

Dear Friends,

Happy 2015. By the time you read this it will be the New Year and hopefully you will still have in place all your New Year Resolutions. The beginning of January with the whole year stretching before us can make us want to make changes to our lives. New job, study for new qualifications, take up a new hobby, get fit, get slim. All of these intentions are good and I hope that you will be able to keep going with them so that by the middle or end of the year you will have achieved your goal.

The church begins January with the season of Epiphany which means Christ appearing in the world. The gospel readings move on from the birth and childhood of Jesus and we have his Baptism and first miracle, (turning the water into wine) read on the Sundays in January.

“How do we grow in our faith?” may be a question you have asked yourself before and maybe it is one of your New Year thoughts. One way is to read the Bible more and learn about Jesus in the gospels – in the way that the early Christian Church developed by reading the letters from the apostles. Canon John Byrne encouraged us to use Bible reading notes to guide us. These usually have daily bible verses along with comments or a short explanation of that part of the bible. If you would like to try these please see John in Church.

Another way in which we can grow in our faith and understanding of the bible is in a “house group” situation. We have a number of existing groups but it would be good to look at developing these, and to form some new ones. Being in a house group helps us to be supported by others, to grow in our faith

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and in fellowship. You are all invited to an open meeting to discuss house groups, on the 14th January at 7.30pm in All Saints Church. This meeting includes all who are in an existing group, to come with your ideas, thoughts needs etc. We can then have a discussion about the type of group people would like, the frequency of the meetings and the locations. If you have never tried being in a house group this could be your chance to come along and find out what they entail and have your questions and even fears answered.

All churches have been asked by the Bishop to try and interact more with their local community – to try and bring Christ's love to others. We have a good record of outreach but there are always new people to engage with and new ventures to try. This is an exciting time for us as a church but we need to do this in the strength of Jesus, being strong in our faith. We need to support one another in any outreach and mission situation and prayer in a small group can be a very valuable way of doing this.

Wishing you all a very Happy New Year.

Sandra

The Next Step for House Groups

At the beginning of this year – which we hope and pray will be a year of Spiritual growth for all in All Saints – we are holding an open meeting for anyone interested in continuing in, or joining, a group.

For many, house groups are a vital part of Church life. They give an opportunity to meet informally in someone's home for fellowship, support, bible study and refreshments.

Please come along on Wednesday 14th January, at 7.30pm in All Saints – and put forward your views and needs.

More information from the Vicar, Sandra 9225 5490.

All Saints Church Services

Sunday 4th January Epiphany

8.00am Holy Communion
9.30am Parish Communion
6.00pm Healing service

Sunday 11th January Baptism of Christ

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

Saturday 17th January

3.30pm Messy Church in church hall.

Sunday 18th January 2nd Epiphany

8.00am Holy Communion
9.30am Parish Communion
6.00pm Praise Service

Sunday 25th January 3rd Epiphany

8.00am Holy Communion
9.30am 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 4th January. 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

Praise Service

Sunday 18th January 6pm.

This informal service will include songs of praise and worship, led by members of All Saints Band, as well as Bible readings, a time of prayer and an encouraging talk about the Christian faith.

All are welcome.

Messy Church

Saturday 17th January 3.30pm Messy Church in Church Hall.



Messy church resumes for the New Year. The afternoon includes stories, craft, singing and tea. All families welcome.

For further information call Sandra the Vicar 9225 5490

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.

Save the Children

Jumble Sale

in All Saints Church Hall

Saturday 17th January 10am

*please bring jumble to Church Hall by 9am,
or telephone Sheila Gould 023 9226 3788*

Festive Bazaar Raises over £2000

A wonderful time was had by helpers and visitors at the Church Christmas Bazaar, held on Sat Nov 29th. It was a very festive occasion, with many stalls, delicious refreshments and a visit from Santa in his grotto.

The Bazaar was opened by Julie from ENABLE ABILITY, (www.enableability.org.uk) which is a local charity based in Cosham and provides support for families of disabled children in the Portsmouth area. They also run a Saturday morning respite club for 5 – 16 year olds.

A very BIG thank you to everyone who helped, or donated food and gifts for the stalls and especially those who purchased from the stalls – over £2000 was raised which will go to the charity.

Thank you – from All Saints home and overseas group

PS – a date for your 2015 diary – next year the Bazaar is on Nov28th.

Meet and Eat

Meet and Eat will be on Wed January 14th 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

Monthly CTD Prayer meeting

Next meeting 3rd January. 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.

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

As the New Year begins, you may like to read a short section of the speech that the Holy Father made in November last year to the European Parliament in Strasbourg:

Pope Francis called on a “haggard” and “lonely” Europe to recover its role as a world protagonist, its identity as a

defender of the transcendent dignity of man, the poor, the migrant, the persecuted, the old and the young, to recover its soul: which is to be found in Christianity.

The Pope said that a two-thousand-year-old history links Europe and Christianity, “not free of conflicts or errors, but driven by the desire to work for the good of all”. This “is our present and our future. It is our identity”, he said.

The Pope also urged Europe's 500 million

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citizens to see the Union's problems – economic stagnation, unemployment, immigration, rising poverty levels and a growing polarization - as a “challenge” to overcome fears and mutual mistrust.

“Dignity” he said was the pivotal concept in the process of rebuilding which followed the Second World War and led to the European project. Today it remains central to the commitment of the European Union.

“The time has come for us to abandon the idea of a fearful and self-absorbed Europe. Now is the time to revive and encourage a Europe which is a repository of science, art, music, human values and faith. A Europe which contemplates the heavens and pursues lofty ideals; a Europe which cares for, defends and protects man, every man and woman; a Europe which bestrides the earth surely and securely, a precious point of reference for all humanity!

I hope these words of the Pope will help and inspire us all as we look towards 2015

A very happy New Year,

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.

Bereavement Support Group

The group is now well established and continues to attract new members as well as supporting the needs of those who have been coming for a number of years. The tried and trusted format for meetings continues to be to provide an opportunity for those recently bereaved who wish to meet for friendship, together with a cup of tea and cakes.

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Conversation continues with a varied programme of quizzes, trips out for lunch or tea, speakers etc. We recently held a bring and buy afternoon and £60.00 was raised which enabled us to send a donation of £160.00 in support of "The Air Ambulance Hampshire & Isle of Wight" society. Members are encouraged to find that our meetings develop friendships and an opportunity for general reminiscences supported by help from our willing volunteers.

We meet on the fourth Wednesday of each month in the Church Hall at All Saints Church between the hours of 2pm and 4pm. For further information contact the Church Office on 9226 8757 or Merrill Partridge on 9226 6159.

Dates for our next meetings:

28th January, 25th February, 25th March, and thereafter on the fourth Wednesday of the month.

Bernard Parsons



Denmead Community Centre

Learn Italian & Spanish in a friendly and unique way. Tertulia language is organising two language courses, Spanish and Italian at Denmead Community Centre. The courses are suitable for anyone who loves and enjoys Spanish and/or Italian culture. The lessons are focused on communication and cultural aspects.

Tertulia provides native qualified teachers with a broad experience teaching and who are passionate to transmit their knowledge in languages and Latin culture. Our beginner courses aim to help you to start speaking Spanish and/or Italian so you can get more from your visit to Italy or a Spanish speaking country.

You will learn and practice some of the language needed to deal with day-to-day situations. We will teach you to use basic structures of the target language in order to express yourself while gaining confidence in understanding.

No previous knowledge is required. Learning will take place in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere. All you need is a passion for languages. For more information contact: 023 9225 6132 or Email: tertulialanguage@gmail.com or visit: www.tertulialanguage.org.uk

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 31st January is "WHAT WE DID ON OUR HOLIDAY" a comedy-drama. David Tennant and Rosamund Pike, as an unhappily married couple, are the headline names in this disarming comedy drama, but it's the kids who are the real stars. Billy Connolly plays grandpa

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who, thanks to illness, is about to celebrate what'll be his last birthday. Hence, mum and dad pack the kids (Emilia Jones, Bobby Smallbridge and the hilarious little Harriet Turnbull) in the car and drive up to Scotland to put on a show of family togetherness - despite separation and impending divorce. Inevitably, the children say too much in laugh-out-loud scenes, but what happens when grandpa takes them to the beach also brings pathos. A hugely enjoyable British comedy which has real dramatic bite in its agonisingly truthful depiction of family problems. 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.

***Line
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health...***

Line Dancing A new Line Dancing session for all levels starts Tuesday 6th January 2pm – 3.30pm. As well as meeting and making new friends, Line Dancing is good for your health, gives you mental and physical exercise with the added bonus that no partner is required. A free taster session will be held on the 6th January and then £3.50 pay as you go. For more details contact Elaine & Mike: Phone No: 02392790803, Mobile: 07876381558 or e-mail: fgstompers@yahoo.co.uk

If you would like to receive our new electronic newsletter detailing the events and activities held at the Community Centre, just visit our website www.denmeadca.com and click "join the email list".

From the Registers

Funerals

2nd December Mrs Jane Carruthers, age 89

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.

Sat	3	HR	District Advice Surgery	10.00-Noon	M
Sun	4	OS	Denmead Junior Brass Band	9.15-10.15am	W
			Denmead Brass Band	10.30-12.30pm	W
			Unreal Dimensions-Gaming Club	7.00-10.00pm	W
Mon	5	CH	Zumba Fitness Class	9.30am	W
			Breathe Again	11.30-12.30pm	W
			Slimming World	5.30 & 7.30pm	W
		MH	TS Alacrity Cadets	6.45pm	W
		OS	Old Schoolhouse Pre-School	9.00-3.00pm	D
			-& till noon Friday		
			Pilates	11.00-Noon	W
			Smart Fitness-Circuit Training	10.00-Noon	W
			Table Tennis	7.00-9.00pm	W
			Denmead Bridge Club	7.00-10.00pm	W
			Tactical Self Defence Class	7.00-9.30pm	W
		SHQ	Busy Bees Pre School	9.00-Noon&3.00	D
			Friday -	9.00-Noon	D

Village Diary

		Merlin Cubs	6.30-8.00pm	W
		At the Forest Of Bere Denmead Knit & Bitch	7.00-9.00pm	W
		All abilities are welcome		
Tue 6	CH	All Join in Together (Babies & Toddlers)	11.00-Noon	W
		3 rd Denmead Brownies	5.45pm	W
	HR	Coffee & a Chat All welcome	9.30-Noon	2xW
		Also on Thursday		
	MH	Denmead Pre School	9.00-3.00pm	D
		* Wednesday	9.00-12.30pm	
		Archery	7.00pm	W
	OS	Creative Play for Under 5s	9.30-11.00am	W
		Line Dancing (NEW)	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 7	CH	Pilates	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	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 –Planning	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 8	CH	Jiggly Wigglers	9.00-11.00am	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	9.30-11.30am	2xW
	OS	Zumba	9.30-10.30am	W
		Senior Citizens' Lunch Club	12.30-1.30pm	W
		-60+ years & would like to attend contact Ann Davies, 02392 264830. Volunteers To help contact Chris Phillips, 02392 257138		
		Citizens Advice Bureau	1.00-3.00pm	W
		Rimor Fitness	5.30-6.30pm	W
		-Denmead Football Club		
		Adult Tap	7.00-7.45pm	W
	SHQ	Bere Forest Beavers	6.15-7.30pm	W
Fri 9	CH	Mother & Toddlers Group	9.30-11.30am	W
		Chair Exercises	2.00pm	W
		Youth Move	5.15-6.15pm	W
	OS	Mumbaba -	9.30-10.30am	W
		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 Scout Troop	7.00-9.00pm	W
	Phoenix Explorers	7.00-9.00pm	W	
Sat 10	OS	Southern Arts Academy	9.45-11.15am	W
Sun 11	MH	Archery	9.00am	W
Mon 12	OS	Painting in Watercolours	10.00-Noon	W
		At The Forest of Bere The Royal British Legion Meeting - Hambledon & District Branch	8.00pm	M
Tue 13	CH	Art Class	1.00-3.00pm	W
		Gold Star Dancing	8.00-9.00pm	W
	OS	Denmead Evening WI Craft Evening	7.00-9.00pm	M

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		At The Chairmakers, Worlds End, Noon-	3.00pm	M
		-Waterlooville Probus Club. Lunch & talk		
Wed 14	CH	Meet & Eat	12.30-2.00pm	M
		British Koi Karp Society	7.30pm	M
	MH	Floral Workshop	7.30pm	M
	OS	Parish Council-Main Council	7.30pm	
Thu 15	UR	Readers' Tuition	7.30pm	W
	CS	At the Cornerstone		
		Denmead WI Belles	7.30pm	M
Fri 16	CH	Denmead Village Association - Speaker Hazel Fotheringham on the Aims and Activities of the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust. Details from Janet Nobes 92 255981.	7.30pm	
Sat 17	CH	SAVE THE CHILDREN JUMBLE SALE	10.00am	
		MESSY CHURCH	3.30-5.30pm	
		- see main notice		
Tue 20	HR	Mothers' Union	7.30pm	
	OS	Denmead Reading Circle	2.30-4.15pm	M
Wed 21	CH	Flower Club AGM	2.00pm	M
	MH	Denmead Evening WI	7.30pm	M
	OS	Parish Council-Highways & GP	7.30pm	
Fri 23	HR	Support Group Meeting	2.00-4.00pm	
Sat 24	CH/HR	Twining Association	6.00-11.00pm	
Tue 27	HR	Koi Carp Committee Meeting	8.00-9.00pm	
Wed 28	CH	Bereavement Care Group	2.00-4.00pm	M
	OS	Parish Council- Planning	7.30pm	
		At White Wings House Golden Years Club	2.00pm	M
		- Contact 023 92261428		
Sat 31	OS	FILM NIGHT – WHAT WE DID ON OUR HOLIDAY	7.30pm	M

Denmead, Southwick and Boarhunt Conservative Branch

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

In aid of The Mayor of Winchester's Charity

"Snowdrops by Candlelight"

Hill Farm House, Droxford Road, Swanmore SO32 2PY

Saturday 14th February 2015

at 5.30 for 8.30 pm

Tickets £8 each or Family/Group (4) Ticket £22

Join us for Mulled Wine in this Magical Walk
Music, Various stalls & Hot refreshments available

Ticket from: Mrs Janet Read

023 9225 7565 read.janet.h@gmail.com

Mrs Ann Pearson 01489 892 822

Tourism Information Centre, Guildhall

01962 840 500

Charity No 1093428



Wanted – Denmead Families with Young Children

Denmead Twinning Association (DTA) are looking for 2 families with young children, each to twin with a family in Saint-Georges-lès-Baillargeaux.



Twining with a St Georges family involves visiting St Georges in May 2015 for a long weekend where our French counterparts host us with a full programme of entertainment partly as a group and partly with our French family. The following year you would be expected to host your French family for the weekend in May.

Everyone has a good time and many of us have been visiting and hosting the same family for many years.

As well as the French visit, the DTA hold a number of social/ fund raising events throughout the year.

If you are interested in learning more about what is involved please contact Malcolm Davies 023 92264830.

Home-Start

the UK's leading Family Support Organisation



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

Registered Charity No. 1108953

Neighbourhood Watch

www.wehnw.org.uk

Child Internet Safety

Parents, carers, teachers and children all need to know the potential dangers to children of using the Internet. From an early age almost all children will now become frequent Internet users, and, while most of this use will be healthy, entertaining and productive, it can also expose them to explicit and undesirable material, and communication with those who do not have the best interests of your children at heart.

The primary UK agency promoting Child Internet Safety is CEOP (which used to be called the Child Exploitation and Online Protection Centre). This is run by the Police with the aim of identifying online threats to children and bringing offenders to justice. They publish a detailed range of advice to children of differing age groups, and for parents and others responsible for them, and take reports from and give advice to those who have concerns or knowledge about undesirable activity such as grooming or cyberbullying.

CEOP's website is at www.ceop.police.uk with facilities for advice, help and reporting. This site links into the associated website www.thinkyouknow.co.uk where there is a mass of detailed advice and assistance to all concerned. There is up-to-date information on sites children like to visit, mobile telephones and new technology, plus advice on what's good, what's not and what children and others can do about it.

Social networking sites such as Facebook and Twitter can be great at maintaining and developing new relationships, but can be a trap for adults as well as children if basic 'rules' are not observed. It is so important for parents to understand the need to discuss these matters with their children and to keep a close eye on their use of the Internet. There are too many sad stories on TV and in the media where mutual understanding and oversight have failed with unfortunate consequences.

There is no room in a short article to cover the wide range of advice available and required. You need to

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go to the sites above. Other internet sites which are also useful in this area are:

www.getsafeonline.org - gives computer users advice to help them use the internet confidently, safely and securely.

www.chatdanger.com - how to keep safe chatting online.

www.childinternetsafety.co.uk - enhancing children's knowledge of the digital world

www.stopitnow.org.uk - aims to prevent child sexual abuse by raising awareness and encouraging early recognition of the problem by abusers themselves and those close to them.

www.safenetwork.org.uk - safe networking for children and adults
www.mumsnet.com/internet-safety

All parents should make good use of this information.



Denmead Afternoon Women's Institute

During November the Institute took part in a number of social activities. A group of members met for lunch at the White Hart. We had a stall at the Horticultural Society Craft Fair, where the sale of crafts, cakes and jams raised a healthy profit to help provide next year's running costs. At the end of the month the institute took part in the group Christmas Social Evening. Each of the six institutes provided a short entertainment and our "Twelve Months of WI" was enjoyed by all, including the members taking part!

Arrangements were made for Christmas Lunch, also at the White Hart.

The December meeting was a Christmas Afternoon, with members reading seasonal prose and poetry and the institute singing a number of Christmas songs. A Christmas Quiz was won by Norma Plowman. The afternoon concluded with the visit of Father Christmas and Rudolph

(alias Margaret Kennett and Angela MacNee) who distributed the gifts to members taking part in the Secret Santa gift exchange. The competition for a Christmas Hat was won by Joan Elliott with Ruth Giles second. The flower competition was won by Dorothy MacNee and Joan Elliott was second. As it was a members' afternoon the competitions were judged by the members placing coins next to their choice. The resulting money was donated to Associated Country Women of the World (ACWW), to which WI is affiliated.

This month our meeting will include a talk on finance and how to avoid inheritance tax. Although the subject sounds serious ladies from other institutes who have heard the gentleman say he is lighthearted and makes finance fun. The competition will be for a family heirloom.

This month the institute are taking part in the National WI Baton Relay to commemorate the Centenary of the WI in Britain. The baton started its journey in Anglesey, where the British WI was first established, and

will cover the country, visiting every WI Group. The relay will culminate at the Annual Meeting at the Royal Albert Hall in June.

We will be meeting for lunch at the Harvest Home on the 20th of the month at 12 noon. Booking is not required.

We extend a warm welcome to all ladies to our meetings which are held on the first Wednesday in the month at the Memorial Hall. The meeting is from 2pm to 4pm

The meeting includes a talk or demonstration on a wide range of subjects so there is something for all tastes and interests. If you are new to the village or recently retired WI is the ideal place to make new friends or renew old acquaintances. If you are not free during the day the Evening Institute would welcome you to their meeting on the third Wednesday of the month at 7.30pm (except December when it is the 2nd Wednesday)

We wish you all a Happy and Peaceful New Year.

Joan Downing (9226 5458)

Denmead Village Association – DVA

Over 40 members and guests attended the bi-monthly meeting on Friday 21st November.

The speaker Andrew Perrin spoke on the history of the Purbrook area in bygone days. He illustrated his talk with old maps and old photographs of the area showing the changes to roads, houses and the layout of previous locations and up-to-date photos showing the difference over the years. Some of the audience who have memories of living at Purbrook were able to identify the names and owners;

The Chairman Mr Peter Ambrose spoke about the Denmead Neighbourhood Plan, and his concern that some information which had been circulated was inaccurate or misleading.

The next meeting will be on Friday 16th January in the Denmead Church Hall at 7.30 p.m. The speaker will be Hazel Fotheringham giving an illustrated talk about the Aims and Activities of the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust.

All residents are welcome to attend. The membership fee is £2 a year which is payable to

Mrs Janet Nobes, 8 The Smithy, Denmead PO7 6YS Telephone 9225 5981.

She also has the stock of the Denmead History Books, notelets and tea towels showing views of Denmead for sale.

We also need a Secretary as since the A.G.M. in September Mrs. Nobes has been Acting Secretary as well as Treasurer. If you would like to help please contact Mrs Nobes or Mr Peter Ambrose.

Janet Nobes

CAB

Q I'm thinking of buying a second-hand car but a friend of mine bought a second-hand car and had a bad experience which left him out of pocket. What do I need to do to ensure I take the right precautions?

A You should always be careful when buying a second-hand car but you can do the following things to help yourself:

Check the car's identity

The DVLA's online database can tell you a car's year of manufacture, date of first registration, engine capacity, colour, current tax disc expiry date, tax rate (known as vehicle excise duty rate).

If the details on the database don't match the car or its registration certificate (V5C), the car may have been given another car's identity. This is known as ringing and is against the law. You should walk away and report the seller to the police.

As well as confirming the identity of the car, these details can give you useful information about how much the car will cost to tax.

The database is free to use. You will need to know the car's registration number and its make.

You can make a vehicle details enquiry on GOV.UK website at www.gov.uk tel (premium rate): 0906 185 8585 for information about the car; 0906 765 7585 for the expiry date of the current tax disc only.

You could also get a private history check. A history check, sometimes known as a data check, can tell you whether a car has been reported stolen, still has finance owing, has suffered serious accident damage, has a discrepancy between the mileage it shows and what's held on a central database.

You can find a company that carries out history checks in the telephone directory or internet. The company will charge you for providing this service. Check your agreement with the company carefully, as they may not be responsible for the accuracy of the information they supply. Organisations such as the AA and RAC can carry out these checks.

You should check the car's MOT

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In England, Wales and Scotland you can check a car's recent MOT history through the Vehicle and Operator Service Agency (VOSA). This can be useful if you're not sure whether the MOT certificate is genuine.

You will need the car's registration number and the MOT test number, which can be found on either:

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

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

- the current MOT certificate (called the VT20)
- the current MOT refusal certificate (called the VT30)
- the vehicle registration certificate (called the V5C)

More information on checking a car's history can be found on GOV.UK at www.gov.uk

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



The Denmead Neighbourhood Plan

In November's Chronicle there were two reports that commented on the Denmead Neighbourhood Plan (DNP). One report inferred that we could possibly be overwhelmed by speculative developer applications if we reject the DNP, the other inferred that pass or fail the Referendum, the village was safe

from developer applications because Winchester City Council (WCC) will simply incorporate Denmead's basic plan into the District's Local Plan Part 2. Actually, the way planning rules are currently written either of these two outcomes is possible. The difference is that with a Neighbourhood Plan in place we will know exactly what and where future development will be. Without the

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Neighbourhood Plan we will be open to further development if Winchester City Council has to increase the overall number of houses being built across the District. With a Neighbourhood Plan we will have the power of the law on our side and be the only settlement in the District able to say no to additional development.

If the DNP fails at Referendum in January/February this year, developers can legally submit planning applications prior to the Winchester's Local Plan Part 2 being submitted for approval, currently November 2015, with little we, or Winchester, could do to prevent the applications being approved.

Our village community cannot avoid providing the allocated 250 houses between 2011 and 2031, of which 120 have already been built, or have planning approval. But the DNP is not just about the remaining 130 houses, it also provides for green space, a new village green and a multi-use games area [MUGA] for young people. There would be no guarantee of any such provision in a WCC imposed plan for Denmead. The Denmead Neighbourhood Plan is about giving residents control over what happens to their village in the future.

*Kirk Phillips, Winchester City Council,
Member for Denmead Ward*

Denmead Neighbourhood Plan - Editor's Note

We have received a number of submissions regarding the DNP.

Please note that we do not consider the Parish Chronicle to be the appropriate forum for discussion about the Plan, therefore we will only be publishing information of a factual nature. Items which are more speculative or expressing a particular opinion may be edited or omitted.

Further information about the Plan may be found on the various websites (do a search for 'denmead neighbourhood plan', or by speaking to the appropriate authorities.

Hampshire County Council

School Places

Children who are 4 years old between 1st September 2014 and 31st August 2015 are entitled to start school next September (2015). Parents have until midnight on 15th January 2015 to make an application for a reception year school place. This is also the closing date for applications for a junior school place. Missing the deadline could mean missing out on a place at your local school.

In 2014, Hampshire County Council's Admissions Service processed almost 15,000 applications for primary school places. Just under 90% of parents applying were allocated a school place for their child at their first preference school, with over 97% being offered a place at one of their three preferred schools. To this end, earlier this year, HCC committed to a £149 million planned investment to build new schools and expand others to create an additional 8,000 primary school places over the next three years.

Hampshire residents can apply for a school place online, where they will also find useful information about the application process and details of Hampshire schools. Alternatively, parents can apply on a paper application form which is available from all Hampshire maintained schools and academies or they can call 0845 603 5623 for an application form. If parents need help with applying for a school place, they should visit any Hampshire school or Children's Centre where staff there will be happy to assist, or call 0845 603 5623.

With all good wishes for a Happy and fulfilling New Year.

Patricia Stallard

County Councillor for Winchester Southern Parishes