

# Parish News

West Meon & Warnford

July/August 2022

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## The Bells

The musical chimes of bell ringing is deeply rooted in British culture. With the churches in our two villages, almost everyone lives within the reach of the bells. They provide the grand soundtrack to our historic moments, call out for our celebrations and toll sadly in empathy with our grief.

The bitter-sweet sound of just one bell or the majesty of a whole peal, has become part of the English heritage and much of the country's history can be traced through the history of its bells. Indeed, bells have been used to call people to worship for at least 1500 years, with the first recorded bells installed in churches dating to 680 in the Abbeys of Wearmouth and Whitby.

There are a number of different ways to ring the bells today; rounds, call changes or methods.

In call change ringing, the ringers begin with rounds, which is simply ringing down the scale in numerical order. (On six bells this would be 123456.) The ringing then proceeds in a series of changes, each of which is some permutation of rounds.

The peak of the art is method ringing. This is a form of change ringing in which the ringers



*Sanctus Bell Warnford*

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commit to memory the “tune” - the rules for generating each change of sequence. This creates a form of bell music, and yes they are all named.

Ringling a full Peal of the method called Stedman Triples (rung on 8 bells) takes about 3 hours, with no tea breaks! The first recorded full peal on the West Meon bells was in 1898, being 5040 changes of Stedman Triples which took 3 hours to ring.

In our two churches, the bells are likely to date at least to the middle ages and would have been chimed. They first appear in the records as far back as 1552, detailed in the church inventories. The oldest bell in our churches, in the photo above, is the Warnford Sanctus bell dating from 1601. It is inscribed “Prayse the Lord” and weighs 8 1/4 CWT. Indeed, inscriptions on bells can get quite long, on the Treble at West Meon, dating from 1897, is;

“The Gift of Richard Earwaker

Waker of Ears, I speak Earwaker’s fame

One the gifts office, and the giver’s name.”

Bell ringing as we know it today was popularised in the late 17th Century, and indeed became very fashionable. Historically the ringers frequently rang for services and to mark public events, the ringers then being paid. In rural areas, standards of behaviour deteriorated with bell ringers described as layabouts and drunks. Often the locals saw an opportunity to earn a few shillings, however this was often transferred quickly from the church tower to the village inn! West Meon fell foul of this, with the ringers having their pay docked as they had been too often in the various inns, to the scandal of the village. Not that this would happen now!

This was all reformed in the Victorian period and today we are a fine and sober group of ringers – honestly! – and always looking for new and returning ringers to join our band.

*Edwin Grimshaw*



## **Warnford Village Fete**

Saturday 17th September 2022 at 1pm

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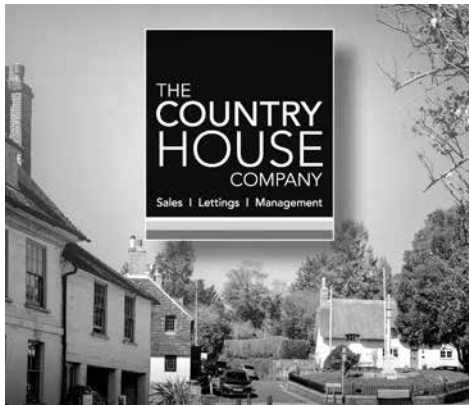
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# THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!



To all of you who helped make our church fete the most successful yet, a huge thank you!

We certainly could not have done it without your help and support – we raised £7,300 and after expenses (bouncy castle, jazz band, loos etc) we have a grand total of £6,153 to add to our much needed church funds.

Thank you to Catherine and Rupert

for the beautiful surroundings in which to hold our fete – we are very grateful for your generosity.

Thank you to all the raffle ticket sellers beforehand – we raised over £1,000 before the day!

Thank you to all the unsung heroes who make the fete possible – Mac and his trusty tractor and trailer; Mark Hammond and his set up team (Philip, Jim, Henry, Jerry, Ingolv and Stephen); Martin and Luke who transported the barbecue and large games equipment at short notice; and also thanks to Hugh Morris who fetched and returned the bouncy castle when Pete's van broke down.

Thank you to all those on parking duty – a vital behind the scenes job – thanks Charlie, Amanda, Chris, Bernice, Dan, Paul, Phil and Hugh.

Thank you to those on the gate who fielded over 400 adults (and countless children!) – thanks Sue, Peter, Liv and Alice.

Thank you to the many stall holders, both seasoned volunteers and newbies this year – most of whom have promised to return – we couldn't run the fete without your hard work and support!

Thank you to Julie, our head teacher and her FOWMS (friends of West Meon school) team – thank you Charlotte and all your helpers for taking on most of the children's games for the first time.

Thank you to Jane and her brilliant team on cream teas and to all the other folk serving great food and refreshments – Angie, Robyn and Caroline, Emma and Simon, Mary and Rory.

Thank you to Rachel in the shop for being a collection point and selling raffle tickets.

Thank you to Edwin for sorting out the PA system brilliantly for the wonderful band and the MC. Thank you to Jerry for being a great MC – you may have to repeat that task!

Lastly thank you to all our raffle prize donors and sponsors – we really appreciate your generosity and support which enabled us to have fantastic raffle prizes once again.

Again, a sincere thank you to everyone and apologies if we have forgotten anyone. What a fantastic village we live in and what a brilliant community to be part of!

*Susan, Emma and Susie*

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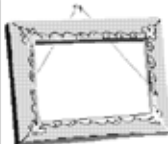
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## **West Meon Village Shop**

The Village Shop AGM is set for 10.30 AM on Saturday 9th July in the small hall at the Village Hall. All are welcome so do please come along.

### **200 Club Prize Draw Winners**

The winners of the June prize draw were as follows: 1st Prize of £40 to Susan Berry, 2nd Prize of £20 to Nina & Nigel Haigh, 3rd Prize of £10 to Zanna Jarrett and 4th Prize of £5 to Barry Collins. 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.

We are pleased to report that the Shop is doing very well, keeping busy welcoming visitors to the area, many of whom are buying the local produce. Asparagus and Durleighmarsh strawberries have flown out of the door in the last two months which is brilliant, but do also check the vegetable chiller for all the other seasonal fresh produce!

We have recruited a few new volunteers, so please be kind and patient while they are training. Also, a quick note to thank our new and current volunteers for all their time and efforts now and over the years, we really could not run without you.

Now that the shop is staying open until to 5PM, do remember to grab your ice-creams after school. We also have lots of plants for sale all year round, they make the shop frontage look great but also are a reasonable and attractive gift for friends and family. Summer drinks are plentiful, lots of Exton Park fizz, Meon Valley Cider, Bowmans Ale and Flower Pots Ale, which can be preordered for any special occasion, just with a few days' notice.

Now that the summer is here and lots of people walking around the village, parking has become a bit of an issue around the high street. It is tricky as residents also need to park close to their houses and spaces are very limited for those customers who are unable to walk far. So please think about whether you could walk or not, or park a little further away.

Finally, watch this space and start sorting out your garage for the end of summer garage safari, possibly the 2nd week of September (dates to be confirmed).

*Rachell Barnett*

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

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

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The trustees are now able to assist those of any age resident in West Meon or Warnford. Some assistance is also available for short and part-time courses for both children and adults.

Get in touch for an Application Form. Please note that no awards will be made until places are confirmed. [barbara@cgshaw.co.uk](mailto:barbara@cgshaw.co.uk). Registered Charity No: 307185.

*Barbara Shaw*

## International Musicians Head for West Meon

This year's West Meon Music festival, from Thursday 8th to Sunday 11th September, will have an impressive line-up of guest musicians joining the renowned Primrose Piano Quartet, which founded the annual event in 2011.

Highlights include guitar legend John Mills, a student of the great Segovia, who will be joined by the Primrose's cellist, Andrew Fuller, for a programme of Spanish and Latin American music for cello and guitar at East Meon church on the Saturday morning.

Not to be missed on Sunday morning at West Meon church will be a recital by Bulgarian pianist Emanuil Ivanov, who has attracted international acclaim since winning the 2019 Ferruccio Busoni Piano Competition in Italy, at the tender age of 19. His programme will include Beethoven's wonderful Moonlight Sonata, as well as glitteringly virtuoso works by Skryabin, Liszt, Busoni and Chopin.

Those with a preference for the baroque will want to head to Warnford church on the Saturday afternoon for a duo recital by Huw Daniel, leader of the Orchestra of the Age of Enlightenment, and harpsichordist Christopher Bucknall.

Not to be outdone, the Primrose's evening concerts include some of the best-loved works in the repertoire with piano quartets or quintets by Beethoven and Mozart. The quartet will also be joined by some of the UK's leading string players for Mozart's String Quintet in G minor and Brahms' String Sextet in G major on Sunday 11th, and for Franz Schubert's final chamber work, the great String Quintet in C major, on Saturday evening.

Box office for the festival opens in mid-June and full details of all festival events can be found at [www.westmeonmusic.co.uk](http://www.westmeonmusic.co.uk). *Sue Scholes*

### **WEST MEON CHURCH FETE 4 June 2022**

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## West Meon C of E Primary School

The Y6 residential at Fairthorne Manor was a great success, with the children thoroughly enjoying abseiling, kayaking, paddle boarding, raft building and archery. The team building element was excellent.

We focus on team building and social skills all the way through school and this week Year 4 are on their day trips to the QE Park to take part in team building skills and the Hawk Conservancy to be thrilled by the bird displays on offer.

Next week Y5 have a week of nature activities at their Stubbington residential, which also includes orienteering and working with a partner learning compass skills, as well as caring for the environment and the wonderful late evening in the hide watching the foxes and badgers... a real highlight of the year!

The YR/1 trip to Birdworld is just before we break up for the summer and the Y6 Leavers have their own special trip before they go. Y6 are also leading other schools in prayers at the Y6 Leavers' Celebration at Portsmouth Cathedral next week.



Last week saw our first Small Schools Football Tournament on the village fields and it was a tremendous event with the culmination of all the team building skills we had instilled in the children and they did us proud and won! Aspire coaching organised the whole event, including a cup and medals and we used our sports premium funding to get together with the local schools for the first time since the first lockdown.

The Queen's Jubilee celebrations were a joy and as well as our own afternoon tea for the children organised by FOWMS, our parents association, the children also entered the village art competition and Raffy Sutherland, Alex Siddall and Ted Rushworth came first in their age categories. Also, the Parish Council were kind enough to buy jubilee teddies for the children, which they collected from the village event. We also supported the Church Village Fete and the children decorated jam jars and filled them with sweets for our renowned stall and with a lucky dip as well, it was a great success.

Rheba Cole and Daisy Hillier also organised and ran a stall after school as we broke up for half term for Cancer Research, which was amazing.

The final government testing has finished with Y2 SATs and Y1 Phonics completed and the way the children have caught up after several years of disruption is phenomenal. Only Y4 times table test to go!

We are also welcoming our new Year R children to story times and our changeover day next half term, as well as their parents to a coffee morning to meet the current Year R parents. We also have a lovely Ukrainian family who have joined us and settled in quickly and others who have also asked for places. We still have a few places left for September 2022 for Year R and across a couple of year groups.

*Julie Kelly, Headteacher*

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## **Services in the Upper Meon Benefice**

### **Sunday 3rd July**

8am HC BCP East Meon. A quiet and reflective said service from the Book of Common Prayer.

9am Warnford. Benefice Communion Service. BCP with hymns.

10.30am East Meon. Benefice Service of the Word. All Age Worship. CW

### **Sunday 10th July**

8am HC BCP East Meon. A quiet and reflective said service from the Book of Common Prayer.

9am Langrish. Benefice Service of the Word. Common Worship with hymns. CW

10.30am West Meon. Benefice Eucharist Common Worship with refreshments.

### **Sunday 17th July**

8am HC BCP East Meon. A quiet and reflective said service from the Book of Common Prayer.

9am Warnford. Benefice Service of the Word. Mattins with hymns. BCP

### **Sunday 24th July**

8am HC BCP East Meon. A quiet and reflective said service from the Book of Common Prayer.

No service at 9am.

10.30am West Meon. Benefice Service of the Word. With refreshments. Common worship with hymns.

10.30am Langrish. Benefice Eucharist with choir. Common Worship with hymns.

### **Sunday 31st July**

8am HC BCP East Meon. A quiet and reflective said service from the Book of Common Prayer.

No service at 9am.

No service at 10.30am.

11.30am Warnford. Benefice Service with Bring and Share lunch. You are all welcome for a BCP Holy Communion Service with hymns; to take place in St John's House ruins, weather permitting.

### **Sunday 7th August**

8am HC BCP East Meon. A quiet and reflective said service from the Book of Common Prayer.\*

9am Warnford. Benefice Communion Service. BCP with hymns.

10.30am East Meon. Benefice Service of the Word. All Age Worship. CW

### **Sunday 14th August**

8am HC BCP East Meon. A quiet and reflective said service from the Book of Common Prayer.\*

9am Langrish. Benefice Service of the Word. Common Worship with hymns.

10.30am West Meon. Benefice Eucharist Common Worship with refreshments.

### **Sunday 21st August**

8am HC BCP East Meon

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

9am Warnford. Benefice Service of the Word. Mattins with hymns. BCP

10.30am East Meon. Benefice Eucharist with choir. Common worship with hymns.

### **Sunday 28th August**

8am HC BCP East Meon. A quiet and reflective said service from the Book of Common Prayer.

No service at 9am.

10.30am West Meon. Benefice Service of the Word. With refreshments. Common worship with hymns.

10.30am Langrish. Benefice Eucharist with choir. Common Worship with hymns.

\* Please note: as we are now in interregnum it may not be possible to hold all the 8am services as we would like. If you are journeying from afar it might be best to check with the Churchwarden at East Meon before you set out. *jonathan.iremonger996@gmail.com*

## Wonderful water voles

Water voles are Britain's largest voles, with fully grown adults reaching lengths of 20cm (plus a 12cm tail) and weighing up to 350g. They are charismatic little creatures with a round face, blunt nose, short furry tail and glossy dark brown or black fur.

Despite their name, water voles are not particularly well-adapted to aquatic life. They've evolved to live alongside water and their characteristic 'plop' is the sound of them diving into water to escape predators and access the underwater entrance to their burrow. But they are clumsy swimmers and lack rudder-like tails or webbed feet that other water-loving creatures have evolved.



*A water vole amongst reeds © Terry Whittaker/2020VISION*

### Burrowing and breeding

Water voles live in burrows, which they build by biting into the banks with very strong, enamel-coated orange teeth. These burrows can be complex and consist of nesting and nursing chambers, with two entrances, one on the bank and one underwater. A water vole burrow is roughly the width of a balled-up fist or a tennis ball. During winter, water voles live in family groups in their burrows; but become very territorial during breeding season between April and October.

Water voles are extremely successful breeders with a gestation of just 23 days! Pups leave the nest after three weeks and can breed at just 15 weeks old. One female water vole can have up to 30 babies in a single breeding season. Water voles have a very short lifecycle and don't usually live for more than one winter.

### Always eating

Water voles eat up to 80% of their own body weight every day. Their diet consists mainly

of grasses and waterside plants, plus twigs, bulbs, roots and fallen fruit. They aren't too picky and have been recorded feeding on up to 220 different plants.

### **Water voles in decline**

Sadly, water voles are one of the UK's fastest declining mammals with up to 90% of the population lost since the 1970s due to habitat loss and fragmentation and the introduction of American mink. Water voles are preyed by native animals like otters, buzzards, owls, and foxes but can cope by breeding rapidly and escaping into their burrows. A female mink, however, is slim enough to follow water voles into their burrows and kill entire populations.

Fortunately, it's not too late for water voles. Hampshire & Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust is helping water vole populations recover in our two counties through reintroductions, coordinating national projects and managing our nature reserves with water voles in mind. Winnall Moors in Winchester boasts good water vole numbers as the banks are protected and no dogs are allowed in the nature reserve to disturb them. Find out more at [hiwwt.org.uk](http://hiwwt.org.uk)

*Jake Kendall-Ashton*

### **West Meon W.I.**

Our new President, Angie Trenchard, took her first meeting at West Meon Village Hall on Monday 13th June where she introduced the new Committee to everyone.

The W.I. have planted a lovely cooper beech tree on the grass bank by the Village Hall car park in recognition of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee and we are having a plaque made which will hopefully be in place in time for our next meeting.

The West Meon Theatre have agreed to collaborate with the W.I. to put on an evening of supper and entertainment and this will take place on 16th October at the Village Hall.

Our speaker for the afternoon was Jonathan Jones (formerly the Town Crier of Farnham!), and the title of the talk was 'Rudyard Kipling - A little something of myself'. Jonathan dressed and took on the role of Rudyard Kipling telling his life story interspersed with poetry written by him, which was an amazingly effective combination.

Rudyard Kipling was born in India, and at the age of 6 was sent home to England with his sister and did not see his parents for 6 years. At school he loved literature, the arts and the classics and hated sport!

He went back to Bombay to work for the Civil & Military Gazette and started writing the 'Indian Railway' series and his novel 'Kim'. Back in England in 1892 he married Carrie, and they went on to have 3 children, Josephine, Elsie and Jack.

His last house was Batemans, near Burwash in East Sussex where we wrote many books and lived for the remainder of his life. He died in 1936 and is buried in Poet's Corner in Westminster Abbey.

This was a fascinating insight into Rudyard Kipling and certainly made me think that I would like to read more about his life.

The Garden Meeting will take place in our garden at Woodlands on Monday 18th July at 2.15pm and I will be emailing directions to everyone soon. Looking forward to seeing you all then and let us hope that the sun shines!

*Sue Kinlochan*

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**Saxon storytelling** - An interactive story session inspired by Saxon tales. Suitable for age 3+. Saturday 6th August. 11-11.30 am. £5 per (accompanied) child.

**Music In the Gallery Garden** - Performers to include Ancora, Innaccord and Allan Manning & Friends. Saturday 16th July, 1pm -3.30. FREE, donations welcome.

**Workshops** - Judith Venn Jellyfish Monday 27th July, Sachiko Mason paper lilies Monday 15th August.

### CURTIS MUSEUM

Continuing the Anglo-Saxon theme, we are delighted to welcome back **Weorod**, the historical re-enactors. They will be camped on the green next to the Museum, showing us what everyday life was like in Anglo-Saxon times. Afterwards, pop into the Museum to look at the real thing – the Alton Buckle. Saturday 13th August. FREE, donations welcome.

Don't forget **Dolls' House Day** 23 July, 10.30am to 4pm FREE

*Jill Line*



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# West Meon Parish Council & Warnford Parish Meeting

## Possible New Play Equipment Recreation Ground

WMPC would like to receive suggestions on what equipment villagers with children would like to see installed on the recreation ground to improve the play facilities. Suggestions please to the Clerk Diane Heppell or Chairman Angie Trenchard (details opposite).

## Parish Council Vacancies

WMPC has 2 vacancies to fill. If you are interested contact the Clerk Diane Heppell or Chairman Angie Trenchard (details opposite).

## Hampshire County Council's Draft Catchment Management Plans

Hampshire County Council has produced a draft Catchment Management Plan for the 18 river catchments in Hampshire. The plan provides an assessment of flood risk from a range of flooding sources and has been used to identify 66 Priority Areas across Hampshire where specified actions and stricter policies could be applied.

They have set up a webpage to allow residents of Hampshire to review the Catchment Management Plans and their supporting documents.

If you are interested in commenting, please respond to the survey to let them know what you think of Hampshire's proposed methods of managing water and flood risk across the County.

Please visit the consultation web page <https://www.hants.gov.uk/aboutthecouncil/haveyoursay/consultations/catchment-management-plans>

The Catchment Management Plans will be open for consultation until 21st July 2022.

## And Finally, from West Meon

The next Parish Council Meetings will be held on Tuesday 5th July 7.30 p.m. in the Village Hall, Parishioners are welcome, please contact the clerk Diane Heppell [clerk.westmeon@parish.hants.gov.uk](mailto:clerk.westmeon@parish.hants.gov.uk).

## Warnford Parish Meeting

Information relating to WPM can be found on its website (see opposite) which also has details of local facilities and services, village news and events. Please do sign up for email alerts so that you'll be kept informed of forthcoming events, planning applications etc.

## Rights of Way in Warnford

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



## Choral Society

Botley Choral Society has been going strong for 100yrs and to mark the centenary a celebratory concert is planned for November 2022.

If you have always wanted to sing with a friendly choral group, come along to an open rehearsal on Wednesday evenings this September (7:30-9:30pm) at Botley 'All Saints' Church to feel for yourself the passion and fun of singing! or e-mail us on [www.botleychoral.co.uk/contact](http://www.botleychoral.co.uk/contact)

*Robert Goulson*

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The 2022 Season has started well for the team with 3 wins and 1 draw so far.

### April 17th (a) Stanstead Park won by 6 wickets

Chasing a very competitive total, the Tigers innings was dominated by Harry Clarke who scored his maiden 50 of the season. The bowlers bowled well and we even took some catches which is never a foregone conclusion.

### April 24th (a) Steep won by 70 runs

West Meon set a challenging total built around powerful hitting from Andy Barnes, Greg Jansen and Chris Waller....yes Chris Waller. Tim Canning and JB G-T did the damage with the ball and once again we held on to 'most' of our catches.

### May 8th (a) Gentleman of Bedales Draw

We were a bit lucky to get a draw against a youthful and powerful GOBS team, Tim Canning was once again the star with the ball taking another 3 wickets, Ed Berry bowled beautifully without any luck. We never got anywhere near their score but they also couldnt bowl us out so a draw was declared. Alex Roe fell one short of his 50 was our batting highlight.

### May 22nd (h) Rackiteers won by 3 wickets

A result that looks closer than it was, the wickets were shared around between the Cannings, Rick Norton and Tom Baynes. John Canning deserved more but his dad dropped a very straight forward catch of his son's bowling. We made hard work of the chase but contributions from Harry Clarke and the Cannings ensured the win.

*Stuart Smith*



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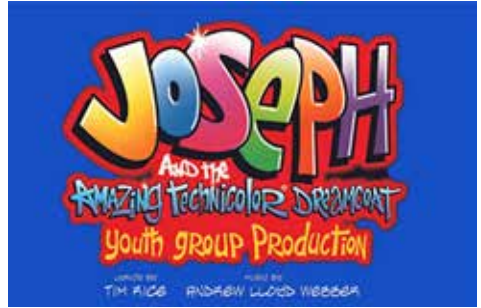
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younger members performing many of the well-known songs. If you would like to join us, just go to our website and follow the Joseph link – you can become a member to do this project with us. All details on the website [www.pyt.org.uk](http://www.pyt.org.uk).



*Charlotte Godfrey*

## Rainfall Records May/June 2022

From the 15th May through to the 15th June we have had a mostly warm and dry spell of weather, but with several cold nights. We had 18.2mm (0.72”) on the 15th May, the wettest day, and the month's total was 47.3mm (1.86”) as compared with 124.0mm (4.88”) in 2021.

June started with some rain falling on 7 of the first 10 days and then a very hot and dry spell through to the 18th when we had 0.6mms. It has continued hot and dry since.

Total for the first 15 days of June 22.7mms (0.89”)

Total for the first 15 days of June (2021) 4.1mms (0.16”). However the last 15 days of June 2021 proved wet with only 3 Days without rain.

*Peter Short*

## West Meon Wine Society

Save the Date – Next wine tasting event – Friday 29th July. Our next wine tasting evening will be held in West Meon on Friday 29th July. The event will be held in the newly refurbished Sports Pavilion.

In the Pink: Always a summer favourite rosé is the perfect summer drink best served chilled and enjoyed with friends. Many of you have asked if we can extend our current selection of rosé wines. We listened and this month we are showcasing a selection of rosé wines, tasted and chosen by the team. The five new French rosés are from the Languedoc, Provence, and Gascony. They range from light, fresh quaffers to robust food wines. If you are unsure of which one to try the mixed case includes our five rosé wines plus an award-winning bottle of sparkling blush from Chile, all with a 10% discount! Do try them all...and then come back for more of your favourites.

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*West Meon Wine Society Management Team*

## Diary Dates



### **Tuesday 5th July**

**West Meon Parish Council Meeting** 7.30pm  
Village Hall

### **Friday 29th July**

**Wine Society tasting evening.** West Meon  
Sports Pavilion.

### **Thursday 8th to Sunday 11th September**

**West Meon Music Festival** various venues  
including West Meon, Warnford and East  
Meon churches.

### **Saturday 17th September**

**Warnford Village Fete** 1-5pm Warnford  
Playground

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## **Selected Hampshire Farmers' Market July/August dates**

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Sunday 3rd Petersfield/Romsey

Saturday 9th Alton

Sunday 10th Winchester

Saturday 16th Emsworth

Sunday 17th Southsea Food Festival

Sunday 31st Winchester

Sunday 7th Aug Petersfield/Romsey

Saturday 13th Aug Alton

Sunday 14th Aug Winchester

Saturday 20th Aug Emsworth

Sunday 21st Aug Southsea

Sunday 28th Aug Winchester

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