

Meare and Westhay Village News August - September 2023



Caroline Sanderson (Me) receiving my Villager of the Year 2022 award from Councillor Chris Bennett at the Horse Race night in May. Apologies for the strange light on Chris's face it was the only photo taken.



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Editors News

I was very pleased and amazed to have been awarded Villager of the Year 2022. A big thank you to the Parish Council and those who put me forward for Villager of the year. You said such lovely things. It was such a wonderful honour to receive it at the horse race night in May.

When we came and first saw our home in Meare, my husband Martin and I fell in love with it and the Parish. After only 8 years it feels so much like home and I believe this is due to the people who live here who made us feel so welcome. I feel so lucky and because I'm a firm believer of paying it forward, I will always do what I can to help out whenever I can until I am no longer able to. So Thank you to the Parish council for this lovely award.

Well Glastonbury festival is over and I know its not everyone's cup of tea but for me, it was amazing. I really have no idea how they manage to organise everything. I managed to get my first full weekend ticket and spent 5 days chatting to people, listening to different bands, making things and people watching. It really is an amazing experience. How they gets the ideas to decorate the place is crazy.

Have you heard Joe Dugdale, a new resident of Westhay, a film maker/author and website designer/development is putting together a new book, to be written by those living in Meare & Westhay, plus some guest authors. Please see page 14 for details.

Joe has also put the feelers out to see if anyone is intertest in joining a writing group and a drama group. "Is this something people would be interested in"? He wrote online. Well I certainly would. At the time of printing the first meeting to discuss the writing of the book had not taken place. So more information to follow.

Two more things. **Can you let me know if you have left over magazines when delivering them.** We are trying to reduce over printing.

Secondly if you ever need help getting to any Parish events or groups please let either myself or the organisers know and we will try our best to arrange transport. Please don't miss out because you need help. I hope you all have a wonderful summer and take care.

Would like to Mention

Somerset Wildlife Trust

Homes for Hedgehogs is launched to help halt the dramatic decline of one of the UK's most charismatic and best-loved species. It was launched on Monday 3rd July, its a county-wide campaign designed to raise awareness of and help reverse the decline of the humble hedgehog. Numbers have been in decline since the 1950s. Then, there was an estimated 30 million of our prickly friends in the UK. In 2020, this number was at just under 900,000. It is hoped that the campaign will see large numbers of people making small changes to their gardens and green spaces to turn the fortunes of this magical little mammal around, before we lose it forever. To help search for www.somersetwildlife.org/homes-hedgehogs and follow the instructions!

Pharmacy Closing

Boots Pharmacy in Glastonbury is due to close on the 13th October and Tesco Pharmacy is due to close on 20th August. This will make Knights pharmacy, Feversham Ln, Glastonbury BA6 9LP, our nearest. Currently it opens Mon till Friday 8am till 7pm and Sat 9am to 3pm. There are still 3 pharmacy's in Street. The nearest Pharmacy open on a Sunday is Tesco's in Wells and it is also open till 6pm on Saturday.

Produce Stolen

A significant amount of produce was stolen from Meare Allotments. This has happened before but has increased this year with the perpetrators presumably climbing over the gate/fence. Cable ties have also been cut through. We have also been made aware that someone attempted to break into the MPAG storage containers on the playing field. These things have no great value so it makes me wonder why.

Please all keep an eye out and if you see anything report it immediately. If this is you doing this, please stop. People work hard on their allotments and they deserve to have their produce for themselves. The items in the container belong to the parish, leave them alone.

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Meare Parish Villager of the Year Award 2022

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.

Our Villager of the Year for 2022 works tirelessly for both villages. She will help out on any committee and support any organisation that she can (including the Ladies Group, MPAG, MWFT, the Youth Fundraising group, the New Village Hall project to name a few) and she does not get involved in any village 'politics'.

She is one of the most community focussed people we know. She helped out and cooked for the Warm Space project, she was fundamental in coordinating the Queens Platinum Jubilee celebrations, and helped with the Kings Coronation celebrations.

When the future of the village magazine came under review last year, she even offered to edit this free of charge to help keep this publication going. This just goes to show her kind-hearted nature and our belief that everything she does for this village really is with the best interest of the villages and their parishioners. She doesn't ask for any thanks or adoration, public or otherwise, for the work that she does and a lot of it is done behind the scenes, with a massive smile on her face.

To be able to show her our thanks we would like her to be Villager of the Year 2022.

Congratulations Caroline Sanderson

10 AUG AT 12:00 – 13 AUG AT 20:00

Bristol International Balloon Fiesta

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Announcements

Maureen Grace Vagg of Meare, Formerly of Shepton Mallet, passed away peacefully at Yeovil District hospital on **6th May 2023, aged 84 years**. The funeral service was held at Mendip crematorium on the 31st May 2023. Donations were shared between the dogs trust and Guide Dogs. Funeral directors were M Franks & Sons.

Herbert Frank Parsons, “Herbie” late of Millbatch, Meare, **aged 75**. Passed away on the **5th May 2023**. The funeral took place at St. Mary’s Church, Meare, on the 8th June 2023. Herbie was laid to rest with his late wife Sandra. Donations to Love Musgrove and the Stroke Association. Funeral directors were M Franks & Sons.

Horace Rowland Toogood, formerly of Westhay, passed away on the **10th June 2023**. His cremation took place on the 23rd June at Sedgemoor Crematorium. Donations for Help the Heroes. Funeral directors were Forsey & Son.

David Kenneth Daniells, Aged 83 years. His funeral took place at St. Mary’s Church, Meare on the 13th June 2023. Donations for Alzheimer's Society. Funeral directors were Forsey & son.

Westhay Schoolroom Committee

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.

August 5th	10:30 pm	Café Westhay Then the 1st Saturday of each month until November
September 22nd	7:30pm	Harvest Service & Sale
December 18th	7:30 pm	Carol & Christmas Music

Ladies Group

In May we were entertained by Sally Smith on Ballooning. Well not just ballooning. Her talk covered the many unknown ladies aeronautical great achievements and adventures. Most of which I had never heard of. We also had the chance to purchasing her latest book, which is a fantastic and inspirational read for women.

At the June meeting we were very please to welcome our Parishes very own Owl Lady, Michelle Blackmore of course. What an amazing talk and owl display. She is so dedicated and knowledgeable, we were all thrilled and her owls were very well behaved.



Bubble and Squeak, pictured right, sat there chatting for most of the evening.

See up and coming events below and confirm if you are attending.

Both of these will incur additional cost to our normal subscription. For the Cream Teas at Marshes Hub the cost is £15 which can be collected at either the next meeting or normal bank transfer using the details are:- Meare & Westhay Ladies Social Club, Sort Code 30-98-28 Account Number 00978651

Please let us know numbers so we can book and get an accurate quotation for the fish and chip supper. It looks to be around £10 per person. We will of course offer other options like sausage and chips or small portions (must be pre booked before we place the order).

Anyone needing help getting to any of our meetings please let us know, we can arrange for you to be picked up. New members also welcome. Don't miss out just because you can't get there!

The following Thursday events coming up at the Ladies Group	
August 17th	2:30 Cream Teas at Marshes Hub
September 21st	Fish and Chip Supper in the Community Chapel

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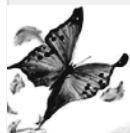
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Meare Community Chapel

Thought for the day

Our recent teaching in Sunday services has been from the book of James in the New Testament. We've learnt how enduring the trials of life builds our character and develops Christian maturity. We were confronted by the thought that the tongue is a very dangerous weapon, to be used carefully and thoughtfully; and the reason we have two ears and one mouth is to make us better listeners, so we should be slow to speak and not rush in to say things we may regret later.

As we progressed through the book of James, we learnt the benefits of humility and wisdom in how we approach life, in contrast to selfish ambition and envy which are not from heaven or the way God wants us to live. These traits create disorder and chaos, hardly characteristics for living at peace with each other.

Towards the end of James's letter, we read about submitting ourselves to the will of God living in the ways He encourages. That we should step away from undesirable things and not to quarrel and fight or kill for the things we cannot get. We also learnt that if we are sick or in need, we should ask the Elders for prayer. Answered prayers are very encouraging and we've seen prayers answered recently through a liver transplant for a friend of someone in our congregation. Wonderful news it was too, against the odds.

Where are you sitting on the fence of life? In a nice garden on one side (Confidently trusting and believing in God), or perched on the fence wondering what life is like in that garden? If you are curious to know more, come and receive a warm welcome on a Sunday morning at the Chapel. Coffee at 10:30 for 11:00 service start.

At the beginning of the year, the Meare Community Church congregation started to pray each week for a specific area of Meare, and are working towards Westhay. Through June and July we have prayed for: Sunnymeade, Moorview Close, St Marys Road, Downs Orchard, Alexanders Close, Countrymen Close, and Oxenpill. We will keep going until we get to the end of Westhay. If you have any specific prayer request, please email and let us know so we can include you in our prayers.

In the book of Matthew ch6 v25, Matthew wrote, *“Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothes? Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? Can any one of you by worrying add a single hour to your life?”* Do not worry about the trials of life, but ask prayerfully to seek comfort in times of distress, you only need to ask God. Send your prayer requests to Meare Community Church - prayer line; **mearechapel22@gmail.com**. Anyone sending a prayer request can request privacy by asking for their name to be withheld.

Topics coming up are below:	
6th August	Miracles and what they teach us
20th August	The Mission
3rd September	Kingdom Principles in Parables
17th September	Have you walked on water
1st October	Kingdom Attitudes
22nd October	The end of the age
19th November	Be ready, be watchful

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Police Fraud Warning

The police have once again put online that Fraud is up again. Their website warns that, “Once fraudsters establish contact, they manipulate their victims with convincing stories, often claiming that there has been fraudulent activity on their bank accounts”.

“The best thing to do is to remember **Take Five, Tell Two** – that is to take five minutes to consider if you might be being scammed and tell two other people who may be able to spot red flags you can’t in a pressurised situation.

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Meare Morsels, An Open Call for Short Stories & Flash Fiction

We have a book that will be published in 2024, and are seeking your short story and flash fiction submissions from those living in Meare and Westhay.

All money raised by the book will be donated to the Meare Youth Group, and when we say all the money raised, that is what we mean. There will be no 'admin costs', which is often a problem with books.

The stories we are looking for will be of all genres, and there is no age limit.

You may think that your writing isn't good enough to be published, but that may not be the case at all. All authors have an editor, who is the person who helps them to refine their book, and 'Meare Morsels' is no different. All the selected authors will have the opportunity to work with one of our two editors, myself (Joe Dugdale) and Sylv Kerslake.

For the book, we are looking at the following word count:

Flash Fiction 300-1000 Words, Short Stories, 1000-5000 Words

We will be including a few short stories by guest authors, but the majority of the book will be written by those living in Meare and Westhay, so why not take the opportunity to see yourself in print, and hold your book in your hands.

The book will be available on platforms such as Amazon and Barnes & Noble, as well as being available on other websites and libraries worldwide.

All rights to the stories remain with their respective authors, and we are simply given the rights to use the stories in the book.

Submissions are open August 1st – November 30th 2023.

Submission is free and you can find the latest information at: **www.sylv.net/meare-morsels**

Thanks Joe

Street & Walton Men's Shed

The shed continues to thrive and we have increased our membership since the start of the year (5 male & 1 Female) and all sessions are well attended, but there is always room for more and if you are interested or want more information, please contact me on 01458 443940 or Email brianbastable123@hotmail.co.uk or look on our web site at www.streewaltommensshed.wixsit.com or using my contact details below.

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Future events include, Saturday 5th August, South Lawns Summer Fair, Saturday 2nd September Merriman Park Fun Day, and Saturday 9th September Walton Fun Day.

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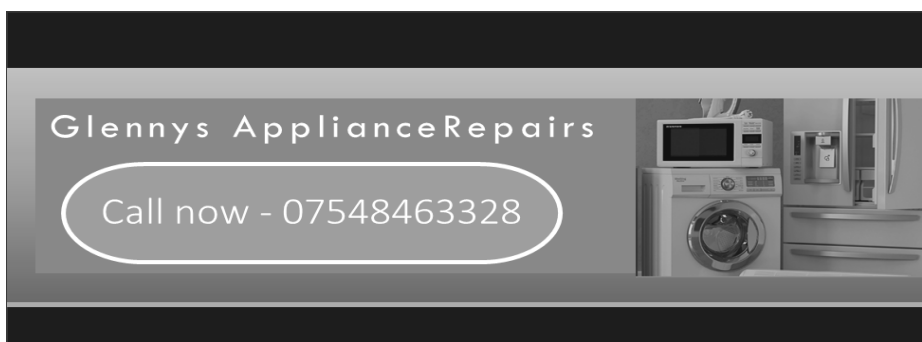
Race Night raises over £1K

The Race night held on the 20th May at the Church Rooms proved to be a roaring success (literally!). Over 60 parishioners and friends packed the hall to support the event jointly organised by Meare Parish Activity Group (MPAG) and Meare & Westhay Fundraising Team (MWFT) to raise funds for the **Meare Youth Group** Sports facility for the village.

For only £5.00 a ticket, participants enjoyed a ploughman's supper and dessert, while betting on 8 thrilling horse races. Local organisations sponsored each race enabling them to name the 8 horses in their race. They were Glastonbury-based **CJW Taxis**; **The Sheppey Pub** in Godney; **River House Airbnb** in Meare; local **Handyman Tim**, party entertainment supplier **Banto Party's**; Shapwick-based dog agility training **SWAT**; Wisden cricket almanac specialist **Somerset Badger** and **M Franks & Sons** family funeral directors.

Every horse in each race was auctioned to the highest bidder and then punters placed bets of £2.00 per horse on the ones they fancied. 50% of the total auction money raised was awarded to the winning owner and 40% of the entire tote went to the first placed horse and 20% to the second in each race. Overall the event raised **£1,088.59**, including pre-purchased drink packages.

Thank you to all that took and donated in the June table top sale and other donations including Gwilliam's of Edington, MakingaDifference@NisaRetail.com which added another fantastic sum of £250 grant. Which brings the running total of the funds raised so far for the Sports facility to an impressive **£5991.09!** Watch this space for more events to be planned later in the year.



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St. Mary's Church

On 30th July at St Mary's we hosted a joint service with the Glastonbury churches. The Look family kindly allowing us to use their field for extra parking.

This service was part of a whole weekend 14/15th October when the church will be open with a Find Flower Festival, bell ringing, history exhibition and artwork, treasure trail, refreshments and music.

Reg Baker and his daughter Rachael at Stileway farm can be contacted if you have any family photos or archive material about people and events at the church.

There will be an organized walk between Glastonbury Abbey and Meare to remember our links with the early monks who first worshipped on this site and the Abbott who organized the building of the Fish House, his summer residence, chapel and farm.

Look out for the posters with the 700 logo showing the medieval iron hinges on the church door.

In the meantime we hope you all enjoy a break and summer holidays

From

All at St Mary's Church

Services at St. Mary's Church Meare		
Sunday 6th August	11:00am	Holy Communion
Sunday 3rd September	11:00am	Holy Communion
Sunday 1st October	11:00am	Holy Communion
Sunday 15th October	10:30am	Celebration Service for 700th anniversary of the dedication of St Mary's Church with the Bishop of Taunton



Message from the Meare & Westhay Fundraising Team



Racing to the finish line

It has been a busy summer so far for the MWFT team and there is still more fun to come.

With the very firm commitment to maximise the money raised for the Meare Youth Group this year, the Horse Race Night in May, jointly organised by the Meare and Westhay Fundraising Team (MWFT) and Meare Parish Activity Group (MPAG), contributed an incredible £1088.59 to the fund.

The Tabletop Sale, raffle and refreshments also made a major contribution. With many thanks to the local businesses who donated impressive raffle prizes and to the parishioners who baked and provided cakes and delicacies. It was lovely to see our local young people serving in the kitchen and, if they didn't know what a cream tea was at the start, they certainly did by the end of the afternoon! The event raised an amazing £604.

There has also been success with a grant application to the "Making a Difference" charity which has donated £250 to the Meare Youth Group. Added to this year's profits from the monthly Sunday breakfasts, the total raised to date is £4741.

Our next big general fundraising event is another Race Night (for adults only) on 9th September in the Church Rooms. Tickets cost £5.00 each and will include food. There is no bar this time, so please bring along your own drinks. Further details will be available closer to the time and will appear on our Facebook pages.

Looking ahead, the Sunday breakfast takes a break in August, but returns on 16th September, so please come along and join your friends and neighbours between 9am and 11am for a delicious meal, cooked and served by our intrepid volunteers.

Meare & Westhay Fundraising Team

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Clerks Report

The parish council was saddened to receive a message from a resident from Westhay who had sadly lost her cat to being hit by a car. The message continued with a request that the Parish Council extends the 30 MPH restricted areas to cover the whole distance between Westhay and Meare. The Parish Council discussed this request at their last meeting and the clerk was asked to follow up this and other highways related matters with the appropriate departments. The response received proves that it is far from straightforward to extend speed limits, introduce new signage etc.

1. Traffic speed between Meare and Westhay, particularly the absence of speed restrictions in the vicinity of Homeway Farm

The Department for Transport guidance on the setting of local speed limits is clear in that speed limits should be evidence led, self-explaining and seek to reinforce people's assessment of what is a safe speed to travel. They should encourage self-compliance and should be seen by drivers as a maximum rather than a target speed.

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.

The key factors that need to be considered when reviewing a speed limit is history of collisions; road geometry and engineering; road function; compositions of road users; existing traffic speeds; and road environment.

The Department for Transport states that reasonable minimum criteria for the definition of what constitutes a village, for the purpose of applying a village speed limit of 30 mph, is there's a minimum requirement of at least 20 houses fronting the road for a minimum distance of 600 metres and at an average density of three houses per 100 metres to qualify. Therefore, this bit of Meare, Homeway Corner, would not qualify.

The most recent speeds monitoring checks show that 85th%ile vehicle speeds between Westhay and Meare are 37mph and that there have been no Police recorded injury collisions reported in the last 5 years.

So, based on the lack of evidence of a speeding issue, road safety issue or congestion issue, if the parishioners wanted to pursue this, the speed limit would have to be funded by the Parish. It is estimated that the cost would be up to £8,000 - £10,000.

2. Traffic speed in Westhay, near the Old School.

Highways have informed the Parish Council that Road Narrows signage at both ends of the narrow part are ordered and will be installed when manufactured

3. Inconsiderate parking at various locations!

The Parish Council regularly receives complaints regarding vehicles parked in places which restricts the visibility of pedestrians and other road users. Near the Defibrillator Box [old telephone box] in Westhay is one example, others are in Meare. This is not an issue that can be resolved by Highways. However, if an obstruction, please call 101 – Police non-emergency line and report the concern.

The highways officer that we are engaging with informs that the School Keep Clear lines and a replacement post for the 30MPH repeater in Meare have been requested

Finally – a conundrum! Two posts have appeared at Porters Hatch on the verge – yet no one is aware as to why they are there. Despite asking many questions, we are no wiser.

In summary, there are clearly defined reasons why restrictions and signage cannot be implemented. The Parish Council now has to consider if spending up to £10,000 of its limited budget would be appropriate – or are there more pressing things in the parishes that need funding?

Gerard Tucker

A New Museum in Street

The Alfred Gillett Trust, a heritage charity based in Street, Somerset, is building a new museum to display a vast collection of museum objects and archive material ranging from 200-million-year-old fossils to 200-years of shoemaking and Clarks shoes. Since the Trust opened their doors in 2012, they have provided access to this remarkable collection through exhibitions and loans to other museums including the London Transport Museum, as well as through academic and research partnerships.

In 2019 the Trust secured ownership of the historic collection about the history of Clarks shoes and is now planning a new museum to open by 2025 at the Grange, adjacent to Clarks Village, to make these available to the public. This will create a community hub and visitor experience celebrating the rich social and industrial history of shoemaking via three new galleries which will be just as much about people as they are about shoes and shoe-making. Our internationally significant ichthyosaur fossils will remain in their current location at the Grange, which will be refurbished to open up this fascinating collection as part of the new museum offer, and will be on permanent display to the public. Award-winning architects, Purcell, will redevelop the Grade II Listed Grange site in keeping with the landscape and history of the area, with the planning application now submitted. Sought after exhibition designers, Nissen Richards Studio will deliver the gallery experiences, creating amazing spaces that are thought provoking, inspirational, enjoyable and fun.

Rosie Martin, Director of the Alfred Gillett Trust said, “We’re delighted that this amazing collection will be open to the public, adding to Somerset’s rich and large array of iconic visitor attractions, as well as opening up our gardens for all to enjoy.” To find out more about this project: <https://alfredgilletttrust.org/a-new-museum-in-street/> A free exhibition about this project will be opening shortly at the Grange, sign up to their newsletter.

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Wednesday 13th & 27th	Sept	Garden Waste only
Thursday 7th & 28th	Sept	Recycling & Refuse
Friday 1st , Thursday 14th & 21st	Sept	Recycling only



Meare and Westhay Village Hall Update

We started our fundraising with a table at the table top sale and are continued with a Jumble trail on the 9th July. The weather was kind to us and over 11 houses took part. Cream teas were served in the Church Rooms by Elizabeth and Charlotte Norris which were very popular.

Donations are still coming in and we will be able to give a final total at our open meeting in September, but it is looking like a very good start to our fundraising. Thank you to all who took part.

We have planned a Fork'n'ale night on the 23rd September and Santa party in December.

There are other events in the pipeline and we will advertise closer to the dates. We are planning an open forum for early September in the Church rooms and we will have more to share with you all by then.

Rosie Lander

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The Muddy Lane Playing Fields.

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For all enquiries including bookings please email the Parish Clerk, Gerard on **clerk@meare-pc.gov.uk**. He will reply as soon as he can.



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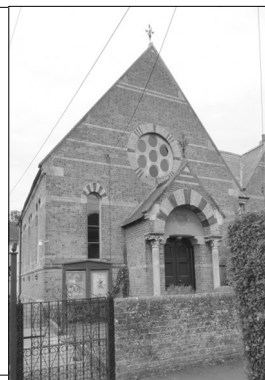


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Shipham The Miners Arms (W-bound)	07:25	10:00	13:00	15:50
Cheddar Tweentown (E-bound)	07:33	10:08	13:08	15:58
Cocklake The Post Office (S-bound)	07:42	10:17	13:17	16:07
Wedmore The Mall (S-bound)	07:46	10:21	13:21	16:11
Mudgley Mudgely Cross (SE-bound)	07:50	10:25	13:25	16:15
Westhay Turnpike House (S-bound)	07:55	10:30	13:30	16:20
Westhay The Post Office (SW-bound)	07:56	10:31	13:31	16:21
Meare, opp Millbatch	07:58	10:33	13:33	16:23
Meare Post Office (near)	07:59	10:34	13:34	16:24
Meare, outside St. Mary's Church	07:59	10:34	13:34	16:24
Stileway Bus Shelter (E-bound)	08:00	10:35	13:35	16:25
Brindham Community Hospital (S-bound)	08:07	10:42	13:42	16:32
Glastonbury Chinnock Road Spar Shop (W-bound)	08:09	10:44	13:44	16:34
Glastonbury Town Hall (S-bound)	08:14	10:49	13:49	16:39
Street Strode College (E-bound)	08:22			
Street Crispin Hall (NW-bound)	08:25	10:57	13:57	16:47
Street Sainsburys (NE-bound)	09:30	11:02	14:02	
Street - Shipham Bus 668				
Street Sainsburys (NE-bound)	08:50	11:25	14:30	
Street The Library (SE-bound)	08:55	11:30	14:35	17:00
Street Strode College (E-bound)				17:05
Glastonbury Town Hall (N-bound)	09:05	11:40	14:45	17:13
Glastonbury The Queen's Head (E-bound)	09:06	11:41	14:46	17:14
Glastonbury Chinnock Road Spar Shop (E-bound)	09:10	11:45	14:50	17:18
Brindham Community Hospital (N-bound)	09:12	11:47	14:52	17:20
Meare Rice Farm (NW-bound)	09:17	11:52	14:57	17:25
Stileway, opp Bus Shelter	09:18	11:53	14:58	17:26
Meare, opp St Marys Church	09:19	11:54	14:59	17:27
Meare, opp Post Office	09:20	11:55	15:00	17:28
Meare, adj Millbatch	09:20	11:55	15:00	17:28
Westhay, opp The Post Office	09:22	11:57	15:02	17:30
Westhay Turnpike House (N-bound)	09:23	11:58	15:03	17:31
Mudgley Mudgely Cross (N-bound)	09:27	12:02	15:07	17:35
Wedmore The Borough Yard (N-bound)	09:32	12:07	15:12	17:40
Cocklake The Post Office (N-bound)	09:35	12:10	15:15	17:43
Cheddar Tweentown (W-bound)	09:44	12:19	15:24	17:52
Shipham The Miners Arms (NE-bound)	09:52	12:27	15:32	18:00

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