

Parish News

West Meon & Warnford

September 2022

Seed-time and Harvest

Having lived and farmed in Warnford as a family for five generations I regard it a great honour and privilege to be asked to contribute to the Parish News.

Once again we have witnessed another seed-time and harvest. This is the fulfilment of the promise that God made following the creation and the flood. Genesis 8 vv22: 'As long as the earth endures seed-time and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night will not cease'. This clearly tells us that the earth will not last forever. Of course we must do all we can to look after the earth, however, whatever we do, the divine plan cannot be altered. Please read 2 Peter ch 3.

Jesus Christ, when explaining to his disciples about His crucifixion and resurrection resulting in the salvation of mankind to those who believe in Jesus Christ and confess their sin, used the illustration of seed-time and harvest. John 12 v 2: 'Unless a grain of wheat falls into the ground and dies it remains only a seed, but if it dies it produces many seeds'. Pull up the stubble after harvest and you will see the original grain of wheat, dead, but it has produced



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the ear of up to fifty grains.

Not only has God created the soil with the potential of bringing forth germination and a harvest, there is also life within the seed. There are several parables in Scripture explaining the good seed and the bad seed. The good seed being those indwelt with the Holy Spirit and through faith in Jesus Christ.

Many years ago I grew a field of barley for seed. Early in the growth of the crop I had a visit from the seedsman to make an inspection. He told me he was looking for wild oats. I couldn't understand how he would be able to find this weed at such an early stage. He explained to me the barley curls round in a clockwise direction and the wild oat in an anticlockwise direction. The wild oat, if left, would need to be rogued and removed, or it would grow higher than the barley and would drop its seed and spread trouble. It is not for us to judge the lives of others, but we know and God knows the details of our lives.

What a privilege it is to work in conjunction with the creator, and seeing yet another seed-time and harvest, in the field and garden. Give thanks to God for his provision and pray that the leaders of the rich nations might have wisdom and guidance in distribution to satisfy those in need.

Stanley Kimber

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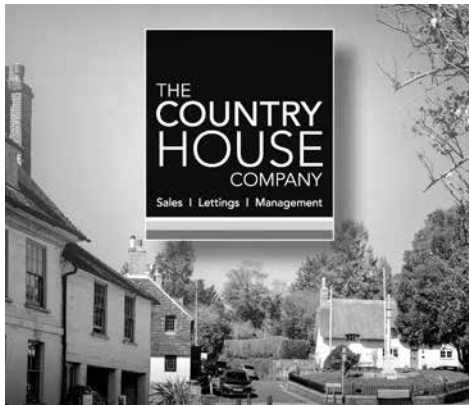
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Wide appeal at West Meon Music Festival

Spanish guitar, a prize-winning pianist, chamber music favourites, a baroque duo recital and a dazzling young soprano: this year's West Meon Music Festival, which runs from the 8th to 11th of September, is sure to appeal to a wide range of music lovers.

The festival, now its twelfth year, was founded by the Primrose Piano Quartet – one of the UK's leading chamber ensembles – who regularly invite their musician friends to join them for the event held in three beautiful Meon Valley churches. This year's eight concerts include four solo or duo recitals, favourite works for chamber ensembles and a late night introduction to Schoenberg.

"It's always a joy to share the festival with our various guests," says Andrew Fuller, the Quartet's cellist and festival musical director, "and we're delighted this year that they include renowned guitarist, John Mills; violinist Huw Daniel, who is the leader of the Orchestra of the Age of Enlightenment; Emanuil Ivanov, a brilliant young Bulgarian pianist who won the 2019 Busoni International Piano competition; and mezzo soprano Helen Charlston, who is a BBC New Generation Artist and winner of the 2018 London Handel Competition."

Works to be performed by the Primrose include piano quartets by Beethoven and Mozart and Tchaikovsky's Piano Trio. They will be joined by string players, Jonathan Martindale, Norbert Blume and Kirsten Jenson in several pieces including Brahms' String Sextet in G major and Schubert's much-loved last chamber work, the String Quintet in C.

As in previous years the festival will be raising funds for The Rosemary Foundation, which operates a "hospice at home" service in Hampshire.

The candlelit evening concerts include a glass of wine or soft drinks. Coffee & biscuits or tea & cakes are served at the other concerts. Concerts take place at churches in West Meon, East Meon and Warnford and tickets are from £10 to £20, with generous discounts for students and accompanied children. Full details can be found at www.westmeonmusic.co.uk and the box office is now open. The West Meon Music Festival is a registered charity no. 1185082.

Sue Scholes

Serafina D'Cruze

At the age of six Serafina became The British Champion of ice dance 2022 in Sheffield. Chloe Bell says, "This is a huge achievement and we are all thrilled for her."

"She's loved keeping training going indoors (during lockdown) but now she's very excited about being able to get back onto ice."

She was on BBC Radio Solent and had a lovely interview.

*Chloe Bell,
Director,
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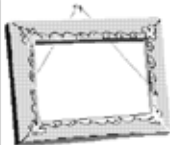
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Well, the shop has been very quiet recently, partly due to our loyal customers having a lovely break away from home. We have, however, enjoyed welcoming all the holiday makers that have visited our lovely village on holiday this summer. There have been so many, and all say such positive, nice things about the shop. Sometimes, it is all too easy to forget how wonderful and convenient our shop is when compared to others. Most comments we received were on the huge selection of goods on offer, the fresh and local produce and the friendly welcoming staff/volunteers. The asparagus and strawberry season seemed to go forever, but it never seemed to tire, always people gathering fresh produce at the counter on a daily basis.

200 Club Prize Draw Winners

The winners of the June prize draw were as follows: 1st Prize of £200 to Jan Claisse, 2nd Prize of £100 to Charlotte Johnson, 3rd Prize of £50 to David Jeffers and 4th Prize of £25 to Melissa Lacy. If you are not already a member and wish to join, then applications forms are available from the shop. It is a great way to support your community shop. The prizes are £40, £20, £10, and £5 in February, June, and October; and £200, £100, £50, and £25 in April, August, and December.

A huge thankyou to the West Meon Wine Society for organizing the recent wine tasting events with such huge success, all of which has provided the shop with the gross profits which are most welcome.

The Great West Meon Garage Safari will be happening very soon on Sunday 11th September. So please start sorting through all your antiques, unused goods or even clutter, as these safaris are a great way to get rid of your belongings without the hassle of booking in at the tip or trying to sell online. For those that are not aware of what this is, it's where villagers sell their belongings out of their garages or from tables outside their houses. Sellers get to keep the proceeds, but the village shop takes a small £10 pitch fee and provides a map to the sellers of where they are located and handles all the event advertising. Punters come from far and wide, and it is usually a very successful and busy day for all concerned. Forms to sign up are available in the shop.

Lastly, it has been brought to the attention of Highways Operations that there are planters and signage placed by various of us on the High Street. They have written to us requesting removal of all such objects within a month of the date of their letter. We have written back at some length pointing out the safety advantages, the absence of pavements as a refuge for pedestrians and the problems of running businesses with very little parking. A copy of the highways letter and ours in response can be seen in the shop at the till.

Rachell Barnett



Photo: <https://www.bugfox.com/community/warnford-village-7802/local-shops/>

Warnford's Celebrations for Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee

There was much consulting of weather apps in the run up to the Jubilee weekend, despite the damp forecasts fingers were firmly crossed, but all was well, many thanks to on High for allowing all our events to happen in the dry!



Our celebrations started on the Thursday evening with a large beacon/bonfire attended by about 140 people, organised by the Playground Committee. Very many thanks to Andrew and Candi Sellick for allowing us to hold the celebration on Pinks Hill. Proceedings started with our 'Village Crier', Stu, leaving no doubt as to what the occasion was all about. The beacon/bonfire was lit by our youngest resident, Harvey at 13 months, ably assisted by his Dad, Justin. We had a BBQ, live music, singing and guitar by Sophie and later accordions played by Pam and Anna, and a bar run by the George and Falcon team, who were great. We sang the National Anthem and Jerusalem. Several made comment that it was the first time they had been to a large village gathering since the lifting of covid restrictions. We asked for donations for the Playground and after all costs its coffers were swelled by nearly £500. Enough to cut down another half of one of our remaining diseased Ash trees. Sadly, we have five more that will need felling over the coming years.



On Sunday, 5th June Warnford celebrated Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee with a short service in the church at noon with the bells ringing beforehand (many thanks to Edwin Grimshaw and the bellringing team), attended by around 80 people who sang "Jerusalem" and two verses of the National Anthem.

After the service everyone moved on to the ruins of St John's House where Gerry Corden made a moving speech proposing the Loyal Toast which was enthusiastically drunk – in excellent English Sparkling Wine very generously provided by Malcolm Isaac's Exton Park Vineyard. Amazingly, the "light rain" which had been forecast obligingly remained elsewhere and at about 1.15pm we all moved on to the Playground for lunch.

The celebrations were rounded off by Lunch on the Playground. The hundred or so who came found the Playground adorned with red, white and blue bunting and balloons, union flags and tables dressed with union flag table cloths. Everyone brought their own picnics, with much sharing and comparing of the food and drink! There was a 'Most Royally decorated' cake competition, judged by our own Mary Berry in the form of Anne Corden. There were some



excellent entries, with Grace Spiteri being the winner. There was lots of room for the young ones to play, plus some games, including a devilishly difficult Wiggly Wire!! There was even a visit from 'Her Majesty' (thanks to Sally Matthews)!!

It was a very happy Warnford event, and luckily the rain held off until after all the picnics were eaten and the clearing up done. Many thanks to the organisers and helpers: Rob Athawes, Alex & Billy Bennett, Lorien Boyes, Phil Chadder, Kate Fismer, Lucy Hutchinson, Caroline Lushington, Kit Power, Carol, Kim & Jessica Rowlett and Stephen Short.

Stephen Short, Kit Power, Lucy Hutchinson

West Meon C of E Primary School

The end of the summer term was a scorcher and although the Y6 water fight was certainly a hit to cool down after crazy golf, the YR/1 trip to Birdworld was postponed until October and Y2/3 will join them as well.

There were tears at our Leavers' Service on the last day of term and Y6 will be really missed. They were a very sporty year group and we were delighted to be awarded the Sainsburys' Platinum Sports Award, which is the highest category, because of all the sports opportunities we offer and we continued to offer or signpost to during restrictions.

During the summer holiday Miss Pritchard became Mrs Marriott in a lovely service at Buriton church and she was delighted that some children from her class supported her on the day and had great fun blowing bubbles on her as she came out of the church.

Mrs Marriott is our lovely YR/1 teacher and will be supported by Tasha Dolhanyk next year and we will also be joined by Sharon Dobson who will supporting the older children.



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We have a busy programme planned for next year including football tournaments at Dunhurst and our very popular residentials at Stubbington and Fairthorne, as well as Bikeability and swimming at Bedales. Please see our website to see all our activities.

Friends of West Meon School have already planned in many of events and would like to invite you to attend our MacMillan Morning in school on the 30 September.

You are welcome to visit our school during the week to see us in action at any time or you can see us on Open Morning on Saturday 19th November.

*Julie Kelly,
Headteacher*

Supper Theatre Evening

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Sunday 16th October, 7pm**

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Sunday 16th tickets are available online at www.westmeontheatre.co.uk

Services in the Upper Meon Benefice

Sunday 4th September

8am East Meon. Holy Communion.

9am Warnford. Benefice Holy Communion.

10.30am East Meon. Benefice Service of the Word. All Age Worship.

Sunday 11th September

8am East Meon. Holy Communion.

9am Langrish. Benefice Service of the Word.

10.30am Warnford. Benefice Eucharist. *N.B. The West Meon service has been relocated here because of the music festival.*

Sunday 18th September

8am East Meon.

Holy Communion.

9am Warnford.

Benefice Mattins.

10.30am East Meon.

Benefice Eucharist.

Sunday 25th September

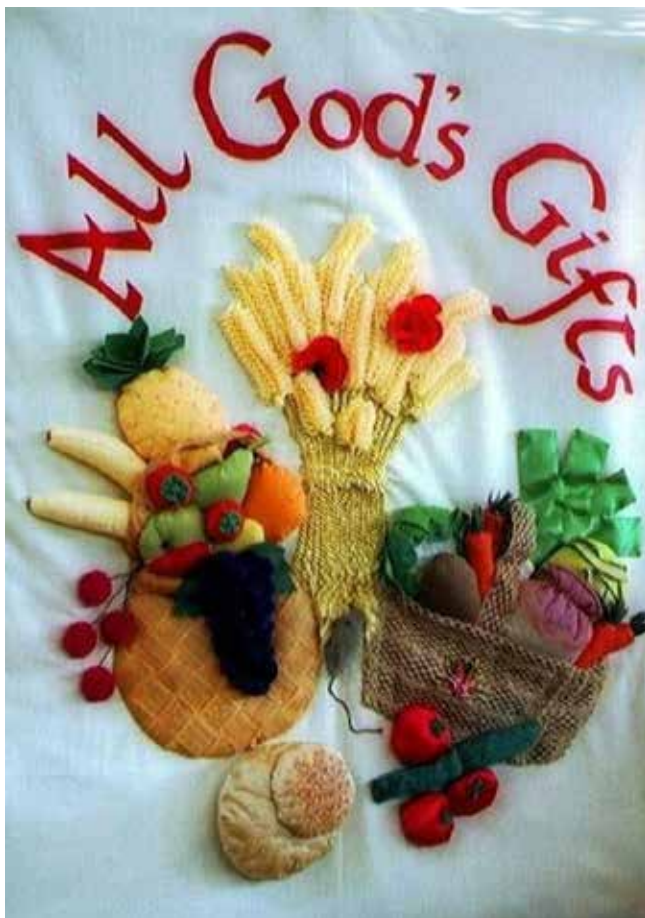
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West Meon Music Festival Programme

CONCERT 1

Thursday 8th September 7.30pm

OPENING CONCERT

St John the Evangelist

Beethoven Piano Quartet in E flat

WO36

Shostakovitch Viola sonata

Tchaikovsky Piano Trio

THE PRIMROSE PIANO QUARTET

CONCERT 2

Friday 9th September 7.30pm

“THE EXTRAORDINARY MISS WIECK” St John the Evangelist
THE LIFE AND LOVES OF CLARA SCHUMANN.

Clara Schumann 6 songs, Brahms 4 songs

Robert Schumann Frauenliebe und Leben Op.42, Chiarina and Traumerei piano solo

HELEN CHARLSTON, MEZZO SOPRANO. JOHN THWAITES, PIANO

CONCERT 3

Friday 9th September 9pm

WHO'S AFRAID OF ARNOLD SCHOENBERG?

St John the Evangelist

Mahler Piano Quartet

Schoenberg String Trio

The Primrose present a humorous and informal concert exploring the men & their music.

CONCERT 4

Saturday 10th September 11am

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CONCERT 5

Saturday 10th September 3pm

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CONCERT 6

Saturday 10th September 7:30pm

VIENNESE CLASSICS

St John the Evangelist

Mozart Piano Quartet in Eb, K493

Beethoven Violin Sonata, Op.24

(Spring)

Schubert String Quintet in C

THE PRIMROSE PIANO QUARTET.

JONATHAN MARTINDALE VIOLIN,
KIRSTEN JENSON CELLO.

CONCERT 7

Sunday 11th September 11.30am

EMANUIL IVANOV PIANO

RECITAL

St John the Evangelist

Beethoven Sonata Op.27 No.2

(Moonlight)

Busoni, Scriabin & Liszt Fantasies

Chopin 6 Polish songs

CONCERT 8

Sunday 11th September 3pm

FESTIVAL FINALE

St John the Evangelist

Mozart String Quintet in G minor,
K516

Turina Scène Andalouse for solo viola
and piano quintet

Frank Martin, Pavane: Couleur du
Temps. String quintet

Brahms String Sextet in G major, Op.
36

Dragonflies on display

Darter, skimmer, chaser and hawk. What may sound like a new quartet in Santa's gang of flying reindeer are in fact the names of some of the UK's resident dragonfly species.

This special group of invertebrates are part of the Odonata order of flying insects, which is made up of dragonfly and damselfly species. Here's a closer look at these winged wonders.

Amazingly, dragonflies were some of the first flying insects to evolve over 300 million years ago, soaring the skies with eagle-sized wingspans before even dinosaurs. With a pair of large eyes providing fantastic vision and a top speed of around 30mph – which makes dragonflies one of the fastest flying insects in the UK – they are fearsome predators. There are 17 species of damselfly and 23 species of dragonfly resident in the UK, plus the occasional visiting species from continental Europe. Found in almost every habitat, including wetlands, moorland and woodland glades, these predatory insects bring a splash of colour to a landscape just as wildflowers and butterflies are winding down.

To tell dragonflies and damselflies apart, there is a general rule of thumb that damselflies are slimmer and rest with their wings folded, while the stockier dragonfly keeps its wings spread outwards. Damselflies can be spotted on the wing as early as the start of May, while the last common darter of the year might still be flying on a warm October day. The highest species diversity is found during July and August, and, like most insects, dragonflies are most active in warm, sunny weather. Five species to spot include the emperor dragonfly, the southern hawk, the banded demoiselle, the golden ringed and the common darter.

In our region, Pamber Forest Nature Reserve is a brilliant place to find dragonflies near



The banded demoiselle is a particularly striking damselfly © Chris Button

the woodland streams and ponds during the breeding season, and hunting for prey along the woodland rides. Over 20 species have been recorded here, including the club-tailed dragonfly, which was a first for Hampshire, and the white-legged

damselfly. It's also a great site for seeing the beautiful demoiselle damselfly and the golden ringed dragonfly. Swanwick Lakes and Testwood Lakes nature reserves near Southampton are also prime dragonfly hotspots.

To find out more about local wildlife that Hampshire & Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust are working to protect, visit hiwwt.org.uk

Jake Kendall-Ashton

Australian Wines from West Meon Wine Society

We brought Australia to West Meon at the end of July when we gave a tasting to show how good and how varied Australian wines can be. The event took place on a beautiful summer's evening at the West Meon Sports Pavilion.



Australia, with over 200 years of vine growing and wine making experience, is hardly “new world” these days, but its wine scene is changing in some exciting ways. Having been perhaps best known for branded multi-regional blended varietals, there is more of a focus now on the vineyard, as winemakers look to exploit the particular characteristics of local soils and climates and their interaction with specific varieties of grape.

One evening's event can't cover everything, but we tried to give at least an inkling of what Australia can offer. We showed five of the classics: Margaret River Semillon Sauvignon, Chardonnay (from the Yarra Valley and Padthaway), Eden Valley Riesling, Shiraz (from McLaren Vale and the Barossa Valley) and Cabernet Sauvignon blends (from Langhorne Creek and Margaret River).

And to hint at just some of the variety that's out there we sampled some other grapes where Australia is making a name for itself.

To put the wines in context, we introduced the wines with short briefings on the winemakers, grapes, local characteristics, and winemaking.

The wines were well received on the night.

Do try them yourselves: www.westmeonwine.co.uk/australian-tasting

West Meon Wine Society Management Team

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There will be an extra Anglo-Saxon Activity Day on Saturday 17th September to include a ticketed evening performance. Further details from the Gallery nearer the time.

Our new exhibition in the Café area is **Penny Peters - My Life in Quilts**

Penny says, “This is a selection of my quilts from the early eighties to the present day using various quilting techniques. They are mostly my own design, and some have been inspired by others. I learned dress-making as a girl from my mother and started quilting in the seventies. I have always loved sewing and I enjoy quilting because there are so many different styles and techniques to try - something for everyone! It is also a social activity. There are many quilting groups such as The National Quilters Guild and numerous local groups.” 20 August -25 September FREE, donations welcome.

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Restoration of the Roof

The popular series of talks sponsored by The Friends of the Curtis Museum & Allen Gallery kicks off with Lizzie Dunford, the Director at Jane Austen's House in Chawton. Lizzie will be speaking about the recent Restoration of the Roof. Thursday 8th September at 7.30, FREE, donations most welcome.

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West Meon Parish Council & Warnford Parish Meeting

Parish Council Vacancies

WMPC has two vacancies to fill. If you are interested contact the Chairman Angie Trenchard (details opposite).

High Street Road Closure

In order to reinstate the carriageway following a recent water leak, Portsmouth Water will be closing the High Street on Sunday 21st August from the Village Shop to the junction with the A32. Advance warning signs will be put out a week before works commence which will also include a letter drop to residents and businesses. Whilst the reinstatement is being completed access will be maintained for residents. Once works are complete, they will minimise the closure to only cover the patch they have worked on.

High Water Usage

Portsmouth Water customers are using more water than normal due to the warm weather. They have been working hard to maintain water supplies to customers but need your help. The current level of demand is putting strain on the system so they are asking you to use water wisely over the coming week.

You can reduce your water use by:

- Putting away your hosepipe and turning off your garden sprinklers,
- Avoid washing your car,
- Reuse water where possible

Thank you – your actions will make a big difference.

And Finally From West Meon

The next Parish Council Meetings will be held on Tuesday 6th September 7.30pm in the Village Hall. Parishioners are welcome, please contact the clerk, Diane Heppell clerk.westmeon@parish.hants.gov.uk

Warnford Parish Meeting

Information relating to WPM can be found on its website (see opposite) which also has details of local facilities and services, village news and events. Please do sign up for email alerts so that you'll be kept informed of forthcoming events, planning applications etc.

The Autumn Parish Meeting will be on Thursday 3rd November 2022 in the Village Hall. Papers relating to it will be on the website nearer the time. Anyone preparing an application for a grant should follow the procedure set out on the website.

Rights of Way in Warnford

If you are aware of any rights of way in Warnford that are becoming overgrown or are otherwise obstructed please email Derek Chapman at: ederekchapman@btinternet.com.

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on the following dates:

10th September

8th October

12th November

3rd December

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Monday September 19th

West Meon Village Hall 2-3.30pm

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Get in touch with Hazel 829584

A new book on West Meon

Ron Stone's mother Agnes has written a "Comforts Fund Book" on what villagers did and achieved in raising money during the War including help at the Purser's Hotel at Woodlands for families who had been made homeless as a result of bombing. *Ronald Stone*

Rainfall Records Junly/August 2022

This is almost certainly the driest period that we have reported on since starting the rainfall report for the Parish news. From the end of June to the 15th August we have only measured 2mm.

Not only has it been dry but also very hot with daytime temperatures often in the 30's and night temperatures only once dropping below 7C. Fields are brown and parched and harvest more or less completed by mid August with the exception of some linseed crops. A rain is now desperately needed to germinate the rape seed which is lying in very dry soil. As we write this the sky is very overcast and looks as though it could rain?

Rainfall to end of July: 306.5mms (12.03")

Same month last year: 465.8mms (18.3")

Peter Short

Diary Dates

Monday 5th September

West Meon & Warnford Sports Club AGM
7pm West Meon Pavilion.

Tuesday 6th September

West Meon Parish Council Meeting 7.30pm
West Meon Village Hall. Parishioners are welcome, please contact the clerk. Diane Heppell clerk.westmeon@parish.hants.gov.uk.

Thursday 8th to Sunday 11th September

West Meon Music Festival various venues including West Meon, Warnford and East Meon churches.

Sunday 11th September

Great West Meon Garage Safari. Various locations (map from West Meon Village Shop).

Thursday 15th September

Care Group AGM 7.30pm West Meon Village Hall (small hall).

Saturday 17th September

Warnford Village Fete 1-5pm Warnford Playground.

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Hampshire Farmers' Market September dates

*Markets open from 10am - 2pm
except Winchester from 9am - 2pm
and Romsey 10am - 1pm*

Saturday 3rd Hamble Food Festival

Sunday 4th Petersfield/Romsey

Saturday 10th Alton

Sunday 11th Winchester

Saturday 17th Emsworth

Sunday 18th Southsea

Saturday 24th Ringwood

Sunday 25th Winchester

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