up after their dogs. Please, it takes minutes and bins have been provided around the Parish. Please Pick it up!



Would like to Mention

Muga for Meare

Hello, I am one of the young people who live in the Parish of Meare. I recently spoke at a Parish Council meeting to share the views of my friends and I. We would like more Community facilities in our village.



The Parish Council and Meare Community groups have been very positive. They have agreed to support me in a questionnaire for the young people of the parish to express their wishes of what you may like in our community to bring people together, take part in physical activity and promote a active Community.

I am keen to seek funding for developing a Physical activity area / MUGA(Multi Use Games Area) and any other ideas that are put forward. I have been successful in securing two new basketball nets for the parish with the kind donation from project Swish. I am very keen to commit to activities for my generation and anyone who would like to join us.

We hope to have the questionnaires on people's door steps very soon. I attended village breakfast in the church rooms to complete questionnaires on the 20th of November. It was an opportunity to meet my friends and I.

We are forming a active youth group and we are producing a Google form to enable the youth of the village to feedback.

I have set up an email address for you to share ideas, funding support and designs plus a location online to return questionnaires and Google forms when they are produced.

Youthareaformeare@gmail.com

Please support our parish. Many Thanks Edwin Hoskins

Carols at the Post Office

On Friday 9th December at 11am the children from Meare school will be singing carols at the Post Office, held in the Church Room. Coffee & Tea will be served from 10am till 10:55 so as not to interrupt the Carol Singing. Please come early and support the children.

St. Mary's Church

Advent Sunday was 27th November so by the time that you read this newsletter, churches throughout the country will have started their Christmas preparations and sung Advent carols. Do come along to our candlelit village carol service 6pm on the 11th December when we will also be offering mince pies and sherry afterwards plus hot and cold drinks and cookies. Our Christmas Eve services provide a chance to reflect on the Nativity and come together for some joyful singing.

In January we shall be starting to plan and publicize the 2023 events for the 700th anniversary of the consecration of St Mary's and All Saints Church Meare in 1323 ! As well as looking at past centuries we would like to hear stories and memories of special occasions in the church from current Meare and Westhay residents.

For instance: Liz Loxton recalls” When I was 17 years old I was in the choir and a bellringer. I think I saved the new vicar 's life at the special service to welcome him. He was asked to toll the bell but I shouted out “No!” I just realized that the bell had not been ‘let down’ properly. He would have been swung up to the belltower roof at the end of the rope! “

We still have a wonderful peal of six bells but not enough bellringers so as a New Year resolution maybe you would like to come and learn!

With best wishes for a Happy Christmas
From All at St Mary's Church



Services and Events		
Sunday 4th December	11:00	Holy Communion
Sunday 11th December	6pm	Nine Lessons and Carols Service
Saturday 24th December	4pm 10pm	Christmas Eve Crib Service Holy Communion Service
Sunday 1st January	TBC	Joint Benefice Service



Glastonbury & Street Sea Cadets Christmas Fair
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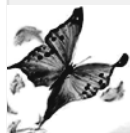
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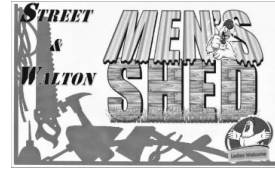
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Street & Walton Men's Shed



With Christmas just a few weeks away, the Street & Walton Men's Shed will be having a stall at several Christmas and Craft Fayres during November and December. We will have stalls at the Glastonbury Craft fayres held in the Town Hall on Saturday 12th November and Saturday 17th December from 10am, We are also having a stall at the Street Christmas Fayre to be held on the High Street and Farm Road on Saturday 3rd December. We will have all our usual hand made from recycled wood items and Christmas gifts and decorations.

The Shed is open to men and women over 18, but is generally aimed at the retired older members of our society who may be socially isolated or lonely and are looking for a worthwhile pastime and a sociable friendly place to go to work or chat over tea and biscuits.

The shed is open on:

Mondays 9am to 12:30pm (mixed session)

Tuesdays 9am to 4:30pm (afternoon mixed session)

Thursdays 9am to 4:30pm (afternoon mixed session)

For more information or to book a visit, please ring Brian on 01458 443940 or Email brianbastable123@hotmail.co.uk. You can also find more information on our website by putting 'streetandwalton mensshed' in your browser.



*Westhay School Room is holding Carols by
the Christmas Tree, on 19th December at*



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at Meare Church Rooms

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Ladies Group

In October we had a very funny talk by John Dando, about “a walk up the garden path”, all about toilets. An unusual topic to talk about. But the history and stories about the humble toilet was both funny and fascinating.

We are looking forward to our Christmas lunch at The Bear Inn, Street. We need your deposit ladies and Menu choice ASAP please.



WARM SPACE/LUNCH CLUB



The Meare & Westhay Ladies Group

Will hold a WARM SPACE/LUNCHCLUB hopefully once a month at the Church Rooms as part of the Governments WARM SPACE initiative.


The idea is to offer a welcoming space for people who are on their own or anyone just needing a chat in a warm environment during the winter months.

The Parish Council have been very generous in supporting this idea and have offered a grant to cover the cost of the electricity.

It will be from 10am till 2pm on Wednesday 14th December & Wednesday 11th January. If there is an interest we will continue throughout the winter.

We plan to start at 10am with a hot drink and a biscuit, serve lunch, which will be soup and a roll or jacket potato and cheese followed by a slice of cake and a cup of tea or coffee. The charge for this will be by donation with a minimum of £1.50.

The menu may well expand if the lunch club is well supported.

We have the following talks coming up:			
Thursday December	16th	6:30pm	Christmas Dinner at The Bear Inn, Street
Thursday January	19th	7:30pm	Bring your Antiques &  will talk about them.
Thursday February	23rd	2:30pm	Mousetrap at the Octagon Theatre, Yeovil £19 per ticket.

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Announcements

An Apology

Firstly an apology to the family and friends of **Margaret Diana Lang** of Westhay, as the incorrect details were put in the October/November Issue of the magazine. She in fact pass away peacefully at Musgrove Park Hospital on the **15th June 2022** aged **83** years.

Death

Sandra Elizabeth Padfield died in St Margaret's Hospice, Taunton after a long illness on 2nd October 2022 aged 78. She and her family moved to Meare in 1984, where she became a supply teacher in Meare Primary School. She was interested in all natural history and a keen bird-watcher. The surrounding peatland soon became her favourite place to visit. She was particularly interested in the growing population of marsh harriers as nature reserves began to replace exhausted peat diggings.

She will be sadly missed by all friends, family and those acquaintances she frequently met on Ham Wall and Shapwick Heath reserves. I would like to thank all those who have offered kind words of condolence and the magnificent staff at St Margaret's. Written by Roger Padfield.



Anniversary

A belated congratulations on your Golden Wedding anniversary to **Raymond and Pat Adlam**. Who Celebrated 50 years of marriage on the 23rd September 2022.

Birthday

Wishing **Joan Baker** a belated Happy Birthday. She celebrated her 90th birthday on the 5th October 2022. Best Wishes from us all.

Wedding Announcement

Congratulations to **Robert Baker and Natalie Hill** on their wedding which took place on **1st October at St. Mary's Church Meare**. They would like to thank Reverend David McGeoch for the wonderful, wholesome and happy service. Thank you to the church warden for your help leading up to our Wedding day and also the bell ringers and organist. You all helped to make it so special for us.



Best Wishes Mr and Mrs Baker.

Somerset Wildlife Trust Banned Dogs

Emily Weatherburn from Somerset Wildlife Trust contacted me and ask if we could remind everyone that in August they banned dogs .

“Earlier this year, Somerset Wildlife Trust announced that dogs — with the exception of guide dogs — would be restricted to the public rights of way (the droves) on their Westhay Moor and Catcott Nature Reserves and that they would no longer be permitted on any central permissive paths. The restrictions have been in place since 15th August, at which time a spokesperson explained: “This isn’t a decision we are taking lightly or without proper consideration. We know that there are lots of responsible dog owners who visit our reserves, and we regret the inconvenience this may cause them. Unfortunately, this decision has been made as a direct response to a growing number of irresponsible dog owners visiting our reserves. It is vital that we can make sure they remain safe havens for the rare and vulnerable species that make their homes there.”

More information can be found on website: <https://www.somersetwildlife.org/wildlife/nature-reserves/dog-walking-reserves/dogs-westhay-catcott>”

Meare Community Chapel

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

What a year it has been, too! Many of you will be glad that it is over, whilst others may have enjoyed special moments, maybe a new birth, or a marriage, or a job change. It has certainly been a trying time for our country, and will no doubt continue to be so.

God reminds us that no matter how hard things get, nor how desperate our situation seems. He will be with us (Deuteronomy 31:8). He will be our refuge and our strength (Psalm 46:1-3). With God beside us we have no reason to fear as He promises to be with us and strengthen us (Exodus 15:2). There are many, many similar verses throughout the Bible. Why? Because God loves each and every one of us and will give us the strength to deal with each day as it comes, we need to trust Him therefore and we need not worry about tomorrow, next week, or even next year (Matthew 6:34).

If you would like to hear more about this love that is so freely given, do contact us and we will be happy to share more details with you.

We meet every Sunday at Meare Community Church (Chapel) at 10.30am for coffee followed by live music and fellowship together. We would love to see you there.

Maggie Ludbrook

Meare Community Chapel Events Diary		
Please note there is no service on Sunday 25th December		
Every Sunday	10:30am	Coffee followed by Live Music and Fellowship.
Sunday 18th December	11am	Carol Service with Coffee and Mince Pies
Sunday 1st January	11am	New Years Service
Every Monday	11am	Chapel Café. Come along and keep warm while having a Tea or Coffee, with a biscuit and a chat. All welcome.



Message from the Meare & Westhay Fundraising Team



Hello everybody. We hope you are all keeping well. It's hard to believe that we're almost at the end of 2022!

Lazy Sunday Breakfast

There is no Lazy Sunday Breakfast in December but it is back in the New Year on Sunday 15th January.

100 CLUB

Once again, this has had a fantastic following and we thank all our members for their support.

As always, our **December** draw is "winner takes all" which could mean a prize of up to **£500 for the lucky winner**.

We still have a few numbers available, so why not sign up now to stand a chance of winning a wonderful cash prize? Each number costs £5 and all we ask is that you sign up for a minimum of 3 months. Details are available from anybody in MWFT.

CANDELIT CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE -



Sunday 18th December: 6.30 for 7 pm at The Fish House

Following the success of our previous Carol Services, we are delighted to announce that we will be doing the same this year.

Mulled wine, mince pies and hot chocolate will be served at 6.30 pm by the barn at River House so please arrive in good time as the Carols with start promptly at 7 pm.

We are hoping that music will be provided by the Shaw Family and carol sheets will be handed out so everybody can join in.

Donations would be gratefully received and any profits will go to the newly formed "Warm Space Lunch Club" - do look out for forthcoming dates as it's for everybody!

Best wishes to you all - Teresa, Lee, Lyn & Lucy - MWFT

Children's Advocate or Visitor

Volunteer to be an Independent Visitor or Advocate for children in Somerset. These are fascinating and inspiring opportunities, which can bring real benefits to vulnerable children and young people, (travel and reasonable expenses are reimbursed). You can help children and young people understand their rights and ensure that their views, wishes and feelings are heard.

What is an Independent Visitor?

Independent visitors are volunteers who befriend and spend time with a child or young person who is in the area of the Local Authority. By law all local authorities have to provide an Independent Visitors service. In Somerset our intention is to encourage the relationship between the Independent Visitor and young person to continue beyond care. This way the care leavers continue to benefit from support, while making the transition to young adulthood. Independent Visitors are highly valued by the young people as they may be the only person involved in their lives who is not paid to be there.

What is an Advocate?

An Advocate is an independent person who can offer one-to-one support to children and young people to have their voice heard when meetings are taking place concerning their wellbeing. It's the role of the Advocate to speak up for the young person, make them aware of their rights, listen to them and represent their views, wishes and feelings. Why not join our bank of advocates? You choose when you're available. Your volunteering can be arranged to suit your availability. Your life experience will be highly valued and you will be trained and supported in developing key skills. Please contact us and we will arrange a short visit or call to explain more and discuss your options.



The Railway Inn Installs a Defibrillator

The Railway Inn proudly announced at the beginning of November that their new defibrillator has been installed, thanks to all of its customers and supporters over the past few months. They organised loads of events to raise the money from Mouse Racing to raffles. What a wonderful achievement, another defibrillator saving lives in the Parish.

Walton Press Plant a Tree Campaign

We use Walton Press to print our magazine, so I wanted to let you know we are helping the planet too. Walton Press became part of the Jump family a few years ago. The following is what they are hoping to achieve.

“One of the biggest benefits to come from our merger is our collaborated goal of looking after the world we live in - taking care and giving back as much as possible.

At the start of 2022, Jump & Walton Press started the ‘Plant A Tree’ Campaign, whereby every order we receive, we plant 10 trees. The response and progress has been phenomenal and we are thrilled to announce we have recently hit the milestone of planting **200,000** trees! While we are incredibly happy with this number, we have set out a goal to accomplish much more. By 2030, we are hoping to plant **1,000,000** trees in total! To join us on our journey take a look at our website <https://ecologi.com/jumpdesignandprint>”.

Looking forward to hearing how the planting goes and happy that our magazine printing it helping them to achieve this.



Meare Village Primary School

Christmas Craft Fair

• Friday 9th December 3.15-5pm

The Fair will be an afternoon of fun and shopping for the children and their families. We aim to offer an interesting variety of features and hope to host as many different stalls as possible. If you are interested in having a stall, the price is £10. Setup from 2pm. For further information please contact the school office on 01458 860228 or visit the school website at <https://www.meareprimary.co.uk/newsletters.htm>

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Clerks Report

Meare Parish Council received a presentation from a few young people recently, asking for their support in identifying appropriate additional recreation equipment for the parish and in time a financial contribution. In response, three Councillors are meeting with a group of young people with the intention of conducting a full consultation of their requirements. It is hoped they will report to the council at their November meeting.

There is no doubt that many people are being stretched financially and are concerned about rising energy and food costs. Meare Parish Council responded positively to two requests for support at their last meeting. Mrs Julie Tucker representing the Street Volunteer Drivers Service informed that many people are isolated by the absence of an appropriate public transport service. A recently launched service provides transport for people to access shopping, doctors and dentists appointments in the locality of Glastonbury and Street. In addition, Julie asked if anyone with some spare time and a car might consider becoming a driver for this service. Information on how to get involved has been placed on the village website and in the parish notice boards

Cllr Gayle Richards responded positively to a survey being conducted by the Local Council Association where community groups were asked if they are providing any 'warm spaces' over the winter months. The intention is that public spaces are made available to the public, where they are able to get warm, obtain some refreshments and importantly, socialise with others. Cllr Richards requested a contribution from the Parish Council to provide these facilities in the hall one Wednesday per month. Both of these contributions are important to ensuring that our residents are supported, particularly when life becomes more challenging.

Parish Council Meetings – 7.30pm in The Chapel. Parish Council meetings are held on the 3rd Monday of each month except August & December.

Monday 16th January 2023

Monday 20th February 2023

Police

A car has been broken into on the 12th October, between 4:30pm and 5:30pm whilst parked in Ham Walls Car Park, Station Road Westhay. The owner of the Discovery returned to find a window had been smashed and a search of the vehicle had taken place. A handbag containing a purse, bank cards and cash was stolen from within. Any information please contact the Police on 101 quoting reference number: 522246134 stating NHW release. Or call Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111. Thank you for your support.

Local residents and Meare Parish Council have recently raised concerns about vehicles travelling too fast through the villages. Speed Enforcement Unit Continue to carry out periodic checks in the village when they can working alongside local Police Officers and PCSO's.

If anyone would like to volunteer and join a Community Speed watch Team in Meare and Westhay, please contact Street Beat Team on 101 and ask to speak directly with PCSO 8919 Richards.

MEARE PARISH ACTIVITY GROUP (MPAG)

MPAG hope to hold our usual events throughout the winter. December the 10TH, will be **CHRISTMAS BINGO** in Meare Church Rooms. It will be called by Sam Bantock, so a fun evening is guaranteed. There will also be a raffle, and refreshments.



Further details will be posted on village social media, website etc, as events are confirmed.

Also we will be holding our usual **BURNS NIGHT DINNER** Saturday 21st January 2023. More information will be online.

We are also interested to hear if other groups in the village would like to be involved in the organization and planning of an event to celebrate the coronation of King Charles, on Sunday 7th May 2023? Please get in touch.

We look forward to seeing lots of you there. Janice Bradley

New Volunteer Drivers Service

The Parish Council was approached by the Street Voluntary Drivers service to see if we Meare and Westhay wanted to be included in this new door to door driving service for the elderly and those who are unable to get around easily. The Parish Council agreed to trial the service and donated to the scheme.

“They would like to hear from any volunteers with a car and a few hours to spare. It does not need to be regular hours and volunteers will be paid a mileage allowance. All volunteers will also be DBR checked.

Those requiring a lift for an appointment, meeting, social event or even shopping will need to pre register and then ring in advance to arrange a lift.

Booking lines are open Monday & Wednesday, 9:30am till 12pm and Thursday 10:30am till 3pm.~Drivers are available Monday till Friday 9am till 5pm (weekends may be available on request).

The cost is 60p per mile plus £2.00 (or 30p a mile if you have a bus pass). An Estimated Example of cost is:-

Meare to Glastonbury high street would be £6.80 return and Westhay to Street Library would be £8.20 return

For information, visit the Crispin Community Centre, call 01458 656248, or email volunteerdriverservice@crispinhall.org.uk.

Stronger 4 Longer

A non-profit organisation and all resources provided are free for anyone over 50 to access.

As we get older, muscle strength reduces and some movements, such as leaning sideways or turning quickly, can cause a loss of balance.

Stronger 4 Longer is a new campaign encouraging adults over 50 to build muscle strength to protect their future health. To find out how to get started, and to find resources and exercises you can try at

home and or out and about, visit the Stronger 4 Longer website at www.sasp.co.uk/stronger4longer Or email Heathenquiries@sasp.co.uk



Meare and Westhay Village Hall and Playing Fields-

Progress Update

We have been very busy since our last update. In our open meeting in June, we presented our plans to build the village hall in stages, which should mean we can start sooner and have an up and running hall quicker than before. We plan to build the hall in two stages now, with a smaller scale initial build. The first stage of the build will house the kitchen, the bar, toilets, the informal lounge area, entrance foyer and large meeting room/hall.

We have been working with our appointed architects Hill Reading Architects and our structural engineer. Having presented our reduced scale plans, we have had the building design updated accordingly and the drawings have been amended to allow the building to be tendered in two stages.

Having made these updates, we have now gone out to tender for the first stage build. At the time of writing, we are awaiting tender responses from interested contractors and will review these with the architect once these have been received.

Fundraising

Watch this space for upcoming fundraising events. We will keep you updated via our Facebook page.

Don't forget, you can also do your bit to help raise funds by shopping at **AmazonSmile** as well as **easyfundraising.org.uk**. 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.

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How it works: Easy Fundraising partners with over 7,300 retailers who will donate part of what you spend to a cause of your choice. The cost is covered by the brand. Brands pay commission because when you start your shop from the Easy Fundraising website or app they can see they sent you to them. When you make a purchase, a commission is generated, and they turn that into a donation. I have been using Easy Fundraising when I do my grocery shop online for a little over 2 years and so far, have raised **£135.79** for Meare & Westhay Village Hall. You can support them for FREE too when you shop online. So far **£678.81** has been raised for Meare and Westhay Village Hall by the few parishioners who use Easy Fundraising. Imagine how much we could raise if we all used it?

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Photos to bring back Memories



Meare Football Club,
Early 1970's

Pictured from Back Left:
George Clark, Trevor
Mills, Derek Skinner,
Jimmy Munckton, Dave
Palmer, Graham Lambert
and Harold Munckton.

Front from left: Billy
King, Robert Probert,

Barrie Tidball, Jimmy Dutton, Jimmy Willcox, and Colin Price.

Barrie Tidball and Jimmy Munckton have provided the following information:

This photo is probably taken just before a Cup Match between Meare and Blagdon, which was never finalized as the first match ended in a draw, the return match also ended in a draw so it was decided that both teams should share the cup for six months each.

Harold Munckton was their manager and a friend of George Clark. George was a very good footballer; he enjoyed a good career playing for Glastonbury in the late 50's and through to the late 60's. He played for Glastonbury when they were in the Western League and were a very good side and they then played in the Abbey Park.

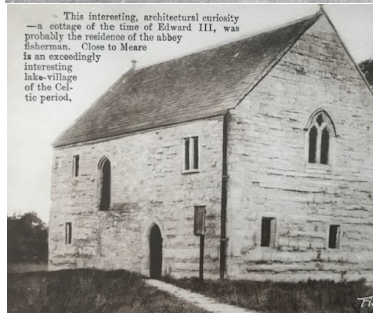
When he retired from Glastonbury, Harold convinced him to come to Meare and "bring the young lads on". At that time Harold took Meare out of the Midsomerset League and into the Western League because it was much less travelling for them.

At first, they were in the 4th division but within 4 years, having won division 4,3 and 2 in consecutive years and then they won the 1st division in either the 1st or 2nd year in it. George played a significant role in their success.

As was usual then the "young" lads moved on in their respective lives and whilst Meare carried on it was not quite so successful afterwards.

Gloria McClurg.

Photos sent in by Colin Foster



This interesting, architectural curiosity — cottage of the time of Edward III, was probably the residence of the abbot fisherman. Close to Meare is an exceedingly interesting lake-village of the Celtic period.

I am sure a few of you will love seeing some old picture of the village and Meare School pupils.

The front cover was also provided by Colin Foster

Monument
16.6.1921



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.

There is No Café Westhay in December and January

19th December 7pm Carols at the Christmas Tree

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)

A few more places offering warm spaces this winter, beside the Ladies Group and Meare Chapel. Street library, Crispin Hall, Strode Theatre, Salvation Army, Street Baptist Church and Street British Legion. Street British Legion has put a full list on Facebook.

Bin Collection Dates :- kerbside by 6 am

Wed 7th & 21st	December	Garden Waste only
Thurs 8th & Friday 30th	December	Recycling & Refuse
Thurs 1st, 15th & 22nd	December	Recycling only
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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 childrens 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. Please read the term and conditions.



Meare Church Rooms



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Please call **01458 860597**
Or email **Janice.bradley3@btinternet.com**

Session Times	Hall Address	Post Office opening times
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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
Community Hospital, (N-bound), Brindham	09:12	11:47	14:52	17:20
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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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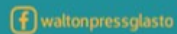


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