

# Parish News

West Meon & Warnford

October 2021

## Finding the Way

It always amazes me where one ends up; in saying that I am not referring to the foibles of Sat Navs, although they have caused Mike and I to arrive in some unexpected places. Today however, I am writing this from bed!!!! On Monday the Sat Nav took Mike and I to a mobile Covid testing station at the back of Southampton Airport and it wasn't by chance. And so we are both doing the 10 day isolation thing... Firstly, I would like to express my thanks to the bearers of flowers, milk and newspapers and for all who have been in touch, your kindness and care is much appreciated.

Since I last wrote in early August, Mike and I have travelled north to Stonehaven and Muchalls in Scotland, just south of Aberdeen. Now you would have thought that with Covid as rampant as it is that we would have stayed closer to home, especially as the First Minister of Scotland seems to be running tighter regulations in Scotland. Our journey north was prompted by several phone calls, and many emails from a couple of Episcopalian Bishops which began last November. The Scottish Episcopal Church (SEC) is part of the world-wide Anglican Communion and prior to being here I was the rector of Holy Trinity Church, Kilmarnock, so we are known to the SEC. I would say that these conversations were exercises in carrot dangling...there are



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these 2 charges' (what they call parishes in Scotland) ...'there is this job, it's your skill set' ...'we are going to buy a house for the job, would you look at the details and let us know what you think'. In my experience there are only so many times that you can say no to a Bishop. So, under the subterfuge of going for fish and chips, sea air and ice cream in August we travelled north to just have a look. I expect that you can guess where this is going. It is with huge mixed feelings that Mike and I will be leaving the Meon Valley towards the end of October, Covid allowing. My last service will be at West Meon on the 24th of October at 10.30am.

The job, which is that of Transitional Ministry in two charges, is specific in nature. The task is to help the church communities to determine what their future will look like. It is a senior clergy post for a fixed 3-year contract. And as my church secretary in Kilmarnock said...'you know Mary you are really good at unsticking places...'.

And so, we will say farewell, with many fond memories of conversations, walks, shared drinks and laughter. Mike and I are both thankful for the time we have spent with you. It must be said that it has been a difficult year for all of us but you are an amazing community, you demonstrate community spirit at a level that many in this world will not experience. It has been a blessing to be with you.

In August 2020, when we arrived, we had no intention of packing the boxes and heading north again. I suppose, however, we are both vagabonds at heart. On a spiritual level I hold on to the many who have found travel to be a significant part of their spiritual life, whether it has been about pilgrimage to a particular place or perhaps, walking pilgrimage routes such as San Compostela. There is something in all that of being prompted by the Holy Spirit to take up new challenges. Although I know many would say that the prompting of the Holy Spirit/God is a figment of the imagination, I would disagree. In my ministry I believe that I have been often nudged in the direction of new challenges not always to new places but sometimes. Perhaps as we come towards the day when the church remembers St Wilfrid (12th October) a peripatetic priest of not only Meon Valley fame, but of a great deal of Great Britain and beyond, we should be attentive to our individual calling where our individual gifts can be used to help others both in our communities and elsewhere.



*Photo: Hampshire History - Amanda Moore*

So perhaps we should consider what form a calling or a nudge might take. Sometimes it is simply an unexplained thought, perhaps to pick up the phone or even write a letter. These days, however, I do believe that we are all being called to take more of a role in care of our world. After all, why wouldn't God call us to take care of his planet. There are so many things that can be done. On Sunday the 3rd of October the focus of our Harvest Service at West Meon will be what is being billed as 'Climate Sunday', a Sunday where as individuals, as a church and as a wider community we will commit ourselves to action in support of our wonderful earth. We have also planned events through the week. Please join in. I hope to, providing I am Covid free. For more information please be in touch.

*Rev Mary Jepp*

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We are delighted to once again be able to hold the Warnford and West Meon Fireworkfest on Saturday 9th October at Hall Place Farm.

Tickets are now on sale at the village shop, to whom the vast majority of the proceeds will be donated, with a further contribution to the Parish News itself. We pray for better weather this year and hope that all those that may have been put off by the persistent drizzle two years ago, will join us this time.

The event will start at 5.30 and a BBQ and Bar will be in operation. We also welcome 'Crepe Britain' from Hambledon, who will be serving up a great looking range of pancakes. We have our first ever paid performer (!), the brilliantly talented and entertaining 'Matt Black - Piano Man', who is absolutely not to be missed and then of course the fireworks will follow thereafter...

*Jim Ulph*

## Knapsyard Garden Job

We are hoping a youngster from West Meon who would like to earn a little pocket money would be willing to give up an hour a week to help us in the garden, mainly mowing in the summer and otherwise other odd jobs. If you are interested please come and discuss at Knapsyard House or ring Jenny Jenkin on 01730 829227.

*Jenny Jenkin*

## Church Notices

We remember those who have died recently in the combined parishes:

Dr. James Thomas; Desmond Holder; Susan Arnold.



## Tickets For Next Year's Lord's Test

### ENGLAND V SOUTH AFRICA

This Test Match will be held at Lord's between 17th and 21st August 2022.

Anybody interested in going to this Test should drop me an email as soon as possible and once final details are announced I can let you know all relevant details so you can make a choice of which day, which stand, what price etc.etc.

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*Charles Tuck*



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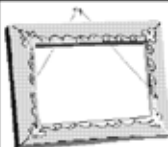
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## Rainfall Records August - September

The second half of August was thankfully dry with only 7.7mms falling, which helped the farmers finish harvest. We then had a dry period for the first 7 days of September and only 3.6 mms to the 15th with some pleasant sunny weather.

*Peter Short*

## Monday Social Club

A new club has been set up since COVID for the benefit of West Meon and Warnford residents.

Come and join us on Mondays (except the 2nd Mondays of each month) 2.00-3.30pm for tea and cake, chat and games.

We have indoor bowls and skittles, board games, cards and quizzes. £3.00 per session. Do get in touch if you would like to know more. All ages are made very welcome.

*Hazel Town 829584*

## Activities at West Meon Hall

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	Adult Tap	11.15am
	W.I.	2nd Monday of each month
	Social Club	2.00pm
	Children's Ballet	from 3.50pm
Tuesdays:	Pilates	6.30pm
	Gentle Fit	10.30am
	Barre Fit	2.00pm
	L.A.M.D.A. classes	pm
Wednesdays:	Teenage Ballet	from 5.45pm
	Baby and Toddler Group	10.00am
Thursdays:	Pilates	9.00am
	Gentle Fit	10.30am
	Stretch and Tone	2.00pm
	Ballet/tap/Musical Theatre	from 4.45pm
	L.A.M.D.A.	pm
	Yoga	from 9.00am

For information about any of these groups get in touch with Hazel: westmeonvillagehall@hotmail.co.uk

## Climate Awareness Week 3rd -10th October

What we have been reading and talking about over several decades as Climate Change has now become, as most scientists and environmentalists have been warning us, a Climate Emergency. I'm sure that we have all been aware of the significant changes in weather patterns globally leading to devastating flooding, drought, heatwaves, wildfires, storms etc.

Often these climatic crises have been focused in the poorest, least developed parts of the world and we have watched on our TV screens or read in our newsfeeds with reactions varying from a huge sense of injustice and need to take action to perhaps a certain amount of detachment in the face of what can seem an impossible task. Recently, though we have all been aware of the effects closer to home. We cannot ignore this emergency which we can truthfully call the greatest crisis we currently face as it is clear that we, as humans, have contributed to these extreme events.

We can often feel helpless and hopeless in the face of devastating statistics about the future of our planet. We have been learning to do our bit and take responsibility in the form of recycling and re-using, avoiding single use plastic, choosing energy suppliers that use renewable energy etc. But what else can we do to preserve this precious earth for future generations?

We all have a duty, as citizens of the world, to care for creation, to treasure all that is in it and on it and.

To this end, St John the Evangelist church in West Meon is holding a Climate Sunday event to coincide with Harvest on Sunday 3rd October. During this service we will be thinking and praying about the climate crisis as well as making a declaration of the need to act. We will end our service by planting a tree in the churchyard as a symbol of our hope and intent. We warmly invite our whole communities of West Meon and Warnford to join us in taking this stand.

We have several other events planned for the week: collecting wood for the community firework night, helping out at the school's Nature Station, the school's Harvest Service and a Pudding Night. The latter is our main event which we very much hope you will support. We have a guest speaker, Ruth Jarman, a scientist and tireless climate activist of many years who founded Operation Noah, works for Green Christian and who is also a member of Extinction Rebellion. She will be speaking and answering questions about her involvement and how each of us can make a difference as individuals and as a community to work together for a cleaner, greener, fairer future that allows all on this earth to flourish.

Please support us,

*Susan Berry*  
susanclareberry@gmail.com

### Events:

**Sunday 3rd October** St John the Evangelist, West Meon 10.30 am Climate Sunday Service.

Wood collection locally of fallen trees/branches to build the bonfire for FIREWORKFEST (contact Jim Ulph on 07967 552657 if you would like to be involved)

**Tuesday 5th October** Nature Station Tidy - bring your secateurs, strimmers etc. and help to tidy our school's Nature Station (located at beginning of West Meon cycle trail). Meet at 10am.

**Wednesday 6th October** West Meon C of E Primary School celebrate Harvest in Church



**Friday 8th October** Pudding Night with guest speaker Ruth Jarman – scientist, climate activist, founder of Operation Noah, member of Extinction Rebellion. She will speak about the science, ethics and Christian responsibility to act on climate change and how we can all get involved. This will be a free but ticketed event. Contact Susan Berry [susanclareberry@gmail.com](mailto:susanclareberry@gmail.com)

**Saturday 9th October** FIREWORKFEST – join this community event and be eco-friendly in the coming fireworks season.

**Sunday 10th October** St John the Evangelist, West Meon 10.30 Harvest Holy Communion.

Our Lady Warnford 4.30 Harvest Songs of Praise.

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

We had a meeting on Monday 13th September in the Village Hall, and it was so good for all of us to meet up again to enjoy a chat together and a cup of tea and cake! We have an outing to Hambledon Vineyard on Monday 27th September, where we will be treated to a vineyard tour and a wine tasting. Men and friends are also invited. The Petersfield Group have arranged a meeting at Rake Garden Centre for tea and a chat on Monday 4th October and the Hampshire Federation Annual Meeting will take place at The Anvil in Basingstoke. Please contact a Committee member if you would like further details of these events.

Our Christmas lunch will be held at the Seven Stars in Stroud and the cost will be £25 for two courses. We need to let Jan Gavin (01730 829539) know whether you wish to join the Christmas lunch. We also agreed to make a donation to the plight of women in Afghanistan via the W.I. Central Fund.

Our speaker for the afternoon was Bill Dawson, whose wife is a member at Medstead W.I. The subject of his talk was 'Wildlife in Far Eastern Russia', which was as a result of a trip made with his wife on a guided holiday. They started their trip with a few days in Moscow where they visited many churches and museums, and Bill had some beautiful photographs of the architectural delights of the city. They then travelled to the far eastern area of Russia and went birding on the Kuril Islands, where they saw beautiful wild orchids, sea eagles, spectacled guillemots and many other unusual sea birds. They also saw many other beautiful flowers, sea lions, foxes, puffins and four different varieties of auk and two different types of albatross. They also visited Simoshira island, which used to be a Russian nuclear base where Bill's photographs showed that everything had just been left at the end of the Cold War, with heaps of rusting equipment everywhere. They visited the Bering Straights between Russia and the United States and flew to Providenya, where they saw musk ox and bald eagles, but they were not allowed to land. They also visited Wrangel Island which is home to a huge population of polar bears - and Bill's photos of them were amazing!

Our next meeting is on Monday 11th October at West Meon Village Hall at 2.15pm. Our speaker is Andrew Negus and his subject is "Winchester's Bishops, Buildings and Bones". Andrew has talked to us on many occasions and we know we are in for a treat, as he is such a good speaker.

We look forward to seeing you all.

*Sue Kinlochan*

# The Secret Life Of Harvest Mice

*Harvest Mouse - Natalie Rogers*



Rodents are a key component of many healthy ecosystems, such as grasslands and woodlands. They provide food for lots of species from birds of prey to larger mammals. Rodents often produce lots of young every year, so must have ample food available for them – usually seeds, fruit and small insects. When rodent populations dip there are knock-on effects across the habitat. There are 14 species of rodent commonly found in Britain, including rats, squirrels, mice, voles and more recently the beaver. One of the least familiar of these is the harvest mouse, Britain's smallest rodent, and we will take a closer look at them this week.

Harvest mice are not especially fussy, they are happy anywhere there are ample stems for them to clamber up, very rarely descending to the ground if they can avoid it. They are tiny, around 6cm long, with a tail close to the same length. The tail is used to help with balance and climbing. They react quickly to disturbance, disappearing back into the vegetation in response to nearby noises.

Harvest mice are thought to be fairly widespread but are very difficult to find. Their presence is mostly picked up by the signs they leave behind - their intricate nests. The nests are carefully woven from grass and leaves within dense vegetation, at least 10cm above ground, so even these are difficult to spot! Harvest mice adapted to farmed habitats by creating their nests in crop fields such as wheat and barley, but modern combine harvesters have caused a new threat.

When fields were hand-cut, the mice could easily run to the safety of field margins, but modern machinery does not give them the time to escape. They also build their nests and live in verges, reedbeds and grassy hedges. These habitats have been lost in many areas as green spaces are developed and wetlands drained.

Recent studies have helped shine a light on this elusive mammal, but more must be done to protect the harvest mouse. They seem to be able to respond quickly to changes in habitat, as long as the habitat is connected to others and buffer zones are present between developments and their living space. Reintroductions can work well, as the mice are relatively easy to breed, and once conservation efforts are in place they seem to breed and colonise the reintroduction area quickly. The more we learn about marginal habitats like road verges and field edges, the more they are shown to be important for all sorts of wildlife, including our smallest rodent.

*Claire Thorpe*

## West Meon C of E Primary School



Our final visits of the last academic year were Foxes visiting the Roman Palace at Fishbourne and the Y6 leavers' trip bowling followed by a barbeque during the final week. This was a lovely way to end the term and what was even better was that we held our Sports Afternoon with parents and the whole school Picnic on the field.

These outdoor activities help to develop our outdoor learning as well as keeping everyone safe and Owls have already been down to the Nature Station.

Our end of term indoor events took place socially distanced in the church and the Owls parents came to watch a wonderful production of Roald Dahl's Goldilocks and the Three Bears and the Leavers' parents came and supported the Leavers' Assembly and Prize Giving.

The New YR children have settled in really well, as well as new children in Y1, 2 and 3 and we have welcomed Katriona Pritchard as the new YR/1 teacher and Jenna Farminer as YR/1 support while Mrs Davies continues receives treatment at home.

Mrs Hamilton did not retire in the end and continues to support in Owls for two days a week, which we are grateful for.

We hope to be holding a MacMillan Coffee Morning on Friday 24th September and again, if the weather holds, we can use the outdoor area at the back of the school.

Clubs have started again, which is wonderful and we offer Chess, Netball, Upper and Lower Art till 4.15 p.m., as well as the normal before school club with breakfast from 7.30 a.m. and after school with supper until 6 p.m.

We will soon be signposting to tennis coaching and are hoping to start lunchtime French Club again soon.

Interschool Sports are also starting again and we have an U11 Tournament at Dunhurst on 22nd September, which the team are very excited about. There will be an U9 Tournament later in the term and other opportunities to interact with other schools.

Parents' Information Meetings have started and FOWMS is busy arranging activities to get everyone together.

It was wonderful to see Jenny Jenkin back in school to support us in reading this week and we are welcoming back previous community support, but we do ask them to take a lateral flow box home to test before they come in, which is what the main staff and sports and music staff do twice weekly at the moment. So welcome to the new normal and it's great to see everyone back!

*Julie Kelly, Headteacher*



*Year 1*

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## **West Meon Village Shop**

We wish to thank in advance Jim and Rachael Ulph for organizing the upcoming West Meon and Warnford Fireworkfest which takes place on Saturday 9th October, with proceeds going in aid of the village shop and the Parish News. Also, we are going to arrange another 'Great West Meon Garage Safari', watch out for the date - coming soon. So, start saving up those goodies to sell. For those that are not aware of what this is, it's where villagers sell their belongings out of their garages or from tables outside their houses. Sellers get to keep the proceeds, but the village shop takes a small fee and provides a map to the sellers of where they are located and handles all the event advertising. Maybe we can persuade the cafe to do a deal on bacon sandwiches and coffee for the day too!! For more information, please contact Rachell Barnett by email - wmvsoffice@gmail.com or by telephone 01730 829310.

We extend a warm welcome to Jenna Farminer who has joined the shop team, and also congratulations to Karen Williams for being appointed assistant manager. We are slowly trying to extend our opening hours with the intake of more consistent volunteers and staff, and are happy to announce that the shop is staying open from 6.30am until 5pm on Monday through Saturday and from 8am to 1pm on Sundays. We do hope this helps the villagers in the mad dash for last minute dinner supplies with the extended hours and we count on your continued support in keeping the shop open these later hours.

The shop has masses of books in the lending library at the moment, lockdown reading donations a plenty, with many brand new once read novels in immaculate condition. So please feel free to pop down and take a look and borrow as many titles as you like from the huge selection which includes children's books, as well as DVDs and CDs which have also been added to the collection.

Finally, just a note to say that with winter around the corner and those wet mornings, do please remember that the shop offers home delivery of all the products in the shop, including milk and newspapers to our local area (West Meon to Privett, Brocklands, Woodlands and Bramdean) Monday to Saturday, so feel free to enquire within.

*The West Meon Shop Committee*

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## **West Meon Wine Society**

### **Celebratory Launch Party – Save the Date Friday 26th November**

With great excitement, the keenly awaited celebratory launch party for the West Meon Wine Society will take place on Friday, 26th November. A stunning location, befitting our inaugural party, has been carefully selected in the heart of the Meon Valley. So mark your calendars and watch this space over the coming weeks for further details on the venue and



ticketing for the party.

We fervently hope you can join us in West Meon to celebrate the launch and successful operation of our wine society, as well as socialise in convivial surroundings with a choice selection of society wines and canapés.

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## Froxfield Choir Returns

Froxfield Choir sings again! Rehearsals started on Thursday 9 September and will continue every Thursday evening hence! After the summer break, it's time to breathe deep, tune our vocal cords once more and prepare for the season ahead. We are very much looking forward to our first performance in public again at St Peter's Church at High Cross, Froxfield, on Saturday 27 November – put the date in your diary now! Concert pieces will be confirmed in due course, and we have a plentiful repertoire of unperformed pieces to choose from, learned during the various lockdowns!

If you live in the surrounding area, whether a new resident or old, and would like to join our friendly group of happy singers, 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](mailto:lkhowe58@gmail.com) for more details, or look at our website <https://froxfordchoir.co.uk>

Finally, we have BIG plans for 2022 – our 50th Anniversary!

Follow us on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter @Froxfield Choir

*Sarah Rush*



## Autumn Concert

Cheriton Singers are pleased to announce their autumn concert. Directed by Ben Cooper, it

will consist of a duo of classic favourites: Fauré's Requiem and the Vivaldi Gloria.

Tickets will be £10, available from [www.ticketsource.co.uk](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk), [www.cheritonsingers.com](http://www.cheritonsingers.com) or on the door. The concert will be at 7.30 pm on Saturday, November 20th in St Michael's Church, Cheriton.

*Helena Gomm*

## Garden Club News

At the moment of submitting this article, we are unfortunately not in a position to say if there will be an October meeting or not. More details should be available on the Garden Club website from 4th October and we aim to email all members and others on our mailing list before the end of September.

<https://www.hugofox.com/community/west-meon-garden-club-18458/home>

*Clare Swinstead*



*Summer Show photo competition: Highly commended Kit Power*

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

## **Queen's Platinum Jubilee**

In June 2022 there will be an additional Bank Holiday to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, which will take place from 2nd to 5th June. The Parish Council feel that as a community we should celebrate this important milestone and are looking for suggestions for activities and events that could be run over this long weekend. As these will be community projects, volunteers will be needed to help with the organisation and running of events so it is important to establish a strong committee. If you have any sensible suggestions and/or would like to volunteer to help, please e-mail the Parish Council ([westmeonpc2017@gmail.com](mailto:westmeonpc2017@gmail.com)) by Friday, 22nd October.

## **Lengthsman**

The lengthsman will be making one last visit in November, when paths and pavements will be tidied ready for Winter.

## **Metis Homes Development, Long Priors**

Metis Homes anticipate that ground works will commence during week commencing 13th September with building work commencing in the New Year. Working hours will be 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday to Friday and 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday. There will be no working on Sundays and Bank Holidays. They will also be shutting the site down over the Christmas period. Access to the site will not be up Church Lane but from the A272 and signs will be erected at the bottom of Church Lane to this effect.

## **Gallops**

The landowner of the Gallops, Cllr G Silks requests that all dogs are kept on leads whilst being walked round the Gallops.

## **And Finally from West Meon**

The next Parish Council Meetings will be held on Tuesday 5th October, 7.30 p.m. in the Village Hall, Parishioners are welcome, please contact the clerk. Diane Heppell [clerk.westmeon@parish.hants.gov.uk](mailto: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 upcoming events. Please do sign up for e-mail alerts so that you'll be kept informed of forthcoming events, planning applications etc.

The WPM Autumn Meeting will be held in the Village Hall at 7.30pm on 4th November. All parishioners welcome. Any grant applications for 2022-23 should be emailed to the Clerk at least 2 weeks in advance of the meeting in accordance with the procedure set out on the website.

## **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](mailto:ederekchapman@btinternet.com).

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### ALLEN GALLERY OCTOBER EXHIBITIONS

Ceramicus is a group of ten local potters and a sculptor. They are delighted to be returning to the Allen Gallery after three successful exhibitions between 2014 and 2019.



This talented local group will be presenting their latest work – giving visitors a chance to buy unique items direct from the artists for the home, or as a gift.

The exhibition will show a wide range of throwing, hand-building and sculpting techniques. Firing methods include oriental wood firings, simple outdoor Raku kilns as well as those using modern kiln technology. Many types of surfaces

and colours are on display, including stoneware, porcelain, exciting Raku and the fascinating colours obtained from wood firing.

25th September – 31st October  
(FREE in the Main Exhibition area.)

The exhibition by Local artist Alex Loach continues to 10th Oct.  
(FREE in the Café area.)



### TALKS

#### **Gilbert White & Alton**

A talk by Jane Hurst

Although White lived in Selborne, he had many connections in Alton - a sister-in-law and two nieces lived here; he shopped at drapers and ironmongers in the town and bought wine from the Swan. Come and learn about Gilbert's Alton.

Thursday 7th October 7.30pm - £6.50 per ticket from the Gallery.

#### **The Bridge Pottery of Beauworth**

A talk by William Barham, whose fascination with Dorothy Watson, the founder of the Pottery, began with his family's use of her wares. His recent book *Forty Years a Potter: Dorothy Watson and the Bridge Pottery, 1921-1961* enlarges on the life of a woman who set up a successful business in the years after the Great War, when female entrepreneurs were thin on the ground.

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### **Gilbert White of Selborne and his Tortoise**

Dr June Chatfield OBE

Dr Chatfield provides an introduction to Gilbert White for the tricentenary of his birth (actually 2020 but held over). This talk will explore his life in Selborne and observations on his tortoise Timothy, which he acquired from his aunt.

Thursday 28th October 7.30pm - £6.50 per ticket from the Gallery.

### **CURTIS MUSEUM OCTOBER**

Worldham Park and King Edward's Hill? A new book by Jane Hurst.

This meticulously researched book traces the history of an area of East Worldham which has seen many changes of fortune and ownership. Some famous names have been connected with the Hill and surrounding Park - King John, Edward III, and Geoffrey Chaucer's son Thomas. At times the Park has been enclosed, but often the owners were chastised for neglect which affected the King's hunting.

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*Jill Line*

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**Sunday 3rd - Sunday 10th October**

**Climate Day/Harvest Festival.** West Meon.

For events see pages 8 and 9.

**Tuesday 5th October**

**West Meon Parish Council Meeting** 7.30 pm Village Hall, West Meon

**Saturday 9th October**

**Fireworkfest** 5.30pm Hall Place Farm, West Meon.

**Monday 11th October**

**WI** 2.15pm Village Hall, West Meon

**Sunday 24th October**

**Rev. Mary Jepp's last service** 10:30pm West Meon

**Thursday, 28th October**

**The Royal Escape** an illustrated lecture by Kit Power 6.00pm Meon Hall, Meonstoke

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Sunday 3rd Petersfield/Romsey

Saturday 9th Alton

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