

Parish News

West Meon & Warnford

July/August 2026

Flying the Flag

Whilst neither Warnford nor West Meon Churches have flagpoles, recent events have made me think about the flag most flown over churches in England, the flag of St George, and how it sends different messages to different people in different places. Then I began to think about the signals we send as churches and as communities in all the things that we do. Inspired by an article by a bishop, I use the flag as a tool to explore this.

Confrontational protests seem to grab the headlines and fuel a media frenzy all too often. Some of the protesters have carried the Union Flag and some the Flag of St George to signal racial intolerance and a hostile, exclusionary nationalism. That has raised an important question for churches: can we still use the flag of St George as a symbol to express a Christian presence, love of place, service, and welcome?

Recent debate in Southampton, following the conviction of Vickrum Digwa for the murder of Henry Nowak, together with comments from Anglican bishops, are of interest here.

The Bishop of Southampton condemned the murder, but she also called for a prayerful and peaceful response. The bishops leading on Racial Justice condemned both the killing and the falsehoods that surrounded it. They urged compassion, rejected violence, and asked for prayer for Henry's family and friends. Their words help set the tone for this discussion.

Amidst the debate is the flag of St George. For some, it can represent service, community, and a generous patriotism. For others, it has become tied to exclusion and hostility. Churches



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therefore need to be clear about the meaning they attach to it and decide how to communicate that.

The Rt Revd Martyn Snow, the Bishop of Leicester, suggested that congregations should ask what kind of community they want to be and what kind of patriotism they wish to show. Any use of the flag, he argues, should be honest about its contested history, clear in intention, and rooted in Christian faith.

He still encouraged churches to fly the flag on St George's Day, but only as part of a deeper reflection on what healthy patriotism looks like. He identifies three marks of healthy patriotism: honesty, belonging without exclusion, and a commitment to the common good.



Honesty means not telling a flattering story about the past. Christian worship teaches us this balance: we confess wrong, give thanks for good, and pray for a better future. Love of country, like love of self, must be truthful if it is to be healthy.

True belonging does not depend on drawing hard lines between “us” and “them”. A parish church exists for everyone in its community. We should keep asking who feels at home, who

does not, and whether our words and actions genuinely communicate welcome.

And, patriotism must look outward. Christian mission is never self-contained; it serves God by serving neighbours, community, and the wider world and so should our patriotism. As Bishop Snow wrote last St George's Day, the Christian tradition already contains rich resources for this kind of patriotism in its ordinary worship. Christian faith can free us from nostalgia for a golden age that never truly existed. Scripture, worship, and a calendar of saints give us a deeper memory: one that honours the past without being trapped by it, and that calls us towards the fulfilment of God's promises. In that light, we can love our nation while still seeking a wider good for all people.

To be candid, the Church has not always met this standard. Faith has too often been used to serve power rather than God, but that should lead us to humility, not retreat. A flag on its own cannot carry this message, but our words and actions can. When we choose to fly it, we must show that love of place is held with gratitude and humility, that it welcomes the stranger, and that the cross at its centre speaks not of superiority but of sacrifice, compassion, and redemption. Above all, we must make clear what kind of community, and what kind of patriotism, the Church stands for.

Those of us who profess any sort of faith, should always be mindful of the signals we send to others when we do even the things that we may take for granted.

How can we unite as a community comprising all faiths and none, around the things that we hold dear, and which can be employed to serve everyone here and others beyond, for the greater good of humanity?

With thanks to, and recognition of, Bishop Martyn Snow for his thought-provoking article in the Church Times (23rd April 2026).

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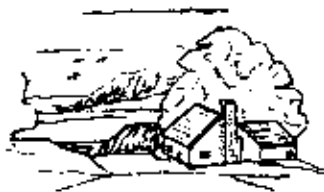
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Signs have already been erected around the Gallops to advise walkers of the temporary closure and available route. Please refer to the accompanying plan, which shows the walking route available during the closure period and the current line of Footpath 8.

Please note that the land off the footpath beyond Floud Lane towards Warnford does not form part of the Gallops permissive route. We would kindly ask walkers to remain on the designated routes, as the surrounding land is privately owned, the surrounding buffer strips form part of an environmental scheme, and the area is signposted accordingly.

We are due to meet with Hampshire County Council's Rights of Way Team in the coming weeks to discuss the clearance and future management of Footpath 8. Further updates will be provided once those discussions have taken place.



We enjoy seeing people walking the Gallops and appreciate the care and respect shown by those who use them. For the avoidance of any doubt, once Footpath 8 has been re-established, walkers will continue to be welcome to use the Gallops by permission, as they do currently, subject to normal land management requirements and occasional temporary closures.

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Warnford Walk for Funds

On Saturday 9th of May Warnford Parochial Church Council hosted a May Walk fundraising event in Warnford Park. Despite a rather gloomy forecast we had a beautiful sunny afternoon and some amazing feedback from our visitors who very much enjoyed themselves. The event could not have happened without the very generous help of many people: the car parking team, the welcoming team outside the church, the members of the Warnford Park fishing club who stewarded the walk and told visitors about the wildlife in the river and lake, the team in the church offering tea and cakes, many members of the community who baked cakes, and Pat Matthews who played the organ all afternoon. Thank you sincerely to everyone.



The May Spring walk in the park was started in 2025 to raise funds for both Warnford church and to donate to a local charity. The PCC decided to donate this year to the Rosemary Foundation (<https://rosemary-foundation.org.uk/>) which is a local charity dedicated to providing end-of-life care and support for patients and their families in Hampshire. We first donated to the foundation at the Spring Walk in 2025 and have repeated the gifting this year. The net sum raised after costs was £1,931.24 – the PCC will donate £1,000 to the Rosemary Foundation with the balance going to the church. The representatives from the Rosemary Foundation who attended the event raised a further £189.53 on the day.

With grateful thanks from the Warnford PCC to everyone who bought tickets to attend the event and to all the magnificent helpers who made it possible.

Andrew Sellick

Warnford PCC

I, Gerry Corden, wish to retire as the Secretary of the Warnford Parochial Church Council (PCC) and I am seeking someone to take over. Membership of the PCC is not necessary and the role is not onerous: there are only 5 meetings in a year. It involves writing the Agenda for each meeting, attending it, and then writing up its Minutes.

I have done it for about 25 years and, as I'm 94, I feel it is time to hand over. I would be happy and willing to help the new incumbent to get started, at least.

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Gerry Corden

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Whether you live just down the road, already know the hall well, or simply fancy a friendly evening out, do come along. You do not need to book, dress up, bring a team, join a committee, or demonstrate any advanced pub-going qualifications. Just turn up!

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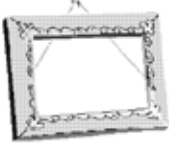
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10.30am Benefice Eucharist at Langrish Celebrating St Peter & St Paul

6pm Evensong at West Meon

Wednesday, 1st July

9am Morning Prayer at Langrish and West Meon

Sunday, 5th July – 5th after Trinity

8am Holy Communion (BCP) at East Meon

9am Mattins (BCP) at Warnford

10.30am Benefice Eucharist at East Meon

Tuesday, 7th July

6pm Compline at Langrish

Wednesday, 8th July

9am Morning Prayer at Langrish and West Meon

Sunday, 12th July – 6th after Trinity

8am Holy Communion (BCP) at East Meon

9am Service of the Word at Langrish

10.30am Benefice Eucharist at West Meon

Wednesday, 15th July

9am Morning Prayer at Langrish and West Meon

Sunday, 19th July – 7th after Trinity

8am Holy Communion (BCP) at East Meon

9am Holy Communion (BCP) at Warnford

10.30am Service of the Word at East Meon

Wednesday, 22nd July – St Mary Magdalene

9am Morning Prayer at Langrish and West Meon

Saturday, 25th July – St James the Apostle

4.30pm A short pilgrimage from Warnford Church to West Meon

6pm A simple outdoor Holy Communion at West Meon

Sunday, 26th July – 8th after Trinity

8am Holy Communion (BCP) at East Meon

10.30am Benefice Eucharist at Langrish

10.30am Service of the Word at West Meon

Wednesday, 29th July – Mary, Martha and Lazarus

9am Morning Prayer at Langrish and West Meon

Saturday, 1st August

6pm Roman Catholic Mass at West Meon

Sunday, 2nd August – 9th after Trinity

8am Holy Communion (BCP) at East Meon

9am Mattins (BCP) at Warnford

10.30am Benefice Eucharist at East Meon

Tuesday, 4th August

6pm Compline at Langrish

Wednesday, 5th August

9am Morning Prayer at Langrish and West Meon

Monday, 6th August – The Transfiguration

6am Meditative Eucharist at West Meon

Sunday, 9th August – 10th after Trinity

8am Holy Communion (BCP) at East Meon

9am Service of the Word at Langrish

10.30am Benefice Eucharist at West Meon

Wednesday, 12th August

9am Morning Prayer at Langrish and West Meon

Saturday, 15th August

6pm Roman Catholic Mass for Our Lady at Warnford

Sunday, 16th August – 11th after Trinity/ Feast of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8am Holy Communion (BCP) at East Meon (11th after Trinity)

9am Holy Communion (BCP) Patronal Festival at Warnford - Feast of the Blessed
Virgin Mary

10.30am Service of the Word at East Meon

Wednesday, 19th August – St Mary Magdalene

9am Morning Prayer at Langrish and West Meon

Saturday, 22nd August

6pm Roman Catholic Mass at Langrish

Sunday, 23rd August – 12th after Trinity

8am Holy Communion (BCP) at East Meon

10.30am Benefice Eucharist at Langrish

10.30am Service of the Word at West Meon

Wednesday, 26th August

9am Morning Prayer at Langrish and West Meon

Sunday, 30th August – 13th after Trinity

8am Holy Communion (BCP) at East Meon

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 0955 Brockbridge The Hurdles
 1000 Soberton Village Hall
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 1006 Soberton Heath Chapel Road pond
 1008 Soberton Heath Bold Forester PH
 1010 Newtown Rookesbury Hall
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0930 Soberton Village Hall
 0934 Brockbridge The Hurdles
 0939 Droxford Square
 0945 Meonstoke Pound Cottages
 0949 Meonstoke PO & Stores
 0951 Exton The Shoe PH
 0956 Warnford Village Hall
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Summer term is a notoriously busy time of year in primary schools and West Meon is no exception. With the warmer weather, we have more opportunities to use the outdoor spaces including the Nature Station. Recently Hedgehogs & Hoglets class spent an afternoon making shelters and dreamcatchers. Our new pull-along carts have made taking equipment up to the Nature Station much easier – thank you FOWMS.

With statutory tests completed, KS2 children in Foxes and Owls are immersed in preparation for their end of year production. We have had a number of 'Stay & Play' sessions for our newest members who will be joining us in September and our year 6 leavers transistioning to TPS will be visiting their new setting on the 15th July.

Our KS2 rounders team had a super after school session with Four Marks school, many thanks to all the parents and staff supporting this inter-school event. Our two main sporting events are in July with West Meon School's Sports Day on Thursday 2nd and the community sporting event on Thursday 9th. West Meon & Warnford Sports Club are running the event on the 9th July which is an opportunity for the children at West Meon to try a number of different sports during the afternoon. Parents and members of the ommunity are invited to join us to help and/or enjoy some tea and cake.

After the excitement of SATs tests, our valiant year sixes had a week of adventures which included a trip to London and the famous London Eye. They had a day at the Andrew Simpson Water Centre with an opportunity to take part in paddle boarding. The children very much enjoyed the variety the daily outings offered.



During this term we have had a number of visitors to the school. Iron Age Matt joined Foxes class to explore the Iron Age more thoroughly. Their well organised day included warrior training, making their own shields and grinding wheat with mill stone. Friends of West Meon School (FOWMS) sponsored a science day with Science Boffins. The children had a great time watching and taking part in experiments. Hedgehogs are currently planning a beach visit linked to their ocean topic. At the end of June, Foxes & Owls will be taking part in the Hampshire Music Primary Prom. We are excited to be part of this event this year and the children have been rehearsing two songs that they will be joining the orchestra to perform on the day.

Friends of West Meon School (FOWMS) held a successful Bingo evening in May, the money raised will be used to replace and renew playground activities. They have also supported the West Meon Village fete manning the jam jar and games stalls. This hard working group of people will be at the Fawley Farm Feeds in July.

West Meon Primary is lucky in it's setting and to be so well supported by the community in which it resides. I wish staff, parents and the West Meon community a super summer break.

Julie Slamaker, Headteacher



West Meon Village Fete 2026

Thank you to everyone who contributed to a brilliant fete again this year!

The sun shone, the stalls were full of goodies, the games were exciting, the beer and Pimm's flowed, the dogs were woofing and the hot dogs and cream teas were enjoyed - all to the wonderful sound of jazz!

Thank you especially to the unsung heroes behind the scenes – Mac & his team, Hugh & his pickup, those involved setting up & taking down the site, the parking attendants, the ladies washing up the tea things, Rachell and the shop staff – we couldn't do it without you!

Thank you too to the generous use of your garden, Catherine and Rupert. We also couldn't provide such a fabulous afternoon without many months of planning and organising – so a special thank you to Jerry, Nina, Serena and Emma!

I have been involved with the fete since 2018 and have led the organising for the last few years. It's time for others to take over! Please come forward to make this popular event happen again...

Nina has handled all the money this year and early signs are that we've broken a record and raised upwards of £6500. There is a meeting scheduled in July with the various village organisations to decide how the proceeds will be divided.

Susan Berry

Church August Teas

We will be serving teas at our church each Sunday in August 3-5pm. Put the dates in your diary! If you wish to help out with baking and/or serving teas and homemade cakes etc please contact Susan on 07941 096308.

Susan Berry

Books Wanted

All donations for the Warnford fete book stall on 29th August gratefully accepted.

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Thank you!

Marja Wilton

Touchet Trust

The Touchet Trust is a Charity founded by Mary Touchet for the Educational pursuits of young people who live in West Meon and Warnford. The Trust will also consider grant applications for educational purposes from adults, who live in the parish and Warnford. The Trust will consider all applications regardless of household income.

The trust may be able to assist with a grant towards your educational expenses (including travel) for full-time Sixth form or full time University and can be applied for from July. Applications will be considered at the beginning of the academic year with confirmation of a place.

General applications e.g dance/sport/music/school trips are awarded on an annual basis during the calendar year.

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MEON COMMUNITY CONNECT

Hopefully by the time of reading a number of our members and also non-members will have enjoyed a day at West Dean Gardens earlier in June. Watch this space for a review of the day. Our calendar of events for the coming months is as follows:

20th July 2.30pm Afternoon Tea and talk

An English Tearoom presents an afternoon tea along with the history, traditions and some modern thinking on the subject. To be held in West Meon Village Hall. Tickets £12.50 member/£15.00 non member.

18th September 6pm - 8pm FREE Members' Social Event

A chance for members to meet with each other and with the MCC committee in West Meon Village Hall. An opportunity to get to know other members better, renew memberships and discuss ideas with the committee whilst enjoying free drinks and nibbles.

17th October 7pm – Autumn Supper

After the success of last year's Harvest Supper we are hosting another evening supper event in West Meon Village Hall. Dinner, entertainment details and ticket prices to follow. Watch this space! Check out our website www.meoncommunityconnect.co.uk for more information and to book tickets. All the above events require tickets bought in advance. We will shortly be working on next year's calendar of events and hope to release a programme soon so you can pop important dates in your diaries. If you have ideas on what events you would like to see please do get in touch via email: meoncommunityconnect@gmail.com

Emma Barry

Rainfall Report for June 2026

May ended with 31.3mms (1.2") and it has been a wet and variable start to June and by the middle of the month we have had 84.6mms (3.33"), and more on the first day than in the whole of May, 32mm, so a catch up!

In fact, so far this month it has rained on all but 3 days and those were the last three days. It was much needed, I have to say, the gardens were parched. I have no doubt that reservoirs were getting low, too. A Meon depth gauge near Wickham is reading 1.2 today and read 2.7 two months ago, it is dropping quickly and there is now little flow through West Meon. More recent cooler days and nights are quite a relief after the baking sun of May. No doubt with Wimbledon coming up and all the other sporting activities it will continue to be wet!

Peter and Stephen Short

Petersfield Youth Theatre

Our Summer Holiday Activity offers a week full of fun and creative activities for children currently aged 5 to School Year 8. Those taking part will have the opportunity to rotate through 4 workshops each day, including theatre games, improvisation, singing, dancing, storytelling, craft and making music. It is a perfect way to spend a week of the Summer Holidays!

Monday 17th – Friday 21st August 10am-3pm. Open to aged 5 – current school year 8. All details on our website www.pyt.org.uk

Charlotte Godfrey

Garden Club News

Our Annual Summer Show will be held on Saturday 8th August in Warnford Village Hall. You will probably have already been preparing for the show and we're looking forward to seeing all your exhibits!

Schedules and entry forms will be available in Corhampton and West Meon village shops from 20th July. These will also be available to download and print out from the Garden Club website: <https://edwin234.wixsite.com/wwwgardencountryside/upcomingevents>. Completed entry forms should be left at West Meon Village Shop by 4.30pm on Wednesday 5th August. On Saturday, doors will be open for exhibitors at 8.30am and exhibits must be in place ready for judging by 10.30am.

It's a fun day and entering your produce, whether flowers, fruit, vegetables, photography, cookery or crafts, is really worth the effort. As last year, we will welcome "audience participation" where all attendees will be encouraged to vote for their favourite entries in the crafts, photography and fun sections. There are lots of cups to be won, great camaraderie to be had and, who knows, you could be a winner! Classes are open to non-members and doors will be open to the public from 2.15pm.

If you have any questions regarding the fruit & veg classes, please contact Carol Rowlatt on 01730 829034 or 07736 690797.

For any other enquiries about the show, please contact Clare Swinstead on 01730 829059.

Edwin Grimshaw

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West Meon Parish Council

Let's Keep Our Village Accessible

A friendly reminder to help keep our village safe and accessible for everyone, especially those with limited mobility.

Please leave the disabled parking bay free (opposite village shop) for blue badge holders.

If you have a hedge bordering a pavement or junction that may impair visibility, it would be greatly appreciated if you could check it's not overhanging - even small obstructions can be tricky for everyone but especially those with mobility scooters, pushchairs and young children trying to cross the roads.

Parish Councillors Wanted

Could you help make a difference in West Meon?

West Meon Parish Council is looking for new councillors to help represent the community and support local projects and village life.

You don't need any special qualifications, just an interest in the village, a willingness to listen to residents, and a desire to get involved.

The Council meets once a month, and training and support are available.

If you would like to find out more, please contact: clerk@westmeon-pc.gov.uk

2026/27 small grant schemes for charities and voluntary organisations

Winchester City Council has recently opened new small grant schemes for community and voluntary organisations, across the district.

District Small Grants Scheme

Grants of up to £700 available for community groups and charities <https://www.winchester.gov.uk/grants-for-not-for-profit-organisations/small-grant-scheme>

If you're part of, or know of, a community group that could make use of a one-off grant to support community activities or sustainability initiatives, be sure to check out these funding opportunities! Please get in touch if you need further information on grants@winchester.gov.uk

Warnford Parish Meeting

Information relating to Warnford Parish Meeting can be found on its website which also details local facilities and services, village news and events. Please sign up for 'alerts' so you will be informed of forthcoming events, planning applications in the area etc.

Warnford Parish Meeting has an email distribution list so that emails can go to parishioners (eg. relating to Parish Meetings, details of planning applications etc.) If you would like to be added to the list, please email the Clerk.

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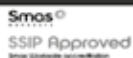
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Festival of Archaeology 18th July-1st August

The Time Detective Agency Fact Trail

Step into the shoes of a Time Detective and uncover the clues hidden in the past! Join us at the Curtis Museum for an exciting, interactive family event where young explorers and grown ups work together to solve historical mysteries through play, puzzles and discovery. Packed with creative activities and archaeological challenges, The Time Detective Agency invites families to investigate, build and dig their way through history. What's in store?

3D Pot Puzzles

Become a finds specialist and reconstruct broken pots using three dimensional puzzles, just like real archaeologists do in the lab. All materials provided. Explore real archaeological techniques in a fun, creative way. Create your own layered stratigraphy jar to take home. Perfect for curious minds, young explorers, and budding archaeologists!

Thursday Craft Club – Soap Knapping 23rd July. Step back into the Stone Age this Thursday at Craft Club and discover how early humans shaped tools from flint and stone! Using bars of soap instead of sharp flint, children can safely try their hand at “knapping” - carefully carving and shaping their own prehistoric-style tool to take home.

This hands-on activity explores one of the oldest skills in human history and is inspired by real Stone Age artefacts in the Curtis Museum collection. Perfect for curious young archaeologists, crafty makers, and anyone who enjoys getting creative with history.

What to expect:

- Learn how prehistoric people made tools and weapons
- Create your own soap “stone tool” to take home
- A fun, hands-on introduction to archaeology and ancient craftsmanship
- All materials provided
- Craft Club costs £2 per child, and

your 5th craft is free.



Thursday Craft Club – Stratigraphy Jars. 30th July. Become an archaeologist for the day and discover how layers of soil can reveal clues about the past! At this week's Craft Club, children will create their own colourful “stratigraphy jar” using different layers of sand, soil, and materials to explore how archaeologists read the ground like a history book.

Inspired by real archaeological digs, this hands-on activity introduces the fascinating idea of stratigraphy - the study of layers that helps archaeologists understand what happened long ago and when.

There will also be Dig Pits for children to explore, and a Fossil Handling Box - an opportunity to handle replica fossils and learn about real ones.

Jill Line



20th July 2.30pm

An English Tearoom Afternoon Tea and talk, West Meon Village Hall

Saturday 8th August 2.15pm

Warnford, West Meon & Woodlands Garden & Countryside Club Annual Summer Show, Warnford Village Hall

Friday 14th August 6-9pm

Warnford Pop-Up Pub, Warnford Village Hall

Saturday 29th August from 1pm

Warnford Village Fete, Warnford Village Playground

Thursday 10th - Sunday 13th September

West Meon Music Festival, various venues

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July/August Farmers' Markets

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Sat 11th 10-2 Alton

Sun 12th 9-2 Winchester,

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