

Parish News

West Meon & Warnford

November 2023

Remembrance

The Armistice was signed in the early hours of 11th November 1918 between the Allies and Germany at Compiègne, France, coming into effect at 11am of the same day and signalled a tentative cessation to hostilities on the Western Front. The official end to the First World War on 28th June 1919 followed six months of negotiations at the Paris Peace Conference and was inked with the Treaty of Versailles.

The first two-minute silence marking Armistice Day was held on the 11th November 1919 within the grounds of Buckingham Palace and the following year, before the interment of the Unknown Soldier at Westminster Abbey, a much wider section of our nation fell silent. Armistice Day subsequently became known as Remembrance Day and is usually celebrated by Commonwealth countries at the 11th hour on the 11th day, or as a service of Remembrance on the second Sunday in November. The Remembrance poppies that have long since marked this occasion were first imported by Madame Guérin, the instigator of Inter-Allied poppy day. They were initially made by widows and orphans from devastated areas in France and sold by the British Legion in 1921 to raise funds for ex-servicemen. Paper poppies ear marked for New Zealand the same year arrived too late for Armistice Day so were distributed on ANZAC Day the following April 1922. It has remained their national day of remembrance since. The



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same year The Disabled Society, under a grant from the British Legion, employed disabled ex-servicemen to make remembrance poppies, and this important fund-raising effort continues earnestly in many different forms to this day.

Most of us who have attained a certain age, or currently serve in our armed forces, will be well versed in these origins and the significance of wearing a poppy as a mark of respect to those who have fallen in battle. The sheer scale of the estimated 20 million killed during the Great War, and at least two and half times that number in WWII, is so large it seems incomprehensible. For those of us lucky enough not to have witnessed the horror of war or suffer the tragic news of someone we cherished killed in battle, the astronomical figures are hard to relate to. For those that have not been spared that tragedy the number of just one will be of painful significance.

So each of us will hold our own relationship with Remembrance Day and Remembrance Sunday this year. It is a very personal and reflective time, no doubt touching layers that lie well below the surface of the national narrative. I know my own feelings have morphed with the growing years from a strong sense of honouring armed service to the country, into a deeper sense of sadness and prayer for those in conflicts and who might not return. There is less of the young bravado desperately wanting to put extensive training to the test, and greater thought of the courage needed to leave those you love and the heart-wrenching anguish of those left behind.

Some who shared thoughts with me reflected on the devastation and impact to small communities, but also the power and significance of those communities in their unification and support of the wounded and fallen, both during and after the war. This action of honouring the service and sacrifice that protects our way of life is a moment that transcends politics and many other differences, uniting those critical to maintaining peace with those less connected but appreciating its significance just as much. For others it touched the raw levels of emotion, invoking a deep sense of sadness, the two minutes silence something to avoid, not through any lack of care or disrespect but to avoid becoming overwhelmed.

With so much conflict still ravaging populations in the world today I sometimes catch myself tuning out of news I find too distressing to watch or hear. The freedom of listening to world news is a luxury I wholeheartedly believe is owed to the selfless sacrifice of those that fought, suffered, or died to protect it. However, the unintended consequence of divorcing myself from thinking how to make a stand in alleviating human suffering unconsciously forces the task on others, weakening any collective resolve to make a positive impact.

Perhaps the most immediate task then is to keep the importance and solidarity of Remembrance Day alive across our younger generations so they too may carry hope, prayer, and action toward peace.

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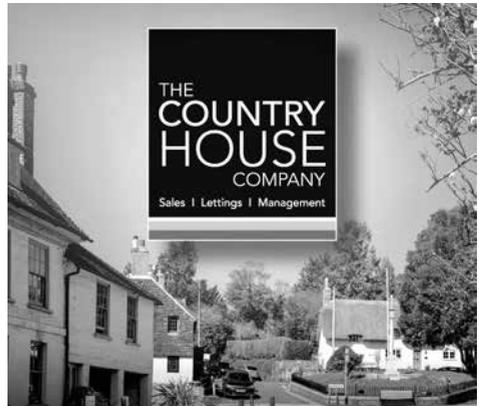
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A huge thank you to Jim Ulph and family for the brilliant fireworks which were truly fantastic. The buzz at the event was amazing with a real warm village feel to the evening.

The solar panels have now been installed on the flat roof at the rear of the shop and are 'up and running' which will help to subsidise our sizeable electricity bill. Our lending library has proved to be an inspired addition to the shop, and a really popular resource for our community. I can't quite believe how popular it is, literally the entire stock books and videos turns over every month!



The shop is working with 'Little Fish – Sushi in the Sticks' which delivers fresh sushi to the shop for collection by our customers who can order and pay online. The Little Fish menu is created by Michelin-trained, multi-award-winning chef Neil Witney.



Neil Witney - little-fish.uk/how-we-roll

There is a tempting array of delicious choices on the menu and even a discount code for first time buyers, so please pop into the shop to grab a menu.

Christmas is coming very soon, and our display tables will be jam-packed full of festive gift ideas and goodies.

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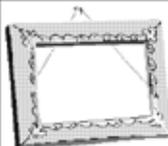
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Mammal mysteries

Mammals are all around us, from mice to voles to deer and foxes; from nature reserves, to parks, and our gardens. But how often do you see them? Most mammals like to stay hidden, and they're very good at it. However, even the stealthiest species leave clues. Look around and you'll see tell-tale signs of these animals' hidden presence. Some are obvious, like large piles of droppings, and others more subtle, like nibbled pinecones. One of the most exciting things to find are footprints.

Foxes have four toes and their footprint forms a neat diamond with a triangular foot pad, toes around the sides and front, and two claws forming a point at the front. Their droppings are also dog-like in shape, usually pointy at one end, and full of fur, feathers, tiny bones, seeds and berries. Badger feet have five toes and their prints show a wide, squarish foot pad with five toes at the front with long claws (for digging). Prints are very robust and broad (6.5cm wide).



Their front and back paws differ slightly: the front-paw marks have longer claw marks, while the back-paw marks show the inner toes to be a little further forward.

Badgers follow the same routes when they're foraging, so leave well-worn trails across fields or exiting woods and hedges or along fences. They poo in shallow pits called latrines, and their droppings vary from firm and sausage-shaped, to soft and slimy. Though there are several species of deer, their tracks are roughly the

sizes. Muntjac tracks whilst red deer tracks walk on tiptoes, so you pointed toe prints side-or foot pad. Deer shiny dark pellets; often stuck together in

Rabbit prints are four feet form a triangle separate paw marks.

It's often easier to find rabbits by looking for their little round pellet droppings on lawns and fields. As a nation of pet lovers, there are millions of cat and dog pet prints around so telling them apart from wildlife prints is key. Although dogs vary wildly in size, their prints are often around 3-5cm wide with four toes and big claw marks. Cat prints are generally 2-3cm wide and have no claw marks.



same shape, just different are around 3cm long, are up to 9cm long. Deer only usually see two long by-side, with no claws droppings are smooth, pointed at one end and clusters.

oval-shaped and their – you won't really notice



Helen Skelton-Smith

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Fireworkfest 2023

Originally conceived almost 10 years ago to deal with the long overlooked fallen trees and branches around the village, and then as an accessible community event for West Meon and the surrounding villages, not to mention raise funds for our prized village shop, it is extremely gratifying to report that we once again had in excess of 500 people at this year's Fireworkfest. Many people comment that they take it as an opportunity to invite members of the family back to the village for the weekend, but we also clearly welcome visitors from further afield who return every time. That said, it remains important that it is a 'village firework party', and by keeping the marketing and indeed parking limited, I hope it will remain so.



Photo: Jim Ulph We are West Meon Facebook

As you may know, it begins with a group of diligent regular volunteers dubbed the 'Men of Meon', collecting the firewood with the assistance of the ever-ready Mac Edwards and his tractor, which every year includes several children and this year one woman (briefly!), namely; Alan Bassil (and Josh), Tim Wood, Tim Main, Mark Hammond, Rob Innes, Chris Coyle, Philip Jarrett (and Zanna), Ingolv Urnes, Dougal Christie (and Arthur), new recruit Alex Burton and yours truly (with Arthur and Hector).

On the weekend of the event itself, special mention must go to Angie Trenchard together with Rory and Mary Edwards and their team, who very thankfully have taken responsibility for running the BBQ. The besieged bar was manned by Rachel, Arthur and Oscar Ulph (plus friend Archie and cousin Ollie) together with Stephen Dick, Pippa Griffin and Chris Brooker. Our equally 'prized' manager of the shop, Rachell Barnet, was once again in charge of the gate, very ably assisted by Albie, Hector Ulph and cousin Felix. A big shout-out to Leonardo D'Cruze, who joined us on the cajon, especially since it transpired that he had been practicing the wrong half of the play-list, and a final mention must go to Duncan Stewart, who shared the stress of the electrical black-out with me as we scrambled around in the dark with an expectant, although surprisingly patient crowd.

Once again, we extend our gratitude to Michael and Claudia Langdon for permitting the invasion of their farm and for providing the ever-popular mulled wine, and also to Simon Cobden for the loan of the hay-bales.

The clear-up party the next day in the sunshine was predominantly a family affair, assisted by Albie once again and Gerry Berry, although Tim Hiscox did make a welcome late appearance to whisk away all the rubbish and recycling.

We are particularly grateful to our sponsors, primarily the Parish Council and the Thomas Lord, but also Bowmans Ales, Mr Whitehead's Cider, BCM and Arbrook Wealth Management. Given the rising costs, their combined support is vital to underwrite the event and enable us to raise funds for the village shop, which this year thanks to a last minute donation from afar, equated to a grand total of £4,059.45. The majority will be channelled to the village shop, but we are just exploring the option of diverting a percentage to other village causes in need.

Until 2025!

Jim Ulph

West Meon W.I.

At our meeting on Monday 9th October our speaker for the afternoon was Lt Col Jeremy Prescott, who had spoken to us last year, so we knew we were in for a treat. His presentation (on the super new Village Hall screen) was entitled 'The Miracle Flower' (the Poppy) which has become associated with the symbol of death. Jeremy outlined the history of John Macrae's famous poem 'In Flander's Fields' which was first published in Punch magazine and is connected with the start of selling poppies to raise funds for ex-servicemen and women. The Poppy Movement actually started in Canada and the USA helping war veterans and then came to the United Kingdom, where the famous and wealthy became supporters. For example, Lady Northcliffe persuaded a group of her friends to donate 40 sets of pearls, which were auctioned to provide funds for the new movement. Major Howsom created the Earl Haig Fund, with an initial investment of £2,000 to build a factory for the Disabled Society and Jeremy had photographs of ex-servicemen making poppies. He urged everyone to visit the Poppy Factory, which is now in Richmond, as he said it was a fascinating experience. He also had photographs of poppies growing in Helmand in Afghanistan, and the amazing poppy display at the Tower of London, which has gone on tour around the country. All the Money that Jeremy raises from giving his talks (480 to date) goes to the charity Combat Stress.

It was announced that the date of our Christmas Lunch had been changed to Wednesday 6th December and will be held at The Flowerpots Inn at Cheriton at 12.30. We will meet in the Village Hall car park to arrange car sharing between us. Our next meeting will take place at the Village Hall at 2pm on Monday 13th November when our speaker will be Jonathan Jones and the subject of his talk will be 'Confessions of an AmDram Tart', which sounds like good fun!

Do come along and join us at our next meeting.

Sue Kinlochan

Bishop's Nomination for the Upper Meon Benefice

All the PCCs and Churchwardens in our Benefice are pleased to announce that Bishop Jonathan has decided to proceed with appointing a priest to the Benefice. The Bishop has a candidate in mind and is going to recommend him or her for our consideration at an interview with our appointed parish representatives.

Archdeacon Kathryn Percival has suggested a provisional interview date of Tuesday 28th November 2023. The previous day the candidate will be shown around all four of our parishes, their churches and schools and will meet the deanery clergy. This will be followed by Evening Prayer in East Meon Church followed by an informal reception attended by members of all four PCCs.

The Bishop has made it clear that we do not have to appoint his recommended candidate and if this were to be the case there would an opportunity for a second nomination and, failing that, an advertising process as in the past.

Louise Clay

Quiet Day

A Quiet Day of spiritual reflection will take place at Wisdom House, Romsey, on Wednesday 22nd November, just before Advent. Lunch is included and costs about £30 per person. We will share transport. If you are interested please contact me as soon as possible on 07941 096308.

Susan Berry

West Meon Community Cinema

The village hall committee would like to thank all of you who turned out on an evening of extremely inclement weather to support the launch of the cinema. The box office was a sell-out but we managed to fit in extra seating to accommodate all those who queued at the door.

Refreshments, including drinks, snacks and ice-creams proved very popular whilst the audience eagerly awaited the start of the program which kicked off with a rather noisy and very pink trailer for 'Barbie', the November feature film. There had been much discussion over the choice of our first feature film but 'Harold Fry', which is a moving and thought-provoking story beautifully portrayed by the two main characters, was very well received.

We would welcome comments and suggestions for future films. We are aiming that over time we will show a variety of films of different genres so that there is something for everyone.

We are well aware that the seating in the village hall is not quite up to the standard of the 'Everyman' but it will be a while before we can afford to upgrade – roof maintenance and the installation of solar panels must come first!

Looking forward to seeing you on Friday 10th November for our showing of 'Barbie'. Doors open 7pm. Program starts 7.45pm. Tickets £7 available from... [Ticketsource.co.uk/West-Meon-Village-Hall](https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/West-Meon-Village-Hall), West Meon Village Shop (cash please) or on the door subject to availability.

Rosemary Morrish

Rainfall report for September/Mid-October 2023

From the 15th September to the end of the month, having only had 12.4mms up to that day, we had a really wet period with only seven rainless days, so by the end of the month we had measured 66.1mms (2.6").

October started fairly dry and unusually warm with a mere 2.9mms in the first three days and then nothing from the 4th to the 11th when we had another burst, so that by mid-month we have had 39.6mms (1.5"). The first frost of the Autumn occurred on the night of the 14/15th.

October rainfall for the last 4 years:

2019 133.6mms (5.25"), 2020 235.3mms (9.26"), 2021 164.1mms (6.46") and 2022 93.3mms (3.67").

In 2023 it was 39.6mms (1.5") to the 15th October.

Peter Short

West Meon Wine Society

Save the Date – 24th November: Christmas Wine Celebration

We are delighted to announce the date of our Christmas wine celebration, which will take place in West Meon Village Hall on Friday 24th November. We would love to see you there, so come along to sip, savour and toast the Festive Season with the West Meon Wine Society. Please check our website for the very latest information - www.westmeonwine.co.uk.

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West Meon Wine Society Management Team

Services in the Upper Meon Benefice

Sunday 5th November

8am East Meon. Holy Communion.

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

3pm Warnford. Joint Service for All Souls.

Sunday 12th November

8am East Meon. Holy Communion.

10.15am East Meon. Remembrance Service.

10.50am West Meon. Joint Service of Remembrance
for West Meon and Warnford.

4pm Langrish. Remembrance Service.

Sunday 19th November

8am East Meon. Holy Communion.

9am Warnford. Benefice Holy Communion.

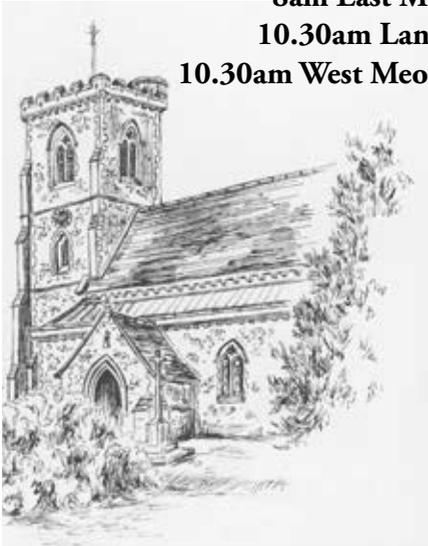
10.30am East Meon. Benefice Eucharist.

Sunday 26th November

8am East Meon. Holy Communion.

10.30am Langrish. Benefice Eucharist.

10.30am West Meon. Benefice Service of the Word.



(c) JA

West Meon C of E Primary School

We have welcomed John and Jay from South Korea into Y4 and Y6 and other families who cannot make the Open Morning have been looking around at other year groups as well as Year R for next year. Our U9 team from Y4 joined other schools at the postponed Dunhurst Football festival and they thoroughly enjoyed themselves. Foxes led the Harvest Festival Worship in the church with the PCC (Parochial Church Council) serving coffee beforehand and then Owls delivered the donated gifts to people around the village. Owls are leading our Remembrance Worship on Monday 13th November at 10.45am in the church with the PCC serving coffee at 10.30am and you are very welcome to join us. FOWMS (Friends of West Meon School) held their Macmillan Coffee afternoon and raised £94 for the charity. They are currently planning the Halloween Disco and Y5/6 have asked for a dance off, which should be interesting to judge.

Parents' meetings are on as I write and Y6 helpers show parents to the classrooms and we also have ambassadors on the Open Morning. The School Council have already met and other responsibilities have been given out which the children love such as Eco Warriors, Worship Warriors, Librarians, Sports, ICT and Art Captains as well as House Captains. There are also Buddies who check in with everyone and Playleaders trained last year lead play at lunchtimes. The camaraderie and sense of family was recognised in our recent Church school Inspection which called our school 'a small school with a big heart' and is a very glowing report describing how our children flourish. The full report can be read on our school website. You are very welcome to look around the school at any time and we welcome children from outside our catchment area as well. We have an Open Morning coming up on Saturday 4th November from 10 – 12 and we would love to see you there too.

Julie Kelly, Headteacher



The banner features a light blue background with the school's name 'WEST MEON PRIMARY SCHOOL' at the top. Below it, 'OPEN MORNING' is written in large white letters, followed by the date and time '4TH NOV 23, 10 - 12 NOON'. Two circular logos, each depicting a green field with a white building and a blue sky, are positioned on either side of the text. Below the banner is a photograph of a large group of children sitting at tables outdoors, eating and talking. At the bottom of the banner, there is a green section with white text inviting parents to the event and providing the school's website.

WEST MEON PRIMARY SCHOOL

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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).

Village Design Statement - The consultation period for this document has been completed. WMPC are now liaising with Historic England, SDNP and English Heritage regarding technical representations made together with representations from Parishioners. Further details will be available in due course.

Lengthsman Visits - The Lengthsman is scheduled to work in the village on the following dates: 24th November and 31st January 2024. If any parishioner has knowledge of work that they feel needs to be done please advise a member of the PC. Their time is limited and work will be prioritised where necessary.

River Meon Tributaries - WMPC would respectfully remind landowners that it is their responsibility to ensure any blockages of the River running through their land should be cleared, especially as we are now entering the winter season and should (probably) expect higher rainfall.

WMPC Grants Policy - Just a reminder that small Grants are available to assist in community projects. If you have a project that needs some extra funding, please see our website (www.westmeonpc.org.uk/community/west-meon-parish-council-13628/grants) for further details. Any applications should be submitted to the Clerk (details opposite).

2021 Census - The Office for National Statistics have now released some figures following the 2021 Census. To access data for West Meon Village and the Parish as a whole, please go to www.ons.gov.uk/visualisations/customprofiles/build, enter West Meon on the left hand side and then click build profile on the right. You will then be able to see various categories where data is available.

And Finally from West Meon – The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Tuesday 7th November 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, planning applications in the area etc. The Chair has an email distribution list so that emails can go to parishioners (eg relating to Parish Meetings, details of planning applications etc.). If you would like to be added to the list, please email the Clerk.

Warnford Autumn Parish Meeting - To be held on Tuesday 14th November at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. Papers relating to it will be posted on the website nearer the time. Any organisation wishing to apply for a grant should follow the procedure set out on the website.

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Amanda Cook Concert – Romancero Gitano (Gipsy Ballads)

Froxfield Choir are very much looking forward to our collaboration with local and international classical guitarist Amanda Cook for our concert on Saturday 18th November in St Peter's Church, High Cross.

We shall be performing Castelnuovo-Tedesco's Romancero Gitano, Pachelbel's Canon Rosa Mystica and debuting David Roe's El Mar de los Sargazos. Tickets can now be purchased either at One Tree Books in Lavant Street, or via our website and TicketSource, and cost £15 for adults and £5 for under 18s. We hope to see many of you there for what we hope will be a lovely evening of music and singing.

We were delighted to be asked to sing recently at the Licensing Service of the Revd Dr Susie Collingridge as Priest-in-Charge of Steep and Froxfield with Privett. Susie has been a member of the Choir in the Alto section for several years, so it was a privilege and honour to be invited to sing for one of our own at her Licensing Service. Thank you!

Did you know that we are also asked to sing at local weddings or funerals? Whenever possible we love to participate in these special events, diaries permitting of course. We charge a fee to cover the expense of our Musical Director and ask kindly for a donation to the Choir. So, if you would like a choral contribution to one of these types of services, please contact us for details.

Please be sure to note that this year's traditional Carol Service at Privett Church will be held on Saturday 23rd December – this is a change from the norm.

If you live in the surrounding area, whether a new resident or old, and would like to join our friendly group of singers on a Thursday night, you would be made to feel very welcome, and we'd love to meet you. We have a fantastic and enthusiastic Music Director in Michael Servant who makes every rehearsal an uplifting evening out. Please do get in touch via Lesley Howe at lkhowe58@gmail.com for more details, or look at our website <https://froxfordchoir.co.uk>.

Sarah Rush

Garden Club

We had an excellent turnout at our October meeting for Ben Pope's talk on taking a softer approach to borders and I'm sure we were all inspired by his tips and his extensive knowledge.

Our November lecture will be on Thursday 9th November at 7.30 for 7.45pm in Warnford Village Hall.

This time we will be hearing all about 'Gardening in Raised Beds' and our speaker will be Barry Norman.

Barry is a well known grower, exhibitor, lecturer and judge with formal horticultural training. He is currently Vice Chairman of the Royal Horticultural Society's Fruit, Vegetable and Herb Committee and a former Chairman of the National Vegetable Society. As well as being a senior NVS judge, Barry serves on the judging and lecturing panel of the RHS and is also a Britain in Bloom judge. In 2022 Barry was awarded the Kew Guild Medal for distinguished service to the horticultural industry.

The talk will be followed by our AGM when we will be taking subscriptions for 2024. Our annual membership fee is still a bargain at only £5.00 so please bring a fiver or pound coins. As Warnford Village Hall is quite a small hall we strongly recommend booking in advance:

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Allen Gallery Cafe area. **Contemporary Needlework** - a display of work by local textile artist Hilary Kimber. 8th November -10th December, FREE.

Hilary has also kindly offered to run some workshops for beginners and more advanced stitchers, on Saturday 11th & Wednesday 15th November. Please pre-book online. There will be a free follow-up workshop for those wishing to mount or frame their work on Wednesday 22nd November, from 2 - 4 pm.

TALK

The Palaeolithic of Dickett's Field, Holybourne

Down by Dr Julie Scott-Jackson and Dr Patrick Cuthbertson. Thursday November 9th at 7.30pm. In conjunction with The Friends of the Curtis Museum and Allen Gallery. FREE but donations always welcome.

FAMILY ACTIVITIES

We will be holding various drop-in activities from November 14th - December 30th. Festive Trail - Can you find the festive items hidden in our Gallery collection? Drop in and pick up a trail. FREE. 10.30 - 4.

Patterns on Paper - drop in for the opportunity to make simple paper decorations, with patterns inspired by the pots and tiles in the Gallery collection (decorations £2 per sheet). 10.30 - 4.

On Tuesday 19th December there will be our regular Make & Take, with an opportunity to make small seasonal clay items to take home. 10.30 - 11.15 and 11.30 - 12.15. £5 per session. Please book via the website. <https://www.hampshireculture.org.uk/allen-gallery>

Film Night. Join us for another in our increasingly-popular Cinema shows on Saturday 18th November, at 7pm. Details will be available from the website/Gallery near the time.

CURTIS MUSEUM

FAMILY ACTIVITIES

We will be holding various drop-in activities from November 14th - December 30th.

A Link to the Past - Help us create the longest paper chain, moving through the years in our museum. FREE.

Create a Cracker - Come and buy, build and fill your own cracker. Cracker 50p, fill it with a hat, joke, snapper and tie, buy a prize to go inside.



Hilary Kimber

Jill Line

Diary Dates

Tuesday 7th November

West Meon Parish Council Meeting

7.30pm West Meon Village Hall

Thursday 9th November

Garden Club 7.30pm Warnford Village Hall

Gardening in Raised Beds' Barry Norman/
AGM

Friday 10th November

Care Group AGM 6pm Sports Pavilion

Community Cinema 7pm West Meon
Village Hall 'Barbie'

Monday 13th November

WI meeting 2pm West Meon VH 'Confessions
of an AmDram Tart' Jonathan Jones

Tuesday 14th November

Warnford Autumn Parish Meeting 7.30pm
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Saturday 2nd December Christmas Fair

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