



# West Meon Parish Council

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The celebrations will be launched on Thursday 10 February at a high-profile event in Winchester attended by HRH The Prince of Wales, who will unveil 'Licoricia of Winchester', a new life-size bronze statue of a prominent medieval Jewish woman, designed by award winning sculptor Ian Rank-Broadley.

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