

Parish News

West Meon & Warnford

December 2022

Christmas in Finland

Christmas is definitely the most important and the most anticipated festival in Finland.

It begins properly on the morning of the 24th of December when the tree is brought into the house and a star put on the top. Candles and other decorations including a garland of miniature Finnish flags are hung on the branches. At 12 noon the whole country quietyens down when the Christmas Peace is declared from the old capital city of Turku. Crowds of people come to witness the 700 year old ceremony on the town square, a brass band plays and people sing Martin Luther's hymn 'A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing', the town's chief clerk reads the old proclamation and the ceremony concludes with the singing of the National Anthem. At home people have been listening to it on the radio and now wish each other Happy Christmas and toast with a warm glass of glögi (a mulled wine) served with raisins and almonds and accompanied with a star shaped tart.



Turku Cathedral at Christmas by Veli-Pekka Suuronen



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Back at home, the Christmas sauna has been heated and everybody looks forward to enjoying two or three bouts of good 'löyly' (sauna heat) and maybe cooling down in between by running outside to roll in the snow and trying to make the best snow angels.

Afterwards one feels relaxed, invigorated and cleansed, body and soul, and ready to sit down for the main meal of Christmas. It will contain many varieties of pickled or cured fish prepared using old family recipes, beetroot salad, patés, cold meats, a huge ham served with various vegetable bakes and home made mustard. For dessert there is creamy rice pudding served with cinnamon flavoured prune sauce. The rice pudding contains a single, hidden, blanched almond. Whoever finds the almond on their plate will have especially good fortune the following year and if single, might even meet their future intended!

But finding the almond is not the only excitement of the evening; the arrival of Father Christmas is eagerly awaited by the younger members of the family. He always comes in person providing the children have been good enough all through the year. Finally loud knocking is heard at the door and 'Joulupukki' (Santa Claus) enters with his sack of presents and his 'tonttu' (Christmas elf) attendant. He always asks the children if they have been 'kiltti' (well behaved) and sits down to hear them sing Christmas carols. He gives out some of the presents himself and then leaves with exhortations for good behaviour in the coming year. Presents are then given and exchanged. Gift tags are read aloud as they contain rhymes giving clues about the contents of the parcel.

After a lot of laughter and excitement it is time to go to bed, although in the olden days people were expected to stay awake all Christmas night and to go to a 5am church service on Christmas Day! These days this service is held at 7am, but otherwise Christmas day is a family day, with visits to friends and parties only really starting on Boxing Day.

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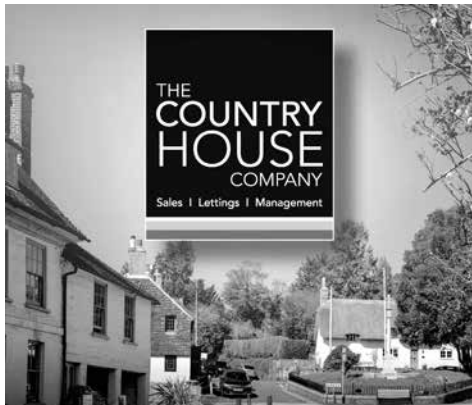
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- Please tell the walk leader / back marker if you are leaving the party for any reason.
- While leaders do their best to ensure safe walks, those taking part do so at their own risk.
- At pub stops, please do not eat your own food on the premises.
- GR = grid reference, PC = nearest postcode.

In adverse weather conditions (heavy rain, snow, ice etc) please contact the leader to check if walk has been cancelled. * Please use mobile phone numbers on the day of the walk only.			
SUNDAY 4 December 2022 ALL DAY	HUNSTON. Via Chichester Canal, Marina & Golf Club. Picnic lunch. Start: 10:00 — GR: SU865023 (OL8/L197), PC: PO20 1NR. Hunston Bridge car park off B2145, on right hand side of road.	8 Miles MODERATE CIRCULAR	JOHN 01489 809825 07709 732990*
WEDNESDAY 7 December 2022 MORNING	OWSLEBURY. Via Baybridge & Bushy Copse. Start: 10:00 — GR: SU520238 (OL32/L185), PC: SO21 1LL. Recreation Ground car park, use concrete area only.	5 Miles LEISURELY CIRCULAR	GILL AND IAN 01329 835219 07789 768579*
SUNDAY 11 December 2022 ALL DAY	ROPLEY. Via Charlwood, Monkwood, West Tisted & Bramdean Common. Picnic lunch. Start: 10:00 — GR: SU643320 (OL32/L185), PC: SO24 0FD. Recreation Ground car park behind village hall.	8 Miles MODERATE CIRCULAR	LESLEY 023 8069 3943 07982 442650*
WEDNESDAY 14 December 2022 MORNING	CHERITON. Via Gander Down & Titchborne. Start: 10:00 — GR: SU579282 (OL32/L185), PC: SO24 0QH. Recreation Ground car park.	5.5 Miles LEISURELY CIRCULAR	PAT 07729 319542
SUNDAY 18 December 2022 MORNING	KING'S SOMBORNE. Via Ashley. Can be paired with afternoon walk starting at 1.30pm. Start: 10:00 — GR: SU357308 (E131/L185), PC: SO20 6PP. Recreation Ground car park.	5.5 Miles LEISURELY CIRCULAR	ANDY 023 8060 1837 07449 447247*
SUNDAY 18 December 2022 AFTERNOON	KINGS SOMBORNE. Via Horsebridge. Can be combined with morning walk. Start: 13:30 — GR: SU357307 (E131/L185), PC: SO20 6PP. Recreation Ground car park	4.2 Miles LEISURELY CIRCULAR	ANDY 023 8060 1837 07449 447247*
WEDNESDAY 21 December 2022 MORNING	HAMBLEDON. A circular walk round this charming village on the shortest day of the year. Start: 10:00 — GR: SU645152 (OL3/L196), PC: PO7 4RT. Car park at top of Church Lane, take drive to the left of the Church for free car park at rear.	4.5 Miles LEISURELY CIRCULAR	PETER 01489 894840 07974 648970*

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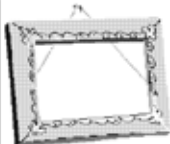
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Christmas in the village shop



There is an abundance of festive treats and Christmas gifts in the shop, along with an impressive selection of Christmas cards which contribute to a variety of charities. This year we are stocking many new seasonal items from various suppliers along with much cherished classics. Do pop inside and take a look, but don't leave it too late as stock is already going quickly. Whilst in the shop, you can buy tickets for the Christmas Raffle. Prizes include a Christmas Hamper which comes with two fine wines from the West Meon Wine Society.

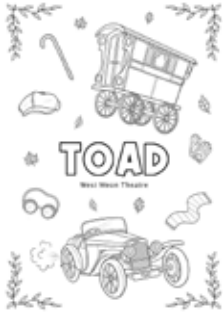
Many thanks to all our customers who collected their monthly bills from the shop. We have seen a noticeable improvement in cashflow with prompt payment of customer accounts. Please look out for a fruit & veg order form accompanying the November bills. Simply fill in the form and drop it off at the shop and your order will be ready for collection before Christmas. Our extensive range of Cook meals are selling well and will prove a boon to all those who are short of time in the run-up to Christmas.

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

Opening Hours over Christmas

The shop will be closing at noon on Christmas Eve and will be shut between 25th – 27th December. We open again on 28th December. We will be closing a little earlier on New Year's Eve, the exact time was not yet finalised when going to press.

Rachell Barnett



West Meon Theatre will be thirty years old in 2023!

And we plan to celebrate in style with a special production; a new adaptation of Kenneth Grahame's much-loved classic *The Wind in The Willows*.

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It will be a cross generational project open to all ages from 8 years and up.

There are adult speaking and singing roles, and several opportunities for young actors both speaking and non-speaking. The cast can be as large as we want to make it!

The production will take place the first week of July 2023.

If you would like to know more about how to be involved come along to an **Information Evening at West Meon Village Hall on Sunday 8th January 5-6.30pm.**

We will be looking for actors, back stage crew, costume and props teams and especially people with an interest in marketing and promotion.

So..... if you act, sing, dance, like creating sets, props and costumes, can write press releases, are skilled on social media come along on 5th January – we need you!

You can find out more about us on www.westmeontheatre.co.uk or email marydawson@westmeontheatre.co.uk.

Mary Dawson

Garden Club

“A History of the Meon Valley Railway”, our talk on 10th November, was a resounding success. At 7:30 pm visitors and members (old and new) streamed through the door to listen to Edwin Grimshaw as he talked us through all the stages of the railway's history, accompanied by an accomplished PowerPoint presentation. A lively question, answer and comments session followed with several members of the audience providing examples of their own experience or that of their fathers and other relatives: a very informative and entertaining evening. Thank you, Edwin!

The Garden Club is now going into hibernation until March 2023 but a programme of our upcoming activities will be available shortly on our website:

<https://www.hugofox.com/community/west-meon-garden-club-18458/upcoming-events/>

It is now possible to sign up for email alerts on this site at https://www.hugofox.com/community/email-alerts.asp?listing_cusid=18458

Clare Swinstead



Santa and his Elves will be out & about

This year Santa and the Lions will be out and about, with visits to villages from East and West Meon at the top of the valley, to Wickham, Boarhunt and Knowle at the bottom.

He'll also be on duty at various locations, so please look out for the full schedule on the special Santa page on our website:

www.meonvalleylionsclub.org.uk/santa

and our social media.

It takes a lot of time and effort helping Santa over the three-and-a-half-week period and we are always grateful for extra Santa Helpers, so if you are able-bodied and fancy helping us out as a volunteer, we'd be grateful to hear from you.

Carole Dash



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Lions go wild at Fitzroy Rural Skills

There are some amazing people in our community. Fitzroy and all those involved in the Rural Skill Project at East Meon definitely fit the bill. A couple of years ago Meon Valley Lions Club were asked to support the purchase of materials for a wildlife pond they were working on. Covid and some bad weather slowed things down but the wonderful team at Rural Skills persevered and got the job done. Tons of soil were moved, bridges built, liners laid and landscaping completed.

Carole Dash

West Meon C of E Primary School

The Halloween Disco was a great success as usual and the creative pumpkins stole the show. The children are also designing Christmas Cards for a competition at the Village Christmas Fair on 3rd December, as well as singing some of their Nativity songs.

Mrs Massey Hocquard returned for a few contact days while on maternity leave, but joins us again permanently in February again for one day a week in Owls.

Reverend Peter Sutton now leads worship every Monday morning which is really kind of him, as we have no vicar. He is lovely with the children and leading on our Christian Values of Respect, Courage and Creativity.

The Remembrance Service was led beautifully by Owls class and the children included a very moving song which they sang last year. The older pupils are also leading on assemblies during our Safety Week at the moment on Road Safety, Online Safety and Anti Bullying. Classes are also having Fire Safety lessons from the Fire Brigade at the beginning of December.

Everyone is dressing up for Children in Need and we continue to think of others as we start our LFYTA programme, which is an online resource which brings us into the lives of families around the world.

Open Morning on 19th November is booked up and looking busy, but you are very welcome to look around the school at any time. We now have a Facebook page and we welcome children from outside our catchment area as well.

Julie Kelly, Headteacher



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Sunday 4th December

8am East Meon. Holy Communion.

9am Warnford. Benefice Holy Communion.

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

Sunday 11th December

8am East Meon. Holy Communion.

9am Langrish. Eucharist.

10.30am West Meon. Benefice Eucharist.

Sunday 18th December

8am East Meon. Holy Communion.

10.30am East Meon. Benefice Eucharist.

4pm Warnford. Carol Service.

6pm Langrish. Carol Service.

Monday Carols

19th December

6pm West Meon. Outdoor Carols with Benhams Brass Band.

Refreshments.



Christmas Eve

24th December

4pm Langrish. Scratch Nativity.

11.30am East Meon. Midnight Eucharist for the Benefice.

Christmas Day

Sunday 25th December

8am East Meon. Holy Communion.

9am Warnford. Benefice Eucharist.

10.30am West Meon. Benefice Family Service for Christmas.

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services over the Christmas season.**



Living Advent Calendar

Just like a children's advent calendar, every day a different 'window' will be opened somewhere in our local community. The idea is that 24 venues will be open, one for each day or evening of Advent to share in a FREE community event. Some of the events will have limited numbers due to space especially in people's homes so do sign up early!

Full details of the programme will be printed as an insert with the December issue of Parish News. Whether you are new to the local area or have been resident for some time it's an opportunity to come together, maybe make new friends and enjoy some Christmas cheer!

Susan Berry

Food Bank Donations

Please remember those needing to access our local food bank.

There is a box for donations at the back of the Church.

Thank you, *Barbara Shaw*



TV presenters become new Wildlife Trust Presidents

The 27-year-old Springwatch presenter Megan McCubbin was confirmed as the Hampshire & Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust's President at the charity's recent annual general meeting on 5th November. McCubbin, who grew up in Hampshire, takes over from predecessor John Collman, who is retiring from the role after six years of service. Also appointed was naturalist and Springwatch co-presenter, Chris Packham, who became Vice President.



Rising television star McCubbin said: "I am over the moon to be the next President for the Hampshire & Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust. I have so much admiration for the fundamental work that the charity carries out - from the reintroduction of key species to their community conservation projects. At this critical time, we need all hands on deck to help protect wildlife and their habitats. I cannot wait to get stuck into my new role helping to protect the environment across the two counties."

As well as presenting on the BBC's Springwatch and Autumnwatch programmes, McCubbin has recently co-authored her first book - Back to Nature: How to Love Life - and Save It - and is also a keen nature photographer. McCubbin's popularity and enthusiasm for wildlife will help the Trust reach new audiences and inspire more people from a wider range of ages and backgrounds





Photos: Megan McCubbin, Chris Packham © Hampshire & Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust

science communications experience will be crucial in helping us tip the balance in favour of nature's recovery."

New Forest-based Packham, who is McCubbin's stepfather, added: "I am delighted to join the superb Hampshire & Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust as a Vice President. In our current climate and ecological emergency, organisations such as the Wildlife Trusts are essential, and I am delighted to be part of it."

To find out more about the vital conservation work that Hampshire & Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust is involved in, visit www.hiwwt.org.uk/trees.

Jake Kendall-Ashton

Time for a ghost hunt

The clocks have gone back, the nights are drawing in and the weather is on the turn. However, this doesn't mean the chances of seeing wildlife are gone. In fact, this time of year is fantastic for owl spotting.

As we head towards winter, barn owls, for example, will extend their hunting hours into daylight to find the extra food they need to get them through the colder months. These beautiful birds of prey, with their heart-shaped faces and ghost-white feathers, are perhaps one of the UK's most recognisable and cherished birds.

Barn owls can be spotted gliding through farmland, grassland, marshes, fens and cattle-grazed coastal fields, and they will even hunt alongside busy main roads. Masters of stealth, these predatory birds have evolved many impressive adaptations that make them expert hunters of small mammals. An old country name for this much-loved countryside bird is 'hushwing', which perfectly describes its silent, stealthy flight that helps it ambush unsuspecting prey. This smooth, ghostly, near-silent flight is achieved thanks to the trailing edge of its wing feathers being covered in soft, comb-like serrations that trap air and absorb noise.

Barn owls have incredible eyesight, too, which is specialised for hunting at night in total darkness – it's estimated their eyes are twice as sensitive to light as human eyes. They also possess camouflaged plumage, plus long legs and toes and sharp talons for snaring prey lurking in deep grass.



Barn owls are also known as 'hushwing' due to their silent flight (c) Danny Green 2020VISION

Their heart-shaped facial discs, meanwhile, help funnel sound into a pair of highly sensitive inner ears that allow the birds to detect tiny movements at ground level. In fact, barn owls are thought to have the most sensitive hearing of any animal in the world.

Interestingly, unlike other owls that hoot, barn owls make eerie screeching and hissing noises.

Generally, the best time to see them is at dawn and dusk on still, dry days. With such soft feathers, barn owl plumage isn't particularly waterproof and so they birds tend to avoid hunting during rainfall.

In our region, Hockley Meadows Nature Reserve in Winchester and Farlington Marshes Nature Reserve near Portsmouth are known to attract barn owls – the latter also hosts winter migrant short-eared owls.

Always remember to watch and photograph birds responsibly by keeping a good distance from wildlife, leaving no trace, and keeping dogs on leads at all times when visiting nature reserves.

Jake Kendall-Ashton



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Police website. There is a new Police website which may be of interest (www.police.uk). This website gives general information about the police and gives some numbers and statistics about crime figures in different areas and for information about your local policing team.They are also going to start listing upcoming meetings and events such as beat surgeries.

Overhanging Hedges. All Parishioners with hedges please make sure that they are kept back so they do not obscure footpaths and the highway.

Playground. Parishioners with children, if you take your children to playgrounds outside the village what attracts you to do so? Please inform the Clerk (details opposite)

The High Street, West Meon Road. The Parish Council have given Mr & Mrs Dees permission to leave a survey regarding speed of traffic on the High Street in the Village Shop for parishioners to complete. Feedback will be reported to Councillors at the January meeting.

And Finally, from West Meon. The next Parish Council Meetings will be held on Tuesday 6th December 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. The Chairman has an email distribution list so that emails can be sent to parishioners (eg. with details of planning applications). If you would like to be added to this, please email the Clerk.

Annual General Meeting. The next Warnford Parish Meeting will be at 7.30pm on Thursday 18th May 2023 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. 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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W.I.Report

We held our meeting at West Meon Village Hall on Monday 14th November and were informed by Angie Trenchard, our President, that there had been one or two changes to our Committee, and that Astra was to be our Tea Hostess and Rosie had taken over as temporary Treasurer. We are holding our Christmas Lunch at The George at East Meon at 12.30pm on Monday 5th December and members were asked to make their menu choices and pay for lunch. Parking is also an issue at the moment because of roadworks so please contact Angie if you need any help.

We were asked to note that our January meeting will commence at the earlier time of 12.45pm for a Soup and Sandwich lunch as we have to discuss our choice for the annual W.I. Resolution. Another exciting advance notification for your new diaries is that Frances Carlaw, who is a pearl and jewellery expert, and an excellent speaker, has been booked to come and talk to us on Monday 13th March. The title of her talk is 'Pearls, Art Deco and Jewellery Design' and she will have plenty of pearl jewellery for sale - not to be missed!

Our speaker for the afternoon was Andrew Negus who was, as usual, very entertaining! He came to give us the fourth, and last, talk in his 'Winchester' series, which covered the last 170 years. He talked about many of the historic monuments in the City, including the hospital which was built in 1868 with Florence Nightingale's advice, the prison, the County Council buildings and of course the famous statue of King Alfred the Great that was designed by Hamo Thornycroft RA and erected in 1901 to mark the 1000th anniversary of Alfred's death. Andrew talked at length about the history of Winchester College, St. Cross which has the oldest almshouses in England, and of course the beautiful Cathedral, which had a massive global appeal in 1905 in order to rebuild the foundations, which had been sinking. Andrew also talked about Winchester's role in the First World War and the massive Army barracks built at Morn Hill, through which 2 million soldiers passed on their way to Southampton Docks and the trench warfare.

We look forward to seeing you at our Christmas Lunch at The George in East Meon on Monday 5th December.

Sue Kinlochan

Rainfall Records October/November 2022

October ended with 93.3mms (3.67"). From the 15th through to the end of the month we had 59.6mms, in fact it rained on every day, up to and including the 29th, from mid month onwards.



<https://joyful-expressions.blogspot.com/2012/12/windy-night.html>

In October 2021 we had 164.1mms (6.46")
Compared with 93.3mms in 2022.

Total for the year to end October 2022 is 562.5mms (22.1"). Total for the year to end October 2021 869.6mms (34.2").

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Allen Gallery

As part of its National Lottery Heritage funded redevelopment project, the Allen Gallery in Alton is delighted to be starting work to catalogue its highly important collection of ceramics, as well as the artworks of William Herbert Allen, many of which are still in storage. The project team are seeking assistance to catalogue and research some 3000 objects at the gallery, plus the additional artefacts in the Hampshire Cultural Trust archives. These are activities that can be done either from home or at the gallery on a flexible basis. If you, or your friends or family, would be interested in helping with this project of national significance, please get in touch at the email address below. Please contact Allen.gallery@hampshireculturaltrust.org.uk or ring 01420 82802 for more information on how to volunteer for the collections work, or to register for activities.

Christmas at the Allen

The Gallery will also be putting on fun creative activities for all the family over the Christmas period: Saturday 10th and Tuesday 21st December, print-making workshop inspired by the ceramics collection (all ages); Saturday 17th December, children's toy-making workshop; Tuesday 20th, Make & Take - children's seasonal crafts. Enquiries to 01420 80802 or email as above.

Exhibition

Echoes of Iceland, the exhibition of textile pieces inspired by Icelandic scenery and traditions continues until 15th January 2023. Free entry.

Talks

How Safe are our Medicines? From Curtis to Covid by John Taylor. 9th February 2023, 7.30pm Free, donations welcome.

G F Watts: England's Michelangelo: A talk by Jane Turner. 9th March 2023, 7.30pm Free, donations welcome.

Christmas at the Curtis Museum

We sell an attractive range of books, souvenirs and toys. Why not pop in and bag a few stocking-fillers. There will be a Yuletide trail to follow from 18th November into the New Year.

Alton Papers

No. 26 in this occasional series is at the printers – it should be available before Christmas. Items in this issue include The Gold Family of Chawton by Violet Hunt, Did Victorian Altonians move around? by Steve Millar, 3 and 5 High Street, Alton by Jane Hurst and The Donkey Ladies by Ken White. Available from the Curtis Museum, priced £3.

Jill Line

Petersfield Youth Theatre News

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Charlotte Godfrey

Diary Dates

Saturday 3rd December

Christmas Fair 10am-12noon West Meon Village Hall.

Monday 5th December

WI Christmas Lunch 12.30pm The George at East Meon.

Tuesday 6th December

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

Monday 19th December

Outdoor Carols 6pm. West Meon Churchyard with brass band.



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December dates

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Sunday 4th **Petersfield Christmas**

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Saturday 10th Alton

Sunday 11th Winchester

Saturday 17th Emsworth/ Ringwood

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