## Parish News

West Meon & Warnford

September 2021

#### Not too small to make a difference

Recently, prompted by a friend, I re-read Laura Ingalls Wilder's children's series based on the lives of the early pioneers who populated the 'wild west' of America. I am sure many of you will have seen the television series "The Little House on the Prairie", or maybe even read the books. Wilder had lived the life she wrote about.

In a push to cultivate the prairies, what trees there were were cut down and this is noted in her books along with great prairie fires that ravaged the lands and threatened the people and animals which inhabited the land. All of this of course was done without any consideration of the long term effects of their actions; it must be said that the long term affects were not even known. The results of the taming of the land in the late 19th century were seen much later in the 1920's with the great dust bowls. Then the wind picked up the top soil and carried it in great black clouds across the landscape, farm lands were left barren and crops failed. If you have ever seen a Cambridgeshire Fen Blow you will have some notion of this phenomena.

What happened in the 19th century had far reaching affects... and so we come to today. I think it is interesting how actions many years before, affected the land years later. It is not much different from what we are seeing today with the destruction of the rainforest in parts



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of our world. Listening to the news I think that we are all aware that the worlds' climate and environs are on the change. It sometimes feels overwhelming watching images of floods, heat waves, droughts, and wondering 'is their hope', wondering what we can actually do to make a difference? And here I am reminded of a quote by the Delai Lama, 'If you think you are too small to make a difference, try sleeping with a mosquito.' We may seem small but together we can make a difference. Of course part of the problem is often just getting started, realising what we can do in our own lives and as a community to make a difference.

To that end our Harvest Celebrations will take on a slightly different form this year. We hope that this year will be a week long community event, with the opportunity for everyone to become involved. Our celebration of Harvest will stretch between Sunday the 3rd and Sunday the 10th of October. Although still in the planning stages we hope it will include a film night, support to our school, tree planting and environmental work, a guest speaker speaking on an environmental issue, a pudding night (instead of a Harvest Meal... who dosen't like a pudding) as well as several church services to include a Harvest Hymns of Praise.

Throughout Great Britain and Ireland churches are being called upon to hold a climate focused service before COP26 meets from the first to the twelfth of November in Glasgow. Our Climate Sunday will be held on the 3rd of October at West Meon. Although there will be aspects of a traditional Harvest Service, at this service we as a community will make a commitment to greater action to address climate change in our place of worship and in our community. In doing this we hope that our politicians will hear our voices and use their voice to ensure that at the heart of plans made at COP26 is a desire for a cleaner, greener, fairer future.

Towards the end of October COP26 (United Nations Climate Change Conference) will be held in Glasgow. This is the 26th conference of its type. In 1972 the first United Nations Conference on the environment was held in Stockholm. I, like many of you I am sure, can remember initiatives reaching back into the 1970's. Over the past 40 years or so there have been huge changes in the way we live and the initiatives which spoke to that time are not enough if we are to ensure good lives for everyone living on our planet.

The goals of COP 26 are:

'To secure global net zero emission targets by mid century.' This will require an accelerated phase out of coal, curtailing deforestation, speeding up the switch to electric vehicles and investment in renewable energy sources.

'Adapting to protect communities and natural habitats.' This will require that in partnership we protect and restore ecosystems, build defences, warning systems and resilient infrastructure and agriculture to avoid loss of homes, livelihoods and lives.

All of us regardless of our beliefs are called upon to be good stewards of the world. It is a frightening notion to think that the elephant could go the way of the dodo and that the responsibility is ours; small actions can and will make an enormous difference when we as a world community work together.

And so a prayer from Christian Aid:

Lord, we pray for our leaders and preparations for COP26. Give them wisdom as they lead. Give them courage as they act. Give them perseverance as they face opposition.

Amen.

Mary Jepp

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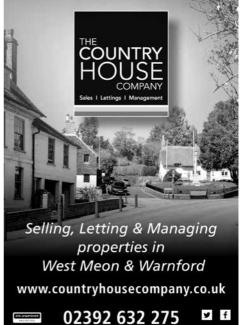
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#### Rainfall Records for June -July - August

The second half of June was very wet with rain on all but 4 days from the 15th. On the 17th we recorded 46.7mms followed on the 18th by another 14mms and, as if that wasn't enough, we had another 19.7mms on the 28th. Fortunately the first half of the month was quite dry.

On top of all this July started equally as wet with a massive storm on the night of the 4th/5th giving 25.6mms. It rained on all but the 8th in the first 15 days.

We then had a respite with a continuous spell of warm dry weather for 10 days and then again a rainy spell from the 23rd to the end of the month. July ended with 129.1mms (5.08"). The first half of August hasn't exactly been a month for the farmers to get stuck into the harvest. By the 15th of August we have had 63.3mms (2.5"). We can only hope that we will get a settled spell now to complete the corn harvest.

Year to the end of July 2021 569.8mms (22.4")

Year to the end July 2020 535.3 (21.1")

Peter Short

#### Flower Pots

If anyone has any flower pots they don't want, 5 inches or more in diameter, I would love to have them. I can pick up or you can leave them by the front steps or at the back by the drive in Knapps Hard.

Thank you in advance,

Jenny Jenkin (Knapsyard House)



#### **Church Notices**

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#### **Petersfield Youth Theatre**

For the Autumn Term we are looking forward to holding our very popular weekly theatre workshops at 'The Space'. Go to the website for details if you would like to join us.

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We look forward to seeing you at one of our productions soon.

Charlotte Godfrey

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#### **Chappetts and Shutts Copse**

Notice of planned work to create new walking routes in Chappetts Copse and Shutts Copse Nature Reserve

Hampshire & Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust will be carrying out work in Chappetts Copse Nature Reserve and Shutts Copse Nature Reserve over the autumn and winter months.

The work will involve some felling of trees to create new walking trails and the removal of some trees with Ash dieback disease.

As well as creating new trails to explore these nature reserves without disturbing wildlife, the work will create new edge habitats which are beneficial to a range of species, particularly woodland wildflowers.

Arcadian Ecology & Consultancy Ltd have carried out monitoring of the two nature reserves for a number of years. The reserves team will work with ecologists to ensure species of conservation interest are protected, particularly dormice. The timing and location of the work has been determined by the monitoring of dormice populations on the sites. Both sites show fluctuations in dormice numbers and it is likely that the poor start to the year, being very wet and cold, may have impacted upon them but, until national data is available for comparison, we cannot be certain.

The plans for the work on the woodlands will be approved by the Forestry Commission.

While work is carried out access may be temporarily restricted in parts of the nature reserves.

The work in both woodlands will be carried out as part of a Woodland Management Plan, ensuring the habitats stay healthy and visitors can safely experience the nature reserves and wildlife without disturbing it. The Trust expects the new circular routes to improve the experience of visitors to Shutts and Chappetts Copse, and will also allow them to carry out woodland management (such as coppicing) more easily in future.

The woodlands are currently in decline due to ash dieback but we hope that in the years to come the space created by felling the dying trees will allow the woodland to regenerate and wildlife to flourish.

Please look out for further updates on our website and social media pages, where we will post more information when it becomes available. There will be signs on site to notify walkers of start dates and restricted areas while work takes place.

The Trust would ask that everyone follows the information provided on the signage to keep themselves, site workers and the wildlife on the nature reserve safe.

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Andrew Sellick

#### West Meon Village Fete 2022

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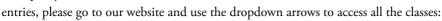
Penny Cowell

#### Garden Club News

Our Virtual Summer Show featured an interesting and varied number of "exhibits" so congratulations to all who took part, not just as contestants but also as judges.

We were delighted to see that we had competitors drawn from the general public as well as our regular club members. 16-year-old Phoebe Hiscox (below) won the Photographic Art class two weeks running and her mother Helen and younger brother Theo were also award winners – an impressive family effort! And Joanne Horn, winner of the Cookery Cup in our last real show in 2019, produced, among several other award-winning entries, a lovely "harvest" mosaic (see right).

If you'd like to see the winners' photos with their pretty virtual rosettes and all the other



https://www.hugofox.com/community/west-meon-garden-club-18458/week-2-summer-show-2021/. We are planning to resume our normal club activities in the autumn: more details will be given in the October issue.

\*\*Clare Swinstead\*\*





#### **Birds Of Prey**

Few birds inspire awe as often as birds of prey, those athletic aerial predators that rule the roost when it comes to avian food chains. Luckily you don't have to travel far to see many of our more common species. Some can be seen in parks and gardens, or even found in city centres. Here we introduce you to four of the species that can be easily confused.

#### Sparrowhawk

This is the bird of prey you're most likely to see in your garden, but they can be tricky to identify. Sparrowhawks are fairly small, with the largest females roughly the length of a woodpigeon, whilst males are smaller. They have grey backs and a barred breast, belly and underwing – grey barring in females and orange in males. Their legs are slender and yellow, and they have fierce orange-yellow eyes.In flight, they show short, broad and blunt-tipped wings and a long, square-ended tail.

Sparrowhawks hunt smaller birds with surprise attacks, often flying fast and low through bushes and around buildings to catch their prey unawares. As well as gardens, they can be seen in parks, forests and other areas with tree cover.



Kestrel - Andy Ames

#### Kestrel

A common sight along roadsides and over farms, and other open areas, kestrels are usually easily recognised by their habit of hovering on the spot. They seem to defy physics as they hang in the air, tail spread out like a fan, wings fluttering but their head fixed in place as they scan for small mammals on the ground below.

Kestrels have longer wings than a sparrowhawk, and they glide less frequently. Their reddishbrown backs are speckled with black spots and their buffy breasts and bellies have bold, black spots, unlike the horizontal bars of a sparrowhawk. Males have a blueish head and females have a brown head, but both have a dark moustache-like strip running down from the base of the beak.

#### Buzzard

Buzzards are another bird regularly seen along roadsides, often perched on posts or in trees. On warm days they can be see soaring high in the sky, flying in lazy circles on stiff wings. Numbers of buzzards declined dramatically following years of poisoning and persecution, but happily the population has since recovered, and buzzards are now our most common bird of prey.

Buzzards are medium-sized, stocky raptors, with a compact body, short neck and relatively small, black-tipped yellow beak. Their plumage is incredibly variable, ranging from dark brown all over to almost white on the underside.

#### Peregrine falcon

Peregrine falcons have moved into many of our cities, hunting pigeons and even parakeets: the ledges of tall buildings filling the role of the cliffsides they would naturally nest on.

Peregrines are heavily built but a little smaller than a buzzard, with a dark back that reaches up onto the head to form a hood, with a broad 'moustache' stripe. They have a white throat, cheeks, and underparts, with dark barring across the breast and belly. Young birds are buff-white below, with dark vertical streaks instead of barring.

In flight they cut a sharp silhouette, with pointed wings and powerful flight. When they spot prey, they put on a burst of speed and often hunt by diving down from above. This behaviour is known as stooping, and the falcons can reach speeds of around 200 miles per hour.

Claire Thorpe

#### **Delicious Care Group Cream Tea**

On 17th July West Meon and Warnford Care Group held a Bring and Buy and Cream Tea afternoon in Nina Byles' garden, the sun blazed down and the garden was looking magnificent. It was lovely to see people enjoying the delicious cream tea. It was great to see one or two residents who very rarely venture out including Betty Taylor.

As ever, in this village, people were very generous. A big thank you to Maria Canaway for her superb home made scones, the Village shop and Merringtons for the strawberries, the cream, jam, tea, coffee were also all donated. Cakes galore arrived for the cake stall.

Whilst the afternoon raised £350 for care group funds it also raised awareness of our activities. We are always happy to have a few more drivers and people to be on the committee. In this last we were successful as we have found a replacement for our Secretary who is moving to Winchester.

If you think you might be interested in joining us then please contact one of the co-ordinators to learn more about it, the numbers are on the last page of the parish magazine.

<u>Virginia de Cosson</u>

#### West Meon C of E Primary School

The Y4 team building activities in June at the QE Park were great and they really worked well together as a year group. The visit to the Hawk Conservancy in Andover is always a special day and they thoroughly enjoyed the brilliant shows.

We were so glad that the Year 5 residential at the Stubbington Nature Study Centre went ahead and the visit to the hide late evening to see the foxes and badgers did not disappoint, although we missed Harry Kane's goal to see them! Photos on the website.

Our final class visit this year will be the Foxes visiting the Roman Palace at Fishbourne this week and the Y6 have a leavers' trip bowling followed by a barbeque during the final week.

We had a whole school visit from our local Hedgehog expert with his resident hedgehogs, but the classes remained in their bubbles to see them.

We had a socially distanced coffee morning for the parents of our nine new Early Years children starting in September, which was held outside and was a good chance to meet our new YR/1 teacher Miss Pritchard. Meon Springs Nursery has also visited us twice in the playground with children who are moving on to us.

We are also welcoming our new YR into school for our change over morning during the last week as well as new children in Years 1,2 and 3. Our pupil numbers will then be back over 70, which is really good news.



After thinking about holding sports afternoon without the parents, we now are hoping to have them with us during the final week, as well as inviting the Owls parents to their Play—Roald Dahl's

'Goldilocks and the Three Bears' - in the church, socially distanced, as well as having the leavers' parents to the Leavers' Assembly and Prize Giving in the church followed by a whole school picnic on the field on the last day.

Mrs Hamilton is retiring. She has been a valued Y2 teacher, SENCO and 1:1 LSA during her time with us, but she is going to stay on our books as a supply LSA/Teacher, which is great news.

Thank you to everyone in the West Meon community who have supported us during this difficult time and I would like to personally thank the wonderful staff team and governors, who quietly support us in the background. All being well, everything will return to normal in September and we can welcome back our community volunteers, whom we have really missed. Y1-6 return on 6 September and the new YR from 8 September for mornings to start with.

Julie Kelly, Headteacher



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#### 200 Club Prize Draw Winners

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Summer was a hive of activity in the village shop, welcoming lots of guests on holiday, all who noted how lovely and well stocked the shop is. With lots of residents in the area finally on holiday, these visitors are a welcome boost to the shop during its quieter times. We are still stocking up on as many local products as possible, and like to support local small businesses, like Laura's Shakespeare in Wax, Barbershop Botanicals, gin from Winchester Distillery, Priors Dean Vineyard, Meon Valley Cider to name a few. We also have a great selection of souvenirs to take home from your stay in West Meon with specially designed postcards, tea towels and bags. The seasonal strawberries went down a storm (as did the weather!) in June and July, selling a whopping three trays a day! Our seasonal fruit & veg is sourced locally and priced competitively. The fruit & veg is delivered fresh daily from Petersfield and any special orders, fresh herbs, or multiples of anything can be ordered with just one day's notice. Dry cleaning is proving to be popular at the moment, with laundry being collected three times a week. Also do remember that they also offer an ironing service too.



To celebrate National Allotments Week, 8th-15th August, members of West Meon Allotment association donated their homegrown fresh produce to the shop for sale. All proceeds from the sale of these tasty, healthy vegetables were in support of our wonderful community owned village shop.

We have trained up a few new volunteers recently and welcomed some others back, however, we still would love some more

volunteers to come forward. All we are asking for is two hours of your time every other week. It is such a pleasant way to meet people in the village. If you are interested, please ring Rachell Barnet on 01730 829310 with any questions. We are sad to announce that Bethany Ivey will be leaving the shop at the end of August. She has worked Saturday afternoons for many years now, from a young teenager to a mature young lady. Fortunately, Bethany is not leaving the village as she earned herself a full-time job at West Meon school. We wish her lots of luck and she will be sorely missed by staff and customers alike. *The West Meon Shop Committee* 

#### West Meon Wine Society

#### It's not too late for a summer picnic.

For once, our four weather apps appear to be in agreement and are all predicting nice sunny days for the next fortnight. With the weather being so unpredictable this year we've missed the chance to enjoy outdoor dining. So, let's take advantage of the weather and head to the beach or the forest. With this in mind, we're releasing a selection of summery wines for picnics (and parties!)

The wines are intentionally a little lighter than usual and will all drink well on warm sunny (please...) days. We have French, Italian, Spanish and Portuguese wines. There are whites, a rosé, and reds, and no less than 16 different grape varieties to widen your tasting experience: Godello, Garganega, Nebbiolo, Montepulciano, Cabernet Franc, Tempranillo...Dive in and enjoy!

If you are tempted to try some of these wines, then do please go to our website at www. westmeonwine.co.uk. If you want to be the first to hear when more wines are added to our website, please drop us a line using the contact us form on the website or email us on westmeonwine@gmail.com and we will add you to the mailing list. Membership to the society is also available and we are very much looking forward to running wine-tasting events in the very near future.

West Meon Wine Society Management Team

#### West Meon W.I. Report - September 2021

In July we held a delightful Garden Party in the garden of our President, Berry Preece at Old Down Farmhouse, East Meon. Delicious tea and cake were served and Berry had provided a lovely marquee, which proved very useful with our variable Summer weather. It was so good to meet up with old friends after it had been so long since we had been able to get together.

On Monday 9th August we held our first meeting in West Meon Village Hall since Covid struck, and we held a very brief AGM for statutory purposes. Berry also asked members for fund raising ideas and also if anyone would like to come on the Committee.

Our Summer Outing will be to Hambledon Vineyard for a tour and wine tasting on Monday 27th September and members were asked to contact Jan Gavin (01730 829539 or jangavin2000@yahoo.com if they would like to attend this interesting event. Men are also welcome to join us.

Our speaker for the afternoon was Sylvie Dare, and the title of her talk was 'The Story of my Family and my Miraculous Survival during the War'. She has written a book, entitled 'A World of Fallen Pieces', about her experiences and early family memories and in her research for her book her aim was to find out more about her birth mother, who had gone to Paris and met her husband, a Czech businessman who became a piano player. Sylvie then recounted the story of what happened after Hitler marched into Paris and her husband ended up in a Nazi concentration camp.

Sylvie's talk was absolutely fascinating and we were all enthralled by the story of her life, and, in my opinion, one of the best talks I have heard since becoming a WI member (which is a very long time!)

Our next meeting at West Meon Village Hall is on Monday 13th September at 2.15pm and the talk is entitled 'Wildlife in Far Eastern Russia', and the speaker is Bill Dawson. If you are not a member, why not come along to one of our meetings and meet us.

Sue Kinlochan

#### Tickets now on sale for the West Meon Music Festival 9th -12th September 2021

As with so many events this year, the West Meon Music Festival has been beset by doubts as to whether it would be possible to stage a full event or – as last year – would covid-19 regulations mean that plans would again need to be scaled back.



With restrictions now easing, festival organisers, the Primrose Piano Quartet, are confident that it will be business as usual – or almost. "Last year was the festival's 10th anniversary," says Susanne Stanzeleit, the quartet's violinist, "but many of our planned events had to be cancelled due to the limitation on audience numbers, so we are delighted to be able to hold many of those concerts this year. There will be a few differences though with no paper tickets and some socially-distanced seating for those who prefer it."

Postponed events now taking place this year include a recital by exciting young guitarist Laura Snowden, sponsored by the Southampton Classical Guitar Society, which will now be held on the morning of Saturday 11th September at All Saints Church, East Meon, while 2018 BBC Young Musician of the Year finalist, cellist Maxim

Calver, will be giving his delayed recital at the Church of Our Lady in Warnford that afternoon.

The festival opens on Thursday 9th September with the Primrose performing two of the

The festival opens on Thursday 9th September with the Primrose performing two of the most popular piano quartets in the repertoire – by Mozart and Fauré – at St John's Church in West Meon where the festival is based.

In all there will be 11 events spread through the four-day festival including master classes, a family concert, and three evening concerts which will include a performance of Brahms' Horn Trio with leading UK horn player Stephen Stirling and a recital by international prize-winning pianist Roman Kosyakov. The festival ends on the afternoon of Sunday 12th September with a concert that includes Schumann's exuberant Piano Quintet – regarded as one of his finest compositions – when members of the Primrose will be joined by more musical guests.

This year the festival also incorporates "Music for All", a series of free concerts thanks to a generous grant from the Lottery's Community Fund, which is helping to support the recovery of live music missed by so many people during the lockdowns. "Music for All" includes Maxim Calver's recital, a late night performance by the Primrose, the family concert and local band, Rehab Blues, performing at West Meon's Thomas Lord pub.

"We know that some people may still be nervous about attending public events," adds Stanzeleit, "so although we can have normal seating again throughout our venues, we shall have a section in each which is socially-distanced, for any who would feel happier with a little more separation."

Full details of all the festival programmes can be found on the festival website, www. westmeonmusic.co.uk, where tickets are on sale from 1st August.

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

#### Queen's Platinum Jubilee June 2022

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#### Hedges

A polite reminder to residents who have hedges: please keep them cut back so that they do not overhang footpaths or the Highway.

#### **Bottle Bin**

Please DO NOT leave empty bottles next to Bottle Bin at the Thomas Lord if it is full as this is very dangerous.

#### Bin Village Hall

A polite notice from the Village Hall Committee: the big red bin at the Village Hall is not for general use. It is only for the Village Hall.

#### **WMPC Grants Policy**

A reminder that small Grants are available to assist in community projects. If you have a community project that needs some extra funding please see (http://www.westmeonpc.org.uk/community/west-meon-parish-council-13628/grants/) for further details.

#### Gallops

The landowner of the Gallops, Cllr G Silk requests that all dogs are kept on a lead whilst being walked around the Gallops.

#### And Finally from West Meon

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Tuesday 7th September, 7.30 p.m. in the Village Hall. Parishioners are welcome. Please contact the clerk Diane Heppell clerk.westmeon@parish.hants.gov.uk.

#### Warnford Parish Meeting

Information relating to WPM can be found on its website which also has details of local facilities and services, village news and up and coming events. Please do sign up for 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.

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#### Allen Gallery September

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DINOSAUR HAT-MAKING (until 19th September).

Drop in and create your own dinosaur hat. All materials provided. This activity is suitable for ages 2-11.

DINOSAUR GARDEN (Until 5th September).

Drop in and make your very own dinosaur to go into our Dinosaur Garden. Templates and materials available. This activity is suitable for ages 5 to 11.

FREE but donations welcome for these activities.

OTHER EXHIBITIONS AND TALKS

We welcome back Ceramicus, the local ceramics artists, whose exhibitions are always popular and stimulating. 25th September to 31st October. (FREE in the Main Exhibition area.)

Local artist Alex Loach will be exhibiting from 26th August to 10th October. Primarily his work explores mood, mental health and feeling; through the medium of abstract paintings. A self-taught artist, Alex started his creative journey in late 2019 and his work documents the personal value of a creative outlet throughout the Covid-19 pandemic. (FREE in the Café area.)

TALKS in the Gallery will restart on Thursday 9th September at 7.30, when Jane Hurst will tell us about East Worldham and King Edward's Hill. FREE, but a donation to the Friends will be welcome.

Kevin Davey will be speaking on Theatre 'Practitioners' and their impact on modern theatre. 23rd September at 7.30.

£5 pre-booked, tickets from the Gallery.

### Dinosaurs are in the Curtis Museum as well

DINOSAUR TRAIL

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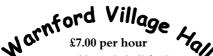


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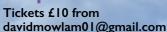
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Thursday 9th - Sunday 12th September West Meon Music Festival. Various venues in West Meon and Warnford (see http:// www.westmeonmusic.co.uk/ for details)

**Saturday 11th - Sunday 12th September 150th Anniversary.** St. John the Evangelist. Langrish.

Saturday 18th September Warnford Village Fete. 1pm. Warnford playground.

**Sunday 3rd - Sunday 10th October Climate Day/Harvest Festival.** West Meon.
Details yet to be finalised (see page 3).

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