

Parish News

West Meon & Warnford

January 2024

Welcome news for our parishes

The churchwardens and Parochial Church Councils of all the churches of the Upper Meon parishes are delighted to welcome the appointment of Father Tony Forrest as Interim Priest-in-Charge of the Benefice of St. John the Evangelist, Langrish, the Benefice of East Meon, and the Benefice of West Meon and Warnford. All the churches look forward to working in partnership with him and for the churches to be drawn more closely together.

Father Tony's licensing service will be in the evening of Tuesday 23rd January in All Saints', East Meon. The exact timing is subject to confirmation and will be publicised beforehand. Everyone will be most welcome to attend and join in welcoming Tony and his wife Linda to our parishes.

His first service in West Meon and Warnford, and a second opportunity for us to welcome him, will be on Sunday 28th January when we will hold a special Candlemas service at 6 pm followed by refreshments.

The Upper Meon Benefice Parish Churchwardens and PCCs



View of West Meon Church tower © Jacqueline Annabel



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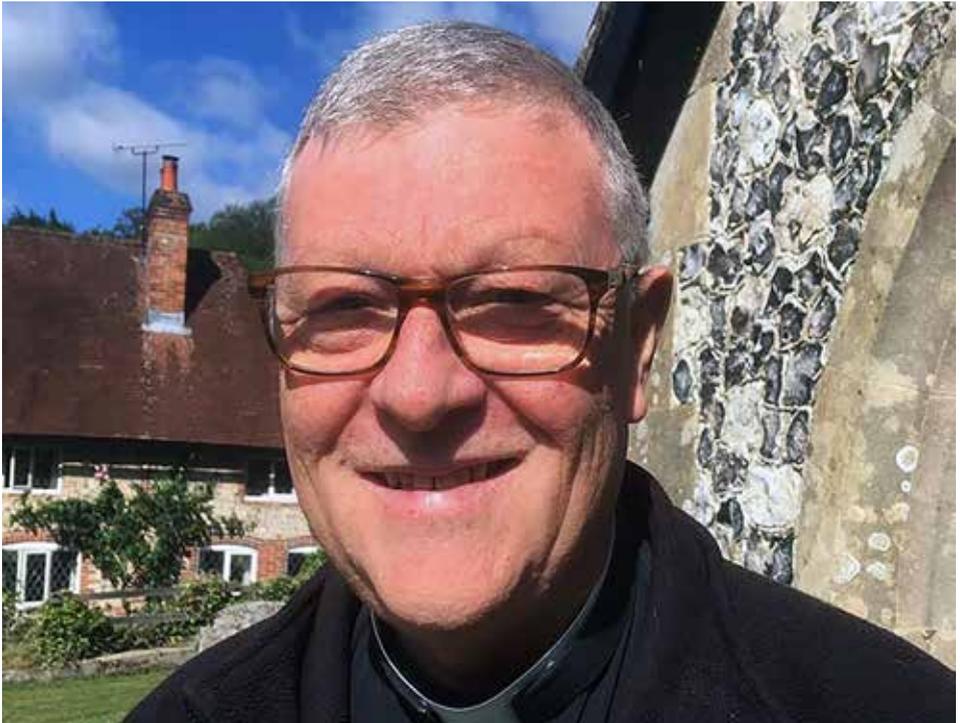
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For the West Meon & Warnford Parish News

I am delighted to have been asked to write a couple of lines for the Parish News. The invitation comes soon after accepting the wonderful opportunity to join the Upper Meon group of parishes as the Priest-in-Charge. My wife, Linda, and I know and love the Meon Valley well having previously lived in East Meon for many years and having served for seven years in Exton, Meonstoke, Corhampton and Droxford as Rector of the Meon Bridge Benefice. So, it is with particular excitement that we are to remain in this beautiful part of the world. The communities that make up the Upper Meon group of parishes are very special, and as much as we love the countryside and fine church buildings, it has been the people we have met that convinced us that we shall be very happy with you.

Minded that two of our churches are dedicated to St John the Evangelist, I would just mention a few verses of his Gospel. You may well recall that John 15.9-17 calls us to love one another. We can only do that if we get to know each other and marvel at what God has been doing in the world and in each one of us. It also reminds us that God has chosen us all to be gathered in a particular place. Linda and I are very much looking forward to the years ahead of us with you and receiving God's gift of getting to know you.

Let us also remember that God knows what he's doing! Unwelcome as it can be to begin with, we do come to accept change. Although, exciting times can sometimes seem a bit too exciting and uncertain, God has his hand on this place and God is faithful. So we are delighted to answer his call to change what we have been doing and come here to be with you.

Fr Tony Forrest

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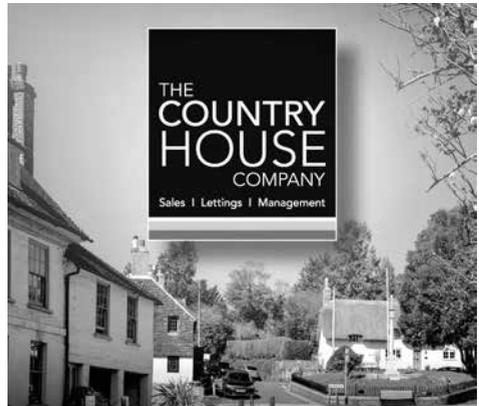
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Father Tony goes full circle

Father Tony moved away to serve elsewhere in our diocese – now he's been appointed as priest-in-charge of his home parish. Bishop Jonathan has appointed Father Tony Forrest to serve as interim priest-in-charge of the Upper Meon parishes, which includes his home in East Meon. Tony's previous ordained role was further south along the River Meon, in the Bridge benefice.

It marks a new era of collaboration for the four parishes of East Meon, Langrish, West Meon and Warnford. This will bring a new dimension to the churches working together that has already been pursued over the last two years.

Tony said: "Having returned to live in this area, I have been helping out in these parishes and have felt energised by it. I had a sense of calling to this role, and have felt welcomed back to this community. It does feel right to serve here. It is different being a vicar in a village, such as this, rather than being a member of the community but there is much that is familiar and I think it will be very rewarding."

Tony originally worked as a chemistry teacher, head teacher and university lecturer before he was ordained as a deacon in 2011 and a priest in 2012. He was a curate in North End Team Ministry and a chaplain at Portsmouth College. He also served as the Chair of the Board of Education.

He then moved to become rector in the Meon Bridge benefice, which includes the parishes of Droxford, Exton and Meonstoke with Corhampton. He was there from 2015 until last year when he returned to his East Meon home.

He will spend seventy per cent of his time in his new role – as interim priest-in-charge of the parishes of East Meon, Langrish, West Meon and Warnford – in line with the Petersfield deanery plan. He has plans to spend much of the rest of his time exploring journeys in the Bible.

"When I started at the Bridge benefice, the parishes had already been working together, and one of the things I realised is that there were some events and activities they could do together and others that were specific to each village," he said, "so Remembrance and Harvest might be slightly different in each place. The parishes in the Upper Meon have been working together, but we probably need to work out which things we want to do together and which are distinct."

"As I'm a teacher, one of the things I'm also keen on is not just that people learn, but that they train to teach others as well. So if we're doing a Lent Course, it's not all about me leading it but usually about helping lay people to have the confidence and ability to lead sessions."

"I've been trying to learn Welsh and also to look at a project exploring Biblical journeys. I've been working through fifty journeys in the Bible, from the Old Testament right through to Paul's missionary journeys. I'd like to put together an Ignatian resource that will help people to revisit those journeys using imaginative prayer. I hope it will help their journeys through life."

Tony will be licensed to his new role in All Saints Church, East Meon, on 23rd January.

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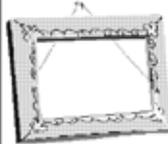
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Snowdrop Sundays

The Parochial Church Council of the Church of Our Lady, Warnford, is delighted that Andrew and Candi Sellick have kindly agreed that we may again hold the Snowdrop Sundays in Warnford Park on the four Sunday afternoons in February 2024.

Accordingly we are looking for volunteer stewards for both car parking and welcoming visitors.

We ask for help of one and a half hours between 2pm and 5pm on the following dates:
4th, 11th, 18th and 25th of February.

If you are willing to help, please contact Angie Trenchard on 01730 829 545, 07879 408 898 or angietrenchard@gmail.com. You will be guaranteed a warm welcome, lovely refreshments and wonderful company!

Snowdrop Sundays contribute funds to help the running of Warnford Church which has a small but loyal congregation.

Snowdrops are the sign of spring - so we invite the public to come for a lovely winter walk amongst the snowdrops where they will receive a warm welcome in the church, with tasty refreshments and a peaceful atmosphere.

Angie Trenchard



Snowdrops painting © Jacqueline Annabel

Mr Chester, Mr Woods and the Warnford Church Dispute

The Warnford Park estate has a long history of opening it's gates for Snowdrop Sundays as the newspaper clipping from an unknown source shows (perhaps dating to the 1970s).



Today it is Andrew and Candi Sellick who have granted permission but, of course, there have been different owners over the generations. For sixty years it was the Chester family and Rex Chester has collected an interesting archive of articles and recollections that is available online at <https://www.warnford.info/>. As he says, “The blog is built around the archive of material collected by my father and myself to record our experience as stewards of this special place and members of the village community. It covers a range of topics including the pre-war pig-farming operation, recollections of Warnford during the war, sailing on the lake in Warnford Park, creating the Memorial Playground, saving the village Post Office and all manner of other happenings and events related to sixty wonderful years in the Meon Valley.”

One of the articles is titled: **Warnford Park: black sheep, snowdrops & Mr. Woods explains!** It brings together the newspaper clip shown above, a photograph of a small flock of black sheep which were grazing the park in the Seventies, the Hambleton Country Fair (when it was held at Warnford) and an article entitled the **Warnford Church Dispute** published in the Portsmouth Evening News in 1935. Charles Woods owned the estate before the Chesters and he had a different perspective on whether the public should be allowed access. Mr. Woods put up notices to reinforce the fact that there was no legal right of access to the church and that parishioners (only) were entitled to access the church. All other visitors needed to seek consent by calling at North Lodge and promising to behave responsibly. Prior to the arrival of the Vicar Canon Sedgewick in fact the Church had been locked. The notices caused ill feeling locally as

people felt that it was an immemorial right to use the Church and took that right for granted. In fact there wasn't really much of a dispute although some of the boards were vandalised. Mr Woods had his actions approved by the Bishop of Portsmouth (Dr. E Neville Lovett CBE) and had never sought to stop the villagers from attending church. He simply wanted to stop the public using the Estate as a public park, and to prevent damage, but it all goes to show that the disputes in the press then were no different from the kind of thing we see on social media today. The piece ends with a glimpse of how grand the house and estate were before the main house was demolished after the war.

A Annabel



Delightful Woodland Walks
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W.I. Report

On Wednesday 6th December we had a very enjoyable Christmas lunch at The Flower Pots in Cheriton. Our meal was served in their lovely barn which was warm and cosy and nicely decorated for Christmas and a good time was had by all!



Our January meeting will be held on Monday 8th January starting with the Resolutions Lunch (for members) at 12.45pm at West Meon Village Hall. We will then have an hour to discuss and vote. Our speaker, Dr. Sam Kelly, will then join us for coffee and cake.

Dr Kelly is an ecologist who specialises in protected species. She is a passionate naturalist with particular interest in the conservation of native reptiles. She will give her ecologist's view of the current state of the natural world and whether we can save it.

This sounds like a fascinating and topical subject and we look forward to seeing you there.

Sue Kinloch

Winter sleepers - the hibernating habits of hedgehogs, bats and hazel dormice.

As the temperature drops for winter you may have observed a change in local wildlife as species adapt to cope with the colder weather. Some species will avoid the unfavourable conditions through migration and others grow thicker winter coats, but a handful of Britain's wildlife will tough out the cold weather through hibernation.

Hibernation is a process of a prolonged period of inactivity that allows animals to survive when food is scarce and the weather is harsh. To prepare for hibernation animals will build up



Hibernating Hazel Dormouse (c) Danny Green

a reserve of body fat by eating as much as possible in the lead up to winter, before retreating to somewhere safe where they will enter a torpid state. Once settled, almost all of the animal's bodily functions will either completely stop or slow down significantly, the body temperature will cool, and breathing and heart rate will slow down. For example, a bat's heart rate will slow to an astonishing four beats per minute but can reach 1000 bpm when flying. This reduces the amount of energy its body must burn to survive.

There are only three UK mammals that truly hibernate: bats, Hazel dormice and European hedgehogs.

Dormice and hedgehogs hibernate right through the winter by developing enough brown body fat (fat reserves they can utilize during prolonged periods of sleep), which they build up by eating fat and sugar-rich foods. In some cases, they can increase their own body weight by over 30%.

As omnivores (an animal which eats both plants and animals) hedgehogs are not picky eaters. These iconic creatures will feast on anything from fruit and insects to beetles and frogs,

and will reach a weight of 500-700 grams. Hedgehogs are also not fussy when deciding where they will overwinter. Some will build their own nest from dead leaves and twigs, whilst others will happily take shelter under a pile of logs, your compost heap or under a garden shed. Be careful when moving piles of leaves or wood over the winter as there may be a hibernating hedgehog underneath.

In the woodlands, dormice will gorge on a menu of nuts, seeds and berries, building up vital energy reserves. Dormice construct insulated nests hidden in hedgerows and thickets, where they retreat for hibernation.

During autumn, bats are especially active in hunting and finding a place to overwinter. Bats are unable to dig or build their shelters so have to look for the right spot. They like to roost in veteran trees that are hollow as well as man-made structures. You might find them wedged into holes in an old brick wall or in the roof of your house, but old barns and abandoned buildings are also favoured spots.

For more information on mammals visit Hampshire & Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust website: <https://www.hiwwt.org.uk/wildlife-explorer/mammals>

Helen Skelton-Smith

West Meon Wine Society

The Wine Society ran a successful Christmas wine tasting in the Village Hall on Friday 24th November. The Society was also engaged by the village community in Privett to provide a tutored wine tasting for their Christmas dinner the week before.

All the wines from these tastings are available on www.westmeonwine.co.uk. They have been selected in wine tastings run by our management team, so buying any these wines should take some of the risk out of our members and customers' wine shopping efforts in the lead up to Christmas and the New Year. Orders made online by a Wednesday are normally available for collection at the village shop on the following Friday or Saturday (in line with information given in a Society email after the order has been placed).

Have a great New Year and keep an eagle eye out on "We are West Meon" and the shop window for details of wine tasting events in the early months of 2024.

West Meon Wine Society Management Team

Rainfall report for November/December

The second half of November certainly improved and we managed to only have rain on 7 days as opposed to 13 in the first half of the month. November ended with 151.6mms (5.96"). However heavy rain resumed after a 1 day respite on 1st December and then it rained on every day there after up until the 14th.

We haven't really had any serious frosts yet with only 3 nights when the temperature dropped below zero. In the first 14 days of December we have measured 97mm (3.82"). This is on course to be the 3rd wettest year since 1974 when I started to record. 2000 and 2014 were wetter with almost identical rainfalls of about 1360mm, as a comparison the driest year was 1989 with 772mm (30.4") while the total for this year is now 1212mm (47.72").

Just to let you know that our recordings are accurate as we have just had our 3 year visit from the Met Office to check our rain gauge and they were happy with it.

Peter Short

Services in the Upper Meon Benefice

Sunday 7th January

8am East Meon. Holy Communion.

9am Warnford. Benefice Mattins.

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

Sunday 14th January

8am East Meon. Holy Communion.

9am Langrish. Benefice Service of the Word.

10.30am West Meon. Benefice Eucharist.

Sunday 21st January

8am East Meon. Holy Communion.

9am Warnford. Benefice Holy Communion.

10.30am East Meon. Benefice Eucharist.

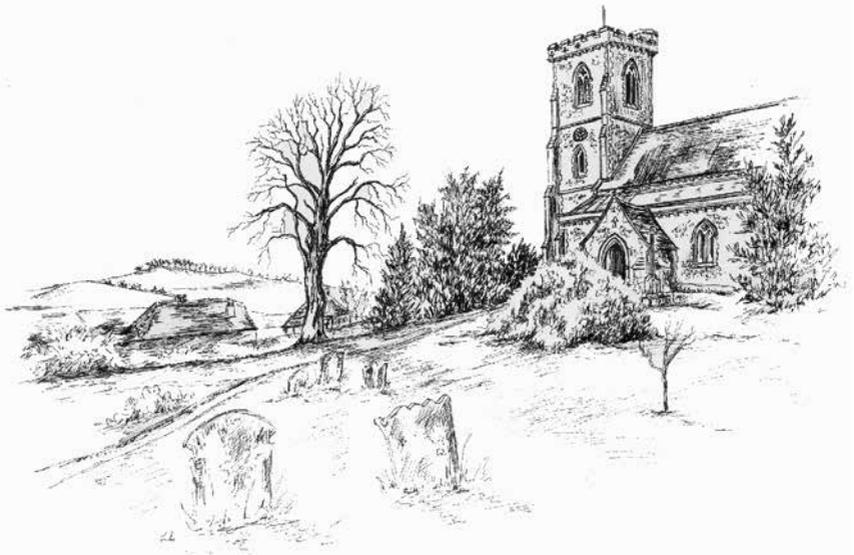
Sunday 28th January

8am East Meon. Holy Communion.

10.30am Langrish. Benefice Eucharist.

6 pm West Meon.

Benefice Service for Candlemas followed by refreshments



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0909	Droxford Square (PARK & RIDE)
0916	Meonstoke Pound Cottages
0921	Corhampton
0924	Warnford George and Falcon
0945	Petersfield Square
0950	Petersfield Tesco
Return:	
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1200	Petersfield Square

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SOBERTON TO WINCHESTER	
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0909	Droxford Square (PARK & RIDE)
0915	Meonstoke Pound Cottages
0919	Meonstoke PO & Stores
0921	Exton The Shoe PH
0926	Warnford Village Hall
0946	Winchester Broadway
0953	River Park Leisure Centre
Return	
1155	River Park Leisure Centre
1200	Winchester Broadway

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Timetable



From 31st October 2022

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0903	Warnford Village Hall
0908	Exton The Shoe PH
0910	Meonstoke PO & Stores
0914	Meonstoke Pound Cottages
0921	Droxford Square (PARK & RIDE)
0925	Brockbridge The Hurdles
0930	Soberton Village Hall (PARK & RIDE)
0933	Webbs Green War Memorial
0936	Soberton Heath Chapel Road pond
0938	Soberton Heath Bold Forester PH
0940	Newtown Rookesbury Hall (PARK & RIDE)
0945	Hundred Acres
0957	Fareham Library
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1205	Fareham Library

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0908	Exton The Shoe PH
0910	Meonstoke PO & Stores
0914	Meonstoke Pound Cottages
0921	Droxford Square (PARK & RIDE)
0925	Brockbridge The Hurdles
0929	Soberton Village Hall (PARK & RIDE)
0933	Webbs Green War Memorial
0935	Soberton Heath Chapel Road pond
0938	Soberton Heath Bold Forester PH
0940	Newtown Rookesbury Hall (PARK & RIDE)
0945	Hundred Acres
1007	Hedge End Marks & Spencer
Return:	
1200	Hedge End Marks & Spencer

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WEST MEON to WATERLOOVILLE	
8th Friday Each Month	
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0908	Exton The Shoe PH
0910	Meonstoke PO & Stores
0914	Meonstoke Pound Cottages
0921	Droxford Square (PARK & RIDE)
0925	Brockbridge The Hurdles
0929	Soberton Village Hall (PARK & RIDE)
0933	Webbs Green War Memorial
0936	Soberton Heath Chapel Road pond
0938	Soberton Heath Bold Forester PH
0940	Newtown Rookesbury Hall (PARK & RIDE)
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Friday 9th February...**The Great Escaper**



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Starring Michael Caine and Glenda Jackson (her last film) – two epic acting careers coming to an end hand in hand! In 2014 Bernie Jordan, encouraged by his wife Rene sneaks out of his care home to attend a group outing to the D-Day anniversary in France.

We are scheduling two screenings for this film:

2pm preceded by lunch. Tickets: Lunch and film £15, Film only £7

8pm. Doors open at usual time of 7pm.



Friday 8th March...**Past Lives**

Nora and Hae Sung, childhood best friends are separated when Nora's family emigrate from South Korea to Canada – twenty years later they are reunited for one fateful week.

Friday 19th April...**Napoleon**

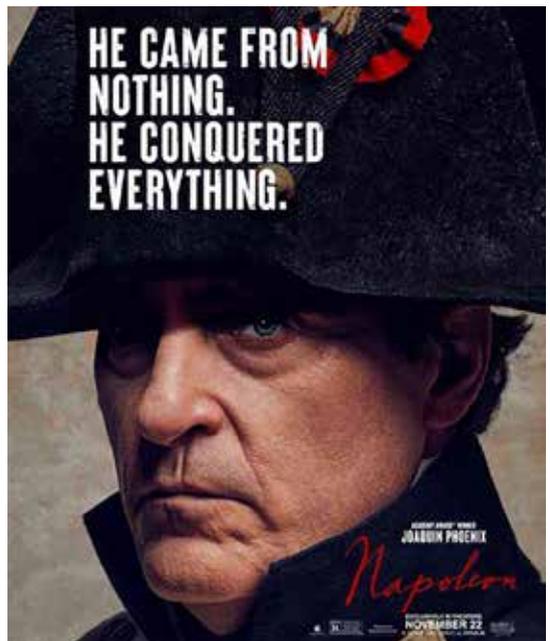
No need to say anything about this film except that we will schedule an interval as the runtime is 158 minutes.

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West Meon Parish Council & Warnford Parish Meeting News

Parish Council Vacancies - Have you recently moved to West Meon or the surrounding Parish and feel you would like to get involved with the local area? Why not become a Parish Councillor to help look after the interests of the Village, the Parish and its Parishioners. If you can spare some time and would be interested in joining the current Councillors then please contact the Clerk - Jo Tester (details opposite).

Snow Shovels & Salt Bins - WMPC has provided snow shovels for clearing public footpaths. To date, these are with volunteers in Long Priors, Knapps Hard, Doctors Lane, Meonwara, Northfield and Headon View. Many thanks to those volunteers for taking on this task. Salt bins are also located across the Parish. These are to help with roads and footpaths. If they are not full then please inform the Clerk.

Dog Poo - We would like to remind dog owners that they must pick up their dog's poo (especially at the Recreation Ground) and place in the appropriate bins provided.

Vehicle Speeds - WMPC has been collecting data on vehicle speeds approaching West Meon from the south on the A32. We will share findings via We are West Meon and with the volunteer speed awareness group. WMPC is also pressing for both permanent flashing signs to be repaired or replaced.

New Hampshire County Council App - The County Council has launched a new mobile app, 'OurHants', which is available for Apple and Android mobile devices. The intent is to offer many online services through the app, beginning with the full range of County Council web pages, to allow residents to access all services. It also contains new functionality to book appointments for Household Waste and Recycling Centres (HWRCs). Details can be saved to make future booking quicker and the app will allow people to see and manage their bookings in one place and will notify the user of any important updates about their booking. So why not give it a try? OurHants - Get it on Google Play or OurHants - Download on the Apple App Store.

And Finally from West Meon – The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Tuesday, 9th January at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. Parishioners are welcome. Please contact the clerk, Jo Tester (details opposite) if you wish to attend.

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 'Alerts' so you will be informed of forthcoming events etc. The Chair has an email distribution list so that emails can go to parishioners, eg relating to Parish Meetings, details of planning applications in the parish (you can no longer get these via the website's 'Alerts') etc. If you would like to be added to the list, please email the Clerk.

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West Meon Primary School

The children held a 'Be Bright Be Seen Day', to raise funds for Children in Need, as well as to raise road safety awareness. They also wore Christmas jumpers and raised money for Save the Children.

Year 5 completed their Bikeability training and some younger children took part in a craft afternoon at Sheet Primary School.

Other children in Y3 also joined a dance session at Langrish school and had a great time with older children from the other small schools.

Owls will start their swimming lessons at Bedales and there



will be more sporting opportunities coming up, including our small schools football tournament and the girls football tournament, both run by Aspire.

The Nativity was wonderful as usual and the whole school going to see the Pantomime Cinderella at the Theatre Royal in Winchester was a great success.

FOWMS led a wreath making workshop and arranged for Father Christmas to visit the children in the church. This year he turned up on a tractor during brektime.

Families continue to visit during the day as they consider Early Years places for next September. Please look at our website to see all of the activities we offer.

Julie Kelly, Headteacher

West Meon Village Shop

200 Club Prize Draw Winners

The winners of the December prize draw were as follows: 1st Prize of £200 to Zanna Jarrett; 2nd Prize of £100 to Angie Trenchard; 3rd Prize of £50 to Helen Hiscox; and 4th Prize of £25 to Honor Younger. Please remember the 200 Club renewal date for your membership is due in January and that £25.00 secures your place in all 6 draws of the year. If you are not already a member and wish to join, then applications forms are available from the shop, or contact Rachell Barnett at wmvsoffice@gmail.com. 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.

New Year Shop Opening Hours

Sunday 31st December - New Year's Eve – Shop open 8AM to 1PM

Monday 1st January 2024 - New Year's Day – The Shop is Closed

Tuesday 2nd January Shop open 8AM – 5PM

Many thanks to all our customers for their on-going support throughout the year, and to our many volunteers for all their hard work in 2023. We wish you all a very Happy New Year.

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Virginia de Cosson

Curtis Museum and Allen Gallery

OPENING TIMES Tuesday to Sunday. Curtis 10am–4.30pm. Allen 10.30–4pm.

ALLEN GALLERY TALKS - The February talk on Thursday 8th February at 7.30pm will be given by Tony Cross, sometime Curator at the Curtis and Allen, on the subject of Memorials. FREE. Tony says, “This presentation will be of interest to anyone engaged in local history and aims to provide an awareness of memorials and their importance in commemorating the lives and achievements of notable people with connections to Hampshire. A selection of these and their associated stories are included.”

FAMILY ACTIVITIES - Film Nights in the Allen Gallery - Lunana - or A Yak in the Classroom (20th January). A gentle drama which tells the story of a trainee teacher sent to work in the remote mountains of northern Bhutan. As he settles into the village of Lunana, initial disappointment evolves into a gradual connection with the isolated community as the cold winter approaches. Nominated for a best international film Oscar in 2022, this visually stunning film is a rare glimpse into a beautiful and little-known region of the world.

Films start at 7.00pm, and the cafe will be open for wine and soft drinks from 6.30pm. Our small and friendly screenings (only 32 tickets per film) are a nice way to see films in the centre of Alton. Tickets bookable via the website.

Jill Line



Diary Dates

**Monday 8th
January WI
Resolutions
Lunch / Dr.
Sam Kelly - the
natural world**
12.45pm West
Meon Village
Hall.



Tuesday 9th January West Meon Parish Council Meeting 7.30pm West Meon Village Hall

Friday 19th January And Then Come the Nightjars West Meon Community Cinema, 7pm
West Meon Village Hall

Sundays 4th, 11th, 18th and 25th February
Snowdrop Sundays 2 to 5pm Warnford Park

**Thursday 23rd May Warnford Parish
Meeting AGM** 7:30pm Warnford Village Hall

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