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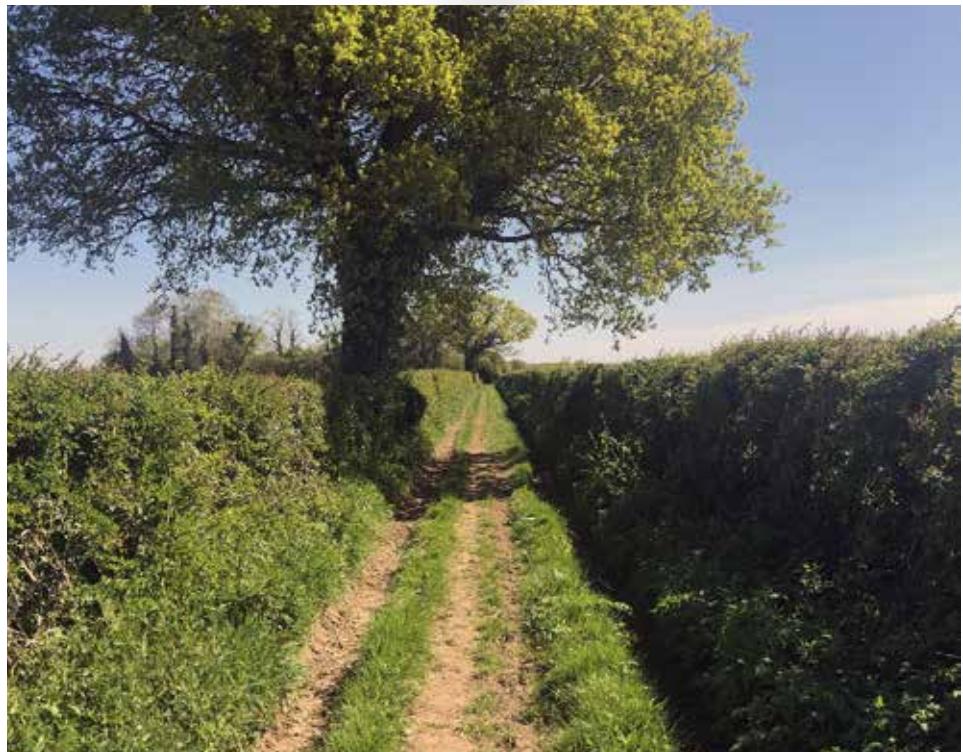
West Meon & Warnford

March 2021

## Walking Into Lent

The tricky thing about writing an article for pretty much any parish magazine is that you generally write it several weeks in advance of the distribution date. Today is Wednesday the 10th of February and if you cast your mind back you will remember that in mid-February the mud lost its muddiness as the winds from the Russian Steps descended and plunged us back into winter... and so this week I find myself humming the tune “In the bleak mid-winter frosty wind made moan, earth stood hard as iron, water like a stone”, as I walk the dogs. For me, quite often the words of songs and sometimes hymns jump into my head as I walk up over the hill; they become in essence the sound tracks of my walks. I expect it may be a while yet till we hear the refrain of ‘We’re All Going On a Summer Holiday’, but I remain hopeful.

Over the years I have put in a lot of miles walking, but I must confess that since ordination my walks have generally become fewer as parish commitments and numbers of parishes



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increased. Although you hear in the media that more and more people seem to becoming committed walkers I still haven't managed to commit to 10,000 steps a day, that is around 5 miles, and to be truthful I have no excuse. I find it hard to believe that next Wednesday, the 17th of February, is Ash Wednesday the beginning of Lent. Now you may ask why has she put Lent and her lack of walking into the same paragraph, but I promise you there is a link. The link being I am hoping to walk '5 a day for 40 days', the number of days in Lent being 40. In doing this I have several hopes that some funds will be raised to support our local food banks. (Donations can be made via Just Giving, if you type Just Giving Mary Jepp into your search engine you hopefully will find the page. If you prefer cash or a cheque can be put through the door, it sounds terrible but cheques made payable to me... I promise not to abscond with the funds.) Our food banks, I am sure you have heard, are struggling to meet the demand at the moment. And so I thought that the notion of providing 5 a day (fruit and vegetables) by walking 5 miles a day seemed to be a good idea.

So the plan at the moment is that I will walk Monday through Saturday on local footpaths. (Please note that Sundays are technically not considered to be Lent.) Initially I expected that I would be walking on my own, however there are lots of fellow walkers who have been in touch offering to walk with me. Nothing however, is fixed, neither the routes nor the timing and I am happy to adapt to suit. So my second hope is that the '5 for 40' will be a way in which I can get to know at least some of you a little better. In my limited experience of journeying on foot it has been encounters and conversations along the way that have proved to be surprising in so many ways; in those conversations our own beliefs can be questioned and strengthened. It is amazing just how much you learn about yourself when you take the time to learn about others.

I had thought initially that it would be good to do something that would benefit others during Lent as well as myself (improved fitness levels). There is a tradition in Lent that time is set aside to reflect on our lives, to make amends for the past and to grow closer to God. I find setting time aside, even over this past year, can be problematic - there seems to be always something else to do. Traditionally in many faiths the notion of pilgrimage has been a way in which individuals have taken themselves away from the day to day. And so I plan to have a couple of days a week on my own, hoping that I will find a few moments of stillness.

If all goes to plan I will post daily on the St John the Evangelist and Our Lady, Warnford facebook page. Included in that posting will be a photo, to prove that I am doing my miles, and a brief Bible reading from Mark's gospel. Please be in touch if you would like those readings and also if you would like to come for a walk. Don't fret, I don't think that I walk terribly quickly, the routes will change mud dependant as will the times to suit you. This may not sound terribly organised but I am hopeful that the challenge will be met.

On another note, as of yet, Jane and I are unsure what services we will be holding to remember Holy Week and celebrate Easter. Currently every Sunday there are Benefice Zoom Morning Prayer services as well as Zoom Compline, a still service at the end of the day. There are also Zoom services of Morning Prayer, if you would like to take part in any of these services please be in touch for the joining details.

Hopefully soon we will once again be able to join together.

*Yours in Christ,  
Mary*

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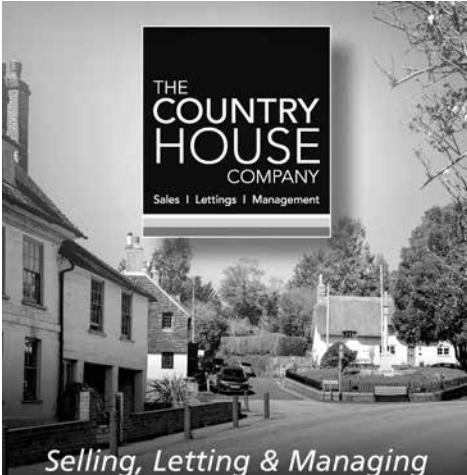
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## Church Electoral Roll

Each year the church electoral roll is revised in preparation for the annual parochial church meeting; this year they will be held on 25th April in West Meon and 24th March in Warnford. Once every six years there is a new roll. This happened two years ago so this year it is just a revision, including, for example, those who have moved into the villages, who would like to join or have reached age 16. If you would like to have your name added, please contact Louise Clay for West Meon (829235) or Peter Short for Warnford (829285). Having your name on the roll gives you a say in the future of the church.

*Louise Clay*

## West Meon Churchyard Clearing Party

Although we had to cancel February please keep the dates for 2021 in your diary. I look forward to seeing you all and to continue our good work keeping the Churchyard looking great!

20th March

17th April

15th May

19th June

17th July

14th August

18th September

16th October

13th November

11th December plus possible drinks in the pub!

*Paul Wilcox*

## West Meon & Warnford (2¾ miles; three stiles; easy walking)

If you want to walk more there are many local footpaths. For example you could start with this one which links our parishes.



*Follow the route description on page 7 if starting from Warnford or join halfway from West Meon.*

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Just before North End Cottages, follow the steps up the bank on the right, over the stile and across the top of a big meadow, full of wild flowers in the spring. In the bottom of the valley on the right is the winding course of the Meon, leading to Moorhen Trout Farm. The big pond is fed by natural springs.

At the end of the field a stile takes you across the parish boundary – here formed of a big bank, well dug over by badgers. In Saxon times this was a “herepath” or military road, coming from Bramdean and crossing the river at Sheepbridge to ascend towards the South Downs Ridgeway.

Keep straight on along the footpath, which widens into a track. The tower of West Meon church rises up straight in front of you, with a good view of the village away to the right. If you are lucky there will be poppies along the edge of the field.

Keep on down the hill towards Floud Lane and the Courthouse Barns. Turn right at the bottom, then follow the signed path immediately on the left, which squeezes between fence and wall, then winds round and crosses West Meon churchyard wall by a stone stile.

Go diagonally across the churchyard and down the passage which brings you out at The Cross. Cross the A32 (with care) and walk down West Meon High Street. Pay a visit to the Thomas Lord or Springs Café if you have time.

Keep going along the High Street. After 300 yds a signed footpath on the right takes you across the millstream and then the Meon, often dry here in summer. Follow the path behind the grounds of West Meon House until it comes out in Station Road.

Turn left and then immediately right and up the old station approach. The station building is long gone, but you can see the platforms and the cattle loading dock. The old railway track is now the Meon Valley Trail. It leads straight on into a short cutting, followed by an embankment with views through the trees. The trail crosses an occupation bridge, with the very secluded Brocklands Farm caravanning club site below to the left. Across the valley to the right the fields crossed on the way to West Meon come into sight.

The line enters a cutting and curves to the left. Towards the end of the curve leave the trail, climbing up the bank on the right by the marked footpath. Towards the top of the bank Warnford Footpath 15 merges from the right. This is on the parish boundary, following the old road crossed before.

At Hayden Lane turn right and back to Warnford. Take care on the sharp bend half way down the hill. Immediately before the A32 you cross the leat which once carried water from Warnford Pond to the water meadows further down the valley. Cross the road and down River Lane. This is the oldest part of the present day village. Old Forge Cottage, the George & Falcon and Hunts Farm buildings remain, but here once were the village post office, a couple of shops and a mill. In front of you the ford which gave Warnford its name has carried ridgeway traffic for thousands of years, the old bridge being a recent addition in comparison.

From Warnford Parish Council website:

<https://www.hugofox.com/community/warnford-village-7802/suggested-walks/>

Also see:

<http://www.westmeonpc.org.uk/community/west-meon-parish-council-13628/local-walks/>

## **Chappetts Copse Tree Felling**

Notice of planned removal of trees affected by ash dieback in Chappetts Copse Nature Reserve.

Hampshire & Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust will be carrying out tree felling work in the northern end of Chappetts Copse Nature Reserve over the upcoming months from early March.

We are removing the trees because many of the ash trees in the woodland have been killed by ash dieback disease. Contractors will be removing ash trees from the northern end of the woodland, extracting timber via Coombe Lane.



*Path through Chappetts Copse. Photo: Mark Heighes*

Arcadian Ecology & Consultancy Ltd have carried out ecological surveys of the area where felling is taking place. Follow their advice the Trust have ensured there will be no long-term negative impacts on wildlife from the felling and in the future more space for wildlife will be created. Permission for the felling was granted by the Forestry Commission.

The woodland is currently in decline due to ash dieback but we hope that in the years to come the space created by felling the dying trees will allow the woodland to regenerate and wildlife to flourish. Species expected to benefit from the new growth trees include dormice, great spotted woodpecker and tawny owls.

Once tree felling work is complete the Trust will install a new formal access point by the River Meon, giving pedestrians easy access to the woodland. This new footpath will link with the existing ride in the south.

Ash dieback disease is a fungal infection spread by spores which causes tree death in up to 95% of cases. Infected trees become brittle and unstable, posing a serious health and safety

risk. Where possible the Trust will leave infected trees to die and rot naturally, in the hope this will encourage resistance to the disease. However, as in this case, leaving trees is not always possible and they must be removed.

Please look out for further updates on our website and social media pages, where we will post more information when it becomes available. There will be signage on site to notify walkers of start dates and restricted areas while work takes place, including the northern section of the woodland which will be closed during felling.

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

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## Helping Local Schools

Following the brilliant response Meon Valley Lions Club had to its Christmas collections - the generosity of our communities is always amazing - it was decided to donate the monies raised to help students from local schools who are struggling following the recent lockdown and their need for home schooling. With stories of some children huddled around a phone trying to study, the need was obvious and very urgent. The Club was pleased to be able to offer help to four local schools by providing Chromebooks.

The schools were extremely grateful saying "Your kind donation of the Chromebooks will make such a difference to the learning and lives of families who are not in a position to purchase. Such a gesture cannot be underestimated as it will support their future life chances. The families will be so appreciative."



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## Home cooking back on track

Two separate families using the Food Bank got in touch with Meon Valley Lions Club as neither had a functioning cooker to prepare basic family meals. This is obviously far from ideal at any time of the year but in the winter is an even bigger problem. After a call to local electrical supplier, Ron Upfield in Bishops Waltham, two new electric cookers were purchased and installed - so no excuse now, home cooking is back on track, look out Masterchef!

*Carole Dash*

## Warnford Snowdrops

The Warnford Snowdrop walks have been held every February in the grounds of Warnford Church and Warnford Park for over 50 years. Visits to this well known collection of Snowdrops are very popular and have always been free of charge although many visitors over the years have generously made donations to support the work of the Church in Warnford.

Due to Covid the walks this year have been cancelled, however if anyone who has visited in years gone by would like to make a donation to the Church, cheques can be sent made

out to Warnford PCC and posted to The Church of our Lady, Lippen Lane, Warnford SO323LE. Or at a later date there will be an account set up on the Warnford Village Website.

Every year over sixty residents of Warnford and West Meon volunteer their time to help make Snowdrop walks a success and they look forward to welcoming you back in 2022.

*Vera Short*



## Rainfall records for January to mid-February 2021

January rainfall was 101.8mm with only 5 days without rain. We did have a snow fall on the 24th of the month of 2"- 3", which fell very quickly and we then had a wet period to the end of the month.

The lowest temperature that we recorded was -6C. It was very cold from 7th to the 13th of February.

Up to the 15th February 46.9mm (1.8"). This included a dusting of snow on the 9th.

January 2020 gave us 112.5mm, so not significantly different from 2021. The previous four years have been:

2016 – 171.1

2017 - 104.2

2018 – 99.0

2019 – 35.1 ( very dry for the first 15 days)

*Peter Short*

## West Meon Village Shop

For Mother's Day, Sunday 14th March, we have a wonderful collection of cards along with a large selection of gifts. Looking further ahead, the shop is stocking an extensive range of Easter gifts, cards and confectionery, from Easter eggs, to beautifully hand-crafted chocolates and unusual biscuits. This Easter the display tables will be vibrantly colourful and tastefully arranged as always.



'Flowers by the Bridge' supply cut flowers and arrangements to the shop every Friday through Sunday. We also have a dedicated display of Barbershop Botanicals, featuring a range of cologne, shampoo, handwash and much more. Both these West Meon businesses generated great sales for Valentine's Day and will hopefully have bumper sales over Easter. The West Meon coffee shop will be opening on the 1st March, and it will be great to have Becky back, keeping us all warm with her coffee and cakes.

The lending Library has proved to be invaluable during the pandemic. We have had so many people using it, which has doubled our book quantities. As a result, we will soon be building another new bookshelf which will make browsing easier and more accessible.

### 200 Club Prize Draw Winners

The winners of the February prize draw were as follows: 1st Prize of £40 to Rachel Ulph; 2nd Prize of £20 to David Jeffers; 3rd Prize of £10 to Susan Berry; and 4th Prize of £5 to Simon Telford.

If you are not already a member and wish to join, then applications forms are available from the shop. It is a great way to support your community shop. The prizes are £40, £20, £10 and £5 in February, June and October; and £200, £100, £50 and £25 in April, August and December.

Finally, we wish to give you all a massive thank you for your support during the lockdown. The shop is continuing to do well, even in these cold months of January and February!

*The West Meon Shop Committee*

## West Meon Wine Society

Feeling in need of a little more warmth and sun? Well look no further as we're listing some new Italian wines this month. The wines range from north to south and east to west, and showcase some of the huge range of indigenous grapes Italy is famous for such as Fiano, Primitivo, Pecorino, Sangiovese, Corvina, Nero d'Avola, Albana.....not to mention Pinot Grigio.



We have some Easter suggestions to help the weekend move along fluidly:

Easter Fizz: go local - Hambledon Classic NV.

Easter Whites: as a livener, Chateau du Cros Sauvignon Bordeaux, then with Sunday lunch something with a bit more oomph (technical wine term!), Las Colinas del Ebro, Garnatxa Blanca, or Terra Alta.

Easter Reds: particularly good for a traditional roast lamb, but also very versatile, are the Urbina Crianza 2011 Rioja or the Les Vignerons d'Estezargues and the Cuvée des Galets, Cotes du Rhone.



Vital Easter lubricant: Barberito Rainwater Reserva Madeira. The magic of this Madeira is that it suits almost any purpose, because it smells and tastes initially quite sweet, but finishes dry. So it's perfect on its own to get things going, and then can stand up to all sorts of savoury treats,

and follows up beautifully with cake (Simnel of course).

If you are tempted to try some of these wines, then do please go to our website at [www.westmeonwine.co.uk](http://www.westmeonwine.co.uk).

*West Meon Wine Society Management Team*

## West Meon C of E Primary School

While we have been waiting to hear when we can open up to more children again, we have been improving our practice, with feedback from pupils and parents.

Mrs Johnson reads stories to the Reception and Year 1 children at home over Zoom, as well as having a chat and seeing the various pets who join in as well! If the Reception and Year 1 children in school are not taking part in Games sessions with Aspire in the afternoon,



teaching assistants daily. Aspire continues most afternoons and we are grateful for the use of the village hall during this very cold weather.

The class teachers are planning for both the children at home and those in school, as well as a daily Zoom session, which the class can drop into and a few individual sessions if needed. They also plan practical activities, so the children are not sat in front of screens all the time and there are photographs of them



then they join in too and it is lovely to hear the voices of those at home coming out from the classroom.

We have more children in school than we did during the first lockdown, but they are working together in one bubble of up to fifteen children from across all the classes. These sessions are led by Mrs Johnson and Mrs Harris and supported by three

working at home, as well as at school, on our website. The teachers give feedback to the children to help them move on in their learning and Year R/1 have also undertaken phonic assessments, to help us see what their next steps need to be.

We have also printed out work for local families if that is what they prefer and lent out devices to support online working. We now also signpost parents to online reading resources, so they do not have to worry about reading books and these are working well. The children also have exercise books to stick their work in if printed out, so there is a record of their learning journey.

Owls class had a virtual Planetarium session with the opportunity for interactive questions and this blend of learning is working well.

As we said to parents, who are working so hard with their children, as well as continuing with their own jobs, they will be telling us at our virtual parents' meetings over the next two weeks how their children are getting on – so the tables will be turned!

As I write, we have started half term and we hope our families have a good rest and get away from schoolwork, to have some walks in the milder weather.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Alan Bassil for his wonderful support as the

Chair of Governors over the last few years, as he steps back to concentrate on his own business. These have certainly been challenging times and he has been a tower of strength.

I am also pleased to welcome Mary Jepp as our new Chair of Governors, who has already started to throw herself into the role and who is particularly interested in the pastoral aspect; which will be so important as we emerge out of the pandemic. This links well with her job as the



Rector for West Meon and Warnford; making her ideally placed at the centre of the village communities to support our families.

We look forward to welcoming our extended families back into school when it is safe to do so and we continue to be so impressed with the resilience of our children.

Stay safe,

*Julie Kelly, Headteacher  
Photos supplied by Julie Kelly*



## The Curtis Museum and Allen Gallery, Alton

Things seem to be moving in the right direction towards a possible relaxing of Lockdown. With any luck the venues will be able to reopen around Easter. Here is a heartening photo of the garden at the back of the Gallery – a great place for a Spring stroll and a cup of tea after viewing some of the famous Ceramic collection.

Fingers crossed.

### Roman Shoes (courtesy of Jane Hurst)

As any archaeologist will know, some of the best and most interesting items can be found amongst the rubbish of previous generations. Downstairs in the Curtis Museum are two finds which always appeal to our visitors - two Roman shoes that were dug up locally from the bottom of a late 3rd century well.

Both are made from leather with iron studs or hobnails underneath to try to stop the wearer slipping and to make the shoes last longer. The soles of both were made with three layers of leather while the tops look like a single layer - and this was probably held together with laces.



The examples in Alton's Museum are said to be a child's and an adult's although they are not too dissimilar in size. So how did they find themselves in a well? It is difficult to imagine what someone would be doing for a shoe to fall accidentally down a well - unless they had been lowered down for some reason. Hopefully, that did not happen to children - so did they throw theirs in? Was it uncomfortable or not liked? Only one of each pair was found.

Although only these two examples seem to have been found during the excavations of the Roman settlement at

'Neatham' (on the eastern side of the village of Holybourne), other sites have turned up large numbers where there have been the correct damp conditions to preserve leather. For example - there are 80 shoes on show in just one case at Vindolanda.

Are shoes the best-preserved pieces of clothing that are found on Roman sites? Did the material of other garments get reused in the Roman equivalent of 'make-do-and-mend' or were they passed down the social scale until they wore out? In chilly Britain did they use leather for items other than shoes and the subligaculum or loin cloth? In archaeology, as in history, one question always leads to others - although now, of course, we have time to think about them.

*Jill Line*

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

## **Keep following the rules – even after your vaccine**

With the COVID-19 vaccination programme underway, Hampshire County Council and the NHS are reminding residents who have received their vaccine that it is vital to keep following the rules of Hands-Face-Space to avoid putting others at risk. Councillor Judith Grajewski, Hampshire County Council's Executive Member for Public Health said: 'The COVID-19 vaccine is a big breakthrough and a key tool in our fight against this serious and highly infectious disease. I know how keen everyone is to get their jab and get back to normal, but for those who have received their first dose, it can take a week or two to build up some protection from the virus, and it is not yet known whether people who have had the vaccine can still transmit COVID-19. Therefore, it is vital to continue following the rules after being vaccinated, to ensure that you don't unknowingly pass on the virus to anybody else. This is particularly important if you are caring for or seeing someone who is clinically vulnerable because you could be putting them at risk of severe illness or even death."

## **Covid scammers**

"The vaccine is a vital tool in our fight against COVID-19 and a safe and effective way to protect ourselves, our loved ones and our communities. Sadly, there have been cases reported of dishonest individuals approaching members of the public to offer vaccines in return for payment. Therefore, we want to remind everyone that the COVID-19 vaccine is free of charge and that the NHS will get in touch when it is your turn to receive it. "If you're contacted by anyone claiming to be from the NHS who asks for payment or a fee - or who gives you a link to a website to take payment for the vaccine - it is a scam. "No-one from the NHS would come and knock on your door unannounced and you would not receive emails inviting you to click on links. If anyone approaches you in this way, or attempts to force or coerce you into handing over funds – in person or otherwise – always contact the police." Those most at risk of being targeted by scammers are the elderly, as well as those who live alone, are self-isolating or are in financial difficulty. Many scammers are using increasingly sophisticated methods to target people.

## **Please put bonfires on the back burner**

We are in extraordinary times with many more people at home so please be a considerate neighbour and don't burn your waste during the current lockdown. COVID-19 makes it hard to breathe and bonfire smoke can be very irritating and cause distress to those who are exposed to it. **And finally from West Meon** - The next Parish Council Meetings will be held on Tuesday, 2nd March via skype 7.30 p.m. and all Parishioners are welcome to join. 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 (see opposite). 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. Details of how to contact the Chairman and Clerk are on the opposite page.

**Rights of Way in Warnford** - If you are aware of any rights of way that are becoming overgrown or are otherwise obstructed please e-mail Derek Chapman at [ederekchapman@btinternet.com](mailto:ederekchapman@btinternet.com).

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# Wild Wetlands

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'Wetland' can be a confusing term because the habitats it describes are so varied. A pond in your garden is a wetland, albeit a small one, but so is the vast floodplain of the Pantanal in South America for example. Wetland is a general term for any area that is at least partially submerged or flooded with water, either permanently or seasonally (which can feel like everywhere after we have had a lot of rain!). Ponds, lakes, marshes, mangroves and estuaries are all wetlands.

Wetland habitats are important in a number of ways. They provide a habitat for a huge range of wildlife including many threatened species, with an estimated 40% of the world's wildlife living and breeding in wetlands. Locally, this could be water voles, kingfishers and otters, all making a comeback as we restore their wetland homes. These habitats also reduce flood risk and control other effects relating to climate change like stopping temperature fluctuation. Some wetlands - mud flats and peat bogs especially - are great at capturing carbon from the atmosphere. And if that wasn't enough,

they also help purify water by filtering out pollutants.

And of course, for many of us wetlands provide access to nature and wild spaces, boosting mental and physical wellbeing.

Despite all the many benefits they provide, wetland habitats are disappearing. Not only are they being drained and destroyed to make way for development, but humans are also using more freshwater than ever before. We use (and waste) far more than the planet can replenish, putting pressure on wetlands and adding to the effects already being felt due to climate change.

Luckily, the tide is starting to turn, with some of the biggest wetlands in Europe now being managed for conservation and wildlife. There is still a lot of work to be done, especially stopping the pollution of rivers and streams and stopping the colossal waste from leaky pipes and loos. Wetlands are a vital part of a connected and healthy landscape with thriving wildlife populations. The work to leave our wetlands in a better state than we found them must continue.

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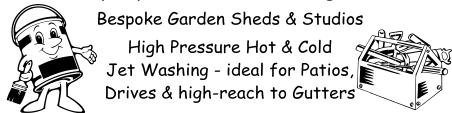


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The film has now been through the final edit and is ready to share with everyone. If you wish to view please go to the website - [pyt.org.uk](http://pyt.org.uk).

Plans are in the pipeline for a better 2021 - for our members we have Weekly Workshops; Sunday Masterclasses; an Easter project; a Summer School; an Autumn production of The Little Mermaid; and our much loved Christmas production – this year to be Elf the Musical. For further information contact [info@pyt.org.uk](mailto:info@pyt.org.uk) and check the website for updates. You can always keep up with our news if you subscribe to our enewsletter on the website, or join our PYT facebook group.

We hope to catch up with you in 2021

*Charlotte Godfrey*



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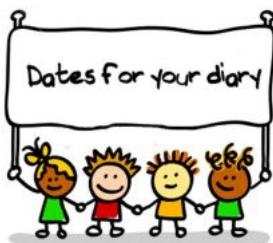
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## Tuesday 2nd March

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## Thursday 20th May to be confirmed

**Warnford Parish Meeting** - details of how to join will be on the village website nearer the time. Any matters for the Agenda should be emailed to the Warnford Parish Clerk.



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