

Parish News

West Meon & Warnford

September 2026

Langrish joins East Meon in the new Benefice

Over the coming weeks, some significant changes will take place in our churches and villages. To those outside our communities, these changes may seem like little more than administrative reorganisation. For us, however, they are deeply personal, touching our history, our worship, and the future of our church communities.

When I arrived two and a half years ago as Interim Priest-in-Charge, I was appointed to serve four separate parishes: East Meon, Langrish, Warnford and West Meon. Some readers will remember the days when there was a Rector for West Meon and Warnford and a Vicar for East Meon and Langrish. More recently, Revd Jane Ball served both groups of parishes together.

During the period between Jane's departure and my arrival, the people of Langrish had already begun difficult conversations about the future of St John's Church, Langrish. They recognised that they no longer had the people, resources or finances needed to sustain the building and its ministry in the long term. After much prayer and discussion, a formal process began to explore the church's closure and to consider how the parish might be cared for in the future.

That process has taken several years and involved consultation at many levels of the Church. It has now reached its conclusion.

From 1st October 2026, the following changes will take effect:

- The current informal arrangement between the four parishes will come to an end.
- The parish of Langrish will merge with the parish of East Meon and together be the

Parish of East Meon and Langrish.





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- East Meon and Langrish, Warnford and West Meon will together form a new benefice, known as the Upper Meon Benefice.

- St John the Evangelist, Langrish, will be formally closed for regular public worship. These changes inevitably bring mixed emotions.

For many people, the closure of Langrish Church is a source of real sadness. Generations have worshipped there, celebrated baptisms and weddings there, and gathered there in times of loss. Buildings hold memories, and it is only natural that many of us feel a sense of grief as we say goodbye to regular worship in this much-loved church.

To mark this moment, the Bishop will lead a Service of Thanksgiving for the life and ministry of St John's Church, Langrish, at 10.30am on Sunday 6th September. This service will acknowledge both the sadness of what is ending and the hope we have for the future. Everyone is warmly invited to attend.

Yet this is not only an ending. It is also a new beginning.

On Sunday 4th October at 10.30am, the Archdeacon of the Meon will lead a Service of Thanksgiving for the formation of the Upper Meon Benefice at All Saints' Church, East Meon. This service will celebrate the new partnership between our villages and churches as we begin a new chapter together.

I sometimes think of these two services as reflecting two important moments in life. The first is a farewell, giving thanks for all that has been. The second is rather like a wedding, bringing different people and traditions together in a new shared future.

As we begin that future, we want to listen carefully to everyone who has a stake in our communities, whether you are a regular churchgoer, an occasional visitor, or simply someone who cares about the life of our villages.

To help shape the future of the new benefice, we are holding a community consultation day on Saturday 10th October at Warnford Village Hall. Led by the Revd Andrew Axon, who works with parishes across the Diocese to support growth and renewal, the day will help us reflect on where we are now and where God may be calling us next.

Together we will explore questions such as:

- What are the strengths of our churches and communities today?
- What have we learned from our journey so far?
- What does it mean to be one benefice while still valuing the identity of each village and parish?
- How can we work together more effectively in mission and ministry?
- How can we build stronger connections with those who are not currently involved in church life?
- What kind of future do we hope to create for our churches and communities?
- How can we grow in faith, service and welcome?

Everyone is warmly invited to be part of these conversations. Your ideas, concerns, hopes and experience matter. By listening to one another and working together, we can help ensure that the Upper Meon Benefice begins its life with a clear sense of purpose, a commitment to serving our communities, and confidence in God's leading. I hope many of you will join us as we mark these important moments in the life of our churches. Bookings will be taken in September.

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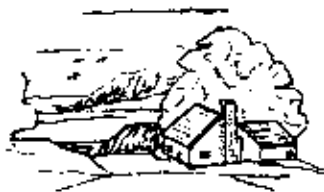
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Looking forward to a new school year

The summer break is an ideal time to reflect on what we have achieved in school and contemplate our next steps. This year we have created a library, engaged with a wider community group and encouraged the children at West Meon Primary to participate in some unexpected sporting activities such as pickle ball and Boules. The staff at West Meon have worked together to support the learning of our young people and our pupils have contributed to the success of the school. However well planned, the final weeks at school are a helter-skelter of activities that have a tendency to change direction as last minute events are added. The Petersfield School (TPS) again hosted sports festivals for years 5 and 6. The hot weather was a factor during the events but those that attended 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.

We have had to take into account changes in weather during the summer term this year. Luckily our Victorian building has a number of cool areas and the addition of new gazebos (funded by FOWMS) meant we had more shade on the playground during break times. We were able to run a very successful Sports Day and an additional community sporting event while ensuring children were kept hydrated and not exposed to too much sun. Many thanks for the support of West Meon & Warnford Sports Club.

This year we had a very small cohort in year 6 who have worked hard all year and also found time to act as good role models for our younger students. Our lovely year 6 pupils leave us after an amazing year of challenge and adventure. At West Meon, education is not just about academic achievement, it encompasses personal development and growth. 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.

This time last year we were discussing the funds raised by the incredible work of FOWMS (Friends of West Meon School) and the potential development of a new library. This became a reality at the beginning of the autumn term and has been well used during the year. During the year FOWMS also provided two events for the children to enjoy exploring STEM activities (Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics) that were great fun.

Safeguarding is at the forefront of what we do in schools and you may have heard of Benedict's Law which comes into effect in September. School leaders were given notice of the contents



of this just as we were winding down and involved in all our end of year activities. It is a testament to the wonderful team at West Meon to be able to report that teachers have been completing the training needed during their summer break so they are ready to meet the new requirements for this term. With the new students joining us, and our established, well co-ordinated team, we are looking forward to another successful year at West Meon Primary.

Julie Slamaker

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Start of the West Meon Community Cinema Autumn Programme

Friday 4th September: Tuner

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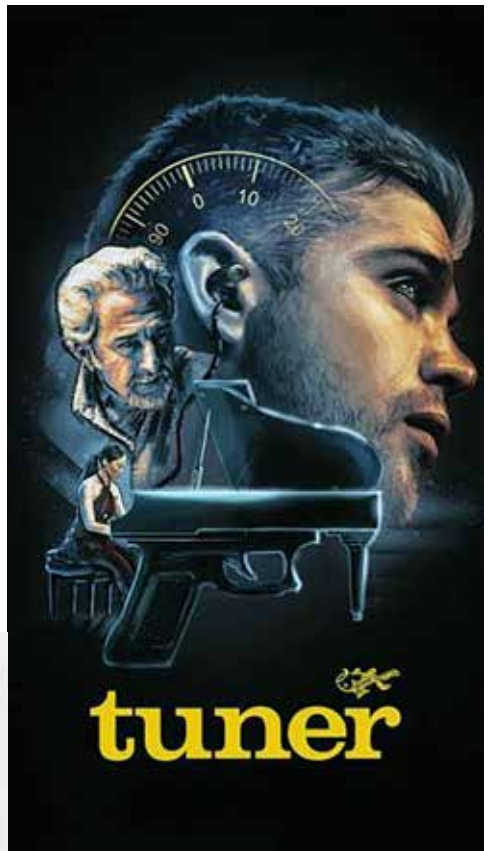
We will be offering supper with an Italian theme - £15 film and supper, £7 film only.

Friday 9th October: The Christophers

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Rosemary Morrish



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West Meon Village Hall Update

The village hall has many varied functions, all of them focused on benefitting and supporting the local community.

Whilst it provides an accessible and affordable resource for groups, clubs, societies (and West Meon Theatre) to hold meetings and run events, the village hall is also the perfect venue for parties (for young and not-so-young) utilising the fully equipped kitchen facilities.

However, in this short article, I particularly wanted to share how many people are running regular (at least weekly) health, wellness and fitness activities in the hall. Dance, Yoga, Pilates and fitness classes are currently run by Hazel Town, Mollie McClelland, Katie Jacobs, Helen Hiscox and Chloe Bell. Details are on the hall noticeboard, or the individuals can be contacted directly, all being closely related to the West Meon community. We would of course welcome new classes in our cool hall spaces (see below).

On a closely related health theme, a new weekly event run by Ruth Birch in the hall every Wednesday is “Slimming World”. West Meon has become the regional centre for this new activity. Anyone interested who has not already seen the new promotional signage should reach out.

When we modernised the heating system to replace the aging, uncontrollable and expensive storage heaters with air-to-air source heating we never imagined that the benefits would extend well beyond winter. I don't think there is any village hall user who has not enjoyed the cooling air conditioning that is a significant side benefit of this system. The hall can now also provide a refuge from this year's record-breaking temperatures and we did lay on a couple of free open afternoons to provide respite from the discomfort in June. We will consider what else we may be able to offer next year, if similar conditions are repeated.

West Meon Village Hall is here for us all. If you would like to join the team that manages and coordinates its continued growth and significance to the community, please let me know.

Jerry Berry

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.

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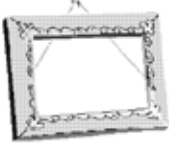
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Autumn Supper 17th October 7pm

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 very soon. Please keep an eye out in the Parish News, the village shop, our website and on Facebook for details.

For more information and to book tickets visit our website: www.meoncommunityconnect.co.uk

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

A Buzzy First Night at Warnford Pop-Up Pub

Warnford Village Hall's first Pop-Up Pub proved a great success, with people joining us from Warnford and surrounding villages, including West Meon, Meonstoke and Rogate. The hall was soon filled with conversation, laughter and the reassuring sound of a proper village gathering in full swing.

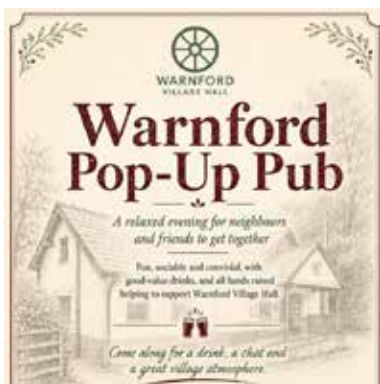
A huge thank you must go to the committee members and other volunteers who worked so hard before, during and after the event. Particular thanks must go to Nigel Cornelius, who seemed to be everywhere at once - setting up beforehand, helping throughout the evening and returning to the fray for the clear-up afterwards. Thanks also to Toby Drought and West Meon Village Shop for generously donating raffle prizes, and to Winchester City Council for its support.

Most of all, thank you to everyone who came along. Your support made it such an enjoyable evening and makes a real difference to our ability to maintain the village hall as a welcoming and valuable resource for the whole community.

We are delighted to say that, following the success of our first Pop-Up Pub, there will certainly be more.

Our next event will be a Pop-Up Café on Saturday 19th September, from 10am to 1pm. We hope to see many of you there for coffee, cake and good company.

On behalf of the Warnford Village Hall Committee
Stuart Forsyth



Services in the Upper Meon Parishes for the end of August and September

Sunday, 30th August – 13th after Trinity

8 am

Holy Communion (BCP) at East Meon

10.30 am

Outdoor Service in thanks of gardens and green spaces at West Meon.

Tuesday, 1st September

6 pm, Sung Compline at Langrish

Wednesday, 2nd September

9 am, Morning Prayer at Langrish and West Meon

Sunday, 6th September – 14th after Trinity

8 am

Holy Communion (BCP) at East Meon

No service at Warnford – please come to Langrish

10.30 am

Thanksgiving Eucharist at Langrish

led by the Bishop (please see 'From Fr Tony')

10th-13th September West Meon Music Festival

Sunday, 13th September – 15th after Trinity

8 am

Holy Communion (BCP) at East Meon

No Service at Langrish

10.30 am

Benefice Eucharist at Warnford (please note the change of venue.)

Wednesday, 16th September - Ninian

9 am, Morning Prayer at West Meon

Sunday, 20th September – 16th after Trinity

8 am

Holy Communion (BCP) at East Meon

9 am
Harvest Festival (BCP) at Warnford
10.30 am
Harvest Festival for Langrish and East Meon at East Meon

Sunday, 27th September – 17th after Trinity

8 am
Holy Communion (BCP) at East Meon
10.30 am
Parish Communion at East Meon
10.30 am
Harvest Festival at West Meon

Wednesday, 29th September – Michaelmas

6 pm
A simple, said 'angelic' Holy Communion at Warnford

*******FETE PROCEEDS*******

We had our most successful fete yet, making £6820, raising valuable funds for our village organisations!!

A few weeks ago, representatives of all the main village organisations met together to decide how to distribute the fete proceeds. In these difficult times everyone is in need of financial support. The church has the greatest need in terms of a very large building to maintain and fewer and fewer people attending services. On this basis, it was unanimously decided to give approximately half to the church and to split the rest equally between the shop, village hall, sports club and school.

If you would like to be involved in organising the next fete, please speak to Susan on 07941 096308 or susanclareberry@gmail.com.

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

The church hosted its famous Sunday Teas on each of the 5 Sundays in August. The church looked beautiful in the sunshine and there was lots of shade in which to enjoy a wonderful selection of home-made cakes & scones, whilst chatting to family and friends in such a beautiful spot.

Thank you to all the volunteers who gave their time so generously, baking and serving and washing up. We couldn't do this without you!

The proceeds this year are to be split equally between The Rosemary Foundation, HomeStart, Trinity Winchester and St John's.

Susan Berry

Garden & Countryside Club

Once again we held our Summer Show "live" on Saturday, 8th August, at the beautiful Warnford Village Hall.

As last year, "audience participation" was used to judge the Crafts and Fun sections. Visitors were encouraged to attribute "prizes" using an anonymous judging sheet, according to their opinions of the entries.

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

We had some magnificent entries in this challenging year. Jane Pepys and Amanda Griffith shared the glory in the Vegetable sections, with Steve Jones having the best vegetable collection. Jane Pepys was the winner for Flower Arranging and shared the Flower section glory with Edwin Grimshaw, while Joanne Horn once again wowed us all with her wonderful cookery, claiming the trophy back for the Cookery classes. Anna Couldridge took the President's Challenge Trophy with her wonderful crafts. A few honourable mentions are Penny Power with her beautiful roses; Alex Bennett with a stunning display of floating flowers; Carol Rowlatt with her tray bake; Liz English for her floral arrangement including grasses and Stephen Short. All acquitted themselves honourably. Peter indeed again had the difficult task of presenting himself with the Bill Dines Trophy for sweet peas and had to roundly congratulate himself! Finally, Steve Jones was awarded a Diploma for Excellence in Horticulture for his magnificent "Gardener's Basket" with Amanda Griffith awarded a Certificate of Merit for Floral Art, quite an achievement!

All in all, a highly successful day, with a very good number of entries, a great success in this challenging summer for gardeners. 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 2026) for a gallery of photos and lists of all the winners:

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There are no events planned for September but on October 8th our very own Edwin Grimshaw will be telling us all about life in a 19th Century Grand House above and below the stairs "Upstairs, Downstairs" in Warnford Village Hall.

Learn how the Upper classes lived the high life with 12 course dinners at parties, and how their servants were treated!

Pop it into your diaries right now!

Edwin Grimshaw

Meon Community Connect

On a lovely sunny day on Thursday 18th June the MCC had a very successful garden trip to West Dean Gardens. Some travelled on the Meon Community Bus to and from the gardens and some made their own way. All arrived in the morning to savour the gardens at their leisure, experienced the newly opened cafe for refreshments, and wandered through the plant nursery which sells plants propagated from the West Dean Garden Team.

At 2pm Louise, from the Garden team, conducted a full tour of the gardens and walled garden areas, including the newly planted climate friendly sunken garden, the dry garden and the Pagoda walk; followed by a detailed tour of all the walled garden areas including the walled fruit orchards, kitchen garden, and extensive greenhouse areas. A particular feature were the highly regarded Delphinium

beds where there are 84 delphiniums in all colours. This Delphinium collection was featured on BBC Gardeners World two weeks after our tour. For those who missed this event, if you chose to visit the gardens in September this delphinium display will be in full bloom again for a second flush of spectacular flowers.

Also do look out for other planned events and news on our website:

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Team MCC



Thomas and Edward check out the glasshouses



The West Meon Music Festival 2026

A chance to hear one the world's ten best

This year's West Meon Music Festival (10th–13th September) will give concert-goers the opportunity to hear one of the “ten most exciting young musicians in the world” according to the Daily Telegraph's classical music critic, Ivan Hewitt.



Hewitt singled out British pianist Amiri Harewood in his top ten for the “huge variety of colours he conjures from the piano, and a sheer delight in music-making”. Amiri will be performing at this year's festival on Friday 11th September with a programme that includes works by Bach, Schumann and Shostakovich. Certainly a rising star not to be missed.

On Saturday 12th September the festival will also be marking the 50th anniversary of the death of Benjamin Britten – one of the twentieth century's greatest composers. The morning coffee concert will feature works by Britten and his mentor and composition teacher, Frank Bridge. It will include both Bridge's Phantasy Piano Quartet, written in 1910, and Britten's first Suite for Solo Cello, dedicated to the great Russian cellist Mstislav Rostropovich, who gave its first performance in 1965.

This year's four-day festival, founded by the Primrose Piano Quartet in 2011, will hold eight concerts in Meon Valley churches with works by composers from Dufay to Dohnányi. The festival finale on Sunday 13th September will be a “Schubertiade” with the great song cycle Winterreise, with renowned tenor James Gilchrist, followed by Schubert's much loved final chamber work: the String Quintet in C major.

Full details of all festival concerts can be found at www.westmeonmusic.co.uk with tickets on sale via the website priced from £13 to £28.

Sue Scholes

Could you lend a helping hand to a local family?

Raising young children can be one of life's greatest joys, but it can also feel incredibly tough at times. From sleepless nights and isolation to illness, mental health struggles, multiple births, or the everyday pressures of family life, many parents can find themselves feeling overwhelmed and in need of a little extra support. That's where Home-Start Hampshire comes in. We are a local community charity built on a simple idea: local people supporting local families. We match compassionate, trained volunteers with families who are going through a difficult patch, offering free, confidential and non-judgmental support in their own homes. Sometimes, a friendly ear, a shared cup of tea, or an extra pair of hands is all it takes to help a parent feel more connected, confident and able to cope.



To keep this vital service running across the Meon Valley, we are looking for local volunteers to join our team and would love to welcome some new faces. You don't need any formal qualifications - just kindness, life experience, warmth and a little time to spare, usually around 2–3 hours a week or fortnight. We provide full training, friendly ongoing support and travel expenses, so you will feel supported every step of the way. We are running preparatory training opportunities across your area throughout October and November 2026. Telephone: 0330 124 2095. Email: familysupport@hshants.org.uk. Website: home-starthampshire.org.uk

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West Meon Village Shop – Here's To Another 20 Years

Twenty years ago, when our village shop was put up for sale, the community came together to save it. Thanks to substantial support from benefactors, villagers became shareholders, donated funds and volunteered as staff. A management committee was formed, and the shop became a true community enterprise. It remains to this day non-profit-making and community-owned.

The shop was completely refurbished and reopened. The premises are leasehold under a full repairing lease, unlike the vast majority of similar operations around Hampshire and Surrey which benefit from nil or peppercorn rentals. Twenty years on, a few different managers and countless volunteers have passed through our doors. Some of whom are still here today, naming any of them would be invidious and naming all of them too many to count.



Back in 2014 several volunteers put their hands up at a 'town hall meeting' to make a go of curing the dire financial straits of the operation at that time. The delivery rounds got particular attention as well as the trading margins. As a result, by 2016 we were breaking even. During Covid the shop was of great benefit to the community as was evidenced by the increased business and the ability to draw down outstanding debts.

Changes have been made to the store inside, such as an improved layout for customers, a new display and new computer technology. Nevertheless, the shop continues to retain the village rustic character and welcome, by selling local produce and also by the staff and volunteers having all the local knowledge for each individual customer's need.

Every day is different, regular customers, visitors to the village, tradesman and school children alike. All with different requests, the most popular sweets to be in stock, which walk around the village is best, where there is shade to eat a sandwich, do I know a cleaner? Have you found my glasses, or can I just stay for a while and have a chat? We also welcome every dog with lots of biscuits.

We are always looking for new fund raising initiatives. Just recently we have started a wine club which provides a choice of wines each month with a quantity discount. Customers are emailed the details, place their orders by email or in person and they can then pick the order up or have it delivered. Our support in the village is essential and this encompasses the fireworks event, the garage safari, the raffle and other means of generating cash flow.

Our great asset is Becky's café, Cuppacheeno, which ensures a steady flow of cyclists, B&Bers, passing trade, lost and bewildered hikers (with the Meon Trail down the old railway line, Old Winchester Hill and the South Downs Way) all contributing to footfall and purchases. The café, the shop, the pub and the butchers, all within a hundred yards, provide excellent reasons to come to West Meon for pleasure or duty. A great welcome always awaits.

For more information we are on the West Meon Parish Council website. Do come in and see us in the High Street between Smiths butchers and the Thomas Lord pub, or phone us on 01730 829 310 and email wmvsoffice@gmail.com. Lastly, we have our own website www.westmeonvillageshop.co.uk.

To give credit to all of our staff, volunteers behind the till, shelf stackers, child labour, suppliers, the bank, she that must be obeyed by all volunteers, etc., would take time. Please take it as read that without them all we would be a non-shop, a high street void like so many others. Thanks must also go to our mentors on the management committee and those who have contributed vastly to the capital expenditure and running expenses over these last ten years.

Here's to another 20 years or more - but only with your ongoing support and custom.

Rachell Barnett – Manageress, Procter Hutchinson – Volunteer Dogsbody, Volunteers and staff

Rainfall Report for June, July and August 2026

We got it quite wrong in the last report saying that with Wimbledon coming up it will continue to be wet! How very wrong we were. In fact, since writing the last report we recorded rain on only three days with a total of 3.6mm. Amazingly I have not as yet read any reports of reservoirs running empty but it can only be days before the cry goes out as there is no sign of imminent rain. The last rain we recorded was on the 30th July, since then nothing. Watering is essential to keep any plants alive. The more so if they are in pots. It is now the 14th August and still no rain! Everywhere is parched and crying out for rain.

The river Meon is still flowing through Warnford but at about the lowest level I can remember it. Temperatures here yesterday reached 38.4C and what used to be known as a lawn is now a brown piece of earth. Our rain gauge has become redundant but it will come into use again and then look out, it will rain and we shall once again be moaning that it never stops! In 1976 we had 644mm from the beginning of September to the end of the year, that is more than twice the rain in the previous eight months.

Harvest is over, not quite the earliest finish in my time but certainly the second earliest. I think 1976 was earlier! To date this year total rain is 566mm, 22.3 inches.

Peter & Stephen Short

Health & Independent Living Support

Health & Independent Living Support (HILS) is stepping up support for older and vulnerable people during the heatwaves and further into the summer months, with staff across its services carrying out their usual wellbeing checks and providing practical assistance to help clients stay safe in the hot weather. HILS will be delivering nutritious meals to over 2,936 people over the next week.

Higher temperatures can pose significant health risks for older adults, people living with long-term health conditions and those who may be socially isolated. As a result, HILS teams are taking extra steps to ensure clients remain hydrated, comfortable and well-supported.

Every Meals on Wheels delivery includes a wellbeing check, allowing staff to assess a person's wellbeing and identify any concerns. If a client appears unwell or requires additional support, HILS can contact next of kin or other support networks where appropriate, helping to ensure help is provided quickly when needed. To further support clients during the hot weather, Meals on Wheels drivers are wearing badges reminding customers that they can ask for help with making a drink. It is a simple initiative that encourages people to stay hydrated and reassures them that support is available.

This commitment extends across the organisation, with all HILS staff who are visiting clients in their homes, taking extra time to check on their wellbeing. Staff are encouraging people to drink regularly, stay cool and seek support if they are feeling unwell.

Health & Independent Living Support is also encouraging family members, friends and neighbours to check in on older or vulnerable people during periods of extreme heat, ensuring they have access to drinks, cool environments and any support they may need.

HILS is the UK's largest meals on wheels provider, and delivers a range of services throughout Hampshire, Hertfordshire, and West Sussex that allow older and vulnerable people to live at home, independently for as long as possible.

HILS services include hot, nutritious meals on wheels food delivered 365 days a year, as well as food for people following discharge from hospital to allow them to recover well at home. We also have our Nutrition advice service to help prevent malnutrition.

For more information about Health & Independent Living Support and its services, visit www.hils-uk.org.

Fiona Mackintosh

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.

The Autumn Parish Meeting will be held in the Village Hall at 7.30pm on Thursday 19th November 2026.

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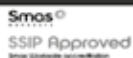
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Heritage Open Day - Saturday 12th September

Following the success of last year's Heritage Open day we're holding another. This time we will be joined by re-enactment groups Herigeas Hundas, (Army of Dogs), Butser IX Legion, and Experience the Iron Age to provide live demonstrations, show off medieval skills and trades, and play some live medieval music. Suitable for all the family. FREE

Jill Line

The Cunning Womanband her potions (Herigeas Hundas)



Butser IX Legion



Last year we held Alton's first Heritage Day and are now planning the second one which will take place on Saturday 12th September. Many people take advantage of the 'Heritage Open Days' that are held in September and are FREE. According to the heritageopendays.org.uk web site – these events are part of 'England's largest festival of history and culture'.

The Heritage Open Day theme this year is 'Everyday Histories' which looks at local communities through the ages and the daily lives of local people. Alton has a rich and varied history which we are proud of and that we need to preserve and share while, at the same time, we are supporting the valuable work that is being done by Dementia-friendly Alton who are generously allowing this event to be held in the Assembly Rooms.

We would like to invite local clubs, groups, societies, businesses or families to join in and have a table where they could share their history with everyone. So, if you have a history that you would like to share – please contact me at janehurst1@gmail.com - it is hoped to make this Alton Heritage Day even better than last year's.

Jane Hurst

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Friday 4th September West Meon Community Cinema: Tuner 7:45pm (bar open 7pm) West Meon Village Hall

Thursday 10th - Sunday 13th September West Meon Music Festival, various venues

Saturday 12th September Heritage Open Day - Curtis Museum, Alton

Friday 18th September Meon Community Connect Free Members' Event 6pm-8pm
Thomas Lord

Saturday 19th September Pop-Up Cafe
10am -1pm Warnford Village Hall

Thursday 8th October Garden & Countryside Club: Upstairs, Downstairs
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