

Parish News

West Meon & Warnford

July/August 2020

Living in Strange Times III

It's getting increasingly difficult to know how to start these articles! I never thought I would find myself thinking that the initial lock-down was easy but over the last few days I've begun to think that it was. Yes, it was really hard seeing our reality change from being free to go wherever we want, see whoever we want, do whatever we want to staying home apart from essential trips and that one trip outside for physical exercise. I know this has been a time of immense stress for some people, whether it's been on the 'being inside' side of the fence or the 'key worker having to carry on going to work' side of the fence but at least we knew.

I took my daughter back to her flat in London last week and the shops and streets in Clapham looked almost normal. The bars and pubs were serving take-aways, so the pavements were filled with people having a drink. All the shops were open, there didn't seem to be many people queueing and the traffic was certainly back to normal! But we know it isn't. A quick trip to Petersfield today showed me plenty of queues – at Waitrose, M & S, the banks, Poundland; some of the cafes were open but only for take-aways; some of the shops are limiting the numbers going in, some are still closed, worryingly some have already closed down.





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Church isn't normal either. We have been told we can now open for private prayer but because of building size and situation all four of our churches are dealing with this in slightly different ways. We have been told we can now have funeral services in church but we still have to restrict numbers, observe the correct distances and we can't sing. We don't yet know when we'll be able to have regular services but what we do know is that those same restrictions will apply. We don't know for how long. At the beginning of all this, as we celebrated Easter Day via a service on zoom, I scoffed at the suggestion that we might be celebrating Christmas in the same way. It seemed unthinkable but I have a feeling that Christmas will not look the same.

It would be easy to get a bit lost in the feelings of confusion and frustration; I have to curb the pining voice in my head that says, 'I just want it all to go back to normal' before it drowns out everything else because, without resorting to too many clichés or Monty Python quotes (always look on the bright side of life etc), there is generally a brighter side!

I was listening to something on the radio today and they were talking about the baking craze that seemed to hit the nation when lock-down started – baking followed by bread making. It didn't reach The Vicarage sadly. The packet of sourdough mix is still sitting in the cupboard primarily because I can't be bothered with the faff of making the 'starter' to get it all going. Maybe I should, because I think it would show me something important about this time we're living through. That starter – or 'pre-ferment' does what it says on the tin – starts the whole thing off. The leaven is then added followed by a time of proving which results in a richer, more flavoursome bread.

Maybe this strange time can be a 'starter' for us; a period of proving and preparation which have stretched us and challenged us. The good thing about that starter is that once you've made it, you keep it, using it to start the next batch of bread. Maybe we need to let this time encourage us to bring all that we value, all that is important into the future with us, enriching who we are and what we do.

God of change and transformation, bless and cherish what we now are and strengthen and challenge what we will become, Amen.

With love, *Rev'd Jane Ball*

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We would like to thank all our loyal customers, as well as many of you who are new to the shop, for your support and custom during these unsettled times. We continue to work hard to provide a Covid safe environment for our customers, our shop staff and our volunteers. With the general relaxation of restrictions, we feel that the time has come to work towards opening up the shop once again for our customers. You will notice some important changes. Hand sanitiser will be made available at the door and at the till counter, and we ask all customers to use it. There will be a one-way system in operation around the shop, as well as clear two metre markers on the floor. Please be sure to keep your distance from other customers in the shop. There will be a limit of two customers in the shop at any one time; one in the shop and one at the till.



We are continuing our deliveries and phone orders to everyone who needs to stay safe at home, as well as to those who prefer not to venture into the shop. We stay committed to providing as many people as possible with home deliveries during these difficult times. We are hugely grateful to our army of volunteers for making this all possible. We pride ourselves on the wide range of items stocked and look forward to welcoming you back inside the shop to browse. We try to source as much as we can locally and have brilliant local suppliers of bread (Happy Toast, Hedge End) eggs (Lycroft, Swanmore), trout (ChalkStream, Romsey), cheese (Lyburn, Salisbury) and vegetables (Bryant Brothers, Liss) to name but a few. We are a community shop

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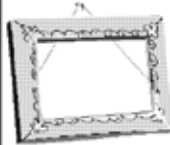
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and we rely on the community to stay open. So, we hope that you will not only use us during this crisis but also continue to use the shop when it is over.

Unfortunately we will not be able to hold an Annual General Meeting for the shop this year, but we will be posting the accounts in the window of the Village Shop.

200 Club Prize Draw Winners

The winners of the June prize draw were the following: 1st Prize of £40 to Geraldine Cousins; 2nd Prize of £20 to Joan of Joan's Acre; 3rd Prize of £10 to Mary Edwards; and 4th Prize of £5 to Melissa Lacy. 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 £200, £100, £50 and £25 in April, August and December, and £40, £20, £10 and £5 in February, June and October.

West Meon Wine Society

We are launching the Society on Saturday 4th July. It is true to say that not only do we love our wine but we also love to support our community. So in partnership with the Village Shop, members can discover new wines with our online recommendations and wine tastings. As a not-for-profit organisation, any surpluses go back to the Shop so it can continue to help serve our community. Our normal membership fee is £30 for a year's subscription. This entitles members to 15% discount off the entry price of up to two tickets to any society event attended by the Member. Given the current Covid-related uncertainties surrounding events, the Society is currently offering a discounted Membership Fee of £25 for an extended membership period to 31 December 2021. This offer will lapse on 31 August 2020. Membership applications after that date will be at our normal membership fee. For more information please visit the WMWS website: www.westmeonwine.co.uk.

The West Meon Shop Committee



Greetings from Kilmarnock!

Probably not the typical beginning of a wee article in your parish magazine. If everything had gone to plan Michael, my husband, our two Jack Russells and myself would have moved into the vicarage at the top of Doctor's Lane in West Meon in May, but, as they say, we live in challenging times. So here I sit in my study in the parsonage of the Scottish Episcopal Church of the Holy Trinity, in the Diocese of Glasgow and Galloway, where I have served as Rector for several years.

If you were to look at my bookcases at the moment you would think, what an odd woman, all those book cases and not a book in sight. The absence of books is only because we had started to pack for the move south to Hampshire in January. I would say that there have been a few tense moments in the parsonage, as I have been caught surreptitiously opening a few boxes in search of a particular book, only out of necessity I would add.

One thing I have enjoyed during the lock down is peering at the bookcases of the rich, famous and those who think they are in power, when they are doing television broadcasts. At times it must be said that their bookcases are more interesting than what they are actually saying. I think it is somewhat comforting to note that Prince Charles has a Dick Francis on view and Nicola Sturgeon, Scotland's First Minister, seems to have a good array of crime fiction. I was, however, quite disturbed to see a bookcase that was arranged like a rainbow... it just makes you wonder.

So what would you find on our book shelves: an eclectic mix. I suppose you wouldn't be surprised to know that there are a few, well more than a few, prayer books and the like. Well I am a vicar! The rest of the books, however, are a very eclectic mix: the books saying something of who we are, the places where we have lived and the things we like to do. There are a lot, and I do mean a lot, of travel books; not only guides but stories of other's travels. Mike and I are travellers. We met in Labrador where I was teaching and he was serving with the Royal Airforce. Amongst those books are many OS maps and walk books. The year before last we managed to complete the West Highland Way. Living in many places, of course, we have gotten a liking for all sorts of different cuisines which we have never shied away from trying and so there is a fair smattering of cook books, including 'The Northern Cookbook', a volume produced by the Canadian Government which includes a recipe for jellied moose nose... I wouldn't recommend it.

Before ordination I did a number of jobs, including working as a cutter and tailor in the theatre in Canada. I have always liked making things, so on the shelves there are all sorts of books on textiles of various sorts and also art books. I grew up in an inner city on the East Coast of Canada, where my dad was a doctor. Across the street from our house was the Greek Orthodox Church of St Nicholas. As a little girl I loved to creep up the steps and peer into the dark space where there would be glimpses of gold covered icons. And so another passion. Over the last 10 years I have been privileged to spend time learning to paint or, as they say, write icons at Turvey Abbey.

As for Mike, he is an engineer by trade, and so there is a fair smattering of DIY and classic car books... We come south with a Triumph Stag and a VW Camper Van. We have two sons, one who serves in the army and the other is a violin maker, and even though they have left home many of their books, not only from when they were little but from stints at home, find places on our shelves. I still love kids books, after all who can beat Six Dinner Sid, Old Bear,

or the Wind in the Willows...Oh and then there is Anne of Green Gables! (How many adult friendships have started when someone has said to me...you're Canadian, have you been to Prince Edward Island and do you love the Anne books?)

A good part of my adult life was spent teaching. I graduated from university at a time when teaching opened doors to travel and, in my case, adventure. In those days there was an expectation that with a bit of prep you could turn your hand to anything and teach any subject, hence my expedition to Labrador. Over the years I taught both in secondary and primary schools. Latterly, prior to ordination, I worked for Cambridge County Council where as a peripatetic specialist I focused on kids with challenging behaviours, supporting not only schools but their families.

If you had looked at me in the late 70's you would never have thought that I would end up wearing a dog collar, well I sure wouldn't have thought it. However here I am. I bring to the church a lot of experience, I hope, a sense of joy, and a real desire to come alongside people. Mike and I are very much look forward to coming Hampshire, to meeting you, to becoming part of your community and of course to have a few more adventures... Oh and it must be said that there we will be closer to our 15 month old grandson. Scotland, it must be said, seems very far away!

So what am I reading at the moment...Val McDermid's Out of Bounds... you can't beat a bit of crime fiction!

Looking forward to meeting you when Scotland's First Minister sets us free!

Mary Jepp

Echo Funds

West Meon Church is very grateful to Alex Echo who has most generously donated one of his paintings to raise funds for the church. It is entitled the Energy of Spring and will be sold by auction by Rosebery's in London at their Impressionist and Modern Art sale on July 15th.

A photograph of the painting is available on the church pages of the West Meon Parish Council website. It will be possible to bid online or by telephone, whether attendance in person is allowed by that date or not. In order to see the catalogue with a picture of the painting and to see how to bid, please go to the upcoming auctions page on Rosebery's website:

<https://auctions.roseberys.co.uk/?page=1&status=2>

Any queries to Louise Clay, PCC Secretary 829235.

(Photo: Alex Echo in his Surrey studio)



Lions in lockdown



Despite being in lockdown the Lions have continued to support the local community and still continue with the day to day business of the Club. 1st June saw a 'zoom lockdown' version of our annual Presidential handover to our incoming President Eddy Barringer. True to form the Lions still managed to celebrate in a zoom meeting. The Club would like to thank Andrew Brown for holding the reigns over what has been a very difficult time.



MVLC Zoom changeover meeting

Supporting the local community

With Home Schooling in full swing families have been rushing to stock up on printers to help educate children at home. Meon Valley Lions Club was pleased to help a family who didn't have facility to print at home, with school work having to be delivered by a Homestart volunteer. No excuses for late homework now!!

The Foodbanks continue to provide essential supplies to many families in the Meon Valley. The generosity of our communities means this help can be delivered every week and of course, thanks to the volunteers of the Meon Valley Food Bank and the Waltham Chase Methodist Food Bank.

<https://www.meonvalleyfoodbank.co.uk/donate>

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Future events

Sadly, as with other public events the 2020 Swanmore Fete has been cancelled but we're looking at other fundraising events that we might be able to hold once we are out of lockdown. We'll keep you updated on our website but in the meantime please add next year's Swanmore

Fete to your diary: Saturday 12th July 2021.

Bishops Waltham House

The Meon Valley Lions Club had a request from the State run care home with 22 bedrooms, in Free Street, Bishops Waltham. As their gardens were looking a little sad, to help brighten up the gardens we donated planters to cheer up residents.



Planters

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

Carole Dash

Rainfall Records for May/June 2020



During May we had 5.2mms (0.2") and up to the middle of June we have had 13mms (0.5"). It has been a really dry time. The total for the year up to the end of May is 435.6mms (17.1"). To the same date last year it was even drier with just 272.8mms (10.7").

We only had 3 days in May 1st, 3rd 23rd when we recorded any rain.

In June to the 15th we have had rain on 7 days with a maximum of 6.1mms on the 12th.

Peter Short

Hortus Poeticus

In early March, Hortus Poeticus opened its doors as a flower studio and local grower and supplier of wonderful English seasonal and scented flowers, all grown without chemical fertilisers, pesticides or air miles selling to all who love beautiful flowers be they individuals or florists, directly from Lippen Wood Farm, West Meon. We also were proud to be supplying our flowers to Long Barn, Alresford and Catkin and Pussywillow, Winchester.



Two weeks later Covid - 19 struck, Long Barn closed and like everyone else we had to turn on a sixpence and rejig our business to one that was contactless delivery only. All this moments before 4,500 of special tulips and 2,000 heritage and scented narcissi were just coming into bloom ! Pleasantly, if extremely challengingly, we found ourselves exceptionally busy delivering spring flowers to Catkin and also our own posies and bouquets to those who needed cheering up, farewell flowers for special people which became even more important with the restrictions on funerals and cremations, weekly bunches and arrangements and what quickly became our speciality - flower arrangers buckets or FABs. With these we aim to put the very best of an extensive, seasonal English cutting garden at your disposal and we delivered our FABs throughout Hampshire including to Basingstoke, Southampton, Portsmouth, the New Forest as well as more locally and only reluctantly turned down London, Bath and Perthshire ! All this for a business that swore it would not do deliveries!

So what is so different about these flowers? It is astonishing that we spend £2.2 billion, yes billion, per year on flowers in the UK, almost all of which are imported and many of which (with some highly honourable and trail blazing exceptions) have fairly shocking ethical and environmental footprints. As well as air miles and prolonged refrigeration from hot countries or large quantities of heat and light to grow unseasonal flowers in Europe, many flowers are grown with a cocktail of pesticides and then treated with toxic chemicals to preserve their shelf life - none of which is made known to us the unsuspecting buyer. We all regularly support this not knowing - why should we - the dark underbelly of highly industrialised flower growing and having little alternative choice.

By contrast flowers that have had a natural life in the field add positively to the environment before they enhance ours; they bring this life into the vase with them. They have a different look and feel and character to those industrially grown as a monoculture. Ours are almost wholly field grown and are home to birds and insects, especially vitally our bees who much enjoy them, before being picked for your life.

Our wish is to contribute to the renaissance of UK grown flowers and join the increasing band of flower growers and flower farmers to make locally sustainably grown seasonal flowers available for all of us to enjoy. These are 'slow flowers'.

We look forward to being able to host visits, including for schools and local groups, and to holding flower club workshops once restrictions lift. In the meantime if the idea of 'slow flowers' or sustainable flowers grown right here in Hampshire interests or intrigues you, or if your group would like a talk on it (with real flowers as props!) once we are allowed to do so, do please get in touch.

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West Meon CE Primary School

As these strange times continue, we have now welcomed back to school some of the children from Year R, 1 and 6. We have started off slowly and are building up more time with them



in school and the Aspire staff continue to support afternoons.

Most children are still at home and staff continue to support parents by providing planning, zoom meetings and email support, as well as the occasional phone call.

We now have three groups or 'bubbles' - blue, red and green and this includes some keyworker children as well.

Staff and children have to stay within their own bubble and if anyone within that group tests positive for Covid 19, then that group closes down and isolates for 14 days. Strange times indeed!

We are practicing social distancing and as you can see from the photos, no group goes above 9, so they fit into the classroom while keeping separate.

They are wearing their own clothes, so they can go into the wash straight away and trainers are disinfected every evening.

As headteacher, I do not burst any bubbles, but I welcome the children in and see them out at the end of the day and check their temperatures at lunch time with a forehead thermometer.

Staff, governors and parents have been great and very adaptable, as we adjust to the 'new normal'.

What is so amazing, is that the





children have been so adaptable and completely unfazed about the situation, running back into school just as enthusiastic and happy to sit at individual desks, even though most of them are only 4 or 5 years old!

Our numbers are the highest they have been for years, so welcoming back all the children in September will be

interesting. The church council have already offered their support if we need to use the church room, which we are very grateful for.

We are still considering how we will say goodbye to our Y6 children. The Fairthorne Manor residential was cancelled and not all of Y6 are back in school. However, we will do something to celebrate their time with us and we are working closely with The Petersfield School to ensure a smooth transition.

As lockdown starts to lift, everyone is cautiously re engaging, but we are all in this for the long haul and community is everything.

Stay safe.

Newsletter to Parents Summer 7 (12th June)

We welcomed back to school some of our YR, 1 and 6 children and it was great to see them. This has been under strict health and safety rules, in three separate groups, and we will keep the arrangements under constant review.

At the moment they are combining





class learning with home learning and the other year groups continue with home learning.

The government has recently announced that the other year groups will be home learning until the end of term. Let me assure you that my staff and I are attending meetings where the 'catch up curriculum' is being discussed. That

means that we will be ensuring that any gaps in learning, which may have occurred because of lockdown, will be covered before we move onto new learning in the autumn term. Our teachers are experts in assessing where children are and moving them on and each child will be at a different stage.

The current home learning is designed to consolidate important skills in Maths and English and to give the children opportunities to continue to enjoy the other subjects. As always, please don't feel under pressure to follow any particular timetable; every family situation is different and the important thing is your health and mental wellbeing.

Please do not worry. This is our job and your child will be fine.

Teachers will continue to touch base with you through work set, gmail and Zoom as well as supporting those who are coming into school.

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Take care,

*Julie Kelly,
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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.

Coronavirus Information

Concessionary Travel - Hampshire County Council has confirmed that concessionary travel times for older people to travel free on Hampshire's buses will revert to the normal 9:30am start on Monday 15th June. As capacity on public transport is limited, this change is to help manage demand with social distancing in place as more people return to work and may need to use public transport. Restrictions on times older people could use their bus passes were first lifted on 20th March to enable travel to supermarkets earlier in the day and access dedicated shopping hours while national travel restrictions on all but essential travel were in place.

Play Equipment – just a reminder that the play equipment at the Recreation ground is NOT to be used until further notice.

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.

Big get Togethers During Pandemic – even though how tempting it is in this nice weather large gatherings of more than 6 people are not allowed, anyone doing so will be reported to the police, who will take the necessary action.

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

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 7th July 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 - Information relating to WPM can be found on its website. The website also has details of local facilities and services, village news and up and coming events. Please sign up for email alerts relating to forthcoming events etc. 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.

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 on ederekchapman@btinternet.com

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West Meon Music Festival 2020 will go ahead – we hope!

We feel in these difficult times music is more important than ever and are therefore hoping to run a reduced version of the festival in September to comply with whatever official guidelines will be in force.

Depending on relevant changes to the Covid-19 regulations, to allow venues to reopen and host safely-controlled gatherings, the festival will take place as planned from Friday 11th September to Sunday 13th. All concerts will be performed by members of the Primrose Piano Quartet in various combinations that feature our popular mix of favourite chamber music: from piano quartets to string trios, piano trios, duo sonatas and solos.

Full programme details will be available shortly on the website (www.westmeonmusic.co.uk) but may be subject to alteration as official guidelines change, possibly allowing greater flexibility.



Due to the uncertainty of the situation we have decided not to involve any of our guest performers this year and will instead move our planned tenth anniversary programme to 2021 when we will be joined by Michael Collins (clarinet), Stephen Stirling (horn), maxim Calder (cell), Roman Kosyakov (piano), Laura Snowden (guitar) and several others.

We very much hope to see as many of our friends and followers as we can safely accommodate this year, and we look forward to celebrating our tenth anniversary in style at next year's festival: September 9th-12th, 2021.

Sue Scholes (photo Lester Barnes)



Cautious Announcement from Froxfield Choir

Froxfield Choir will be re-opening in September 2020, all being well. We plan to sing the Rheinberger Mass in E Flat (unaccompanied with a double choir) and some Whitacre anthems at our concert on November 14th. And of course there will be the Carol Service at Privett Church later in the year.

Until then we are doing what everyone else is doing: staying alert and gardening. There are also the virtual choirs, woodwork and sewing projects and developing arcane new skills.

Fiona Harvey



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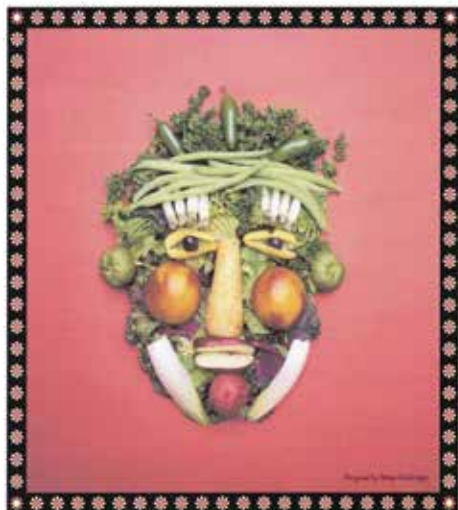
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The Garden Club Virtual Summer Show

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Because of the Covid 19 pandemic, it's obviously not safe for us to hold our regular Summer Show, which was to be on Saturday 8th August. Instead, we have set up our own website (thanks to Edwin Grimshaw) and are inviting club members and their relatives and all residents of West Meon, Warnford and Woodlands to take part. Instead of taking their exhibits to the Village Hall, competitors will take photos of their entries and submit them to the show organisers, who will publish them online. There won't be any prizes or trophies but participants and "visitors" to the site will be invited to vote on their favourites and the winners will be posted on the website.

We're hoping our show will appeal to anyone, young or old, who's bored of lockdown and is stuck at home wondering

what to do. There are plenty of our usual classes, even including a few for gardeners (!), so to see the schedule and for all details regarding how to take part, please visit <https://www.hugofox.com/community/west-meon-garden-club-18458/home> and go to the Virtual Summer Show page.

If the virtual summer show doesn't tick your boxes, you may find something else of interest on the website. Why not try our online jigsaws? Highly addictive!

Clare Swinstead



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

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 while their venues are closed. <https://www.cultureoncall.com/>

There are Virtual Tours of Galleries and Museums, information about historic items held in the County Collection, interviews with Conservators and Volunteers, and so on.

At the moment HCT is hoping to re-open the larger museums - such as Winchester and Milestones - on July 4th. The smaller ones are scheduled for August, but to get the up-to-date info please look at www.hampshireculturaltrust.org.uk

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

Jill Line

Diary Dates July/August

Tuesday 7th July

West Meon Parish Council Meeting
7.30pm. Skype. All Parishoners are welcome to join us. 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 (in traditional language)

Order of service is detailed in the Pew News email along with links to join the service.

To be added to the distribution contact revjaneball@gmail.com.



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28th June 2020

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5th July 2020

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