

# Meare and Westhay Village News

## October - November 2023

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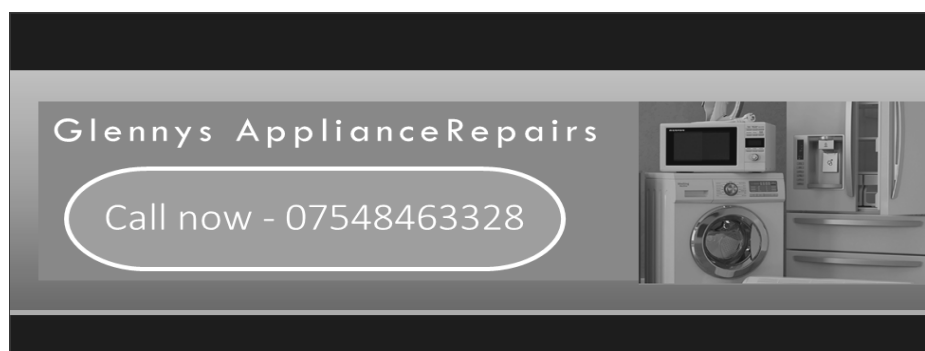
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## Editors News

Well we are just entering Autumn and the leaves are starting to fall. I do hope it stays nice enough for St. Mary's Church 700th celebrations. There is lots going on and if you have not ever visited the Church, now would be the time. Have a look at their poster on page 11 for events taking place.

We have a few Parish events coming up. If you have trouble getting to them please let us know. Likewise if you would like someone to go with, we can come with you, so you don't have to go in on your own.

It horrified me to hear that Poor Dolly Chapman was having bags of dog waste thrown over her wall. Her poor son nearly chopped the bags in half while cutting the hedge back. How awful for her.

We wait with bated breath to hear if MWFT have got through to the next round of KAVS. See page 5 for details. I am so pleased for them and for the Parish. I wonder if we would be honored by a visit from one of the Royals if they win!

I was so please to see the very low levels of rubbish when driving through the other week. I went to see if we needed to have a rubbish collection but there was nothing to see. I'm sure someone will let me know if there is an area needing attention! In fact if you have anything you think would be of interest to others in the Parish let me know. Thank you, Caroline.

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## Would like to Mention

### A New Screen for the Church Room

A New Screen has been kindly donated as a permanent feature for the church rooms by David and Tina Naylor. It is an amazing asset for the parish and nice to have it there for all to use. Thank you both.

### MWFT Nominated for KAVS

What is KAVS? It is the King's Award for Voluntary Service. It is **the highest award given to UK volunteer groups, being the equivalent to the MBE**. Created in 2002 by Queen Elizabeth, the prestigious award recognises exceptional work done by volunteer groups in their communities.

On Sunday 3rd September Indra Donfrancesco, the Mayor of Glastonbury, announced at her inauguration that the Meare and Westhay fundraising team have been nominated for the Kings Award for Voluntary services .



The picture shows a few members, Teresa, Lyn, and Nicky of the team with our Parish Councillor, Chris and Indra the new Mayor of Glastonbury.

The team have said “being nominated for this award is an honour and we are very pleased to have been recognised for all our work and support within the community”.

Next the KAVS committee considers the nominations and agrees a shortlist for approval by the King. The awards are announced on **14 November**. You can also view the list of awardees on The King's Award for Voluntary Service website but we will let you know when it is announced.

### Dog Waste Dumping

It saddened me to hear from Dolly Chapman today that Someone has chucked full bags of Dog waste over her garden wall into her garden. What a nasty thing to do, how can you think this is an okay to do. You know who you are, please stop this.



## Marriage Announcements

Mr & Mrs John Norris are pleased to announce the forthcoming marriage of their youngest daughter **Charlotte to Mr Matthew Woodman**, on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2023 at St. Mary's Church, Meare.

The wedding service will take place at 2pm. Those who would like to attend the service will be most welcome to celebrate with us the union of Charlotte and Matthew.

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## Meare Community Chapel Thought for the Day

We've been studying the book of Matthew in our Bibles. The Beatitudes it has provided a look at how God would like people to think and behave. Through the miracles we have seen that Jesus really was the Son of God. We learned about the choice we face in life, to follow the ways of the world or to follow Jesus.

This route was described as being by one of two gates, the sort of gate a shepherd would use to pass his flock to inspect them. One of the gates is wide, and many people can pass with all their baggage of life, their muddled thinking and beliefs. The other gate is narrow and people pass through one at a time. Through this narrow gate people have to leave behind those beliefs of the world. In God's eyes, the decision is binary, yes or no.

Do you believe and trust in Jesus as your Lord, via the narrow gate, or do you choose the wide gate of worldly life. Jesus says "do not be deceived by false teaching" and that "the way to heaven is through me."

Where today, do you stand? Are you facing these two gates, or have you passed through one of them?

Prayers in July-Aug covered the residents of: Chapel Lane, Shapwick Road, Burtle Road, Back Lane, and Honeygar Lane.

Prayers were answered for our Liver transplant youngster. He went home beginning of July. What wonderful news.

If you have a prayer request, please send them to Meare Community Church - prayer line; [mearechapel22@gmail.com](mailto:mearechapel22@gmail.com). Anyone sending a prayer request can request privacy by asking for their name to be withheld.

Thank you Phil Ludbrook.

*Diary dates on following page.*

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<b>Community Chapel Topics coming up are below:</b>	
1st October	Church Outing
15th October	Harvest Service at St. Marys
22nd October	The End of age
5th November	Remembrance Day Service
19th November	Be ready, Be watchful
17th December	Carol Service

## Meare and Westhay Village Hall Update



We have been busy fundraising and have added **£415.71** from the Jumble Trail and a further **£400** car park stewarding for the Glastonbury Extravaganza.

Thank you to everyone who attended the meeting on the 4th September. The finance statements that have been analysed from the last 7 years has been published online. We presented the situation so far. The outcome of this meeting is that a suggestion has been made that that together with Parish Council a new survey is held, as the demographic of the village has changed since the last one was done. A new questionnaire be developed incorporating the Village Hall questions. We have been getting to grips with the task ahead of us and are canvassing the opinions of the villagers as to what they would need in terms of a hall. We look forward to working with everyone for the benefit of the parish.

We have future events planned including

Sunday 19th November 6—8 pm Beetle Drive Suitable for all ages. Adults **£5** children **£2**

(for tickets contact Rosie on 01458 860000)

Childrens Xmas Party from 2-4pm, Sunday December 10th

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Proposals are aimed at prioritising sustainable methods of transport and reducing the need to travel, they overlook the need to ensure that the developments can be served safely, adequately and efficiently by bus routes. There's a need to ensure there are safe, well-lit paths to bus stops too. Also, developers should be required to fund new and improved bus stop infrastructure as well as providing revenue support for new bus services for the first few years of operation.

The Somerset Bus Partnership is drafting a detailed response but I encourage all bus user groups and your members to do so too, particularly if there are examples you can cite on your local patch where previous planning decisions have had a detrimental impact on the ability of bus operators to provide a bus service to the development. Full details [somersetcouncil.citizenspace.com/planning/creating-places-for-people](http://somersetcouncil.citizenspace.com/planning/creating-places-for-people)

Services at St. Mary's Church Meare		
Sunday 1st Oct.	11:00	Holy Communion
Sunday 14th Oct.	10 till 17:00	Open Day, Exhibitions and concerts (see Notices)
<b>Sunday 15th Oct.</b>	<b>10:30</b>	<b>Thanksgiving Service &amp; Lunch to celebrate 700th anniversary with Bishop of Taunton</b>
Tuesday 24th Oct.	14:00	Wedding
Sunday 5th Nov.	11:00	Holy Communion St. Marys
Sunday 5th Nov.	16:00	Service of Light at St. Johns Glastonbury
Sunday 12th Nov.	10:50	Remembrance Service at Meare war memorial & after at St. Marys
Sunday 3rd Dec.	11:00	Holy Communion
Sunday 10th Dec.	6pm	Carol Service at St Marys



St Mary's Church Meare, 1323-2023

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Events:

Saturday 14th October:

Church Open Day 10:00 - 16:00:

*The Church will be open all day for visitors to explore our history, an exhibit of photos, artifacts, and flowers will be on show, and refreshments will be available all day.*

Organ Concert 16:00 - 17:00:

*Meare welcomes Mr. Matthew Redman, Fellow of the Royal College of Organists and Director of Music at St John the Baptist Glastonbury, for an afternoon concert.*

Sunday 15th October:

Celebration service 10:30 - 11:30

*A special service of celebration to mark 700 years, presided over by the Rt Revd Ruth Worsley, Bishop of Taunton. The service will be followed by a light buffet lunch, all are welcome.*



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## Young Farms Tug of War

Polden's Hills Tug of War team has had a smashing season, yet again. Our impressive and dynamic team is made up of members from Polden's Hills, Farmington Gurney, Bridgwater and North Somerset, allowing them to compete forcefully within Men's, Ladies and Junior sectors. We have worked hard training multiple times a week, travelling up to Felton professional Tug of War training facility near Bristol, and receiving the highest coaching from Felton Eccles Tug of War Club, of which we thank enormously for their time, effort and commitment. Sid and Billy Lippiatt in particular for believing in our team and pushing us to the finish line!

We practised by competing at local events, such as the Meare and Westhay Coronation event; of which many of you should remember, I hope! A successful day pulling against residents of Meare and Westhay. Engaging with Children, parents and even dogs! We put smiles on faces and showcased what an entertaining and engaging sport this can be. Other competitions included the annual YFC South West Area, held in Dorset, in which we came 1st for Women's and 2nd for the Men. Qualifying both teams for YFC Nationals. We travelled to Honiton for their RFC Tug of War competition, Men and Women reigning 1st once again. Our own coaches, Felton Eccles Tug of War Club, held a league in Wrington, in which we came 3rd and 4th. And finally, friendly matches against competitors in Dulverton and Yarcombe.

Before we knew it, 5th August was upon us: YFC Tug of War Nationals! We travelled all the way to Wales for their annual Tenbury Show, to compete against clubs from all across the UK, including Yorkshire, County Durham, Wales and South West Teams. Both Men's and Ladies teams placed 2nd! A compelling watch for all spectators and a huge achievement for Polden's Hills YFC. With some members still new to the sport, we accomplished fantastic results and made friends for life. Catch us at it again next season, and join us if you're brave enough.

Remember you don't have to be a farmer to be a young farmer! Open to anyone aged 10-28 . We meet weekly for talks, visits and meetings. <http://somersetyfc.org.uk/>.



**Congratulations to all at the NFYFC's Tug of War final 2023.**

**GENSB Tug of War winners**

1st – Penistone YFC, [Yorkshire Young Farmers](#), 2nd – Great Smeaton YFC, 3rd – Meshaw YFC, [Devon Federation of Young Farmers' Clubs](#), 4th – Capel Iwan YFC, Carmarthenshire

**Ladies Tug of War winners**

1st – [County Durham Young Farmers](#),  
2nd – [Polden Hills Young Farmers](#),  
[Somerset Young Farmers Clubs](#),  
3rd – St Columb YFC, [Cornwall YFC](#),  
4th – Trecastle YFC, [Brecknock YFC](#)



**Men's Tug of War winners**

1st – [Anstey YFC](#), Devon, 2nd – [Polden Hills YFC](#), Somerset, 3rd – Penistone YFC, Yorkshire, 4th – Helmsley YFC, Yorkshire

**Ladies Group**

The Ladies group had a lovely natter at Marsh Farm afternoon Tea . It ended up being a nice day too which made it a great afternoon.

<b>Ladies Group Events both at Meare Chapel</b>		
October 19th	7:30 pm	Julie Annoniadis on Legal Tips
November 16th	7:30 pm	Debbie Newbold on Sign Language

<b>Westhay Schoolroom Events (Registered Charity No.288021)</b>		
Oct. 7th, Nov. 7th	10:30am	Café Westhay
December 18th	7:30 pm	Carol & Christmas Music

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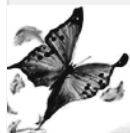
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## Youth Group



Meare Youth Group have been supported by MWFT to raise money by recycling. We spent the summer collecting drink cans and we request that you separate **ALL** your drinks cans from your weekly recycling and let any member of MWFT or Meare Young Group know and we will come and collect them from you. Alternatively, you can take them to the collection point at the Dairy in Westhay.

So far two companies Avalon Tea Room and Sweets Tea Room have also been very supportive by separating their drinks cans so that we can recycle them and we thank them so much.

In just 4 weeks, the recycling of these cans has added nearly £50 to the MYG fundraising. Just imagine how much we could raise if everyone in the parish donated their aluminium cans from their weekly recycling. We are so grateful to The Dairy Westhay for allowing us to collect them on their site. Don't forget to get a milk shake while you are there.

The cool and wet summer weather this year has not put a dampener on MWFT's drive to support fund raising for us. A waste metal collection in the villages of Meare and Westhay raised nearly £500 to go into the pot. So much metal was donated, members of MWFT collected it from whoever made donations as the Youth Group were unable to collect it. Thanks again to everyone who donated the metal.

A further £40 was raised by Caroline Sanderson recycling old car batteries they had lying around. Then £30 was collected from the sale of a donated push bike and many more donations. Thank you.

### **Big Thank You to Michelle Blackmore**

Michelle Blakemore of Owl Enlightenment kindly hosted a ticketed 'meet the Owls' event in August. Our thanks also to Abbot's Way School for allowing us to use their grounds for the Owl Display. It was a fantastic morning and the owls were a delight to see. Another example of our Parish coming together to help raise money for us.



### **Banto Party Bingo**

Also in August thank you to Banto Party's who donated to MYG from its bingo night at The Railway Inn. Taking time to collect donations and holding a massive raffle too.

### **Gwilliams of Edington, Nisa Shop Charity Donation**

Two grants to support youth and mental health initiatives in the Parish were also received from the 'Making a Difference Locally' charity which we were delighted to receive, adding a further massive **£1250**. Gwilliams of Edington again helped our Parish putting us forward for these grants, so a big thank you to them.



Don't forget if you would like further information about joining the youth group or supporting our fund raising, that you can contact us by email at [Youthareformeare@gmail.com](mailto:Youthareformeare@gmail.com)

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## Meare & Westhay Fundraising Team



### MWFT keeps up fundraising momentum

The aluminium drinks can collection has proved to be very successful and will be an ongoing initiative, raising £50 in just the first month. Please save all your drinks cans from the recycling and take them to the crusher at the Dairy in Westhay or contact a member of MWFT to arrange collection.

There is still more donations to come with profits from the **100 club** added monthly until the end of the year. That's a massive **£250** a month in September, October and November, thanks to every member of the 100 club. If you would like to join the club for only £5 per number, per month, please contact a MWFT member for your chance to win £250, or £500 in the December draw.

**September's Race Night** (dog and pigs this time) was well attended and we would like to say a huge 'thank you' to our local Race Sponsors for making this event possible. Our thanks go to Handyman Tim, The Marshes Hub, Sweets Tea Rooms, Owl Enlightenment, Greenman Gardening, Somerset Windows and Violet Farm. Also to our volunteers for making this possible. Donation details to follow.

**Dates for your diary** include our popular **Sunday breakfasts** which recommence on 15th October 8:30 till 10.30am, giving everyone enough time to have breakfast and attend the 700 years celebration of St. Mary's Church, then the 19th November 9 till 11. Prices remain at £6.00 for a full English or vegetarian breakfast with toast and a hot drink. Everyone is welcome; but arrive early as we sell out quickly!

We will be holding a **Christmas wreath making workshop** on 9th December hosted by professional florist, Jake, from Abundiflora in Glastonbury. Places will be limited and all profits will be added to the Meare Youth Group fund, further details on our Facebook pages.

We will be holding our annual **Carol Service at the Fish House** with the Shaw Family Singers in December (date to be confirmed), with our grateful thanks to the Look family for making this atmospheric venue available to us.

We look forward to seeing you!! Meare & Westhay Fundraising Team

## Halls and Meeting places

### Westhay School Rooms.

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

The cost of hire is £9.00 per hour, this includes electricity, the use of the kitchen and crockery, also the use of table and chairs.

For bookings and further details contact Anne Moss. tel. 01458. 860853 or Secretary, Richard Brown. e-mail. [richardbrown5069@btinternet.com](mailto:richardbrown5069@btinternet.com)



### The Muddy Lane Playing Fields.

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Samaritans	116 123
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Westhay The Post Office (SW-bound)	07:56	10:31	13:31	16:21
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Meare Post Office (near)	07:59	10:34	13:34	16:24
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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
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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
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Meare, adj Millbatch	09:20	11:55	15:00	17:28
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