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COVER STORY

How lucky we are to have so much to do right here in our own community! The beginning of September saw a weekend of fun and fund-raising at the Railway Inn. Ivan writes, "The Railway "Rev Up" was a great success again this year although a little damp on Sunday morning with a two-hour thunder storm. We survived the deluge and pushed on. Thank you to everyone who contributed and donated in any way. Dorset & Somerset Air Ambulance is a very worthy charity." Ivan tells me that around £2500 was raised. Amazing!

And to continue the story from the last issue, our Villager of the Year, Sandra Dyga, has been chosen to receive a Somerset Council Chair's Award, which honours those who give up their time to benefit their community. Sandra has worked quietly away in and around our villages for many years. She runs the Monday coffee morning in the Community Church, where everyone is welcomed and the cakes are often home-baked. She helps at other village events, including the Westhay coffee morning and Warm Space lunches. She opens the Community Church hall for meetings of the Ladies Club and the Parish Council. She has supported many villagers individually as they have needed. Sandra is such a kind, discreet, and valued member of our community, and we are thrilled that she has been chosen for this award. Congratulations!

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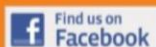
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FROM THE EDITOR

This month, I want to draw your attention to the wonderful network of distributors that we rely on to get the magazine to every household in the parish. There are just over twenty of them. Some deliver a large number of magazines and some have been doing it for a very long time. Thank you all!

We would like to find a few people who would be prepared to step in when one of our regular distributors is not available to deliver a particular issue. If you would be prepared to be "on call" to do this from time to time, please can you contact me?

Additionally, the Parish Council are looking for someone to be responsible for liaising with the advertisers who support our magazine. This involves sending out invoices annually and checking that they have been paid, and requires some computer skills. Please contact me in the first instance if you think you could help in this way. There is a small remuneration for this job. Thank you.

Best wishes to you all, Helen Mitchell

Deadline for December - January issue is 10th November.

Please do send your news, events and other contributions to me. You can email me at editor.mawm@hotmail.com or, if you prefer to give me hard copy, I am usually at the coffee morning at the chapel at 11.00 every Monday morning. Contributions submitted to the magazine will be included as space allows and the editor reserves the right to edit articles.

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Congratulations to **George King** of Whitebridge Farm and his boys, **Alfie** and **Charlie**, who recently entered some sheep in the Mid Somerset Show - their first try at showing. Alfie and Charlie won third prize with their lambs, and George won first prize with his ewes.

George was also delighted to be awarded overall champion of the local classes with the same ewes. He was very proud as they were home bred. After the long, wet winter and the extremely hot summer, farming has been far from easy. The Kings write, "Thank you to everyone who supports our local farmers by buying British."



Congratulations also to the new **Mr and Mrs Willmott**, Joseph and Laura (nee Franks). Their marriage took place at St. Mary's Church on Saturday 19th July.

Another happy day at the church was the baptism of **Alfie Corfield**, son of Eliot and Victoria, on Sunday 10th August.

In Memoriam

Our sympathies go to the families and friends of the following:

Cecil Stone, aged 94 years, passed away in early July. Cecil lived all his married life in Oxenpill. Cremation took place on 13th August.

Beverley Anne Wicks, aged 77 years, late of Meare and Glastonbury, passed away on 23rd July. Cremation took place on 13th August at Mendip Crematorium. Bev had been a Health Visitor.

Wallace (Sid) Thorne of Meare, passed away on 22nd August at Yeovil Hospital. He was 88 years of age. The funeral was at St. Mary's Church on 23rd September.



These photographs are from the Afternoon Tea and Swim organised by **Meare Parish Activity Group** (MPAG).

Janice Bradley writes, "Our afternoon tea and swim took place in July, in the beautiful garden of June and Colin Foster in Stileweay. There were lots of happy people in the glorious sunshine, eating scones with jam and cream, several choices of sandwiches, and even more choices of cake, all washed down with copious amounts of tea, coffee, and.....Pimm's!

The swimming pool was put to good use too. We would like to thank June and Colin for allowing us to hold this event again, and everyone who attended.

BIRTHDAY WISHES FOR A BIG DAY!

10th October

Barbara Look, 90

12th October

Geraldine Marinoschi, 80



FROM THE CLERK TO THE PARISH COUNCIL

The summer of 2025 proved to be dry and sunny meaning everyone had plenty of opportunity to be outdoors.

Allotments –Representatives from Meare Parish Council (MPC) met with the representatives from Meare Allotment Association (MAA) at the end of August. A better understanding of how the two parties work was achieved, and it was agreed that all maintenance issues at the allotments were the responsibility of the MAA with support from MPC. We will continue to work closely and have regular annual meetings to review and work through any issues. (See Village Life for further information about allotments.)



Village Hall –The formal Memorandum of Understanding between MPC and the Village Hall Trustees was signed at the Parish Council Meeting on 15th September 2025.

Parish Council Meeting Dates- the Parish Council Meetings are held at 7.30pm in the Community Church on the 3rd Monday of every calendar month (except August and December). See Magazine Diary for dates.

Banking – The Parish Council has successfully completed the move from Coop Bank to Unity Trust Bank. This move will allow payments to be made to suppliers via Bacs rather than using cheques. Work continues to move funds held for the building of the village hall to accounts offering improved interest rates.



Finance- External auditors concluded the audit of Meare Parish Council for the year ended 31st March 2025. Notice of the conclusion was published on 16th September.

Meare Parish Playing Field and Play Area Update – Our playing field achieved an award from Somerset Playing Fields Association in September. Cllr Tristan Foster went along to their AGM to represent MPC and collect the award. Cllr Colin Foster also carries out regular maintenance at the playing field but was unable to join the presentation ceremony due to previous commitments. Our thanks and those of the community go to you both for the time you put in maintaining this great community asset. (See Village Life for details of how to book the field.)

Some of the Adult Outdoor Fitness equipment items in the play area became loose and dangerous to use when the ground was very dry during the summer months. The installation engineer has visited the site, and any remedial repairs will be carried out.



Fly tipping – This continues to be a problem in our Parish. If you do see or are aware of any fly tipping taking place, please do report it via the Clerk. MPC would like to extend their gratitude and sincere thanks to those members of the community that have spent their own time clearing up and disposing of the rubbish that has been fly tipped at Westhay Picnic area. This land is the property of Somerset Council, who have also cleared up fly tipping to this land on more than one occasion.

Interruptions in utility services – During late August and early September there were various interruptions in utility services. Should you experience any loss of supply of gas or electricity, you should contact your supplier directly. For issues related to your water supply, you can contact Bristol Water on 0345 702 3797. To find out more you can view incidents via Bristol Water's website: www.bristolwater.co.uk/home/account-and-services/your-water/ongoing-incidents

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FROM THE CLERK TO THE PARISH COUNCIL - CONTINUED

Councillor Vacancies- Following the resignation of Cllr Teresa James in June of this year, MPC co-opted a new member to our council at our Parish Council meeting on the 15th September. We would like to extend a very warm welcome to Cllr Sharon Bond and look forward to working with you.

Garden and Boundary Maintenance - it was recently suggested to MPC that they should maintain privately owned hedges and boundaries where they may cause either an obstruction to a pavement or cause visibility problems. Unfortunately, councillors are not legally able to carry out this work to private property. The Council do use a local contractor, who is fully insured to carry out this type of work, to maintain any property owned by the Parish Council.

Clothing Bank – If the clothing bank is full or overflowing, please DO NOT leave bags of clothes around the outside of the bank. You can report it being full via the



That's all from me for now and on behalf of myself and the Meare Parish Councillors, have a lovely autumn and let's hope the coming winter is kind to us all.

Liz Horne

(Clerk to Meare Parish Council)

If you have any queries about any of the topics covered above, please do not hesitate to contact me: clerk@meare-pc.gov.uk.
Further updates will follow in the next Village Magazine issue.



Update from Tessa Munt, MP for Meare and Westhay

I hope you've had a wonderful summer. I've enjoyed meeting many of you at local events and my surgeries across the patch. Thank you if you came to say hello, share your views and ask questions.

My summer diary included fascinating visits to Honeygar Farm and Westhay Moor to see the Somerset Wildlife Trust's restoration work. I shall watch their progress with interest.

I hosted my first 'youth' surgeries this summer and it was good to hear from young people about their hopes and concerns. It is likely that today's 12 year olds and upwards will be able to vote at the next General Election and it's interesting to know what the next generation really cares about.

I've made my concerns about the Environment Agency's planned withdrawal of main river maintenance and the potential for flooding in this part of Somerset very clear. I attended the South West Association of Drainage Authorities (SWADA) emergency meeting about the situation and when Parliament returned in early September, I requested Ministerial intervention.

We face other challenges here. For many of us, a main hospital is miles away and big changes in the NHS are afoot. I attended the Committee meeting when community hospital bed closures were discussed and have held further discussions with NHS Leaders, seeking reassurance that patients and carers will receive *improved* services *when changes are made*, rather than relying on promises that more services will come "soon".

I met specialists at the Royal Marsden Hospital working with the latest Radiotherapy machines – amazing! I've pressed the Government for years on updating NHS machines. I was also interviewed by Channel 4 News on research into the condition ME, on which I continue to campaign.

Thank you if you've contacted me – I am here to represent *you*. A full list of my surgeries is available if you call or email me. No appointment is necessary - it's first come, first served. If you can't come to meet me, I'll come to see you.

These are the most local:

Fridays: 3rd October & 7th November from 18:00 to 19:00 at **Ashcott Pub Night, Village Hall**

Saturdays 11th October & 8th November from 09:00 to 10:00 at **The Bluebird Café, Wedmore**

Friday 17th October from 16:30 to 17:30 at **The Beer Shed, East Huntspill**

Thank you.

Tessa

To contact me:

Call: 01934 440639 (answerphone outside office hours)

Email: tessa.munt.mp@parliament.uk

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Honeygar News



It has been a busy summer at Honeygar, with many of the PhD researchers taking the opportunity to step away from the lecture theatre and do some field work whilst their undergraduate students are on holiday. Our volunteers have also been hard at work monitoring dragonflies and butterflies in addition to their regular work, as well as making a huge effort to eliminate invasive Himalayan Balsam by pulling it up before it can spread its seeds.

Thank you to all those who were able to join us on the 12th of July and to everyone that has subsequently completed our survey, either online or in paper form. We are collating the responses we have received and will use them to feed into our final planning application for the conversion and redevelopment of the buildings. We are now expecting to make the planning application in January 2026.

The information boards that were available at our event in April are still in place (near the entrance to the farmyard from Burtle Road), so please feel free to visit and read more about our plans. If we are in the office, pop in and say hello. If you have any queries, please email Adam on adam.preece@somersetwildlife.org or call 07783 516 611.

We are still waiting for planning permission for the wildlife tower we want to build just to the north of the buildings but have begun to gather materials from around the yard and store them on the proposed site – those of you who walk to Honeygar may have noticed piles of rubble appearing on the northern side of the footpath. A wildlife tower is a very small building that provides nesting and hibernation opportunities for a huge range of wildlife. The tower proposed for Honeygar has nest boxes for barn owls, little owls and kestrels together with warm and cold bat roosts built into it. Rubble will be piled around the bottom of it to provide a habitat for reptiles and amphibians, whilst the outside face will be untreated larch wood, to attract a range of small birds and invertebrates. We were hoping to get permission in time to complete groundworks before it gets too wet underfoot but it was, sadly, not to be. Assuming we receive the permission in time, the builders will be back in the spring to build the tower.



THE VILLAGE DIARY - WEEKLY COMMUNITY EVENTS

Sunday	11.00 – 12.00	Community Church	Family Service with activities for children
Monday	11.00 – 12.30	Community Church	Monday Café open to all
Friday	9.30 – 12.30	Church Rooms	Pop-up Post Office
Friday	10.00 – 12.30	Church Rooms	Café open to all

Notice

Meare Children's Play Area

Part of the small play unit is broken and awaiting repair so is out of use.

The equipment is all labelled with the age group that it is suitable for so that it doesn't get broken through misuse.

We will get this repaired as soon as possible.

Meare Parish Council

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OCTOBER

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Wed 1	12.00 – 13.30	Church Rooms	Winter lunch club*
Fri 3	9.30	Meare Village Primary School	Open Event*
Sat 4	10.30	Westhay Schoolroom	Café Westhay
Sun 5	11.00	St. Mary's	Harvest Festival Communion*
Tue 7	17.30	Meare Village Primary School	Open Event*
Wed 8	19.30	The Bird, Westhay	Charity Pub Quiz
Thu 16	19.30	Community Church	Meare and Westhay Ladies' Group *
Sun 19	9.00 – 11.00	Church Rooms	MWFT Lazy Breakfast*
Mon 20	19.30	Community Church	Parish Council Meeting
Fri 24	15.00 – 19.00	Playing Field	Dr Bike event*
Sat 25	20.00	The Railway Inn	Hallowe'en Disco & Fancy Dress – Free entry

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NOVEMBER

Sun 2	11.00	St. Mary's	Communion Service*
Wed 5	12.00 – 13.30	Church Rooms	Winter lunch club*
Sun 9	10.50	War Memorial	Act of Remembrance*
Sun 9	Shortly after 11.00	St. Mary's	Remembrance Sunday service*
Mon 10	Deadline for next issue of Meare and Westhay Magazine		
Sun 16	9.00 – 11.00	Church Rooms	MWFT Lazy Breakfast*
Mon 17	19.30	Community Church	Parish Council Meeting
Thu 20	19.30	Community Church	M&W Ladies' Group*
Sat 29	11.00 – 15.00	Church Rooms	St. Mary's Christmas Bazaar*
Sun 30	19.00	Royal British Legion	Christmas Bingo Fundraiser*



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Just over a year ago Steve Loader, the chaplain to seafarers at Royal Portbury Dock, Bristol, came to speak to Meare and Westhay Ladies Club. The stories Steve shared of his work on the huge ships, supporting the seafarers, was absolutely challenging and inspirational to those of us at that meeting.

Steve told us that the seafarers are often away from their home countries for many months. They are not allowed to leave the ships when in port and it can be a lonely life. One man he supported was the only Ukrainian on board with Russian seafarers! Steve provides all kinds of support: emotional, spiritual and practical, including giving SIM cards to the seafarers so that they can make contact with their families who are so far away.

As a result of that, some of the ladies from the parish thought it would be a good idea to collect useful items to pass on to Steve for distribution to those on the ships. If you would like to help, there is a box for donations at Meare Community Church, which is open on Sunday and Monday mornings.

Please donate chocolates and sweets, knitted hats and all kinds of toiletries, especially Head and Shoulders Shampoo. Thank you!



UPDATE FROM THE COMMITTEE

As you may know, we have managed to obtain planning permission for the newly-designed building using the existing consent. Phil Peace has come on board as our quantity surveyor; he has donated all his time and is excited to be a part of this project. Our architect, Nigel Clarke, has gone over and above what is expected of an architect and is also invested in the project. Everyone wishes to see this to the end.

Our current stage is costings and now we can start applying for grants. Spark Somerset will be providing their experience and assistance. With regards to fundraising, we will aim for something every two months by offering a range of activities. Look out for our events on the socials and noticeboard.

The village trustees held an AGM on the 16 September, where we had three new nominations on top of the existing three. We welcome Lyn Appleton, who takes the vacant position as our secretary, Tracey Hole who joins us as our new treasurer, taking over from Hazel DeGregorio, and Teresa James as a Trustee and our fundraising lead. Everyone that has joined brings a new range of abilities, which gives the charity a stable working basis.

Hazel DeGregorio is now the new Chairperson and has many years' experience leading a team.

We would like to thank Paul Bradley for his sterling work with the charity. Paul held the position of chairman from April 2023 and recently vacated the position but continues with fundraising efforts through Meare Parish Activity Group.

We hope the community can get behind us and help make this happen. We can do this if we all work together!



Do you enjoy walking?

We are proposing to start a new walking group for people in our village and would like to gauge the interest in it and the best way of organising this. If you might be interested, please contact Helen: send2helenmitchell@hotmail.com or 07835 099074

Meare Village Primary School Open Events

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TUESDAY 7 OCTOBER 2025 AT 5.30PM



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Rev Alice Watson's first service at Meare

Sunday 2nd November 11.00 am Communion

Sunday 9th November 11.00 am Remembrance Sunday
joint service at War Memorial , then at St Mary's (in aid of
Royal British Legion)

Sunday 30th November Advent Sunday & St Andrews Day
Joint Benefice service at St John's, Glastonbury?

We will be celebrating "Thanksgiving and Harvest" on 5th October and also welcoming Rev Alice Watson to her first service with us in Meare. Gifts of produce or dried and tinned food can be brought to the service or taken to the church on Saturday 4th October, when we will be decorating the church with flowers and greenery. All gifts will be taken to the Glastonbury foodbank.

November is a busy month leading up to Advent Sunday on the 30th, the fifth Sunday of the month, when usually there is a joint service for the three churches of the Glastonbury Benefice. We will confirm time and venue later in the autumn. If you have the internet, then have a look at St John's, Glastonbury website which also has a page for St Mary's, Meare. There will also be notices on the board outside the church, Facebook messages and a joint benefice newsletter at services. Extra copies are available at the Church Rooms Post Office Coffee Morning on Fridays. All are welcome to come and join us at any of these events.



MEARE AND WESTHAY LADIES GROUP

We meet on the third Thursday of each month, in the very comfortable surroundings of the Community Church Hall on Church Path in the centre of Meare. The meetings start at 7.30pm.

On **16th October** we will be joined by Robert Burns, Director of our local Glastonbury bakers, Burns the Bread. He will tell us all about setting up the business and his baking school and is bringing along a selection of cake slices for us to enjoy with our tea or coffee.

On **20th November** Secret World Wildlife Rescue will be telling us about their work providing a rescue service caring for sick, injured and orphaned wildlife across the west of England. Their vision is to prevent British wildlife suffering needlessly and inspire in everyone an understanding and love of wildlife and the countryside. Secret World rehabilitates animals and returns them to the wild wherever possible.

New Members: We always welcome new members to the Meare & Westhay Ladies Group, so do come along and join us. We have a wide variety of speakers, activities and outings and you would be made very welcome. The first meeting is free, but we ask for a donation of £4.00 for subsequent meetings to cover refreshments and speaker fees, or payment of an annual subscription of £30.00.

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Winter Lunch Club @ The Church Rooms

It's time to dust off our oven gloves ready to cook for the village Winter Lunch Club again! This initiative is brought to Meare by the Meare and Westhay Ladies Group and has been running for number of years. It is open to ALL members of our community with the aim of providing a warm lunch with a welcoming atmosphere, a space to catch up with friends old and new.

We serve food from 12.00 to 1.30pm or until it runs out! Please contact us in advance if you have dietary needs so that we can be prepared. There is no charge for lunch – donations are welcome to allow us to continue. We have enough in the funds to book the next 3 months and will continue to book more if we can.

If you need help getting to the Church Rooms please contact us and we will do our very best to get you there.

Please contact us via email: winterlunchclub@gmail.com

Here's a taster of our menus... pop the dates in your diary.

Date	Menu		
Wednesday 1st October 2025	Gammon or Vegetable Quiche, New Potatoes, Cauliflower Cheese & Vegetables	Jacket Potato with Cheese and/or Beans	Fruit Crumble & Ice Cream
Wednesday 5th November 2025	Bangers & Mash with Vegetables	Jacket Potato with cheese and/or beans	Ginger Cake & Custard
Wednesday 3rd December 2025	Hunters Chicken or Roasted Butternut Squash with Potatoes & Vegetables	Jacket Potato with cheese and/or beans	Christmas Trifle





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MEARE AND WESTHAY FUNDRAISING TEAM



Sunday breakfasts: The Sunday breakfast has been running for over six years now. It's held at the Church Rooms on the third Sunday of every month, so the next dates are **19th October** and **16th November**. It runs from 9.00 to 11.00am but you are advised to come early because it is a very popular event! We do breakfast baps, full English with drinks and there is a vegetarian option. Take-away and pre-booking are available. The breakfast is kept as low in price as possible to ensure everyone can pop along and meet up with neighbours and friends. It's a great opportunity for people who are new to the parish to come and find out what other events are on in the Parish. We also carry out the draw of the winning number for the 100 club at 10:30am at this event.



In early September, our volunteers tidied up and planted more bulbs for spring and some winter plants in Porters Hatch and Kirlegate.

Christmas events coming up for your diary

- **6th December (afternoon): Christmas wreath workshop.**
We are very lucky to have Jake from Abundiflora coming to support us with this event again. It costs £30 with everything supplied, including mulled wine and mince pies. There are a few spaces left so please email: meareandwesthayfundraisingteam@gmail.com to book yourself in.
- **13th December (evening): Sing along carol service**
Held at the Fish House, this is a free event open to all. MWFT are very honoured that the Look family allow us access to this amazing building for the event each year and we hope that Dan Shaw and family will come and play their awesome instruments to accompany us.

WESSEX WATER COMMUNITY DROP IN SESSIONS

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Wessex Water Services

you can speak to them in person at a Community Drop-In Session.

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- Provide advice on saving water and avoiding blockages
- Answer questions about water quality, plumbing and drainage

Sessions are from 10a.m. to 12p.m. and 1p.m. to 2p.m.

Street Library: Monday 29th September; Monday 24th November

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MEARE COMMUNITY CHURCH, Church Path

Venue for weekly services and Monday café, for Parish Council meetings and for the Ladies' Group meetings.

Church: Mike 07473 348598; **Bookings: Sandra** 07773 083950



MEARE CHURCH ROOMS, St. Mary's Road

Venue for Friday Post Office and café. Hall with kitchen available for community events or private hire. Payment per session.

Janice Bradley 01458 860597 janice.bradley3@btinternet.com



WESTHAY SCHOOL ROOM, Main Road

Venue for monthly café. Main hall, kitchen and small meeting room available to hire. Cost: £9 per hour, includes electricity and equipment.

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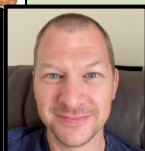
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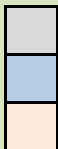
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Cheddar, Tweentown (E-bound)	0733	0733	1008	1308	1558
Cocklake, The Post office (S-bound)	0742	0742	1017	1317	1607
Wedmore, The Mall (S-bound)	0746	0746	1021	1321	1611
Mudgley, Mudgley Cross (SE-bound)	0750	0750	1025	1325	1615
Westhay, The post Office (SW-bound)	0755	0755	1030	1330	1620
Avalon Marshes Centre				1333	
Meare, nr Post Office	0759	0759	1034	1339	1624
Glastonbury, Community Hospital (S-bound)	0807	0807	1042	1347	1632
Glastonbury, Chinnock Rd Spar shop (W-bound)	0809	0809	1044	1349	1634
Glastonbury, Town Hall (S-bound)	0814	0814	1049	1354	1639
Street, Strode College (E-bound)	0822				
Street, Crispin hall (NW-bound)	0825	0822	1057	1402	1647
Street, Sainsburys (NE-bound)	0830	0827	1102	1407	

668 Street - Shiphams	Mondays to Fridays only - No Service on Bank Holidays				
Service Restrictions			CD	NCD	
Street, Sainsburys (NE-bound)	0850	1120	1437		
Street, The Library (SE-bound)	0855	1125	1442	1700	1703
Street, Strode College (E-bound)				1705	
Glastonbury, Town Hall (N-bound)	0905	1135	1452	1713	1713
Glastonbury, Chinnock Rd Spar shop (E-bound)	0910	1140	1457	1718	1718
Glastonbury, Community Hospital (N-bound)	0912	1142	1459	1720	1720
Meare, opp Post Office	0920	1150	1507	1728	1728
Avalon Marshes Centre	0926	1156			
Westhay, The Post Office (NE-bound)	0929	1159	1510	1731	1731
Mudgley, Mudgley Cross (N-bound)	0933	1203	1514	1735	1735
Wedmore, The Borough Yard (N-bound)	0938	1208	1519	1740	1740
Cocklake, The post Office (N-bound)	0941	1211	1522	1743	1743
Cheddar, Tweentown (W-bound)	0950	1220	1531	1752	1752
Shiphams, The Miners Arms (NE-bound)	0958	1228	1539	R	R

Meare Community Church

Wisdom

My daughter spent many years at Cambridge. Opposite her room in halls was a door clearly marked “pull.” Time and again she watched the greatest minds in the country struggle to open it first time. She also witnessed the unwise life choices of some of her very clever tutors who, one would have thought, should have known better.

The Bible says “Blessed are those who find wisdom. She is more profitable than silver and yields better returns than gold. She is more precious than rubies; nothing you desire can compare with her.” The Bible also says, “Plans fail for lack of counsel, but with many advisers they succeed.”

Wisdom. Don’t we all wish that there was a bit more of that around right now? It happens when those in leadership surround themselves with wise advisors who are willing to tell us what we **need** to hear, even if it’s not always what we may **want** to hear. Not something that some of our world leaders seem to be doing right now ...

When Solomon became king, he spent a whole day praying. That night, the Bible says, God appeared to him in a dream and offered to give whatever he asked for. Instead of riches or power, Solomon asked for wisdom so that he might govern his people well. God was delighted, and King Solomon became the wisest and most successful leader his country had ever had.

Wisdom? Bring it on!

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