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PROGRAMME

Tickets to the Country Fair:

£2.00 a head including this programme.

£1.00 for children aged 5 - 16, OAPs and disabled.

Children under 5 years and car parking free.

This programme is your ticket to the Country Fair. Your lucky programme number may win a prize in the draw at 4.45pm.

(Programme compiled and produced by J.A.N. Croft of East Meon)

A Local Walk
Park Hill - Oxenbourne - Frogmore

This walk ascends Park Hill, north of the village, and crosses to Sir William's Hill before descending by a dramatic spiralling old drover's track to cross a beautiful valley to Oxenbourne and back to Frogmore. *6 1/2 miles 3 1/2 hours*

(An extract from "Five Long Walks from East Meon", by kind permission of the authors Gillian and David Pritchard)

Tudor House



East Meon

From the car park, walk into East Meon, passing a line of thatched cottages on the left and the village hall on the right. On reaching a crossroads, by the Tudor House, continue ahead to reach a junction. Turn left down Church Street, passing Forbes alms houses, to reach a T-junction opposite the church. Cross the road and enter the church yard of All Saints' Church, which has much of interest inside. Continue past the west end of the church with its fine Norman portal to reach a footpath leading up hill to the west.

Park Hill

On reaching some concrete steps on the right, climb these and the stile and ascend bearing diagonally right to reach a wire fence. With the fence on the left and the village below on the right, proceed further upwards to the top of Park Hill. Continue to follow the fence around as it swings to the left, with a distant view to Butser Hill (with the mast), the highest point in Hampshire. Below to the right will be seen the hamlet of Frogmore. Soon a large cleft on the right will be seen. This is Vineyard Hole, where it is believed vines were once grown. Passing a redundant stile, continue to follow the fence round to the left to walk northwards to pass a young plantation on the left. On reaching a fence and bushes ahead, turn right down hill and turn left over a stile by a gate. With the fence on the right, walk up hill to another stile near an attractive house with a pond.

Sir William's Hill

Turn right, cross the road and follow a flinty track up hill. At the top of the rise, the tall spire of the redundant church at Privett can be seen beyond the trees to the left. Follow the track to the right at a sign post. On reaching a corner, ignore the grassy track ahead and turn left down hill towards pylons to a crossing track. Turn left passing a fenced off copse of young larch and oak on the right. At the end of this copse, pass a striking black Dutch barn and continue for about 200 yards before turning right up another track to pass under electricity cables. Ignore a footpath on the right at the top of the gradient and continue along to cross a field into a wood, Sir William's Hill. At a junction of tracks, turn right up the crossing track with good views to the left. Proceed ahead as the track leaves the wood with a large field on the right and then gradually descend.

Drover's Track

After an S bend, turn left off the track down another track which descends steeply soon providing a splendid view across the valley below Butser Hill. This is an old drovers' track. At the bottom of the hill continue ahead along a grassy bridleway by a signpost, leaving the track which curls to the right into a wood. The new path soon narrows and eventually exits onto a road by a house opposite a road junction. Turn right along the road back towards East Meon. After 150 yards turn left up a track with a no car sign. Where the track ends at the entrance to a field on the left, go ahead along a footpath, between fields and under trees, with a glimpse of the spire of East Meon church on the right. Where a path is reached coming from the right by a metal gate, continue ahead, ignoring a crossing path a few yards ahead. Eventually the path reaches a road.

Oxenbourne

Turn right along the road for 30 yards and then take a track on the left, barred with three wooden posts. The track exits onto a drive with a pond on the right-hand side and the attractive Fish Pond Cottage on the left. On reaching Harvesting Lane, turn right shortly to reach a T-junction with a house and cottages of Oxenbourne on the left. Turn right passing Giants Cottage (look for a giant's face in the wall) to reach, after about 200 yards or so, a road junction. Turn left down the road to Frogmore passing the elegant Oxenbourne House. After about a 1/4 mile, just past Dunvegan Cottage, climb wooden steps and a stile and soon turn right at a corner and proceed ahead, with a line of trees on the right, to climb a stile. Go ahead for 20 yards and then walk daigonally left to reach a stile by a wooden gate. Do not climb this but continue ahead with a stream and hedge on the left hand side to climb another stile. Continue across a small meadow to a further stile and exit onto a road opposite Bottle Ale Cottage.

Frogmore

This is Frogmore, seen from the top of Park Hill earlier in the walk. Turn left to a road bridge and turn right down a path with Eames Cottages on the right and the River Meon on the left. Continue along the path, passing allotments on the left, and turn left, opposite a kissing gate, to reach the High Street opposite Washers Triangle. Turn right along the High Street to reach Church Street and proceed ahead along the route taken at the beginning of the walk back to the car park.



Elder Flower Champagne

Ingredients:

- 2 elder heads in full bloom*
- 2 tablespoons of white distilled malt vinegar*
- 1 lemon*
- 1 1/2 lbs of loaf sugar (granulated will do)*
- 1 gallon of water*



Method

Squeeze the juice from the lemon and cut the lemonshells into 4. Place these with the elder flowers, sugar and vinegar into a large jug or container. Pour cold water over and leave for 24 hours.

Next day strain off the liquid through fine muslin and bottle in strong screw top bottles.

Remember to leave a good 2 inch gap at the top of the bottle to allow for expansion.

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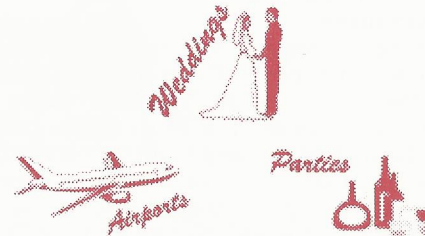
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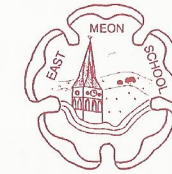
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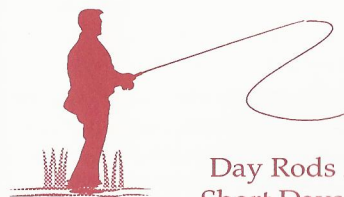
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1245 pm Band and Parade leave from outside of the
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1300 pm Gates of the Fair Ground open followed by
Opening Ceremony and Judge Fancy Dress
(by Rev Terry & Alison Loudon)

1315 pm Falconry Display

1345 pm Clown Display

1415 pm Cyril the Squirrel & his Racing Terriers

1445 pm Sheep Dog Display by Malcolm Painter

1515 pm Falconry Display

1545 pm Cyril the Squirrel &
his Racing Terriers

1615 pm Tug of War.

1645 pm Main Draw
(including Programme Draw.)

Events and times may be changed on the day
and at short notice.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

Hampshire Trial Bike Club Displays

Sheep shearing

Fun Dog Show

Beer Drinking

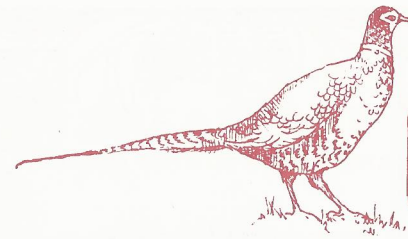
Minden Rose Display

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Childrens' Challenges

Jazz Band

Cadet Band



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PAY ENTRANCE



Display Equipment Egg Throwing Craft Tent Fun Dog Show

MAIN ARENA
(See Event List Over Page)

Jubilee Stall Toys Human Fruit Machine
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PAY ENTRANCE

Sheep Shearing

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VILLAGE HALL



SEXTON

Sexton is a village organisation that was officially launched as a charity on 1st April 1995. Its main function is to care for the Churchyard but it also carries out work in some other parts of the Village that require attention.

In 1995 we were awarded a runner up prize in Hampshire County Council's Countryside Conservancy Scheme, the prize money from which was put to very good use in keeping the Village attractive and tidy. That October we hosted the Ystrad Mynach Welsh Male Voice Choir and it has been back every other year entertaining us superbly in our Church; a fund raising event which is very popular.

EXHIBITION

Our main fund raising event of the year is the "Arts and Crafts" evening and this year will be the seventh held. As usual it will be at the beginning of December; this year on **Saturday 7th Dec between 6 and 9 pm.**

On display will be work by local Artists, the Village Blacksmiths, our Glass Engraver, Sculpture, Textile Artist, Master Potter and creations in Flower Craft.

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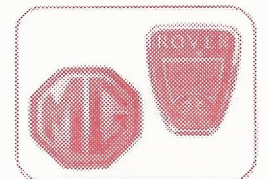
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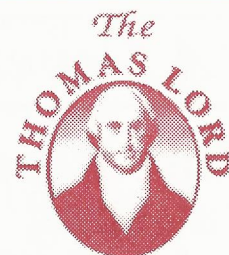
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