

Parish News

West Meon & Warnford

November 2024

The Feast of the King and Remembrance

In a recent assembly at West Meon School, I was telling the children about 'The Feeding of the five thousand'. At the end of that familiar episode in Jesus' ministry is something often overlooked. The gospel writer tells us that Jesus headed up into a mountain to avoid the crowd who were taking him away in an attempt to have him crowned as king.

The children seemed quite interested that Jesus did not want to be a king.

Moreover, despite Jesus trying to avoid, on more than one occasion, being labelled with earthly kingship, a sign was placed above his cross stating this was 'Jesus of Nazareth King of the Jews'. What is more, towards the end of November, we have a Sunday called 'Christ the King'.

The feast of Christ the King falls, each year, on the last Sunday of the liturgical year; it is the last Sunday before Advent.

It is quite a new festival in terms of church history, having been introduced by the Roman Catholic Church in 1925 and finding its way into the Church of England as recently as the year 2000.

Some people have criticised it, saying that it is a duplication of Ascension Day. Other critics have suggested that its position at the end of the liturgical year implies that Christ is not yet reigning. So why do we keep it?

The festival was introduced at a time of rising fascism and communism in the early 20th century, so the intention of introducing this celebration at the end of the year was to affirm the



Christ as King in the seminary Dunwoodie, New York photo © Lawrence OP



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Lordship of Christ over all the earth, including its political and social systems. This political dimension gives Christ the King a rather different context to that of the Ascension.

In the weeks running up to Advent, our readings provide a period when we can think about 'The End Times', when God's goodness, heaven, will break into the universe. There is, what is called, an eschatological context to the period before Advent in which we are reminded that the kingship of Christ involves judgement, merciful judgement. Perhaps counterintuitively, there can be no mercy without judgement.

In our communion prayer at the Feast of Christ the King, we thank God for anointing Jesus, his son, as priest and king. The prayer, continues: "Crowned with thorns, He offered his life upon the cross, that he might draw all people into that Kingdom where now he reigns in glory."

Although, Jesus, the human being, was descended from his ancestor, King David, he was not crowned a king on earth except with a mocking crown of thorns. Jesus, the Son of God, however, reigns in heaven with his father, over the whole universe. So thank you, West Meon School, for making me stop and think about the kingship of Jesus again.

It can be quite easy to take what becomes familiar for granted: the meaning behind the Church's seasons and festivals. even the words of the Lord's Prayer risk becoming like that to us. But I find it reassuring, that over a century after the institution of Remembrance Sunday in the United Kingdom by King George V, we still honour those who have made great, and sometimes the ultimate, sacrifice in the fight against tyranny, terror and injustice. Remembrance Sunday, and honouring the 11th of November, Armistice Day itself, remain very much in the hearts and minds of the peoples of these islands and far beyond.

In the 'Armed Forces Operational Service Prayer Book', the following words of prayer can be found:

"Almighty God, give us grace fearlessly to fight against evil, and to make no peace with oppression. Grant that we may use our freedom to maintain justice among all people and nations; to the glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen."

Despite the horror of armed conflict, moral purpose must always be in the hearts and minds of those called upon to fight at all levels in the chain of command.

So, on Remembrance Sunday but not only on Remembrance Sunday, we have the opportunity to thank God for past victories, remembering that their purpose was the liberation of so many from the cruelty of occupation and oppression.

It is right that we should give thanks for the heroism and courage of those who have served in the armed services, and for those who worked on the home front in civil defence, in hospitals and for relief agencies; and for those who worked in factories, shops and farms. And let us pray often for those who endured captivity, torture, or death that others might be free. (After the Remembrance Prayer). Let us pray for peace and merciful justice in this troubled world.

In the words of Laurence Binyon's *Ode to Remembrance* from his poem *For the Fallen*:

"They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old:
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning,
We will remember them."

Fr. Tony

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New CEO to lead the Blue Lamp Trust

Home and Road safety charity, the Blue Lamp Trust, welcomes a new CEO at the end of September. Lisa Gagliani MBE is an experienced business and charity leader, with a background in health, education and commerce, who joins from Isle of Wight charity Independent Arts. Announcing the appointment, Chair of Trustees Graeme Hobbs said, “We’re delighted to appoint Lisa, who will bring a fresh outlook to our



Blue Lamp Trust CEO Lisa Gagliani MBE & Lois Edwards, Isle of Wight Safety Technician

charity and social enterprise at an exciting period of change. Together with trustees, she will develop the business case strategically and help to bring our ambitions to the fore.”

Blue Lamp Trust works collaboratively with the emergency services to support the vulnerable and victims of crime to feel safe in their homes. Employing a team of Safety Technicians who visit to deliver practical assistance in the form of locks, alarms and fire safety checks – the charity mainly helps older people, carers and victims of domestic abuse. The charity also helps victims of cyber crime to protect themselves from further attack via a team of digital volunteers. The Blue Lamp Trust trading arm provides taxi assessments for new drivers nationwide and delivers a suite of training to professional drivers, helping to keep everyone safer on the roads.

Lisa Gagliani MBE said, “I’m ready for the challenge. There’s lots of incredibly good work being done by the Blue Lamp Trust, which is vital to the wellbeing of the most vulnerable in our society. I’ll be supporting the team to ensure we support more people when they need it and to develop a sustainable strategy and outreach plans for the organisation. This will take time, but I’m already impressed with the team and together with the trustees, who have managed the charity in the interim, we’ll drive through any changes needed. Since accepting the role, I’ve discovered several people I know who have been helped and supported in their hour of need by the Blue Lamp Trust. This isn’t always something people feel comfortable speaking about openly, to do so is to admit vulnerability of course.”

Lisa lives on the Isle of Wight and has already helped recruit a new safety technician for the Island, following the retirement of John Eldridge. Lois Edwards joins from Age UK IW, where she managed their digital safety service, and she also set up the island’s men in sheds scheme. Anyone who has concerns about their own home safety and security, or has responsibility for a loved one who has, is encouraged to ring to make a free appointment on 0300 777 0157 or visit www.bluelamptrust.org.uk for further information or to donate to the charity.

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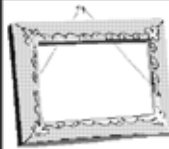


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The Village Hall turns 60!

On Saturday 21st September, the Village Hall celebrated the 60th year of opening with it's 'Diamond Jamboree'. The day of events began with the popular 'pop up café', featuring delicious cakes from the WI and a flower arranging competition, which was won by Ann Corden. The youngest members of the village were then treated to a 'stay and play' picnic lunch, which was supported by the baby and toddler group, who meet at the hall on a Wednesday morning. It was then time to get creative, as families came together to produce a stunning collage banner, which is currently on display in the corridor.

The next event was the highlight of the day, with performers from 3-83 coming together to showcase the amazing classes run by the brilliant Hazel Town. Hazel runs dance and fitness classes at the hall on a Monday, Tuesday and Thursday. There was even time for some 'audience participation' as Mollie McClelland Morris demonstrated some of the many benefits of yoga. Her classes run on a Wednesday evening and Friday Morning at the hall.



Celebrations were rounded off with a fabulous BBQ, prepared by Rory St. Ledger and Mary Edwards, which was enjoyed in the sunshine on the terrace outside the small hall. Also a special thanks to Alex Essex of The Patio Black Spot Removal Company in Farnham who thoughtfully rescheduled the teams diaries (Michael Haigh) at short notice to have the patio properly cleaned and treated in time for the event. The results were truly impressive. This was followed by a screening of the 1964 classic 'A Shot in the Dark', which was supported by the West Meon Community Cinema.

The Village Hall is a resource available for the benefit and use of the whole community. Booking is now online and easy to arrange via our website www.westmeonvillagehall.org.uk. If you have an idea for a community support initiative that might be run from the hall, please contact us at WestMeonVH@outlook.com to discuss. Don't forget the next Community Cinema screening is 'Rudy' on Friday 8th November.

Many thanks go to the members of the Village Hall committee, who worked tirelessly to put on our 'Diamond Jamboree' event!

Jerry Berry

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Meon Valley Active Retirement Association

Scrabble for fun

Oxyphenbutazone

A strange word with which to greet a friend.

This is, in fact, theoretically the highest scoring word that can be made in Scrabble. It can be made through a multiple of plays and if placed on the correct squares could be worth 1782 points.

Such a play would be of little interest to the Meon Valley Active Retirement Association (MVARA) Scrabble Group that meets at the Paterson Centre, St Barnabas Church, Swanmore every Friday afternoon to play Scrabble for Fun. In fact, although for the group, the Game is the Thing, they are more interested in playing and socialising with friends and generally enjoying the afternoon, than they are even striving to place Caziques on the board to achieve 392 points (currently the world's top-scoring Scrabble move ever made).

The MVARA Scrabblers probably have more in common with Alfred Mosher Butts, an architect from Poughkeepsie, New York who, like them had an interest in crosswords, anagrams and other word games and developed Scrabble in 1931. Like many Americans he was struggling during the Great Depression of the early 1930's and so he set out to design a new game that required vocabulary skills but also contained an element of chance. Using his architectural drafting equipment, he hand-drew the board and hand-lettered the tiles. Reputedly, he studied the front pages of the New York Times and other newspapers to determine the frequency of the letters and then decided on their points value. He called his game 'It' but soon changed it to 'Lexiko'.

The design work done and the prototype made, Alfred set out to make his fortune and failed dismally. No manufacturer was interested – not even when he made the less than inspired decision to rename it Criss-Cross Words.

In 1938, James Brunot from Newtown, Connecticut joined Alfred as a partner, eventually buying the manufacturing rights and setting up a factory to work with family and friends to make 12 sets an hour! Brunot also redesigned the board, producing it in its present colours and renamed it Scrabble.

In 1952, Jack Straus, president of Macy's Department Store in New York, played the game while on holiday and subsequently insisted that Macy's sell the game. Macy's marketing made sure that "everyone had to have one". By 1954, 4 million sets had been sold and Brunot sold the licence to manufacture to Selchow and Righter, who had rejected the game when it was offered to them for next to nothing in 1931! The company bought all rights to the game in 1972, paying Brunot \$1.5 million and Butts \$265,000.

In 1994, Mattel, the current manufacturers bought Scrabble for £90 million.

Scrabble is hugely popular, not just with MVARA members:

- around the world 720,000 Scrabble games are started every day (30,000 per hour);
- to date it is estimated that 150 million Scrabble sets have been sold worldwide to over 120 countries and that 53% of the households in the UK have at least one set;
- if all the Scrabble tiles ever made were laid side by side they would stretch almost twice around the world;
- Scrabble exists in over 60 languages, including Russian and Greek;
- There are over 4,000 official Scrabble Clubs worldwide, including over 100 in the UK;
- The current World Champion is David Eldar of Australia who defeated Harshan Lamabadusuriya from England in Las Vegas to win \$10,000.

But it's not about fame and fortune. Scientific studies show that playing Scrabble is good for you and for your brain; It:

- develops word recognition and linguistic processing;
- aids both short-term and long-term memory;
- develops mathematical skills: addition; multiplication; the calculation of odds and probability; appreciation of angles and patterns;
- is a deeply strategic game requiring critical thinking;
- is fun!

"I really look forward to our weekly Scrabble sessions. Sometimes they are challenging; sometimes the words just seem to flow onto the board; always they are enjoyable, playing (and competing) with a friendly welcoming group in a pleasant environment!"

So why not join in with the fun; get the benefits; try to work out how Oxyphenbutazone can get onto the board and score 1782 points.

MVARA Friday Scrabble costs £1.50 per session (tea and cakes extra) plus of course £5.00 annual MVARA membership.

Players of all abilities from those who play casually at home with family to experts are welcome

For details of Scrabble and all the other MVARA activities that are open to members please visit www.mvara.co.uk

Roger Wingrove

Services in the Upper Meon Benefice

Sunday 3rd November

8am East Meon. Holy Communion.

10.30am East Meon. Benefice Eucharist for All Saints patronal festival.

3pm Warnford. All Souls service.

Sunday 10th November

8am East Meon. Holy Communion.

10.15am East Meon. Remembrance Service.

10.50am West Meon and Warnford at West Meon. Remembrance Service.

4pm Langrish. Remembrance Service.

Monday 11th November

10.45am West Meon. School Remembrance Service.

Sunday 17th November

8am East Meon. Holy Communion.

9am Warnford. Benefice Holy Communion.

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

Sunday 24th November

8am East Meon. Holy Communion.

10.30am Langrish. Benefice Eucharist.

10.30am West Meon. Benefice Eucharist.



Great start

We have had a great start to our year at West Meon school. It has been a pleasure, as the new headteacher, to host two 'Drop in & Chat' opportunities where I have met a number of parents from the school. We are heading towards the end of our first half term together and I feel I have been initiated into the daily routine at West Meon. Already this term we have been involved in the village community activities. Our oldest students in Owls produced some amazing art work that enhanced the staging of the Music Festival in September. In addition, art work inspired by the Village Halls 60th Anniversary was on show at that venue. This school is truly at the heart of the village.

In October Foxes class led a Harvest Festival service in St John the Evangelist church which was well attended. The contributions from the generous families of West Meon school were distributed by Owls class to members of our older generation in the village. The children were greeted at each residence with smiling faces and welcomed the opportunity to spread the joy. On November 11th, which falls on a Monday, Owls class will be leading a Remembrance Service at 10.45am – all are welcome.

West Meon school has also been creating links with local schools and taking part in sporting activities across the area. Children from our school have taken part in two football festivals organised for friendly games between the U11s and U9 teams. We continue to use the excellent services of Aspire sports coaches to increase the skills and sportsmanship of our players.

By the time this is published, we will have hosted two Open Mornings at West Meon school; if you have missed those opportunities, we have another on the 20th November from 10–12pm please contact the office to secure your place. These events are an opportunity

to see our school close up, and arranging events for the days when the school is working help to give prospective parents a chance to observe the holistic approach we have at West Meon.

As a new member of the West Meon school community I would like to thank everyone who has supported and encouraged me with smiling faces and good wishes. We are lucky to have such a thriving school in our close community and I hope to explore further the links we can make as we head towards the festive season.

We are currently supporting parents who wish to enrol their child for Reception Class in September 2025; please visit our website for additional information.



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West Meon Community Cinema Update

It is hard to believe that it is now one year since the village hall opened its' doors to the cinema, since when we have presented a variety of films, from blockbusters to romcoms and everything in between, including one foreign film.

The cinema has been well supported and not only brings in some much needed income to help with the increasing costs of running the hall but has also developed into a popular community event, particularly on a miserable winter's evening.

The final two films for our autumn/early winter season are as follows...

Friday 8th November – “Rudy”, set in rural Warwickshire, a poignant insight into love, loss and moving on. Stuck as a proxy parent to her younger siblings Rudy discovers friendship.

A Bonfire Supper £7/head is available from 6.45pm. Tickets either online or in the village shop, must be booked by Wednesday 6th.



Rudy (2023) IMDb

Friday 13th December – “Vindication Swim”, the inspirational story of Mercedes Gleitze who was the first British woman to swim the channel in 1927 except somebody else claimed to have done it faster. That proved to be a hoax but the incident gives the film its title in a biopic of an extraordinary life.

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West Meon WI Report

Our President Angie Trenchard opened the October meeting by welcoming the guests we had invited from neighbouring WI branches. We had managed to secure a very special speaker for this meeting and realised there would be a lot of interest from other WI members.

Angie reminded members about the Movie Lunch scheduled for Monday 28th October (made possible by a bursary our branch had been awarded), the meeting on 11th November when Annette Williams will be talking about Crafts for Christmas and the competition is a Christmas decoration in a small terracotta pot. She also requested that members booked their places for the Christmas Lunch at The Flower Pots, Cheriton on 2nd December.

Angie then went on to thank Sue Kinlochan for all the many years she had spent writing up a record of our meetings – Sue thinks 15! Hopefully in future she will be able to relax and enjoy listening to the speaker instead of concentrating on taking notes!

Our special guest Lizzie Yarnold (MBE) was then given the floor. She is our most successful winter Olympian and won consecutive Olympic gold medals in 2014 (Sochi) and 2018 (Pyeongchang) in the skeleton discipline. Lizzie regaled us with the details of her first

involvement with skeleton in 2008 when she was picked to take part in UK Sports Girls4Gold talent search scheme, how she honed her skeleton racing skills and by 2014 put in a remarkable Olympic performance to gain the gold medal in Sochi. She then went on to gain gold at Pyeongchang, South Korea despite having suffered from health problems in the intervening years and actually suffering from a serious chest infection during the competition.

Lizzie was charming and inspirational with a clever approach to speaking, engaging the audience from the start by encouraging questions around which she could deliver her speech without any notes needed. There is no doubt that all 50 WI members who attended felt uplifted by Lizzie's story and the hall was buzzing with positive comments over the delicious afternoon tea provided by West Meon WI which wound up the afternoon.

Rosemary Morrish



Lizzie Yarnold holding up her two gold medals at the West Meon WI meeting.



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West Meon Parish Council and Warnford Parish Meeting

Refuse collection

Parishioners will note that refuse collection in West Meon has changed. Monday is the new day.

Meon Valley Community Bus

This service is affected by local government cuts. The public subsidy will be withdrawn. However, the community bus association has purchased a new vehicle and WMPC will continue to work with other parishes in the Meon Valley to support the community bus to try and ensure a secure future.

Stagecoach bus service 67

Parishioners will know of the threat to the 67 bus service after April 2025. WMPC is continuing to lobby HCC to maintain their support for this service. To date the service is safe from further reduction but this needs to be ratified by HCC.

Parking in West Meon

Following on from the item last month, WMPC has adopted a new car parking policy for the WM car park and in respect of vehicles being on the recreation ground. This can be seen on the parish website and a copy will be placed on the WMPC noticeboard. This policy takes immediate effect. Parishioners should make themselves familiar with the policy.

Grants from WMPC

WMPC still has funds available for grants of up to £500. Please see the grants policy on the WMPC website or contact the Chairman.

Gallops closed

The field north of West Meon recreation ground stretching in the direction of Marlands and known locally as the Gallops will be closed until further notice due to pigeon problems on the Winter Oil Seed Rape. It is unfortunate that the pigeons will need to be controlled, including regular shooting, and so the area will be restricted for safety reasons. The designated footpaths and bridleways will remain open and a further update will be issued next month.

Graham Silk

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 events. Please sign up for 'Alerts' so you will be informed of forthcoming events, planning applications in the area etc. WPM has an email distribution list so that emails can go to parishioners (eg. relating to Parish Meetings, details of planning applications etc.) If you would like to be added to the list, please email the Clerk.

The Autumn Parish Meeting will be held on 7th November at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. Papers relating to it will be posted on the website in advance.

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Garden Club

Our October meeting was a resounding success with an excellent talk on 'Warnford Park: its people, house and gardens,' by Edwin Grimshaw. It was interesting to hear about the time Queen Elizabeth (the first!) popped in for tea... accompanied by about 500 courtiers all of whom had to be fed, watered and found a bed for the night! We also learned some good precautionary tales such as why watering the beer and being a rake and gambler are really not good ideas – they cost the two respective owners Warnford Park!



Our November lecture will be on Thursday 14th November at 7.30 for 7.45pm in Warnford Village Hall. This time we will be hearing all about 'Gardening in Chalk' by Roger Hirons, 'The Plant Doctor'. Have you ever wondered what to plant and how to care for it in our very chalky soil? Come along and get the best from your garden!

For more information, please go to: <https://edwin234.wixsite.com/wwwgardencountryside/upcomingevents>

The talk will be followed by our AGM when we will be taking subscriptions for 2025. Our annual membership fee is still a bargain at only £5 so please bring a fiver or pound coins. As Warnford Village Hall is quite a small hall we strongly recommend booking in advance: email clareswinstead@gmail.com or phone: 01730 829059 (evenings).

Clare Swinstead

Rainfall report for September/October

September finished with 135.4mms (5.33"). October to the 15th has had only 5 days without any rain and we have had 52.3mms (2.05"). The early mornings are beginning to feel Autumnal with a chill in the air and the first frost can't be far off. Total rainfall to mid-October is 878.15mms (34.6") compared with 792.2mms (31.2") in 2023.

Year to date:

January	92.6mms
February	182.7mms
March	121.6mms
April	80.9mms
May	80.7mms
June	20.4mms
July	70.1mms
August	41.4mms
September	135.4mms
October to the 15th	52.3mm or 2.05 inches.



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EXHIBITIONS 7th to 20th November: **Mindsapes**, an exhibition of paintings by artist Kim Cody. Meet the artist: Kim will be in the Gallery on 8th November to answer questions and talk about her work and techniques. Drop in from 11am to 3pm. 24th to 26th November: a mini exhibition of artworks by local home educating families. 30th November to 1st January: **Made and More**, an exhibition of artworks and craft by local artists and makers. Find unique gifts to buy - all items will be available to purchase on the spot. (Just in time for Christmas.)

WORKSHOP (bookable in advance online): Wednesday 20th November, Allen Gallery: **Japanese calligraphy workshop** with artist Sachiko Mason, 10.30am to 1.30pm (adults) £30/£24, please book online. If you are unable to make online bookings please contact us on 01420 82802 and we may be able to assist you (subject to availability).



Kim Cody at the Cranleigh Open Art Competition www.linkedin.com

The Friends of the Curtis Museum and Allen Gallery talk will be on **Butser Ancient Farm**, by Thérèse Kearns. Allen Gallery, 14th November 7.30pm. FREE, donations welcome.

Jill Line

Become part of the Volunteer Team at West Meon Village Shop

Our lovely Village Shop is owned by the community and managed by the charismatic Rachell. Many of the wonderful people who serve behind the counter are unpaid volunteers who invest a small amount of their spare time to support one of our village's best assets.

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To learn more about this exciting opportunity either pop in and speak to Rachell or email wmvsoffice@gmail.com.

Jane Nicholson

West Meon Youth Theatre returns in 2025!

We are looking for young actors aged 7 to 17 to join us for a contemporary retelling of THE PIED PIPER. The show will be performed in the Easter Holidays between Thursday 10th April and Saturday 12th April. There will be roles for ages 7 to 17 and we would like to welcome new members to join us, for what is going to be a fabulous, fun show with jokes, songs and rapping rats! Come and find out more at an initial workshop on Sunday 17th November from 4-6pm. Auditions will be on the 15th December 3-5pm. All in West Meon Village Hall.

For any further information contact marydawson@westmeontheatre.co.uk or ring the director, Darren Butler on 07886 976252.

Mary Dawson

Diary Dates

Thursday 7th November: Warnford Parish Meeting 7.30pm Warnford Village Hall

Friday 8th November: West Meon Community Cinema – “Rudy” with optional bonfire supper 6:45pm West Meon Village Hall

Monday 11th November: WI Annette Williams - Crafts for Christmas West Meon Village Hall

Thursday 14th November: Garden Club ‘Gardening in Chalk’ by Roger Hirons 7.30 for 7.45pm Warnford Village Hall

Tuesday 26th and Wednesday 27th November: West Meon Theatre’s A Child’s Christmas in Wales 7pm supper for 8:30pm show The Thomas Lord

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