

# Parish News

West Meon & Warnford

June 2020

## **Zooming!**

Zoom, just one look and then my heart went boom  
Suddenly and we were on the moon  
Flyin' high in a neon sky, oh oh

Bang, just one touch and all the church bells rang  
Heaven called and all the angels sang  
Sunrise shine in the midnight sky, oh oh

Oh zoom, you chased the day away  
High noon, the moon and stars came out to play  
Then my whole wide world went zoom  
(High as a rainbow as we went flyin' by)

If you're of a certain age, you'll recognise these lyrics from the hit song 'Zoom' by Fat Larry's Band. In 1982 it peaked at number 2 in the UK singles chart and I'm afraid I am old enough



*Jacqueline Annabel*



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to remember.

I hated it and looking at the lyrics now I can't quite believe it was a hit. The tune wasn't much better. If you'd asked me about zoom pre-23rd March this is what I would have thought you were talking about. Suddenly, following the Prime Minister's announcement of the lock down on the evening of the 23rd it took on a whole different meaning.

I think there's still some part of my mind that's in shock at the speed at which everything happened. One week we couldn't share the peace, the next week we couldn't have wine at communion services, the following week we weren't allowed to hold services in church, but I was still allowed to be there. Having got my head around taking a short service in each church in Warnford, West Meon, East Meon and Langrish, thinking that at least prayer would still be said in our places of worship, clergy across the country received a letter from the Archbishop – along with a letter from our Bishop – to say that we were not allowed into church either. What was the next plan?

Suddenly there was zoom. I made the decision not to go down the route of live streaming or putting a video on YouTube. I know a lot of churches have gone down this route, but I wanted something that would allow people to feel that they were gathering together in the same place at the same time, even if the space was a 'virtual' one. It's been a very steep learning curve and a bit of a bumpy ride.

Over the last eight weeks I've: figured out how to add the link to the Pew News email; included an order of service for each week so that the readings could be added in; discovered the 'mute all' button therefore getting rid of a lot of background noise and the discord created when lots of people were speaking at the same time; decided to unmute a couple of people because watching a lot of faces with no sound gave me the giggles; figured out how to add in music (my first attempt was not good as the sound quality was pretty bad and I didn't realise that muting myself so I could join with the singing would also mute the music!!) not only from a down-load but also from YouTube clips – we're getting there!

There's no doubt that there's a downside to all this. To me it doesn't really feel like church. I have heard – and have said myself – that church is not just about buildings, it's about people, but the building matters. I've had a lot of time to think about this and for me it's to do with being in places where people have prayed. There's something about the history of the place but also about the intention, why people go. I know I don't need to be in church to pray but it certainly helps to concentrate your mind when the distractions of daily life aren't all around you (I took Compline last night with my grandson playing in the background – not a bad thing but not conducive to leading worship!) I'm conscious of the fact that quite a number of our regular worshippers are not there. Some are excluded by the technology, some by inadequate internet/broadband connections, some because it's not in church; there are probably other reasons as well. Sometimes the technical difficulties can be incredibly frustrating. Having had reasonable success for a few weeks, this Sunday was a nightmare with people trying to access the service and not being able to get audio or video to work, logging out and logging in again – it was a bit of a disaster and I spent the service wondering what I'd got wrong only to learn that there was an issue with Zoom crashing that was nothing to do with me!

The other big downside for me is no Eucharist. I decided that we would have morning prayer and included my 'sermon' in the email with Pew News so that those unable to join could still see what was happening. I didn't want to share a Eucharist by zoom because the important

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thing about sharing communion together is exactly that – it's about something that we share together as part of a gathered community and not something for you to watch me doing. I miss hearing the bells, I miss the sense of occasion, I miss the routine but most of all I miss the contact with everyone, that sense of being in the same place at the same time with a common purpose, the interaction.

Of course, there are a lot of positives. As the weeks have gone on, we have had around 50 people taking part and it generally works well. It's not often I take services in church with that number of people! We are gathering together people from each church in the Benefice and beyond. Those who have been unable to get to church are there, my parents from Stafford are there; we've been joined by relatives in South Africa and Australia. It is wonderful to see people arriving on screen and being able to say hello to friends and neighbours that they haven't seen for a while.

What do we do going forward? We are not going to be back to normal for a long time, so zoom is going to be around for a while. Maybe it will be there permanently in some form or another? Last week I was given permission to go back into church but the choice between being on my own in church or zooming in my study with everyone else was an easy choice to make; you will be seeing the inside of my study for a while yet! We will probably reach the point when a limited number of people will be able to join services in church whilst others won't, so I imagine there will a mix of church and zoom in some form or another. Ultimately this isn't just my decision to make. This is something that our PCCs will need to discuss but what do you think? I would be interested to know what church means to you, the building, the people? What would you like to see happening there? Please do let me know.

Finally, if you're not on the email list for the Pew News and would like to try out the zoom services, or just to keep up with what's going on, let me know and I can add you in (revjaneball@gmail.com). In the meantime, we'll keep zooming!

*Rev'd Jane Ball*

## **St John the Evangelist, West Meon**

We are very sorry that the church continues to be closed at the time of writing. This is not how we would like things to be, but directives from the Church of England and Bishop Christopher of the Portsmouth Diocese have made it clear that we are still not allowed to open the church for use by villagers. We would like to assure you all that as soon as we are permitted to open the church, we will do so. In the meantime, Sunday services continue on Zoom, led by Revd Jane Ball. If you would like to join in, please contact her on 01730 823221.

*Helena and Michael  
Church wardens*

## **Church Fete Plant Stall**

As you know, we are unfortunately not able to have a church fete in June. However, I am hoping to run some sort of plant stall from my driveway. If anyone has any plants that they would like to contribute, I would be delighted to receive them. Please leave any plant donations on my driveway (outside Owls on The Cross) or give me a call on 01730 829741 and I will be happy to collect them.

*Helena Gomm*

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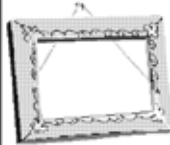
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## **Upper Meon Benefice**

In the Pew News email for 17th May I was talking about a number of events that should have been happening. Sadly, one of them was the licensing of the Rev'd Mary Jepp. We should have been having a joint service at 10.30am in West Meon but this has had to be put on hold. Mary, along with her husband Mike and their two dogs are currently living in Kilmarnock and even though restrictions are beginning to be lifted slightly here we still can't gather together and the Jepps can't move from Scotland! Unfortunately, we can't zoom this service and we will have to wait for a time when we can be together physically. Hopefully we will have some good news soon!

*With best wishes, Rev'd Jane Ball*

## **West Meon Village Shop**

'I am immensely grateful that the shop is allowed to remain partially open during the lockdown. We highly value the ongoing support of our customers as well as those who are new to the services that we offer. We have all worked extremely hard during these testing times to stay safe, to keep our customers safe and to provide food to the vulnerable. This has only been achieved through the hard work and dedication from a number of staff members and most importantly our volunteers. I would also like to thank Catherine Younger and her family who have provided many hours volunteering in the shop and supporting my role as manager. We will continue to support, supply and deliver to our customers and hope you all continue to use our services that we have all worked so hard to maintain at a high level.

We would also like to take this opportunity to thank Winchester County Council for their generous funding as well as the Parish Council's grant of £500 which was specifically for the loss of rental income from the Café.

We are hopeful that the shop may soon progress to opening its doors to one person at a time with strict COVID-19 safety procedures in place. It will be so lovely to welcome you all back into the shop, we have all missed our conversations and friendly faces. Once again, we thank you for your custom, your patience, and above all for your support.' *Rachell Barnett*

## **200 Club Prize Draw Winners**

The winners of the April prize draw were the following: 1st Prize of £200 to Tom Barker; 2nd Prize of £100 to Sarah Poole; 3rd Prize of £50 to Nigel Ford; and 4th Prize of £25 to Mrs Jan Lunn. If you are not already a member and wish to join in the fun, 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.

## **West Meon Wine Society**

The Village Shop is launching The West Meon Wine Society on the 4th July 2020, with the primary goals of generating extra funds for the Shop whilst building and sustaining a community of people living in the Meon Valley who like to socialise and explore new and interesting wines. On a regular basis a range of interesting wines will be selected by the Society and promoted on the Society's dedicated website. Once Covid allows, the Society will run wine tastings and similar events for its members.

*The West Meon Shop Committee*

## **Keeping Calm and Carrying on at The West Meon Hut**

It is not surprising that small businesses have been badly hit during the current Covid-19 crisis, but it is good to see that some enterprising people have just got stuck in and done their utmost to make the best of the situation.

Amongst these are Paul and Lisa Jenner of The West Meon (the name will soon be returned to the traditional West Meon Hut). Paul and Lisa only took over the tenancy in February – not great timing for them – but they are no strangers to the area. In fact, they are already an established local family, having successfully managed the pub from 2007 to 2012, when it was part of the Two for One chain. They also have children at West Meon School and Compass House Nursery.

As they are unable to continue as a regular pub/restaurant during the lockdown and do not qualify for help from the government, Paul and Lisa have changed their business model to providing takeaway meals for the local area. They also supply lunches to the children at West Meon School. Their takeaway menu includes a full range of burgers, including a vegetarian option, curries, grills, fish dishes and pies, children's meals, desserts and Sunday roasts (order these by Saturday). Copies of the complete takeaway menu can be picked up from the bar area. Paul and Lisa can accept payments over the phone or by card, and the meals can either be collected or will be delivered free to West Meon (and to other local areas by arrangement).

Everyone who is trying to keep their business going during this difficult time deserves our support, so why not give Paul and Lisa a ring on 01730 829534? They are open Monday to Friday from 11am to 2pm and 5pm to 8pm. On Saturday, their hours are 12 to 8pm, and on Sunday 12 to 2pm and 5 to 7pm.

## **Alternative Innings at The Thomas Lord**

In the heart of West Meon sits the popular family-oriented eatery The Thomas Lord, part of the Upham Group. It is known for its prestigious Michelin Plate, after having been recognised for its all-round dining experience as one of the best in Hampshire.

To maintain its renowned reputation, the pub has launched a brand-new takeaway menu to provide quality yet tasty meals to those within the community. The continued lockdown has sadly prevented regular customers from enjoying weekly meals at The Thomas Lord so this appetising service will appeal to many. The newly approved pizza and burger menu is available throughout the weekend at set times.

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In preparation for the grand opening, the staff at The Thomas Lord have been growing strawberries, raspberries, and mint in the recently renovated garden. These fruity ingredients will be used in cocktails and tasty sweet treats for customers to divulge once doors are open.

As far as entertainment goes, members of the team have been hosting weekly Friday night pub quizzes on The Thomas Lord's Facebook page.

Do join in for an evening full of laughter and fancy dress.

*Clare Joyce - Upham Inns*



## Local Woods At Risk

Chappetts Copse Nature Reserve in West Meon is a tranquil, ancient woodland, home to an impressive variety of rare plants including narrow-leaved helleborines, fungi and a healthy population of dormice.



*Sword-leaved Helleborine (Cephalanthera longifolia) A Annabel*

a loop of the site. The trees around this route will be regularly surveyed and kept safe. Access through the rest of the site will not be permitted.

Initially, the Trust will close off all access to the woods except for the southern car park and main ride. Works will be carried out in these two areas in the coming weeks to remove any dead ash trees. In winter 2020, further work will be carried out to establish the rest of the permissive route once the bird nesting season is over.

Hampshire & Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust are committed to making nature accessible to people, and hope that in the long term this access change will improve the visitor experience at Chappetts Copse Nature Reserve. The Trust has not taken the decision to close parts of the woodland lightly and is doing so with public safety in mind.

Hampshire & Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust are in the process of planning some changes to public access at Chappetts Copse. The Trust plan to establish a circular permissive footpath through the woodland, starting and finishing at the northern end of the site.

Trust staff regularly carry out visual tree inspections on all major routes through the woodland, to identify hazardous trees and then carry out work if failure of the tree is likely, such as branches snapping and falling out of the tree or the whole tree falling over.

At present, there are a number of preferred routes that have been established throughout the nature reserve which are becoming difficult for the Trust to monitor. This issue has been exacerbated by the infection of the woodland with the ash dieback fungus. Many of the ash trees have succumbed to the disease and are now standing deadwood, these trees are very brittle and are at high risk of failing.

For safety reasons, the Trust will establish a permissive footpath that does regularly surveyed and kept safe. Access

*Abi Webber  
Hampshire & Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust*

## Hello - Father and Daughter Release Charity Single



Like so many parents, Hampshire based singer-songwriter Richard Walters and his wife Annie have struggled to keep their 4-year-old daughter, Addy occupied and content during the Covid-19 lockdown. One thing that seemed to help pass the time was music; writing and singing short songs together, even recording a few ideas from time to time. “We’d chat about how she was feeling and then try to turn it into a song. One morning she started singing about her friends at nursery and came up with this idea of writing a song to send to them all, just to say hello.”

Richard then had the idea of adding all their voices to the recording and sent out a Facebook request to parents. Before long, his inbox was filled with voice notes, a virtual choir of Addy’s friends all shouting ‘Hello!’ to each other and The Stay at Home Band was born. The track was a hit with Addy’s friends and their parents alike, and it was Richard’s wife Annie who suggested releasing the song to raise money for local charity, Home-Start Hampshire.

Feeling the original recording was lacking something, Richard reached out to his friend and collaborator Edd Holloway (producer of Lewis Capaldi’s debut album, the biggest selling album of 2019 in the UK) who was quick to take on the project. “As soon as Richard played me the song and told me about writing it with his daughter, I knew I had to get involved. He did an incredible job of getting together loads of clips of children singing the chorus and it

made the production work really enjoyable. As a charity, Home-Start are doing amazing work to help families during this difficult time. Hopefully, we can raise some money for them and at the same time raise a few smiles.”

It’s a sentiment shared by Richard: “As a parent, it’s easy to see how this strange situation we find ourselves in could very quickly become overwhelming. The work Home-Start Hampshire does is absolutely vital, more so now than ever, and it’s a privilege to be able to support them with this single release. If it has been tough for us, as adults, to comprehend and cope with, it’s been even harder for children.”

Home-Start Hampshire CEO Mo Tutty said, “This song perfectly captures the feeling of so many families during these difficult times. We are all missing friends and family and it is wonderful to hear Addy and her friends shouting out their ‘hellos’ to each other. It is lovely to have something fun and upbeat to put a smile on our faces for a change. We are very grateful to Richard and Addy for creating this song and for donating the proceeds to support Home-Start Hampshire. This will give real help to many families who are finding things really tough right now. A big HELLO to everyone from all of us at Home-Start Hampshire.”

Proceeds from this song will support Home-Start Hampshire and Home-Start UK’s emergency COVID-19 appeal, providing essential help to families at this time.

*Amy Williams*



## **HSH Meon Valley**

Home-Start Hampshire are still working and providing remote support to families in need across the county, including in the Meon Valley area.

We are still accepting new referrals, however, as our offices are currently closed, we are only able to accept referrals electronically. Our referral form can be downloaded from our website and returned by email to [meon.valley@hshants.org.uk](mailto:meon.valley@hshants.org.uk).

During this time, we are continuing to work with our partner agencies to sign post where families can find additional

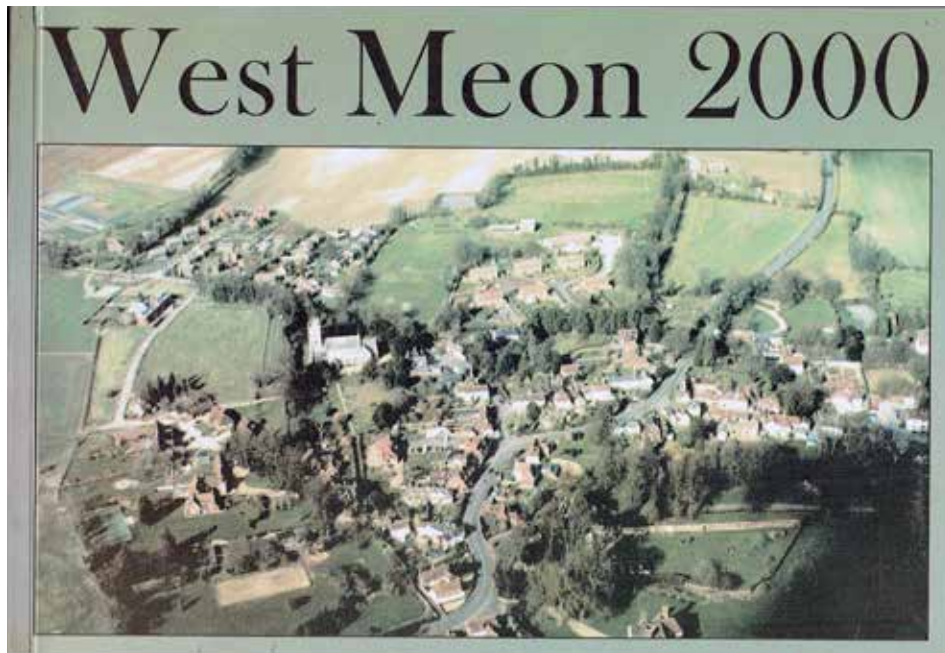
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Finally, although the way we are working at the moment is different to usual, our commitment to supporting families across Hampshire remains unchanged.

*Amy Williams*

## West Meon 2000 Revisited

*2020 seems like a good time to revisit this publication and, in particular, the memories of our oldest residents of the time living behind the surgery in Doctors Lane.*



‘For the millenium in West Meon a project was instigated and managed by Peter Moore and Pauline Wingrave who were assisted in the later stages by Helena Gomm.’ The project was to devise and write a book about West Meon by the people who live there. This was printed in 2000 and distributed to residents. Here are a few extracts from the chapters on The Cedars, Rectory and Bungalows collated by the Rector, who lived there at the time, Humphrey Prideaux and Old Alton Road to Stoney Dean by Barbara Shaw:

‘Mrs Vera Hale of Number 16 and Mrs Betty Ford, Number 17, are sisters and widows. Their older sister is Mrs Dorothy Perry of Number 9 Meonwara Crescent. Vera and Betty moved to the bungalows from Headon View in 1990, when they were first built.’

Katie Ford: talking to her gran and great-aunt said, ‘They told me of the different shops that were in West Meon when they were young, like Mrs Mills’ small sweet shop opposite The Red Lion. Next door to it was the butcher’s; across the road the tailor’s shop; 50 yards further up the road along by The Cross there was Empire Stores and the bakery. Further along still the cobbler and hairdresser would be working away.

In the High Street there were two general stores and a post office. The bread was delivered by bike. And they used to get a lift to school on the back of the horse and cart that delivered the milk.

During the war years my great-aunt joined the airforce. My gran worked in a factory in Petersfield which made parts for the war effort. They used to watch German bomber planes fly

over, heading for London, and the dog fights during the Battle of Britain.’

‘More recently my gran and great-aunt attended the millenium party, which they enjoyed a great deal. Maybe it brought back memories of days long ago at Empire and May Day parties when they were just little girls.’

‘Mrs Kathleen Denese Cooper (Kath), née Ford, who lives at Number 18, was born in Hinton Ampner. Her father, no relation to the other family of Ford in the village, worked for Mr. Silk for 30 years as a carter. He was a widower for 25 years. The family moved to West Meon in 1927. Kath went to West Meon School for her last year, as did her children and grandchildren. Her husband, Reg Cooper, came from Warnford. They married in West Meon, as did her daughter and two granddaughters. Reg was a cowman and general farm worker at Marlands.’

‘Kath has some wonderful stories of the years when her children, Trevor and Barbara, were growing up at the same time as the Silk children. The evenings often involved both families turning out to play cricket in the meadow behind the farmhouse. Kath has vivid memories of her thatched roof catching fire when her son was only 18 months old. All the men were away working in East Meon, so she called the fire brigade who unfortunately managed to break down half way up the lane from the village.

Kath recalls a day during the war when she heard a strange plane engine note. She looked out of the window to see a swastika on the plane, which flew over the entrance to the railway tunnel and deposited its bombs on the line. Later a piece of railway line was found in a field and today marks the entrance to Highfield House; another fragment landed in the sand heap where Roger and Barbara had earlier been playing.

Looking back, Kath smiles and confesses that she never learned to milk cows, having felt that it would be unwise - after all they do need milking every day!’

‘During the war, Kath helped with potato picking. Reg grew vegetables, Kath grew flowers. They had two children. Trevor who lives in Warnford and used to work as a shepherd on the Warnford Estate and Barbara (Prior) who lives in Alton. Reg retired early in the 1970s and died in 1986. Kath moved to Doctors Lane in 1990 and loves her bungalow.: ‘It was often cold and windy up at Marlands.’ Kath is a member of the Over 60s and is a regular churchgoer. In the early days she sang in the choir with her two brothers. She has grandchildren, great-grandchildren and also now three great-great-grandchildren. She is amazed by the kindness of people, especially when she was ill.’

Also living in the bungalows at the time were Harry and Elsie Downer, John and Vera Warner, Dorothy Hutchins and Peggy Griffiths.



*Rectory and Doctors Lane  
illustration from  
West Meon 2000  
Page 110  
Jacqueline Annabel*

## West Meon CE Primary School

It is very strange sitting in the school office with one child in school on what would have been the first day of the Y6 SATs. A lucky escape some might think, but our Y6 s have asked for last year's papers to do at home!!! I saw another boy say on the news that he wanted to do SATs and it's because they want to prove that they have worked hard and know their stuff. All credit to them. Not sure I would have done that as a child!

This is the morning after the PM's announcement that they might come back to school from 1st June and I'm not sure what they are going to make of that news! We have moved their Fairthorne Manor week residential as near to the end of term as we could, but we will have to wait and see if any of that is 'doable' if the R level rises or social distancing is too difficult in that setting.

They are all going to The Petersfield School this year and although transition will be different, they all have older sisters there already, so I am sure they will be fine.

It is the Prize Giving and Leavers' Service that they look forward to, so we will have to think of some way of making their leaving special.

The government is also saying Reception and Year 1 can come back and that is going to be very interesting as 4 and 5 year olds certainly have no idea about social distancing and why should they?



The online learning is going from strength to strength and most year groups now have their own Zoom sessions, which they love.

There was so much work and so many photos being sent in that we now publish a weekly newsletter to showcase some of it and some goes on the website.

It is great to see families as they pass by and some that usually have a hug at the gate in the morning are waiting for



that time again.

They are also growing! Much taller than we last saw them in March – it must be the sunny weather and home cooked food!!

A few more children have joined us in school on a couple of days, but generally it is quite quiet.

The challenge will come when numbers do rise and we spend half the time cleaning! Especially in September when we will have 79 children in school, our biggest number

for awhile.

In the meantime, all good wishes to our brilliant families, we miss them so much and hope to see them when it is safe for them to come back..

Take care everyone.

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



## From South London to West Meon

Moving a business at anytime is a scary thing to do, taking on a closed down butcher shop is a risky challenge but to do it in the middle of a Pandemic is a real roll of the dice.

The questions that kept flying through my mind was, 'How do we launch our business properly whilst everyone is on lockdown, we cant do any sampling of our produce & nobody knows who we are?'

Anyhow, it seems like all my worrying was not needed as so far the village has been fantastic. We have had a warm and friendly welcome from everyone and the support from West Meon and neighbouring villages has been amazing.

I feel in love with the village when I first came to view the shop in February and knew immediately that this is where I wanted to set up a long term home for my business and hopefully my family in time.

It is a real shame that most social events have been cancelled this year due to the Pandemic as we would of loved to have been involved, and supported as much as possible, but the most important thing is everyone's safety and that we all stick together to ride this out.

Whats next?

We have a lot of plans for the shop that will be carried out over the next year including a Butchery workshop area. (More to come on that soon.) We would like to make it a shop that the village is proud of again (why shouldn't West Meon have one of the best Butcher shops in Hampshire ?)

We would like to thank everyone for the continued support and for making us feel so welcome in your beautiful village.

*Damon & Sadie*





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

**Parish Council Vacancies** – We currently have three vacancies for Councillors. If you feel you would like to contribute and support our village by joining the Council, please contact the Clerk (details opposite) for further information.

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

**Long Priors Proposed Housing Development** – The Chairman Angie Trenchard (details opposite) has several hard copies of the consultation documents and feedback forms. If anyone requires a copy contact Angie. Closing date for submissions is 25th May 2020.

**Recycling Bin** – If anyone needs another or bigger green bin, **call Winchester City Council on 0333 300 0013** and they should be able to sort this out for you, free of charge.

**Coronavirus Information - 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. Anyone who needs assistance whilst self-isolating should ring the County Council helpline on **0333 370 4000 from 9.00am to 5.00pm 7 days a week.**

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

**Business Support** – Winchester City's website <https://www.winchester.gov.uk/get-help> includes a link to a detailed page covering supports available to businesses.

**Watch Out for Scams** – If you are aware, or become suspicious of, scams taking place in our neighbourhood, please let Hampshire County Council Trading Standards Service know or for further advice please ring Citizens Advice Consumer Helpline on **0808 2231133.**

**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 Meetings will be held on Tuesday 2nd June 7.30 p.m. This will be a virtual meeting via skype and all Parishioners are welcome to join in, if you would like to be present please contact the clerk (details opposite).

**Warnford Parish Meeting** - Due to Covid19 the Warnford Parish Meeting AGM which was to be held in May had to be cancelled. The next Warnford Parish Meeting will be in November 2020, the date will be advertised on the Warnford website and in the Parish News. Papers which would have been available at the AGM, eg the year end accounts, will be posted on the Warnford website. 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.

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## **From Respite Care to Food Banks** - *the many varied ways the Meon Valley Lions Club are still supporting the community*

### **Rose Road Association**

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### **Food Bank**

Waltham Chase food bank operate out of the Methodist church and run a small operation supporting local families. Meon Valley Lions Club were pleased to make a donation to replenish supplies. We also regularly assist the Meon Valley Food Bank, based in Bishops Waltham.

### **We need help**

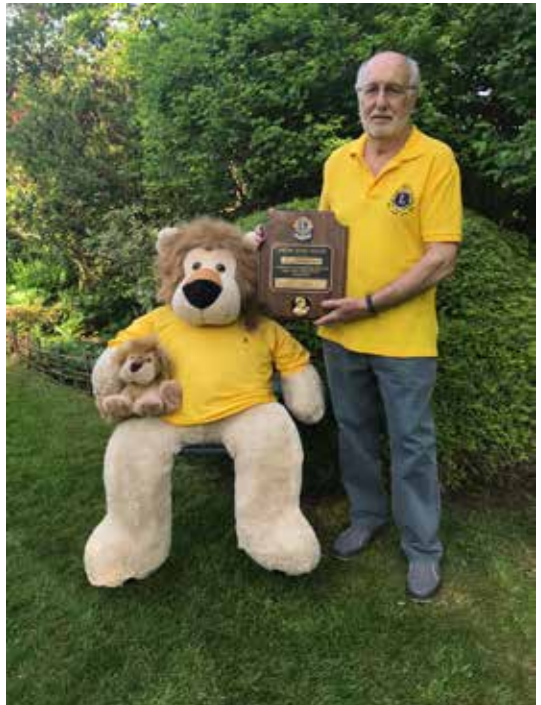
During the lock down all of the Lunch Clubs we regularly take people to in our minibus have closed. Also, all of the fetes and other fund-raising events we were to attend have been cancelled. But as soon as things can be relaxed, we are ready to go! After the lockdown if you are able to help by driving our minibus, or indeed would like to join the Club, we'd love to hear from you. Please see our website for contact details: [https://www.meonvalleylionsclub.org.uk/\\_contact.html](https://www.meonvalleylionsclub.org.uk/_contact.html).

### **30 years as a Lion**

The Club would like to congratulate Roy Cuthbertson by bestowing a Melvin Jones Fellowship Award to mark 30 years of exemplary service to the Meon Valley Lions Club. Unfortunately, due to the Club observing the lock down rules our President Andrew Brown delegated his responsibilities to the Club mascots Lamar and Melvin; rest assured they'll be a proper celebration once we are out of lockdown.

### **Swanmore Fete**

Sadly, as with other public events the 2020 Fete has been cancelled but we're pleased to report those who agreed to attend this year have committed to take part next year. We'll keep you updated on our website but in the meantime please add Saturday 12th July 2021 to your diary.



*Carole Dash*

*Roy Cuthbertson with club mascots*



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## ***Jenny's Garden Centre'***

Once again so many thanks to everyone who has bought plants. Amazingly we have reached £400 to date for the shop and I never cease to be surprised how it mounts up. Now the Garden Centres are open again perhaps it will slow down but it is really appreciated. Yippee!!

*Jenny Jenkin*

## **Garden Club News**

Although the Garden Club has suspended all its normal activities, it is attempting to link up members and others via Zoom. So on Wednesday 13th May, instead of our usual Plant Sale and Supper in the grounds of Warnford Church, we held a "Zoom" supper with food provided by Becky at the Cuppacheeno Café. The menu proved to be very popular: lasagne, salad, coleslaw and a whopping brownie to finish. Delicious!

So a round of applause for Becky, who cooked 42 individual meals; thanks to Edwin and Lucy for delivering to West Meon, Warnford and Exton ... and of course many thanks to all those who bought a meal or two (or even four!) in order to support this local business.

*Clare Swinstead*

## **Rainfall records**

Last month I reported that up to the 15th of April we had 1.3mms of rain. Two days later the heavens opened and we had 34mms on 17th. It rained very heavily all morning and up to 3.30pm and amounted to 34mms. That cleared the air and we then had 9 dry days. The last 4 days of the month were wet and we had 24mms giving a total for the month of 61.3mms (2.4") May has been very dry and really warm. We had 3.1 mms in the first 3 days and there then followed 15 dry days, so to mid month we just have 3.1mms.

*Peter Short*

## **The Curtis Museum and Allen Gallery, Alton** (01420 82802)

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

Hours were Tues-Sat, Gallery 10.30 - 4.30, Museum 10 - 5 and will be again in due course.

Hampshire Cultural Trust has set up a website Culture on Call for those of you suffering museum withdrawal symptoms. Or looking for something new to entertain the children. The items on offer change weekly, and include

\*Tino's Tales – the adventures of a group of teddy bears, with an illustrated week-by-week story and printable Activity Sheet for young children.

\* Programmer Picks pages (for adults) which showcase comedy, theatre and music acts seen at the Trust's Art Centres – West End, Ashcroft and Forest – when they were open.

\* Material held by HCT on VE Day, the Siege of Basing House and many other historical events.

Just type Culture on Call.

If you missed the W H Allen exhibition Under Continental Skies held at the Allen Gallery at the beginning of the year, you can browse this and other collections of art and ceramics on the HCT website . Type Hampshire Cultural Trust Online Collections, keyword Allen, category Fine Art.

We are looking forward to seeing you again at the Curtis Museum and Allen Gallery once we re-open.

*Jill Line*



## Diary Dates June

### Tuesday 2nd June

West Meon Parish Council Meeting 7.30 pm. Skype. All Parishioners are welcome to join in, if you would like to be present please contact Diane Heppell, clerk.westmeon@parish.hants.gov.uk or tel: 023 9257 1720

### Church Services

Zoom services are normally held on:

Sunday 10am Morning Prayer

7pm Compline

Order of service is attached to the Pew News email along with links. To be added to distribution email revjaneball@gmail.com. A group in West Meon are also continuing to say Morning Prayer at 9am on Wednesdays using [www.churchofengland.org/prayerandworship/join-us-service-daily-prayer](http://www.churchofengland.org/prayerandworship/join-us-service-daily-prayer).



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