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Editors News

The reponse to the Parish Questionnaire went well. The majority were in favor of keeping the hard copy and the current format of the magazine. Advertisers will be pleased to hear that a high number of people said they use the magazine to find local trades people.

The magazine part of the Questionnaire highlighted a couple of things. In response I have put a diary of events in the parish in date order, in one place instead of individual event listings of events. Including the bin collection. The other main request was to put bigger pictures in, which I will attempt to do where possible.

I hope the New Year brought you good luck, good health and laughter. Personally after clearing away the Christmas decorations and having a clear up of the house, I've started sorting out a few holidays and days out.

Although we live in a lovely part of the world, with great views all around, one of our family Christmas presents to each other was to make sure we booked a few days away together, to make time for each other and make happy memories.

So this is what I've started to plan.

Don't forget if you have trouble getting to events in the parish just ask, lifts can be arranged.

We also have an online bingo every Friday at 7:30 via Zoom.

Online bingo was started during lockdown and has continued ever since. You get to see others while playing in the comfort of you own home. Contact Denise King on 07903864264 if your interested in joining the bingo.

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Parking Charges

Alan Wren kindly sent an email me to let everyone know, from the 8th of January, Somerset Wildlife Trust are charging for parking at Westhay Moor Reserve, a £3 charge will be payable per visit.

The Joy of counting Butterflies

Last year after seeing an advert asking for volunteers for butterfly surveys, I joined a team at the Hawk and Owl Reserve in Shapwick and would like to say, and I think I speak for the rest of the team, how enjoyable this has been. We had very little knowledge of butterflies when we started in April, but thanks to Fred Giles were given guidance on how to identify the species to be able to perform the butterfly count. The paperwork was very easy meaning we could simply follow the marked route, list what we had seen and send the report sheet by email – nothing complicated at all. We also had regular summaries so we could see how the species and numbers change over the months.

Because we were looking for butterflies we have been surprised at what other insects we saw and found ourselves sharing photos and identifying those also. Although the counts stopped at the end of September we still meet up from time to time for a walk purely for the social side.

This is the first time counts have been done at this site and we are all looking forward to starting again in the spring so that the differences can be recorded and monitored year on year. Kathy Griffiths

Another **Congratulations** goes to **Annabel Davis** for becoming a finalist for the Great British Care Award. “This prestigious recognition is a testament to Annabel's unwavering commitment and outstanding contributions to the field of care.” She attended the awards at Ashton Gate football stadium. Your family and friend are so proud of your achievements.



Want to play Music

Do you play an instrument but are fed up with playing it alone? Do you play and fancy meeting up with like minded musicians?

My name is David and I have lived in the area for many years now. I played in a Jazz band for many years but I am now retired, so a couple of friends and myself, meet at mine once a month and play for fun. Not just Jazz but all sorts. We play, have a cuppa and a chat and we were wondering if anyone else would like to join us. Between us we have lots of experience but would welcome musicians of any level. We would be happy to share any hints and tips on playing and any instruments are welcome. Please ring me for more information on either 07851619732 or 01458860583 or email me at john-david20@hotmail.com.

Somerset Carer's Services

Do you offer a helping hand to someone? Perhaps you support an elderly parent with shopping, managing their finances or driving them to appointments. Perhaps your partner is living with a health condition such as dementia, a mental health condition or stroke. Maybe you are juggling work with managing the additional needs of a child who is struggling. If so, you are considered to be an unpaid carer. Some people may not consider themselves to be a carer or prefer not to use that term. Perhaps they feel they are just doing what is expected of them or that their contribution is not significant.

Whether you identify as a carer or not, there is information and support available that could make life easier for both of you. If you have a moment, please visit <https://sومersetcarers.org/> or phone 0800 31 68 600 to chat to someone who will listen and can signpost you to potential avenues of support.

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Parish Diary of events		
Every Friday	9:30 -12:30	Post Office, in Meare Church Room, Also 10 till 11:30 sit, chat and have a drink .
Every Monday	11:00-13:00	Community Church Café
Every Monday	9:30 - 10:30	Community Church Mother, Toddler & Baby Group
Every Monday	14:00	Tea For 1 (Bereaved of their partner)
February		
Thurs 1st	6:00	Recycling & Refuse Bin Collection
Sat 3rd	10:30	Westhay School Room, Café Westhay
Sat 3rd	19:00	MWFT Casino Night at Church Rooms
Wed 4th	11:00	Holy Communion St. Mary's
Wed 4th	6:00	Garden Waste only Bin collection
Thurs 8th	6:00	Recycling Bin Collection
Tues 13th	Shrove Tuesday	
Wed 14th	Ash Wednesday, Start of Lent (St. Valentine's Day)	
Wed 14th	11.00-13:30	Warm space Café, Meare Church Rooms, Free Lunch and a chat
Thurs 15th	6:00	Recycling Bin Collection
Thurs 15th	14:30	Ladies Group, Talk on steam engines by Bernie. (drinks at The Bird afterwards).
Sat 17th	6:30pm	MW Village Hall Family Quiz, £3.00 per person, Church Rooms.
Sun 18th	09:00-11:00	MWFT Lazy Sunday Breakfast
Mon 19th	19:00	Parish Council Meeting
Thurs 22nd	6:00	Recycling & Refuse Bin Collection
Sun 25th	12 - 16:00	MWVH Table top sale Church rooms
Wed 28th	6:00	Garden Waste only Bin collection
Thurs 29th	6:00	Recycling Bin Collection

March		
Fri 1st	St. David's Day	
Sun 3rd	11:00	Holy Communion St. Marys
Thurs 7th	6:00	Recycling Bin Collection
Sun 10th	Mothering Sunday Service Glastonbury	
Wed 13th	6:00	Garden Waste only Bin collection
Thurs 14th	6:00	Recycling & Refuse Bin Collection
Sat 16th	10:00-12:00	St Benedict's Church
Sun 17th	19:00	(St. Partick's Day)
Mon 18th	19:00	Parish Council Meeting
Thurs 21st	6:00	Recycling Bin Collection
Thurs 21st	19:30	Ladies Group Talk by Julie Hodgkiss, Community Chapel
Sun 24th	Palm Sunday Service/Procession. St. Johns Glastonbury	
Wed 27th	6:00	Garden Waste only Bin collection
Thurs 28th	Maundy Thursday	
Thurs 28th	6:00	Recycling Bin Collection
Fri 29th	Good Friday	
Sun 31st	11:00	Easter Sunday HC Service St. Mary's

Somerset Waste Changes

Sorry for any delays to waste collections after Christmas. This was due to heavy post-Christmas loads, vehicle issues and weather conditions. A new collocation day starts on 12th February 2024, for some. If you have not received a letter, your day will be staying the same.

You can now dispose of some DIY waste free of charge at recycling sites – but you need to book ahead. (limits apply, see website).

Some of you will soon be part of a trial for a new type of recycling container. The trial will see black boxes (used for paper and card) swapped out for a black bag. The Switch is expected to save £60,000 per year. We will be only swapping when replacement boxes are required and using existing stocks of black boxes first.

Announcements

Deaths

Shaun Michael Desmond Ryan, Aged 88 years of Oxenpill, Meare, passed away on 6th December 2023. Thanks giving service for Shaun's life took place on 21st December 2023. Beloved husband of Ruth, dearly loved father of Tim, Joanne & Jane, much loved grandfather of Alex, Joseph, James, Hannah, Charlotte & Samuel and much loved great-grandfather of Darcey, Daniel, Poppy, Ruby & Eliza who will be sadly missed by all his family and friends. Donations in memory for Shaun are for Bournville Evangelical Care Centre, Weston-Super-Mare. Undertakers were M Franks & Sons.

Dennis Anthony Pear, Aged 80 years, of Stileway, Meare, passed away on the 30th November 2023. Dearly loved husband of Pam and much-loved dad and grampy, who will be sadly be missed by all his family and friends. The Funeral took place on the 11th January 2024. Donations for Somerset Wildlife Trust. The undertakers were M Franks & Sons.

St. Mary's Church

The Christian church calendar has some important dates in the spring as we move from the celebrations of Christmas to a more reflective time in Lent up to Good Friday. Easter is earlier this year so just comes on the last day of March when St Mary's, like all churches will be decorated with flowers again and welcoming people to join in the services.

There are some well known Saints' days too, shown in the Parish Diary in brackets, which remind us of the traditions of remembering the lives of special people who have given their lives in service to others.

St Mary's and All Saints Church in Meare continues to hold memorial and thanksgiving services for those who have been part of our village communities.

The Dates have been added to the new Parish Diary

We wish everyone a Happy Easter.

Hilary

Meare Community Church Thought for the Day

As Spring comes people see new growth. Memories of Autumn and Winter are fading. Deciduous trees shoot out their new bright leaves in Spring which die back in Autumn and Winter. For humans it is different, we are not all born in Spring and neither does everyone die back later in the year; births and deaths occur all year long. In our pre-Christmas message, we looked at Christmas as being a new start, through the birth of Jesus Christ. Birth brings the joy of new life and death is the end for others.

Some folks are prepared for death, they have made a Will, planned the funeral, the songs, the readings, everything in the practical sense. Others are rather scared of dying and have made no preparation.

Still others are sure of having eternal life, which gives them a contentment and confidence about death itself. These people see life on earth as a project before moving on to Heaven. This last approach is open to all. It requires two steps: turning towards God placing your trust in Jesus, and deliberately turning away from a life without hope.

To hope for eternal life calls for some personal reflection, and starts you on a journey of renewal, a new birth itself. Jesus's second commandment to "*love your neighbour as you love yourself*" sets many on a path of readjustment to consider others as much as yourselves, but you cannot earn your way to Heaven. By God's grace your faith will be rewarded. If you follow Jesus' greatest commandment, "*Love the Lord you God with all your heart, all your soul and all your mind*", you will be blessed beyond your understanding.

We can help you to start your journey and move from being unprepared for death to being sure of eternal life. You are welcome to join us at the Chapel on a Sunday morning at 11:00.

If you have any prayer requests, please send them to Meare Community Church - prayer line; **mearechapel22@gmail.com**. Please request privacy by asking for their name to be withheld.



Meare & Westhay Fundraising Team



The Team would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has supported our events and the 100 club draw during 2023 and we hope those who came to the “thank you” Christmas Meal enjoyed themselves. Thanks to Santa and Mrs Claws, pictures below. We hope this year is a Happy & Peaceful one. Christmas can be difficult for those of us thinking about friends and family members who are no longer with us so it’s a time to be thankful for those who we share our lives and time with.

In 2023 MWFT raised £6,000 from the income of “The 100 club draw”. The money was split between



12 lucky winners and the Meare Youth Group. The MYG are fundraising to bring a sports facility to our parish in the not too distant future. MWFT wish them all the best with this and the hope that they receive the support of the parish to bring this much needed facility to fruition.

During 2024 the profit from the MWFT 100 club will be set aside until the village hall build has commenced. A contract has been drafted and will be signed by MWFT & NVH regarding the holding of this money and it has been agreed should the village hall build not be started by December 2026 this money would be donated to a cause within the Meare Parish chosen by the members of the 100 club members.



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Various Pictures from Christmas



Carols at the Post Office

The children of Meare School sang beautiful carols at the post office in the Church rooms, in December while everyone enjoyed coffee and mince pies.

Thank you very much to the children for such wonderful singing and everyone for organising it and the wonderful supply of refreshments.

MWFT

What a lovely mild evenings we had at the Fish House for the Carol singing evening

Two Parish families that make this possible and we can't thank you enough are, the Look family as the custodians of this amazing building allowing us access to Meares piece of history and The Shaw family you are amazing and come and provide an awesome accompaniments to our dodgy Carol singing every year.



What a fantastic Demonstration of **wreath making** by the talented **Jake of Abundiflora in Glastonbury**. Everyone made fantastic wreaths with an abundance of foliage donated, Thanks All. Money raised will go to the Youth Group.



Meare and Westhay Village Hall

The 10th of December, saw some very excited children arrive at Meare Church Rooms, for our first Christmas event, a party with a difference.



All Santa's helpers, including elves, and a mad professor, helped the children to decorate mini Christmas trees, make buzz wires, foam slime, slime, fake snow, and erupting volcanos. Lots of messy fun, which the children, and parents seemed to really enjoy.



Santa arrived with Mrs Claus, their little dog, and the naughty or nice list. Luckily, all the children were on the nice list, and received a gift, along



with some magic reindeer dust. After snacks, drinks, and party games, it was time to say goodbye.

Thank you all for coming, we look forward to seeing you all at our future events. Meare and Westhay Village Hall Committee



Westhay School Rooms

A wonderful evening singing carols in Westhay School Rooms. Thank you so much Ann for organizing it and Bernie for the fantastic organ playing. The lovely home made mince pies and mulled wine went down a treat.



Although the carols in Westhay School Room evening were free Richard emailed me to say the donations taken on the



night raised a fantastic £100 which has been donated to the Salvation Army at Street for their great work in the area.

Mrs Diana Monk

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As many of you already know, after a major refit we did get open for drinks just in time for Christmas. It has been a pleasure meeting so many of the community already and hope to meet many more of you in the future.

I would like to take this opportunity to let you know about our family connection to The Bird. My great great grandfather purchased the pub in 1902, when my great grandmother was just three years old. She went on to raise her own family including my grandmother in the cottage behind the pub. Her sister Mrs Beckett continued to run the pub until the 1980s when it was sold out of the family.

In 1999 after a series of unplanned events my mum and dad found themselves running the pub for a brewery. So as a toddler I spent a year living in the pub. With the arrival of my younger sister within the year, my family decided to step away from running the pub. Having three children under the age of four made it a challenge.

So, when the opportunity arose for my brother Tom to purchase the pub, we decided to take the challenge on as a family. We have completely renovated the property and hope it sustains us and the community for years to come. I, Ellie will be the landlady and in charge of running the pub. Our plan going forward is to renovate the kitchen next and be able to offer food in the early spring. My plan for the menu is to offer good quality but simple pub food at a reasonable price with all ingredients sourced as local as possible. Tom, who is a butcher, will be resourcing the meat.

With the front of the pub being taken over by the restaurant. The plan is to make the back bar a warm welcome place to have a drink. Where all the community will be welcome to come in and have a chat. Whether that is straight from work or out on a dog walk,

We want the pub to be a part of the community, so I'm more than happy to discuss extra opening hours for any events and fundraisers. Please give me a call, email or a Facebook message. The current opening times are on the following page.

Looking forward to meeting you all in the months to come.

Yours Ellie Stevens, info@thebirdwesthay.co.uk 01458 784371

What a fantastic opening night on the 15th December. A couple work in progress and now photos. I look forward to seeing a few of you in there in the New Year. Good Luck to the Stevens Family.



Monday	CLOSED
Tuesday	CLOSED
Wednesday	4:00pm 11:00pm
Thursday	4:00pm 11:00pm
Friday	4:00pm 11:00pm
Saturday	4:00pm 11:00pm
Sunday	4:00pm 06:00pm



Ladies Group

Well the ladies group Christmas meal at The Duck, Burtle went down a treat. The staff looked after us very well and the food was wonderful.

We had many laughs from the jokes sent by Gayle and read so well by Lynn and the games Janice organised. It was a lovely way to end the year. We look forward to many more events in 2024.

MPAG

Happy New Year everyone! We would like to express our thanks to all of you who have attended, and helped, at our events throughout the year, your support is much appreciated. We look forward to seeing you all for more fun in 2024.

INSECT SURVEY WALKS

Each year from Spring to early Autumn, groups of volunteers across the UK follow regular routes where they identify and count Butterflies, Bumblebees and other insects. Taking part is both sociable and rewarding especially as personal knowledge improves. New volunteers are often surprised at how many varieties they see during the seasons, improving the awareness and appreciation of our native species.

The routes (called Transects) are fixed so that surveys can be compared on a year-by-year basis, giving environmental scientists indicators of change. Data is fed to **Butterfly Conservation, Bumblebee Conservation Trust** and the **British Dragonfly Society** but also goes to the local reserve managers helping them maintain and adapt practices to protect our precious insect life.

We're looking for more volunteers to join the regular teams as well as to establish new survey routes across the region. **You don't have to be experienced, training is given and identification aids provided as part of the welcome pack.**

Typically, a survey takes around two hours of steady walking and is done in pairs or very small groups.

Some routes are level walking but we do have need for volunteers on some of the more hilly regions.

Each route is surveyed on a weekly rota in the case of butterflies and monthly for either bumblebees or dragonflies so that it's not too onerous but you do get to see the range of species in that area.

Good news: these surveys are done in fair weather.---

New volunteers will be accompanied by an experienced surveyor until they become familiar with species identification.

We plan to do a series of escorted walks in March when we can describe in more detail what is required.

If you wish to know more, please contact me either by text **07719468335** or email **butterflysurvey@outlook.com**

Fred Giles

Clerks Report

For certain, I will not be the first to wish you a happy and prosperous new year. The Parish Council ended the previous year with a survey, which almost 40% of households returned. This is a very high return rate and will provide an enormous amount of information for the council to consider and action. For all of you who delivered questionnaires, encouraged their return and those of you who took the time to complete and return them – thank you. When Councillors have received and discussed the results, they will be shared with you through the parish magazine. A little snippet for you. It does appear that the vast majority enjoy receiving a printed copy of the magazine, with many of you wanting articles included on the many clubs, societies and organisations in the parish.

The financial pressures of Somerset Council will not have escaped your attention. It is possible that the Parish Council may have to deliver some of the actions previously provided by them. Please spare a thought for your councillors who have to prioritise and juggle the finances of our own parish in an attempt to deliver the services you have come to expect. This is why conducting a survey was so important to help with some difficult decisions that will have to be taken.

The Highways Authority have been informed of numerous road signs that are either damaged, missing or in need of repair. It is hoped that when highways budgets allow, there will be an improvement in the signage around the parish.

Finally, Meare and Westhay has not escaped an increase in crime related incidents. Please, should you witness something, inform the Police using 999, or for non-urgent situations 101. Please, do not engage yourselves in direct response – leave it to the professionals.

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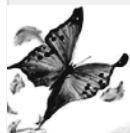
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Westhay Turnpike House (S-bound)	07:55	10:30	13:30	16:20
Westhay The Post Office (SW-bound)	07:56	10:31	13:31	16:21
Meare, opp Millbatch	07:58	10:33	13:33	16:23
Meare Post Office (near)	07:59	10:34	13:34	16:24
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Stileway 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
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
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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
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