

Parish News

West Meon & Warnford

June 2026

Two More Marys

I would like to start with thanks to everyone in West Meon, Warnford and beyond for all the wonderful events and celebrations that have happened in the last month or so in church, with our schools and in the communities and, in advance, for all that are planned. We have enjoyed everything from Eastertide services through to boules for the children, involving so many people from the sports clubs through flower-arrangers to treasurers, from bell-ringers through fete-planners to marshals for the spring walk in Warnford Park, from church cleaners through cake-bakers to lay worship leaders. To everyone who serves our communities, our schools and our churches – THANK YOU!

We offer our very best wishes to all the children and young people in their final terms at their school, college or university. May they find happiness in the next stages of their lives and achieve success in all their endeavours.

I would also like to thank everyone who commented on ‘From Fr Tony’ in the July Edition last year. That piece focused on Mary Magdalene, an important and often misunderstood figure in the Bible. However, as events unfold within our villages and as we look ahead, my thoughts have turned from Mary Magdalene to two other Marys found in the Gospels.

Mary, Sister of Martha and Lazarus

Mary, the sister of Martha and Lazarus, was a friend and companion of Jesus. We remember all three together in the church each year at the end of July. In Luke’s Gospel, we read about



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Jesus visiting their home in Bethany, near Jerusalem, just days before the crucifixion. Martha had busied herself with preparations for a meal, whilst Mary remained seated at Jesus' feet, listening intently.

Every community needs Marthas, those who tirelessly organise and prepare the events enjoyed by all. Martha was understandably frustrated by the lack of practical help, especially from her sister. She even rebuked Jesus for allowing Mary to 'do nothing' while she worked. We owe it to all the Marthas to support, encourage, and lend a helping hand. But was Mary simply being idle or unsupportive? Or are we being too quick to judge?

Jesus gently reminded Martha that her worries and frustrations were not necessary. He pointed out that Mary's role as a disciple - someone who listens and learns - was also important and cannot be taken from her. Martha's service is vital and is what God may ask of us, but it is most meaningful when rooted in Mary's example of faithful discipleship. Our churches, and indeed churches across the country, need both Marys and Marthas - and those wonderful team-players blessed with both sets of qualities.

Mary, Mother of Jesus

The other Mary who comes to mind is Mary, the mother of Jesus - Our Lady and patron of Warnford Church. After the crucifixion, she was taken into the home of St John, patron of West Meon Church.

Though this Mary is often seen as a symbol of Catholicism and, as Theotokos, a symbol of Eastern Orthodoxy, she remains a figure around whom all Christians can unite, despite past divisions. She is not only part of our heritage in our parishes, but she is an essential part of the whole Christian story. As a mother, she models hard work and devoted service; as the one who accepted God's challenge to bear His Son, she exemplifies faithful discipleship and unconditional love. Mary prophetically spoke 'unto power' in ways that resonate even today.

The Song of Mary – Magnificat

In the Gospel according to Saint Luke, we find the Song of Mary, known as the Magnificat. Many will recognise it from Evening Prayer and Evensong. Her song, rooted in Old Testament texts, connects Jesus' story with the wider biblical tradition.

The Magnificat, spoken by a young, uneducated girl, is transformed by God's grace into a song of vision, opening our eyes to signs of God's work in our lives. Mary's song has inspired people to see the wonders of creation anew and it opens hearts to the profound love of Christ. It can lift our spirits, as it did hers, to rejoice in the Saviour who redeems us. In a world marked by inequality, Mary's words still proclaim good news to the unemployed, refugees, and those without homes. A church of the Magnificat strives to provide shelter, clothing, toys, and hot meals for those in need; it restores dignity and welcomes strangers. The God of the Magnificat fills the hungry with good things and remembers people with mercy.

As we reflect on these two Marys, may we remember the value of both service and discipleship in our own parish life. Let us celebrate and nurture those who serve and those who listen, so that together, we may continue to build a caring, faithful community.

I thank God for all three Marys and I thank all those who roll up their sleeves and help, all those Marthas, who are already hard at work for the next set of events through the summer.

Thank you!

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The West Meon Music Festival 10th – 13th September

From mediaeval to modern



With music spanning almost seven centuries – from Guillaume Dufay (born in 1397) to György Kurtág, who celebrated his 100th birthday earlier this year – there will be works to appeal to everyone at this year's West Meon Music Festival from the 10th to 13th September.



Festival founders, The Primrose Piano Quartet, will be joined by guest musicians to perform some of the best-loved works in the repertoire including Robert Schumann's Piano Quintet and Franz Schubert's last great chamber work, the much-loved String Quintet in C. A highlight will be Schubert's *Winterreise* song cycle with internationally-renowned tenor, James Gilchrist.

While most of the festival's eight concerts are held at the Church of St John the Evangelist in West Meon, the neighbouring churches of All Saints in East Meon and Our Lady in Warnford also play host. On the afternoon of Saturday 12th September "Flutes and Frets" – Beth Stone and Daniel Murphy – take a journey through 400 years of music from Dufay to Couperin at Warnford, while the Sunday morning concert at East Meon will find The Eden Stell Guitar Duo spanning 300 years from Rameau to Ida Presti.

The festival also includes a piano recital by Amiri Harewood, Classic FM Rising Star and Grand Prize winner of the Young Classical Artist Trust, followed by a late-night musical journey to Hungary, from tuneful Dohnányi to folk-inspired Kodály.

Full details of all the festival events can be found at www.westmeonmusic.co.uk. The box office opens on 1st June and ticket prices are from £16, with substantial discounts for under-16s and students.

Sue Scholes

The Primrose Piano Quartet was formed in 2004 by four renowned chamber musicians and is named after the great Scottish violist, William Primrose, who himself played in the Festival Piano Quartet.

The group's acclaimed discography includes favourites such as works by Fauré, Brahms, Elgar, Strauss and Schubert as well British repertoire featuring neglected masterpieces of the 19th and 20th century and major commissions from Sir Peter Maxwell Davies and Anthony Payne (premiered at the Cheltenham Festival and at King's Place London).

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Screening of The England World Cup Matches at the Pavilion

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England v Ghana – Tuesday, 23rd June 9pm

England v Panama – Saturday, 27th June 10pm

You can order your bar food an hour before the match so that you can soak up the pre-match atmosphere.

June Home Cricket Fixtures starting at 1pm

7th June - Lavant

21st June - Bishops Waltham

The cricket team need more players, so if you would like to play cricket or are a returner to the sport please contact Stu Smith 07490298309 or email Stuismith119@yahoo.com

9th July pm

The Sports Club are hosting a sports taster afternoon for the school.

12th July - Cricket & BBQ – have a relaxing afternoon supporting your village team while enjoying a BBQ and a refreshing drink from the bar. You can take a break from the match and try your skills on the tennis courts with the tennis ball machine or try your hand at boules. Everyone is welcome. We would love to see you.

Round up

Huge congratulations to the West Meon ladies hockey team who ‘did the double’ not only winning Solent Div 1 league, but also for winning the Hampshire Ladies Vase. They will be promoted back into the South 3 league next season.

Heating upgrade

Thanks to grants from Winchester District and West Meon Parish Councils, the heating in the upstairs function room in the pavilion has been upgraded. The energy efficient, silent, infra-red panels will lower the heating costs and improve the thermal comfort for those using



West Meon Ladies hockey team

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Meon Community Connect's Upcoming Events

18th June 10.15am - 4.45pm Visit to West Dean Gardens

Enjoy an informative tour of West Dean Gardens just as they are springing into bloom. Before the guided tour at 2pm, given by the Head Gardener Tom Brown, enjoy some free time exploring the gardens or in one of the cafes at West Dean. If you wish you can bring your own picnic to enjoy in the grounds. If you do not wish to drive, there is the option of bus transport leaving from West Meon Village Hall at 10.15am - this is bookable along with tickets on our website. Book now to secure your place as tickets are on first come first served basis – there are 16 places available on the bus and 30 places on the tour itself. Food and drinks are not included. Tour price is £15 member/£18 non-member. Bus price £5.

26th June 6pm - 8pm Warnford Park visit

Enjoy an evening at Warnford Park with a talk on Capability Brown and a tour of the park with canapés and drinks. Bring your own chairs! Tickets £8 member/£12 non-member.

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 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.

Emma Barry

Rainfall Report for April/May 2026

April ended with a meagre 17.5mms (0.69") making the year to the end of April 445.6mm (17.5"). Nothing much has changed since. In fact, up to mid-May we have had a meagre 14.8mm (0.58"). 2026 is amongst the driest Aprils that we have recorded. The 7 driest since 1974 were: - 1976 with 12.4mm; 1984 with 9.9mm; 1997 with 8.9mm; 2007 with 0.9mm; 2011 with 2.2mm; 2021 with 3.8mm and 2026 with 17.5mm.

Watering the vegetable garden is essential to keep anything alive, let alone thriving. What does all this tell us? I suggest nothing, except that the weather in the U.K. is unpredictable and changeable and, in our humble opinion, long may it stay that way!

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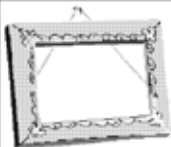
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The appointments system is of most concern to patients, so let's start with that. We are continuously reviewing this to try to ensure capacity is meeting needs, but sometimes we struggle to keep pace with demand for routine appointments. We have made good progress and will continue to find ways to increase our capacity.

The GPs have multiple appointments each day. For each session, a GP's clinic is made up of:

- Same Day access – these are for patients who are acutely unwell where clinically the patient needs to be seen on the day.
- Online access review – these are the non-urgent medical matters that the GPs must triage and advise the best next step.
- Non Urgent GP telephone call – these are routine matters where clinically it is not urgent for a GP to see them.

When there is only Dr Harris or Dr Morgan, the number of appointments may get altered to try to ensure there is capacity for acute illness on that day.

We have reduced the length of time patients are waiting for appointments in multiple ways.

- We have an onsite Physiotherapist who should be the first port of call for any musculoskeletal problems.
- We have recruited a Clinical Pharmacist who undertakes all the medication reviews.
- We have a team of Mental Health specialists who can offer emergency appointments or scheduled appointments over many weeks, either by telephone or in person.

These are just examples of how we have increased the capacity for other appointments for both Dr Harris and Dr Morgan.

As well as telephoning us or coming in to see the team and make an appointment, you can also contact us online, describing what the problem is, what you have done (self-help) and what you would like to happen. The GPs review these and then advise the care co-ordinators, if they have dealt with the matter that day, or whether the patient needs an appointment that day, or in a few days or weeks' time.

We have started to have some clinics starting at 7am so that you can come in for an appointment before going to work. Some patients would like face to face consultations with the GPs whilst others really like the flexibility that a telephone call with the GP gives them. We therefore introduced a small number of face-to-face appointments with a GP and are currently reviewing how effective and efficient these are for the clinicians.

In order to make the GPs more efficient, freeing them up to allow them to concentrate on their consultations, we are using a piece of artificial intelligence (AI) call "Surgery Intellect". This is an NHS licenced product that listens to your consultation, summarises it and codes it directly into your medical record on behalf of the GP. This means the GP can focus on what you say and create a care plan with you. There are safeguards in place to make sure that your

continued over

conversation is secure and accurately recorded.

GP's clinical work is not only in appointments. Typically, each day the GP is involved in a wide range of clinical work supporting patients, for example:

- Reviewing test results
- Actions arising from Secondary Care clinical letters (adding, removing or increasing medication, referrals onto other agencies and additional investigations)
- Sick notes
- Dictating referrals
- Medical form completions
- DWP forms
- Liaising with the Community Nursing Team or other health professionals
- Authorising blood sample forms

Patients who the GPs have triaged and assessed as clinically urgent will always be seen on the day. However, there are occasions when you might need to go to the urgent treatment centre in Petersfield Community Hospital if you need specific care e.g. suspected broken bones, stomach pain, skin infections and rashes, high temperatures in children and adults. Or you may be directed to go immediately to A&E in order that you get the right care as soon as possible. In these instances, to come to see the GP or speak to them on the telephone would just be delaying access to the most appropriate care.

We have a mission statement: Passionate about patient care and passionate about developing our team. Everything we do is trying to ensure that you have the best possible care. If we don't get it right, then please let us know (or your Patient Participation Group member) so that we can learn and see how we can further improve our services.

West Meon Surgery

Services in the Upper Meon Parishes in June

Tuesday, 2nd June

6pm Compline at Langrish

Wednesday, 3rd June

9am Morning Prayer at Langrish and West Meon

Sunday, 7th June - 1st after Trinity

8am Holy Communion (BCP) at East Meon

9am Mattins (BCP) at Warnford

10.30am Benefice Eucharist at East Meon

Wednesday, 10th June

9am Morning Prayer at Langrish and West Meon

Sunday, 14th June – 2nd after Trinity

8am Holy Communion (BCP) at East Meon

9am Service of the Word for Music Sunday at Langrish

10.30am Benefice Eucharist at West Meon

Wednesday, 17th June

9am Morning Prayer at Langrish and West Meon

Sunday, 21st June – 3rd 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, 24th June

9am Morning Prayer at Langrish and West Meon

Sunday, 28th June - 4th after Trinity

8am Holy Communion (BCP) at East Meon

10.30am Benefice Eucharist at Langrish

Celebrating St Peter & St Paul

6pm Evensong at West Meon

A new sanctuary for nature right here in West Meon

Set within the Meon Valley landscape, Court House Meadows is a water meadow alongside the River Meon, which thanks to Hampshire & Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust will now be protected as a sanctuary site for wildlife.



Water meadows are a threatened habitat and form an important part of the county's natural heritage. The presence of the River Meon, a rare chalk stream, running through the site makes Court House Meadows particularly ecologically valuable. Chalk streams are among the rarest habitats in the world, with only around 200 globally, 80% of which are found in southern England.

The 8.66-hectare (21.4-acre) site, near West Meon village, will be managed to support wildlife, restore the river's natural floodplain, and enhance one of Hampshire's rarest chalk stream habitats. It will offer a haven for mammals including endangered water voles, overwintering wading birds such as snipe, amphibians including newts, insects including dragonflies, and aquatic life such as brown trout. The open grassland and river corridor will also support a diversity of meadow plants.

As a sanctuary site, Court House Meadows will not be open to the public, ensuring that the sensitive habitats and vulnerable species can thrive with minimal disturbance. The Trust will protect these habitats by implementing conservation measures and habitat management to safeguard wildlife. By restoring the floodplain, the site will not only enhance habitats for wildlife but also slow and store water, reduce flood risk downstream for local communities and improve water quality.

John Durnell, Senior Director of Operations at Hampshire & Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust,

said: “Securing Court House Meadows is a once-in-a-generation opportunity to protect an ecologically important site in the heart of the Meon Valley. With restoration work possible on both the land and the River Meon, this rare chalk stream site will be able to flourish, help restore the floodplain to a more natural state, strengthen wildlife connections in the surrounding area, and create a space where species can thrive again.”

“We can give space back to species including our much-loved water vole, whose habitat has dramatically declined, which makes sites like this so crucial for their survival. I am deeply grateful to our partners and Trust members and supporters who made this possible. Their support is directly contributing to this land functioning more naturally for wildlife.”



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The acquisition has been made possible thanks to generous support from the South Downs National Park Authority and the South Downs Trust alongside pledges from local supporters, and an overwhelming response to the Trust’s public fundraising appeal which received more than 1,000 donations.



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Helen Skelton-Smith

West Meon School

We are in the final 2 months of our school year and we have had a great start. The governors of the school have been pro-active in raising the profile of our wonderful school and spreading the message of our activities in and outside of school. We have a number of sporting events coming up over the next few weeks and in early July. The KS2 rounders team from Four Marks school is joining us for a rounders match which the children are really looking forward to. In addition, TPS, our feeder secondary school, is running Sports Festival events for pupils in years 2, 5 and 6 during June and July.

Our school Sports Day is on Thursday 2nd July which is always a lot of fun. This year we have an additional community sporting event to look forward to. On Thursday 9th July, West Meon and Warnford Sports Club are organising a sports afternoon during which children will be able to take part in a variety of sports including Boules, Kwick Cricket and Stool Ball (which is a new one to me). Members of the community are invited to join us for the event and to take part in the tea and cakes afterwards

As I write, we have just completed the last day of our Standard Assessment Tests (SATs) in year 6 and have had the added pleasure of serving the young people breakfast each morning to set them up for the day. This gave our oldest students an opportunity to relax and chat to friends and allay any minor worries they may have had about the approaching challenges. We have also been visited by an invigilator who has checked the administration of the tests and storage arrangements.

As part of the science work on animals and life cycles, we have given a brief home to some eggs and watched them hatch into chicks. The children in Hoglets & Hedgehogs class have been so excited to see the small creatures emerge and begin their new life. It is amazing to see how the children hold the chicks with such care, even when they poop in their hands!



During the first half of the summer term, both Foxes and Owls have had some great STEM activities. Foxes have been learning about the construction of bridges and completed their final design using art straws and tape. The challenge was to make a bridge to a new power plant; it had specific dimensions and needed to withstand the weight of a car. Owls class have been investigating different alternative power sources. They have built mini, hydro-power examples in their geography lessons and will also be exploring solar power to see if there is 'enough energy and supplies for everyone'.

As I write, Friends of West Meon School (FOWMS) are gearing up for their big event, a Charity Bingo and Raffle taking place in the Village Hall. We will be able to report how the evening went in the next Parish News. Another date for your diary is Saturday 13th June when we will be raising money at the West Meon Village Fete – it's shaping up to be a lot of fun.

Julie Slamaker, Headteacher



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**** **WEST MEON FETE** ****

Saturday 13th June 2-4.30pm

We still have many jobs for volunteers if you can help set up in the morning or lend a hand during the afternoon. Please support your village fete!

Raffle Tickets – will be on sale outside the shop on three Saturday mornings: 23rd & 30th May and 6th June. Can you help with selling them?

Cake stall – collect your paper plate and bag from the shop and fill with goodies. Bake and freeze beforehand or fresh on the day. Bring to the fete or contact Helen (07973295528) or Susan (07941096308) for collection.

Tombola – bring unwanted new items into the shop and leave in labelled box, from the end of May.

Bric-a-brac – we need your unwanted household items. Contact Nina until 4th June (07931862490) or Susan (07941096308) from 5th June.

Books – leave in church, on the left as you go in, from 25th May.

Plants – bring plants to the fete or contact Helena (07899780830) beforehand.

Bottles – bottles will be collected by Mark and his team on the afternoon of 7th June. Please leave on your doorstep if you'll be out!

Please contact Susan (07941096308) to offer help.

We look forward to seeing you there!!!

**** **AUGUST TEAS** ****

August Teas will be happening in the church and grounds every Sunday in August, 3-5pm

Rural affordable housing and its potential locally

Do you know a young person who has had to move away because they couldn't afford to live locally? In many rural parts of Hampshire, housing is expensive. Younger adults aged 35 and under are often forced to move away, families can struggle to find suitable homes, and key workers may be unable to live in the communities they serve.

Rural affordable housing helps address this challenge. These are homes offered at costs local people can afford, including affordable rent and shared ownership options. Applicants must have a connection to the local area, ensuring homes go to those who already live, work, or have family there.

Even a small number of affordable homes (5 to 10 properties) can make a real difference. They help younger residents stay close to family and friends, support those living in overcrowded housing or looking to downsize, and enable key workers such as teachers, carers and tradespeople to live locally.

Affordable housing also benefits the wider community. For example, research by the Rural Services Network shows that just 10 new homes can generate £1.4 million in economic activity and support 26 jobs, helping sustain schools, shops, pubs, and other essential services.

Action Hampshire works with local communities and parish councils to explore opportunities for affordable housing. You can help by contacting your parish council to highlight the need in your area, and by encouraging them to get in touch with us to discuss how new affordable homes could benefit your community.

Luke Buckland, Action Hampshire



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West Meon Parish Council

Parish Council Hub - Drop-in, support your community and have your say.

Location: Cuppacheeno, The Village Shop, West Meon

Time: 9am-10am

Dates: Wednesday, 1st July 2026
Saturday, 3rd October 2026

It's a casual opportunity to ask questions and meet some of your Councillors. Whilst you're visiting the wonderful amenities of the village, please pop in for a chat.

Biodiversity matters

After last month's informative talk on wildlife gardening, by Steve Bolton of the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust, we surveyed the recreation ground for native wildflowers and pollinators - see parish website biodiversity page for a detailed report. This showed that whilst we have some borders rich in a variety of nature friendly plants, there are other areas that could do with a helping hand. It is our intention in the autumn to plant more trees, native hedging, plug plants, bulbs and meadow mix seeds to increase diversity across the seasons. All offers of volunteer input welcome! Meanwhile we hope you are enjoying your gardens and doing your bit for our parish wildlife.

If you would like free advice visit from one of the HLOWWT Wilder Garden Champion Team go to hiwwt.org.uk/gardening-advice

Hampshire County Council – Report a problem and have your say

Problems like littering, potholes, rights of way, etc. can be reported directly to Hampshire County Council. Please use this link to report a problem, to have your say or to see the full list use <https://www.hants.gov.uk/report>

Hampshire County Council – Safer Roads

Issue reported: Restricted view crossing the A32 – danger to residents.

The Parish Council has received a response from Hampshire County Council regarding requests for traffic mirrors on the highway. Unfortunately, the County Council does not permit mirrors on public roads due to safety concerns, including distorted visibility, glare, and ongoing maintenance requirements.

However, Hampshire County Council has confirmed that it will investigate the possibility of installing pedestrian warning signs in the area. In addition, the Parish Council is also exploring the installation of new flashing speed warning signs to help encourage lower vehicle speeds and improve safety for residents and pedestrians at various locations in the village.

Third Woodlands entrance sign

The final Woodlands entrance sign is currently being installed. You can find its location here: <https://w3w.co/turkey.passively.crystals>

Thank you for your comments and support.

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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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Curtis Museum: Jane Austen and Dolls' House trails

Open Tuesday to Saturday 10am-4.30pm 01420 82802 www.hampshireculture.org.uk/curtis-museum. The Curtis Museum is holding two themed trails in June:

For Alton's Regency Week - **Jane Austen's High Street Trail**. Join a FREE themed trail around the Curtis Museum and find out more about the writer's walks from nearby Chawton to Alton, what she might have seen on her route, as well as her connections with the Curtis family. Friday 19th June to Friday 17th July, 10am-4.30pm. Drop in from 19th June and throughout Alton's Jane Austen Regency Week to pick up your FREE trail sheet, the trail will continue until Saturday 17th July.

In honour of Dolls House Day, (which will be held in the Alton Assembly Rooms on the 27th June) a **Miniature Items Spotter Trail**. This trail runs from Tuesday 2nd June to Saturday 27th June, 10am - 4.30pm. FREE ENTRY. Can you spot the miniature items we have hidden around the museum? If you're up to the task they will reveal a secret word!



Allen Gallery redevelopment

We're delighted to share that construction has officially begun on site. This is a major milestone for the project and an exciting step towards the venue's transformation. The venue closed at Christmas as planned, and all activity has now successfully transferred to the Curtis Museum while works take place.

Alongside this, the wider project continues to make strong progress. Our community engagement programme remains active, with family activities running during school holidays, artist residencies underway with local creatives, and a range of opportunities helping our volunteers stay closely connected and involved throughout the redevelopment. To stay up to date with project related activities and events, keep an eye on the Curtis Museum website.

Jill Line

Alton u3a Annual General Meeting and Open Day

The AGM will be held on Friday 12th June at 2pm at the Alton Community Centre. All members are welcome to attend. An Open Day will be held on Saturday 8th August at the Alton Community Centre in the afternoon. This is an ideal opportunity to find out more about the u3a, and the activities that we offer. You will be able to meet and talk with our Group Leaders and members of the committee.

Colin Aiken



Garden Club News

There are no planned events in June but do please take another look at our Summer Show schedule on our website so that you can plan your entries accordingly. Happy browsing!

Clare Swinstead

<https://edwin234.wixsite.com/wwwgardencountryside/copy-of-2025-summer-show>

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Saturday 9th May.

Spring Walk in Warnford Park. 2-5pm.

Saturday 16th May.

Friends of West Meon School Annual Charity Night, 6-9pm West Meon Village Hall. Join us for a fun night of bingo and raffle to raise money for West Meon School. Tickets available from the school, shop, butcher and pub.

Thursday 21st May.

Garden Club Plant Sale & Supper. Warnford Village Hall 6:30pm.

Friday 22nd-Monday 25th May.

East Meon Flower Festival. All Saints Church.

Wednesday 27th-Saturday 30th May

Blithe Spirit - West Meon Theatre. Village Hall 7pm.

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Sunday 7th 10am-1pm Romsey

Sunday 7th 10am-2pm Petersfield

Sunday 14th 9am-2pm Winchester

Sunday 14th 10am-2pm Whiteley

Saturday 20th 10am-3pm Emsworth

Food Festival

Sunday 21st 10am-2pm Alresford

Saturday 27th 10am-2pm Ringwood

Sunday 28th 9am-2pm Winchester



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