

Parish News

West Meon & Warnford

September 2025

Stewardship

The harvest is virtually all in; some time has passed since we celebrated Lammas in a power cut; the children are returning to school and students are off to college; and we are looking forward to celebrating the, probably better than expected, harvest. Our thoughts really do go out to all farmers who have been struggling with drought once again.

Lammas or 'Loaf-mass' (derived from the Anglo-Saxon Hlafmaesse) is an English feast in origin, held on 1st August as a thanksgiving for the first fruits of the wheat harvest. Traditionally, a newly baked loaf from the wheat harvest was presented before God within the mass of that day. Harvest Festival is a more modern addition to the church calendar. Its origins are usually traced to the adaptation in 1843 of Lammas Day by the Revd R.S.Hawker, a parish priest in Cornwall. He chose the first Sunday in October as a Christian response to coincide with the traditional but largely secular 'harvest home' celebration.



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However, without good stewardship, things do not thrive – we have a duty of care. Without the stewardship of farmers, foresters and ecologists the earth would not yield her bounty. Without the stewardship of the National Trust and Historic England many wonderful historic buildings would soon fall into decay. Without the stewardship of the people, parishes up and down the country, our churches would be closing ever faster or would be falling into a state of awful disrepair and the beautiful havens that are our churchyards would soon be barren eyesores. There is a myth that our churches are resourced by a wealthy central Church of England but all the costs of running our churches are met by those who kindly give funds. All the day-to-day work is done by volunteers. The people of our villages are the stewards of our churches, the custodians of the property, so it will be there for the baptism of our great-grandchildren, the marriage of their children and the burial of themselves.

More broadly, stewardship is the religious principal that we as human beings are responsible for the care of creation: the whole world, its people, plants and animals, its resources and the complex web of interactions that link them all. Stewardship is not uniquely Christian, but each faith will have their particular rationale for their conviction that it is right to care.

The Bible is rightly influential in the Christian understanding of stewardship. Our views on stewardship must therefore be consistent with our understanding of the relationships between God, humans and the rest of creation. This may not be as simple as it sounds.

Among the Abrahamic faiths, we share a belief in one God who created the universe and all that is within it, and that we should take care of his creation. This is sometimes traced back to the first two chapters of Genesis. A sensitive interpretation of the language is necessary here, as terms such as ‘subdue the earth’ may give rise to ideas of domination and exploitation, rather than care. Many of us would argue that a crucial part of the idea of humans as stewards comes from interpreting ‘dominion’ as a responsibility to care for the earth, as a king is meant to care for his subjects (see Psalm 72 for instance).

The second account of creation in Genesis 2, perhaps, has more helpful language about the tilling and keeping of the land and of people as helpers. It also portrays God making the human from the earth (Genesis 2:7). There is a lovely play on words in the original Hebrew: ha-adam (the human) is made from ha-adamah (the ground). This means we humans are of the earth – indeed we share the same chemical elements. (And, now you know why Adam is called Adam!)

The actual word ‘steward’ is rarely used in the Bible, and nowhere explicitly used to depict humanity’s responsibility for the earth. Where it is used, it is teaching about acting wisely and taking responsibility, even for things that are not owned by the steward of those people or things.

Professor David Horrell at Exeter University, reminds us that ‘from a more scientific perspective, one of the main challenges is to find a way to express some kind of balance between two truths:

1. That humans as a species are immensely powerful, as well as being self-reflective, and can therefore uniquely affect the planet’s ecosystems, for good or bad.
2. That humans do not fully understand nature and cannot control it.’

We can be tempted to stress one of these truths while forgetting the other. The impact of human activity and technology, for which we should take responsibility, is ever spreading. But do we always recognise the limitations of the control we actually have over its effects, even when our in(ter)ventions are at first sight beneficial?

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On the other hand, we may well recognise that we have no control over elemental forces such as earthquakes, but how is it that people and property in affluent Japan survive earthquakes of the same magnitude as those which inflict death and destruction on the poor of Haiti? Can those differing outcomes be seen merely as 'acts of God' in any just way? So over these weeks when we give thanks for the harvest, let's reflect on how we can care for the world, for our communities, and, for Christians and those sympathetic to the work of our churches, how can we care for them, so they and the people in them can serve our communities all the better? How can we contribute?

Harvest Festival Dates

Our Lady, Warnford, 9am on 21st September 2025

St John the Evangelist, West Meon 10.30am on 28th September 2025

Fr. Tony



Photo: Platinum Jubilee Beacon lighting preparation on Harting Down © A Annabel

August Teas

Huge thanks to all who contributed to making this year's St John's August Teas such a great success - the leaders and their hard-working teams, the bakers and those who came along to support us and enjoy the gorgeous view and indulge in home-made goodies!

At the time of writing, after 3 Sundays with 2 more to go, we have already raised more than £1000! The proceeds will be shared equally between St John's church, WM Care Group, The Rosemary Foundation and HomeStart.

Susan Berry

Rainfall Report for June to mid-August

Since our last rainfall report in June we have had what we call 'a trace' of rain on the 25th June, not enough to measure but enough to wet the bottom of the gauge, then 1mm on the 26th so a total for June of 40.5mms (1.59"). July has been very warm and dry with just 4 days on which rain fell, the 1st, 5th, 6th and 14th giving a total of 7.2mms up to the mid-month. Reservoirs are getting low and hosepipe bans have now come into force but not in our area (Portsmouth Water). Since mid-July we had 29mms until the last day of the month when we had a huge storm which gave us 54.6mms (2.1"). The water was across Lippen lane in Warnford three times that day so July ended with 3.29". Harvest by this time was progressing well so everything came to a halt for a day or two. However, Farmers resilient as ever, still finished earlier than usual. August to the 15th has given us 3.9mms. Total for the year to end of July 444.2mm (17.5") and to the same time last year 666.4 mms (26.2").

Peter Short

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West Meon Community Cinema

Following our summer break, the first film of the autumn season will be *Bridget Jones: Mad About The Boy* on Friday September 5th. at 7.45pm. Tickets will be available on line at Ticketsource, in the village shop (cash only) or on the door (cash or card). This is your chance to catch up if you missed it earlier this year! Films for the rest of the autumn have not yet been confirmed so please look out for information...

- on our website www.westmeoncommunitycinema.com
- in the village shop,
- village hall and, of course, the Parish News.

Rosemary Morrish



Photo: <https://collider.com/bridget-jones-mad-about-the-boy-cast-characters/>

West Meon Surgery Appointments - Your Questions Answered

Until COVID West Meon Surgery ran a traditional 10 minute face to face appointment system. Some patients had several problems to discuss and so 10 minutes was not a safe length of time to assess their medical needs. Also, that appointment system did not meet the needs of patients with mental health or complex medical problems. As a result, some clinics ran late, and patients were left waiting for their appointment. Add to that, an emergency when a patient needs immediate GP intervention, and some clinic appointments might be cancelled and patients sent home.

With the arrival of COVID, and the restrictions placed upon Primary Care, GP practices switched to telephone calls for all patient appointments.

Most GP practices have maintained this method of planning the daily patient list because it enables GPs to work in a more efficient way.

Q Why do I need a telephone consultation before I can see my GP?

A For better patient care. The telephone call helps us to better identify the care you need:

- Appropriate time can be scheduled to properly manage your health needs.
- You may need more than the standard 10 minute appointment time.
- You may not need to be seen – your health needs may be quickly addressed by this phone call. If you need to be seen by the GP, you will be seen.

Some patients have reported that the telephone consultation actually saves them time as well as help them schedule around work and childcare issues.

Q Are other GP practices using this telephone consultation system?

A Yes, most practices now use a telephone appointment first system for their patients requesting appointments.

Q What if I am acutely ill or it's an emergency?

A 'On the day emergencies' can be better handled by telephone first, ie. before you come in. This saves you and the GP clinical care time. Sometimes, the appropriate urgent treatment can only be provided elsewhere, such as a hospital or other specialist care clinic. If you are acutely ill, a telephone call may be easier for you and we can better arrange the appropriate clinical time for you to see the GP.

Q Why can't the GP address any other medical issues I bring up during my repeat prescription review?

A Prescription reviews are scheduled for a shorter time slot than regular appointments.

Please help us to help you and all patients needing to see the GP on the day and let us know beforehand if you have another medical issue you wish to raise. This may require a separate appointment.

Q Why can't I have a specific time for the GP's call? It's so frustrating not to know when they'll call me back.

A We understand people's frustration when we can't give you a specific time. It's a complicated issue to resolve and we are working on this with our Patient Participation Group.

Thank you for your patience.

*Jane May,
Practice Manager*



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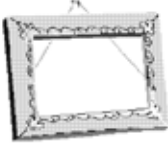
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Lions at the Swanmore Village Fete

The Meon Valley Lions Club had a really busy month in July, not least organising the annual Swanmore Village Fete. As you can imagine, running an event of this size takes a lot of planning and effort, so we would like to say a special thank you to the Club members' friends, who without their support, we wouldn't have been able to run the event.



In addition to the hundreds of Swanmore residents, the event was also brilliantly supported by dozens of classic car and bike owners who brought along their pride and joy to display. As well as music from local bands, including the Swanmore Wind Band and Contraband – Rock Band and Swan Samba Band, there were displays from the regular favourites Roynon School of Dance and new to the fete this year, the fantastic Elf Equine and Canine - dog agility display, Punch & Judy Show and Children's Magic Show.

We haven't had the final figures ratified yet, but it looks like our charity account will be around £4,000 better off as a result of everyone's generous support. The raffle proved particularly successful with receipts swollen by the extensive prize list. The Meon Valley Lions Club has organised the Swanmore Fete for many years as commitment to the Meon Valley community, so when villagers respond so generously and support our charitable work, it's very rewarding.

Carole Dash



Bunny racing at the Swanmore Village Fete

Services in Upper Meon Benefice

Sunday 7th September

8 am Holy Communion (BCP) - East Meon

9 am Benefice Mattins (BCP) - Warnford

10.30 am Benefice Eucharist - East Meon

6 pm Accession of HM King Charles III Evensong - West Meon

Sunday 14th September

8 am Holy Communion (BCP) - East Meon

9 am Service of the Word - Langrish

10.30 am Benefice Eucharist - NB Warnford

Sunday 21st September

8 am Holy Communion (BCP) - East Meon

9 am Harvest Festival - Warnford

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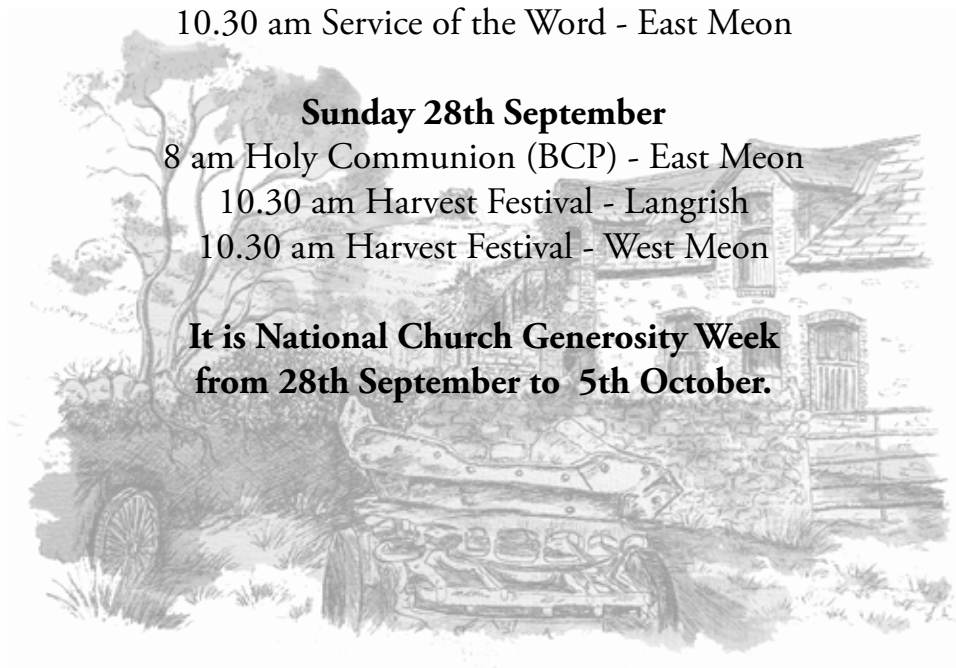
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Celebrating Jane Austen at the West Meon Music Festival



The 250th anniversary of Jane Austen's birth will be celebrated in memorable style at this year's 15th West Meon Music Festival with a special gala concert, Jane Austen's Playbook, starring leading actress Felicity Kendal as narrator reading extracts from Austen's letters, notebooks and novels with the selection curated by internationally-celebrated director Nancy Meckler.

Joining them will be renowned tenor James Gilchrist and the festival's founders, the Primrose Piano Quartet, with songs and chamber music from Jane Austen's time, including works by Schubert, Beethoven, Handel, Haydn, and Maria Theresia von Paradis.

Highlight of the concert will be the world première of a new work – Notes for a Novel – or “how a tune a day inspired the development of Pride & Prejudice...” – commissioned by the festival from Peter Salem, known for his extensive output of TV, film and theatre music (among them the ever popular theme “Call the Midwife”).

Jane Austen's Playbook on Sunday 14th September at 3.30pm at West Meon's St John's Church is the final concert of the four-day festival, which starts on Thursday 11th September. As well as six concerts in West Meon, there will also be a harpsichord recital in Warnford's lovely Church of Our Lady and a morning concert of string quartets at East Meon's All Saints.

Other highlights include a recital by young pianist Clara Isabella Siegle, who made her orchestral début at the age of nine, and is gaining worldwide renown as a solo artist.

The opening concert on 11th September will mark the 50th anniversary of the death of Dmitri Shostakovich, one of the most remarkable and popular composers of the twentieth century, with a performance of his Second Piano Trio. Completed in 1944, this supremely moving work reflects on the horrors of the Second World War.

Full details of all eight festival concerts can be found at www.westmeonmusic.co.uk. Tickets, with prices from £10 to £27, are available via the festival website with all tickets for under-16s priced at £1 and substantial discounts for full-time students.

For more information contact: enquiries@westmeonmusic.co.uk



The Primrose Piano Quartet founded the West Meon Music Festival in 2011. The group's acclaimed discography includes classical favourites as well as many unjustly neglected works by early twentieth century British composers. The quartet is a leading exponent of historically informed performance and its recording of the complete Brahms piano quartets, made in Vienna on authentic pianos of the period, was highly recommended on Radio 3's “Record Review”. Its latest CD of French nineteenth century piano quartets was launched in April 2024.

Susanne Stanzeleit – violin, Dorothea Vogel – viola,
Andrew Fuller – cello, John Thwaites – piano.

Sue Scholes

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Celebrating a decade of Winchester Heritage Open Days

This September marks a remarkable milestone for Winchester Heritage Open Days as the festival returns for its tenth year. Since its founding in 2016, this much-loved local tradition has grown into a ten-day celebration of our city's rich history, cultural heritage, and extraordinary architecture - all delivered free to the public by a dedicated team of volunteers and supporters.

Part of the national Heritage Open Days scheme, Winchester's festival is special in its local spirit and ambition. Over the years it has offered a dazzling variety of events, from behind-the-scenes tours of historic buildings to music, theatre, workshops, and living history. It is no exaggeration to say there is something for everyone, whether you are a lifelong resident rediscovering familiar places or a first-time visitor uncovering Winchester's secrets.

Organised and run by local charity, Hampshire History Trust, since 2020, the festival has become more than just a series of open doors. It is a community-wide invitation to connect with the stories, traditions, and places that shape our shared identity. The Trust's mission to advance Hampshire's heritage has led to other exciting projects and programmes, including the launch of the popular Hampshire HistBites podcast in 2020, and a newly established year-round series of public talks, ensuring that history remains alive, accessible, and meaningful for all.

This year's festival, taking place from 12th to 21st September, promises to be especially memorable. With architecture as its theme, visitors will be invited to look at Winchester with fresh eyes, exploring the craft, vision, and social histories embedded in its buildings. From medieval masterpieces to modern marvels, the programme will offer guided walks, expert talks, open days, activities and hands-on workshops that reveal the stories behind the walls that surround us.



Photo: Winchester College Heritage

At its heart, Winchester Heritage Open Days is about community. It is a testament to what can be achieved when local people come together to celebrate and share their heritage. As we mark this tenth anniversary, it is worth pausing to acknowledge the countless hours of volunteer work that have made the festival

such a success, as well as the local businesses whose support has seen the festival expand to more than a hundred events annually. Each year, Winchester Heritage Open Days reminds us that history does not simply belong to the past. It is something we shape and share in the present, ensuring it endures for future generations. www.winchesterheritageopendays.org

Mesh Kuszyk

West Meon CE Primary School

Over the glorious summer break, we have had time to reflect on how much the team at West Meon Primary have achieved over the last year. The fantastic work done by all the adults facilitating, supporting and enabling the young people at our school, both members of staff and our supporters within the local community, have all contributed to our successes.

As might be expected, the final weeks of the summer term at West Meon Primary were jam-packed with events and activities for the children to enjoy. The Petersfield School (TPS) hosted a number of sports festivals to which years 2, 5 and 6 were invited. They had a super time and the opportunity to meet up with other small schools in the area. These events develop team building and competitive skills in a supportive environment and encourage the start of wider friendships.

The weather was kind to us in the last weeks and our Sports Day at the end of June was a well attended success. Our 'Moving-up Day' was a chance for children to work in their new classes and to get to know the teacher and adults who will work with them in September. We have a number of new students joining us this year, some of whom will also be new residents in the village so we would like to offer them a very warm welcome to the West Meon community. Foxes class managed to fit in a trip to Rockbourne Villa as a finale to their study of Romans this term. Our leavers assembly, on the last day of school, was a celebration of achievement and memories as our oldest pupils looked back over their time with us.



Photo: Foxes at Rockbourne Villa

Our lovely year 6 pupils leave us after an amazing year of challenge and adventure. This cohort all started with us in reception and most have been with West Meon CE School throughout their primary education. At West Meon, we believe education is not just about academic achievement, but also personal development. We believe pupils leaving our school at the end of year 6 should be equipped to enter secondary school with confidence and the ability to access the curriculum offered. This year's cohort has worked incredibly hard and truly deserve their end of key stage exam results. We wish them all the best as they travel onwards on their educational journey.

The incredible work of FOWMS (Friends of West Meon School) has led to enough money being raised to support the development of a new library. We look forward to this becoming a reality during the first half of the autumn term. FOWMS are also keen to provide an event for the children to enjoy and are currently exploring the prospect of funding a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics) day to take place during our Challenge Week in October. We are very much looking forward to that.

September brings a new term, new reception students and new classes at West Meon Primary. Our dedicated staff have spent part of their annual leave updating and improving the learning environment for the children in their care. All the staff are well rested and ready to inspire and challenge their students.

Julie Slamaker, Headteacher



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West Meon Parish Council

Parish Council Hub 2nd July feedback

We held our second Parish Council Hub in the Cuppacheeno Cafe and it was great to meet you and to share your thoughts and views on ideas and issues relating to the community. The general feedback was all very positive and we covered several aspects including areas that need general maintenance, car parking, traffic calming and the 67 bus timings, plus all thought the opportunity of talking to us directly in the cafe informally was a good one. So, we will be hosting the next one on Saturday 2nd October at 9am in the cafe. We would welcome your ideas and feedback on all local projects in the village including the new biodiversity plans, the flooding reports and surveys and any of the ongoing projects, together with new ideas to enhance our Parish community. We look forward to seeing you there.

Sue Fowler, Steve Hickmore

Warnford Parish Meeting

Information relating to WPM 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.

WPM 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.

The WPM autumn meeting will be at 7.30pm on Thursday 20th November and next year's AGM will be on Thursday 14th May 2026, time to be confirmed.



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Meon Valley Retirement Association Table Tennis Heroes



*Kenrick
Fell, Lyndon
Palmer
and others
regularly play
table tennis
at the club.*

The Meon Valley Active Retirement Association (MVARA) has written before about the advantages of playing table tennis. How the sport is:

- “a fantastic form of mindfulness in which players shut out their concerns, stop thinking about life and its issues and stresses and just concentrate on what they are doing,”
- a great form of exercise with 1 hour of table tennis using up 300+ calories;
- one that involves no physical contact and no high impact movement which can damage joints;
- noted for its emphasis on movement, stretching, hand-eye co-ordination and quick reflexes
- one that “exerts a greater influence on cognitive function than any other sport”.
- one that exercises every area of the brain, including the prefrontal cortex, which develops focus and concentration and the basal ganglia which control our ability to remain calm and process our emotions and, of course it’s fun!

Little wonder then that table tennis is one of the most popular of the activities offered by MVARA to its members, with over 30 individuals signed up to play in its weekly sessions, enjoying the sport, the exercise and the opportunity to socialise...

But there is more. Most MVARA players are either returners to something they played at school – some over 50 years ago – or completely new to the sport, and have gone on to join locals table tennis clubs and play in local leagues.

Roger Wingrove

Churchyard Cherry

Many will have seen the unfortunate damage to the large cherry tree in the SE corner of our churchyard. It is a notable tree, recorded in the national Tree Register as a Hampshire county champion for its species, *Prunus sargentii* or Sargent’s Cherry. The tree is described as being top grafted above 1.5m so the trunk which gives it its champion status is actually the rootstock of wild cherry, *Prunus avium*. A large limb broke off naturally and caused a diagonal split in the trunk which has meant that the tree, on the advice of two separate tree surgeons, is unbalanced and damaged and only going to decline. As it hangs over the footpath it will be removed and there are plans to plant another specimen tree in its place.

Louise Clay

Garden Club Summer Show

Once again we held our Summer Show “live” on Saturday, 9th August, at the beautiful Warnford Village Hall.

2025 followed the successful, more streamlined, summer show format of 2024, eliminating those classes that appealed to very few exhibitors or none at all. We also had, for the first time, an innovative on-line entry process.



Another innovation that was roundly praised last year was “audience participation” in the Crafts and Fun sections. This was maintained for this year’s show, with visitors encouraged to attribute “prizes” using an anonymous judging sheet, according to their opinions of the entries.

In our wonderful new venue, Peter Short kindly presented all the prizes and congratulated all participants on the efforts they had put in to produce such delightful exhibits.

Lucy Hutchinson and Anna Couldridge shared the glory in the Vegetable sections, with Steve Jones having the best vegetable collection. Carol Rowlatt was the winner for the Flower Arranging and the Flower sections while Joanne Horn once again wowed us all with her wonderful cookery, claiming the trophy back for the Cookery classes. We welcomed Jane Worrall to our show - winning the President’s Challenge Trophy with her wonderful crafts. Joanna Rowlinson, Lindsey Ockenden, Jim Noble and Stephen Short also acquitted themselves honourably. Peter indeed also had the difficult task of presenting himself with the Bill Dines Trophy for sweet peas and had to roundly congratulate himself! Finally, Annabel Armstrong was awarded a Diploma for Excellence in Horticulture with Liz English awarded a Certificate of Merit for Floral Art, quite an achievement!

The stand out winner was, though, Carol Rowlatt winning the Stephens Challenge Trophy for the most points awarded to a member in the show.

All in all, a highly successful day, with a significant growth in entries over 2024. It was great fun, and a very happy atmosphere at such a typically British village event. If you missed it or just wish to revisit the day, head along to our website (Summer Show 2025) for a gallery of photos and lists of all the winners: <https://edwin234.wixsite.com/wwwgardencountryside>

There are no events planned for September but on October 9th Geoff Hawkins will be telling us all about “Shrubs: the backbone of your Garden” in Warnford Village Hall.

A man of many talents, Geoff used to manage the 30-acre estate of a private house in Alton, looking after the greenhouses, ponds, shrubs and trees. He talks about how different species of shrubs can be mixed with not only other shrubs but with herbaceous plants and bulbs to give the garden different moods, interest and colour, all year.

Pop it into your diaries right now!

Clare Swinstead

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Allen Gallery Ancient Woodland: A celebration of place.

A major exhibition of works by local artists Mary Waltham and Jacqueline Amies continues until 20th September. Inspired by and rooted in the ancient woodlands of our locality, the exhibition invites visitors to be curious about these rare and special areas to which we are fortunate enough to have access. According to the Woodland Trust “Ancient woods are our richest and most complex terrestrial habitat in the UK and they are home to more threatened species than any other. Centuries of undisturbed soils and accumulated decaying wood have created the perfect place for communities of fungi and invertebrates and specialist species of insects, birds and mammals.” (Woodland Trust 2024) Meet and greet the artists in conversation on 13th September 2–4pm.

Celebrating the Season with Ceramics

Join Creative Designer and Author Becki Clark for a day embracing seasonal creative mindfulness with ceramics. Becki will introduce air dry clay and how to use seasonal inspiration to craft your own clay nature pressing and jewellery dish perfect for gifting in the festive season. After lunch, you'll have a chance to explore combining marbling with ceramics, embracing the mindfulness of creating marbled patterns before crafting your own marbled ceramic coasters. Finally, Becki will demonstrate how to decorate ceramics with paint working in a folk art style to decorate your own ceramic piece to take home. The session is designed for complete beginners and you'll enjoy a day in a like-minded group. Friday 26th September 10am–4pm Age 18+.

Celebratory Collage

Michele is an illustrator with a background in education and community projects, specialising in creating collages using recycled materials to create a narrative. She depicts everyday images with quirky twists, which hopefully stimulate viewers to question or imagine... or simply smile. Over the course of the workshops you will explore how collaging can be used to process and record memorable moments. The aim is to share how this illustrative technique can take away the ‘intimidation’ of a blank page but present a creative challenge. You will also learn about artists who work in this medium, as well as the benefits of being a ‘maker’. Open to all levels of artistic ability, each unit will focus on a different method to record a personal narrative using easily resourced materials. Tuesday 30th September 10am–4pm Age 18+.

TALK sponsored by the Friends of the Curtis Museum and Allen Gallery **How the Victorians Died** by Mike Grey. 11th September, 7.30. FREE.

Curtis Museum Anglo-Saxon Living History for Alton Heritage Day

We'll be joined by some Anglo-Saxon re-enactors on Alton's first Heritage Day. Come and learn about life in the Saxon period. Saturday 13th September 11am–3pm. FREE, donations welcome. **Saxons vs Vikings** - Follow our activity trail with two routes, Saxons or Vikings? Choose a side and join its boot camp on this fun family trail. **Make a Shield** to blend in with your chosen team. Only £2 per shield with craft materials provided. 2nd September - 24th October 10am–4.30pm. **Dotty the Dodo's Autumn Fact Hunt** - a free Family Trail. Dotty has hidden some more facts from the natural world around the Museum. Can you find them all and earn your Dotty the Dodo sticker? 2nd September - 29th November. *Jill Line*



Friday 5th September 7.45pm West Meon Community Cinema Bridget Jones: Mad About The Boy

Thursday 11th September 7.30pm to Sunday 14th September 3.30pm West Meon Music Festival - Various venues.

Saturday 20th September 7pm Harvest Supper - West Meon Village Hall

Saturday 4th October Fireworkfest 2025

Thursday 9th October Warnford Village Hall Garden & Countryside Club - Geoff Hawkins "Shrubs: the backbone of your Garden"

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