

Parish News

West Meon & Warnford

November 2021

Taking The Long View

No one can dispute the fact that the Meon Valley is a green and pleasant land. I love to walk up on Old Winchester Hill and see the patchwork of fields stretched out below. Standing on the brow, I like to wonder what it would have looked like in years gone past, not only within the last century or so but thousands of years before. I expect that there are facets of views of crops and stock which will not have changed very much at all. The landscape although fabulous at any time of the year takes on a particular golden glow as we approach the end of October. What an amazing habitat it is! Regardless of the month there is always something to see and this year I will report that the sloes are doing particularly well (where I come from someone would be saying we'll be in for a hard winter!) However, looking south on the horizon, you can see a different world, a world of commerce and development which is inching towards the pastoral landscape of the Meon Valley. Those two views, that we see from the summit, reflect the contrast of our world. We see a world which is green and fertile and in a sense life sustaining and another world, the world of commerce and industry, which although essential to the modern life we know, depletes the worlds' resources. These two worlds must coexist, in order for the world and humanity to flourish.



Old Winchester Hill (Painting: Jacqueline Annabel)



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Exploring that hillside you might be forgiven for wondering what all the fuss about care for the climate and our world is about- after all flora and fauna abound. And so perhaps it is good to remember the places of this world where environments are failing. This year during our Harvest celebrations we have focused not only on giving thanks by singing the traditional hymns of the season but by considering the world both nearby and farther afield. Perhaps most importantly much of the weeks activities drew members of our community together to work at the school's nature station, to plant a tree for the future and make promises of commitment towards working towards creating sustainable environment.

One of the most challenging events of the week took place on Friday the 8th at Warnford Village Hall. It was, some might say, a Harvest Supper with a difference, a 'Pudding Evening' in fact. I expect you will be saying how could eating pudding possibly be challenging! The challenge came from our guest interviewee Ruth Jarman. Ruth, an Oxford science graduate, who now works for the Christian environmental charities Green Christian and Operation Noah, is an environmental activist. During the evening she was interviewed by Henry Clay and presented a case for what some might consider to be radical responses to the world's environmental crisis. Ruth currently has been involved with the M25 protests and has been arrested on several occasions.

Ruth brought to the evening a particular perspective which, for some individuals, did not sit well. Concerns about stopping people going about their business and about the need to balance commerce and industry with the environment were raised. These and other activities however, such as school strikes, are engaging young people and it is important to remember that it is their future which is at stake. Perhaps here it is important to remember Voltaire's quote: "I disagree with what you say, but I'll defend to the death your right to say it." How fortunate we are to live in a society where there is the freedom to protest, remembering that without such previous actions slavery would not have been abolished and women would not have the vote.

Throughout the pandemic we have witnessed communities coming together to support others. Individuals make communities. This community energy could be harnessed to care for our amazing world and the people and animals who live upon it. Individual small actions can make a difference. Many of us for years have been careful about our use of plastics and are mindful of recycling but more must be done. As a starter perhaps each of us should do one more thing.

There are of course lots of possibilities of actions which we might carry out from walking more to limiting the clothes that we buy; the media is full of them. In addition, however, Ruth suggested:

- 1) We talk about environmental issues.
- 2) We write to our MPs stressing the importance of action at a legislative level, asking them to support the CEE Bill (Climate and Ecological Emergency Bill).
- 3) We consider supporting Extinction Rebellion or other environmental movements. Extinction Rebellion is a global environmental movement with the stated aim of using nonviolent civil disobedience to compel government action to avoid tipping points in the climate system, biodiversity loss, and the risk of social and ecological collapse.
- 4) We join a charity such as Friends of the Earth, Greenpeace or Green Christian. Have a look at their websites and sign up for their free newsletters.

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As they say, we live in challenging times but the challenges for future generations will only become greater if the issues are not addressed now.

Rev Mary Jepp

New Bishop of Portsmouth is announced



Bishop Jonathan: Photo Diocese of Portsmouth

The tenth Bishop of Portsmouth will be the Rt Rev Dr Jonathan Frost, who is currently Dean of York Minster. Downing Street today announced this news on behalf of HM the Queen. He will succeed the Rt Rev Christopher Foster, who retired earlier this year.

Bishop Jonathan leaves York Minster, where he is currently the Dean of York, with sadness for the ministry and colleagues he leaves behind, but also with enthusiasm and a feeling of privilege for his new role in Portsmouth. Both the Archbishops of Canterbury and York extol his virtues, and ask us all to pray for him and his wife Christine (above) as they take this next step in their journey as disciples of Jesus. They also describe him as, 'a leader who knows how to be led, a man of prayer and a servant of the gospel'. Much more detail on Bishop Jonathan's life and ministry can be found on the Portsmouth Diocese website: [https:// www.portsmouth.anglican.org/news/](https://www.portsmouth.anglican.org/news/)

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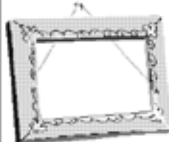
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Fireworkfest 2021- Match Report



Fireworkfest 2021: Marcos D'Cruze

Well, it has felt like an inordinately long two years since the last Fireworkfest, but I think it is fair to say that we were back with a bang!

We welcomed around 550 people this year, a number of whom were clearly from neighbouring villages, in particular perhaps Froxfield, but it was wonderful to see so many people from West Meon and Warnford attend, encouraged I am sure by the beautiful evening. We had our very first paid, live act, in the name of the brilliantly talented Piano Man, Matt Black, who turned out to be a firm favourite for all age groups, in particular perhaps the 15 or so girls who danced on the 'main stage' throughout.

There are, of course, a growing number of people to thank this year, especially perhaps the 'Mighty Men of Meon' who not only erected the biggest pyre to date with the assistance of the tireless and ever-willing Mac Edwards, but also set up all the gazebos, tables, electrics etc on the day, and a few of whom also returned the following morning despite feeling fairly worse for wear due to the 'After-Party' in the Thomas Lord.

So, in no particular order, a massive shout out to Duncan and Rory Stewart, Alan Bassil, Dan Cusworth, Philip Jarrett, Tim Main, Tim Hiscox, Tim Wood, Al and Luke Lacey, Ingolv Urnes, Rob Inness, Dougal, Ruby, Arthur and Lara Christie, Dom Duckworth and last, but by no means least, Oscar and Hector Ulph. On the night, the ever-reliable and enthusiastic Rachel 'the boss' Barnett and 'Man-Mountain' Albie manned the besieged front-gate, with the assistance of Catherine and Lorna Younger. Hector 'gadget man' Ulph took card payments and tried his hardest to over-charge those that looked like they wouldn't notice. Arthur 'Bear' Ulph returned from his sports tour just in time to take up his rightful position behind the bar, supported by Phoebe 'ever-willing' Hiscox, Henry 'new-boy' Cley, the irrepressible Rachel 'still got it' Ulph and insatiable Helen 'me too' Hiscox!! After three years of BBQ duties, Tim 'can do' Hiscox was given the night off to enjoy himself as Angie 'the big boss' Trenchard took over as Head-Chef, bringing with her the dream team of Rory St Ledger and Mary Edwards. The event is supported by a number of our excellent local businesses, to whom we extend our sincere gratitude, namely The Thomas Lord, Meon Valley Cider, The (Barbershop) Botanicals People, Buckingham's and finally the Parish Council. Almost there ... sincere thanks, once again, to Michael and Claudia Langdon for allowing the use of their fields and providing the ever-popular mulled wine and Simon Cobden for the essential 'Festival-bales', and finally, thank you SO much for generous donations from James and Jan Lunn and a large box of fireworks from Rod and Sue Davidson, which we duly sold to add to the cause. All told, we raised £3,000 for the village shop and will be making a further contribution to the Parish News itself.

See you all in 2023

Jim Ulph

A service for the
Commemoration of All Souls
for West Meon and Warnford.

**At the Church of Our Lady, Warnford
at 3pm on Sunday the 7th of November 2021**

This is an opportunity to remember by name those who we
have loved and who have died.

If you would like names of loved ones to be read out at the
service please write them on a list to be found in your church
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Warnford Fete

After a long wet summer we had a glorious sunny day for our first fete since 2019. A team of helpers started work at 7.30am setting up the tables, chairs, gazebos and PA before stallholders arrived to set up their stalls. We had an excellent attendance and through their enthusiasm and generosity our treasurer Gerry tells me that we took £3,203 which is a fantastic achievement. Once again thank you to all involved in the organisation of this community event from both Warnford and also West Meon. After such a long time of not being allowed to socialise it was wonderful to see the whole village gathered together.

Next year we propose to hold the fete in September again – we look forward to seeing you there.

Amie Boyes

Church Notices

Funeral 16th September: James
Thomas of Hayling Island formerly of
Warnford.

Interment of ashes 3rd October:
Robert Curtis at Warnford.



*Church of Our
Lady, Warnford:
© Mike Searle*

Rainfall Records September/October 2021

September started fine and dry with the first rain coming on the 8th, 9th and 10th and then nothing of consequence until the 25th and ending with a very wet day on the 29th. The months total was 52.7mms (2.07")

Total for the year to end of September 2021 = 693.5mms (27.30").

Total for the year to end of September 2020 = 695.7mms (27.38") That makes interesting reading as the two Septembers were so similar in rainfall amounts as were the totals for the two years. In September 2020 we had 42.5mms (1.67") and September 2021 52.7mms (2.07").



October 2021 got off to a very wet start with 84.7mms (3.33") in the first 4 days and then nothing to the 15th. October 2020 started in similar fashion only worse with 143mms (5.6") up to the 15th.

Peter Short

W.I Report November 2021

About 30 W.I. Members met in the Village Hall on Monday, 11th October. As I went in my eyes glanced at the tea table laid out with a collection of tasty sandwiches and a great variety of delicious cakes. Tea is especially looked forward to at the end of the meeting.

After chatting to our friends we sat down to hear the talk by Andrew Negus, an historian. The talk entitled "Winchester's Bishops, Buildings and Bones", was a continuation of Winchester's history which we had learned from him at previous meetings on Celtic and Saxon times in the city. This afternoon we heard about Winchester between 1550 and 1850.

Many of the buildings in Winchester, at this time, were the legacy of rich bishops and the monarchy. Mary Tudor gifted the City Mill to Winchester in 1554 after her wedding, in the cathedral, to Philip of Spain as recompense to the city for the cost of the ceremony.

Charles II favoured Winchester as the place to build a new palace. Here, where life was less scrutinised than in London, he hoped to house Nell Gwynne. However, Chaplain Iain Ken, the King's Chaplain, would not allow this to happen. Later the chaplain was forgiven for his strict discipline and in 1685 the King appointed him Bishop of Bath and Wells.

As Andrew took us through this period of Winchester's history he showed many photos and drawings of the buildings telling us what they had now become. The Debtors' Gaol is now Wetherspoons "The Old Gaolhouse". The Theatre Royal was originally built in 1790 as the Market Hotel and was a convenient stop-over for farmers who came to sell their cattle and buy implements.

The information in the talk certainly adds a depth to any shopping trip to Winchester.

Our next meeting will take place at West Meon Village Hall on Monday November 8th at 2.15pm. Our speaker is Sophie Fryer and the subject of her talk will be "Hats Off to Millinery".

We look forward to seeing you there.

Jan Claisse



Hawfinch © John Bridges

Autumn Finches

Look carefully in the hedgerows and along the treeline this autumn, and you might notice flocks of small birds twittering and squabbling as they fly from branch to branch. As quickly as you notice them, this flock will disappear, flying as one into the distance. Finches, in particular, flock in autumn and winter, with species including goldfinch, linnet, brambling and siskin all coming together at this time of year.

One of the main reasons for this flocking behaviour is safety in numbers. These birds mainly eat seeds, which they look out for as they move around. If the birds are concentrating on finding food, they are less likely to notice a predator lurking nearby. Extra pairs of eyes mean some birds can look for food while others keep watch and raise the alarm if a circling bird of prey or prowling cat should disturb them.

Many finches can be quite acrobatic in their quest to find food. You will often see siskins hanging upside-down in alder trees, manoeuvring the tiny seeds out of alder cones, and goldfinches can perch on the slimmest spines of a teasel plant to get their next meal.

As some of these species look very similar you may need to watch closely to identify all the species in a flock, especially as they are in their drab winter plumage. Look out for the white rump of bramblings amongst chaffinches or the black cap of siskins in amongst greenfinches.

One finch you would be lucky to spot is the hawfinch. Hawfinches are very scarce but have a local stronghold, in the New Forest. These finches have a huge powerful beak, giving them an unmistakable silhouette. They use their strong beaks to crack the stones in wild cherries and sloes or crunch through beech nuts. They are most visible in autumn when you can look for them feeding on these fruits and nuts on the ground.

Many of the finch species that join these flocks are coming more regularly to bird feeders. By providing food for your garden birds, you are helping them survive the coldest months of the year. This is when they expend the most energy, just keeping warm and moving around.

It is an exciting time to watch the feeders as you may get some unexpected visitors arriving, should one of these mixed flocks descend on your patch!

Ladybirds

There are lots of insects we might associate with autumn rolling in – spiders, crane flies, wasps – but what about ladybirds? These colourful little beetles are present year-round, but throughout this season you might notice them moving around more before they hibernate. There are close to 50 species of ladybird in Britain, meaning there are plenty of types to look out for this autumn.

The two species of ladybird that you are most likely to see around your garden or local park are the two-spot and seven-spot ladybirds. One of their favourite foods is aphids, making them a real gardener's friend. Natural pest controllers like ladybirds should be encouraged in the garden and you can help them by quitting chemical pesticides. The beetles need to be well-fed, ready to wait out the winter when their food sources aren't available.



7-spot Ladybird © Deryn Hawkins

If they hibernate it might be months before their next meal!

Ladybirds will become inactive in the cold winter, and sometimes they group together for warmth. The dropping temperatures bring many of them indoors, as they get into the crevices by window frames or in the folds of curtains or blinds. Heated homes are not the best place for hibernating ladybirds. If you come across one sheltering indoors, it is best to remove it on a dry day and place it somewhere sheltered outside, such as under a hedge. They will naturally wake up in the spring, from March onwards.

Sadly, ladybirds in Britain are threatened by an invasive species – the harlequin ladybird. These invaders were first recorded in the UK in 2004 and have spread rapidly since then. To make things more difficult, harlequin ladybirds are very variable in appearance so they can be tricky to tell apart from our native species. If your ladybird is less than 5mm it is not a harlequin, and those with a very clear seven black spots on a red background are native 7-spot ladybirds. Initial research and data from the National Ladybird Survey have shown that harlequin ladybirds are likely to be causing declines in native species. If you are interested in helping to record ladybirds, monitoring the spread of invasive harlequin species, visit www.coleoptera.org.uk

A ladybird box could help provide somewhere safe and cosy for these little insects to hibernate, and it's simple to build your own. All you need are hollow tubes like bamboo canes or twigs within a frame, giving the beetles somewhere to hide away from the cold winter.

Abi Webber

Hampshire & Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust

West Meon C of E Primary School

Our final visits of the last academic year were Foxes visiting the Roman Palace at Fishbourne and the Y6 leavers' trip bowling followed by a barbeque during the final week. This was a lovely way to end the term and what was even better was that we held our Sports Afternoon with parents and the whole school Picnic on the field.

These outdoor activities help to develop our outdoor learning as well as keeping everyone safe and Owls have already been down to the Nature Station.

Our end of term indoor events took place socially distanced in the church and the Owls parents came to watch a wonderful production of Roald Dahl's Goldilocks and the Three Bears and the Leavers' parents came and supported the Leavers' Assembly and Prize Giving.

The New YR children have settled in really well, as well as new children in Y1, 2 and 3 and we have welcomed Katriona Pritchard as the new YR/1 teacher and Jenna Farminer as YR/1 support while Mrs Davies continues to receive treatment at home.

Mrs Hamilton did not retire in the end and continues to support in Owls for two days a week, which we are grateful for.

We hope to be holding a Macmillan Coffee Morning on Friday 24th September and again, if the weather holds, we can use the outdoor area at the back of the school.

Clubs have started again, which is wonderful and we offer Chess, Netball, Upper and Lower Art till 4.15 p.m., as well as the normal before school club with breakfast from 7.30 a.m. and after school with supper until 6 p.m.

We will soon be signposting to tennis coaching and are hoping to start lunchtime French Club again soon.



Dunhurst U11 Football Tournament: WMP School website

Interschool Sports are also starting again and we have an U11 Tournament at Dunhurst on 22nd September, which the team are very excited about. There will be an U9 Tournament later in the term and other opportunities to interact with other schools.

Parents' Information Meetings have started and FOWMS is busy arranging activities to get everyone together.

It was wonderful to see Jenny Jenkin back in school to support us in reading this week and we are welcoming back previous community support, but we do ask them to take a lateral flow box home to test before they come in, which is what the main staff and sports and music staff do twice weekly at the moment.

So welcome to the new normal and it's great to see everyone back!

*Julie Kelly,
Headteacher*

West Meon Village Shop

We wish to thank everyone for the massive turn out at the fireworks night.

A brilliant night had by all, with great food and drink, music and of course a huge bonfire and spectacular fireworks. Such amazing community spirit, from collecting the firewood to the social mixing on the evening!! (I'M GUESSING).

A massive thankyou to Jim Ulph and family for organizing this event once again. The money raised will go towards the purchase of new freezers for the shop (a much-needed upgrade!), along with some decoration to promote our new range of frozen foods. The shop is also excited to welcome COOK back to our frozen food selection. I think we can all agree it's the best range of quality food for a great price.

The shop also had its Garage Safari Sale in October. It was by popular demand that this event took place (with thanks to Pam Collins for organizing) and again it gave the villagers a chance to sell items at their own houses. It drew many old and new faces to the village on that sunny Sunday morning.

Also, a huge thankyou to all those who donated things for the shop to sell and keep the proceeds. It really does help in keeping our shop afloat.

We are sad to announce that Keith Poulton is retiring from the outer milk round after many years' service with the shop, he will be sorely missed by the staff and customers alike. Not only was he a great milkman, but he also always did it with a huge smile on his face and went above and beyond for his customers on his round. We wish him luck, well-earned rest, and peace on his retirement and hopefully he gets time for lots of fishing and holidays abroad with his wife Lin. And we hope he still manages to pick up the phone if we need him to help from time to time... So that leaves Dayle Westwood as chief delivery driver full-time, we also wish him well and he can be found out and about every day on the outer rounds.

Other news is that Xmas is coming here to the shop from early November, so do please remember to shop early as once it's gone it's gone. Keep listening out for a late-night shopping experience or two in late November and remember to keep up to date by watching our posts on the West Meon Village Shop Facebook page. The Xmas raffle will also be back this year bigger and better than ever, with many great prizes. A £1 ticket could even win you a lovely West Meon Wine Society wine hamper!!

200 Club Prize Draw Winners

The winners of the February prize draw were as follows:

1st Prize of £40 to Virginia De Cossen;

2nd Prize of £20 to Sarah Poole;

3rd Prize of £10 to Virginia Fathers;

and 4th Prize of £5 to Louise Court. Telford.

If you are not already a member and wish to join in time for the December draw, then applications forms are available from the shop, or contact Rachell Barnett at wmvsoffice@gmail.com. It is a great way to support your community shop.

The prizes are £40, £20, £10, and £5 in February, June, and October; and £200, £100, £50 and £25 in April, August and December.

Rachell Barnett

West Meon Wine Society

Celebratory Launch Party – Friday 26th November

Venue – Exton Hall

It is with great pleasure that we announce that our Celebratory Launch Party will be held



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We fervently hope you can join us at Exton Hall to celebrate the launch and successful operation of our wine society, as well as socialise in stunning surroundings with a choice selection of society wines. Transportation to and from West Meon and Exton Hall will be available.

Tickets, initially at least, will be limited to WMWS members. So, if you are not already a member and wish to join us at Exton Hall, for what will be a truly unforgettable experience, then sign-up now. Membership details are on our website at www.westmeonwine.co.uk. Our 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, including the Celebratory Launch Party. The membership fee for existing members has been waived for 2022, and all new members joining in November will receive membership through to the end of next year. All registered Members will be advised by e-mail as soon as the Launch Party tickets become available.

West Meon Wine Society is a not-for-profit organization. Every purchase supports the West Meon Village Shop so that it can continue serving our community.

West Meon Wine Society Management Team

Ladies Down Under

For reasons that you can no doubt understand, Soberton Players have been off stage for far too long now. All that will change in November when we are delighted to be back with our production of 'Ladies Down Under'.

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Peter Berkeley

Plant Sales

Another big thank you to everyone who has bought plants or given me pots, (I have enough now thank you)! The School has had £400 this year so far and every little helps.

I would also like to thank Sue Johnson who generously contributed to the total with a donation from the sale of her books.

Jenny Jenkin

Froxfield Choir Returns

Froxfield Choir sings again! Rehearsals started on Thursday 9th September and will continue every Thursday evening hence! After the summer break, it's time to breathe deep, tune our vocal cords once more and prepare for the season ahead. We are very much looking forward to our first performance in public again at St Peter's Church at High Cross, Froxfield, on Saturday 27th November – put the date in your diary now! Concert pieces will be confirmed in due course, and we have a plentiful repertoire of unperformed pieces to choose from, learned during the various lockdowns!

If you live in the surrounding area, whether a new resident or old, and would like to join our friendly group of happy singers, you would be made to feel very welcome, and we'd love to meet you. We have a fantastic and enthusiastic Music Director in Michael Servant who makes every rehearsal an uplifting evening out. Please do get in touch via Lesley Howe at lkhowe58@gmail.com for more details, or look at our website <https://froxfordchoir.co.uk>

Finally, we have BIG plans for 2022 – our 50th Anniversary!

Follow us on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter @Froxfield Choir

Sarah Rush

West Meon Social Club

We meet on Mondays 2.00-3.30pm in the Village Hall. Lots of chat , tea and cake . Indoor bowls and skittles , games and quizzes. The club started up after lock down as a chance for people to get together again. Please do come and give it a try , you would be made very welcome.

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Flooding

Should residents be affected by flooding WMPC would urge them to contact Hampshire County Council Highways department via their website (<https://www.hants.gov.uk/transport/roadmaintenance>) sending photographs.

Metis Homes Development, Long Priors

Helen Ripper has kindly offered to be the liaison between Metis Homes and residents of Long Priors. Helen Ripper's phone number is 07973 291 528.

Gallops

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

Household waste

Residents should be receiving new waste collection calendars early in October. Collection dates can also be viewed online on the Winchester City Council website www.winchester.gov.uk/bins Hampshire County Council is lifting the one visit per week limit for residents taking waste to one of the county's 24 household waste recycling centres (HWRCs), although the requirement to book visits online will remain in place for the time being. The new arrangement came into effect on Monday 4th October. Whilst there will be no limit on the number of bookings per week, the County Council requests any bookings made which later are not required, are cancelled so that they can be available to others. Residents can visit the County Council's waste and recycling webpages for further information and to book an appointment.

And Finally from West Meon

The next Parish Council Meetings will be held on Tuesday 2nd November, 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 upcoming events. Please do sign up for e-mail alerts so that you'll be kept informed of forthcoming events, planning applications etc.

The WPM Autumn Meeting will be held in the Village Hall at 7.30pm on 4th November. All parishioners welcome. Please send any suggestions for Agenda items to the Clerk. Papers relating to the meeting will be posted on the website.

Rights of Way in Warnford

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

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Alton Camera Club will be exhibiting in the main Exhibition area from 6th November to 5th December. FREE

TALKS

Alton's Big Dig (Part 2)

Keith Baker and David Quick fill us in (sorry) on what they and their colleagues discovered at the second Big Dig, in July this year, following on from a very successful first Dig in 2019.

Thursday 11th November 7.30. FREE but donations most welcome.

Spider-themed Trail

Search the Allen Gallery (and garden) for spidery clues. £1 per Trail. Children must be accompanied by an adult. 23rd October – 31st October.

Christmas Card Workshop

Wednesday 1st December. Bookable online, please see the website for further details nearer the time.

CURTIS MUSEUM

Spooky Hallowe'en Trail

Explore the Curtis Museum and search for the clues to complete the trail and win a prize. £1 per trail. Children must be accompanied by an adult. 23rd October – 31st October.



Get Ready for Christmas.

Late Night Opening to tie in with the switch-on of Alton's Christmas Lights. Why not explore the Museum following our special Bauble Trail. Then buy some early Christmas presents and stocking-fillers. 19th November, 5pm -7pm.

Please see our websites for the most up-to-date news on events:

www.hampshireculture.org.uk/curtis-museum
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Who we are: The Curtis Museum and Allen Gallery are managed by Hampshire Cultural Trust which is an independent charity. The Museum explores the history of Alton and the local area, while the Gallery features the South's finest collection of ceramics, an award winning garden, café and two exhibition spaces.

You'll be involved in

- Welcoming and interacting with the public to ensure all visitors have the best possible experience
- Assisting with retail and café sales, this would include cash handling and record keeping
- Touring the galleries and assisting visitors, while helping to maintain security for the museum
- Assisting staff with the setting up and the maintenance of events, exhibitions and activities
- Supporting the implementation of evacuation procedures and following guidance to help maintain safety and security on site
- Assisting with cleaning, preparation and the presentation of the museum, gallery and garden

A bit about you: You'll bring strong customer service and communication and interpersonal skills, and use them to interact with visitors with confidence and enthusiasm. You'll enjoy being part of a small team and able and willing to help us maintain a safe environment. If you are familiar with cash handling and sales it would be an advantage, but we can provide training if this is new to you.

What we can offer you: We will provide appropriate information, coaching, training and ongoing supervision to support you. You'll be part of a friendly and dedicated team with the opportunity to meet new people, learn new skills and pass on your own experience. You will build skills and abilities which, if you wish, will transfer to a career situation. Most importantly, you'll be playing a part in keeping these very special sites open.

More information and contact: Volunteer slots are available on Saturdays and Sundays with the following approximate timings: 09:45 – 13:30 and 13:30 – 17:00 (Curtis Museum) and 10.15-13:30 and 13:30-16:30 (Allen Gallery). We are very flexible about when you volunteer, with most volunteers on average giving their time once a week. You are welcome to apply for more than one volunteer position. You can specify as to whether you want to volunteer at just the Curtis Museum or Allen Gallery, or both. For more information or if you are interested in applying contact volunteer@hampshireculturaltrust.org.uk

Jill Line

Diary Dates November 2021

Tuesday 2nd November
West Meon Parish Council Meeting 7.30pm
Village Hall, West Meon

Thursday 4th November
Warnford Parish Meeting 7.30pm Village
Hall, Warnford

Saturday 6th November
Pop In Cafe 10-12.00pm Village Hall, West
Meon

Sunday 7th November
Commemoration of All Souls for West Meon
and Warnford. 3.00pm. Warnford.

Monday 8th November
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Friday 26th November
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