

# Parish News

West Meon & Warnford

March 2022

## Platinum Jubilee

In 2022, Her Majesty The Queen will become the first British Monarch to celebrate a Platinum Jubilee after 70 years of service. Get involved in celebrating Her Majesty's historic reign.

To celebrate this unprecedented anniversary, events and initiatives will take place throughout the year, culminating in a four day UK bank holiday week-end from Thursday 2nd to Sunday 5th June. The bank holiday will provide an opportunity for communities and people throughout the United Kingdom to come together to celebrate the historic milestone.

West Meon will be running a range of activities across the whole long weekend:

- Thursday 2nd June: 20/20 Cricket at the Recreation Ground
- Friday 3rd June: Family fun afternoon and evening at the Recreation Ground, see below
- Saturday 4th June: The annual Church Fete at West Meon House followed by a Pizza/Garden Party at The Thomas Lord
- Sunday 5th June: Cricket at the Recreation Ground

Family fun afternoon and evening: Please join us at West Meon's Celebration of Queen Elizabeth II's Reign which will be held at the Recreation Ground in West Meon on Friday, 3rd June 2022 from 3.00 pm until late.



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We will have an afternoon of fun and festivities to celebrate this amazing milestone with:

- Traditional Fairground Games
- Children's Traditional Field Games
- Children's Art Competition
- Cream Teas in the Village Hall
- "Street" Rounders Competition  
(i.e. Doctor's Lane -v- The Cross)
- "Bring your own" picnic and hopefully enjoy the sunny weather (fingers firmly crossed)
- A market for local traders and societies to sell/promote their goods/services
- Children's disco in the Village Hall
- A mix of live music into the evening including "May Contain Nuts" & "The Old Gits"
- An evening hog roast cooked by the village's master butcher, Damon Buckingham.

*Jane Nicholson*



**\*SAVE THE DATE \* SAVE THE DATE \* SAVE THE DATE \***

## **WEST MEON CHURCH FETE**

Church Fete in the grounds of West Meon House SATURDAY 4 JUNE 2022  
2-4.30pm WE NEED YOU!!

We need volunteers to help run stalls, serve cream teas, help with parking, sell raffle tickets etc. This is an important fund raiser for our parish church which previously has been an annual event in the community. As we have not been able to hold our fete for the past 2 years, please help to make this one very memorable especially as it is part of the royal jubilee celebrations in the village. Please contact Susan if you are able to help on the day (we need help setting up in the morning too!) or can help sell raffle tickets outside the shop on the previous 3 Saturdays.

[susanclareberry@gmail.com](mailto:susanclareberry@gmail.com)

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## **MOTHER'S DAY**

Sunday 27th MARCH @ 4pm

Come and play with LEGO Duplo Family-Fun@Church for Mothering Sunday.

Mums and Dads why not bring your little ones to play with our LEGO Duplo on a Mothering Sunday theme. There will also be crafts, posy making and a very short time of prayer. And not forgetting tea/coffee and cake to keep you refreshed! Please contact Susan if you'd like to join us [susanclareberry@gmail.com](mailto:susanclareberry@gmail.com) 829014/07941096308 (There will be helpers on hand from the church but we do need parents to stay on the premises).

*Susan Berry*

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**Membership Secretary:** Lynda Bezant

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- New members are always welcome.
- All walk leaders must be members of the Ramblers.
- No need to notify leader — just turn up at start.
- The decision to cancel a walk in adverse weather conditions shall be at the leader's discretion.
- Dogs are to be kept under control and on a lead when requested by the walk leader.
- Please tell the walk leader / back marker if you are leaving the party for any reason.
- While leaders do their best to ensure safe walks, those taking part do so at their own risk.
- At pub stops, please do not eat your own food on the premises. GR = grid reference, PC = nearest postcode.

**In adverse weather conditions contact leader to check\* Please use mobile phone numbers on the day of the walk only.**

<b>WEDNESDAY</b> 2 March 2022 <b>MORNING, BUS WALK</b>	<b>WICKHAM.</b> Walk to Fareham & catch a bus back. No. 69 bus leaves Fareham bus station at 05 each hour. Pub lunch if desired and restrictions allow. <b>Start: 10:00</b> — GR: SU575116 (OL3/L196), PC: PO17 5JY. Wickham Station car park (or park at community centre if full).	4.3 Miles LEISURELY LINEAR	<b>GILL AND IAN</b> 01329 835219 07789 768579*
<b>SUNDAY</b> 6 March 2022 <b>ALL DAY</b>	<b>HAMBLEDON.</b> Via Denmead Mill, Lovedean & Little Denmead Farm — hilly. Picnic lunch. <b>Start: 10:00</b> — GR: SU644149 (OL3/L196), PC: PO7 4RW. Park where convenient in main street & meet at village hall.	8 Miles MODERATE CIRCULAR	<b>LESLEY</b> 023 8069 3943 07982 442650*
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> 9 March 2022 <b>MORNING</b>	<b>DROXFORD SQUARE.</b> Via Upper Swanmore. <b>Start: 10:00</b> — GR: SU606182 (OL3/L185), PC: SO32 3RF. Meet in square, park in square or surrounding roads.	5 Miles LEISURELY CIRCULAR	<b>CAROL</b> 07724870674
<b>SUNDAY</b> 13 March 2022 <b>ALL DAY</b>	<b>LOCKERLEY.</b> Via Newtown, Kimbridge and Mottisfont. Picnic lunch. <b>Start: 10:00</b> — GR: SU301262 (E131/L185), PC: SO51 0JG. Meet at Butt's Green near Lockerley School.	8.2 Miles MODERATE CIRCULAR	<b>JOHN</b> 01489 809825 07709 732990*
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> 16 March 2022 <b>MORNING</b>	<b>ALRESFORD.</b> A walk along and around the River Alre. <b>Start: 10:00</b> — GR: SU588324 (OL32/L185), PC: SO24 9NZ. Railway station car park, 3hrs 80p, 4hrs £1.20 or £1.50 for longer.	5 Miles LEISURELY CIRCULAR	<b>PETER</b> 01489 894840 07974 648970*
<b>SUNDAY</b> 20 March 2022 <b>ALL DAY</b>	<b>BINSTED NR. ALTON.</b> Via Storey's Copse & Wheatley. Picnic lunch. Shorter alternative walk of 5 miles. <b>Start: 10:00</b> — GR: SU773411 (E144/L186), PC: GU34 4PB. Recreation Ground opposite The Cedars PH.	7.8 Miles MODERATE CIRCULAR	<b>AUDREY</b> 01489 894211 07765 965360*
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> 23 March 2022 <b>MORNING</b>	<b>UPHAM.</b> Via Woodcote Farm, Bigpath Farm & Street End. <b>Start: 10:00</b> — GR: SU540205 (OL3/L185), PC: SO32 1JH. Duck Pond.	5 Miles LEISURELY CIRCULAR	<b>PAULINE</b> 01489 892386
<b>SUNDAY</b> 27 March 2022 <b>ALL DAY</b>	<b>TWYFORD.</b> Via Hazeley Down, Twyford Down & Shawford. Picnic Lunch. <b>Start: 10:00</b> — GR: SU483243 (OL32/L185), PC: SO21 1QS. Recreation ground, turn into road next to the Bugle Inn PH, turn right after the allotments.	8.5 Miles MODERATE CIRCULAR	<b>ANDY</b> 023 8060 1837 07449 447247*
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> 30 March 2022 <b>MORNING</b>	<b>OWSLEBURY.</b> Via Longwood House. <b>Start: 10:00</b> — GR: SU520238 (OL32/L185), PC: SO21 1LL. Recreation Ground Baybridge Lane. Park on concrete area only.	5 Miles LEISURELY CIRCULAR	<b>AUDREY</b> 01489 894211 07765 965360*

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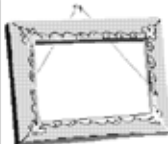
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*Virginia de Cosson*

## Lent Study Group

Anyone wishing to join in with our Lent Study Group will be most welcome. We shall meet every Wednesday afternoon from 1 - 2.30pm in All Saints, East Meon, Church Hall and for those who prefer evenings there shall be a Zoom evening session from 7.30-9pm again on a Wednesday.

Our subject matter will be the Book of Ruth which we shall use as a springboard to explore different themes within the book.

“Trust, loyalty, kindness and faith-these are the central themes contained in the book of Ruth. This is a moving story that also deals with fundamental issues of poverty, bereavement, childlessness, racial tension and human rights.”

Our first session will be on March 9th and they will run for five weeks. Tea and Coffee will be available. If you wish to make it a working lunch do bring your own along!

*The Rev'd Philippa Good*

# New Memorial Stone to be unveiled near Warnford

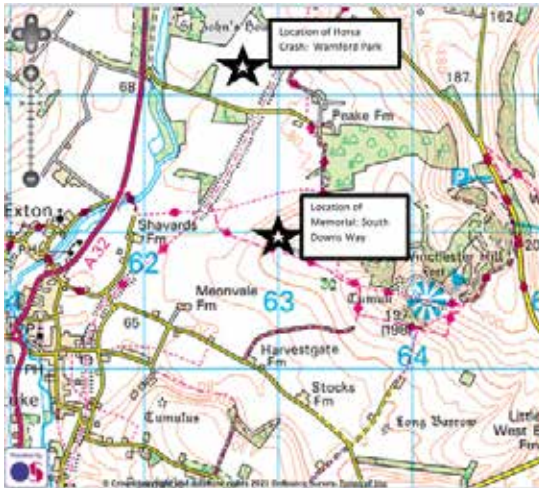
On 4th April 2022 an event will be held beside the South Downs Way between Exton and Old Winchester Hill to bless a memorial stone and remember those who lost their lives in a fatal air crash during a pre D-Day airborne exercise in which 33 servicemen lost their lives. Moreover this also reminds us all of the ultimate sacrifice that so many paid in the two world wars and conflicts since, as well as the role the 'South Downs' and its communities played in the run up to D-Day.

The event will take the form of a service of dedication, blessing and remembrance running from 10-12AM on 04 April 2022. It is open for all who wish to attend. The map below shows the location of the memorial beside the South Downs Way which provides a panoramic view point of the flight path and Horsa crash site.

## Background

In 1943 the 7th Battalion, King's Own Scottish Borderers (KOSB) was converted to the Airborne Infantry role, utilizing gliders. The Battalion was part of the 1st Airlanding Brigade within the 1st Airborne Division. Through 1943 and 1944 exercises took place to prepare the 1st and 6th Airborne Divisions for parachute and glider borne operations in support of D-Day and subsequent operations in NW Europe.

On the night of 4th April 1944, the Battalion was part of Exercise 'Dreme'. This was a large glider borne exercise in which the gliders with their Stirling IV 'tugs' conducted a circuit from RAF Keevil in Wiltshire to East Sussex and returning to release their gliders over RAF Brize Norton in Oxfordshire. This route took the aircraft over East Meon and Warnford on the return leg. Stirling IV LJ-842 of No 196 Squadron RAF was towing 1 HGSU, Horsa glider, LG999 containing the two glider pilots and members of No. 3 Platoon, 'A' Company, 7th (Airborne) Battalion, King's Own Scottish Borderers.



The night was very dark and with low cloud forcing the pilots to fly low and with no ambient light as the blackout was in force. Tragically the Stirling struck a tree to the East of Warnford Park. The Horsa Glider crashed in the fields of Warnford Park killing all 27 soldiers on board. The Stirling flew on with catastrophic damage and crashed near Romsey; also killing all 6 of the RAFVR & RAAF aircrew.

*Jonathan Shaw on behalf of Maj. Will Pike (formerly of Peake House, Warnford)*



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**> WHEN:  
04 APRIL 2022  
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**> WHERE:  
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DOWNS WAY BETWEEN  
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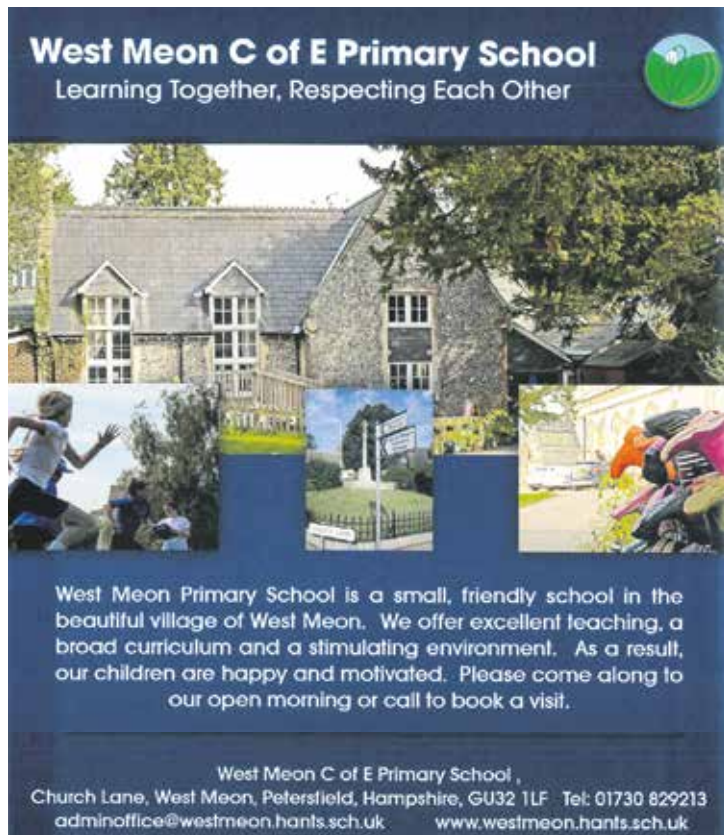
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## West Meon C of E Primary School

We have been very lucky to have not been badly impacted by covid this term and parents' evenings are continuing face to face, but socially distanced this week. We did however, pause our FOWMS events, but with a new committee ready and raring to go, we will resume Cinema Club and other favourites after half term.



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Foxes visited Butser Hill as part of their Saxon topic and Hedgehogs are going to see the Snowdrops at Warnford this week.

Y6 and two Y5 children completed their swimming sessions at Bedales, completing their challenges really well and it was lovely to be back in the pool. This week the rest of Year 5 and Year 4 start their five week course.

We are planning a Small Schools Football Tournament, run by Aspire in June and

hopefully other interschool sports will start to get going again. As we attained the Sainsburys Gold Sports Award four years in a row, we will be working towards the Platinum Award this year. We will be running our usual Sports Day in late June, as well activity days for Y4, the Stubbington Residential for Year 5 and the Fairthorne Manor Residential for Y6.

Y5 completed their Bikeability course and everyone attained Level 2; again it was great to get the children out and around the village to complete their tasks.

We still have a few places left for September 2022 for Year R and across a couple of year groups.

*Julie Kelly, Headteacher*

## West Meon Village Shop

The winners of the February 200 Club prize draw were as follows:

1st Prize of £40 to Mary Dawson; 2nd Prize of £20 to Sally Williams; 3rd Prize of £10 to Lisa Stoner and 4th Prize of £5 to Daisy-May Cole. If you are not already a member and wish to join, then applications forms are available from the shop. It is a great way to support your community shop. The prizes are £40, £20, £10, and £5 in February, June, and October; and £200, £100, £50 and £25 in April, August and December. Please note 200 Club monies, if not paid by standing order, will need to be paid by 1st March if you wish to be entered into the next big prize draw in April.

For Mother's Day on Sunday 27th March, we have a wonderful collection of cards along with a large selection of gifts and flowers. Looking further ahead, the shop is stocking an extensive range of Easter gifts, cards, and confectionery, from Easter eggs to beautifully hand-crafted chocolates and biscuits. With Easter soon around the corner, make sure to get your eggs early to save disappointment. This Easter the display tables will be enticingly colourful and tastefully arranged as always.

The lending library proved invaluable to our customers during the pandemic and with so many people using it the numbers of books and has increased dramatically. The library is now very full and could do with a big sort out - any willing volunteers are more than welcome to come and tidy up the books and DVDs.



Some of you may have noticed that we have introduced a new counter space to replace the table that we used to socially distance with a bespoke oak topped counter. It looks great and we are so pleased with it. A huge thank you to Simon Norris for your beautiful design and construction.

The shop is trying hard to be more eco-friendly and will be introducing a wider range of Ecover refills by popular demand, along with a new lower space in which to put them that is more user friendly. We are always open to new ideas so please feel free to ask for any items in which you would like stocked and we will see if we can help.

*Rachell Barnett*

# March 2022 Services

## Ash Wednesday 2nd March

9am St John's Langrish

Holy Communion with Ashing. A quiet, said service for this solemn day.

7.30pm All Saints, East Meon

A Common Worship Eucharist with choir, hymns, Anthem and Ashing to mark the start of Lent.

## Sunday 6th March

8am HC BCP All Saints, East Meon

A quiet and reflective said service from the Book of Common Prayer.

9am St John's Langrish

Benefice Service of the Word with hymns and music. Guest preacher: The Revd. John Owen, Rector of Steep, with Froxfield and Privett.

**10.30am St John's, West Meon.**

Benefice Holy Communion with hymns. Common Worship. Guest preacher: The Revd. John Owen, Rector of Steep, with Froxfield and Privett.

10.30am All Saints, East Meon

All-age Parish Service.

## Sunday 13th March

8am HC BCP All Saints, East Meon

A quiet and reflective said service from the Book of Common Prayer.

**9am Church of Our Lady, Warnford**

Benefice Service of the Word. BCP Sung Mattins with hymns. Bishop Ian will lead and preach.

10.30am All Saints, East Meon

Benefice Eucharist with organ and bells. Join us for this 2nd Sunday in Lent. Bishop Ian to preside and preach. Refreshments after.

### **Sunday 20th March**

8am HC BCP All Saints, East Meon

A quiet and reflective said service from the Book of Common Prayer.

9am St John's Langrish

Benefice Holy Communion with choir, sung anthems and hymns for the third Sunday in Lent. Refreshments after.

#### **10.30am St John's, West Meon.**

Benefice Service of the Word for the third Sunday in Lent, with hymns, talk, possibly a discussion and more. Refreshments after.

### **Sunday 27th March**

8am HC BCP All Saints, East Meon

A quiet and reflective said service from the Book of Common Prayer.

#### **9am Church of Our Lady, Warnford.**

Benefice Holy Communion with hymns. Book of Common Prayer. Come and enjoy the service and collect a posy for Mothering Sunday.

10.30am All Saint's, East Meon.

Parish Eucharist with choir and bells. Common Worship setting. Come and collect your Mothering Sunday posies! Refreshments after.

#### **4.00pm St John's, West Meon.**

Family Fun@Church for Mothering Sunday. Duplo-lego, posy making, craft, songs and cake. Dads, why not bring your children?

## Ducks: Dabbling Or Diver?



*Pair of Mallards © Jon Hawkins, Surrey Hills Photography*

Winter into spring is a wonderful time to see wildlife and birds especially. As the cold grip of the Arctic winter takes hold on the lakes, pools and marshes of Northern Europe and Russia, huge numbers of swans, ducks and geese retreat to the relative warmth of the UK. The UK's lakes, rivers, reservoirs and coasts offer a winter home to an estimated 2.1 million ducks!

Ducks can be split into two broad groups: dabblers and divers. As the name suggests, diving ducks feed mainly by diving underwater, using their strong feet (and sometimes their wings) to swim and chase fish, scoop up insects or graze on tasty aquatic plants. These ducks can be seen year-round, but winter brings a boost in numbers as migrant birds arrive. Some species, like scaup and smew, are mostly winter visitors and are rarely seen during summer.

Examples of diving ducks you may spot (though some are more widespread than others) include pochard, tufted duck, scaup, goldeneye, eider, smew, goosander and red-breasted merganser. The latter three species are known as sawbills, a sub-group of ducks so named for the saw-like serrations on their slim bills that help them catch and hold fish.

Dabbling ducks, however, feed predominantly at the surface, sometimes even grazing on land. Many dabblers can often be seen upending, with their heads underwater and their hind parts in the air.

Species of dabbling ducks you may chance your binoculars upon include mallard, gadwall, wigeon, pintail, shoveler and teal. There are helpful tips to help identify each of these ducks on the Wildlife Trust website at [hiwwt.org.uk/wildlife](http://hiwwt.org.uk/wildlife).

One useful trick for identifying ducks (especially females) is to examine the speculum. The speculum is a coloured patch on the secondary flight feathers, which are the feathers at the trailing edge of the wing, close to the body. The speculum is often a distinctive colour and can easily be seen in flight, and often when birds are swimming or standing.

Also consider that for some ducks, the plumage of males and females of the same species can look markedly different. This applies to many, but not all, birds.

The Wildlife Trust cares for many wetland nature reserves across the UK, providing the perfect habitat for our breeding ducks and winter visitors. In our region, Blashford Lakes and Farlington Marshes are two Hampshire & Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust nature reserves that boast healthy duck populations.

*Jake Kendall-Ashton*

## Nature Station

Thanks to all the 18 people from West Meon and Warnford who helped give our School's Nature Station a winter clearout on Saturday morning 29th January. We were thrilled to receive



a thank you card with multiple pictures drawn by school pupils to show how much they appreciate the care given to this resource. We will try to help them keep it as an attractive place to visit and explore whilst preserving the wild areas that are a haven for wildlife and can be used as a teaching aid. *Louise Clay*



## Choral Evensong at St Peter's Froxfield

Welcome to 2022 and Froxfield Choir's 50th Anniversary Year! We're developing exciting plans for two big concerts this year – the dates are fixed, the venues secured and the repertoire chosen! We would love you to celebrate with us, so please add these dates to your diary:

Saturday 18th June at Holy Trinity Church, Privett – 50th Anniversary Concert – the BIG ONE!

Saturday 15th October at Holy Trinity Church, Privett – Ahoy! with special guests. More details will follow nearer the time!

Before then though, we are delighted to be singing Choral Evensong once again at St Peter's Church, High Cross, Froxfield on Sunday 13th March at 6.00pm. This is always a very special service, and particularly so this year as it will be the final Choral Evensong taken by the Reverend John Owen before his retirement in April after many years' dedicated service to the Parish.

We have had a wonderful response to our recent calls for additional members with eight new members joining in January! There is a real buzz at our weekly rehearsals and the renewed energy is very exciting. We're always on the lookout for more, so don't feel you've left it too late - if you're interested in giving choral singing a go in this our anniversary year, either for the first time or as a returner, please contact Lesley Howe at [lkhowe58@gmail.com](mailto:lkhowe58@gmail.com) who can provide you with more details. We'd love you to join us!

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*Sarah Rush*

## West Meon Wine Society

Calling all wine-drinkers! We offer over 80 wines on our website. Wines are listed only if our management team have enjoyed them and think they are good value. We hope that this approach gives our members and customers confidence that they will appreciate our wines. Any surplus from our activities goes to our village shop.

It is our central aim that we host get-togethers during the year to taste our wines and enjoy the company of old and new friends from the village and neighbouring communities. We were unable to hold events during the pandemic, until our much-enjoyed tasting and social at Exton Hall last November.

We've got plans for 2022:

- Saturday 26th March - a members-only tasting in the West Meon Village Hall.
- Friday 3rd June - a wine bar at the Jubilee Celebration on the West Meon Rec.
- A July tasting and social - for both Members and regular customers.
- A September event at a Hampshire vineyard.
- Friday 25th November - and end of year tasting and social gathering.

Our next selection of wines will be posted on our website in March, concentrating on Iberian influenced wines. Details will be sent to everyone registered on our website.

If you'd like to find out more or register or become a member (or indeed buy our wines!) please go to [www.westmeonwine.co.uk](http://www.westmeonwine.co.uk)

*Graham Walker – Chair, West Meon Wine Society Team*

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# West Meon Parish Council & Warnford Parish Meeting

## West Meon Parish Council

**Boules Court:** WMPC has been approached by the village Sports Club who wish to put in a Boules Court on a piece of ground to the rear of the Sports Club. This would be parallel with the Pavilion and the small play area. As you are aware the Recreation ground is for use by all members of the Parish. If you have any opinions regarding this proposal please advise a member of the Parish Council.

**Drainage work at the Cross:** WMPC is pleased to confirm that following a campaign by local parishioners, work will start at the Cross by Hampshire Highways to alleviate the storm water there.

**Pick up dog poo:** Believe it or not it's illegal to not pick up your dog's poo in a public space unless your legally blind and have a guide dog. The path from Headon View to School has been reported as a particular bad area. If you are caught not picking up your dog's poo in public you could face a fine.

**Lengthsman:** The Hampshire County Council Highways Lengthsman will be visiting the area in March.

**Bird Flu:** From 29 November 2021 all bird keepers (whether they have pet birds, commercial flocks or just a few birds in a backyard flock) are required by law to take a range of biosecurity precautions including keeping their birds indoors except in very specific circumstances. For more information please refer to: Avian Influenza Prevention Zone Information [www.gov.uk/guidance/avian-influenza-bird-flu](http://www.gov.uk/guidance/avian-influenza-bird-flu)

**And finally from West Meon:** The next Parish Council Meetings will be held on Tuesday 1st March 7.30 p.m.in the Village Hall, Parishioners are welcome, please contact the clerk Diane Heppell [clerk.westmeon@parish.hants.gov.uk](mailto:clerk.westmeon@parish.hants.gov.uk)

## Warnford Parish Meeting

**AGM and website:** Information relating to WPM can be found on its website, which also has details of local facilities and services, village news and up and coming events. Please do sign up for e-mail alerts so that you'll be kept informed of forthcoming events, planning applications etc. The WPM AGM Meeting will be held in the Village Hall at 7.30pm on 19th May. All parishioners welcome. Please send any suggestions for Agenda items to the Clerk. Papers relating to the meeting will be posted on the website.

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

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**Through Olly's Eyes** (until 27th March). Olly Coulson is a local disabled artist. At the age of 8 he was involved in an accident where he was knocked off a bike and suffered a brain injury that has left with him with physical difficulties that include not being able to write with his dominant right hand, not being able to walk properly and mental and emotional issues. Olly's passion for art started at Treloar's School and College and he has developed a love of creating Mer-people (Mermaids and Mermen), portraits, scenic landscapes using driftwood, sweet wrappers and other recycled materials. In the Café area. FREE.

### TALK

**Mud Larking on the Thames Foreshore.** A talk by Simon Moore on his adventures scavenging in river mud. Mudlark was the term used for people who scavenged for items of value in this way during the late 18th and the 19th Century. There are still mudlarks today but they are more interested in the historic value of their finds. Thursday 10th March, 7.30 pm. FREE, donations gratefully received.

*Jill Line*

## Petersfield Youth Theatre Workshops



PYT are offering children and young people the opportunity to take part in a fun and creative experience this Easter. It's the perfect opportunity to meet new friends, gain confidence, sing, dance, act and be creative.

There are two projects on offer for different age groups – to take part you need to be a member of PYT – just go to the website - [pyt.org.uk](http://pyt.org.uk) - for all the details of the projects and how to join us.

*Charlotte Godfrey*

## Rainfall in January/February

We had 34.2mms up to mid January and then we had a really dry spell to the end of the month with only another 8.4mms. Total for January 42.6mms (1.7").

February has been wetter with 44.7mms (1.76") up to the 15th. We measured 34.6mms on the morning of the 14th and, as we go to press, the 15th has been very wet but that will have to wait until next month's report.

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*Peter Short*



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We are running some winter nets at Dummer Cricket Centre on Monday 15th, 22nd and 29th March from 7- 8pm if you would like to come and have a go.

If you would like to join a friendly bunch who enjoy their cricket and also enjoy socialising after the game then please contact Stuart on [stuiesmith119@yahoo.com](mailto:stuiesmith119@yahoo.com) or 07803 807428.

*Stuart Smith*

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## W.I. Report - March 2022

How lovely to be able to have a face to face meeting and see all our friends again on Monday 14th February! We were reminded that we needed to vote for our Resolution for the W.I. Campaign of the Year and Rosemary Morrish, our Secretary, had been in touch with us all with the options upon which to vote. We were also asked to make sure that if, for some reason, we were unable to keep to our booking on the tea rota, please make sure that we got in touch with Pat Birch on 01730 829992 to keep her informed.

The subject for the afternoon's talk was 'Concorde: A Supersonic Achievement' and our speaker was Steve Bohill-Smith who was formerly a Concorde pilot, commenced his talk by presenting all the members with a beautiful red rose to celebrate Valentine's Day! Steve explained that Concorde was such a complex aeroplane that the pilot training was extremely demanding and included many trips to use the flight simulator (it has now been fully restored and is at Brooklands where the public can experience this amazing piece of test equipment). His presentation was mainly based on a trip from New York (JFK) to London (Heathrow) which took three and a half hours, flying above the weather which was benign at that level, where you looked down on Boeing 747s flying beneath you. Steve took us through all the features of this supersonic aircraft and said that Concorde was literally the first 'to fly by wire', with incredible aerodynamics and many features which were way ahead of its time. Steve obviously loved his time flying Concorde for 6 years and completing 400 Atlantic crossings and many charter flights, and his enthusiasm for the aircraft was so evident in his talk, which we all thoroughly enjoyed.

Our next meeting is on Monday 14th March at West Meon Village Hall, at the re-scheduled time of 1.45 for a 2 pm start. The afternoon's talk is entitled 'Clive's Curios: Fossils, Bones & Crystals' by Clive Jones. Don't forget that we will be holding our Spring Celebration Lunch at the Seven Stars, Stroud on Monday 21st March and we are asking everyone to wear something to celebrate Spring! Please contact a Committee Member for details.

*Sue Kinlochan*

## Diary Dates

### Sunday 6th March

**Service** 10.30am St John's, West Meon

### Sunday 13th March

**Service** 9.00am Our Lady, Warnford

### Monday 14th March

**WI** 1.45pm West Meon Village Hall

### Sunday 20th March

**Service** 10.30am St John's, West Meon

### Monday 21st March

**WI Spring Celebration Lunch** Seven Stars,  
Stroud

### Mothering Sunday 27th March

**Service** 9.00am Our Lady, Warnford

**Service** 4.00pm St John's, West Meon

### Monday 4th April

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