

# Parish News

West Meon & Warnford

December 2021

## From Acorns

As I write this COP26 has not finished yet. I am not sure whether to be hopeful or pessimistic about whether enough decisions and rules can be put in place by the World Leaders and Governments to make enough of a difference to save many islands and peoples from being submerged under water, or, alternatively, for their land to become too hot and dry to be productive.

Autumn is definitely on it's way at last. Such a mild start, but then, with the clocks just changed, a beautiful blue sky, but a slight nip to the air. It really did feel like a change in the season. With the Climate Crisis it really needs to be our Season to change, but can we change? Do we really want to? Should we?

I think of the latter there is no doubt. Although we in the UK only produce 1 percent of the global emissions, we are still a polluting country and yet we have the means not to be. We pollute God's Earth, the rivers and the sky, simply so that we can keep our lifestyles in the way we wish to keep them.

Covid Lockdown, as bad as it was, and for some the effects will be felt for years to come, both financial and mental, was a chance for us to stop and reflect. A chance that not many



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generations ever have. Surely, we can take some good from that?

Just as from little acorns mighty oak trees grow, so from our small changes and positive actions can grow ways of living which can have huge consequences for the world.

I heard something cheering on the radio the other day. America saying it wanted to be in a race with China for being the most Green! If they have to be in a race with China, let it be this one. Let it be one where money is poured into developing and making choices which will save the planet, save God's Creation, so we are able to hand it to our children to take on the baton of safeguarding and nurture with head held high, not one where we have to mutter apologetically for the mess we have created and somehow failed to mop up.

What we have achieved in terms of destruction, in a century, doesn't equate to the worst oil spill ever, it doesn't equate to the worst disaster movie ever envisaged; it is truly catastrophic, so the reaction to it needs to be truly extraordinary. Only God is able to do this. To send the Spirit of change into all those leaders, and our hearts, the spirit of humility and cooperation, and some healthy competition! It is much too big for us. However, this does not mean that we get to bury our heads, or do nothing but carry on as we are.

Like the oak tree which grows from the acorn, we must put in place small changes in our daily lives, small changes in our thinking. Little by little these need to become habit. Habits are hard to break for the good as well as the bad. At the moment most of us are in lazy habits. We still reach for the plastic wrapped veg. We buy sandwiches wrapped in plastic instead of thinking ahead and making our own. We hop in the car when we could bicycle. We take easy ways when with a little thought we could be easier on the planet.

In my family we have ditched our teabags. We have the teapots with the metal strainers in which you can lift out to empty, and I have a wormery, in fact two, because one quickly wasn't enough. Especially in the winter when the worms do not eat through the veg peelings fast enough as it is cold for them and they are sleepy. Mostly they eat ground coffee, and tea leaves, shredded cabbage, chopped banana skin and bits of mushroom stalk. They seem happy enough. This Summer there was a definite population explosion.

Our compost heap deals with the bits the worms don't like. Onion, garlic, acidic fruit peel like clementine and oranges. The dogs are happy to finish up the carrot peel, and tops and tails of the carrots.

When the Council, down where we live, gave us a food bin so we could separate our food waste from the rest of the household waste, which is really only tissues and plastic wrappers now, it was a terrible bind. We grumbled. Life had to change. We had to actively think about where we put the waste. Two weeks on and it is almost routine. THAT is one the changes we need. Small doable steps. Make these new habits part of our routine. Yes, it isn't easy. But boy, we have to do something.

Don't leave it up to governments and leaders. Start planting those little acorns of good habits and ways. We can be our own leaders and in turn, we can lead the way to a more positive way of life. Get involved with local schemes, be they through your local school, church or community. Those which nurture, that which loves. That which shows God's creativity and care for nature, and for our fellow neighbours, both locally and in the wider world.

*Revd. Phili Good*

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# Planning Reforms Have Been Paused - What Does This Mean For Wildlife?

The planning system shapes the places where we live and work, but it also has a profound impact on wildlife in our local area. Inappropriate development can destroy our precious remaining habitats, while well-designed developments can help secure nature's recovery through the restoration and creation of well-connected wild places.

Planning could also help improve people's access and connection to nature. Evidence shows that almost half the population say they are spending more time outside than before the pandemic – but access to nature is not equal, exacerbating health inequalities.

With nature now declining at a speed never previously seen, it is clear the current planning system has flaws and needs updating to create better homes and communities for people and wildlife. It is great news for the Wildlife Trust that the new Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, Michael Gove MP, has pressed "pause" on the planning reforms announced last year, acknowledging that the proposals would not help the nature and climate crisis.

Across the country, The Wildlife Trusts are still fighting against developments that put important wild areas at risk. For example, here in Hampshire, the Trust is currently fighting



*Brent Goose © Ian Cameron-Reid*

proposals in Portsmouth City Council's Draft Local Plan which would build 3,500 houses on top of fifty football pitches worth of legally protected intertidal habitats at Tipner West. The area has some of the highest legal safeguards that can be awarded in recognition of its importance to thousands of migratory birds, such as dark-bellied brent geese and dunlin, as well as many fish and invertebrates. Not only would this development be disastrous for the wildlife and people of Portsmouth, but could set a precedent that would allow housing targets to trump nature anywhere.

We need a new approach.

The Wildlife Trust is calling for a Planning Bill that prioritises people and wildlife – one that restores nature and draws clear red lines for developers, while also tackling the climate crisis, and supporting people's health and wellbeing.

The planning system can play a crucial role in nature's recovery – mapping out where nature still survives, and where it needs more space to recover. By avoiding damage to these critical places, we can make sure that as we build, we can also leave nature in a better state than we found it.

You can respond to the Portsmouth City Council Local Plan consultation, demanding they to stop the destructive plans for Tipner: [wtru.st/portsmouth-local-plan](http://wtru.st/portsmouth-local-plan).

*Abi Webber,  
Hampshire & Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust*

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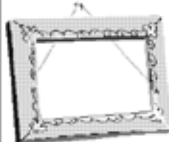
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## Let Your Garden Go Wild For Wildlife This Autumn

Rustle. Crunch. Swoosh. The familiar sounds of crisp, freshly fallen leaves underfoot are a sure sign autumn has arrived. But as the nights gradually draw in and the temperatures start to dip, this marks a crucial season for wildlife as preparations are put in place to survive winter.

As the bounties of summer food sources start to dwindle, gardens become an increasingly important haven for wildlife in the 'harvest season'. At this time of year, many garden visitors – be it birds, mammals, amphibians, reptiles or invertebrates – are busying themselves securing enough food and shelter to see them through the harsh winter months.

You can play your part in helping countless species this autumn, and the best part? It requires minimal effort.

That golden scattering of leaf litter may look untidy on the lawn but, rather than removing, simply sweeping the leaves into a neat pile in a windsheltered corner of the garden can provide a vital habitat for frogs and many overwintering invertebrates. In turn, a garden boasting a healthy population of insects equals more foodstuff for ground feeding birds like robins, blackbirds and song thrushes as well as small mammals such as hedgehogs, foxes and badgers. And not only do decaying leaves provide essential refugia for insects, frogs and hibernating hedgehogs, it also makes excellent mulch for flowerbeds.

Avoiding the temptation to prune hedgerows and shrubs excessively also allows birds more time to eat the remaining berries whilst providing valuable sanctum. This is especially true for garden ivy as this evergreen perennial offers both a perfect shelter and winter berries.



*Fox © Andy Ames*

For our feathered garden guests specifically, another olive branch that gardeners can extend in autumn is to put up nest boxes. Though these boxes won't be used for nesting until the breeding season in spring, they can provide birds with a warm and safe space to escape foul weather and boost their chances of survival.

Finally, as many gardens witness an influx of birds during autumn as the search for food intensifies among common species and winter migrants, this makes it the perfect time to clean your feeder, ensuring it is free from disease.

So, remember to spare nature a thought and enjoy turning your garden into a wildlife haven this autumn.

*Abi Webber,  
Hampshire & Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust*

# Is travel really bad for the climate crisis?



Studies by Winchester Action on the Climate Crisis (WinACC) of greenhouse gas emissions (harmful gases that cause climate change) repeatedly show that in Winchester District, road travel makes up the biggest proportion of our carbon footprint. But it's not all doom and gloom. These emissions can be significantly reduced by choosing wisely how to travel.

Choose carefully how you get about

The CO<sub>2</sub> emissions (those harmful gases) you create when you travel vary considerably depending on the mode of transport you use. The latest government figures show how average emissions vary per kilometre travelled, for example:

Mode	Grammes of CO <sub>2</sub> e per Km	Unit
Long Haul Aircraft	214	Per person
Domestic Aircraft	273	Per person
Small car (petrol)	191	Per vehicle
Medium Car (diesel)	205	Per vehicle
Dual purpose 4X4	254	Per vehicle
Average battery-electric car	69	Per vehicle
Medium sized motorbike (petrol)	128	Per vehicle
Local Bus	127	Per person
Coach	33	Per person
Train	43	Per person
Eurostar	5	Per person
Bike	0	
Walking	0	

If more than one person travels in a car, divide the emissions by the number of people to calculate emissions per person per km. The 'local bus' figure is based on a bus carrying 13 passengers, so a bus that is occupied by more passengers will give lower emissions per passenger. Train emissions are an average for the whole fleet in 2019 (before Covid-19).

## What changes could you consider making?

We all live very different lives and a change to travel habits that would work for one person may not be feasible for another. There may not be a bus service that goes to the right place at the right time, or you may not live within walking distance of a shop. Changing travel can essentially be broken down into two categories:

1. reducing the distance you have to travel by changing where you shop/work/take holidays/go to school or live. Or reduce the number of times you commute.
2. changing how you travel by lift sharing/reducing the size of your car/using public transport\*/flying only when it is unavoidable. Cycling on journeys under 5 miles and walking on journeys under 2 miles would be another great change.

*Jo Crocker,  
Executive Director, Winchester Action on Climate Change Ltd*



## Rainfall Records October/November 2021

A little more than half of October's rain fell in the first 4 days. The total for the month was 164.1mm, (6.46") and the Warnford average for the last 48 years is 107mm (4.21") so it was wetter than average but last year's October saw 235mm.

Apart from two wet days on the 19/20th and the last four days of the month being wet the rest of the month was almost completely dry. The dry remains for November so far with only 7.2 mm falling to the 17th.

The total for the year to the end of October 2021 857.6mm (33.76")

The total for the year to the end of October 2020 931.3mm (36.66")

*Peter Short*

## West Meon Boules

An enthusiastic group of local residents hopes to introduce a Boules Court into the recreation ground at West Meon. They want to do this because they feel it will extend and enhance the social activities available for the enjoyment of residents, their children and grandchildren. All ages and abilities of individual can enjoy playing or watching a game of Boules, whilst enjoying the company of each other. It should be good fun and help the residents of West Meon get to know each other more.

Those of you who have enjoyed trips to France will know that Boules is a game much loved there and is usually played in or around the centres of village or city communities. What you may not know, however, is that it is a game that is much loved in the UK too. There are 10 clubs in Hampshire, 3 in West Sussex and 2 in South Surrey – as well as numerous others in pub gardens and sports grounds.

Whether or not this project goes forward is still subject to the approval of the Parish Council, to the securing of planning permission, and to the affordability of the eventual construction process. If all this goes well, we would hope to be opening for play in early summer as a new section of the West Meon and Warnford Sports Club, a registered local charity. In the meantime, if you would like to register your interest without obligation in this initiative, please contact us. If you have any questions you would like answered please also get in touch. Finally, we propose to put on a number of local taster games over the next couple of months – if you would like try your hand at a game of Boules, or just watch, please let us know. Our email address is [meonboules@gmail.com](mailto:meonboules@gmail.com).

*Mark Hammond*



## West Meon C of E Primary School

Our new children and staff have settled in well and includes new children in Y2/3 as well.

We held our Macmillan Coffee Morning on Friday 24th September and our Harvest Festival in the church led by Foxes class.

It is wonderful to be able to invite parents in again and also to see all our community helpers back in. We know those who received harvest girls were really happy to see the children as well.

We are starting tennis coaching in the spring term and lunchtime French Club has started again. We have also elected new House Captains, Play Leaders, Buddies, Road Safety Officers and School Councillors and they take their responsibilities very seriously.



The children did us proud at the U11 Tournament at Dunhurst on 22nd September, which the team were very excited about and the U9 Tournament is about to take place as I wrote this article. Again it is wonderful to start to interact with other schools again and get our children out.

Parents' Information Meetings took place and parents' evenings are before half term.

FOWMS sold doughnuts (and other healthy options ) in the playground and they are running a Hallowe'en Disco in the village hall as we break up. They also have planned a Book Sale and Cinema Club. All old favourites which everyone is looking forward to. Money raised is going towards new



science equipment, outdoor learning and new reading books, which we are very grateful for.

We have said goodbye and thankyou to Mary Jepp for her wonderful support as our Chair of Governors and pastoral care as our vicar. She will be sorely missed, but we wish her good luck in her new position in Scotland.

We welcome Alice Lister as our new Chair of Governors, as well as

Pete Rouse, Stacey Goodman, Alesha Mattocks and Tim Siddall as new governors.

The U9 children did us proud at the Dunhurst Tournament and we are looking for other opportunities to play sport against other schools.

Parents' evenings took place before half term and it was great to meet face to face, although socially distanced. All of our community helpers are back in school as well and it is lovely to see them.

FOWMS ran a brilliant Halloween Disco in the village hall, which everyone thoroughly enjoyed. After that they then organised a Book Sale, which raised

money for targeted books for our reading scheme - we also have a Book Fair coming into school soon. Then they surpassed themselves with 63 children staying on for Cinema Club and a great deal of popcorn was consumed as well!

We also welcomed Reverend Philippa Good, who is overseeing four parishes at the moment and coming into school to lead Collective Worship fortnightly.

Owls led a very moving Remembrance Service and all the children were very respectful.








Sadly, we heard the same day that Kathryn Davies, our Early Years Assistant had passed away. She had been ill for sometime and the children have begun a Memory Wall for her in the Bell Room and are planning a Memorial Garden in her honour. She will be very much missed and was a lovely lady. We are very grateful to Reverend Mary who came in to check the staff were alright after such sad news.

*Julie Kelly,  
Headteacher*

*(photos from [www.westmeon.hants.sch.uk](http://www.westmeon.hants.sch.uk))*



# Deanery December Services 2021

Sunday 5th	Sunday 12th	Sunday 19th	Sunday 26th
8am HC BCP All Saints, East Meon A quiet and reflective said service from the Book of Com- mon Prayer	8am HC BCP All Saints, East Meon A quiet and reflective said service from the Book of Com- mon Prayer	8am HC BCP All Saints, East Meon A quiet and reflective said service from the Book of Com- mon Prayer	No 8am 
There will be no 9.00am service in the Benefice today 	9.00am Church of Our Lady, Warnford. Mat- tins with sung responses. Join a tradition of morning wor- ship that's been around for centu- ries.	There will be no 9.00am service in the Benefice today 	
10.30am St John's, West Meon Benefice Holy Commun- ion with Advent hymns. Sing your hearts out, prepare for the coming season. 10.30am All Saints East Meon Parish Eucharist	10.30am All Saints, East Meon Benefice Holy Commun- ion CW Choir and bells. Advent hymns. 	10.30am St John's West Meon Benefice Holy Commun- ion. Last chance to celebrate Advent. 10.30am All Saints East Meon Parish Eucharist	Please do visit other Churches around the Deanery for a service today if you would like one. 
12.30pm St John's, Lan- grish Service of the Word with Baptism. A more informal service.		4.00pm Church of Our Lady, Warnford Carol Service 	
		6.30pm St John's, Langrish 9 Lessons and Carols. 	

# Deanery Christmas Services 2021

## Christmas Eve 24th

Please feel free to join with any of these services around the Benefice over the Christmas Season.

4.00pm St John's, Langrish  
Scratch Nativity



4.30pm St John's, West Meon  
Crib Service



11.15pm All Saints East Meon  
Midnight Mass



11.30pm St John's West Meon  
Midnight Mass



## Christmas Day 25th

8.00am All Saints East Meon  
Holy Communion  
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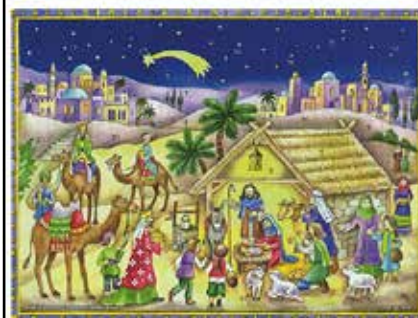


9.00am Church of Our Lady,  
Warnford  
Holy Communion BCP

9.00am St John's, Langrish  
Parish Eucharist CW

10.30am St John's, West Meon  
Family Service

10.30am All Saints East Meon  
Parish Eucharist



# A Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all families and friends in West Meon, Warnford and Woodlands!

## December Parish Services

5th December	10.30am West Meon (Benefice Eucharist)
7th December	3.10pm West Meon (School Christingle Service)
12th December	9.00am Warnford (Matins) 10.30am East Meon (Benefice Eucharist)
13th December	6.00pm West Meon (School Nativity)
19th December	10.30am West Meon (Benefice Eucharist) 4.00pm Warnford (Carol Service)
21st December	6.30pm West Meon Carols in the open air with Benhams Band
24th December	4.00pm West Meon (Crib Service) 11.30pm West Meon (Midnight Communion)
25th December	10.30am West Meon (Family Service)
26th December	10.30am West Meon (said Holy Communion)



All Sunday services at Warnford are traditional in style; services in West Meon are in contemporary language.

## Remembrance Tree

Christmas, for most, is a time of joy and happy memories. However, it can be bittersweet too, especially for those who find their thoughts at Christmas drawn to those they have lost. The loss can be all the harder to bear when everyone else seems to be full of the festive spirit.

Many people have expressed their appreciation for the Remembrance Tree which we put at the back of the church each year. You are invited to write the name of someone about whom you will be thinking this Christmas on one of the cards provided and then hang it on the tree in their memory.

*Helena Gomm*

## Church Notices

Baptism 21st November West Meon:  
Jasper Godman

Recent Deaths:

Kathryn Davies

## Christmas in the Village Shop

There is now a great range of festive treats and Christmas gifts in the shop, along with a wide selection of Christmas cards all of which contribute to a variety of charities. Also do please remember to drop in and buy your tickets for the Christmas Raffle.



Here's a timely reminder of all the local produce we stock from Chalk Stream Foods, a supplier of fine English trout from the world famous Test and Itchen Rivers in Hampshire. It is perfect for meals or canapes with friends and family in the run up to Christmas. Check out their website for endless meal ideas to wow your guest this winter. For dessert we have Jude's Ice Cream which is made up the road in Twyford and comes in a vast array of flavours, the most popular being salted caramel. They also make fresh custard and sauces. We also have Libby's Millstream Fresh Sourdough every Tuesday and Saturday, which is very popular and provides a warm welcome to the shop. To quench your thirst, we have Meon Valley Cider and their latest offering - Egremont Russet Single Varietal available in 750ml bottles. We also stock apple juice from Hill Farm Juice in Swanmore, with large and small glass bottles available. They make a great addition to a homemade festive hamper along with perhaps a Crosbies cake or brownie. With Winter here and cold days among us, do feel free to inquire about home deliveries of your newspaper and fresh glass bottled milk delivered right to your door so you don't have to come out in the cold.

Finally, don't forget that although the West Meon Wine Society has a fabulous selection of wines you can order online at [www.westmeonwine.co.uk](http://www.westmeonwine.co.uk) for collection from the shop on Friday afternoons, the shop also offers a fantastic collection of wines in store and that there is 5% discount on every six bottles purchased!

*Rachell Barnett*

## West Meon Wine Society Wines for the Festive Season

After much, admittedly enjoyable, deliberation the wine team has come up with a stunning selection of Christmas wines to make your festive season even merrier and to spread some joy to you, your loved ones, and friends. There are number of older and really interesting wines (going back to 1998) for you to sample in the coming weeks.

As a special Christmas treat, we have Luna Beberide Reserva, Vino de la Tierra de Castillo Y León, 1998. The wine is produced from equal parts of Merlot, Tempranillo and Cabernet Sauvignon and is aged in French oak. Black cherry with purple tones, sensational nose of mulberry, ripe fruits, herbal, flowers, balsamic, minerals, wax and noble woods, with mind-blowing intensity of fruit on palate with aromatic and mineral notes, gloriously velvety, very powerful structure with great depth and broadness, a wonderfully long and lingering finish of great finesse.

Pick of the whites is Domaine Jones Vieilles Vignes Grenache Gris, 2017, a dry white wine with great minerality. It has an intense and richly fruited nose with notes of spring flowers, almond blossom, melon and pear, as well as fennel, herb and spice notes. The palate is textured and broad with rich melon and herbs. Jones Grenache Gris is great by itself as an aperitif. For more information about our Christmas selection, please visit [www.westmeonwine.co.uk](http://www.westmeonwine.co.uk). Membership details are also on our website. The membership fee is £30 for a year's subscription, which entitles Members to a 15% discount off the entry price of up to two tickets to any society event attended by the Member.

*West Meon Wine Society Management  
Team*

## Raspberry Canes

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## West Meon Parish Council & Warnford Parish Meeting

**Gallops** – The landowner of the Gallops, Cllr G Silk requests that all dogs are kept on leads whilst being walked round the Gallops.

**The Meon Valley Community Bus** is continuing to run to a restricted timetable. To use the service, you will still be required to book. On Mondays and Wednesdays the service will run to Fareham. On Fridays it will run to either Winchester (1st and 3rd Fridays of each month), Waterlooville (4th Friday of each month), or Petersfield (2nd and 5th Fridays of each month). Further details and a temporary timetable can be found in the Local Services (Transport) section of the West Meon Parish Council Website.

**The Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations** will take place from 2nd to 5th June 2022. As a village, it is hoped we can arrange a community celebration and to this end a meeting will be held in The Thomas Lord on Monday, 6th December from 7.00 p.m. The purpose of this meeting is to listen to the ideas and thoughts of the community and establish an organising committee. Please come along and share your thoughts and/or volunteer to help.

**SDNPA has launched a Call for Nature Sites** with a deadline for expressions of interest of the 17th January 2022. The appeal is inviting farmers, land managers, communities and conservation groups across the National Park to put forward possible sites where new wildlife habitat could be created. They are looking to hear from landowners, land managers, communities, businesses, and conservation groups to put forward possible sites where new wildlife habitat could be created, contributing to nature recovery in the South Downs National Park. Proposals of any size or scale will be considered and could include, for example, creating wildflower meadows, new hedgerows, more natural rivers, planting trees, creating heathland or installing dew ponds. Village greens, road verges and allotments may also have potential. For more information visit: <https://www.southdowns.gov.uk/nature-recovery-information-for-delivery-partners/call-for-nature-sites/> on Parish Council Website.

**And Finally from West Meon** – The next Parish Council Meetings will be held on Tuesday 7th December 7.30 p.m. 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, which also has details of local facilities and services, village news and up and coming events. Please do sign up for email alerts so that you'll be kept informed of forthcoming events, planning applications etc.

**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 e-mail Derek Chapman at: ederekchapman@btinternet.com.

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## Froxfield Choir Nine Lessons And Carols

At our AGM in October, our Chairwoman, Sue Clegg, gave her traditional Annual Report and one of her highlights from last year was Privett Carols, albeit it didn't take place in the usual way! Reduced to a shortened Service of Four Lessons and Six Carols, enjoyed from the warmth of our homes, it was an unique experience for us all, and totally amazing! The Service, and our contribution to it, on YouTube has been viewed 617 times! It was definitely a first for Holy Trinity to have a drone flying up and down the aisle and it was a first for the majority of the Choir to be filmed!

This year the much-loved Service of Nine Lessons and Carols is back once more and will take place on Sunday 19th December at 6.30pm at Holy Trinity Church, Privett. We hope to see as many of you there as possible and remember to wrap up warm!

If you can't wait until then to hear a few carols, we will also be singing at the Gilbert White Museum in Selborne on Saturday 4th December at 12 noon. It is a very popular event so do ensure you arrive in plenty of time, as space is limited.

We're always looking for new members to the Choir so if you're interested in giving choral singing a go in the New Year, either for the first time or as a returner, please contact Lesley Howe at [lkhowe58@gmail.com](mailto:lkhowe58@gmail.com) who can provide you with more details.

In the meantime, we wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

We have BIG plans for 2022 – our 50th Anniversary!

Follow us on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter @Froxfield Choir and on our website <https://froxfordchoir.co.uk/>

*Sarah Rush*

## Why not celebrate Christmas this year with Petersfield Youth Theatre?

Featuring both Christmas favourites and songs from festive shows, PYT will be injecting their hallmark energy into this special performance of musical theatre.

A live band, Christmas Trees, and all things that sparkle, will support our cast of 100 in the beautiful surroundings of an especially transformed Quad at Bedales School. Our younger members will be joined on stage by their more experienced teenage counterparts in what promises to be a wonderful festive treat.

**'Let it Snow!'** is perfect for all the family, so why not get your Christmas off to a musical start and come and experience our hospitality and musical delights?

The show runs from Tuesday 21st- Thursday 23rd December - tickets are available from our website - [pyt.org.uk](http://pyt.org.uk)

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*Charlotte Godfrey*





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W H Allen

**TALKS** No Talks in January

### **New Book “The John Whites of Selborne” by Ronald A Chalmers.**

This book consists of biographies of three relatives of Gilbert White the naturalist – his father, his brother, and his nephew. All called John, rather confusingly. They were very different, however. The father was originally a barrister in London. Later he settled at The Wakes in Selborne, leading a blameless life “devoted ...to family life, country pursuits, music, ...charitable interests” and the improvement of his own garden and the Village of Selborne in general. He died in 1758.

His son John – younger brother of Gilbert – was a much more interesting character. A somewhat rickety young man (often in debt), he attained a more sober maturity as Chaplain in Gibraltar. Here he became a naturalist of note. He corresponded with many famous naturalists round the world, including Carl Linnaeus. In some respects John might be considered greater than Gilbert, to whom he sent specimens and observations which greatly helped Gilbert's own studies. It was John who suggested to his brother that birds migrated ahead of cold weather, rather than hibernating as was previously thought. He eventually returned to England as Vicar of Blackburn Parish Church, and died in 1780.

John's son John (known in early life as “Gibraltar Jack” from his birthplace) became his Uncle Gilbert's amanuensis before training as a surgeon. He had quite an adventurous life, including being captured by a notorious French privateer during the Napoleonic wars, while on his way to India with his wife. He died in 1821.

This informative and scholarly book, a great addition to works on Gilbert White's background and the early days of Natural History study, is on sale in the Museum for £5.

Please see our websites for the most up-to-date news on events [www.hampshireculture.org.uk/curtis-museum](http://www.hampshireculture.org.uk/curtis-museum) or [www.hampshireculture.org.uk/allen-gallery](http://www.hampshireculture.org.uk/allen-gallery)

*Jill Line*

## Diary Dates



### Saturday 4th December

**Pop In Cafe** 10.00am-12.00pm Village Hall, West Meon

### Monday 6th December

**Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations planning meeting** 7.00pm Thomas Lord, West Meon

### Tuesday 7th December

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

### Sunday 19th December

**Service of Nine Lessons and Carols** 6.30pm Holy Trinity Church, Privett.

### Tuesday 21st - Thursday 23rd December

**Let it Snow!** Petersfield Youth Theatre, Bedales School Quad. Tickets are available from website - pyt.org.uk

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