

Dear Friends,

Sandra and I, with several members of our congregation, are fortunate enough to be going on retreat to the beautiful island of Iona this month. Iona is not just a remote island off the west coast of Scotland (and no matter how you travel it takes a good twelve hours from Denmead), with wonderful scenery and wildlife, it is also a very spiritual place. It is often known as a “thin place” because the veil between heaven and earth is almost transparent and God's presence is very tangible. I have loved going on retreat to Iona for many years and I am thrilled that others are equally as enthusiastic.

But why do we call it a retreat rather than just a holiday? Well we all try to take holidays to physically rest and refresh ourselves or to try something different from our usual daily routines which can revitalise us. And the same applies to our spiritual lives. It is important every so often to take some time just to be in God's presence. Of course reading our Bibles, praying and worshipping bring us closer to God, but those things require us to be actively participating. Taking time just to “be” can open our minds to an even richer knowledge of God and we can often hear God speaking directly to us about His plans for our future. That may not always be what we think we want to hear! It was on Iona after many years of trying to ignore God's call that I finally understood that He wanted me to pursue a path to ordained ministry. There have been many other times though when there was just that reassuring sense of God's love surrounding me and bringing a deep sense of peace.

Jesus set us all the example of the benefits and need for a retreat. In the Bible we can read about Jesus withdrawing to be

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with His Father in Matthew 4:23, Mark 1:35, Luke 5:15 as well as on other occasions. And you will notice that Jesus didn't take a week off, in some cases just a few hours.

Some of us may be lucky enough to spend a week in a beautiful place drawing closer to God, but for others it may be only a weekend or even a day. For others still, like Jesus, just a few hours. The length of time is not really significant. It is the discipline of retreating from all distractions to listen to God that is necessary. Just as our bodies need time to rest and refresh so too our spiritual health benefits from some space and peace. There are many places you can go for a retreat, just look up some on the internet, or at the back of church there is a retreat magazine with some great suggestions that may be useful. Even better ask others who have found a good place or event to experience. Equally a special place for you locally or even in your own home can work just as well.

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God calls us to be active in sharing his love with others but we can only do this effectively if we take some time to feel God's love and peace for ourselves, filling and replenishing us. So as you plan your summer holidays I hope you can also plan some time to find a retreat that will feed and sustain your spiritual life for the months to come.

With love in Christ,

Sandie

Healing Service

The next healing Service is at 6pm on Sunday 7th June. 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

All Saints Church Services

Sunday 3rd May Trinity Sunday

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

Sunday 7th June Trinity 1

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

Sunday 14th June Trinity 2

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

Sunday 21st June Trinity 3

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

Sunday 28th June

- 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.

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.

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



Messy Church

The next Messy Church is on **Saturday 20th June.**



Any family from the village are welcome – including Grandparents and carers – 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 refreshments, then we will get on with some craft activities – adults as well as children can join in!

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 9225 5490

Recent Events at All Saints

Grateful thanks to all those involved in the following:

Lent Lunches

Once again the excellent organisation led by Mrs. Brenda Wright and Mrs. Violet Day ensured that all went well as the Anglicans, Baptists and Catholics took their turn in providing good soup and fellowship every Friday during the six weeks of Lent.

£890.80 was raised for “Open Doors” a charity helping persecuted Christians throughout the world.

The Good Friday Walk of Witness

A good number of people from the Three Churches met on a fine day at The Cornerstone for a short service led by Rev Paine Winnett.

Afterwards people made their way back to the Cross at All Saints stopping at three points along the way for readings and prayers.

Many thanks to Rev Paine Winnett who organised everything. Afterwards people met for the last Lent Lunch at All saints.

Easter Lilies

Many thanks to all who donated so generously to the cost of the lilies in memory of loved ones.

The lilies were exceptionally lovely this year. Thanks are also due to Mrs. Anne Cobbett who purchased them and to her son Philip who did a stunning arrangement at the altar.

All Saints is blessed with many accomplished flower arrangers whose skills were much admired on Easter Day.

Easter Day

Over thirty people met on the Village Green at 6.00am for the Sunrise Service. This was followed by a welcome breakfast in the Church Hall.

Children's Society Box Opening, 25th April

Boxes raised	£912.47
Cake and books	66 .45
Grand total	£978.92

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.

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

Fr Kevin writes,

A Denmead resident asked me recently about the significance of the mosaic on the tower over the main entrance to Sacred Heart church. The mosaic, created for us by artist Oliver Budd, is a depiction of Christ in Majesty – often known by its Greek title “Christ Pantocrator” – meaning literally the “one with all strength”.

The Church of the Sacred Heart

and St Peter the Apostle

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Christ is shown in the stylized form used by the Eastern Church, especially by the Coptic Church in Egypt. This depiction of the Lord unites us with our fellow Christians across the world, especially with our brothers and sisters of the Christian Faith who are persecuted and in great danger in the Middle East at this time.

Placed above the door of the Church, it is a reminder to us that Christ sustains and upholds all creation with his power and

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love. The figure is depicted holding in one hand the book of the Gospels, and is blessing us with the other. The fingers of Christ's raised right hand is so configured to show: by the raised finger – One God, whilst the three other fingers represent - the three persons of the Most Holy Trinity – Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Surrounding Christ are depictions of the seraphim – the angelic beings mentioned in the scriptures, who adore the majesty of God unceasingly! Use your imagination when looking at the shape of the icon's red outer rim, and notice that it forms the centre segments of two circles – one depicting heaven and the other depicting earth – with Christ as the bridge between the two – the mediator between God and man.

This mosaic enables all who enter the church to realise that Jesus Christ, "the one with strength", has conquered death and evil by his victory on the cross and by the glory of his resurrection.

In the difficult and uncertain times in which we live, may all Christians be reminder of the power of Christ's resurrection to bring peace to the depth of our hearts.

With every blessing,

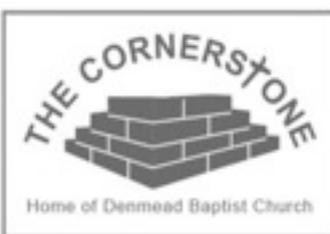
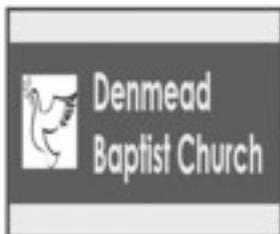
Fr Kevin

Meet and Eat

Meet and Eat will be on Wed 10th June 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



DENMEAD BAPTIST CHURCH HAS MOVED

***We now meet at
The Cornerstone
22 Mead End Road
Denmead
PO7 6PZ***

***Service times: Sundays
10:30 – 12:00
ALL WELCOME***

Contact

*Rev'd Danry Paine-Winnett
02393 078 376*

admin@denmeadbaptistchurch.org.uk





DABS (Denmead Activities and Bible School) for 5 - 11 year olds will be taking place from Tuesday 11th to Friday 14th August 2015 .

The venue is Denmead Junior School, Bere Road. Children must be pre-registered.

Look out for the leaflet which will be delivered soon.



Denmead Rowans Support Group

TEA @ THREE

Thursday June 18th

Tea and cakes in the garden, (indoors if wet)

Horseshoe Cottage, Furzeley Corner Denmead PO7 6TS

No tickets needed.

Denmead Afternoon Women's Institute

April was a busy month for the institute. We attended the Group Spring Meeting at Lovedean where Glenis Lee talked about quilting and showed us a selection of her work. We admired the beautiful colour combinations and designs. The darts tournament got off to a good start.

Our monthly meeting in May was our Annual Meeting where we elected our Officers and Committee for the coming year. The business was preceded by a delicious bring and share lunch. Cathy Cobb will continue as President. Pam Pilbeam will combine the work of Treasurer with that of Secretary. We were sorry to say goodbye to Dorothy MacNee who is retiring from Committee after many years service. Joan Elliott retired as treasurer and was warmly thanked. We welcomed Sheila Oakes to the committee again. The Competition Cup was won by Angela MacNee and the Flower Cup by Joan Elliott.

Future plans include providing afternoon tea for two coach parties. The institute will also take

part in the group round of the County Skittles competition and Quiz and are participating in the Annual Darts competition. Members will visit the Selborne Lavender Fields for a talk, tour and cream tea when once again we shall be using the Communicare minibus.

This month members will be able to view a relay of the Centenary Annual Meeting at the Albert Hall in the Masonic Hall in Purbrook. In August we will be manning a stall at the Horticultural Society Village Show where we hope to meet old and new friends. This month's meeting will include a talk about The Haven Breast Cancer care. The competition is for a piece of pink china.

We welcome all ladies to our meetings held on the first Wednesday of the month at the Memorial Hall from 2 to 4pm. If you are unable to attend during the day the Evening Institute would welcome you to their meetings at 7.30pm on the third Wednesday in the month.

Joan Downing (9226 5458)

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.

Mon 1	CH	Zumba Fitness Class	9.30am	W
		Breathe Again	11.30am	W
		Slimming World	5.30 & 7.30pm	W
	MH	Denmead Pre School	9.00-3.00pm	D
		Wednesday	9.00-12.30pm	
		TS Alacrity	6.45pm	W
	OS	Old Schoolhouse Preschool	9.00-3.00pm	D
		- Friday -	9.00-Noon	
		Smart Fitness-Circuit Training	6.00-8.00pm	W
		Table Tennis	7.00-9.00pm	W
		Denmead Bridge Club	7.00-10.00pm	W
	SHQ	Busy Bees Preschool	9.00-3.00pm	D
		Friday	9.00-Noon	
		Merlin Cub Pack	6.30-8.00pm	W
		At the Forest of Bere – Knit & Bitch	7.00-9.00pm	W
		All abilities are welcome		
Tue 2	CH	All Join Together	11.00-Noon	W

Village Diary

		Exercise after Stroke	2.00-3.30pm	W
		3 rd Brownies	5.45pm	W
		Denmead Horticultural Society	7.30pm	M
	HR	Coffee & a Chat--All welcome	9.30-Noon	2x
	OS	Creative Play	9.30-11.00am	W
		- lots of fun for Under 5s		
		Tuesday Pilates Class	5.30-7.30pm	W
		Shape & Tone (Ladies Fitness)	7.00-8.00pm	W
		Chapter Reading Group	7.30-9.30pm	M
		Downland Singers	7.45-10.15pm	W
		Denmead Brass Band	8.00-10.00pm	W
	SHQ	Spitfire Scouts	6.30-8.30pm	W
Wed 3	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 - Pre-school Children & Carers 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
		Creative Quilters	10.00-1.00pm	W
		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	W
	SHQ	Concorde Cubs	6.30-8.00pm	W
		At the Forest of Bere - Knit & Bitch	10.00-Noon	W
		All abilities are welcome		
		Church Car Park Mobile Library	1.30-4.00pm	W
Thu 4	CH	Jiggly Wiggles	9.30am	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	2x	
	UR	Readers' Tuition	7.30pm	W	
	OS	Zumba	9.30-10.30am	W	
		Didi Dance	9.30-10.30am	W	
		U3A Calligraphy	10.30-12.30pm	M	
		Senior Citizens Lunch Club	12.30-1.30pm	W	
		CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAU	1.00-3.00pm	W	
		Rimor Fitness	5.30-6.30pm	W	
		Adult Tap	7.00-7.45pm	W	
	SHQ	Bere Forest Beavers	6.15-7.30pm	W	
		At the Cornerstones Denmead WI Belles Meeting	7.30pm	M	
Fri	5	CH	Mother & Toddler Group	9.30am	W
			Chair Exercises	2.00-3.00pm	W
			Youthmove	5.15pm	W
		OS	Mumbaba Family Singing Group	9.30-10.30am	W
			U3A Art Class	10.00-Noon	W
			Denmead Drama	4.00-7.30pm	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	6	HR	District Advice	10.00-Noon	
		OS	Southern Arts Academy	9.45-11.15am	W
Sun	7	OS	Denmead Brass Band Juniors	9.15-10.15am	W
			Denmead Brass Band	10.30-12.30pm	W
Mon	8	HR	Denmead Village Association Committee	7.30-9.30pm	
		OS	Painting in Watercolours	10.00-Noon	W
			Palates	11.00-Noon	W
			At the Forest of Bere – Knit & Bitch	7.30pm	W
			All abilities are welcome		
			At The Forest of Bere The Royal British Legion Meeting - Hambledon & District Branch	8.00pm	M
Tue	9	CH	Gold Star Dancing	8.00-9.00pm	W
		OS	Coffee & Chat	1.30-3.30pm	W
			Denmead Evening WI Craft Evening	7.00-9.00pm	M
			At the Chairmakers,	Noon -3.00pm	

Waterlooville Probus Club - monthly lunch and talk by guest speaker.

Details from Colin Cox on 023 92 594112.

Wed 10	CH	Meet & Eat	12.30-2.00pm	M
		British Koi Karp Society	7.30pm	M
	MH	Floral Workshop	7.30pm	M
	OS	Denmead Art	10.00-Noon	F
		Parish Council- Main Council	7.30pm	
		Church Car Park Mobile Library	1.30-4.00pm	W
Thu 11	OS	Southern Arts Academy	4.30-8.15pm	W
Sun 14	OS	Unreal Dimensions-Gaming Club	7.00-10.00pm	W
Mon 15	HR	DHS Committee Meeting	7.30pm	W
Tue 16	HR	Mothers' Union	7.30pm	
	OS	Denmead Reading Circle	2.15-4.15pm	M
Wed 17	CH	Flower Club	2.00pm	M
	MH	Evening WI - Reflexology	7.30pm	M
		'Your Body Through your Hands' Jennie Burrow		
	OS	Parish Council – Amenities	7.30pm	
		Church Car Park Mobile Library	1.30-4.00pm	W
Fri 19	OS	Creative Quilters	1.00-4.00pm	W
Sat 20	CH	MESSY CHURCH	3.30-5.30pm	M
		Families, carers & children fun afternoon		
		-see main notice for details		
		The Chairmakers, Worlds End		
		Denmead Conservative Branch		
		200 Anniversary of the Battle of Waterloo Dinner 7 for 7.30pm		
		Details from Janet Nobes 92 255981		
Tue 23	CH	Koi Carp Committee Meeting	8.00-9.00pm	
Wed 24	CH	Bereavement Support 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		
Fri 26	CH	MiniMultiples Exhibition Preparation		
Sat 27	CH	MINIMULTIPLES FETE	All Day	
	OS	FILM NIGHT – DARK HORSE	7.30pm	

Coming Soon

Thursday 9th July

Denmead Conservative Branch Outing to Poole and Brownsea Island. Details from Margaret Raffle 92 268096.

Saturday 11th July

"Proms in the Park 2015". Details on page 16

Sunday 12th July from 11am onwards.

ALL SAINTS CHURCH FUN DAY

– all welcome, details in next month's magazine!

11th – 14th August – DABS WEEK!

(Denmead Activities & Bible School).

Put the dates in your diaries and look out for more details nearer the time.

Denmead Community Centre

Denmead Film Nights

This month's film on Saturday 27th June "Dark Horse"

"Who doesn't love a rags-to-riches story, especially when that unbelievable tale didn't come out of the mind of some writer in Hollywood but was, in fact, true? Such is the case with barmaid Jan Voxes and her wild idea to convince a group of locals, later known as The Alliance Partnership, to invest in breeding a championship racing horse.

"With the coalition in agreement, they set in motion the procurement of their potential equestrian moneymaker, Dream Alliance. While the initial bouts were not promising, the stallion proved to have as much heart as he did might. As the company makes astonishing accomplishments, they are soon challenged with a horrific tragedy and only the strongest of fighters comes out on

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top. You can't help but smile as these "village idiots" invade the sophisticated "sport of kings" and bring all us yahoo audience members along for the ride. The sheer joy and passion Voxes has for her horse forces onlookers to shed a tear of sadness and joy in one blink."

The Second Best Exotic Marigold Hotel, is showing on July 26th

Proms in the Park

Saturday 11th July is "Proms in the Park 2015", this live open-air concert with our very own Brass Band promises to be one of the Village highlights of the summer, gates open at 5.15pm with both the Training Band and the Portsmouth Pluckers supporting the main event which is due to start at 6.15pm. Refreshments include a gourmet BBQ and fine wines provided by Discover Wines. Tickets cost £6 each and are on sale now from both the Community Centre and Discover Wines.

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

Baptisms

14th June Declan Thomas Kevin West -Ralph

Weddings

6th June Steven Charles Burrige and Julia Pearson

13th June Robert Colin Harry Cawte and Danielle Marie Pearson

13th June Daniel Hughes and Collette Wilcox

Funerals

22nd May Steven Childs

David Grout, died on 3rd April 2015, aged 85 years.

Neighbourhood Watch

www.wehnw.org.uk



Trading Standards

Trading Standards in Hampshire have the task of enforcing consumer related legislation within the county as well as helping businesses to remain within ever changing legislation. Although they no longer have responsibility for advice to consumers, which now lies with the Citizens Advice consumer service, Trading Standards also provide a range of services to us as consumers. Specific areas where Trading Standards offer direct support to the public include:

- Doorstep Crime. Warnings are put out whenever it is clear that rogue traders are operating in an area. A Quick Response Team is available in working hours to respond to calls about Rogue Traders who are currently active.
- No Cold Calling. No Cold Calling areas are initiated to encourage people to turn away and report unscrupulous cold callers.
- Scams. Up-to-date information and advice on Scams is publicised.
- Protecting vulnerable people. Talks are given on scams and doorstep crime to older groups, and the publication Safe and Sound with associated information is widely distributed.
- Buy with Confidence scheme. Traders in a wide variety of occupations have been vetted and approved by Trading Standards. A directory of Approved Local Businesses is

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available either via the Trading Standards website or in an annually updated booklet.

- Monitoring and enforcement of underage sales.

Electric Blanket testing.

Trading Standards can be contacted either by letter or in person at Montgomery House, Monarch Way, Winchester SO22 5PW. Their main telephone number is 01962 833620, and the Quick Response Team is on 01962 833 666.

For their website go to <http://www3.hants.gov.uk/tradingstandards>

For consumer advice from Citizens Advice, either go to www.adviceguide.org.uk or call 08454 04 05 06.



Denmead Junior School

Easter Service – March 24th 2015

It was lovely for the older children of the school to attend All Saints Church for our Easter Service. As you may know Denmead Junior School has over 320 pupils from ages 7 to 11 (year 3 to year 6) and sadly we can't get the whole school to fit into the church. So we have decided that year 3 and 4 will come up to the church for our Christmas service every December, and for the older children in year 5 and 6 to come to All Saints every Easter.

That is not, however, our only connection with All Saints Church. Every Thursday the Reverend Edwards visits the school and holds an assembly for a year group. These

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assemblies are linked to our school learning skills of Resilience, Reciprocity (collaboration), Reflectiveness and Resourcefulness, and our school values of Friendship and Respect. Reverend Edwards usually brings props and roles for children so that they are fully engaged in the assembly and the children's thinking has deepened as we have gone through the year:

I'd like to thank the church for its support of the school and in welcoming me to the Denmead Community when I joined the school in September.

Mission Statement

I thought you might be interested in the school's new Mission Statement:

We are committed to improving the quality of education at Denmead Junior School so children:

- **Have the necessary skills and competencies in Reading, Writing and Maths to flourish at Secondary School and outside it**
- **Are socially skilled and good communicators in all forms**
- **Have understanding, resilience, empathy and care for others**
- **Are healthy, confident and happy**
- **Will look back on their learning at DJS with affection, pride and a recognition of the solid foundations for life-long learning and citizenship that were laid here.**

Happy Together. Growing Together. Aiming High.

Mrs Elaine Viner, Head Teacher, Denmead Junior School.

District Council Report

What an amazing Election Day both here in Denmead and the country as a whole.

The elections were held on the 7th May with a turnout 71.84% from the residents of Denmead ward. George Hollingbery was elected to returned to Westminster as the Member of Parliament for Meon Valley with a vote of 31,578 and Cllr Patricia Stallard also retained her seat to return to serve on Winchester District Council for one more year, as 2016 there will be an all-out election for Winchester District Council, as the council readjusts its membership level down from 57 members currently to 45. The revised ward boundaries are due to be published at the end of June 2015.

It was nice to see that a large number of people who had not voted before turned out to vote these included younger first

time voters. A total of 20 seats on the District Council were up for re-election. The outcome of the vote means there is a different political balance with 33 Conservatives, 22 Liberal Democrats and 2 Labour councillors forming the new membership.

The count started in Winchester at 10pm on Thursday night with the General Election. Results were announced around 0830 am on Friday morning, followed with the count of the District wards, with the last count finishing at 2.30pm on Friday 8th. .

Your District Councillors now wait to be allotted to their respective committees and responsibilities for the coming year. Whatever position we are nominated to serve, we shall commit ourselves to serving Denmead.

Mike Read, District Councillor for Denmead Ward

Denmead Horticultural Society

Hostas were a popular topic for the talk at our May meeting. John Baker told us how his and partner June Colley's collection grew from their first hosta bought at a car boot sale to over 1300 cultivars.

Hostas are happy in dappled shade but need some sun to grow well. Their leaves are the main attraction varying from yellow to blue green with many types of gold, cream or white variegation and some have attractive flowers which can be scented. They come in all sizes from the giant Sum and Substance to miniatures grown as alpine.

He feeds them with a controlled release fertiliser changing to lawn feed in autumn. His answer to the big slug question is to keep the garden tidy and treat the plants regularly. Starting around Valentines Day clear away all fallen leaves and debris – this is where the slugs hide in the

daytime and lay their eggs. Use slug pellets sparingly to catch the early ones and start regular treatment. One teaspoon of Epsom salts in a can of water or a mixture of one part ammonia diluted with nine parts of water can be watered on. In summer John changes to a garlic solution. Make it by bashing a whole garlic bulb and boiling it in a litre of water for three minutes. Strain the liquid and keep it in the fridge. To use add one tablespoon to one litre of water and spray on. This irritates the slugs so they go away and can kill the slug eggs.

On Tuesday 2nd June Kevin Hobbs, Nursery Director at Hilliers Nursery will give us a Practical Guide to Pruning. Visitors (£2) are welcome, 7.30pm at the Church Hall.

Plans for the Denmead Village Show on Saturday 15th August please contact me if you would like to book a stall.

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CAB

Q. I bought a new mobile phone six months ago, and I used the signal checker on the website, but I never have any signal at home or work at all. I want to cancel my contract and go back to my old mobile company as I always had good service with them, but my new provider says I'll have to pay all 18 months of the contract remaining if I want to cancel. I can't afford to pay that all at once and a new contract, but I also can't have a mobile phone that never works when I need it. What can I do?

A. Most mobile phone contracts last 24 months, but often they don't specify minimum standards of service, so it can be tricky to get out of them without paying a hefty fee. Your best bet is to keep a log of times when your phone doesn't work. Then contact

your service provider and ask them if there is anything they can do. This might solve the problem without you needing to cancel.

It might say something in your contract about how much reception you should get: if so you should be able to cancel the contract without paying. Unfortunately, you can't rely on what an online coverage checker will say as they're just a guide and will only ever give an idea of the average signal someone can expect outside in that area.

If the phone doesn't work in your house or workplace but does work

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

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outside, the problem might be with those buildings themselves. In that case you wouldn't normally be able to cancel without paying. It might be that the signal just isn't strong enough, so you should ask your provider to carry out a signal strength check.

If there's no signal in your whole area, you might be able to cancel under the Supply of Goods and Services Act. Very poor service most of the time might mean the network is breaking your contract. Some contracts have terms and conditions which mean they're allowed to not provide service sometimes, so you need to get advice to see if this applies to you.

Before anything else, contact your service provider; share any evidence of poor service and explain why you should be let out of your contract early. They might well allow you to cancel.

Waterlooville Probus Club

Waterlooville Probus Club provides a meeting place for retired or semi-retired professional or business men and woman. We meet on the second Tuesday of each month. The next meeting will be on Tuesday 9th June at our new venue of the 'Chairmakers' Pub at Worlds End, Hambledon. Starting at 12.00 noon we meet for a drink and a chat with fellow members and after a 3 course lunch, our guest speaker Andrew Negus will give a talk on 'Winchester (part 2)'. If you would like further information on joining Probus please contact Colin Cox on 023 92 594112 or by e-mail at 'colincox364@btinternet.com'.

Every family needs a bit of help sometimes...



Support and friendship for families

Many parents need help, friendship, advice or support during those early years when children are young. There is no rule book for raising a family and sometimes it can seem overwhelming.

But if you can get the help and support when you need it, then day-to-day family life and your children's future can be so much brighter.

If your family could do with some support from our trained volunteers please contact us
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