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## Editors News

I am really looking forward to our Jubilee Celebrations. Loads of great Free events all weekend I cant wait to see the Church full of flowers. It will smell wonderful. Yet again a we have loads of volunteers ready to help were they can from posy and cake making to rubbish removals and donating.

Please email [MandWjubilee@gmail.com](mailto:MandWjubilee@gmail.com) if you would like to help or take part.

More great news ! Lee Gage applied for Nisa shops, Heart of the Community, Queen Platinum Jubilee award and we have won a £1000 towards the Jubilee Lunch.



Steve sent me a lovely piece about peregrine Falcons. Unfortunately I ran out of room and I have had to cut it down a bit. As the Meare and Westhay website editor, it will come as no surprise that Steve has a website for the Peregrines where you can look at the diary blog with latest pictures from the nest box. If you are interested, head over to: <https://glastonburyperegrines.uk/Blog.htm>

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## Would like to Mention

### Dog Bins

I am a resident of Meare. I regularly walk my dog in Meare every day and our walk does not always finish at a dog bin.

I have twice in recent weeks been confronted when walking through the Road of Kirlegate to the dog waste facility on the footpath to Meare Lane, by a local Kirlegate resident stating, I am not allowed to dispose my dog waste, claiming I am clearing my garden. They referred to a previous article in the August/September 2021 magazine.

I have contacted Mendip District Council this morning who say there is nothing on their website to suggest I am breaking any law. I am indeed a law abiding citizen and pay my council tax and as I understand this is part of our council taxes provided by Mendip District Council.

I do not appreciate being confronted by residents when I am abiding by the law. Please can you advise on your recent article and what Law it is written under that you have to "clear your garden into your own waste bin". I look forward to hearing your reply.

Regards

Jeanette Davis

### A Reply From Robert White

Thank you very much for choosing me for Villager of the year 2021. I think it is a real honor and it is much appreciated. The best part is achieving the award as an incomer after just 18 years. Everyone is so friendly, it is that warmth that is so welcome. I won't make another 18 years, but I hope I can tot up another half of that.

Thanks

Robert White



Yoga Classes with Francesca  
**Mondays 10am**  
**at Meare Church Rooms**  
Private Yoga session also available Contact  
Francesca 07909 144414  
Evening class coming in January 2022!

## Meare Community Church

### Thought for today

“The fiftieth year shall be a jubilee for you; it is to be holy for you.”  
Leviticus 25:11-12.

A jubilee has its origins in the Old Testament of the Bible. Every fifty years, in the Jubilee, land that had been sold was returned to its original owners, debts were cancelled and cultivated land was rested.

During the first weekend of June, our own community will be celebrating together our Queens 70<sup>th</sup> year of service to this country. It promises to be a memorable and precious time, with a series of events for us to enjoy, remember, and be thankful together.

At the Chapel we will be holding a display of local art and crafts, and I would like to invite anyone who paints, makes and crafts to think about which items you would like to bring and show. There will be an edible prize for each category. Please bring your items to the chapel between 9:30 and 12am on Thursday 2nd June, come and see the display between **10am and 4pm on Friday 3rd**, and collect your items between 10 – 12 on Saturday 4th. I would greatly appreciate the help of anyone who might like to help – please do get in touch.

I have to declare an interest here. At the start of lockdown I decided to try to master painting in oils. The canvases come in boxes of 24, and I am working my way through the third. It will be nice to have an excuse to display some of them!

Mike Strange,  
Pastor Meare Community Church  
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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! (bereaved of their partner)
2nd and 4th Thursday of the month 6pm Youth Group		
3rd Thursday of the month 7:30pm Ladies Group		
Friday 3rd June	10am till 4pm	Exhibition of Art Work of all kind at the Chapel. See online for details.

**Baby Peregrine Falcons**

Being born to a birdwatching family, in the 1970's, many annual holidays were spent in places where there was an abundance of birds. A particularly special place is North Cornwall where there are giant cliffs by the sea. Barely unpacked, we would head



out to the cliffs and scan the skies in the hope that we would see a very special small black speck far out in the distance. If it were just the right kind of rare small dark speck, then it would cause great excitement, as we had found a wild peregrine falcon - at the time a very rare bird.

Fast forward to 2019 and my admiration of the Peregrine falcon had not diminished even though their numbers have recovered somewhat from the use of DDT pesticide in the 1970's, which nearly wiped them out in the UK. Still helping to preserve this impressive bird, I volunteered on the Hawk and Owl Trust stand at Bath and West showground. Amongst the crowds, in those care free pre-pandemic days, I came across our local Meare Church vicar David MacGeoch. "You do know we have nesting Peregrines on our tower at Glastonbury St Johns!".

Glastonbury St Johns Church stands out as the tallest building around, Peregrines see it as a man made cliff face. Many pairs nest on tall buildings, mainly churches, high chimneys, bridges and industrial plants.

Through the Hawk and Owl Trust members I contacted a regional expert who monitors nesting pairs on the Bath St Marys church steeple. With a great camera set up they stream live images over the internet.



We surveyed St Johns tower. We knew that they had raised at least one fledgling because of the right racket, screeching and calling out, not to mention an abundance of discarded prey items on the ground. We took away from the tower a single discarded egg and opened eggshells for analysis. The eggs was laid on the bare roof with no shelter whatsoever.

The Trust paid for some sheets of plywood, paint and screws and we designed and fitted up a large nest box which now sits on the tower roof. The base of it is filled with gravel as though it were part of a cliff face where Peregrines would lay eggs on inaccessible rock ledges.



Being in technical industries, I made up a couple of cameras networked together, which regularly took photos. I could go into the tower and fetch the pictures using a laptop computer. The cameras were all checked ready for the 2020 nesting season. But Covid-19 put paid to that. No pictures were able to be extracted from the cameras that season. The cameras were switched off, hoping they held on them the photos of hatching. The pair moved into the box and produced 3 fledglings. The cameras recorded lots of photos but missed the hatching and chicks.

At the end of 2020 I added another box with WiFi. Remotely fetching images from car park via its radio link. Essential since Covid was still present. This time we got out all of the photos. They laid 3 eggs again, but none of them hatched and were eventually discarded.

By this point, the church had broadband and with their help we now have a recorded link from the tower cameras out via the internet. Its not live but the photos are sent over the internet each day.

This year she laid a clutch of 4 eggs. So far 2 have hatched and the parents are making many food fetching trips So look up if you happen to be in the car park at St Johns church !

How amazing it is to have gone from seeing a distant dark speck in the sky once a year, to having photos delivered to your in box every day from a camera perhaps only half a metre away.



Steve



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## Announcements

### Birth

Elaine and Dave  
McGreal of Westhay  
would like to introduce  
their new  
granddaughter  
Liliana



**Liliana was born on 19<sup>th</sup> March 2022 weighing 6lb 8oz**  
to Millie and James.

Congratulations Millie and James, she is beautiful.

### Birthdays

Happy birthday to **June Foster** who will be celebrating her big “#0”  
birthday on **17th June 2022**.



### Weddings

Our best wishes to **David and Hannah Stockman** who were  
married on the **23rd April 2022**  
at St. Mary's Church, Meare.

### Christening

Proud parents Tom and Di Grove are happy  
to announce the Christening of their son  
Harry Thomas Grove at S.t Mary's Church,  
Meare on 17th April 2022.

They have shared a picture of their big man  
on his day.They would also like to thank  
Darryl and Lucy Mitchard for being his  
God parents.



## Deaths

**Shirley Ann Susan Loveridge (nee Lock)**, of Westbury, late of Meare. She passed peacefully away at home on 31st March 2022 **aged 52 years**. The Funeral service took place on Thursday 14th April 2022 at St. Mary's Church, Meare. The Funeral Directors were Forsey & Sons. Donations in memory of Shirley for Racehorse Rehoming Centre.

**Ronald George Cox aged 86 years**, of Little Ranch, Sharpham, passed away on **8th April 2022**. The funeral service was held at St. Mary's Church, Meare on Thursday 28th April 2022. Funeral Directors M. Franks & sons. The service was led by Rev. David Hatrey. Donations in memory of Ronald were for the Derek Mead Health Room (Junction 24).

## Ladies Group

Meare and Westhay Ladies Group Events and Meetings	
Thursday 16th June	John Dando Speaking about Carnival
Thursday 21st July	Summer BBQ At South View Farm, Meare

The Rev. Mark Hutchinson came to our April Meeting with his Wife. He gave a very interesting and animated talk on "Battling Bishops". He was very knowledgeable and he was kind enough to spend a little more time chatting afterward.

Rev. Hutchinson sent this note of thanks to the group. "Thank you for an enjoyable evening and an enthusiastic audience. You looked after us very well. I have donated your kind gift to "Médecins Sans Frontières" - Doctors without frontiers. "

We look forward to seeing you all at the June talk where we will

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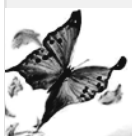
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We are open two and a half days a week at Hempitts Farm, Hempitts Road, Walton, BA16 9QS at the following times: Mon.: 9am to 12:30, Tues. 9am to 4:30 (ladies' session 12:30pm to 4:30pm), Thurs: 9am to 4:30pm

The future plans are to continue providing a place for the older persons, male & female to be able to work and socialise with others, our large workshops have tools and machines of all description, including 4 lathes for the use of beginners 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.

Future events include the Street Fun Day on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> September and if there is one the Walton Fun Day.

We are still accepting donations of any tools or machinery that you may have cluttering up your shed or garage, please contact me through the Email or telephone No. below and for more information on 01458 443940 or Email [brianbastable123@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:brianbastable123@hotmail.co.uk). Thanks Brian

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## St. Mary's Church News

We are looking forward to celebrating the Queens Jubilee during the first week of June. The historic St Mary's Church ( 700 years old in 2023) will be decorated with bunting and flower arrangements on the Jubilee theme and around the font there will be 70 posies from members of the Parish. **(Please bring your posies/small bunches of flowers, about enough to fit into a jam jar, on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> or Thursday a.m. 2<sup>nd</sup> June contact Hilary on 860197 for more info.)** Please come and look around the church during the four days of the Jubilee holiday weekend.

St Mary's has arranged services and shared many special memorial and family occasions so far this year. The support and prayers of family, friends and neighbors at key stages of one's life is very important and brings people back to Meare where they have family links and memories. We are truly grateful that after the last two years of covid restrictions and the damage to the church roof that we can all get together again and celebrate.

We hope to welcome many of you in the future. From all at St Mary's

Services and Events		
Sunday 29th May	10am	Holy Communion-Joint Benefice Service
Sunday 5th June	11am	Whit Sunday HC & Queen's Jubilee Thanksgiving Service
2nd to the 6th June Daily	10am till 4pm	<b>St. Mary's FLOWER FESTIVAL</b> Adorned in Flowers including a display of 70 small flower posies from villagers.

## Godney Farm to Light Beacon

Godney Farm (BA5 1RX ) invite all to see the lighting of the beacon to celebrate the platinum jubilee of our Queen Elizabeth's reign. Free admission to the public, Godney and surrounding villages along with the Somerset Young farmers.

Gate open 7pm for 7:30pm start. With licensed bar, Hog Roast, Magician, bagpiper, and Under 12 crown bring your home made crown parade/competition. You are welcome to bring chairs and blankets. If any profit is raised it will be given to charity.

## **The Queens Platinum Jubilee Celebrations Meare and Westhay**

Best Dressed House / Garden Competition  
Voting and announcement on Sunday 5th.

Fancy Dress & Crown / Tiara competition  
Judged on Sunday 5th

THURSDAY 2nd June to SUNDAY 5th June At  
St. Marys Church. The Church will be decorated  
with Flowers including a display of 70 small flower  
posies donated by members of the Parish.

FRIDAY 3rd June Starting on the playing  
fields at 12noon MPAG's Family Treasure Trail,  
BBQ and Tiara/Crown Crafting

Friday 3rd June At the Community Chapel an Exhi-  
bition of Arts and Crafts 10am to 4pm.

SATURDAY 4th June at Westhay School Rooms  
Afternoon Tea 3pm.

SUNDAY 5th June St. Mary's Church 11am HC  
and Queens Jubilee Thanksgiving Service

SUNDAY 5th June Big Jubilee Lunch at 12 noon on  
the playing fields, Music, Games, and much more.

**See parish website for details [https://Meareand.com/  
cgibin/pages/Jubilee.pl](https://Meareand.com/cgibin/pages/Jubilee.pl)**



## The Railway Inn

### Tribute to Mike Bendal

On Saturday 19th March at around 4:30 many friends and family gathered together to pay tribute to Mike Bendle on the anniversary of his death. Covid restrictions stopped the family from inviting all to gathering together to remember him and celebrate his life when he passed. 1 year on there was a wonderful turnout. Memories were shared and a glass was raised at 5:30 as all gathered around the totem which was carved and erected in Mike's memory.



### Railway Tractor Run

Friday 15th April saw the first of many events run by the Railway Inn, Meare. The Tractor run, a yearly charity event, was organised By Ivan Sparks. In all over 100 tractors took part.



Thanks to everyone for this fabulous turn out. The event raising a massive £1147 for the Air Ambulance this year such a wonderful cause and well done all those who helped. Capturing Those Moments Photography is also selling digital print £5 of which will add to the donation.

### Mouse Race

The Railway Inn also held a mouse race on the 23rd April which raised a fantastic £1200 towards their target of £2500 for the installation of a defibrillator at the Railway Inn.



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## **Meare Parish Council News**

Our Parish Council consists of 11 Councillors. The recent members of the Council were: Anthony Baker, Chris Bennetts, Paul Bradley, Colin Foster, Tristan Foster, Alvin Neal, Mike Turner Welch, Janet Westover, Victoria Winter and Alan Wren.

Sam Perry Welch, Rosie Lander and Roger Stacey who were also members of the Council who resigned earlier this year.

Thank you to these councillors for all their hard work and the many years of time and commitment they have given to our parish.

Our Clerk, until her retirement in March this year, was Sheila Brown. Sheila worked for the Council for 17 years and we thank her for her dedication and service to the council.

We have a new Parish Clerk, Gerard Tucker, who took up the position in April. Gerard has been the Town Clerk for Glastonbury, a South Somerset District Councillor and a Parish Councillor at Aller.

His contact details are: email [mearepc@aol.com](mailto:mearepc@aol.com) Telephone 07854 379938 or by post: Langata, High Street, Aller, Langport, TA10 0QN

### **Dog Waste Bins in the Parish**

For the past few years, the Parish Council have provided dog waste bins at various locations in the Parish. These bins are emptied weekly by Inverde.

You can report bins that need emptying on Tel. 01749 880515 or email [Lesley.Hitchings@idverde.co.uk](mailto:Lesley.Hitchings@idverde.co.uk)

Dog waste bins are mainly provided for use by dog walkers to dispose of small amounts of dog waste, securely wrapped, whilst walking their dogs. Dog waste bins are not designed for carrier bags full of dog waste from parishioners' gardens as this results in them being filled too quickly and over-flowing.

You can place dog waste from your garden into your own green household waste bin, if it is securely wrapped.

It is not illegal to place carrier bagsful of dog waste from your garden into the parish dog waste bins. However, there are many dogs in the parish, and we do not have the capacity in the bins provided for all the dog waste that is produced. Please bear this in mind when using this facility. Thank you.

### **New Parish Council Clerk**

I am delighted to be the new parish clerk of Meare and Westhay Parish Council . Whilst this is a new appointment, I am not new to either clerking or the role of a parish council. Currently, I am the Town Clerk in Glastonbury and will be leaving this position at the end of May. My home is in Aller, near Langport, an area where I am the elected District Councillor South Somerset for the ward of Turnhill. I have chosen not to stand for the Unitary Council, instead will be concentrating my voluntary efforts in Aller where I expect after the 5th of May to be the new Chairman of the parish council. Interestingly, there are many similarities between Meare and Aller, both are on the flood plain, both are rural parishes with the limitations that this brings.

My intention is to work for three mornings each week for Meare Parish Council, Monday - Wednesday. However, due to other commitments until the end of May, my work for Meare will be when I can find the required time to undertake the tasks that I have on. My contact details can be found on the parish website.

Thanks, Gerard Tucker

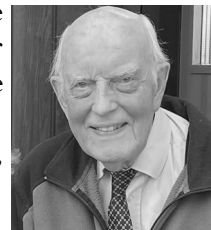
Parish Council Meetings – 7.30pm in The Chapel

Monday 20th June and 18th July

### **Villager of the Year 2021 Robert White**

Our Villager of the Year Award goes to people who live in the parish of Meare and go that extra mile. We present the award in recognition of their contribution to our community and as a thank you for the work they have carried out which has benefitted our two villages.

This year we presented the award to Robert White, in appreciation of all he has done for our community.



## Villager of the Year cont.

The Parish Council received many nominations for Robert from parishioners. The comments we received included: "For many years Robert has tended the grass verge opposite the Fish House which he has planted, with amongst other plants, lovely roses, all at his own expense. Robert has made the area look lovely for years, funding all the plants and strimming and mowing the area making a beautiful verge in Meare. He has done it for the love of our village and should receive recognition for all his hard work.

I couldn't help but notice how beautifully kept the verge on the opposite side of the road is. Robert has been lavishing care to the area for many years and everything he has done has been paid for out of his own pocket and he has never asked for any payment.

Robert has also been very involved with St Mary's Church and volunteered offering his help and support with the running of the Church and the Church Services.

Parishioners wanted Robert to be recognised for all that he has done for our community since he came to live here.

In recognition of all that he has done for our parish Robert was presented with the Meare Parish Villager of the Year Award 2021 on the 25th April.

Congratulations!

Westhay Schoolroom Events (Registered Charity No.288021)		
Copies of two Parish Tithes 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, are held at County Museum at Taunton.		
Every Tuesday & Thursday	6:30pm	1 hour of Yoga <b>also on Zoom.</b> £7 per session
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



## MEARE & WESTHAY FUNDRAISING TEAM

### Meare Church Room Window Repair and Paint



The community came together to repair and paint the windows of the Church rooms on 3rd April 2022. They were in a very sorry state and look so much better. They should last a bit longer now too, or a least until the new Village Hall is built. The money to pay for it all came from the MWFT breakfast profit, so thank you to everyone who supports these events and help to raise these important funds. Below is a list of all those that helped, Thanks everyone.



Elizabeth Norris, Charlotte Norris and Lucy Burrows made the very yummy cakes.



Teresa James, Lee gage, Lyn Appleton, Natalie Rosen, Steve Roach, Andy Green, Laura Goad, Ed Ogle, Nicky Hoskins, Matt Woodman, Caroline Sanderson, David & Tina Naylor.

Tim Hoskins (who made the replacement window frames for the rotted frames at the rear of the building), also Andy Cowell for providing the tower that made painting up high so much easier and safer.



### LAZY SUNDAY BREAKFAST

Breakfast is the 3rd Sunday of every month. It's an opportunity to come meet people for a chat over a breakfast Bap made from ALL local products.

All profits go to help community projects the above.





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

It's been a whirlwind for the Village Hall committee since our last magazine article! We're in a fantastic place with the hall plans and, despite many stalled attempts over the years, we are the closest this village hall has ever been to being built:

- We have planning permission in place, with discharged pre-commencement conditions
- We have building regulations drawings, ready to build.
- We have the support of the community, as well as a clearly established need for a new hall.
- We have already made a significant start with the extension of the car park through the generosity of Glen Graham.
- We have agreed future funding through the eventual sale of the Church Rooms in Meare.
- We have grants awarded to support the build including a Public Works Loan

We also have some exciting updates to share about 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 are planning to build the hall in two stages now and are really excited about the smaller scale initial build. We are essentially dividing the building into two halves and have rearranged a few of the internal walls. In the first stage of the build there will be the kitchen, the bar, toilets, the informal lounge area, entrance foyer and large meeting room/hall. This half of the build boasts the southerly aspect, looking out across the playing fields, keeping those great views and making this a fantastic community space. The northern half of the building will form the next stage of the build and has the large sports hall, storage and changing rooms.

Despite some challenges along the way, we are really pleased to share that the Parish Council voted in favour of drawing down the Public Works Loan for the Village Hall in an extraordinary council meeting. It is great to have this support in place from the Parish Council and it will strengthen our fundraising opportunities moving forwards.

## Public Meeting

We would like to share our recent updates and plans in more detail and plan to host an open meeting where all the community can attend and view the drawings, as well as raising questions and sharing your thoughts with the committee. This is planned for **7.30pm on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> June** at Meare Community Church on Church Path.

## Another Grant Awarded!

We are delighted to share the news that we have been successful in another grant application! We have been awarded a significant grant from the Bernard Sunley Foundation to be used for the construction of the village hall building! In writing to us, the Foundation said that they are "a great supporter of village halls as they provide such an important focal point for the community." This follows on from our recent grant award from Mendip District Council and with more applications in the pipeline we are optimistic that this is a sign of things to come.

We have raised over **£565** to date on easyfundraising from just **20** active savers and AmazonSmile just under **£200** from only **35** shoppers. – imagine what we could raise if the whole village signed up!



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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
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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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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
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The Miners Arms, (NE-bound), Shipham	09:54	12:29	15:34	18:03

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Meare Church Rooms Hiring Enquiries, contact Janice by phone or at Janice.bradley3@btinternet.com	01458 860597
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Post Office Opening Times Friday 9:30am to 12:30pm	

## 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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## MEARE PARISH ACTIVITY GROUP (MPAG)

**A THANK YOU FROM MPAG:-** Having spent a few hours sorting out the contents of our containers on the field, we had a pile of mixed rubbish, and would like to say a very big “Thank You”, to Sean Langford for his help with its removal. Sean can be contacted on 07771317886.

MPAG, are continuing to prepare for the entertainment on Friday the 3<sup>rd</sup> of June.

There will be crafts, a treasure trail with clues around the village, as well as a BBQ, soft drinks, tea, coffee and cake, so you can just come along and sit and relax, hopefully in the sunshine.

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Janice Bradley



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## **SWT Wilder Open Garden Launch**

Somerset Wildlife Trust are launching a unique new open garden scheme for garden lovers and wildlife enthusiasts across the county. **Wilder Open Gardens** will give amateur gardeners and anyone with even slightly green fingers in their communities the chance to be loud and proud of their gardens and outdoor spaces and share some of the special things they are doing for nature in them. From balcony and patio gardens to large private estates and everything in between, anyone with a love of wildlife is encouraged to get involved.

The aim of the scheme is to inspire others to make their outdoor spaces more friendly for wildlife and to raise funds for Somerset Wildlife Trust at the same time. From hedgehog holes in fences, swift boxes, pollinator friendly window boxes, mini ponds and small patches left wild, all actions add up to help nature thrive. Host a Wilder Open Garden as a one off event, over a weekend or it could become part of an existing regular social fixture over the warmer months - it's whatever you have time for. So open the garden gate, put the kettle on, bake a cake and show off your garden this summer!

**To take part and hosting** the Trust has created a special Wilder Open Gardens pack for download online ([somersetwildlife.org/wilder-open-gardens](http://somersetwildlife.org/wilder-open-gardens)) with information to make your event a success. For further information please contact

Kirby Everett on 01823 652413  
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## Meare Village Primary School

We ended last term with a visit to the Community Church for our Easter assembly. We were joined by the children from Little Starlings Pre- school. The children really enjoyed singing our Easter songs and watching Dunc the Dog. Thank you to Mike Strange for inviting us and sharing the meaning of Easter with us all.



We were also delighted to invite Tessa Munt to judge our Easter/Spring Garden competition. We had so many wonderful entries. Thank you to all the children who entered the competition. It was a super celebration of Easter/Spring and a great way to end our Spring Term.

This term we look forward to the installation of the new Trim Trail on our school field. I know that it will be well used by the children at morning break and lunch times. We are also developing our Outdoor area for our youngest children. Our Year 5/6 children are soon off to Torquay for their residential experience at the PGL centre – Barton Hall. It will be a very busy half term.



Sandra Leggett  
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