

Parish News

West Meon & Warnford

September 2024

Rebuilding community

May I begin by thanking everyone who has sent such thoughtful messages as I recovered from surgery. I cannot thank the team enough for all the extra work that they have taken on in my enforced absence. Thank you and bless you.

As a former teacher, my thoughts for September often turn to the start of the new academic year – children starting school for the first time, young people heading away to university, new teachers starting with a new class, and as we have at West Meon, a new headteacher leading a new school. I am sure we all wish Julie Kelly a very happy and fulfilling retirement and at one and the same time welcoming Julie Slamaker as the new headteacher. All our local schools are in our prayers at this time.

In September, schools across the land respond to all the wonderful things that occurred over the summer, such as the exciting places visited and the great achievements of the students in sports, the arts and in public examinations and much more besides. They will also be working hard to welcome new staff, students and pupils, especially, making them feel valued in their new community.



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But in some places, the excitement of the start of a new school year is dampened by sadder events that have preceded the return to school, something that I experienced a few times myself as a head. However, I can barely imagine how the Southport communities, and not the least the school communities, will be feeling this September as they gather this year. Our thoughts and prayers go out to them.

And if the tragic events of 29th July were not awful enough, so much of the nation reverberated following the rioting and from the increase in 'hate-speech' on-line. This is an ugly manifestation of a dark and distorted view of national identity.

In times like this, Christians have the duty to be agents of peace. There are good and sensible people in all communities with diverse opinions. We may not agree with others, but we're called not to judge people for their views, rather to seek the common good.

We should not dismiss others' political and social fears as ridiculous. Whether we are feeling content or anxious about our nation, Christians have to remember that God is in control. Although that does not mean that bad things will not happen, Christians are called to trust in God and to seek the pathway for good. Fear of a difficult and challenging path is not a sign of a weakness but of awareness; even Jesus was deeply troubled in Gethsemane. However, like Jesus, we must not allow ourselves to be paralysed, as individuals or as a community, by fear – prayer and action are always needed.

So how should the Church show our neighbours a healthy way to handle change and uncertainty, local, national or international? Love and care for all – 'Love your neighbour as yourself' said Jesus, empathise with those hurting, trust in God and act for the common good.

Bishop Jonathan recently wrote in the aftermath of the appalling tragedy in Southport, 'Our prayers and thoughts remain for those families and for that community as they rebuild their lives. But we need to say again and again that violence, racism, and threatening vulnerable people is a grotesque and wholly unacceptable response to this tragedy.'

Whatever our faith, however we vote, let us always challenge the language of hatred or extremism, rather let us celebrate our common humanity, and work in any way we can to unite us in spirit and only disagree well. It must be right to ensure that those around us, and especially our children and young people, know that every one of them is precious, that we care about the example that is set to them, and that we care deeply for their well-being and safety in the physical world and on-line – and that good people are doing all that they can to help keep them happy, safe and well. Let all our villages be characterised by the great good that is within them.

Fr. Tony

Wednesday morning prayers

Not everyone might be aware that every Wednesday morning at 9am there is a short service of morning prayer in our church. Anyone can come, just sit and listen or be part of it and take a turn to read from that mornings readings and prayers.

It is a tranquil, small and informal service that lasts up to half an hour. We also pray on a more personal level. For those in our every day lives, people we care for, those who are ill or in trouble and also to thank God for the positive things in our lives.

If you wish to come, just turn up, you will always be welcome. It is a lovely, calm way to start the day.

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WEST MEON VILLAGE FETE

– we raised £6,200!

Apologies that this article is being printed so long after this year's fete which took place on 8th June. We didn't have the final figures until after the deadline for July's magazine and, of course, there is no Parish News in August.

For the first time, and going forward, the fete is for the benefit of the village as a whole rather than just the church. Representatives of the church, shop, village hall, sports club, school and care group met in April and again in June after the fete to jointly decide on the distribution of the proceeds.

This year, the shop and the sports club did not need extra funds and it was decided that the care group, as a local charity, receive a share of the proceeds from the church August teas. So, the fete proceeds were shared between the church, village hall and school. This will be reviewed each time.

Planning the fete is a huge undertaking and the suggestion came up that we only hold it every two years to dovetail with the Firework Fest. This would also allow the church and other village organisations to put on other fundraising events such as quiz nights, auction of promises etc. What we want to do is to collaborate as a village with these events to support each other.

However, should anyone else feel they have the energy to put on the fete in the interim years then please do get in touch!

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West Meon W.I. Autumn Calendar

Now that the summer holidays are over we are turning our thoughts to the autumn programme.

Monday 9th September: our speaker will be Tessa Burrows whose talk is entitled "Beautiful Tibet".

The bimonthly competition at this meeting is "A Photo of a Rose", which will be judged by the speaker.

Monday 14th October: we are very excited to welcome Lizzie Yarnold as our guest speaker with her talk entitled, "It's All Downhill from Here". Lizzie is a former Gold Medal British Winter Olympian in both the 2014 and 2018 Olympics in the Skeleton Event. She is now retired and gives talks about her time with the GB team. We have invited members from other WI branches in the area and have had a very good response so there should be quite a crowd.

Monday 11th November: our speaker is Annette Williams who will be demonstrating some craft ideas for Christmas.

The competition is "A Christmas Decoration in a small terracotta pot", to be judged by the speaker.

If you might be interested in finding out more about the WI you would be most welcome to attend one of our meetings as a guest. We are not just about "Jam and Jerusalem" – in fact "Jam" rarely features (except perhaps at our traditional afternoon tea post speaker) and "Jerusalem" never at the West Meon Branch! We meet in the village hall at 2pm on most second Mondays of the month.

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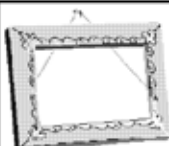
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West Meon Primary School

The new Headteacher, Julie Slamaker, visited the school to meet staff and parents, as well as attending the new year R coffee morning to meet new parents. The governors have continued to hold coffee mornings and the partnership with the new Julie is working extremely well already.

SATs week was a great success and Y6 achieved above the National Average in all areas and we are very proud of them. They then went onto have a fabulous time at Fairthorne Manor for their week's residential, although the first two days were rather wet! They have also visited their new secondary schools and we wish them good luck for the future. Another lovely cohort it is difficult to say goodbye to and who have thrived during their time with us. They have a leaving bowling trip and BBQ to look forward to, as well as a special Leavers' Assembly and Prize giving on the last day, followed by a whole school picnic.

As well as Y5 having a fabulous and sun - drenched week at Stubbington Study Centre, the whole school went down for the day and had an amazing trip doing beach and pond studies. It is so lovely getting away as a whole school and the Pantomime in Winchester is already booked .



Stubbington activity day: from J Kelly

Pirates of the Curry Bean, our Junior Summer Play, is taking place this week, as well as our Change Over morning, where everyone moves up to their new year group and the new YR come in as well.

The YR/1 Book Look is at the end of the week, just before an afternoon tea in the playground to say goodbye to me, which is really kind and I know I will be very emotional.

We have been successful in achieving the Platinum Sports Award again, which is great news and we have under 11 and under 9 football festivals lined up at Dunhurst in the autumn term already.

Our other new member of staff is Emily Cann, who will the jobshare with Katriona Marriott in Hedgehogs and the new YR have already been in for several visits and are settling in beautifully. Emily has been working with us already this term and knows the school and the children well.

Also, retiring at the same time as myself are Helen Ripper and Judy Harris. Helen, as many of you know, lives in the village and she started at the school just before me, about 15 years

ago. She is a firm favourite with the children and keeps in touch with them as they grow up around her. She will be sorely missed for all her wonderful support, but I'm sure she will be in and out of the school volunteering for all sorts of things. Judy has been a very popular supply teacher and has saved us on many occasions when we have been short staffed and her sports day organisation is legendary. All three of us will miss the school community dreadfully.

I'd like to say a huge thankyou one last time to everyone who has supported myself and the school from the local area during my time at this lovely school. They have fully understood how precious it is to still have a thriving village school in the midst of their community and it will need this continuing support to ensure future generations have that unique small school experience.

We welcome new children into Y2/3/4 before the end of term, as well as more pupils into the new YR. Please look at our website to see all of the many activities we offer.

Julie Kelly, outgoing Headteacher



Message from the school

After nearly 14 years we say a fond farewell to our Head Teacher, Mrs Julie Kelly. Julie is taking a well deserved retirement and we wish her luck in everything she does. We will miss you Mrs Kelly.

West Meon CofE Primary School

Rising stars and romantics

The West Meon Music Festival (12th–15th September) brings an opportunity to hear one of today's most exciting young pianists. Lithuanian Gabrielė Sutkutė is the winner of twenty international piano competitions including 1st Prize at the Chappell Medal Piano Competition in 2023 and 2nd Prize and the Audience Prize at the Birmingham International Piano Competition in 2022. She was also the recipient of the prestigious Mills Williams Junior Fellowship in 2022/23. "We are thrilled to have Gabrielė this year," says the festival's musical director, Andrew Fuller, who is the cellist of the festival's founders, the Primrose Piano Quartet. "She is a really talented and wonderful performer."

On Sunday 15th September at 11.30am Gabrielė will be performing works by Rameau, Brahms, Debussy and Prokofiev at West Meon's St John's Church on the final morning of the four-day festival.

This year's festival theme is definitely: "Romantic" with concerts featuring nineteenth century German, Viennese and Russian Romantic music by such composers as Beethoven, Brahms, Schubert, and Schumann as well as both Felix and Fanny Mendelssohn.

Earlier music is not forgotten with Truly Madly Baroque by Red Priest at All Saints, East Meon at 11.30am on the 14th September. Red Priest has been thrilling audiences with its original take on baroque music for more than 25 years. On Saturday afternoon Purcell and Mozart are not forgotten either with the Primrose's strings performing at Warnford's Church of Our Lady.

Jazz enthusiasts will also want to be at The Thomas Lord in West Meon from 9.30pm on 14th September when a local band from East of Meon will be performing in aid of The Elizabeth Foundation, a Cosham-based charity that supports pre-school deaf children.

Full details and tickets are available at www.westmeonmusic.co.uk.

Sue Scholes



West Meon Music Festival 2024

Thursday 12th September, 7:30pm. St John the Evangelist, West Meon
Opening Concert
Mozart Piano Quartet in G minor K478, **Dvorak** Four Romantic Pieces, **Schubert** String Quartet in G major D887 **The Primrose Piano Quartet, Tom Aldren-violin**

Friday 13th September, 7:30pm (70mins). St John the Evangelist, West Meon
Russian Romantics
Arensky Quartet in A Minor Op.35, **Lyapunov** Piano Sextet Op.63
The Primrose Piano Quartet, Tom Aldren-violin, Will Duerden-double bass

Friday 13th September, 9pm (50mins). St John the Evangelist, West Meon
American Road Trip
A lighthearted whistle-stop musical tour of the United States. Includes music by: **Ives, Copland, Adams, Corigliano, Feldman** and **Gershwin** *Rhapsody in Blue*.

Saturday 14th September, 11:30am. All Saints, East Meon
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Saturday 14th September, 3pm. Church of our Lady, Warnford
Purcell Three Fantasias, **Mozart** Divertimento for String Trio K563
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Saturday 14th September, 7:30pm. St John the Evangelist, West Meon
Viennese Romantics
Schubert Violin Sonata in A major D574, **Beethoven** Cello Sonata Op.69, **Brahms** Piano Quartet in G minor Op.25
The Primrose Piano Quartet

Saturday 14th September, 9:30pm. The Thomas Lord
Free pub concert featuring Jazz & Latin by **East of Meon**
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Sunday 15th September, 11:30am. St John the Evangelist, West Meon
Gabrielė Sutkutė Piano Recital
Rameau Suite in D major, **Brahms** Two Rhapsodies Op.79, **Debussy** Estampes, **Prokofiev** Sonata No.4 Op.29

Sunday 15th September, 3.30pm. St John the Evangelist, West Meon
German Romantics
Emilie Mayer Notturmo, **Felix Mendelssohn** Viola Sonata, **Fanny Mendelssohn** Fantasia H238, **Robert Schumann** 4 Fantasiestücke Op.12, Piano Quartet Op.47
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Sunday 22nd September

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10.30am West Meon. Benefice Service of the Word for Harvest.

Sunday 29th September

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West Meon summer evening croquet

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- 15th Sept - Newport Inn (a) 1pm
- 22nd Sept - Boxgrove (a) 1pm

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Mary Edwards

Rainfall report for July/August 2024

July ended with 70.1mms and was pretty typical of recent July weather but much better than July 2023 when we had a disastrous 134mms.

August started with some really hot days that farmers so desperately need to get the harvest completed and with 34C recorded here on the 1st August which I believe is a record high temperature. Up to mid month we have had 17.7mms. In August 2023 we had 57.3mms.

Year to date:	January	92.6mms
	February	182.7mms
	March	121.6mms
	April	80.9mms
	May	80.7mms
	June	20.4mms
	July	70.1mms



The total was 649mms (25.5") for the first seven months of 2024. To the same time last year it was only 528mm (20.8").

Peter Short



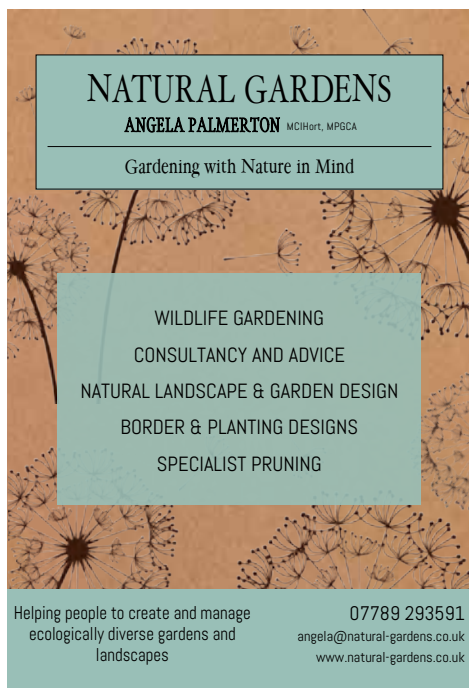
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August teas at St John's

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Susan Berry

Happy Birthday to the Village Hall!



West Meon Village Hall: A Annabel

The West Meon Village Hall was officially opened in 1964 and this September we will be celebrating its 60 years with a 'Diamond Jamboree' of events for you to enjoy on Saturday 21st September. The day begins with a pop up café, featuring delicious coffee and cake prepared by the WI, who use the hall for their monthly meetings. We will hold a Flower Arrangement Competition - Garden flowers/Greenery arranged in a container of your choice. Please drop off entries to the hall between 10-11am. Judging at 11:15am.

There will be a chance to admire artwork from the children at the village school and an opportunity for you to share your memories of the hall and have a look at our picture gallery and future plans. Do you have any pictures of the hall in days gone by? Email them to westmeonvillagehall@hotmail.co.uk to be included in our slide show.

The baby and toddler group meet at the hall on a Wednesday morning and the next event in our jamboree is a stay and play toddler and baby 'bring your own picnic' from 12-1pm.

From 1:30-2:45pm there will be a crafting session for all ages. Bring your own craft or have a go at one of the crafts on offer. This is a free event.

From 3-5pm there is an opportunity to watch demonstrations from some of the many classes that happen at the hall during the week. Expect to see performances from ballerinas young and old or try your hand at yoga!

The day will finish with a special BBQ and film screening of the 1964 comedy 'A Shot in the Dark', organised by West Meon Cinema who are one of the latest organisations to call the hall their home. Tickets for the BBQ and film are available from the village shop (cash only please) and online from www.ticketsource.co.uk/west-meon-village-hall. More information about the events can be found on our Facebook page or on our new website at www.westmeonvillagehall.org.uk where you can also book the hall with our new easy online system.

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The Village Hall Committee



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West Meon Community Cinema Autumn Programme

We have an exciting programme of films coming up this autumn...

Saturday, Sept. 21st. "A Shot in The Dark" 1964, starring Elke Sommer, Peter Sellers and George Sanders. This is being shown as part of the Village Hall Diamond Jamboree Celebrations. A barbecue supper will be available to purchase prior to the start of the film.

Friday, Oct. 11th. "The Fall Guy" starring Ryan Gosling and Emily Blunt – what more to say – it's just great fun!

Monday, Oct. 28th. "The Miracle Club" with Maggie Smith, Kathy Bates and Laura Linney – your chance to see it if you missed it last year.

Friday, Nov. 8th. "Rudy", set in rural Warwickshire, a poignant insight into love, loss and moving on. A bonfire-night supper will be available to purchase at this event.

Friday, Dec. 13th. "Vindication Swim", the inspirational story of Mercedes Gleitze, the first British woman to swim the channel.

Tickets for these films are £7 and available in the following ways...

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Winchester waste fleet switches to greener fuel

We've worked with Biffa to switch our waste collection vehicles to run on Hydrotreated Vegetable Oil (HVO) instead of diesel, making the fleet greener and cleaner for the district!

All 20 Biffa-operated waste and recycling vehicles, which collect from residents across the whole district, have made the switch to HVO, which we estimate will reduce carbon emissions by at least 80% - a saving of over 600 tonnes of carbon every year.

Care and attention has been taken to ensure that the supply of HVO is carefully sourced and not causing environmental damage. The change means bin collections join our Park & Ride buses as a service run on HVO fuel. This fuel choice makes the Park & Ride a great option for travelling into the city, lowering carbon emissions, and helping to improve air quality.

Residents' survey launches

Our Residents' Survey is now running and researchers from Lake Market Research are out in the district speaking to residents on their doorstep until 8th September about what they think of our services, the area they live in, and what we should focus on improving in the future.

We're surveying 1600 households in total - we've chosen a selection of households based on census data to help ensure results reflect the wider district.

Residents can recognise researchers by their Lake Market Research ID badges – and they'll carry a Winchester City Council letter of authorisation too.

We're hoping to spread the word about the survey so people know what to expect - we would be grateful if you could share our social media posts on Facebook and X, and display our poster on any relevant noticeboards you may have.

Our separate Young Persons' Survey is also running at the same time - researchers will be out in the district asking people aged 18 to 24 about their views and opinions on where they live.

Moving to the next stage of the local plan

We were really pleased to have received so many comments on our Regulation 18 consultation and your feedback from that consultation has been taken into consideration and further evidence collected where this has highlighted the need.

This has all been used to inform our next stage of developing the Local Plan: the Proposed Submission Local Plan (Regulation 19), which we took to a meeting of Scrutiny Committee on 29th July at 2pm, in the King Charles Hall, Guildhall Winchester. The papers, including the Proposed Submission Local Plan (Regulation 19), are available to view on our website. The meeting was live-streamed and recorded so you can watch from elsewhere or at another time.

Subject to any feedback from the Scrutiny meeting, the Proposed Submission Local Plan will then go to Cabinet (on 16th September) and Council (on 30th September). If agreed, a period of public consultation will follow, so there will be plenty of opportunity to have your say.

Affordable housing for rural communities

Action Hampshire are hosting free online information sessions to talk about affordable housing in rural communities on Wednesday 11th September.

To book your place, head over to Action Hampshire's Eventbrite page <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/rural-affordable-housing-briefing-tickets-922802606437?aff=oddtcreator>.

Winchester City Council

West Meon Parish Council and Warnford Parish Meeting

Warnford Parish Meeting. Information relating to WPM can be found on its website, which also has details of local facilities & services, village news and events etc. Please sign up for Alerts so that you will be informed of forthcoming events etc. The Chair has an email distribution list for parishioners which is used to notify of Parish Meetings (there are two per year, in May and November) and other parish related matters. If you would like to be added to this list, please email the Clerk. The website Alerts system no longer covers local planning applications but, as explained on the website, you can register with South Downs National Park Authority to receive details of these by email.

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Garden Club News

Once again we held our Summer Show “live” on Saturday 10th August for the first time at Warnford Village Hall.

2024 followed the successful, more streamlined, summer show format of 2023, which eliminated those classes that appealed to very few exhibitors or none at all.

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, Vera Short kindly presented all the prizes and congratulated all participants on the efforts they had put in to produce such delightful exhibits.

Steve Jones was the outright winner in the Vegetable sections. Edwin Grimshaw, Carol Rowlatt and Jenny Jenkin were all winners for Flower Arranging and Penny Power won the Flower section while Joanne Horn barely had time to polish the cup she won last year before claiming it back for the Cookery classes. Stephen Short, RoseMarie Miles and Liz English also acquitted themselves honourably. Finally, Penny Power and Carol Rowlatt were each awarded a Diploma for Excellence in Horticulture, quite an achievement! And to keep it in the family, Carol's granddaughter, Issy, (aged only 6) won a well-deserved first prize for her scary vegetable monster.

Another award-winning family was the Nobles who spread their prizes across all sections and three generations.

We welcomed back Lorien Boyes to the show where she achieved a first for her greetings card.

The stand out winner was, though, Steve Jones, winning the F Burt Challenge Trophy for the best collection of vegetables, the Val Dicker Challenge Trophy for the most points awarded in the vegetable classes and finally the Stephens Challenge Trophy for the most points awarded to a member in the show.

All in all, a highly successful day. As one of our members put it, “It was great fun, a very happy atmosphere and I have discovered it is a wonderful way of entertaining visitors. My London friends loved it and want to get the 2025 one in their diaries!!”

Other visitors, who were just passing through Warnford, declared that, in a time of wars and aggression, it was delightful to find such a friendly welcome at such a typically British, old-fashioned event.

If you missed it or just wish to revisit the day, head along to our website (Summer Show 2024) for a gallery of photos and lists of all the winners:
<https://edwin234.wixsite.com/wwwgardencountryside>



Warnford Park: lostheritage.org.uk



There are no events planned for September but on 10th October our very own Edwin Grimshaw will be telling us all about “Warnford Park – its people and its Gardens”. Pop it into your diaries right now!

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Curtis Museum and Allen Gallery Open Tuesday to Sunday. Curtis Museum 10am–4.30pm. Allen Gallery 10.30–4pm.

Funding success for the Allen Gallery

Announcement from Hampshire Cultural Trust -



We're thrilled that the second phase of our ambitious project to transform the Allen Gallery into a thriving community, heritage and cultural hub can now forge ahead this autumn, after we successfully secured £1.78 million from The National Lottery Heritage Fund, as well as an additional £85,000 from East Hampshire District Council's Community Infrastructure Levy. This project has been in the making since 2018, and six years later, thanks

to the hard work of volunteers and staff from across the trust, and with the backing of our fantastic funders, our plans will soon be turned into reality – we can't wait to get started!

Ukrainian Season of Photography and Artworks.

"Unbowed: Ukrainian Stories" the Photography of Natalia Sharomova

13-20th September in the Main Gallery. Natalia fled Ukraine with her two children. She says, "This photo project is about gentle and resolute women. These are not only our stories. I believe they can support and inspire others not to give up, even if you have lost everything."

In the Cafe area - Olga Borysova - Watercolour views of Alton and the surrounding area.

FREE entry, artworks for sale, photography not for sale.

"Genesis of Creation" - Paintings, graphics, ceramic and mosaics by Olga Borysova, Mariya Borysova and Irina Borisova. Irina is a professional Ukrainian-American artist.

21st Sept - 1st October in the Main Gallery.

FREE entry, all artworks for sale.

In the Cafe area - Olga Borysova - Watercolours as above.

Documentary - "20 Days in Mariupol"

Saturday 14th September, opens 6.30 for 7pm. (The licence fee to show this has been kindly met by Giles Lock MD of Top Print - many thanks).

AGM

The Friends of the Curtis Museum & Allen Gallery will be holding their AGM on Thursday 12th September at 7.30pm. Followed by a Garden Party in the Allen Gallery Garden. Visitors welcome. Donations invited.

Jill Line

Diary Dates

Monday 9th September

WI Beautiful Tibet: talk by Tessa Burrows
2pm West Meon Village Hall

Thursday 12th to Sunday 15th September

West Meon Music Festival various venues
and times see p.11

Saturday 21st September

Diamond Jamboree From 10am West Meon
Village Hall
including 7.45pm Film A Shot in The Dark

Thursday 3rd October

Care Group AGM 6.30pm West Meon Sports
Pavilion

Thursday 10th October

Warnford Park – its people and its Gardens:
talk by Edwin Grimshaw 7.30pm Warnford
Village Hall

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