

Parish News

West Meon & Warnford

October 2020

A Time For Everything

We escaped North for a weekend to look at the leaky roof on our house. I love having a taste of my homeland and after we'd finished with the builder we had time to head out along the Pennine Way alongside the Tees.

I was shocked to find myself thinking that it was a beautiful autumn day. I say shocked because it doesn't really feel like this year has started properly and we seem to be heading towards the end of it at a rapid rate of knots! Although I'm writing this during a brief return to summer temperatures, the weather is generally getting colder, the leaves are beginning to change colour, and the crops are disappearing. This all tells me that autumn is arriving and we are definitely heading into the shorter days and darker nights of winter.

Autumn also means we're well into harvest. As the months have passed we have watched the fields changing colour as the crops have grown and ripened and now the harvest is gathered in. Living in a community where farming is such an integral part means that we see first-hand the difficulties of coping with the vagaries of the English weather and the hard work involved in ensuring we have food on our tables.



Autumn view from West Meon churchyard



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Who would have thought, following the wet months at the beginning of the year, that we would see such a protracted time of dry weather? Lovely for those of us who were able to appreciate it but not so good when you can see the crops struggling. For most of this year we have had to do things differently and Harvest Festival was no exception but it is still an important opportunity in the church year when we can give thanks to God for all that he gives to us and also an opportunity to give thanks for the men and women who make it possible.

This time of year also means that my Facebook page is filled with photographs of my friend's children heading back to school – the obligatory photo containing the new, generally quite large, uniform or the comparison 'first and last year' photo, sometimes with siblings, sometimes without them. Then there's the older 'heading to college/university' photos with no uniform and a car packed full of luggage. The combinations are endless but the sentiment behind them is the same because they all mark change. These photographs are generally accompanied by comments about how quickly the time has passed, 'It doesn't seem two minutes since they were born!'

Seeing all this on top of having Freddie, my two-year old grandson, at home with us for the last six months has sent my thoughts back to the days when my children were going through these changes and how I felt. I have been reminded that I don't really like it – change, that is! I found these words from Kahlil Gibran, in his book 'The Prophet', thought-provoking:

'Your children are not your children.
They are the sons and daughters of Life's longing for itself.
They come through you but not from you,
And though they are with you yet they belong not to you.
You may give them your love but not your thoughts,
For they have their own thoughts.
You may house their bodies but not their souls,
For their souls dwell in the house of tomorrow,
which you cannot visit, not even in your dreams.
You may strive to be like them,
but seek not to make them like you.
For life goes not backward nor tarries with yesterday.
You are the bows from which your children
as living arrows are sent forth.
The archer sees the mark upon the path of the infinite,
and He bends you with His might
that His arrows may go swift and far.
Let your bending in the archer's hand be for gladness;
For even as He loves the arrow that flies,
so He loves also the bow that is stable.'

Time moves on and change is unavoidable. Ecclesiastes, in the Old Testament, tells us that 'for everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven: a time to be born and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what has been planted...' All this makes me realise that however much I might hate something changing, this is a part of life.

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And whilst the words of Kahlil Gibran might be directed primarily at parents and the need to let your children go, I think they can apply to all of us; change might be difficult, it might be hard and it might be painful but it can also be positive as our lives change and grow and the harvest is always followed by the new growth of the spring.

We know all this but what Gibran reminds us of is the fact each of us is unique and how we live our lives is also unique. How I am affected by the chances and changes in my life does not mean that I understand how that feels for someone else and I can only live my life. The good news is that we are all loved by God for who we are.

With love, *Jane*
Rector for East Meon, Langrish, West Meon and Warnford

West Meon and Warnford October Church Services schedule:

Sunday 4th October
Warnford at 9.00

Sunday 11th October
West Meon at 10.30

Sunday 18th October
Warnford at 9.00

Sunday 25th October
West Meon at 10.30

Morning Prayer West Meon 9am Monday
and Wednesday

Evening Prayer Warnford 5pm Wednesday

Notices:

Marriages

Mr Benjamin and Mrs Bridget Miller (Nee Clay)

Deaths

Gerald Henry Goddard 17th August 2020



Meon Valley Community Bus

We plan to restart the Community Bus service from Monday 28th September.

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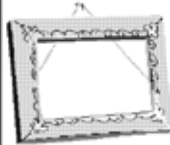
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Lace For The Fete

Sorting through the many bags of fabric donated by Catherine Garway-Templeman for the craft and fabric stall for the village fete, I found a big bag of lace. As well as dozens of trimmings there were beautiful collars, cuffs and a bag of lace makers bobbins- some of them named and decorated.

I don't know anything about lace, but it was immediately clear to me that these items were too good to sell for a couple of pounds at the fete. I wondered if they had been included in error and I was looking at a family heirloom. I made a small selection of the best pieces and took them back to Catherine hoping for a story behind the collection. Sadly, Catherine was unsure of the origin of the lace and presumed it must have come from her husband's family.

I needed to find out more. So, I made an appointment and took a selection of the lace to the Alresford lace making group where a kind and knowledgeable lady examined the pieces and confirmed that the lace was hand made and probably valuable. She recommended taking it to Bonhams in Winchester. Unfortunately, Bonhams no longer deal with fabrics but they suggested I take the lace to the Kerry Taylor auction house in Bermondsey. A trip to London was duly arranged.

The visit was disappointing. The minimum estimated sale price which they would accept was £200 and they did not expect the lace to make that much.

I was back to square one, tried unsuccessfully to sell a few pieces on ebay and began to consider donating the lace to a museum and making a small gift to the fete fund instead. I felt stuck.

It was months later that my husband and I took some unwanted ornaments for sale at Andrew Smith auctioneers at Itchen Stoke. We were just about to leave when I remembered the lace, cornered a member of staff and asked "would you auction lace" the answer – having spoken with the relevant person was "yes". As it was the last day for Smiths to accept items for the next sale, I rushed home collected the lace and returned with it. I came home with fingers crossed that the lace would make over £100. Then Covid 19 struck and auctions were suspended.

Now, at last, over 2 years since I took possession of Catherine's donation, the lace has been sold and I have been able to give the church fund a cheque for £200.56. It was quite a journey and I still don't know much about lace!

Penny Cowell



West Meon Fete 2019

Our River Meon – Invasive Species

Earlier articles have covered the importance of the River Meon as one of only 200 chalk streams across the world and the dangers of pollution to its very sensitive environment. This article and its successor in my series, will touch upon some of the invasive species which threaten it and many other rivers around UK. Some threats are bigger than others – in every sense!

Signal Crayfish



Originally introduced from the USA as a potential food source the Signal Crayfish, like so many imports, has turned out to be a mixed blessing. Much larger than our native White Clawed Crayfish it has largely displaced them throughout Britain not just by out competing them for food but also because they carry a water mould known as ‘crayfish plague’. This is lethal to our natives and spreads incredibly quickly, both by spores travelling downstream and infected Signal Crayfish moving upstream and between waterbodies (often over land).

The Signal Crayfish, compared to our own native, is a voracious predator eating almost anything including plants, invertebrates, snails, small fish and fish eggs. When other prey is short it cannibalises its own young. Fully grown its body can be over 6 inches long (15 cm) with enormous claws.

It can also be identified by the red undersides of its claws and the white or turquoise blotches on their surface. This invasive crayfish has now reached epidemic proportions in many parts of Britain and marine biologists have been desperately seeking a way of halting its relentless spread.

Our native White-Clawed Crayfish were abundant in the Meon up until the 1980’s, but have not been recorded on the river since the 1990’s. There is limited evidence of Signal Crayfish in the river but they have been detected near Soberton, Warnford and Titchfield. This suggests that they are distributed throughout the river system but, fortunately, at a comparatively low density.

Signal Crayfish are listed under Schedule 9 to the Wildlife and Countryside Act. As such it is an offence to release or to allow the escape of this species into the wild. Previous trapping schemes by local landowners and community groups have proved ineffective and are believed to have contributed to its spread. The Environment Agency no longer support such initiatives. So the current advice if you see one is 'Do not try to capture' but rather 'Report' and locally the best route is via the Wildlife Trust: feedback@hiwwt.org.uk

Finally – to avoid inadvertently spreading the spores of the mould, Signal Crayfish eggs and other potentially dangerous species, fishermen and others regularly accessing the river now adopt a Check, Clean (Disinfect), Dry approach after every visit. If locals up and down our valley took similar steps with their wellingtons it could help to restore our native White Clawed crayfish to their rightful home and prevent other infestations.

The Killer and Demon Shrimps



These aptly named creatures originate around the Black Sea and are believed to have spread across western Europe via commercial shipping. The Killer Shrimp was first detected in UK in 2010 whilst Demon Shrimp were first found some 2 years later.

More is known about the Killer Shrimp than the Demon Shrimp. It lives for only a year or so but is a fast breeder and females produce 3 broods per year each of which has an average of 150 eggs.

They can tolerate a variety of environmental conditions but prefer to colonise waters with a moderate to slow flow speed using faster water to drift to new locations.

Killer Shrimps are considered to be one of the most damaging invasive species in Europe, with the potential to significantly affect the ecology of our rivers. The shrimp preys on a range of native animals, fish eggs and even young fish. It often kills its prey and leaves it uneaten. This alters the ecology of habitats it invades and could cause extinctions.

Whilst neither of these dangerous customers have been found in the Meon (yet!) some similar non-native shrimps were detected in samples taken near Titchfield Haven in 2017. They are clearly a threat. Shrimp species and their eggs can easily be transported around in damp clothing and equipment because they can survive for a surprisingly long while out of water. If everyone followed the Check, Clean (Disinfect), Dry procedures after going out and about near the river the spread of these small but such potentially voracious and dangerous predators might be contained.

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Anthony McEwen

Barbershop Botanicals

I wanted to raise a glass in support of a project that has overcome a febrile, cautious financial environment at a time when the negative spiral of fear, feeding on itself, has knocked at every door, with differing degrees of success.

Fran and I are relative newcomers to West Meon and relish the six years we have so far lived in this extraordinary village that punches so far above its weight. Only a short while ago there was concern that the village store was not sustainable and then concerns about the butchers. These are the lungs of the village, without them we become a dormitory town. Diminished. How many of us have enjoyed villages in rural England that are delightful because they are 'working' villages, they are more than pretty and celebrate in their village life and indeed in their pub life, the diversity of a living earned. Here there are farms, the shop, the butchers, baker, the school, many industrious people and now a Barbers. Barbershop Botanicals.

Putting aside for a moment the right to earn a living, I would like to acknowledge the care that has been taken over the development of this small business. The equipment is of a fully professional standard, the environment light and airy. A good pair of professional hairdressing scissors alone cost up to 300 pounds.

There is parking for 3 and a 15 minute gap between clients so no need for parking in the High Street, although during the working week there is plenty of room. Nonetheless these concerns have been addressed as have all legal requirements. Of course.

I would like to acknowledge the bravery required to get this project up and running in these contracted times.

My feeling is that non invasive local industry enriches the village and in this case celebrates two people who have suffered loss with a spirit that has not been bowed.

Nick Jones



Garden Club News

Due to the continuing concerns regarding the evolution of the Covid 19 Pandemic and to comply with the current “Rule of 6” regulation, the Garden Club committee has decided to cancel both our October and November meetings, including the November AGM.

We don't hold lectures in December, January and February so there are no further meetings planned until March 2021. By this time, we should have a clearer understanding of the Corona Virus situation so will take a decision regarding our 2021 programme of activities accordingly. *Clare Swinstead*

Pots Appeal

Dear All,

If any one has any flower pots they don't want size 5-6 inches diameter I would be most grateful. I don't want any of the very small ones as I have plenty.

And more thanks are due to all the kind people who buy plants from time to time as I have just been able to send £100 to the Church as if from the plant stall.

Pots can be left at the top of the steps at the front or inside the second garage entrance on the right in Knapps Hard.

*Many thanks,
Jenny Jenkins*



Rainfall Records for August/September 2020

August started really dry which was good for the harvest and by mid month we recorded a meagre 16mms. However there was a dramatic change then and the month ended with 117.9mms (4.6”) which is not unusual for August. September has been exceptionally dry and by mid month we have recorded 3.4mms. Over the previous 5 years August rainfall has looked like this:



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| 2015 | 134.5mms |
| 2016 | 20.4mms |
| 2017 | 90.7mms |
| 2018 | 89.8mms |
| 2019 | 58.6mms |

The average for those 5 years is 78.8mms so 2020 has exceeded the average by nearly 39mms. I am not sure that this tells us anything but interesting nevertheless.

Peter Short

West Meon Village Shop

We are pleased to announce that we now stock some local cheeses from the cheese stall in Winchester, including an excellent goat's cheese as well as a tasty sheep's cheese. These are ideal for those who have dairy allergies. We also have still and sparkling South Downs Water and Hill Farm apple juice is back by popular demand in eco-friendly large glass bottles. These can be seen on the table on the left as you enter the shop. As the night's begin to draw in, what better for lunch or dinner than one of our delicious fresh soups accompanied by freshly baked bread. Do remember that Libby's Millstream Bakery sourdough loaves are available fresh and warm on Tuesday and Saturday mornings. You need to be quick because the aroma is so delicious that it is normally all gone by 11:00am.

This month, inspired by some of our new ranges in the shop, we would like to introduce a new recipe for all those keen cooks who like to use local, seasonal produce. All the ingredients for the recipe can be purchased from the shop and will be displayed together on our new 'recipe table'.

Smoky tomato and charred corn soup

(Inspired by September's BBC Good Food Magazine)

1 tsp Garlic Farm rapeseed oil with chilli and garlic

- 1 onion, finely chopped
- 2 garlic cloves, crushed
- 1 tsp sweet paprika
- 2 tsp ground coriander
- Handful of coriander leaves, stalks chopped
- 400g can of tomatoes
- 600ml veg stock
- 2 corn on the cob
- 50g feta cheese
- 4 tbsp Greek yoghurt



Heat the oil in a casserole dish and fry the onion for 10 minutes until soft. Add garlic, paprika, ground coriander and coriander stalks and cook for a minute. Next, stir through tomatoes and stock. Bring to the boil, put a lid on the dish and simmer on a low heat for 20 mins. While it's cooking, add the corn to a pan of boiling, salted water and cook for 4 minutes. Remove and cool enough so you can chop off the kernels. Add the kernels to a dry frying pan and cook on a high heat for 5-7 minutes. Add the soup to a bowl and top with the feta, yogurt, charred corn and coriander leaves. Lovely with Libby's sourdough bread and South Downs butter, washed down with a glass of our Domaine de la Chapelle des Bois fleurie or one of our West Meon Wine Society wines.

West Meon Wine Society



For October, we reflect on the fact that nights are drawing in and temperatures are cooling. We can perhaps enjoy some dinners with friends and the thoughts of venison, game dishes, casseroles and rich vegetarian dishes has led us to select a few robust reds and richer white wines. Also, now is the time to consider stocking up on wines for Christmas and we will be adding some dessert wines to our selection. We are always keen for feedback so have a look at the website (www.westmeonwine.co.uk) and let us know your thoughts.

Initial membership has been most encouraging and wine sales continue to exceed our expectations. If you have the potential to love wine and if you live locally and are interested in investing in a supportive community, then please think about becoming an active member of the West Meon Wine Society. The membership fee is £30 for a year's subscription. For more information please visit the website. It is important to note that as part of the village shop and as a not-for-profit organisation, any surpluses go back to the shop so it can continue to help serve our community in the Meon Valley.

Mark Hammond

West Meon W.I.

A short note from the West Meon W.I! For those of us on email, Jan Gavin has done a marvellous job at keeping in touch with articles such as information on the Coronavirus, Bank fraud and many other topics. We have obviously had to postpone our speakers and meetings, and all the outings which we had planned for this year have been re-scheduled for 2021, which is good news. Despite Covid we are hoping to go ahead with our Christmas Lunch on 7th December at The Seven Stars pub in Stroud, but of course who knows what the situation will be at that time, but we can only hope it will go ahead! With best wishes to everyone. Keep safe!

Sue Kinloch

Froxfield choir is back!

We met and sang on September 10th for the first time since lockdown.

Amateur choirs have been one of the last activities to be given the green light, although that should be the 'proceed with caution' light. Much thought and measurement has gone into making rehearsals safe for everyone. And along with everyone else on the planet, we are prepared for changes to the guidelines as they appear.

As well as meeting in real life we also hope to meet online to cater for our members still needing to be extra careful.

We will sing for you again!

Fiona Harvey



West Meon CE Primary School

During the last two days of term we welcomed back those year groups who have not been in school since March and they walked back in as though they had never been away... and how they had grown!!

We had an outside low key celebration assembly and presentation in the playground to say goodbye to our Y6 children, who had had a very disrupted final year in primary school and had not been able to physically visit their secondary school. We have heard since that they are all settling in well and we wish them good luck for the future.

We formed a 'socially distanced arch' using hoops, to see the children out of school for the final time and parents caught up with each other from a safe distance.

Our new Year R had their first afternoon session with their teacher, so they were ready for September and the early years teacher has also held zoom sessions with each child and their parents. Luckily most of the new YR children are siblings of those in school and so were used to coming into school with them.

Attendance laws have come back into force at the beginning of term, but apart from a few children and staff with colds, we have not seen any cases of anything else...

Staff and children have to stay within their own 'class bubble' and if anyone within that group tests positive for Covid 19, then that group closes down and isolates for 14 days. Staff are busy preparing online learning so the 'bubble' can continue to work from home.

The staggered start and finish times to allow for social distancing are working well and staff welcome them in from three different doors and they exit the same way.

We have managed to keep the before and after school club running thanks to our great staff and Aspire coaching and music lessons have also started. There are risk assessments for everything!

We have had a great deal of outdoor learning already, as we still have the good weather and the other day, as I returned from the Nature Station with Foxes class, Owls were doing 'churchyard



maths' at the back of the school and Hedgehogs were out in the Early years area. Photos are going onto the website.

Flick Drummond MP is visiting our school this week to see how we are coping under the new covid restrictions.

We are still trying to work out how we will hold Parents' Evenings and the Open Day, as well as Harvest, Remembrance and the Nativity. The latter church celebrations have also been discussed with Reverend

Mary, who we welcomed into school last week and I'm sure that between us, we will manage to organise something 'socially distanced.'

We would love to see our volunteers from the village back in school, but not just yet, as even parents are not allowed into school. We hope that once a vaccine is in place, then we can welcome them back and look forward to seeing them.

Have a safe start to the autumn.



*Julie Kelly, Headteacher
(photos supplied by Julie Kelly)*



Out and about in your area

Meon Valley Lions are getting concerned about lack of visibility in the community over recent months. Did everyone know we were out there to help those in need at this difficult time? Never being a group to shy away from a challenge, we have run a programme of communication sessions in our local communities: Wickham, Swanmore and Bishops Waltham.

During our programme we met some old friends, but also had the opportunity to talk to members of the community who were not fully aware of the range of charitable activities Lions undertake. It also made them think a little more about anyone they knew who could do with a helping hand.

Our key message has been, who are the Lions, what do we do and most importantly do you know anyone who would benefit from our help?

Photo of collectors

Supporting the local community

We have supported many causes over the recent months from providing planters for a local nursing home to helping families with finance for wheelchairs. Please get in touch if you need help and we will do our best to support you.

Minibus

The minibus is available to support local groups and we have put all the measures in place to ensure we can operate the service safely. Lions usually drive but at times we cannot so additional volunteers give us a hand. If you feel you could help out occasionally by driving the minibus, please contact John Sharpe on 01489-892750.

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Please include brief details as to why you would like to join the Parish Council and what skills you offer together with full contact information.

Dogs on Leads Round Gallops

This may be uncomfortable for some, but dogs off of leads are chasing wildlife, these animals are looking after young. Please keep dogs on leads round the gallops.

Bottle Bank – Thomas Lord

If the bottle bank is full at the Thomas Lord, please do not put empty bottles on the ground by the bin. It can be VERY DANGEROUS IN THE DARK.

Gatherings

As of Monday 14th September the Government set new guidelines where it is illegal for more than 6 people (inside or outside) to meet. Neighbours are encouraged to report large gatherings on the non-emergency police number 101.

Bonfires

Residents are actively encouraged NOT to have bonfires. Coronavirus is a respiratory illness and bonfires could well be unhelpful to those affected.

And finally from West Meon

The next Parish Council Meetings will be held on Tuesday 6th October 7.30 p.m. This will be via skype and all Parishioners are welcome to join in. If you would like to be present please contact the clerk (details opposite).

Warnford Parish Meeting

Information relating to WPM, local facilities and services, village news and up and coming events can be found on its website. Please sign up for email alerts. In this time of lockdown/restrictions, any residents needing help with shopping, meals, collecting medication, problems due to isolating for a prolonged period etc. should contact the Clerk. There are a number of volunteers ready to help as and when they can.

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 on ederekchapman@btinternet.com.

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Lord's Piece by Jamie Fielding

The contest is offering a first prize of £250 to the amateur or professional photographer who best captures this year's theme of 'My tranquil haven'.

The top prize for the adult category will be £250, with a runner-up prize of £150 and third prize of £50.

There will also be a wildlife sub-category, with judges looking for images capturing the amazing wildlife of the South Downs and the winner in the adult category will receive £100.

Meanwhile, there will be two further categories for budding young photographers – 10 years and under and 11 to 17. There will be a winner for the main theme of 'My Tranquil Haven', as well as best wildlife image, and the winner of each of these categories will receive a Colombia outdoors rucksack and a Colombia beanie.

Award-winning photographers Rachael Talibart and Finn Hopson are returning once again to judge the 2020 competition and the panel welcomes acclaimed Lewes-based photographer Carlotta Luke.

Carlotta said: "I am so pleased to be part of the judging panel this year. I love the South Downs and am looking forward to seeing photos that celebrate the feeling of tranquility our national park can give us. As well as beautiful photos of the landscape and wildlife, I would love submissions showing people engaging with and enjoying the park. I also cannot wait to see what the young photographers send in!"

Find out more and download the entry form at www.southdowns.gov.uk/enter-the-south-downs-photo-competition/

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(10-4 Thurs, Fri, Sat - the hour after closing being set aside for cleaning/disinfection). As with the Allen Gallery, we would like you to book your slot for a visit. Please see our website for details: www.hampshireculture.org.uk/curtis-museum

The Childhood Gallery

Many of you contributed towards this Project to re-model the Museum's Childhood area. Work began while we were still closed, and is progressing well. The ultimate aim is to have inter-active exhibits as well as static toys, but that element obviously has to wait. Come and see how we're getting on.

ALLEN GALLERY

The Gallery hours are now open 10.30 - 3.30 Thurs, Fri, Sat - the hour after closing being set aside for cleaning/disinfection. Please see our website to book your visit www.hampshireculture.org.uk/allen-gallery



Under the Microscope

An exhibition of the work of Helen Perry. A design maker by background, Helen Perry has always been interested in materials, surfaces, science and form. Her



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Sunday 25th October West Meon

10.30 JPE for West Meon/Warnford

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Tuesday 6th October

West Meon Parish Council Meeting

7.30 p.m. Skype.

Sunday 11th October

West Meon and Warnford Annual Parochial Council Meeting

Thursday 12th November

Warnford Parish Meeting

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