

# Parish News

West Meon & Warnford

July/August 2021

## Endings and Beginnings

When was the last time you took part in a tug-of-war? I must confess that this is not something that I've spent a lot of time doing so I'm not much of an expert. The last time was during a cadet camp when I was a chaplain with the Wiltshire Army Cadet Force. I'd forgotten quite how brutal it was and how violent the pulling back and forth. Sadly, I wasn't on the winning side, but I was left with an interesting question – which team was holding the beginning of the rope and which was holding the end? I wonder what those two teams would have said? The simple answer is that it all depends on your perspective.

On Sunday 23rd May I announced that I will be leaving in August to take up the position of school chaplain at Christ's Hospital in Horsham. This new role had come up sooner than I had anticipated but I was phoned by the senior chaplain, who wanted me to come and work with him. This was an incredibly difficult decision to make; both Jonathan and I have been extremely happy living here, I have loved serving as your vicar for the last 7 years and I wasn't looking for another job. To be headhunted was a new experience for me but this chaplaincy role includes outreach to local primary schools and bereavement support for the students, which is something I feel particularly called towards.



*Cadets take part in tug of war competition (Photo: armycadets.com)*



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Each time we have moved I have found myself inhabiting this strange world where there is a mix of excitement about what is to come sitting alongside a profound sadness about moving on. I don't think this is unique to me. I find myself thinking about the ends of that rope and the many situations that have that same sense of ending and beginning being tied up together. When I moved from Godolphin to be vicar here, I was incredibly excited. The decision to move had involved a lot of thought and prayer but even from my first visit I thought this would be the right move. I felt like I'd come home. I was quite shocked when, sitting in church saying morning prayer in my first week, I found myself crying – and not from joy. It was all so new and different and as I sat there on my own, I found myself longing for the staffroom, for my old colleagues, my familiar study and pattern of work. Even the thought of writing reports seemed to take on an appeal that they had been distinctly lacking at the time! 'Why had moving here seemed like such a good idea when I could have stayed put?'

I'm glad to say that this didn't last beyond that first week. Some of my lovely parishioners started coming along to Morning Prayer, Jonathan and I were made to feel so welcome that we very quickly began to feel part of the community and the privilege of serving here soon reminded me why I had wanted to come here in the first place.



*Christ's Hospital Chapel, Horsham (Photo: [christs-hospital.org.uk](http://christs-hospital.org.uk))*

Facing the prospect of moving again has brought all those feelings to the fore but even more so. I was ready to move on from Godolphin and had already had a look at one parish. I hadn't begun to think about leaving here and the phone call from the chaplain was a bit of a bolt out of the blue. The contrast between the longing to stay and the excitement of a new role is a challenge. I didn't think it was possible to feel so conflicted and I was reminded of the two ends of that tug-of-war rope and the sense of being pulled backwards and forwards.

Every beginning marks the end of something and every ending marks the beginning of something. They are inseparable. And if they are inseparable, so are the feelings that go along with them. There might be particular events that make this more obvious but day by day this is part of life. If that is true, then it must also be true that we live with the feelings that go along with them; feelings of relief, sadness, excitement, anxiety, joy...I think there's quite a long list. It could be easy to feel overwhelmed in this emotional tug-of-war and very easy to just want to stay put. This definitely isn't a new thought. When Moses led the people of Israel

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from slavery in Egypt to freedom in the Promised Land they spent a lot of time complaining that life was now even worse; 'At least in Egypt we had food to eat. Why can't we just go back?' There is safety in the familiarity of what we know.



*King George VI Christmas message 1939*

To stay where we are, to avoid the push and pull of change, would be the easy option but somehow I don't get the feeling we're made for the easy option! As I think about the changes that I'm about to make I have some words ringing in my ears that give me hope and strength for whatever lies ahead. They are words that I would generally think of at the New Year, as they were quoted by King George VI in his 1939 Christmas broadcast to the British Empire, but the poem called 'God Knows' or more commonly 'the Gate of the Year' by Minnie Hoskins, works just as well in the middle of the year:

And I said to the man who stood at the gate of the year:

"Give me a light that I may tread safely into the unknown."

And he replied:

"Go out into the darkness and put your hand into the Hand of God.

That shall be to you better than light and safer than a known way."

So I went forth, and finding the Hand of God, trod gladly into the night.

And He led me towards the hills and the breaking of day in the lone East.

I pray that, in the push and pull of your endings and beginnings you, too, will find hope and strength in these words.

*With love,  
Jane*

## **Church Notices**

Funeral of Philip Silk 16th June at West Meon.

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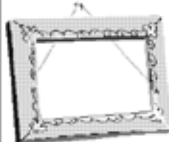
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## Garden Dragons

If you have a wildlife pond you may well have dragons visiting your garden! These beautiful insects are awesome fliers and fearsome predators, and they are a real joy to watch. This month we take a closer look at the fascinating world of dragonflies and damselflies.

Dragonflies might be a little more familiar to us, their robust bodies and recognisable silhouette as they dart around the water. Damselflies are a lot more delicate, with thinner bodies and a more unsure flight. When these insects rest damselflies tend to close their wings against their bodies while the dragonflies keep them open wide. Their eyes are another key difference – dragonfly eyes are enormous and touch at the top of the head like a visor, while damselflies have separate eyes more in keeping with their body size.

The name for these species together is Odonata, and they are closely related. There are 46 species that either regularly breed in Britain or are common migrants from Europe, with a further ten occasional migrants. They come in a huge variety of colours and sizes and will visit all sorts of freshwater habitats.



*Banded Demoiselle © Chris Button*

Hampshire and the Island, with their many clean freshwater habitats, are home to a diverse range of Odonata. The New Forest in particular is a haven for these species.

A wildlife pond is essential if you want to see dragonflies in your garden. The larvae of dragon and damselflies live in water, and the lifecycle can take years from egg to adult. The larvae feed on much of the other pond life, and some can even take small fish! You might have seen their discarded skins which they shed as they grow. Eventually, the larvae will sense the days lengthening and the weather warming and will clamber onto the vegetation around the pond to transform into an adult. You might spot them as they warm up and pump blood into their wings to harden them, ready for flight. Species including the emperor dragonfly, common blue damselfly and large red damselfly will all be some of the first to colonise a garden pond.

Two particularly jewel-like species are the demoiselles. Male beautiful demoiselles live up to their name, their bodies are deep emerald green, and their wings are smoky black. Not to be outdone, females are more bronze-green, but also have coloured wings. The banded demoiselle is similar, although the males only have a band of colour on the wings. Both live in rivers and streams, so keep an eye out for these summer stunners next time you visit.

*Claire Thorpe  
Hampshire & Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust*

## Churchyard Maintenance Team Restore Railings

A big thank you to the churchyard maintenance team, led by Paul Willcox, who have painted the newly-restored railings between the upper and lower churchyard. Here they are, at work in the sun.

*Helena Gomm*



## Thanks for all the Messages

The family of the late Robert (Bob) Curtis would like to express gratitude for all the kindness shown in thoughts, deeds and prayers during this sad time.

*Jean Curtis*



*Violas - Jacqueline Annabel*

Bob lived in Waterlooville and before that in Warnford. He served in the Royal Navy for 25 years and local residents of a certain age will remember his involvement in an article recently republished on the Warnford website about a World War 2 glider crash  
Read more here:

<https://www.hugofox.com/community/warnford-village-7802/20th-century-history-of-warnford#>



## **Touchet Trust** - might be able to support YOU!

If you are a resident of West Meon or Warnford and are hoping to start or continue full-time study in Further or Higher Education (post 16) the Touchet Trust may be able to assist with your expenses.

Set up in 19th Century the Charity began helping villagers from West Meon embarking on apprenticeships by providing them with the tools of their chosen trades. The trustees are now able to assist those of any age resident in West Meon or Warnford. Some assistance is also available for short and part-time courses for both children and adults.

Get in touch for an Application Form. Please note that no awards will be made until places are confirmed.

*Barbara Shaw* barbara@cshaw.co.uk



*Photo: Susanna Jarrett*

## **Sunday Teas**

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A wonderful way to while away a Sunday afternoon with old friends or making new ones and enjoying the spectacular view.

*Susanna Jarrett*

## **Tea Volunteers Needed**

If you feel you could spare a couple of hours one Sunday afternoon in August to help with teas we are always looking for volunteers. Whether it is help setting up, serving, washing up or making a cake, any

help is always welcome. It is a fun way to be involved in the village and to meet new people too.

Please call Susanna on 07970 280077/ Zannajarrett@gmail.com or Louise Clay on 01730 829235/ LPclay13@gmail.com

*Susanna Jarrett*

## **Rainfall Records for May/June**

The second half of May was quite wet and we had rain on every day from the 15th to the 25th; then there was a welcome spell of dry and warmer weather with temperatures rising after the 25th, culminating in some really warm and dry days from the 7th to the 15th June - reaching 33°C on the 14th.

Rainfall for May 120.3mms. June to the 15th is 2.7mms. Year to end of May 332.6mms (13.9"). Same date last year 433.5mms (17.06").

*Peter Short*

*We all know about the churches in West Meon and Warnford but perhaps sometimes forget that the parish includes Woodlands which had its own chapel. There is also the chapel of St. Nicholas in nearby Westbury. This month we dig back in the archives to rediscover the contrasting fates of these buildings.*

## Woodlands Chapel Closes



Woodlands Chapel © Copyright Michael Ford

With the celebration of Holy Communion last Sunday morning, the final “Amen” was said at Woodlands Chapel at West Meon. The building, still in an excellent state of preservation, is to pass into private ownership. The service was conducted by the Rev. K.C.A. Wills (Rector of West Meon and Warnford) in his capacity as assisted by Mr. John Barnett and in the presence of a representative congregation. Mrs. Vera Gwatkin read the Epistle, Commander John Daniel made the Intercessions and Mrs. Emma Russell accompanied the singing.

With its bright early Spring flowers, the polished woodwork and most attractive altar furnishings, one might have thought it to have been made ready for a festival of renewal. Instead it marked the end of a connection which, with some substantial breaks in continuity, finds Benedictine historians satisfied that the Chapel of St. Mary at nearby Punsholt Farm was in being as early as the 11th century.

St. Mary’s has long since disappeared and was already in ruins in 1610 when Father Robert Buckley was buried there. He had been the last survivor of the Abbey of Westminster following the suppression of the monasteries by Henry VIII. Father Robert endured most of the ups and downs which were the lot of a dedicated Catholic monk during the reigns of Mary and Elizabeth. Suffice it, he lived for 93 years.

To come to more recent times, in 1883 the Bishop of Winchester issued his license for a Chapel at Woodlands but, perhaps strangely, nobody knows where that chapel was situated or of what it was comprised. Presumably it had little real substance for, six short years later, the Bishop licensed the present Chapel. Built by the Nicholson family, who then lived at Basing Park, it was a private Chapel. Thus it remained until after the 1939-45 war when the estate at Privett was sold. The Chapel was presented to the parish of West Meon in 1949 by the new owner.

At no time has there ever been sufficient money to support it; and that, in brief, has been the story through the centuries. The community has never been of any real size and neither the old St. Mary’s nor Woodlands survived on the strength of its general support alone. They have been sustained by wealthy people, and now has come the appointed - perhaps inevitable - end. It is somehow indicative of human nature that had half of us who made the journey to this charming and peaceful spot on Sunday morning been of a mind or an inclination to do so on a regular basis, closure would not have arisen out of sheer economic necessity.

The Rector, in his sermon, said the occasion was no reason for unremitting sadness. Worship was henceforth to be concentrated in the Parish Churches and, in reality, there were few families still living in Woodlands who were without personal transport. For those who did not own a car, it would be no problem to arrange for them to be taken to and from either West Meon or

Warnford. One needed to face change with realism and hope. The closure of the Chapel was not change for the sake of it. He much preferred to look upon it as an advance.

It was a brave try; but when all has been said and done, it is difficult to make a triumph out of the demise of something which, in greater or less degree, has had a place in the life of the community over such a period of time. The simple truth is that, given an absence of on-going support, any institution will fail. In the long run we all of us get the kind of society, be it religious or secular, that we bring upon ourselves.

Thus has the door of one more place of worship finally closed. It has surely occasioned a touch of sadness here and there with, perhaps, just a thought that one ought to have been a little more concerned for its well-being during its lifetime.

*Hampshire Chronicle, Friday 19th March 1982*

## Tracing Secrets of the Past



*East Meon History Archive: Michael Blakstad*

An ancient puzzle of one of Hampshire's vanished villages could be solved as a result of a scheme aimed at halting the decay of a ruined chapel near West Meon.

The chapel of St. Nicholas at Westbury, thought to date from at least the 13th Century and set back from the East Meon - West Meon road in the grounds of Westbury House, which is now a private nursing home, is the subject of a £15,000 conservation scheme.

With surrounding land - thought to be the site of an abandoned medieval village - the

chapel is officially designated an Ancient Monument, of national importance.

Cost of stabilising the remaining structure of the chapel, which has been disused for about three centuries, is being shared by the Department of Environment, Hampshire County Council, East Hampshire District Council and the Westbury Estate owners.

Hampshire County Archaeological Officer (Mr. M Hughes) is impressed with co-operation he has received from Westbury's new owners, Mr. Simon and Mr. Veratevanian.

The owners are to allow the estate to be included in two county surveys being led by Mr. Hughes - one concerning historic parks and gardens, and the other deserted village sites.

Records show that in the early 18th Century the estate underwent a massive transformation with the garden and surrounding parkland laid out much as it remains today.

There was a manor at Westbury, and a settlement at the time of the Domesday Book (11th Century), while 13th Century tax returns indicate a population of about 30.

As recently as 1968, one of the southern windows was still intact; but today the south wall has crumbled to sill height, and less than half the east wall remains.

*The News, Tuesday 23rd March, 1982*

*Sadly the Chapel ruin is no longer in the condition in this photograph. Both churches have changed significantly under private ownership but with very different results.*

## West Meon C of E Primary School



Year 6 had a fantastic week out at Fairthorne Manor abseiling, canoeing, paddle boarding and trying the zip wire and the bit of rain they had did not stop any activities.

The whole school 'Olympics' themed day near the end of May was a great success and is being followed up by an Olympic Club after school on Wednesdays

and six weeks of yoga sessions for all classes to achieve mindful relaxation.

As I write Year 4 are preparing for team building activities in June at the QE Park and then visiting the Hawk Conservancy in Andover.

Foxes are visiting the Roman Palace at Fishbourne in July.

Again, as I write, the Year 5 residential at the Stubbington Nature Study Centre July is going ahead, but we realise that any new emerging variants may affect this.

Hedgehogs visited the Nature Station to do some Forest School work and they thoroughly enjoyed their day at Marwell Zoo.

Please see more of the photos displayed here on our website.

Catch Up work, supported by one of our regular supply teachers, Judy Harris, is making a very positive impact and will carry on





into the autumn term.

We are planning to have a 'normal' Sports Afternoon on 1 July, but with parents socially distanced in class bubbles.

We also hope to have a short end of term play in the church, using the staging, by Owls class with their parents attending, as well as some sort of Leavers' Assembly.

However, we will follow the guidance but ensure they get a good send off before they start secondary school.

In the meantime, we are having a socially distanced coffee morning for the parents of our nine new Early Years children starting in September, as well as welcoming new children in Years 1,2 and 3.

All being well, everything will return to normal in September and we can welcome back our community volunteers, whom we have really missed.

*Julie Kelly,  
Headteacher*

## West Meon Village Shop

### 200 Club Prize Draw Winners

The 200 club Winners for June are: 1st Prize of £40 to Rachel Ulph, 2nd Prize of £20 to Chris James, 3rd Prize of £10 to Victoria Harvey and 4th Prize of £5 to Lorna Younger. If you are not already a member, and wish to join, then applications forms are available from the shop. It is a great way to support your community shop. The prizes are £200, £100, £50 and £25 in April, August and December, and £40, £20, £10 and £5 in February, June and October.

There really is not much to say for the summer months apart from plugging all the lovely things we sell such as the extensive local produce, gifts, wine and cider. Libby's sourdough bread is now being delivered from her house three doors down on a fancy trolley on Tuesdays and Saturdays to the shop. Please promise not to mug her for the bread before she makes it to the shop, I can only imagine the wonderful aroma of freshly baked bread wafting down the road on those mornings! There are lots of beautiful plants for sale to cheer up your houses and gardens. They always make such lovely gifts for those dinner parties, now we are allowed to have them!



Our volunteers are still working extremely hard over the summer but they are also keen to take a much needed break from their shifts at the shop. As a result, we have a few gaps in the rota, so if any of our trained volunteers fancy coming back for 2 hours a week please let myself ([wmvsoffice@gmail.com](mailto:wmvsoffice@gmail.com)) or Mary Dawson know of your availability and kind offerings. The cafe is in full swing, but just a reminder to use the back garden entrance rather than the shop please.

Again, so lovely to welcome all the tourists to our lovely village and to feel proud of all our small businesses making a huge impression on them as they leave the village after their short visits, and many assure us of their prompt return.

*The West Meon Shop Committee*

## West Meon Wine Society

Dear Wine Lovers of Meon Valley,

We are nearly a year on from the launch of our local wine society on the 4th of July 2020. Our website now has over 60 interesting wines on offer, all of which have been selected by our in-house tasting team (from a much larger collection...and at their own personal expense I might add!) as being worthy of a Society recommendation. Meon Valley residents have responded well to this initiative. We now have over 40 paid up members of the Society, all of whom will be entitled to attend the tasting events that we intend holding once lockdown has been relaxed completely. In addition, we have sold enough wines during the last year to enable us to contribute surpluses of over



£1500 to the West Meon Village Shop. Please encourage your friends and neighbours to visit our website [www.westmeonwine.co.uk](http://www.westmeonwine.co.uk) and to try out our wines and, if they are so minded, become paid up members of our Society. Our team hopes to meet more of our Society's members personally over the next few months as our events programme, at long last, begins to get going.

*Graham Walker, Chair - WMWS Management Team*

### Exciting Wines from Argentina & Chile

As we get to midsummer we're sadly still not quite yet out of lockdown, with both events and travel limited. So a jaunt to the winelands of Chile and Argentina will have to be vicarious for now, helped along by the winemakers there, through their increasingly interesting and exciting wines.

Both countries are considerable producers of wine: each produced more than a billion litres, or about 1.4 billion bottles last year. Argentina produces a little more than Chile, but Chile exports much more at somewhere around double Argentina's volume. Chile also wins easily in the value league table, and it's here that it gets interesting. Both countries, while continuing to produce and export a lot of low value bulk wine, are getting much better, and better known, for distinctive and exciting higher value offerings.

We've tried to showcase some of these this month. In our discounted mixed case we have a white:

**Pandolfi Price Larkün Chardonnay**, 2018, Itata, Chile - an excellent Chablis alternative at a fraction of the price.

A sparkling rosé: **Miguel Torres Santa Digna Estelado Rosé**, NV, Maule, Chile - a unique Pais grape sparkler, delicious frothy fun.

And four reds: **a Causa del Itata Gran Reserva, Pais**, 2016, Itata, Chile - Pais again, an interesting quaffable red; **Novas Gran Reserva Carmenère, Cabernet Sauvignon**, 2017, Colchagua, Chile - excellent value and very easy drinking; **Trapiche Estacion 1883 Cabernet Franc**, 2018, Mendoza, Argentina - an excellent warm climate Cabernet Franc; and **Masi Tupungato Passo Doble, Malbec Corvina**, Mendoza, Argentina - an apassimento red from Malbec & Corvina, the main Valpolicella grape.

We're also listing: **Miguel Torres Cabernet Sauvignon Rosé** from Chile's Central Valley, which will complement lots of summer foods; **Errazuriz MAXVIII** from Aconcagua in Chile, a blend of Syrah, Carmenère, Cabernet Sauvignon, Grenache and Mourvèdre no less, which is drinking beautifully now but will age well for a while yet; **Valle Frio Red Blend Reserva Especial** from Maule in Chile, a (mainly) Bordeaux blend led by Cabernet Sauvignon, with Carmenère, Syrah and Petit Verdot. It's a 2014 wine which is drinking perfectly now; and **Carinae Malbec Harmonie** from Mendoza, an outstanding example of a straight Malbec, and very good value, it makes an interesting comparison with its stablemate, **Carinae Cuvée Philippe**, a blend of Malbec, Cabernet Sauvignon and Syrah, which is already on our list.

*West Meon Wine Society Management Team*

## Look after the pennies

And the pounds will look after themselves as my mother always taught me when I was a child. I don't think much has changed over the years and the relatively small amounts charged for the plants on my steps mounts up in the most amazing way.

So a very big thank you to everyone who has bought or donated anything as I have now been able to give a second £100 to the school. I am most grateful for everyone's generosity.

*Jenny Jenkin*

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# **West Meon Parish Council & Warnford Parish Meeting**

## **List of West Meon historic features**

WMPC have been cataloguing the historic monuments and features of the parish. We have ensured both former GPO phone boxes are saved, and the War Memorial is soon to undergo minor repairs and cleaning. The Doctors Cross needs some cleaning as do two of the three finger posts we have. Most interesting are the old milestones we have. These have mileage in ancient Latin numerals on one side and a cast iron plate on the current face with mileage in our usual numerals. There should be three in the parish but only two survive and one is in very poor state. They show the distance between London and Gosport - the terminus of the A32.

## **WMPC Grants Policy**

A reminder that small Grants are available to assist in community projects. If you have a community project that needs some extra funding please see (<http://www.westmeonpc.org.uk/community/west-meon-parish-council-13628/grants/>) for further details.

## **Gallops**

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

## **Recreation Ground**

Sadly there has been two cases of children being bitten by dogs off leads on the recreation Ground. The Parish Council would like to ask all dog owners to keep dogs on leads and clean up behind them, after all that is what responsible dog owners should do.

## **And Finally from West Meon**

The next Parish Council Meetings will be held on Tuesday, 6th July 7.30 p.m. in the Village Hall, Parishioners are welcome, please contact the clerk. Diane Heppell [clerk.westmeon@parish.hants.gov.uk](mailto: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 email Derek Chapman at [ederekchapman@btinternet.com](mailto:ederekchapman@btinternet.com).

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### 1. More road space for buses

Reserve streets to help bus routes avoid traffic jams and interconnect across central Winchester, so it is easy for everyone to get to the railway station and new leisure centre without using a car.

### 2. Better bus services

Better routes, to more villages, and more frequent, reliable and quicker timetables to get people out of their cars. It needs to be easy to get to critical destinations such as places of work, hospitals, surgeries, schools and supermarkets and train stations, wherever you live.



### 3. Affordable bus fares

The fares throughout the district are too high, and this is especially difficult for families and people on low income. Cost should not prevent people from using the bus.

### 4. Pollution-free buses

Buses must be greener. We would like to see electric buses wherever possible.

### 5. Better bus connections

Bring in better bus stops and decent connections between buses, and with trains. Make it easy and pleasant to catch the bus by improving the main bus stops – lighting, shelters, live information, cycle parking, and good access footpaths. Change timetables and routes so people can change easily between buses and onto trains on any journey around the whole District, and to neighbouring areas.

We can all make choices to live lower carbon lifestyles, like using our cars less, but sometimes we are limited by the reality of the systems we operate in. Hampshire County Council could help set up better bus systems to make low carbon travel a real option for more of us.

*Jo Crocker, WinACC*



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## Garden Club News

Since we have had a sufficient number of “contestants” interested, we will be holding another Virtual Summer Show over two weeks from Monday 26th July to Friday 6th August.

As for our previous virtual shows, it will be open to all club members and their relatives and to all residents of West Meon, Warnford and Woodlands.

Instead of taking their exhibits to the Village Hall, competitors will take photos of their entries and submit them to the show organisers, who will publish them online. There won't be any prizes or trophies but participants and “visitors” to the site will be invited to vote on their favourites and the winners will be posted on the website.

To see the schedule, which will be available at the beginning of July, and for all details regarding how to take part, please visit:

<https://www.hugofox.com/community/west-meon-garden-club-18458/virtual-summer-show-2021/>

and go to the Virtual Summer Show 2021 page or Google “West Meon Garden Club HugoFox” and go to the Virtual Summer Show 2021 page.

*Clare Swinstead*

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**Thank You**

## Diary Dates July/August

### Church Services

Dates advertised on Facebook, posters and word of mouth (for further details contact the Rector or Associate Rector - see below).

### Saturday 3rd July

**South Downs Tour.** UK Cycling Event. Route includes Wheely Down Rd and Hayden Lane, Warnford.

### Tuesday 6th July

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

### Monday 26th July to Friday 6 August

**Garden Club Virtual Summer Show.**

### Later Events

### Thursday 4th November 2021

**Warnford Parish Meeting: Autumn Meeting.** 7.30pm. Warnford Village Hall.

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