

# Parish News

West Meon & Warnford

September 2020

## A Sense Of Community

Over the past few months I have heard and read just how stressful the pandemic has been for everyone, as we have attempted to process, inwardly digest and work out new ways of being. I also know that moving and changing jobs are considered to be some of the most stressful events of our lives. So put the two together and well...!! Here however I would like to say thank you to all of you for the welcome and support you have shown Michael and I since we arrived in your villages. Despite the face masks there have been many lovely conversations, a few distanced cups of tea and the appearance of much appreciated beans and courgettes - all you have done has made us feel that your community, has already begun to become our community. So many thanks...

I think it is interesting to consider what makes a community, what shapes a village or a town into a good place to live. Of course having things in common is at one level a starting point but that notion perhaps needs a bit of unpicking, as being an allotment keeper, perhaps going to church, or even being a 'petrol head' (husband Mike!) are not necessarily the beginnings of a making of a community. Over the last few months we have heard how individuals have reached



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out to the people they live alongside, perhaps even the stranger they lived alongside. We have heard that through care and attention a renewed sense of community has been developed in many place. That understanding we know has existed in times of challenge in the past such as in the time of war. Times of adversity, we have come to understand, brings out the best in many individuals as there is a renewed sense of empathy and individuals reach out beyond their own particular circumstances. Lives become enriched by love and care.

In the 14th century the mystic Julian of Norwich, who has been identified as the first female writer in English, wrote of individuals being joined together by love and that that notion gave her hope. When we consider the goodness and love that has been demonstrated in ordinary ways over the past few months, of the many acts of altruism we personally have experienced or perhaps witnessed through the media, I think we should have hope. We however, must fan that hope so that it will not be extinguished as we return to the busyness of the world. There is no one that has not experienced challenges over the last few month but I am hopeful that as a society we have become simply more aware of the other. I live in hope that our perceptions, our understandings have been transformed so that our society will begin to evolve into a place of hope for all.

*Rev'd Mary Jepp*

*Associate Rector for East Meon, Langrish, West Meon and Warnford*

## **The Rev'd Mary Jepp licensed in August**

We look forward to working with Mary and to a time – hopefully sooner rather than later – when we can celebrate properly. I will let you know any more details as soon as I can and in the meantime we keep Michael and Mary in our prayers.

*Rev'd Jane*

## **History of East Meon**

We are incredibly pleased to offer you the opportunity to purchase a wonderful booklet about the history of All Saints' Church. Put together by Michael Blakstad, we have copies available gifted by East Meon History Society and are on sale for £10 with all proceeds going to support All Saints'. If you would like to purchase a copy you can email Jane Cobley (janecobley66@gmail.com).

## **Funerals held in August (for information only)**

Tuesday 18th August, 12.15pm at The Oaks                      Michael Webber

Wednesday 19th August, 2pm in East Meon                      Fenella Esson

Monday 24th August, 2pm in West Meon                      Sim Byles

Wednesday 26th August, 12.30pm at Chichester then 3pm in Langrish  
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# Chair Our Meon Valley Community Team



At the heart of Home-Start Hampshire are our volunteers and we currently have an exciting opportunity available as Chair of the Meon Valley Community Team.

Our community teams form an integral part of our volunteer network. They work in the local community to increase awareness of Home-Start Hampshire, making sure that people that need help know how to access it and building relationships with individuals, groups and businesses locally, encouraging them to support us in a variety of ways.

Our community teams help make it possible for the work we do to continue.

As chair you will take responsibility for leading a team of like-minded individuals, all sharing the common goal of supporting Home-Start Hampshire.

Community team projects include, but are not limited to:

- event planning
- fundraising
- relationship building and networking
- identifying and applying for local funding opportunities
- community engagement and awareness

To take on the role of chair you will need to be able to build strong relationships, communicate effectively, and organise and delegate tasks and responsibilities. But, perhaps most importantly, you will understand and care about the work of Home-Start Hampshire and the families we support.

Key responsibilities include:

- coordinating the community team, including local ambassadors
- working closely with the Meon Valley Family Support team to understand what's happening in the local area, where support is required and current goals
- working with other community teams across Home-Start Hampshire, sharing knowledge and coordinating efforts where appropriate

This is an exciting opportunity to join a well-established team and support them as they continue to go from strength to strength.

## **Why volunteer?**

As well as positively changing the lives of others, volunteering has a huge impact on the person giving their time:

- better health and well-being
- improved personal and skills development
- improved chances for work
- and more self-confidence

Volunteering is a great thing to do if you're preparing to return to work or to progress your career. Or simply if you just want to do something amazing with your spare time.

DBS clearance will be required.

If you are interested in finding out more about this position, or any volunteering opportunities with Home-Start Hampshire please email [amy.williams@hshants.org.uk](mailto:amy.williams@hshants.org.uk).

*Amy Williams*

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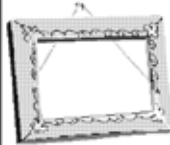
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## **Sim Byles – 5th January 1933 - 31st July 2020**

Dear villagers,

I am writing this before Sim's funeral because I wanted to thank all of you for your lovely cards, letters, calls and flowers. It has helped our family so much knowing Sim was remembered at this sad time.

The Covid 19 put paid to a normal service for him but, I think, he would have been shocked and proud that the High Street turned into an old fashioned send off for him. The Shop was his life and he loved it and to pause outside was so special.

Our children Julie and Emma were raised in the shop, first in West Meon Stores and later in Valley Stores. The grandchildren William, Hannah and Shaoon were all taught how to work the till and serve customers when they came to stay with us.

Sim's love of sport of any kind, but especially football and POMPEY gave him his break from the milk and paper round on Saturdays and Sundays.

In so many of the cards we have received say things like 'Oh I remember Sim counting out my penny sweets' or 'he taught me to play cricket'. Others say 'he helped me with football' or 'he still managed to deliver the milk in the deepest snow!'

When we retired from the shop Sim was always to be seen around the old railway and Station Road with Woody, his beloved Springer Spaniel, as he walked him daily until Christmas Eve 2019. SLEEP WELL, you've earned it.

*Love,*

*Nina, Julie and Garry, Emma and Richard, William and Sarah, Hannah and Shannon*

### **What an innings**

Sim was a keen all round sportsman and having completed 2 years national service, mostly spent in Holland, returned to help run the family business and set up, play and help organise sport in the village.

Despite having to get up early each day for the milk and paper rounds and to open the shop, Sim never missed a match, as goalkeeper for the football team or as cricket opening bat and wicket keeper, playing against the MCC in 1955. When he gave up wicket keeping, he became a proficient off spin bowler.

Sim was not just a player though, he was an organiser too. He would select the teams, was cricket fixture secretary, an excellent football referee and transport manager. When there appeared to be a problem getting the football team to away matches, he organised for them to get there on the back of Ray Stone's coal lorry. He would however become very grumpy with players who said they weren't available.

For relaxation Sim played tennis and nothing got past him at the net – a bit like in the shop!

He was a founder member of the rifle club, set up in 1953. He was their first treasurer and he retired from this position in 2015.

As our President, Sim kept an eye on us all expressing concerns for the future of village sport and offering encouragement.

Sim was not a 'rusher', he just got things done at his own pace and, coupled with his dedication, this is probably how he fitted so much in to a day.

Thank you Mr President, for your sporting legacy.

*Mary Edwards*

## Our River - The Meon - Pollution

As I write the river has overflowed its banks and the fields above Cutts Arch look more like a lake than a meadow. Perhaps a hint of what it must have been like when the water meadows were being actively managed and the “drowners” were at work keeping them covered with a gently moving film of water which, being warmer than the winter air, encouraged early growth of good grazing for the sheep and cattle.



So it is perhaps an appropriate time to think about pollution of our precious river which, as you remember, springs from deep down in the chalk.

Some will remember the heating oil leakage from one of the homes in the Towers. Great care was taken to monitor how far and how deep the oil had moved in the ground. Such cases as this can cause pollution of the aquifer, even when

the leak appears to be a fair way from the watercourse itself, and hence reappearance in our beautiful river. And please don't forget that some water companies are offering to subsidise tank replacements if yours is a little elderly.

A sewage tanker accident, as recently occurred near Fontley, could kill all life in the river downstream of where it topples in. Not a pretty thought. Fortunately, the tanker in question did not leak on this occasion and all was well – but it was a close-run thing.

Likewise manure from animals does not improve riverine life but perhaps this is not as dangerous as the insidious silting up that they cause by wading in and out of the river. Silt can suffocate the eggs of both fish and invertebrates but also holds pollutants in place increasing their effect. What is needed is a good variable flow in the river. This will provide a healthy mix of clean gravel and a bottom with some areas of silt. The former supports spawning fish and some insects whilst the latter helps selected invertebrates to live and breed. The balance is vital.

Such causes are reasonably obvious to even the untrained eye, but do you remember when, as one walked near a cowpat in a field, a swarm of orange flies flew up in annoyance? This no longer occurs. Those flies had a place in the balance of nature and they seem to have disappeared. It interests me that these flies can still be found on the farm of a friend who rears organic sheep. As a layman I have no direct evidence but I suspect this is because our grazing animals are now being treated with medicines which avoid infections but also prevent such flies from breeding (or at least living on their traditional – if smelly - homes).

In that case the evidence is there for us to all to see – or rather NOT see. I wonder how many more species of tiny insects are being wiped out or reduced by modern medicines and their inadvertent transfer to the watercourse or aquifer. As these little critters disappear, we may not





notice but the food chain is being irreversibly altered.

Professor Dave Goulson of the University of Sussex recently reported for the national Wildlife Trusts: “We can’t be sure, but in terms of numbers, we may have lost 50% or more of our insects since 1970 – it could be much more. We just don’t know, which is scary. If we don’t stop the decline of our insects there will be profound consequences for all life on earth [and] for human wellbeing.”

Another quiet polluter is phosphorus. Many household cleaning products contain this powerful chemical element and in our valley, where cess pits, septic tanks and soakaways are plentiful, it can leach back into the soil and then down to the chalk aquifer. Phosphorus is the basis of many fertilisers and of course traces run off the fields sometimes going almost directly into the river. Think of the runoff in bad weather from Chalk Hill down West Street or from the High Street down the track past Staddlestones. On reaching the river these chemicals upset its natural balance and, particularly in warm or sunny weather, cause the uncontrolled growth of algae. This in turn uses up the water’s oxygen smothering native plants and posing another danger to our fish and insect life. Some cleaning products do not rely upon phosphorus for their effectiveness – worth thinking about for your home.

The sight of a discarded plastic bottle bobbing its way down the river may cause temporary amusement to some but if it becomes stuck in the banks and gradually degrades it will produce harmful microplastics. An eventual arrival at the estuary will contribute to the “plastic sink” that the ocean is fast becoming. Worryingly ever-increasing amounts of microplastics are being found in the chalk streams themselves. Some may well be as a result of us washing clothes containing man-made fibres which then leach from local sewage tanks into the aquifer as described earlier. Their effect on human, animal, fish and invertebrate life is yet to be fully gauged; I doubt it is for the good.

So, in summary – I return to my central theme. The River Meon is a beautiful and precious resource for us all. The river, its environment and its water need to be husbanded if we are not to lose it. Our river valley has a unique natural beauty and we are lucky to live here. If we do not look after it who will?

*Anthony McEwen*



## Garden Club News

Due to the Covid Pandemic, it was obviously impossible to hold our normal annual Summer Show.

Undaunted by that, however, our Committee decided to launch a Virtual Summer Show. Over six weeks – from 3rd July to 8th August - instead of taking their exhibits to the Village Hall, over thirty competitors took photos of their entries and submitted them for publication on our newly created website. Entrants, and others, then voted for their favourites and award winners and all entries were posted on the website for all to admire.

With 10 classes to choose from (Cookery, Crafts, Flowers, Flower Arranging, Fruit & Veg, Fun (3 age groups) Garden Greats and Photographic Art), each with a different theme every week, there was a wide variety on offer and participants showed a range of skills and much enthusiasm.

Well done to all who took part, not just adults but children, too! Aged from 5 to 16, encouraged by parents and/or grandparents, they demonstrated great flair and imagination: Archie, Eddie, Emily & Isabel Power, Charlie & Rosie Kettle, Max Englefield-Brown, Rufus Russell-Schek and Lottie Horn. All who took part in the Fun Sections specifically aimed at children excelled in their particular age groups and some also entered 'adult' classes and won awards there as

well. So congratulations are certainly due to the younger generation. Seniors (too numerous to mention here individually), i.e. all those aged over 16, including quite a few in their eighties and one in her nineties also acquitted themselves extremely well. The organisers never ceased to be amazed at the exceptional talent displayed.

So a round of applause for all who contributed!

Special thanks go to Edwin Grimshaw, who expertly set up the website, initiated me into the art of basic web publishing



*Lockdown 1st Place Photo by Anna Couldridge*



*Lockdown 2nd Place Photo by Kim Rowlatt*

(albeit without the need to master HTML script) politely pointed out and corrected any errors I made and produced well over fifty digital 'rosettes' for all the award winners.

Thanks, too, to our other Zoom committee members (Peter, Anna and Carol) who helped come up with all the ideas for the different classes (60 themes in all), to Carol Rowlatt and Penny Power who literally went out of their way to go and take photos of other contributors' 'exhibits', who had neither a camera nor computer; and finally to Joanne Horn, who not only proved her skills by winning a high number of awards but also indirectly led me to find a different way of reducing the file size of all the photos that needed to be uploaded to the website when my computer software failed: hours of time saved!

To see all the 'exhibits', please go to:

<https://www.hugofox.com/community/west-meon-garden-club-18458/virtual-summer-show-2020/>

Then use the drop-down menu to see photos of each week's classes, winners and all the participants' exhibits.

*Clare Swinstead*

## **The 2020 Heritage Open Days Festival**

**Friday 11th to Sunday 20th September**

Winchester Heritage Open Days is now in its fifth year although it's certainly had some challenges in the past few months. As usual there is a programme of outdoor and on-site talks, tours and exhibitions but most of these will be taking place for online visitors as there is still so much uncertainty surrounding Covid-19. The digital events will include pre-recorded walks and talks, live streaming of lectures and performances, and specially commissioned films and audio available on our very own YouTube and podcast channel Hampshire Histbites.

Highlights this year include: Proudfoot & Co's online historical recipe demonstration, growing and harvesting Watercress, x-ray portraits by artist Hugh Turvey, a talk on the naturalist Gilbert White and an Interview with TV historian Alex Langlands exploring traditional crafts and sustainability.

Amongst the videos that will be available are a behind the scenes tour of towers and rooftops in Hidden Winchester: Discovering the History, Art and Architecture of Winchester College, the rare books and medieval manuscripts inside the Fellows' Library, Abbey House and Melanie Backe-Hansen talks about the social history of houses.

For more information and events listings visit [www.winchesterheritageopendays.org](http://www.winchesterheritageopendays.org)

*Charlotte Appleby*

## **Rainfall Records for July/August 2020**



Although we had 47.9mms in July we only had one day with over 10mms and the rest came in small amounts well spaced out. So far in August we have had 16mm.

This was, from the farmers' point of view quite helpful, from the gardeners' point of view not so good.

Harvest started early and was pretty much completed as I write this, mid-August, with only linseed still uncut. Not a record harvest but fairly cheap and not stressful.

*Peter Short*

## Live music returns to West Meon

While the ongoing Covid-19 crisis has forced the Primrose Piano Quartet to scale back on its plans for the 10th Anniversary West Meon Music Festival in September, the quartet is now going ahead with its alternative 'mini-festival'.

West Meon church is happy to host a socially-distanced audience of up to 65 for three concerts on 11th and 12th September and with Government confirmation that indoor concerts can take place from 15th August it means that – barring a sudden spike in Covid-19 cases and an ad hoc lockdown – live chamber music will be heard again in the district.

“Like all self-employed musicians we have seen every one of our scheduled concerts cancelled since lockdown began in March,” says Andrew Fuller, the quartet’s cellist and festival musical director. “We’ve missed performing just as much as our audiences have missed listening to live music.”

The three short concerts (no intervals to avoid unnecessary social contact among the audience) on Friday evening, Saturday afternoon and Saturday evening will include such favourites as Mozart’s Piano Quartet in E-flat and Beethoven’s String Trio in G major. Saturday afternoon’s concert is a tribute to the plight of the musician in lockdown with each member of the quartet performing their favourite solo works – including a Bach cello suite and chaconne for violin,





one of Brahms' piano intermezzo and Stravinsky's *Elegy for Viola*. There will also be a distinct French flavour to the programmes with works by Fauré and Chausson reflecting the quartet's next planned CD to be released in 2021.

Full details of the concert programmes can be found on the festival website ([www.westmeonmusic.co.uk](http://www.westmeonmusic.co.uk)) with online booking now available for tickets at £15 for main aisle seats and £12 for side aisles. Given the limited number of seats available, early booking is recommended and concert goers will need to indicate whether they are booking tickets for a single household or bubble to meet track and trace guidelines and allow seats to be preallocated. If you are unable to book online then please contact the box office on 01489 891055 for alternative options.

For those looking further ahead the planned '10th anniversary' festival will

now be held from 9th-12th September 2021 when guests will include clarinettist Michael Collins, guitarist Laura Snowden and BBC Young Musician Strings winner 2018, cellist Maxim Calver.

The Primrose Piano Quartet is one of the country's leading ensembles and its acclaimed discography includes classical favourites as well as many unjustly neglected works by early 20th century British composers such as Dunhill, Quilter, Bax and Frank Bridge. Their major commissions include piano quartets written for them by Sir Peter Maxwell Davies and Anthony Payne. The quartet appears regularly in London at King's Place and the Conway Hall and has recently toured Denmark, Germany and Bulgaria.

Named after the great Scottish violist William Primrose, who himself played in the Festival Piano Quartet, the Primrose has been selected for the Making Music Concert Promoters' Network in 2004/5, 2011/2012, 2014/2015 and 2017/18. Its latest recording of the complete Brahms piano quartets, made in Vienna on authentic pianos of the period, has been highly recommended on Radio 3's 'Record Review'.

Susanne Stanzeleit – Violin  
Dorothea Vogel – Viola  
Andrew Fuller – Cello  
John Thwaites – Piano

[www.primrosepianoquartet.org.uk](http://www.primrosepianoquartet.org.uk)

*Sue Scholes*

## West Meon CE Primary School Leavers and Prize Giving 2020

Our Leavers presentation and prize giving was very different from previous years. We usually hold this in the church together with our parents but this year we could only say goodbye to our Y6 students trying to social distance in the playground.

Some of our years 2, 3, 4 & 5 children were able to join us and it was lovely to see them again.

Mrs Kelly presented some of our students with their swimming certificates and also presented our Y6 students with some well deserves trophies in recognition of their sporting and academic achievements.

We wish our Y6 students good luck for the future as they prepare for their new adventure at The Petersfield School in September.

### Newsletter to Parents Summer 12 (17th July)

Dear Parents,

We look forward to the return of all children to school in September, Y1-6 on the 7th and the new YR on the 9th, in full school uniform. Children will be in class 'bubbles', meaning a bubble can be closed down if necessary.

In order to ensure the health and safety of all pupil please take note of the following:

- Staggered arrivals from 9 - 9.15am and pick up from 3.15-3.30
- Please take your child's temperature before coming to school
- YrR – 3 will come into school via the churchyard. Please do not drive into the churchyard
- Yr4-6 can be dropped in the playground. If they have a younger sibling they can be left while you drop the younger child at the rear entrance (if at the beginning of term your child is worried about being left on their own you may wait with them until they go in)
- We ask parents to respect social distancing guidance and not to enter the school building, contact can be made with the school office via telephone or email. Children are not expected to socially distance within their bubble, but staff will.
- We will continue to take children's temperature at midday and will send any child home who has a high temperature or a new continuous cough. They, and any siblings, will then need to be tested for Covid-19. They cannot return to school unless a negative test





is returned. If the child tests positive the class bubble will be closed down and every member of that bubble must self-isolate for 14 days. Should your child be sent home you are advised to follow the stay at home guidance [https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance)

home-guidance.

- The teachers will be ready to switch back to online learning if a bubble has to close. This will take the form of a ready prepared project which includes Maths and English for two weeks
- Gmail addresses for teachers will not be used from the end of the summer term.
- The continued emphasis on hand washing, good respiratory hygiene and enhanced cleaning will remain priorities. Equipment used in class will be cleaned after use and each class will have their own playground equipment
- Children will have their own stationary items either provided by school or their own pencil cases if they prefer
- Wearing of masks remains optional but we will continue to follow any guidance that is issued
- We will not be running teacher led clubs
- Before and after school club is still under discussion and we will send you more information when we have finalised the detail of how this will be organised
- Aspire will be running an after school club but with limited places – more details to follow
- Hampshire Music Service will resume lessons from September and will





have their own risk assessments

- Children will have the option of a hot meal or vegetarian picnic box or they can bring in their own packed lunch. Packed lunches will be kept in boxes in classrooms

I know that a lot of the above guidance sounds very clinical, but these are procedures we must follow to ensure your child's safety and we have carried out a

formal risk assessment. Rest assured that the care and guidance you have come to expect from staff at West Meon will continue as normal. All the children have coped remarkably well with this difficult situation whether in school or learning at home and we look forward to seeing as many children as possible from Y2 – 6 during the last few days of term, as well as saying goodbye to our Y6.

Have a safe and restful summer and thank you for your wonderful home learning support  
*Julie Kelly, Headteacher*

## School Diary Dates

- 22nd July - 6th Sept** - Summer Holidays
- 7th Sept** - First day of Autumn Term for Years 1– 6
- 9th Sept** 9am - 12am YR First day of Autumn Term
- 14th Sept** 9am– 1pm YR to stay for lunch
- 21st Sept** - YR Full Time
- 19th Oct** - Late Parent's Evening
- 21st Oct** - Early Parent's Evening
- 24th Oct - 1st Nov** - Half Term
- 3rd Nov** - School Photographs
- 9th Nov** - Flu Immunisations
- 11th Nov** - Remembrance
- 21st Nov** - Saturday Open Morning
- 16th Dec** - Christmas Dinner
- 19th Dec - 3rd Jan** - Christmas Holidays





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

### **Rural Broadband Scheme**

Hampshire County Council has announced that it is investing £1 million to ‘top-up’ the Government’s existing Gigabit Broadband Voucher Scheme, to help people in hard-to-reach locations get a fast, reliable broadband service.

While superfast broadband is available to more than 96% of premises in Hampshire, those living in remote locations have often missed out as they are more difficult and consequently more expensive to reach. The Hampshire Top-Up to the Gigabit Broadband Voucher Scheme has been designed to address this issue by offering additional funding towards the cost of installing gigabit-capable broadband. It will enable eligible residents to get vouchers worth up to £3,000 per property - double that of the standard voucher.

The Gigabit Broadband Voucher Scheme with Hampshire Top-Up will be allocated on a ‘first-come, first served’ basis. For more information visit the Hampshire Superfast Broadband website.

**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.**

**Flu vaccination programme** - The Government has confirmed that the flu vaccination programme will be expanded to ensure more people are protected and to support the NHS. The vaccine will be offered for free to people aged 50 to 64 later in the year, as well as households of those on the shielded patient list. The school vaccination programme will be expanded to all year groups up to year 7.

**Self-Isolation helps stop coronavirus spreading** - Do not leave your home if you have symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) or live with someone who does. This is called self-isolation.

**Big Get-Togethers During Pandemic** – even though we know how tempting it is in this nice weather, large gatherings of more than 6 people are not allowed, anyone doing so will be reported to the police, who will take the necessary action.

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

**Hampshire Domestic Abuse Services** – is continuing to provide help to people experiencing domestic abuse on **03300 165 112** staffed from **11.30am to 2.30pm Monday to Friday.**

**And Finally, from West Meon** – The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Tuesday 8th September 7.30 p.m. This will be held at the Sports Pavilion, 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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*Jill Line*

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Typical pattern is:

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**Sunday 6.00pm Evening Prayer via zoom.**  
Wednesday in West Meon 9.00am Morning Prayer.

**Tuesday, Thursday and Friday in West Meon, Wednesday in Warnford 5.00pm Evening Prayer.**

### Tuesday 8th September

West Meon Parish Council Meeting

7.30 p.m, Sports Pavilion.

### Friday 11th to Sunday 20th September

Heritage Open Days Festival

## West Meon Music Festival

### Friday 11th September 8pm

Mozart & Faure

### Saturday 12th September 3pm

Lockdown Solipsism - Bach, Stravinsky and Brahms

### Saturday 12th September 8pm

Beethoven & Chausson

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