

Dear Friends,

As I write this it is a beautiful day outside and it seems that spring beckons, or so I hope. It is still early in the year but after the New Year celebrations and the return to work it seems that spring could be on its way. We all know that our winter can lull us into a false sense of security and next week it could be freezing cold with snow and ice.

February can be the coldest month of the year but it does bring the lengthening of days. This month marks the beginning of Lent, on Wednesday 18th February. Lent or lenten comes from the old English word 'lencten' which means lengthening or spring coming. For the Christian church it is the beginning of the time when we remember Jesus being in the wilderness for 40 days and at the end of it being tempted by Satan. To turn stones into bread, to show that he was God's Son by using his power to persuade people to follow him and even make him King. Jesus as we know not only refused to be tempted but refuted Satan's claims by quoting verses from the Old Testament. A very good example which we can follow.

The church from the early Christian times has encouraged its members to use these weeks before Easter to reflect upon their own lives and how they can follow more closely the way of Jesus. Many people in past years would have fasted through Lent, that is after they had eaten all of the fat, sugar and flour in pancakes made on Shrove Tuesday the day before Ash Wednesday.

We will have two services on the Wednesday 18th. One at 11am and another at 7.30pm. Both will be a Communion Service with a time of reflection and if people would like to, they can come forward to the altar rail and receive a cross on their foreheads made in ash. A symbolic outward sign signifying that we recognise

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that they have fallen short in their Christian life and that through the next six weeks especially they will try and live a better Christian life.

For some this may mean that they will give up a particular favourite food or drink during this time as an aid to their Lenten practice, or fast on a particular day, the traditional day being Friday. Lent Lunches will once again this year be held in All Saints Church Hall each Friday lunch time. These are hosted by the Churches Together in Denmead and it will consist of soup, a roll, butter and cheese. The money donated for this will be sent to a local charity.

Fasting may not be for all and it is always a personal choice but what the Church does encourage is that during Lent, we all try and spend a little more time with Jesus. Praying, reading the bible, or maybe reading one of the many Lent books which are available online or in shops. These have a short bible passage with a reflection and prayer set for each day. These do not take long to read and can be very informative as well helping us mark Lent.

Whatever you do through these six weeks before Easter I pray that you will draw closer to our Lord and when on Easter morning will come to the service with you hearts full of the love and joy of Christ.

With love in Christ

Sandra

Monthly CTD Prayer meeting

Next meeting 7th February. A time of prayer for the village and community, 9am in the Heath Room, All Saints Church Hall for half an hour. All are welcome.

All Saints Church Services

Sunday 1st February Candlemas

- 8.00am Holy Communion
- 9.30am Parish Communion
- 6.00pm Healing Service

Sunday 8th February

- 8.00am Holy Communion
- 9.30am Family Praise
- 6.00pm Sung Evensong

Sunday 15th February

- 8.00am Holy Communion
- 9.30am Parish Communion
- 6.00pm No informal service

18th February Ash Wednesday

- 11.00am Communion with the imposition of ashes
- 7.30pm Communion with the imposition of ashes.

Sunday 22nd February

- 8.00am Holy Communion
- 9.30am All Age Family Communion
- 6.00pm Sung Evensong

Each Thursday there is a time of silent prayer, reflection and bible reading in the Upper Room between 9.00am – 10.00am. Everyone is welcome for the hour or to drop in for a short time.

Weekly Thursday Communion at 11am. A Said Prayer Book Communion Service. Morning and Evening Prayer are said daily at 8.30am and 5.00pm respectively. The Church is open for private prayer. If you wish to light a candle, there is a candle stand in the Sanctuary of the Chapel of Healing and Unity.

Healing Service

The next healing Service is at 6pm on Sunday 1st February. This gentle reflective service is for all who want to receive the Lord's healing love for physical, mental, emotional or spiritual healing.

Further information contact the Vicar on 9225 5490

Messy Church

Next Messy Church is on Saturday 21st February.



All families with children – Grandparents and carers are welcome. Any family from the village are welcome to a fun filled afternoon of craft, singing and eating together. We meet in the Church Hall from 3.30pm – 5.30pm. The whole family will be welcomed with tea or coffee etc, then once settled

we will move to the craft making which is aimed at adults as well as the children. The craft will introduce the theme/ bible story for the day. Singing and acting out the story follows and then we will have a meal altogether. Further information Rev Sandra Edwards 02392 255490

Denmead Home Visiting Group

If you are lonely, sick or housebound or would just like someone to visit you we have a confidential visiting team and one of our members would willingly come, visit and spend time listening to you.

Please phone us on 9226 8757. If the answerphone is on leave a message and we will phone you back.

Bereavement Support Group

The monthly 'Tea and Friendship' afternoon for anyone recently bereaved is on the 4th Wednesday of each month between 2-4pm in the Church Hall.



This is an informal time when people can meet others, have tea and make friends, with a varied programme of quizzes, speakers, and occasional trips out for lunch or tea.

For more information please phone the Church Office 9226 8757 or Merrill Partridge 9226 6159.

Sacred Heart Catholic Church

MASS TIMES

Saturday Mass

Vigil: 6.15 pm

Sunday Masses

10.30 am Children's Liturgy

6.30 pm Folk Mass

Please refer to Newsletter for weekday Mass times.



RECONCILIATION

Saturday 5:30 pm (or by appointment)

Monday 9.30 am

Hi everyone,

As you know, February is the month of St Valentine's Day, so I thought you might like to read a 'creed' from the Catholic Bishops of England and Wales about the Catholic understanding of marriage:

"Our Catholic faith and the teaching of the Church enable us to affirm the truth about marriage and family:

- We believe that marriage is a sacred and beautiful vocation; because ...
- We believe in God our Father, who creates every person, male and female, in His image and likeness;
- We believe in Jesus Christ, God's Son, our Saviour, who reveals what it is to be fully human, who shows God's love to us and commands that we love one another;

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- We believe in the Holy Spirit, whose living presence sanctifies our hearts and purifies our desires;
- We believe in God as Three Persons, a relationship of reciprocal mutuality and equality, the model for all human relationships;
- We believe in the Church, the bride of Christ, whose mission is to announce the Good News of salvation and the call to conversion;
- We believe that in baptism we have become sisters and brothers in Christ for him and for each other; this is our first responsibility as Christians and as family members;
- We believe that, for the baptised, Christ has raised the married state to the dignity of a sacrament;
- We believe that, in Christian marriage, a man and woman are joined together as husband and wife in a bond of love that is total, faithful, fruitful and lifelong in which Christ is ever present;
- We believe that marriage and family are for the mutual good of husband and wife and the

procreation and education of any children God may send them;

- We believe that families are schools of deepest humanity, where virtue is learned and parents are the first teachers in the ways of faith;
- We believe that the family is the foundation of society and the common good;
- We believe that prayer and the life of faith sustain marriage and family as the domestic Church;
- We believe that the Lord is present in the joys and struggles of spouses and families;
- We believe that times of difficulty in marriage and family life can also be moments of growth in holiness and love and therefore have a special claim to the Church's pastoral ministry;

Therefore as a church ...

We believe that marriage is the basis for family life which offers to the world the witness of faith ... lived as a journey of hope, joy and love."

Best wishes,

Fr Kevin

Denmead Baptist Church

– The Cornerstone, Mead End Road

For current information please see our website

www.denmeadbaptistchurch.org.uk

or phone Revd Danny Paine-Winnett on 07901 773574.

From the Registers

Baptisms

20th December	Evelyn Jane George
21st December	Henry Richard Hemond Alice Catherine Hemond

Weddings

14th February	Benjamin Daniel Chivers Andrea Charlotte Lang
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Funerals

29th December	Jack Norcross Carruthers age 89
6th January	Philip James Keoghan age 69
12th January	Frank William Tindal age 85
16th January	Robert Steele.
23rd January	Pamela Mary Aston age 85

Obituary

Jane Carruthers

Jane died aged 89 on the 10th November 2014 at Oakdene Rest Home Waterlooville. Jane was born in Preston Lancashire and moved to Cowplain in 1958 due to ill health. The move south to a drier climate was of great benefit to her health. In 2005 Jane moved to Ludcombe with her husband Jack.

She was elected an Independent councillor in 1993 for Hartplain in 1979 and in 1993 was elected Mayor of Havant. Jane was passionate about local issues and was dedicated to providing the best facilities for the people of the borough. On her retirement from civic duties Jane was made a Honorary Alderman.

Jane learnt the art of hand painting on china in Lancashire and later taught the art in Hampshire. Much of the china painted by her students is in the Civic Offices in Havant. She joined the Cowplain W.I., held offices of President and Secretary and was Chairman of Governors at Padnell Infant School.

Jane was dedicated to her family who have many memories of the beautiful clothes and hats she created for them and the time she spent with them all. Jane leaves husband Jack, three children, seven grand children and six great grand children.

Jack Carruthers

Jack Carruthers passed away aged 89 on the 8th December 2014, at Oakdene Rest Home, Waterlooville,

four weeks after his beloved Jane. He was a marine engineer, travelling the world and later became a lift and crane inspector.

Jack lived the early part of his life in Lancashire and moved to Cowplain in 1958, moving to Ludcombe in 2005.

He was an Independent Councillor for Hart Plain and Cowplain Wards and also a County Councillor for the Waterlooville area. Jack was the last Chairman of the Havant Urban District Council in 1973 and was appointed an Honorary Alderman of the Borough on his retirement from civic duties.

Jack was Chairman of Age Concern Cowplain and Waterlooville Citizens Advice Bureau. He played cricket for Cowplain and was Chairman of Governors at Sundridge School. Jack was a Master Mason and played the organ at local lodges.

He was a dedicated family man with a great wit and gift with words. His sense of humour was matchless. He leaves his family of three children, seven grandchildren and six great grandchildren with many fond memories.

Olga Wendy Hartigan – ‘Wendy’

23.10.1923 - 06.01.2015

Wendy was born and brought up in south Warwickshire the 7th of 12 children. She helped a local farmer’s wife before school from the age of seven and this instilled in her the need for hard work. She began as a kitchen maid, in ‘service’ at the big house, from the age of 14. When war broke out in 1939 the family took her with them to Wales but as soon as she was old enough she joined the WRAF where she was a driver and then an ambulance driver. She had some horrific experiences helping air crew when our planes crashed on the runway at Brize Norton.

On a happier note, she met and married Bill, a sergeant in the Air Force in 1944. He was a gunnery

instructor training the air crews. After Patricia was born she lived in London for a short while then was able to find a cottage in a small village near her family which suited the country girl much better.

Later she worked for the army as a store keeper and was in charge of First Aid and was awarded a Long Service Medal by the Queen. On retiring Wendy moved to live in Denmead 31 years ago and became a volunteer at the Oxfam Shop for nearly 25 years.

All her life she was very practical, and never idle, knitting, crocheting, gardening, dancing and doing crosswords until she was cruelly struck down by a stroke. She is now at peace and with her Bill. She will be very much missed by her family.

British Red Cross Medical Loans

British Red Cross Medical Loans held in the Health centre will now be held on 3 days a week.

The revised times are Mon, Wed & Fri 9.30-10.30

This change is due to a shortage of volunteers.

If you can offer any help please contact Nikki on 02380 624645

Denmead, Southwick and Boarhunt

Conservative Branch

The Branch Annual General Meeting will be held on Friday 13th February at the Denmead Community Centre at 7.30p.m. Members and supporters are invited to attend. We hope to have two outings this year, provisional dates and venues at the moment are: a Visit to Arundel Castle or a trip around the Antique Shops on Tuesday 10th March and a visit to Brownsea Island on Thursday 9th July. For more details please contact Margaret Raffle 023 92 268096, or Janet Nobes 92 255981

Email: janet.nobes@tesco.net

Spring Sale

We will be holding our Spring Sale on Saturday 7th February 2015 at

the Denmead Church Hall, 10am till 12 o'clock.

We will have stalls selling Bric a Brac, toys, nearly new clothes, cakes, books, cards, plants, tombola etc. Bacon Butties will also be served. If you have anything you would like to contribute which is in good condition please let Mrs Margaret Raffle know if you would like it collected, or bring the items along on the day.

Telephone number for collection or enquires 023 9226 8096.

We look forward to seeing you at this event.

Jenny Phillips

Meet and Eat

Meet and Eat will be on Wed February 11th in the Church hall 12.30-2pm. These monthly lunches are particularly for people who are lonely or living on their own. Why not come and join us?

The cost is £5 for a 2-course lunch. Please add your name to the list in the Heath Room if you would like to come.

Jenny Elliott 9226 3069

ASC = All Saints' Church	Contact	B.Wright, 9223 3248
CH = Church Hall	Contact	B.Wright, 9223 3248
HR = Heath Room	Contact	C.Taylor, 9242 8122
MH = Memorial Hall	Contact	Mr R Bainbridge MBE, 9225 6132
OS = Old School (Community Centre)	Contact	Tony Daniells, 9224 7947
PC = Denmead Parish Council	Contact	
WW = White Wings House		
GM = Green Meadows Home		
TKC = Turvey King Court		
KGf = King George Field		
SHQ = Scout Headquarters		
BC = Baptist Church		
HVH = Hambledon Village Hall		
HYH = Hambledon Youth Hut		
DJS = Denmead Junior School		

D = Daily
W = Weekly
F = Fortnightly
M = Monthly
Events occurring Daily and Weekly are only mentioned once - i.e. in the first week of the month.

Please note:

- The times stated here may be the times for which the halls are booked. Please check other publicity for the times of the event.
- To ensure the correct details are shown for your organisation's event included in these Diary pages, please email your meeting times and details to Gill Barge (denmeadbarges@aol.com) or send them to her at Fairview, School Lane, Denmead PO7 6LY. Thank you.

Sun 1	BC	Youth Group	6.00-8.00pm	W
	OS	Junior Brass Band	9.15-10.15am	W
		Denmead Brass Band	10.30-12.30am	W
		Unreal Dimensions – Gaming Club	7.00-10.00pm	W
Mon 2	CH	Zumba Fitness Class	9.30-10.30am	W
		Breathe Again	11.30-12.30am	W
		Slimming World	5.30 & 7.30pm	W
	MH	Denmead Pre School	9.00-3.00pm	D
		* Wednesday, Thursday *	9.00-12.30pm	
		TS Alacrity	6.45pm	W
	OS	Old Schoolhouse Pre-School	9.00-3.00pm	D
		* Friday*	9.00-Noon	
		Painting in Water Colours	10.00-Noon	W
		Pilates	11.00-Noon	W
	Smart Fitness – Circuit Training	7.00-9.00pm	W	
	Table Tennis	7.00-9.00pm	W	
	Bridge Club	7.00-10.00pm	W	
	SHQ	Busy Bees Pre School	9.00-3.00pm	D

Village Diary

		Fri	9.00-Noon	
		Merlin Cub Pack	6.30-8.00pm	W
		At the Forest Of Bere Denmead Knit & Bitch	7.00-9.00pm	W
		All abilities are welcome		
Tue	3	CH All Join in Together	11.00am	W
		3 rd Brownies	5.45pm	W
		Denmead Horticultural Society	7.30pm	
		HR Coffee Tea & Chat all welcome (and Thursdays)	9.30-11.30am	2xW
		MH Archery	7.00pm	W
		OS The Old Schoolhouse Creative Play - fun for the under fives	9.30-11.00am	W
		Line Dancing	2.00-3.30pm	W
		Tuesday Pilates Class	5.30-7.30pm	W
		Shape & Tone (Ladies Fitness)	7.00-8.00pm	W
		Downland Singers	7.45-10.15pm	W
		Denmead Brass	8.00-10.00pm	W
		SHQ Spitfire Scouts	6.30-8.30pm	W
Wed	4	CH Pilates Class	10.00-11.00am	W
		2 nd Denmead Rainbows	4.15pm	W
		1 st Denmead Brownies	5.45pm	W
		BC NOAH'S ARK Parent & Toddler Group -At The Cornerstones, Mead End Rd	10-11.30am	W
		MH Denmead Afternoon WI	2.00pm	M
		OS Zumba Gold	9.30-10.15am	W
		Table Tennis	10.00-Noon	W
		Denmead Art Group	10.00-Noon	F
		Tai Chi	1.30-2.30pm	W
		Patchwork Pals	3.00-4.00pm	W
		Smart Fitness – Circuit Training	6.00-7.00pm	W
		Breakaway Quilters	7.00-10.00pm	W
		Parish Council Meeting-Finance & Admin.	7.30pm	
		SHQ Concorde Cubs	6.30-8.00pm	W
		Church Car Park Mobile Library	1.30-4.00pm	W
		At the Forest Of Bere Denmead Knit & Bitch	10.00-Noon	W
		All abilities are welcome		
Thu	5	CH Jiggly Wigglers	10.00-11.00am	W

		Keep Fit	2.00pm	W
		1 st Denmead Rainbows	4.15pm	W
		2 nd Denmead Brownies	5.30pm	W
		CH&HR Guides & Rangers	7.00pm	W
	HR	Coffee & a Chat, all welcome	9.30-Noon	2xW
	UR	Readers' Tuition	7.30pm	W
	BC	NOAH'S ARK Parent & Toddler Group	10-11.30am	W
	MH	Badminton	7.30pm	W
	OS	Zumba	9.30-10.30am	W
		Senior Citizens' Luncheon Club	12.30-1.30pm	W
		Citizens' Advice Bureau	1.00-3.00pm	W
		Southern Arts Academy	4.30-8.15pm	W
		Rimor Fitness	5.30-6.30pm	W
		Adult Tap	7.00-7.45pm	W
	SHQ	Bere Forest Beavers	6.15-7.30pm	W
		The Cornerstones - Denmead WI Belles	7.30pm	
Fri	6	CH Mother & Toddler Group	9.30am	W
		Chair Exercises	2.30pm	W
		Youth Move	5.15-6.15pm	W
		Jumble Sale Preparation	7.00pm	
	OS	Mumbaba - Mothers & Tots Singing Group	9.30-10.30am	W
		-Parents/Carers & Tots Singing Group		
		U3A Art Class	10.00-Noon	W
		Creative Quilters	1.00-4.00pm	W
		Denmead Drama	4.30-7.30pm	W
		Farlington Dog Club	7.00-8.00pm	W
	SHQ	Vulcan Scouts	7.00-9.00pm	W
		Phoenix Explorers	7.00-9.00pm	W
Sat	7	CH Denmead, Boarhunt & Southwick	10.00-Noon	
		Conservative Branch Spring Sale		
		Details from Margaret Raffle 9226 8096		
	HR	Councillors' Surgery	10.00-Noon	M
		-residents welcome to discuss concerns with District & County Councillors		
	OS	Southern Arts Academy	9.45-11.15am	W
Sun	8	MH Archery	9.00am	W
Mon	9	HR Denmead Village Association	7.30-9.30pm	

		Committee Meeting		
		At The Forest of Bere-The Royal British Legion Meeting - Hambledon & District Branch	8.00pm	M
Tue	10	CH Gold Star Dancing	8.00-9.00pm	W
		HR Guiders' Meeting		
		OS Denmead Evening WI Craft Evening	7.00-9.00pm	M
		At the Chairmakers, World's End Probus Club	12.00-3.00pm	M
		monthly lunch and talk by guest speaker		
Wed	11	CH Meet & Eat	12.30-2.00pm	M
		Diocesan Mothers' Union	2.30-3.30pm	
		British Koi Karp Society	7.30pm	M
		MH Floral Workshop	7.30pm	M
		OS Parish Council-Amenities.	7.30pm	
Fri	13	OS Denmead Conservative Branch A.G.M.	7.30pm	
		Details from Janet Nobes 92 255981		
Mon	16	CH DHS Committee Meeting	7.30pm	
Tue	17	HR Mothers' Union	7.30pm	
		OS Denmead Reading Circle	2.15-4.15pm	M
Wed	18	CH Flower Club	2.00pm	M
		MH Evening WI	7.30pm	M
		OS Parish Council – Planning		
Fri	20	CH LENT LUNCHESES	12.30pm	
Sat	21	CH MESSY CHURCH	3.30-5.30pm	
		Fun afternoon for the family. See main notice for details		
Tue	24	HR Koi Carp Committee Meeting	8.00-9.00pm	
Wed	25	CH Bereavement Support Group	2.00-4.00pm	M
		OS Parish Council-Main Council	7.30pm	
		MH WI Curling Night	7.30pm	
		At White Wings House Golden Years Club	2.00pm	M
		- Contact 023 92261428		
Fri	27	CH LENT LUNCHESES	12.30pm	
Sat	28	OS FILM NIGHT – “MY OLD LADY”	7.30pm	
		-doors open at 7.00pm; tickets £5		

Denmead Community Centre

Citizens Advice Bureau holds a drop in service every Thursday, 1pm until 3pm for a free, confidential, impartial and independent advice on debt, benefits, employment, housing, legal and immigration.

Denmead Film Nights

This month's film on Saturday 28th February is "My Old Lady". A New Yorker (Kevin Kline) discovers that the vast Paris apartment he inherited from his estranged father is already occupied by a refined retiree (Maggie Smith) and her protective daughter (Kristin Scott-Thomas).

Tickets cost just £5.00 (discounts for members) are available on the door, but are best booked in advance through the Centre office or can be reserved by phone. Spring film titles include Hundred Foot Journey, March 28th and The Imitation Game, April 25th.

Denmead Rowans Support Group

Tickets are now on sale for our Annual Sunday Lunch on March 8th in Denmead Church Hall at 12.45. A two course roast lunch with a drink for only £13 or Half price for children. (special diets accommodated if we are notified when you buy your ticket)

Tickets from Trish Bailey 07947611699 Please book early as numbers are limited.

Beetle Drive March 25th in the Denmead Memorial Hall 7.30 Entrance £2 includes tea and biscuits. All welcome



DNP

You will remember that in the November Chronicle I told you that part of the process in developing a Neighbourhood Plan is to have the plan examined by an Independent Examiner. This stage of the process is now complete and Winchester City Council received the independent Examiner's report on the Denmead Neighbourhood Plan on 18 December 2014. The report can be seen at Winchester City website at <http://www.winchester.gov.uk/planning-policy/neighbourhood-plans/denmead-neighbourhood-plan-examiner-39-s-report/> .

The Examiner concluded that the Plan and its policies, if modified in accordance with his recommendations set out in his report, meets the "basic conditions" and other legal requirements. Consequently he recommends to the City Council that the Denmead Neighbourhood Plan should, subject to these modifications, be submitted to referendum. He also recommends that the referendum should be based on the neighbourhood area covered by the Plan.

The City Council's Cabinet will consider the Examiner's report at a

meeting on 14 January 2015 and decide whether to proceed to a referendum on the basis of the Examiner's recommendations. If so, the referendum is expected to take place in late February or early March 2015.

The importance of the referendum cannot be emphasised enough; Every Parishioner on the Electoral Roll is entitled to a vote, and postal votes can be used. The Neighbourhood Plan is mostly about where are we allocating space for development, and limiting the numbers of houses, but it also covers a significant part of the village's facilities.

A positive vote (over 50%) is necessary to make the Neighbourhood Plan into a legal document!

The Steering Group will keep you up to date with further developments as they are confirmed.

A very happy New Year to you all.

*Peter Ambrose OBE
Vice Chairman DNP Steering Group
Chairman Denmead Village
Association*

Neighbourhood Watch **www.wehnw.org.uk**

Hampshire Alert

A new messaging system between the Police, other agencies and the community in Hampshire and IOW is slowly coming into service. Called Hampshire Alert, you can read about it at

www.hampshirealert.co.uk. The system is free, is already up and running in a number of other counties and is proving a significant success. More detail is available at www.neighbourhoodalert.co.uk

Those who sign up to the system will be able to exchange messages with the Police and other organisations such as Trading Standards, Action Fraud and Neighbourhood Watch, using primarily email, but also, if preferred, incoming messages can be received by SMS or telephone.

People who do not have access to the Internet can still join the system by completing a manual registration form

It is expected that the system will be used for issuing Police alerts and crime reports on a more frequent

basis, and for messaging between Neighbourhood Watch schemes/members. The Crime Reports system (www.crimereports.co.uk) will remain showing crime mapping, but its communications function will not be developed.

Some Neighbourhood Watch schemes are already entered into the system, and you can join your local one online. However anyone in the area can join Hampshire Alert and communicate with the Police etc without being a Neighbourhood Watch member.

In Hampshire a number of alert messages are already being issued by the Police to those who sign up. However the full system is not yet running. You are now being encouraged to register for Hampshire Alert on their website. You will be asked to enter various details about the types of message you wish to receive and how, along with some personal information. You won't get all the functionality immediately, but it is worth getting an early start. This email system is also part of the village notification system in the event of an emergency.

Waterlooville Probus Club

We provide a meeting place for retired or semi-retired professional or business men and women. We meet on the second Tuesday of each month at the new venue of 'The Chairmakers' in World's End, Hambledon. On Tuesday 10th February 2015 members will meet between 12 noon to 3 pm. After a drink and a chat and following a 3 course lunch, we will hold our Annual General Meeting.

We always welcome new members so for further information on joining contact Colin Cox on 02392 594112 or by e-mail 'colincox364@btinternet.com'.

Flower Arranging Workshop

Denmead Horticultural Society

The 20th Annual General Meeting and talk by Mary Boyd, Wool Spinner will take place on Wednesday February 11th at 7.30 , in the Memorial Hall. All are welcome to come along to help us celebrate our 20th birthday. If you are a past member of our group we would love you to join us for the evening.

If you would like more information about the group please call Trish 07947 611699

Home-Start

If you have a few hours a week to spare and you have parenting experience, give us a call to find out more: 01329 835936
Training is given – the next course will be taking place every Tuesday (9:30am-2:30pm) for five weeks, beginning 20th January 2015 (except 17th February)
Email: organiser@homestart-meonvalley.org.uk

Hampshire County Council

Local Decisions

At its last full Council meeting, County Councillors backed a Notice of Motion from Council Leader, Roy Perry, calling for a transfer of powers and funding devolved to democratically elected local Government at County, District and Parish level, in England. Following the devolution referendum for Scotland and requests from the so-called core cities in the north of England that they want, merit and deserve extra powers, the County Council seeks to remind Government that the shires of England, and the people who live in the rural parts of England, are equally competent and make an equal if not greater contribution to the well-being of the nation. The shire areas of England are very important to the nation - contributing around £203 billion per annum in terms of Gross Value Added, while the eight core cities together added £147 billion.

Superfast Broadband

Superfast Broadband is already available in 78% of the UK. This total

is growing all the time and in Hampshire, the programme funded by the County Council and its partners has made faster internet speeds available to more than 26,000 extra homes and businesses over the last 12 months. However, latest figures show that many people are not aware whether they can get Superfast Broadband where they live, or know what they need to do to take up the service.

The public sector is investing £1.7 billion in the UK's digital infrastructure so that 95% of businesses and homes across the UK will be able to access superfast broadband. In Hampshire, the County Council and its partners will be investing more than £26 million in total.

As more people sign up and make use of the new fibre network, BT, who are contracted to provide the infrastructure, has to return money back to the public sector.

Hampshire Libraries

Hampshire County Council's Leader has responded to a recent report to Government about the future of libraries, highlighting how Hampshire has been leading the way in adapting

libraries to ensure they remain relevant in a changing world. The Independent Library Report for England commissioned by the Department for Culture, Media and Sport claims that “public libraries in England will close unless they change and provide the type of spaces that people want to use”, and makes recommendations as to how the public library system could best work in the future.

Many of the recommendations in the report, such as the need to focus on digital provision and positioning libraries at the hub of a local community, are already either in place or in the pipeline in Hampshire as all our libraries are equipped with free Wi-Fi and computers and the larger ones have café facilities, sofas and a comfortable, contemporary feel. However, HCC are not complacent and I am on a sub-Committee which has already begun work on transforming libraries to ensure they are well-placed to meet the needs of future generations.

There are 6.1 million visits every year to Hampshire libraries, and 7.1 million books, CDs, DVDs, eBooks magazines and games are issued

annually. Hampshire was one of the first library services in the United Kingdom to offer eBooks and now has one of the largest collections in the Country. More people are now using this online way of accessing books. The rapidly expanding eBook virtual library, now has more than 12,000 eBooks and 3,000 eAudio books available for loan.

Young readers can also browse over 900 eBooks and eAudio titles for children and teenagers. Meanwhile, as part of ensuring older people have improved choice and better opportunities to access services, the Home Library Service is expanding.

A new and improved website - <http://www3.hants.gov.uk/library.htm> - enables visitors to search the library's catalogue, view blogs, renew or reserve books, ebooks, CDs or DVDs, join the library, or simply keep up with all the latest library news.

Supporting Troubled Families

The Hampshire Supporting Troubled families programme has exceeded its three-year Government target of identifying 1,590 families by the end

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of March 2015. So far nearly 2,000 families have been identified. Analysis of the families who made progress shows 90% have maintained the improvements in terms of less crime, less anti-social behavior and increased school attendance and 80% have remained in employment. These welcome results are helping to contain demand for high cost service interventions, thereby avoiding significant costs to the taxpayer now and in the future. This strong performance has been recognised by Government and means Hampshire will start the

second phase of the widened national programme three months early, on the 1 January 2015.

Hampshire will engage with some 1,200 families this coming year and each year thereafter up to 2020, including those where violence in the home and health issues (mental and physical) are a feature. We will also work with families who are most at risk of eviction, or who are struggling financially.

Patricia Stallard

In aid of The Mayor of Winchester's Charity

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Saturday 14th February 2015

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CAB

Q *Someone has been going from door to door on my street and I'm concerned they might not be a legitimate trader. What should I do?*

A As a general rule it is worth trusting your instincts – if an offer sounds too good to be true, it probably is.

Scammers often use cold calling and doorstep sales to target victims, so before agreeing to anything or signing anything first tell someone you trust about the offer. Having this conversation with a family member, friend, or a good neighbour could stop you from losing money.

If a trader is offering you a deal take a moment to check out their details. Ask the trader if they belong to a professional organisation, such as TrustMark, and if they say they do, then phone the organisation or look on their website to check this is true.

Don't agree to a deal on the spot that you have any reason to doubt. Legitimate traders should be happy for you to take their details and say you need more time to make a

decision. Avoid handing over money before a job is started. A reliable trader won't ask you to do this as they should have the money to cover materials until they are paid.

If you are concerned about an offer, think you may have been caught out by a rogue trader, or are concerned for a neighbour, you should call the Citizens Advice Consumer Service on our helpline on 03454 04 05 06. If you've fallen for a scam, report it to the Police and you can also report it to Action Fraud.

For more information on possible scams, or contact details of your nearest CAB, go to the Citizens Advice website at www.adviceguide.org.uk

Winchester District Citizens Advice Bureau, Denmead Outreach at Denmead Community Centre, School Lane, Denmead, Thurs 1 – 3pm. Bishops Waltham office, (Well House, 2 Brook Street, Bishop's Waltham, SO32 1AX, 08444 1113306) or.

For the most up-to-date advice, please visit the Adviceguide website at www.adviceguide.org.uk

Denmead Horticultural Society

– Denmead's Club for Gardeners

Don't be put off by our name – horticulturalists are just people who cultivate gardens and this has been the name of our group for at least eighty years. We are not experts but people who enjoy growing all sorts of plants, visiting gardens and learning more about plants, gardening and the natural world.

We have nine evening meetings each year with speakers on a variety of topics. This year they include apples, roses, hostas, pruning, hardy geraniums, herbal medicine and organic gardening. Our meetings are held at 7.30pm in All Saints Church Hall on the first Tuesday of the month. We are a friendly bunch and you can come to any of our meetings as a visitor or become a member.

Our first talk this year on 3rd February is by Maggie Haynes and her subject is The Tuppenny Barn organic project and the no-dig method. Maggie is the founder of the project which grows organic vegetables, fruit and flowers to sell in weekly veg bags and provides an education centre for adults and children to learn about growing food in a sustainable way. If you have been growing veg for years or are thinking this is the year you are going to start come and find out more about the methods used at Tuppenny Barn and how to avoid all that back breaking digging.

As well as talks we organise a Spring Show on 4th April, the Denmead Village Show on 15th August and arrange garden visits and social events. If you would like to join in and meet fellow gardeners do come to our next meeting.

Liz Williams 023 9226 9642



Recycle for Charities

Do you collect items to recycle to make money for your favourite charity? Would you like your contact details published each month? People are very willing to recycle unwanted items but often have to throw them away because they don't know who to give them to. Please contact me if you can add information to the list below, or if there are any errors.

Steve Venn, 023 9242 1471

To recycle your	to be given to	contact
Spectacles	3rd World	Leave at the Health Centre
Paperback books	Naomi House	Fiona Turner; Pipers Hill 9225 5485
Garden tools	Rowans Hospice	Ron Kidd 07779 046 341
Tools	Tools for Self Reliance	023 8086 9697
Aluminium cans (Clean only please!)	Sold by volunteers in aid of Rowans Hospice	Leave at Horseshoe Cottage
Used Postage Stamps	Rowans Hospice	Leave at Pearson Estate Agents
	Naomi House	Fiona Turner; Pipers Hill 9225 5485
Mobile phones	Naomi House	Fiona Turner; Pipers Hill 9225 5485
	Air Ambulance	Leave at Horseshoe Cottage
	Denmead Scouts	Leave at scout hut
	Mission to Seafarers	Leave in the church porch.
Textiles and shoes	Air Ambulance	Denmead Community Centre
Knitting wool	Salvation Army	call 9225 4729
Empty printer cartridges	Naomi House	Fiona Turner; Pipers Hill 9225 5485
	Rowans Hospice	Leave at Horseshoe Cottage
	Denmead Scouts	Leave at scout hut
Newspapers	Rowans Hospice (weekends only)	First Call 92254729 for directions
Foreign currency	Naomi House	Fiona Turner; Pipers Hill 9225 5485