

Parish News

West Meon & Warnford

October 2022

Remembering

As Autumn sets in and Winter beckons, next month brings on Remembrance Sunday. Here, we remember and commemorate military and civilian service – those who have served and sacrificed.

Lest we Forget

The occasion started shortly after the First World War and now encompasses the remembrance of all military and civilian service including those who served as well as those who gave their lives.

Here in West Meon, the formal Remembrance occurs at the War Memorial, shown below being dedicated in November 1920, and now gleaming once again after being cleaned and refurbished. In the photo you can see the Lord Lieutenant of Hampshire, resplendent in his plumed cocked hat, and the Sunday School (the girls in white) whilst to their left are the choristers of the Church choir which was some 30 strong at the time! There was a sense of occasion in those far off days and bowler hats, trilbies and flat caps can be seen and all the ladies are wearing their best Sunday bonnets.

For us, as well as remembering those who gave their lives, we should remember the service others gave. In West Meon and Warnford this includes, amongst others; Captain Brereton a



West Meon War Memorial November 1920. Photo supplied by F Grimshaw



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Frigate Captain from Napoleonic times who protected our freedoms and Casario Rodorigo the Madagascan slave he freed who served him faithfully for 40 years, and in more modern times, the Home Guard under RP Chester and our own Fire Brigade in WW2.

It is, of course, impossible to name here all those who served in our villages. So I look to you, dear reader, to remember and commemorate all the people you knew personally, military and civilian, who served and sacrificed, either at our Service of Remembrance, when hearing the Last Post, or during the Silence.

To close, please remember one who devoted her life to the Service of others;

Queen Elizabeth II, 1926-2022.

Edwin Grimshaw

W.I. Report

We commenced our meeting with a commemorative silence in honour of Queen Elizabeth II before Angie Trenchard reminded our members that West Meon W.I. had planted a Copper Beech tree by the Village Hall in honour of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. Angie showed us a lovely brass plaque which will be unveiled and installed by the tree at our next meeting and she also reminded us all that the Queen had been a staunch W.I. member for all of her reign.

Angie and Rosemary Morrish reported that they had been to a meeting at the Hampshire headquarters of W.I. and one of the points which had been raised was that we should suspend our raffle. We will therefore ask members to pay £2 per meeting (£4 for guests) and the money raised would be given to the ladies who had made the teas on the day to reimburse their costs. Rosemary will also co-ordinate the tea rota.

On the 16th October the West Meon Theatre will perform in a play at the Village Hall and the W.I. will provide a hot supper. Tickets are available at the Village Shop or from a Committee Member at a cost of £20. As you all know, the West Meon Theatre Company always puts on excellent productions so do come along for a fun evening!

As the Petersfield Group of the W.I. has closed down we are now in contact with the Alresford Group who have invited us to their next meeting on Wednesday 5th October.

Our speaker for the afternoon was John Richards and his talk was very topical with the subject being the life of Winston Churchill, through letters from him and received by him from his mother, Jennie, and his wife Clementine. John said that Churchill was a great hero of his, and in view of recent events he wanted to highlight the close relationship between our late Queen and Winston Churchill. John read out letters to and from Winston's Mother over his younger lifetime and love letters between Winston and Clementine, his wife, (they were married in 1908) which were absolutely amazing. They had pet names for each other - Clemmie was called 'Cat' and Winston was called 'Pug'! We heard extracts from letters in the First and Second World Wars and, of course, the D-Day Landings was one of Churchill's most notable wartime achievements. In 1953 he had a serious stroke and increasingly spent time in Switzerland and the South of France recuperating. In 1964 he received the Nobel Peace Prize for services to Parliament, the Nation and the World and he died on 24th January 1965 and was afforded the honour of a State Funeral.

Our next meeting will take place at West Meon Village Hall on Monday 10th October 2022 at 1.45pm when the subject is 'Training Lions for "Born Free" and how some of the famous scenes were created', presented by Giles Remnant. We look forward to seeing you there.

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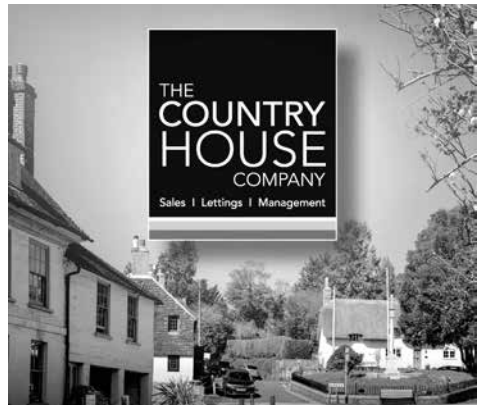
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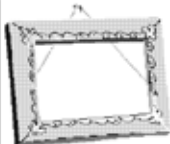
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A HUGE thank you

to everyone who helped to make our Sunday August Teas at St John's Church so successful this year!

In particular, all the volunteers who gave up their time to make cakes and scones, serve teas and coffees and to do all the washing up as well as set up and clear away. And of course, to everyone who visited us over the four Sundays and helped raise money for local charities.

Thankfully we have lots of shade which was much needed in the extraordinary August heat we experienced. We raised £1000 which will be shared between Trinity Winchester, The Rosemary Foundation, Home Start Meon Valley and St John's Church, West Meon.

We very much hope to see you once again in 2023!

Susan Berry

West Meon Village Shop

The Great West Meon Garage Safari on Sunday 11th September went well, beautiful sunny day with lots of visitors under the sad circumstances. Advertising was subdued out of respect to the Queen. Radio Solent came to the village shop on Saturday 17th September to interview customers, fab!! Hope you tuned in.

We work really hard to print out and envelope the bills at the beginning of each month, only for a stack of them to languish on the counter until the end of the month. So do please look out for your bill or see one of your neighbour's then do help out by popping it through their letterbox. Also if there are any dog walkers that would like to drop a few bills off on their morning (or afternoon) constitutional, then do please free to take some and post them on your route. Is there anyone out there that would like to become a volunteer and do all the drops? Then please come by the shop or email us - wmvsoffice@gmail.com.

No one will be surprised that the shop is not alone in having to come to terms with a huge increase in electricity charges. Everyone has that problem, either personally or in their businesses. Over the years we have reduced the shops electricity bills from around £8000 a year to some £4500. This has been done through changing all the lighting to LED, reducing the use of the air-conditioning units, and replacing ageing and inefficient equipment with new chillers and freezers. There is still one possible major saving to make and that is by replacing the aged milk chiller. Your support for the shop is vital during these difficult times. We are there for our community and we hope that you continue to be there for us.

Rachell Barnett

Upcoming wine tastings in the village - save the dates

We are pleased to announce we have two more wine tastings planned for this year. The first date is Thursday 6th October, followed by our final event for this year to be held on Friday 25th November. We would love to see you there and hope you can keep these dates free. More information to be released very shortly, so watch this space or go to our website for the very latest information - www.westmeonwine.co.uk

West Meon Wine Society Management Team

We love it when a plan comes together...

It's amazing what can happen when different people and groups work together. A local family asked Meon Valley Lions if there was any way we could help - they had saved up to buy a greenhouse as their elder daughter is really interested in outdoor pursuits but due to her leukaemia, has to be really careful and can't mix with crowds; Dad has a serious back problem and the area for the greenhouse really needed levelling, which he really couldn't do.

The Lions went along to have a look. We decided, if we could purchase some sleepers, a raised bed could be made on the sloping back lawn. The soil removed, when levelling the greenhouse plot, could be used to fill the raised bed.

Lions have dealings with the great team at the Men's Shed Club who agreed to help with the physical work, if Lions could get the materials sorted.

Lions then approached Equestrian Fencing and Timber in Shedfield. When we explained what we needed and why, they supplied all the timber for free. Yet more kindness!

Men's Shed then did the grafting and what a result: a greenhouse constructed on level ground and a raised bed - the family were delighted and so were all the groups concerned.



Lions spreading the word...

August saw the Lions out on the streets of Denmead, Swanmore, Wickham and Bishops

Waltham spreading the word about what we do and how we can give families that leg up when they need help to get back on their feet.

Knowle Village – Party in the Park

We went to the Knowle Village party in the park to run a fun ‘Play your cards right’ game for both adults and children. It was a lovely summers afternoon with the beautiful tones of Contraband banging out all the classics - one of the bands who are also great supporters of the Swanmore Fete. The afternoon was a great success with so many smiling faces.

Roaring trade at The Taste of Wickham

In early September Meon Valley Lions took their BBQ to the Taste of Wickham festival. We had a fantastic day, starting with BBQ bacon butties and then sausages and burgers... as well as the BBQ being a great success, our mini-bus was in constant use running a shuttle service to the parking fields. Thank you to all who gave so generously and for their continued support.



We're here to help. If you need our help in these difficult times, please don't hesitate to contact us: <https://www.meonvalleylionsclub.org.uk>.

Carole Dash

West Meon C of E Primary School

The children have settled back in quickly to school and we have welcomed new children into Year R and 6. YR/1 are donning rucksacks and having adventures around the village as Outdoor Explorers and they are going to Birdworld with Y2/3 on 12th October.

The U9s football team took part in the Dunhurst Football Festival and their team skills grew and grew as the afternoon went on. The U11s are taking part in their festival next week and sports events are being booked in through our partnership with Perins and our continuing Platinum Sports Award work.



Y6 have given their House Captain speeches and been duly elected to their roles and School Council speeches to their year groups are coming up fast. There are many responsibilities children hold including Playleaders, Buddies, Librarians, Junior Road Safety Officers and this year we are introducing Eco Warriors, which replaces our old Green Team, ready to turn off lights and computers when not necessary and to work on environmental issues.

We held our first Parent Information Meetings and 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 30th September. The school is also working closely with the toddler group run by Hazel Town and the children are going to come in half termly to play with our Hedgehogs class and get to know them better, while their parents chat over coffee and cake.

We are also pleased to welcome back the Christchurch Worship Group which consist of young people who use drama and music to make daily Worship more meaningful for the children.

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

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Sunday 2nd October

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9am Warnford. Benefice Holy Communion.

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

Sunday 9th October

8am East Meon. Holy Communion.

9am Langrish. Benefice Service of the Word.

10.30am West Meon. Benefice Eucharist.

Sunday 16th October

8am East Meon. Holy Communion.

9am Warnford. Benefice Mattins.

10.30am East Meon. Benefice Eucharist.

Sunday 23rd October

8am East Meon. Holy Communion.

10.30am Langrish. Benefice Eucharist.

10.30am West Meon. Benefice Service of the Word.

Sunday 30th October

8am East Meon. Holy Communion.

9am no service.

10.30am no service.

11.30am East Meon. Benefice Service for All Saints followed by lunch together.



Meon Valley Active Retirement Association

Established in 2010, MVARA aims to encourage an active lifestyle by providing a range of activities for its members. Based around the Meon Valley in Hampshire, we welcome all retired persons over 50 and membership is just £5 per annum. For tutor contact details and sign up - mvara.co.uk. This months events are:

Monday 3rd October

10:00 am - 11:15 am Keep Fit
12:30 pm - 3:00 pm Ladies Pub Lunch
2:30 pm - 4:00 pm French

Tuesday 4th October

11:00 am - 12:30 pm Italian

Wednesday 5th October

9:15 am - 11:30 am Tai Chi
2:00 pm - 5:00 pm Table Tennis

Thursday 6th October

11:30 am - 1:00 pm Spanish Lessons

Friday 7th October

2:00 pm - 4:00 pm Scrabble for Fun

Monday 10th October

10:00 am - 11:15 am Keep Fit
2:30 pm - 4:00 pm French

Tuesday 11th October

11:00 am - 12:30 pm Italian
2:00 pm - 4:00 pm Advanced
Conversation French

Wednesday 12th October

9:15 am - 11:30 am Tai Chi
2:00 pm - 5:00 pm Table Tennis

Thursday 13th October

11:30 am - 1:00 pm Spanish Lessons

Friday 14th October

2:00 pm - 4:00 pm Scrabble for Fun

Monday 17th October

10:00 am - 11:15 am Keep Fit
2:30 pm - 4:00 pm French

Tuesday 18th October

11:00 am - 12:30 pm Italian

Wednesday 19th October

9:15 am - 11:30 am Tai Chi
2:00 pm - 5:00 pm Table Tennis

Thursday 20th October

11:30 am - 1:00 pm Spanish Lessons

Friday 21st October

12:30 pm - 3:30 pm Member's Pub
Lunch
2:00 pm - 4:00 pm Scrabble for Fun

Monday 24th October

10:00 am - 11:15 am Keep Fit
2:30 pm - 4:00 pm French

Tuesday 25th October

2:00 pm - 4:00 pm Advanced
Conversation French
7:45 pm Local Hero

Wednesday 26th October

9:15 am - 11:30 am Tai Chi
2:00 pm - 5:00 pm Table Tennis

Friday 28th October

2:00 pm - 4:00 pm Scrabble for Fun

Monday 31st October

10:00 am - 11:15 am Keep Fit
2:30 pm - 4:00 pm French

A day in the life of a Wildlife Trust reserves officer

Across Hampshire & the Isle of Wight, the Wildlife Trust manage over 60 nature reserves. These precious sites are sanctuaries for some wonderful wildlife, including many endangered species. The charity's vital conservation work to help nature's recovery is only possible thanks to the support of its loyal members, devoted volunteers and dedicated staff.

One of those staff members is Sam Martin, an assistant reserves officer who cares for several reserves in the Winchester area, including Hockley Meadows Nature Reserve. Here, he describes how he got into conservation, what his job entails and the best and most challenging parts of his role.

"I joined Hampshire & Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust on a trainee programme four years ago. Before that I was grinding as a waiter while studying for a degree in Environmental Management at the



Sam Martin at Hockley Meadows Nature Reserve © Hampshire & Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust

University of Reading. After graduating I pursued as many volunteering opportunities as possible, many of which with the Wildlife Trust, and eventually a job became available.

My responsibilities include managing teams of volunteers, carrying out habitat management, caring for our grazing animals (native cattle, sheep and New Forest ponies), doing species surveys, leading guided walks and talks for the public, and acting as a warden at our nature reserves. Usually, I'll leave my home in Southampton at 7.45am and commute to our base in Winchester. One of the great things about my job is it's super varied depending on the time of year – a typical day as a reserves officer doesn't really exist.

During summer, for example, I'm carrying out lots of species surveys, warden duties and tractor operations. Moving into autumn and winter, I'll be clearing scrub and felling trees to improve our special chalk downland and fen habitats. Then, in spring, I'll be involved with fence building and other infrastructure works.

I generally try to head off by 4.30pm, which lets me beat the traffic and gives me time to catch up on some admin tasks, like emails, at home on the laptop. The part of my job I really like is working with our amazing volunteers, especially on practical tasks like fencing, which are great team building exercises. Being around our British white cattle is always a joy too – they have great characters! I'm also incredibly lucky to see some awesome wildlife. I remember staying late one evening with a colleague to treat a lame cow; the sun had almost set and the sky had a dull glow, and we felt a presence nearby – we looked up and a barn owl was effortlessly gliding above hunting for small mammals. In terms of challenges, weather is the main one as I work outdoors most of the time – the best-laid plans can go out the window if there's high rainfall, soaring temperatures or strong wind. As a reserves team we've not yet sussed out how to control the weather!"

Jake Kendall-Ashton

The benefits of a varied “movement diet”

When I talk to people about yoga classes, I generally hear 3 reasons people don't want to join. The first is they feel too stiff already, and think they can't “do” yoga. The second is that they don't have the time. And the third is that they already walk or bike enough, so they don't need to do more. The trouble with this is that different types of movement provide different kinds of benefits for the body. With food, we (hopefully) include meat or other protein, vegetables, starches and sweet foods to create a balanced diet. Same with moving; we need a variety of movements to create health, balance and ease in the body in both the short and long term.

So what should you include in this movement diet?

1. Clean the slate. Remedial movements for aches and pains. You might do this with a physio or in a yoga or pilates class. Massage and body work can provide passive remedial input in the body.
2. Daily movement like walking, housework, gardening, work related movement, picking up children etc. This is where the bulk of your energy expenditure is.
3. Expansive movements that take you beyond your ordinary range. I put yoga in this category, with some pilates and stretch & tone classes. Reaching, stretching, using your body in unusual ways is great preparation for unusual events in real life.
4. Strength building. Your muscles and bones respond to progressive challenge by building up. Strength training can reduce falls and injuries, prevent bone density loss: it is key for longevity.
5. Sustained movement aka cardio. Walking, running, dancing, biking, and swimming are great for getting your heart rate up. The current recommendation is 30 minutes/5 times per week.
6. Activities you enjoy that keep you moving. Team sport, races, new skills all are inspiring and keep us interested in movement. So can dance, or yoga, or marital arts.

While activities can fall into more than one category, it is important to do something in each. If you do just walking, you might be missing out on the benefits of strength training, or how good your body can feel after a nice stretch. Some of these (like moving your body out of its normal range) can be woven into playing with children, waiting for the kettle to boil, or into 5-10 minute sessions: little movement snacks! The last reason people give for not joining a class is that they have too much pain. Current research is clear that movement helps with pain. Our body doesn't wear out with movement, it gets stronger in response to it. So even if you have a diagnosis like arthritis or an old injury, adding movement is likely to improve how you feel over time and reduce the risk of further injury.

You don't have to join a class to do any of these activities. But in a class, you will get guidance if you are doing the movements correctly and tips to improve. Classes build activities into your life by creating community and accountability for your movement practices. Coming with a friend (or making new friends in your class) can improve your motivation and consistency. In West Meon, we have yoga, taught by me, Pilates with Katie Jacobs, Keep Fit and Ballet with Hazel Town and more.

TOP TIPS: try different classes, styles and teachers to find what you enjoy. Talk to your teacher about your specific needs and goals. Take a friend! Feeling social and meeting your body's needs is win, win, win.

Mollie McClelland Morris

Curtis Museum & Allen Gallery

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This is a drop-in session on Tuesday 25th October, any time between 11am and 1pm. (Accompanied) children £3.

EXHIBITIONS

Ceramicus returns to the Main Exhibition Space from 1st to 30th October 10.30 - 4pm. This talented group of local potters will be exhibiting a range of techniques, colours and surfaces in their work. The exhibition gives visitors a chance to buy unique items, direct from the artists, for the home or as a gift. FREE.

From 1st October, Walk Alton will be showing entries from the **Alton Walking Festival Photography Competition**. This exhibition runs until 20th November, in the Café area. FREE.

TALK

Mary Russell Mitford

Margaret Simmons will talk about this interesting woman, born in Alresford in 1787. At the age of 10 Mary won her father a lottery ticket worth £20,000, but by the 1810s the family was in financial difficulties. Mary became a writer of plays, poetry and novels – including *Our Village*, a series of scenes of village life. She was a prolific writer, helping to support the family. Her poetry also garnered praise, and she became a friend of Elizabeth Barrett Browning among others. 13th October, 7.30pm. In the Gallery. FREE, donations welcome.

Quakers and the Museum and Gallery

The front garden wall of Alton's Quaker Meeting House (in Church Street) has the date 1672 - hence this year is its 350th anniversary. To celebrate this heritage the Museum and Gallery are displaying various items with Quaker connections. The Curtis family, after one of whom the Museum is named, were Quakers for over 200 years. The Gallery is home to a comprehensive collection of ceramics from about 1500 to the present day, and several of the pieces have a



Quaker background. Among these are 5 items by Richard Champion, a Quaker potter, working in Bristol from 1773 to 1782.

There are also paintings and other items associated with

botanist William Curtis. These include a jug and goblet designed by him. A loving cup designed for the Queen's Jubilee is also on display. It was produced for the Crowley brewery (Crowley being another of Alton's Quaker families.)

The **CURTIS MUSEUM** also has several Quaker related items on display. A Trail has been produced so that these objects can be identified by visitors.

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West Meon Parish Council & Warnford Parish Meeting

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

Updating of playground equipment. Lucy Stewart was asked to carry out a small-scale consultation, making suggestions for playground improvements at the Recreation ground. WMPC would like to thank Lucy for her suggestions. This project will cost a considerable amount of money therefore no decision has been made yet. It's an ongoing discussion.

Highways Act 1980. WMPC would like to remind residents not to leave bins and bottle bins on the highways as this is a violation of the Highways Act and could lead to an enforcement notice being issued to you.

Police Community Support Officer. Our areas PCSO is Sarah McCulloch. Sarah is the person to report any suspicious incidents or drug related issues. You can contact her at: Meon Valley Police Station, Hoe Road, Bishops Waltham, Hampshire SO32 1DS or via sarah.mcculloch@hampshire.pnn.police.uk, Twitter: @winchestercops <<https://twitter.com/WinchesterCops>> and Facebook: Winchester Police.

Email distribution list. WMPC's new Clerk (details opposite) is eager to set up an e-mail distribution list for parishioners (to be able to send out notices and save the dates etc.). Anyone interested please send confirmation to the clerk's e-mail address.

And finally from West Meon. The next Parish Council Meetings will be held on Tuesday 4th October at 7.30 p.m.in the Village Hall. Parishioners are welcome, please contact the Clerk: Jo Tester 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 at 7.30pm 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. This meeting will provide an opportunity to discuss the redevelopment plans for the Manor Farm Dairy. Please send any further suggestions for the Agenda to the Clerk.

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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Ahoy! Sing for the Mary Rose

Rehearsals are underway for the second of Froxfield Choir's two special 50th Anniversary Concerts which is on Saturday 15th October, in fact nearly 40 years to the day that the Mary Rose was raised from the seabed in the Solent.

We are performing the much loved 'Ahoy! Sing for the Mary Rose' by Alexander L'Estrange, on this occasion at the earlier time of 5.30pm. The Choir will be joined by a children's choir made up from primary schools in the surrounding area including Froxfield and Steep Primary Schools. The concert will last for about an hour and refreshments will be available before and after the concert as there is no interval. We do hope you'll join us once more for a fun evening at Holy Trinity Church, Privett. Spread the word, invite your family and friends, children and grand-children and come and enjoy the musical tale of the Mary Rose.

Tickets can be purchased for £5 each in person from One Tree Books on Lavant Street in Petersfield, and online from Ticketsource or via the link on our website. Membership for the Choir is open again, please contact Lesley Howe at lkhowe58@gmail.com who can provide you with more details. We're always on the lookout for enthusiastic singers, young and old alike, so if you're interested in giving choral singing a go, either for the first time or as a returner, we'd love to hear from you! Follow us on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter @Froxfield_Chair and on our website <https://froxfieldchoir.co.uk>.

Sarah Rush

West Meon Village Hall Committee are organising a

Pop-in Cafe & Table Top Sale

on the following dates:

8th October

12th November

3rd December

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Roses in bloom

These are beautiful flowers bought



from the West Meon Village Shop for my mother, Mrs Georgina Rose's 95th Birthday.

She wanted to let everyone know that they are still going strong two months later.

Roberta Hobbs (ex-Rose)

Rainfall Records August/September 2022

The much needed rain eventually came, just in time for many of our reservoirs across the country, starting on the 16th August and continuing intermittently over the next ten days with another spell of dry weather over the last five days of the month. August ended with 33.7mms (1.33"). August 2021 71.0mms (2.8").

A relatively easy harvest and mostly completed by mid August with the exception of some Linseed crops which were not ripe at that time. September, by contrast, started with seven of the first nine days having rain, with the 7th and 8th giving 46.5mms (2.9") and by the 15th we had measured 87mms (3.4")

It is worth remembering that in July 2021 we had 129mms (5.1").

Peter Short

Diary Dates

Saturday 1st October

Meon Valley Garden Club Plant Sale 10am
Droxford Village Hall.

Tuesday 4th October

West Meon Parish Council Meeting 7.30pm
West Meon Village Hall.

Saturday 15th October

Ahoy! Sing for the Mary Rose - Froxfield Choir 5.30pm Holy Trinity Church, Privett.

Saturday 15th and Sunday 16th October

To be or not to be - West Meon Theatre 7pm
West Meon Village Hall.

Thursday 3rd November

Warnford Parish Meeting 7.30pm Warnford
Village Hall.

Wednesday 16th November

Seedler by Kit Power 6pm Meon Hall,
Meonstoke.

Saturday 19th November

Centenary Concert - Botley Choral Society
7.30pm All Saints Church, Botley.

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Sunday 16th Southsea

Saturday 29th Ringwood

Sunday 30th Winchester

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