

Parish News

West Meon & Warnford

February 2021

Being Able To Care

In our house these days, occasionally, the great Battle of the Radio takes place! The Battle can take several forms, sometimes it is about which station we should be tuning into, sometimes it is about volume and sometimes it focuses on the question of how many radios you need on in one house at one time... one might surmise that the underlying issue may very well be lockdown related. I won't say what my underlying preference is however... Radio 2 happened to be on in the background when I came into the kitchen to get lunch ready yesterday. One of Radio 2's regular contributors is Sarah Jarvis, a GP. Regularly she speaks, as you would expect, on all sorts of medical issues from covid to migraine and back again. Today, however, was different as she was not speaking on medical issues but she had been invited to speak on the question/topic 'What Makes Us Human?' Her contribution is part of a lunchtime series where well known individuals respond to that question. (It is possible to listen to these items on the Radio 2 website.)

One might expect her to respond with a scientific/medical sort of reply, perhaps speaking of the bio chemical workings of the body. This however, was not the case. Sarah like all of us has experienced many things in her life. She spoke from her own personal experience... about being adopted, of being sent away to school where she was bullied, of entering Oxford at 16,



Jeremy Vine and Dr. Sarah Jarvis: BBC Radio 2



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becoming a GP, of marrying, of having children, of mourning and being the daughter of an elderly parent. She, like all of us, had had many experiences of life all of which informed the answer she was to give. And so she replied to the 'what makes us human?' question with the words 'being able to care'. As a GP she explained that she had seen both the worst and best of human behaviour however, regardless of her experiences, she was able to respond that what makes us human is being able to care.

Perhaps we should all ask ourselves that very question 'what do we think makes us?' Is it about being creative, or rising to challenge, about goals, about accomplishing things or caring and reaching out to others. Dr Jarvis' answer seemed to ring true in my own experience of life. And so this afternoon I have spent time thinking about the people who have cared for me and those I have cared for over the years. Perhaps it is good for us all to remember those instances in our own lives and to give thanks for the people who have cared for us. So a couple of questions:

'What does caring look like?'

'What does it encompass?'

So many things may fall under that umbrella from care of family and friends to care of a stranger, perhaps in the form of a donation to charity, care of the environment or even walking the dog or feeding wild birds are also instances of caring. The important thing about caring is that in caring we no longer focus on ourselves and our current situation, but that the focus shifts to other people, places and things.

In our current situation, there are many instances of caring for which we must be thankful. We see heroic acts of caring from those who work in the NHS, in schools, emergency services and armed forces, but there are other instances of caring much closer to home. I am sure there are many instances when we reach out to others and are cared for in turn, and also instances when we care for the world in which we live, even if it is simply using a recycling bin. As Dr Jarvis says, these instances of caring are the things that make us human.

Of course times change, and what was considered an act of kindness in perhaps years gone by might not be considered so today. You only need to think of the adage 'spare the rod and spoil the child' to realise that times have changed. It is possible however to forget, or discount just how much things have changed. In recent times, many of us perhaps have become at some level disconnected from those we live along side, hardly being able to take the time to speak as we dash from one thing to another, working far from home and at a great distance from family members. Our current situation for many has meant that we have once again become more local, exercise routines even if it is only to walk to the shop allows us to greet and acknowledge one another in perhaps different ways. Technology, including the radio, is part of our lives, and helps us to stay connected with the wider world, however, as humans we still must care, we must reach out, remembering that there are those who will not speak to anyone today. Hearing the human voice perhaps on radio or the television is one thing but having a conversation is another...so pick up your phone, or your choice of technology and speak to someone today. And let us all be thankful for the amazing technology that allows us to care for each other in new and different ways.

And my 'caring' challenge for today...not to change the radio station before asking!

Rev. Mary Jepp

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Weddings

James Humphrey and Rebecca Hurlock at Our Lady Warnford 25th December

Funerals

David Gibbs 11th January

West Meon Churchyard Clearing Party

A Happy New Year to you all. Please find below the dates for 2021, I look forward to seeing you all and to continue our good work keeping the Churchyard looking great!

20th - Feb

20th - Mar

17th - April

15th - May

19th - June

17th - July

14th - Aug

18th - Sept

16th - Oct

13th - Nov

11th - Dec plus possible drinks in the pub!

Paul Wilcox

Christmas Shoe Boxes

Jean Cooke and Sue Croft have asked to pass on the following message:

‘Sue Croft and Jean Cooke wish to thank all those who supported us in the filling of Christmas Shoe boxes.

We planned to fill 20 boxes but your gifts kept coming in and we completed 28 in total.

We had such a vast array of gifts from hand knitted gloves, hats, mugs, a Lenny The Lion hot water bottle, girlie glitter, small toys, crayons, books and chocolate treats, games, and lots more including a delicious food hamper.

Your monetary donations were used to top up the boxes but in all amounted to £230 and village carols in the car park donated another £170 totalling £400.

The Home Start manager wrote last week thanking us for all the many donations which were given to over 50 families with a child under 5 years old in Petersfield and the surrounding villages, and will further help them in 2021 too. This gave the children and parents a much happier Christmas than was anticipated and brought excitement to the little ones.

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Sue and Jean

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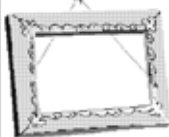
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Home Start Moves

December has been a busy month for us at home start.

We have offered some families additional support over the Christmas period, in the form of gifts for children and food hampers. We received toys, kindly donated to us through The Wave 105's cash for kids Appeal, along with funding for some food hampers from The Meon Valley Lions. Our team worked hard to collect and distribute these toys/Hampers out to the families, this wouldn't have been possible without their support.

This year we were unable to participate in the Christmas fair but hope to be able to again next year. However we have had some success with raising funds through a Santa Run. Thank you to all those who took part and raised much needed funds to keep us providing emotional and practical support to local families.

Along side our busy Christmas schedule we are pleased to announce we have moved offices to join Home-Start Hampshire's Gosport & Fareham and Havant branches. It will lovely to work alongside our neighbouring branches. Home-Start Meon Valley opened at The Wickham centre in December 1998, We are sad to leave, and can't thank the staff enough for their support. They will be greatly missed.

Do you or anyone you know need support, or have some spare time to volunteer? Please check get in contact either through our website (<https://homestarthampshire.org.uk>) or using the contact details below.

Our new contact details are: Arena Business Centre, Lancaster Court, 8 Barnes Wallis Road, Segensworth, Fareham, PO15 5TU. Phone number: 0330 124 2095 Email: Familysupport@hshants.org.uk/info@hshants.org.uk.



Avril Dalrymple

Warnford Snowdrops

Due to the Covid-19 restrictions, it has been decided to cancel our usual Snowdrop Sundays for this coming February. Please tell your friends.

Gerry Corden



Church of Our Lady of Warnford with snowdrops. Photo: Stephen Short

December 2020 Rainfall And Annual Trends

December was the third wettest month of the year with 141.8mms, the wettest being October with 235mms.

The Annual summary for 2020:

January	112.5
February	201.0
March	55.6
April	61.3
May	5.2
June	51.8

July	47.9
August	117.9
September	42.5
October	235.3
November	89.5
December	141.8
Total for year	1162.3mms (45.7")

2019	1032mms (40.6")
2018	952.4mms (37.4")
2017	987.1mms (38.8")
2016	941.5mms (37.0")

*Best wishes for 2021,
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Meon Valley Lions

Sorry, no Santa this year

Santa runs are usually a large part of Meon Valley Lions Club's fundraising events, but we were out in the villages and really impressed with the number of people who took the time to chat and make a donation in these really difficult times.

We'd like to thank everyone who supported us in raising over £2,500 which will be used to help needy causes shortly; one of the projects we are currently looking at is providing computers for schools to lend to those who need equipment to help with home schooling.



Spreading some Christmas cheer

Meon Valley Lions Club, following consultation with Age Concern, delivered 19 hampers to local needy residents. Eddy Barringer, President of Meon Valley Lions Club said, 'thanks to the support of the public, it was our great pleasure to give just a little Christmas cheer to the most lonely and financially pressed residents of our area.'

New wheels for a local family

Meon Valley Lions Club came to the rescue of a local family in need of a 'new set of wheels'. Basic tasks like going to the shops or school were a major challenge as the family were struggling to teach road safety to their 4 year old with autism. Providing the family with a buggy, for an adult child, will help all them get out and about safely and help teach their youngster about the dangers of the road (see photo overleaf).

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*As always thank you for your support,
Carole Dash*



West Meon W.I. Report - February 2021

In these strange and challenging times the West Meon W.I. have introduced some new initiatives to keep us all in touch. With most of our programme for 2020 either cancelled or postponed, in the Autumn when we could meet as groups of 6, Sue Croft organised some excellent walks in the local area which were really well supported. In the period before Christmas we introduced our email Advent calendar, where members submitted lovely photographs for us all to admire - I have to say that in these dismal times it was great to see a huge variety of subjects varying from holidays to local scenes or Christmas themed subjects. Most enjoyable! We also exchanged some recipes, which with all of us doing more cooking in the home, gave us some new ideas for our repertoire.

We have our Programme arranged for the remainder of the year, and we had hoped to possibly restart our meetings in the Spring, but unfortunately with the new variant of Covid arriving, and the consequential rise in cases, we are thinking that it will probably be more like the early Summer, when hopefully more of us will have been vaccinated. At the moment we have an outing to Wisley planned for June, and also a visit to Hambledon Vineyard for later in the Summer, but as everyone knows everything at the moment is like a 'moveable feast' and we shall have to just have to go with the flow!

We are all really looking forward to getting together again, just try to keep positive (difficult!) and keep safe until better times arrive (which they will!)

Sue Kinlochan

West Meon Village Shop

New year, another lock down, not a great start to the year, but here at the village shop we continue to serve, supply and deliver. We just want to thank you all for your continued support now, and throughout the years.

An insight from behind the scenes on how the shop seems to run like clockwork (from the outside anyway).

So, starting with front-of-house, we have our fantastic, loyal, hardworking staff, Ray, Karen and Bethan. They work tirelessly, stacking shelves, preparing orders, serving you and all whilst trying to smile wearing their face masks to keep you safe! Keeping customers and ourselves safe is the most important job of the day. The hand sanitizer is used vigorously, along with hand washing, masks on, doors open to enable the constant flow of fresh, yet cold air (which makes the staff incredibly cold). They are also constantly wiping down surfaces and cleaning all the equipment.

Next, we have our incredible delivery drivers who get up super early, go out in all weathers, up slippery paths, encountering a variety of pets along their way, all while carrying heavy papers and awkward pints of milk. Keith and Dayle share the outer rounds which cover Warnford, Privet and Bramdean. They haven't had the best of luck with their vans of recent, but we still manage to get the deliveries done SOMEHOW! Then we have Nigel, who delivers to West Meon and parts of Warnford. He is like clockwork, knows his round of over 50 years like no other and he also has the very important job of ordering the milk for all the deliveries and the shop. What he does behind the scenes is beyond recognition, he does so much, but most importantly he checks up on us girls at locking up time, keeping us safe, carrying the heavy papers and milk into the shop and generally making sure we have done our jobs and are ready for the next day.

There is also me, Rachell, hidden away in the back office, trying to keep things running smoothly, poking my head out occasionally for a little chat and to make sure everyone is happy; oh, and home-schooling Daisy-May while Rheba is attending West Meon School for a couple of days a week. Apart from the things I do in the office, we also have our Management Committee, Proctor Hutchinson, Catherine Younger, Richard Middleton and Pam Collins to name but a few, who also work incredibly hard behind the scenes with shop finances, maintenance and general support for the shop community.

All of this, however, would not be possible without our amazing volunteers and their head volunteer and friend to all, Mary Dawson. She manages their rota and always manages to cover those busy shifts herself if no one else is available. The volunteers have understandably reduced dramatically recently, with the older members of the team having to shield and the younger ones having to home school their children. Nevertheless, we have recruited a few new faces to the team and they are all working so hard on a weekly basis just to put something back into their community, so we salute you!

Please continue to support us and smile at our tired team, we really do appreciate your custom and we aim to support you in any and every way we can.

Rachell Barnett

West Meon Wine Society



With Spring and Summer fast approaching, we start thinking of al fresco wining and dining even if it only turns out to be in our own gardens. With this in mind, we are now looking at a selection of Italian wines some of which might be old favourites such as Gavi, Soave & Pinot Grigio. There may even be some rich reds on offer. Wine tasting is underway so Watch this Space!

We are pleased to report that the Society experienced a bumper sales month in December with almost 40 separate orders placed and supplied. In particular, the mixed cases with the Christmas Selection mix, Jerry's top Six Reds and Peter's top Six Whites leading the way. A good month for the society does of course mean more money raised for the shop.

Congratulations to Pam Collins who won the shop's Christmas raffle main prize, namely the society's Christmas Selection, which was beautifully presented and on display in the shop's window in the run up to Christmas. A total of 235 £1 tickets were sold.



If you have run out of wine over the festive season and are unable to visit your usual wine supplier then do please have a look at our website: www.westmeonwine.co.uk. Prices start from £7.95 and the wines can be collected each Friday from the village shop. If you want to be the first to hear when more wines are added to our selection on the website, please drop us a line using the contact us form on the website or email us on westmeonwine@gmail.com and we will add you to the mailing list.

Membership to the society is also available and we are very much looking forward to running wine-tasting events later this year for our members.

West Meon Wine Society Management Team

West Meon C of E Primary School

Well, what a difference a day makes!

Having spent the first weekend of January preparing to have all the children back into school, as well as the INSET Day, we were then told on Monday evening to switch to remote learning and only have keyworker children in school.

Luckily, we had already reconfirmed who these children were, so we opened straight away to them on the Tuesday, whereas some other schools in the area were completely closed.

However, this was a shock to our families and to staff as we quickly had to change our ways of working together again, in order to reduce the risks of covid spread.

Miss Hocquard brings new puppy Elsie to school and pupils play Connect 4 in Lockdown 3



Again the staff went above and beyond to plan and support and our parents and governors have been great. The children are amazing and have slipped back into working online or working in a small mixed age group in school, with no qualms and with great enthusiasm.

Three staff teach one bubble of keyworker children in school, using the same planning that is going out on See Saw to those at home, and daily Zoom sessions mean the teachers touch base with the children regularly. All three classes now use See Saw to upload the work they have done and we are very grateful to Dawn Johnson, who has joined our team to cover Hedgehogs while Mrs Cheshire is off.

We continue to be supported by Aspire coaching for three afternoons a week and by



Judy Harris, our regular supply teacher.

We did shut prematurely before Christmas, as some members of the community did contract covid, but they are all now recovered and back in school.

Thank you for your get well messages.

We are still very much missing our volunteers from the community who normally support us, as well as Reverend Mary and Reverend Jane, who are no longer allowed into school.

We look forward to welcoming our extended families back into school when it is safe to do so.

Stay Safe.

*Julie Kelly,
Headteacher*

Snakes and Ladders and Elsie plays ball



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There are many interesting photos of Old Alton as well information on items in the Collections, and if you have any queries - or perhaps recognise a scene – you can post a comment on Facebook or email our Manager Cerian Gale (email address at the top). Cerian will be checking the emails every week and she and Local Historian Jane Hurst will be glad to provide some extra background.



This is the Alton Buckle from the Mount Pleasant Anglo-Saxon cemetery found during excavations in 1959-61. A silver gilt body with sub-triangular shape, filigree wire and niello, set with cloisonné garnets and glass. The centre panel of semi zoomorphic design is gold filigree on a gold repoussé base. The buckle shows signs of considerable use and wear, the two silver gilt bars being ancient repairs. The buckle was found in the grave of an Anglo-Saxon warrior with a sword, shield boss, spear heads and numerous small items. Buckles like this were worn by men and used to fasten a belt worn around the waist or hips during the 6th and 7th centuries.

Hope to see you back at the venues in the near future, Jill Line

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Salt Bins - The salt bins are full should a cold snap hit. These bins are intended for use on the Public Highway and on Public Footpaths only and should not be removed for personal use.

Potholes - WMPC are aware that there are some large potholes on some of our roads. We are in contact with Hampshire Highways to try and arrange for these to be repaired.

Vaccine Scams - Hampshire Constabulary is urging residents to remain vigilant for vaccine scams as reports of these are increasing across the country. They are reminding people that the vaccine is only available on the NHS and is free of charge. The NHS will not ask people to pay for the vaccine, nor will it ask for bank details. Anyone who believes they may have been the victim of fraud should report it directly to Action Fraud on 0300 123 2040. If the victim is vulnerable, or there is a risk that someone has, or might come, to a victim's house, the crime should be reported to the police online or by calling 101.

Covid Tier 4 Rules - The key restrictions for Tier 4 require:

- Residents to stay at home, apart from limited exemptions set out in law
- Non-essential retail, indoor gyms and leisure facilities, and personal care services to close
- People to work from home if they can but they may travel to work if this is not possible, for example in the construction and manufacturing sectors. Those who are 'extremely clinically vulnerable' are advised to always stay at home, unless for exercise or medical appointments, and not to attend work, even if they are unable to work from home
- People not to enter or leave Tier 4 areas, with some essential exemptions, and Tier 4 residents must not stay overnight away from home. Individuals can only meet one person from another household in an outdoor public space.
- Meeting other people is against the law to meet socially with family or friends unless they are part of your household or support bubble. NB this applies to all ages young to old

And Finally from West Meon – The next Parish Council Meetings will be held on Tuesday, 2nd February via skype 7.30 p.m. and all Parishioners are welcome to join; 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 (see opposite). The website also has details of local facilities and services, village news and up and coming events. Please sign up for e-mail alerts relating to forthcoming events. Details of how to contact the Chairman and Clerk are on the opposite page.

Rights of Way in Warnford - If you are aware of any rights of way in Warnford that are becoming overgrown or are otherwise obstructed please e-mail Derek Chapman at: ederekchapman@btinternet.com.

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Westbury House, West Meon; The Dawn Of A New Era ...again

With the recent vandalism and new development plans it seems an appropriate time to revisit an article from the Hampshire Chronicle of Friday 26th June 1981 when the conversion to a Nursing Home was a cause for optimism.

Assuming that the necessary planning consents are forthcoming and present indications are that these will pose no problem, Westbury House, at West Meon, is about to embark upon another and vastly different phase in its long history. The intention is to convert it into a high-class Nursing Home providing total nursing facilities for immediate, post-operative treatment, acute and chronic medical care, as well as for geriatric patients.

Recorded in Domesday Book as a separate manor held by Hugh de Port, and which "Ulnod had held in the time of King Edward," it clearly has a much older history. Some years ago, and as John Hurst records in his book, "West Meon – Some Chapters in its History," published in 1972, Mr. George Walker unearthed a Bronze Age pot of about 1200 B.C. in the garden of Westbury Cottage, together with a flint arrowhead from the second or third millennium B.C., as well as mediaeval pottery fragments.

The present house arose out of the ashes of a disastrous fire which, in 1904, and according to a Hampshire Chronicle report of the time, "brought terrible havoc attended by a fatal accident to the housekeeper." The then owner, Col. Le Roy Lewis, not only displayed great bravery and daring "which saved many lives in dire peril through the fire"; he immediately set about the task of rebuilding against a background of damage

estimated, even nearly 80 years ago, at up to £30,000. By the standards of the day the new Westbury House was splendidly equipped, with its own electricity supply, a lift, a system of internal telephones, two boilers and a hot-water supply.

The estate was broken up at auction in 1924 and the house, with its surrounding park, became a preparatory school, with Mr. Thomas Whitehead as its Headmaster. When Mr. Whithead died the school was taken over by Comdr. Sherard Manners, DSC, RN, and he continued to provide boys, and, latterly, a small number of girls, with their preparatory education until some three years ago.

Having remained unoccupied for a short while, Westbury House was purchased by Mr. Garun Vartevanian, a prominent member of the Armenian Society in London, with the intention of re-opening it as an international boys' school. Early in 1979, with some 50 pupils from Iran apparently assured of entry, events in that country completely upset Mr. Vartevanian's plans. Exchange controls prevented funds from being available for transfer from Teheran and, to the great dismay of many, the enterprise was prevented from developing. A quarter of a million pounds has been expended on a comprehensive improvements and re-furnishing programme; and there can be little doubt that, set in such superb surroundings, Westbury would have continued a most attractive Alma Mater for up to 50 pupils at any one time.

It was not to be; and who is to say that a nursing home of the kind envisaged will not fully compensate for the loss of the school.

Mr. Stuart Walker, the managing director of South Eastern Nursing Homes, is already substantially involved in the control of Colesdane, a residential home for the elderly at Harrietsham, in Kent, and the Chegworth Nursing Home in Surrey. In addition to

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completing the arrangements for Westbury, he is presently negotiating for a fourth establishment and has a choice between one at Epsom and another at Leith Hill.

His interest in nursing homes dates from 1976, when, from the personal experiences of close relatives, he came to recognise the limitations of the facilities then available in and around his home area. In that year, and not without difficulty, he accumulated sufficient funds to found the original Chegworth. Speaking to the Hampshire Chronicle last week, Mr. Walker said that his aim was to be part of the community, making every possible use of local purchasing facilities and the services of local tradesmen. He did not want to become some kind of lofty and splendidly isolated unit.

When Westbury becomes operational the initial capacity will be about 20 patients and this, by degrees, will increase to 40. Accommodation will all be completely self-contained and equipped with its own bathroom, colour television and inter-communication. Patients will take their meals in their own compartment or in the dining hall, as suits them best. Hairdressing, for both men and women, physiotherapy, occupational therapy and the services of a chiropodist will be available.

A certain amount of structural work will be required before the first patient is received in about three months time.

The advertisement for staff which appeared in the Hampshire Chronicle a fortnight ago and which was the first indication that the village received of something being afoot, brought over 70 immediate responses; and Mr. Walker said that this kind of result was far beyond anything he had experienced in similar circumstances elsewhere. Taking part-time working into account, it is anticipated

that, by the time 30 patients are in residence, the total staff, both indoor and out, will number between 45 and 55. Of these, eight will be nursing staff on duty during the day, six during the evening and three at night. There will be a resident matron and, in due course, possibly a deputy matron. The chef will also be resident and a housekeeper is being appointed.

The Director of Nursing, with responsibility throughout the group, Mrs. Jean Price, trained at Epsom District Hospital, and as a staff nurse, specialised in the care of coronary and acute medical patients. Later, at Dorking General Hospital, she was Sister in the acute medical ward, and has also had considerable experience in hospital caring for the elderly.

"I like old people", she said, "and I am also very keen to teach young people. I look forward to have a number of 17-year-olds at Westbury who, being interested in nursing as a career, will be getting their year's pre-nursing experience with us before going on to hospital. The qualified nurses on the Westbury staff will need to be people who are willing to teach. I shall not be engaging any that won't." Mrs. Price added that Westbury would cater for post-operative eye care and cases of cataract.

Thus Westbury House, which, for well over 50 years has echoed to the sound of youngsters on the threshold of life, is soon to re-open to the benefit of those who stand in need of an entirely different form of care. In doing so, it will provide much-needed employment in a village with very little work to offer, particularly to its womenfolk; and it will be a source of satisfaction that this splendid house will continue to bear no less a dignity than in days gone by.'

*Hampshire Chronicle 1981
West Meon Parish News Ford Archive*

Diary Dates February 2021

Church Services

Dates and arrangements will be advertised on Facebook, locally displayed posters and by word of mouth (for further details contact the Rector - see below).

Tuesday 2nd February

West Meon Parish Council Meeting – at 7.30pm via via skype. All parishioners are welcome to join in. If you would like to be present please contact the Clerk via email at clerk.westmeon@parish.hants.gov.uk.

Thursday 20th May to be confirmed Warnford Parish Meeting - details of how to join will be on the village website nearer the time. Any matters for the Agenda should be emailed to the Warnford Parish Clerk.



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