

Dear Friends,

I am sure that all of you at some time during your life have had thoughts about what is the purpose of life. Maybe asking yourself which direction should I be taking. What career should I be aiming for; or that you need to change direction and begin training for a new career. Some of you may be reflecting that you wish that you had had the courage and risked everything and stepped outside the box and followed that seemingly insane dream.

Many young people today take time out to see the world and think about their future. I know of one couple who have given up, good jobs, house, car and all financial security to travel around the world. They decided that this was the way forward for them. They believed their experiences whilst traveling would enrich and change their lives.

*Spend
time with
Jesus*

Every Sunday since Easter, in Church we have been reading part of the book of the 'Acts of the Apostles.' The book begins with the disciples still being afraid that they may be arrested by the authorities and then going out of Jerusalem with the risen Jesus and watching while he ascended into heaven. They then returned to the upper room and waited for the power that Jesus had promised he would send to them. Once they had received this they would be given the courage to go out and tell other people about the good news of Jesus.

Chapter 2 of the book tells the story of the first Pentecost. The Holy Spirit came upon the disciples like a mighty wind blowing through the house and room where they were sitting. Then what seemed like tongues of fire rested upon each of the disciples. After this they went out and spoke to all the people

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who had gathered outside the house because they had heard the noise of the wind. From this time on the disciples went out to all the cities, towns, and villages telling people of Jesus.

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The rest of the book of Acts tells of the disciples' journeys and how the Holy Spirit came upon those who believed and this was the beginning of the Christian church. All the disciples – including Peter who became a great preacher – and later St Paul went through great hardships, beatings, and imprisonment but nothing stopped them from preaching the good news of Jesus Christ. The book of 'Acts' makes exciting reading and I commend you to read the book for yourselves. It is in the New testament and comes just after the four gospels.

Churches celebrate the time when the disciples received the Holy Spirit at Pentecost (also known at Whitsun,) which this year falls at the end of May, Sunday 24th. The most wonderful news for all Christians is that the coming of the power of Holy Spirit was not a once and for all experience. The Holy Spirit is in the world today and it is him that fills us with the love of God and he is our guide, friend and helper. All of us need to be filled with the Holy Spirit daily and we should be praying that he will be our guide, especially when we are making decisions for our lives. If we follow the bible's teaching, especially the new commandment that Jesus gave: 'To love God and to love our neighbours as ourselves' and ask the Spirit to be with us then the decisions we make will coincide with God's plan for our lives.

This is why we will be asking for new filling of the Holy Spirit as we celebrate Pentecost once again. I pray that each of you will allow the Holy Spirit to fill your life and to be your guide.

With love in Christ,

Sandra

All Saints Church Services

Sunday 3rd May Easter 5

8.00am Holy Communion

9.30am Parish Communion

6.00pm Healing Service

Sunday 10th May Easter 6

8.00am Holy Communion

9.30am Family Praise

6.00pm Sung Evensong

Sunday 17th May Easter 7

8.00am Holy Communion

9.30am Parish Communion

6.00pm No Informal Service

Sunday 24th May Pentecost Sunday

8.00am Holy Communion

9.30am Parish Communion, music led by band

6.00pm Sung Evensong

Healing Service

The next healing Service is at 6pm on Sunday 3rd May. 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

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.

Messy Church

The next Messy Church is on Saturday 16th May.

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

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 Merrill Partridge 9226 6159.

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.

Meet and Eat

Meet and Eat will be on Wednesday 13th May 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

From the Registers

Baptisms

10th May Jack Richard Herring

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! Hope you had a great Easter!

Something quite remarkable is happening in Portsmouth Roman Catholic Diocese in May!

The Diocese is to host a visit of the relics of Blessed Louis and Zelig Martin! Who are they you might ask? Well, Louis and Zelig were the parents of Saint Therese of Lisieux, the young 19th Century Carmelite saint venerated throughout the Catholic world.

Louis and Zelig are the first married couple ever to be declared saints together! Cardinal Angelo Amato, Prefect of the Congregation for the Causes of Saints has said: "Thanks be to God, in October 2015 two spouses, the parents of Saint Therese of Lisieux, will be canonized. Saints are not

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only priests and nuns, but also lay people." So, their relics are coming to Portsmouth Diocese just before they are declared saints in October!

If your wondering about relics, well, Roman Catholics believe that the earthly remains of holy people (relics) are a source of peace, healing and prayer; so many people will be coming to venerate their relics in Portsmouth Cathedral on Thursday 21st May.

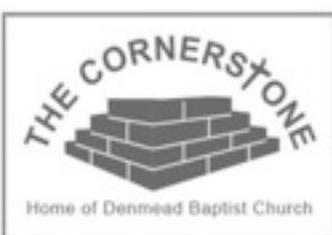
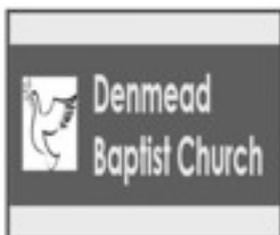
As a married couple Louis and Zelig are an example of Christian family love and self-giving so the faithful will come to pray before their relics asking the Lord to protect the integrity of Christian Family life in our modern, western secular society.

So, maybe this is an especially good time for us all, Catholic and non-Catholic, to pray for the well being our families! May the prayers of this saintly married couple, along with those of St Joseph the Just and Mary the Virgin, renew us with the joy of the Gospel.

Best wishes and prayer;

Fr Kevin





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 Danny Paine-Winnett
02393 078 376*

admin@denmeadbaptistchurch.org.uk



John Robert Hogg

John was born in Portsmouth as John Simmonds. He was fostered at 6 days old to Bob and Hilda Hogg.

When the Blitz started, John and his foster mum moved to Reading and whilst there, John took an Exam for the Technical School in Portsmouth – he passed and went with the school to Salisbury where he spent 3 very happy years. His bedroom there overlooked Old Sarum and a wonderful view over the countryside, hence him later naming his Denmead home 'SARUM', and that's where he got his love of the countryside, riding around on his bike that his Dad had bought him for passing the Technical School Exam.

From the Technical School John became a Dockyard apprentice and qualified as a Marine Engineer. He joined the Merchant Navy and signed on with Cunard. His first job was as an Engineer on The RMS *Coronia*, a cruise ship that took wealthy Americans around the World. Later, working on The *Queen Elizabeth* and The *Queen Mary*, he also met Hollywood stars such as Elizabeth Taylor, Doris Day

and Rita Hayworth to name but a few.

In 1954 John met Jean at the Savoy Dance Hall, Portsmouth and 2 years later they were married at St. Mary's Church in Portsmouth. They moved to Denmead in 1961 and had their 2 children James and Joanna.

John left the Merchant Navy in 1958 and worked for the M.O.D. in HMS Vernon Diving Unit. He was there 28 years, mainly in the Drawing Office designing diving equipment for Naval Divers. Then he moved on to ASWE Portsmouth, in charge of the Apprentice Workshop, until he retired in Jan 1990.

Prior to his retirement, John's love of football made him start up a youth team in Denmead - Denmead Youth Football Club became a successful, growing club with teams of varying ages and John had been Club manager for 20 years when he finally handed over the reins, aged 70.

In retirement, John was keen to research his biological family. He discovered he had a large family of four sisters, a brother and cousin spread across Portsmouth, The New Forest, Bedford, Plymouth, Falmouth

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and Canada. John and Jean visited them all and were warmly welcomed into the family.

John enjoyed his retirement, taking many trips with family and friends, including holidays to Canada where he and Jean travelled on the 'Rocky Mountaineer' train from Vancouver through the Rocky's to Calgary, as well as visiting his newly found sister in Toronto. Also, they went on a round-the-world trip which was the trip of a lifetime John had always promised Jean, enabling them to visit her brother and family in Australia.

John suffered a bad chest for years but only during the last two-three years did his health deteriorate through prostate cancer, making him rather fragile, but he remained cheerful throughout, perhaps due to his Alzheimer's which helped him to forget a lot of his troubles. He remained able to enjoy lots of meals and special occasions with family and friends and was so proud of his children, their spouses and his 4 grandchildren. He loved his family dearly and always thought himself very, very lucky - they will all miss him dreadfully.

Denmead Football Club's Tribute

Denmead Youth Football Club fondly remember John Hogg as the man who had the vision to extend the opportunity to play football for the young children of Denmead and surrounds in his capacity as Club Manager. John gave his time and effort to create a club that encouraged youngsters, no matter how talented, to enjoy football. In October of this year the U13s team will go on the first ever Denmead Youth FC football tour to Denmead's twin village of St Georges Les Baillareaux, in France, where they will be playing 3 local teams during a 4 night, 5 day tour. You cannot imagine how excited a group of lads can be, and clearly without John's work in getting the club on a sound footing, this would never have happened. There is no doubt the football club that exists today owes a lot to the dedication and sense of inclusion that John brought to Denmead Youth FC. John's legacy lives on, and he will always be remembered, as the Club have proposed The John Hogg Memorial Trophy for outstanding sporting achievement within the club.

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: The Cornerstone,
 Mead End Rd
 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.

Fri	1	CH	Mother & Toddler Group	9.30am	W
			Chair Exercises	2.00pm	W
			Youthmove	5.15-6.15pm	W
	MH	Denmead Pre-School	- Wednesday	9.00-3.00pm	D
				9.00-12.30pm	
	OS	Old Schoolhouse Preschool	- Friday -	9.00-3.00pm	D
				9.00-Noon	
		Mumbaba -	9.30-10.30am	W	
		-Parents/Carers & Tots Singing Group			
		U3A Art Class	10.00-Noon	W	
		Denmead Drama	7.00-8.00pm	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	2	HR	Councillor's Surgery	10.00-Noon	M
			OS Southern Arts Academy Dance Class	9.45-11.15am	W

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Village Diary

Sun 3	CH	Flower Club Plant Sale Preparation	6.30pm	
	OS	Denmead Brass Band Juniors	9.15-10.15am	W
		Denmead Brass Band	10.30-12.30am	W
		Unreal Dimensions-Gaming Club	7.00-10.00pm	n
Mon 4	CH	FLOWER CLUB PLANT SALE	10.00-11.00am	
		Slimming World	5.30 & 7.30pm	W
	MH	TS Alacrity	6.45pm	W
	OS	Smart Fitness-Circuit Training	6.00-8.00pm	W
		Table Tennis	7.00-9.00pm	W
		Denmead Bridge Club	7.00-10.00pm	W
		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 5	CH	All Join in Together (Mums, Carers & Tots)	11.00-Noon	W
		3rd Denmead Brownies	5.45pm	W
		Denmead Horticultural Society	7.30pm	M
	HR	Coffee & a Chat (& Thurs)	9.30am-Noon	2xW
	OS	The Old Schoolhouse Creative Play - For Under 5s	9.30-11.00am	W
		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	Busy Bees Preschool Mon to Thurs	9.00-12.00pm	D
		Spitfire Scouts	9.00-3.00pm	D
			6.30-8.30pm	W
Wed 6	CH	Pilates	10.00-11.00am	W
		2nd Denmead Rainbows	4.15pm	W
		1st Denmead Brownies	5.45pm	W
	MH	Denmead Afternoon WI	2.00pm	M
	OS	Zumba Gold	9.30-10.15am	W
		Table Tennis	10.00-Noon	W
		Details from David Hawkley 02392250719		

		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 –Amenities	7.30pm	
	SHQ	Concorde Cub Pack	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	7	CH POLLING STATION	ALL DAY	
		HR Coffee & a Chat (& Tuesdays)	9.30-Noon	2xW
		UR Readers' Tuition	7.30pm	W
		OS POLLING STATION	ALL DAY	
		Zumba	9.30-10.30am	W
		Diddi 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
		BC (The Cornerstone) Denmead WI Belles Meeting	7.30pm	M
Fri	8	MH DENMEAD BRASS CONCERT		
Sat	9	CH/HR Reader's Selection Day	9.00-5.30pm	
Mon	11	CH Zumba Fitness Class	9.30am	W
		Breathe Again	11.30am	W
		UR Church Hall Committee Meeting	7.30pm	
		OS Painting in Watercolours	10.00-Noon	W
		Pilates	11.00-Noon	W
		At The Forest of Bere The Royal British Legion	8.00pm	M
		Meeting - Hambledon & District Branch		
		Contact 02392261428		
Tue	12	CH Gold Star Dancing	8.00-9.00pm	W
		OS Coffee & Chat	1.30-3.30pm	M

Village Diary

		Denmead Evening WI Craft Evening	7.00-9.00pm	M
		At the Chairmakers' Waterlooville Probus Club	Noon-3.00pm	
		Monthly Lunch & Talk.		
Wed	13	CH Meet & Eat	12.30pm	M
		British Koi Karp Society	7.30pm	M
		MH Floral Workshop	7.30pm	M
		OS Denmead Art Group	10.00-Noon	F
		Parish Council- Planning	7.30pm	
Thu	14	CH Jiggly Wigglers	9.30am	W
		Keep Fit	2.00pm	W
		1st Denmead Rainbows	4.15pm	W
		2nd Denmead Brownies	5.30pm	W
		CH & HR Guides & Rangers	7.00pm	W
		OS Southern Arts Academy	4.30-8.15pm	W
Fri	15	CH Denmead Village Association	7.30pm	
Sat	16	CH ROWAN'S BOX OPENING	AM	
		MESSY CHURCH	3.30-5.30pm	M
		- see main notice for details		
Mon	18	HR Denmead Horticultural Society	7.30pm	M
		Committee Meeting		
Tue	19	HR Mothers' Union	7.30pm	
		OS Denmead Reading Circle	2.15-4.15pm	M
Wed	20	CH Flower Club	2.00pm	M
		OS Parish Council – Main Council	7.30pm	
		MH Denmead Evening WI	7.30pm	M
Tue	26	HR Koi Karp Committee Meeting	8.00-9.00pm	
Wed	27	CH Bereavement Support Group	2.00-4.00pm	M
		OS Parish Council –Highways& GP	7.30pm	
		White Wings House Golden Years Club	2.00pm	M
		- Contact 023 9226 1428		
Sat	30	OS FILM NIGHT – THEORY OF EVERYTHING	7.30pm	M
		Tickets £5		

Denmead Community Centre

Denmead Film Nights

This month's film on Saturday 30th May "The Theory of Everything" Eddie Redmayne won the Best Actor Oscar for his portrayal of Stephen Hawking and Felicity Jones deserved one too for her role. A moving, compelling film which everyone has heard about and will want to see. Beautifully made, truly inspiring.

Summer film titles include Dark Horse, June 27th and Second Best Exotic Marigold Hotel, July 26th .

"The Creative Quilters" are looking for like minded people to join their group. This friendly group meet every Wednesday from 1000 to 1300 to develop their Patchwork and Quilting skills (Intermediate and experienced levels). For further information and to book your place contact June: Email: june.m.crocker@btinternet.com

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".



Denmead Rowans Support Group

Annual Box Opening Coffee Morning
Cake, Craft, Book, Bric a Brac Stalls

Saturday 16th May, 10am -12noon

All Saints' Church Hall, Denmead

FREE ENTRY

To hire a table please call 07947 611699

Denmead Afternoon Women's Institute

We welcomed Brian Kidd to our April our monthly meeting for an talk entitled "Looking Forward to Summer". As usual Brian's talk was accompanied by beautiful slides of plants. He took us from Autumn, through Winter and Spring to Summer. His talk gave members plenty of ideas for plants to enhance their gardens. The competition for a garden photo was won by Joan Elliott with Angela MacNee second. The flower of the month winner was Joan Elliott and Diane Pye was second.

As our President, Cathy Cobb will be absent for our Annual Meeting this month she gave her Annual Report to the meeting. Members voted for the design of a banner for the institute by placing pennies next to their choice – the resulting £1.07 was donated to ACWW to which the WI is affiliated.

Eight members attended the twice yearly County Council Meeting at Portsmouth Guildhall where the guest speakers were the WI National Chairman, author Julie Summers who has written a new

book "Stranger in the House" describing difficulties adjusting to life after the War; and Janet Street-Porter who gave us insight into life in the media.

A group of members visited the D Day Museum followed by lunch at Brewers Fayre.

Members visited the Kings Theatre to see the touring London production of "Calamity Jane" and continue to meet for lunch around the village each month.

Future plans include providing afternoon tea for two coach parties – our main source of income to fund our meetings. 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.

In June 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.

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This month's meeting is our Annual Meeting when we elect our committee and officers. The meeting will be preceded by lunch at 1pm. There will be no competition this month.

We welcome all ladies to our meetings held on the first Wednesday of the month at the Memorial Hall from 2 to 4pm. Talks and demonstrations cover a wide range of subjects. 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)

Conservative Branch

200th Anniversary of the Battle of Waterloo Dinner on Saturday 20th June at the Chairmakers Arms, Worlds End. 7 for 7.30p.m.

We will be pleased if members and guests could come to celebrate this event. It is hoped to have a speaker who will talk about the Battle of Waterloo. Details later.

Visit to Poole and Brownsea Island on Thursday 9th July. Coach trip to Poole, and a ferry to Brownsea Island. The island is dramatically located in Poole Harbour, with spectacular views across to the Purbeck Hills. There is a thriving natural habitats woodland, heathland and a lagoon. This creates a unique haven for wildlife such as the rare red squirrel and a wide variety of birds.

The Outdoor Centre shows where Lord Baden-Powell formed the very first scout camp on the island in 1907. For more details please contact Margaret Raffle 023 92 268096.

Neighbourhood Watch

www.wehnw.org.uk



Illegal Drugs

While the use of illegal drugs is a little lower than over the last ten years, still some 9% of adults and 20% of 16 to 24 year olds in the UK are users. This inevitably affects their health in the short or long term, and impacts on the quality of their own life and that of many others. For example, crime related to drugs costs the UK economy around £13.3 billion every year; almost one tenth of the national healthcare budget.

Regardless of the debate over whether or not to decriminalise drug taking, there can be no doubt that it is in everyone's interests to reduce use of these drugs. Most are taken for recreational purposes and are intended to create various feelings and degrees of wellbeing. But every one of these substances has its dangers to both health and the type of reaction it creates, not least because individuals react in different ways, and it is often difficult to accurately determine the strength and purity, or even identity, of the drug that is being offered.

Importers, distributors and dealers of illegal drugs make substantial profits from their trade. Under current legislation those found in possession of illegal drugs can be prosecuted and end up in jail, seriously affecting their future employability, access to travel visas and the like. It is therefore most important for parents and others in supervisory roles to educate, encourage and support the younger generation in avoiding involvement with illegal drugs. They will not always be successful, in which case the emphasis turns to rehabilitation. Knowing what signs to look for in your youngsters is crucial.

Much information is available on the Internet and there are telephone links to a number of important agencies related to drug advice, treatment and rehabilitation. A few of these contacts are below:

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FRANK- friendly confidential drug advice by phone, SMS, email or webchat. See www.talktofrank.com

Mentor UK – protecting children from alcohol and drugs – www.mentoruk.org.uk 020 7553 9920

NCADD (US National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence) <https://ncadd.org/for-parents-overview/what-to-look-for>

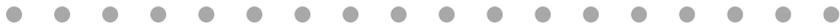
National Drugs Helpline – 0800 77 66 00

Addiction Helper – 0800 138 7177 www.addictionhelper.com

Urban75 – www.urban75.com/drugs

National Treatment Agency for Substance Misuse - www.nta.nhs.uk

Home Office – www.gov.uk/government/policies/reducing-drugs-misuse-and-dependence



Denmead in Bloom

Thank you to everyone who turned out for the annual Spring Clean including some of the Denmead Scouts & Cubs. Over 50 people covered almost all of Denmead's roads and walkways and collected more than 50 bags of litter which was a tremendous effort.

We have finished pruning the willow play area on Harvest Field off Southwick Road and the cut willow will be recycled as mulch, bean poles, sweet pea supports and to repair fencing. The willow can grow up to 10 foot in one season so have a look and see how it is doing when you walk past.

Our next task is to replant the village centre containers and flowerbeds for summer. We also need to weed, deadhead and water the plants three times a week. If you enjoy seeing the flowers in the village centre and would like to help please contact me – WE NEED MORE VOLUNTEERS!

Liz Williams, Denmead in Bloom Coordinator

Denmead Horticultural Society

At our meeting in April Stewart Pocock of Pococks Roses gave us a real master class in the art of growing beautiful roses. He started with a video of rose production at the



nursery. The rosa laxa rootstocks are planted by machine and buds of the various varieties are inserted by hand into T shaped cuts. In January all the top growth is cut off and the buds are left to grow on. By November the plants are ready to lift and are sold as bare root plants up to February with the remainder being potted up for sale through the rest of the year.

New varieties are bred to be longer flowering and resistant to pests and diseases. Blackspot overwinters on the leaves so it is important to remove infected leaves; a mulch of leaf mould or compost stops spores splashing up onto the leaves and it is best to avoid watering at night so the leaves remain dry. Well grown, healthy plants are more likely to resist blackspot. Powdery mildew is caused by dryness at the roots. Greenfly should be tolerated as they provide food for beneficial insects such as ladybirds and birds. Soapy water can be used to kill greenfly rather than insecticide.

Stewart told us how to plant our roses and demonstrated pruning of bush and climbing varieties – it is hard to kill a rose by over pruning. Feed well after pruning and again after the first flush of flowers. The talk ended with a look at some of the many beautiful roses for sale and we were able to buy plants and products made from the rose oil produced at the nursery.

On Tuesday 5th May our talk by John Baker is on Heavenly Hostas. His garden containing 1300 varieties of hostas all

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growing in pots has featured on Gardeners World. Come and hear how he grows them and keeps the slugs at bay. Visitors (£2) are welcome, 7.30pm at the Church Hall.

Liz Williams (9226 9642)

Every family needs a bit of help sometimes...



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
email: organiser@homestart-meonvalley.org.uk
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Q My mother is becoming increasingly unable to make important decisions, who can make decisions for her if she loses mental capacity and there's no power of attorney?

A Once the person has lost their mental capacity, it's no longer possible to make a power of attorney (for more information please go to adviceguide.org.uk and see under heading When does someone lack mental capacity?)

It is possible to apply to the Court of Protection for a decision to be made on a particular matter. However, if there is a continuing need to make decisions on the person's behalf, you can ask the Court of Protection to appoint you as a deputy. A deputy was previously known as a receiver.

A deputy is usually a family member or someone who knows the person well. A deputy can make decisions about someone's person's personal welfare, property and financial affairs.

If there's no friend or family member who is suitable or willing to act as a deputy, the Court of Protection can appoint a professional from a panel.

Sometimes, two or more deputies are appointed. They can be asked to act together in all matters. Alternatively, they can be asked to act together and independently which means that they can act together but may also act independently if they wish.

If you are appointed as a deputy, you are entitled to have reasonable expenses paid, and may also be paid to carry out your duties.

You will have to be able to show the Office of the Public Guardian that you're acting in the best interests of the person who has lost

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their mental capacity. The Court can cancel your appointment if it decides that your appointment is no longer in the best interests of that person.

The Office of the Public Guardian will be responsible for supervising and supporting you.

There is information about becoming a deputy on the GOV.UK website at www.gov.uk.

If necessary, you can apply to the Court of Protection for an emergency order, which can be made in as little for 24 hours. You might need to do this if an urgent decision needed to be made to protect someone's health or safety. It is also possible to apply for an interim order, for example, if urgent action was needed to pay someone's care home fees.

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

Red Cross Mobility Aids

Regrettably, the Red Cross depot at Denmead Health Centre has now closed. Any existing loans of equipment should be returned to The Health Centre, Dryden Close, Waterlooville PO8 8JX where mobility aids can also be borrowed.

Opening Times: Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, 10am-12noon

Tel 02392 238108

Thank you

Alison Mason

Denmead Village Association

In the absence of the Chairman Mr Jon Nickerson took the meeting. He spoke of the recent Referendum on the Denmead Neighbourhood Plan which had been passed by the residents.

He thanked Mr Peter Ambrose the DVA Chairman, and Vice Chairman of the Steering Group of the Denmead Plan for all his hard work. Mrs.Edna Goodman drew members attention to the DVA Golden Jubilee Fitness Trail-set up in 2002, encouraging them to walk it. Explanatory leaflets were distributed to pass on to neighbours and friends.

Mr David Bridges, a National Trust Guide at Uppark House, gave an illustrated talk on this mansion situated on the crest of the South Downs. He spoke of illustrious people connected to the 17Century House and of the conservation and restoration which restored it to its former glory after the disastrous fire in 1989.

The next meeting will be on Friday 15th May in the Denmead Church Hall at 7.30 p.m. The speaker will be Philip Magrath, Curator of Artillery at Fort Nelson giving an illustrated talk about the Fort from 1860 to 1945.

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 023 92 255981.

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