

Dear Friends,
March is here. Whether it comes in like a lion and goes out like a lamb, or in the reverse way the end of March will bring the celebration Easter. Easter is about the earliest it can be this year. The date is set by the first Sunday after the first full moon after the spring equinox which is 20th March. This way of determining Easter was set up by the council of Niceae in AD325.

I expect many of you will have read recently that Archbishop Justin Welby has said that we should think about the date being permanently fixed like Christmas day. How this may or not develop is to be seen but for the moment we have this year, Easter being celebrated at the end of this month.

How are you planning to celebrate this year? Is it a DIY time, digging the garden? Or spending time with the family? We may be combining all of these things but do not forget the real reason for the weekend – the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ; Jesus winning for each of us, through the cross, a way back to God. Taking on himself our sin thus allowing us to have a personal relationship with God our Father. Adam broke faith with God by disobeying him but Jesus through his obedience – even to his death – has won back our way to God. One of the hymns we sing on Easter day says 'death has lost its sting'. Death is for Christians only a gate way to life in eternity. I hope that you can find time to go to church and celebrate the joy of Easter.

***death
has lost
its sting***

Christians throughout the world will spend the week before Easter, called Holy Week, attending services each day recalling the last week of our Lord's life on earth. Here at All Saints we will have an evening Communion service with reflections on the Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. We celebrate with a Passover meal on the Thursday followed in church by the reading of the gospel of his arrest in the garden of Gethsemane.

Good Friday is time for reflection before the cross at 2-3pm and Holy Saturday at 8pm is the service of Light. This is service with bonfire, sparklers, joyful music and a renewal of our Baptismal vows. Easter Sunday begins with a dawn service on the village green at 6am followed by breakfast in the church hall. Please see the list of services in the magazine for more information, or pick up the leaflet in church.

However you spend your time over Easter I wish you a blessed, happy and joyous time as we all celebrate the resurrection of Jesus.

With love in Christ,

Sandra.

Lent Talks

This year the CTD Lent talks are being held at the Church of the Sacred Heart and Peter the Apostle in Waterlooville. Father Kevin is holding a weekly talk on Tuesday evenings at 7.30pm.

All are welcome.

All Saints Church Services

Sunday 6th March – Mothering Sunday

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

Sunday 13th March – 5th Sunday of lent

- 8.00am Holy Communion
- 9.30am Family Praise
- 6.00pm Sung Evensong
- 4.00pm Confirmation Service at St Wilfrids Cowplain
- 6.00pm Evensong followed at 7pm by Mission Supper

Sunday 20th March – Palm Sunday.

- 8.00am Holy Communion
- 9.30am Family Communion with first Communion for the newly Confirmed.
- 6.00pm Informal Service

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 service will take place on Sunday 6th March. A gentle reflective service, in which we ask for the Lord's healing, be it mental, emotional, spiritual, or physical. Anyone who needs prayer for healing please contact Rev Edwards 92 255490.

Messy Church

Our next Messy Church takes place on the **Saturday 19th March**. Any family from the village is welcome to this fun-filled afternoon of stories, craft, singing and eating together.



We meet in the Church Hall from 3.30pm – 5.30pm. Further information Rev Sandra Edwards 9225 5490.

All Saints Church Services for Holy Week

Monday 21st, Tuesday 22nd, Wednesday 23rd.

7.30pm Communion service with reflection

Thursday 24th March

11.00am Holy Communion Service

6.00pm Passover Supper
followed by gospel of the Watch

Good Friday 25th March

2.00pm Hour before the cross.

Easter Eve 26th March

8.00pm Service of Light

Easter Sunday 27th March

6.00am First service of Easter on the village green
followed by breakfast in the hall. (bacon butties)

8.00am Holy Communion

9.30am Easter Day Parish Communion

6.00pm no evening service

Denmead Home Visiting Group

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

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

Bereavement Group

There is a monthly 'Tea and Friendship' afternoon for anyone recently bereaved. This is an informal time when people can meet others, have tea and make friends. we meet 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.

Women's World Day of Prayer

This year's service will be held in All Saints' Church, Denmead, on Friday, 4th March 2016 at 7.30pm.



It has been prepared this time by the Christian women of Cuba and the theme is 'Receive children. Receive me.'

It will stress that everyone is a child of God and all are equally worthy of our love and respect. As always, the service is open to all - men, women and children, of all denominations - to come and share in worship that encompasses the entire world in one day, starting at sunrise in the island of Samoa in the Pacific Ocean and continuing until sunset off the coast of American Samoa, some 35 hours later.

Do come and join us at this special world-wide service.

Mission Supper

This year's Mission Supper will take place on Sunday, March 13th, after Evensong, at 7pm. Tickets, available from the Church Office, will cost £6.00 per person. The speaker will be The Rev. Sandie Osbourne, who will give a talk about her work at Winchester Prison, in particular the Prison Fellowship Sycamore Tree Project, helping offenders towards a better future.



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

A very special weekend for the people of Sacred Heart Waterlooville is about to take place and when you read this, it might well have already happened!!

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On the weekend of 5/6 March, our Bishop Philip will be making a pastoral visit to the parish! This means he will spend the whole weekend with us, celebrating Mass, meeting people and learning more about the parish and what it does in the community.

The visit is important in a number of different ways.

Bishop Philip is a successor of the Apostles and in communion with (and appointed by) the Bishop of Rome, whom Catholics believe to be the successor of St. Peter himself,

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appointed by Christ to shepherd the Church. So the bishop's visit celebrates our unity with the Holy Father in Rome and with the universal Church in every country, land and nation.

One of the titles for a bishop is '*pontifex*' which is Latin for '*bridge builder*' – so Bishop Philip comes to build up the Church in our parish through his prayers and pastoral support. The bishop's visit shows to us his important role as our '*chief pastor*'. He comes to encourage and support our work of evangelisation and mission here in Waterlooville (and to make sure the parish priest is doing his job!).

So please remember in your prayers the Roman Catholic people of Waterlooville, Purbrook, Widley, Cowplain, Denmead and Hambledon as they welcome their bishop to the parish.

Hope you are all having a good Lent and looking forward to a joyful Easter!

Fr. Kevin



Table Top Sale

Saturday, 19th March

Church Hall of All Saints' Denmead,

10 am to 12 noon, 20p Entry

In aid of the Church Sanctuary Guild Flower Fund. There are still a few tables available for a charity or private stall, £10 for a 6' table and £5 for a 3' one; if you would like to book a table, contact Carolyn Keyzor on 023 9235 1209 or keyzors2@ntlworld.com. There will be a wide selection of goods for sale, including bric-a-brac, books, handbags, clothes, jewellery, hand-knitted items, and professional hand-made cards. Come along and support us, have a good browse, and maybe find a real bargain or two!

A thousand visitors a month can't be wrong!

Come and experience for yourself our spacious and comfortable



Cornerstone Community Lounge

An ideal venue for a variety of occasions:

- Hold your celebration or corporate events here. Hold your class or interest group meeting.
- Choose from a delicious menu to suit your requirements and budget. Or just come in and visit us to see what we have to offer. Why not pop into our cosy coffee shop and ice cream parlour.



Treat yourself and your family to hot and cold beverages, freshly made hot or cold snack, Italian Gelato or a slice of cake. Our friendly staff will be happy to serve you.

Denmead Baptist Church is a small, friendly fellowship who have worshipped in the village since 1717. In 2014 we purchased the Mead End Public House, to convert it to a community centre. Since then we have found that our facilities are very popular with many groups and individuals.

Our Sunday services are informal and incorporate a worship band, children's activities and Bible based teaching for the adults and young people. We enjoy social times and together have worked hard to enable The Cornerstone to be established.

Our regular activities are listed on our website at:

www.denmeadbaptistchurch.org.uk

Contact us via E-mail at admin@denmeadbaptistchurch.org.uk

Telephone on 023 9307 8372

Visit us at 22 Mead End Road, Denmead, PO7 6PZ, for more information.

The Band of Her Majesty's Royal Marines, Portsmouth

Concert at All Saints Church

Wednesday 23rd November at 7.30pm

Once again we are delighted to present this enormously popular concert. This year we welcome The Band of HM Royal Marines Portsmouth. The 'Royal Band' as it has become known, is continually in the public eye with televised events such as the Royal British Legion Festival of Remembrance, the Edinburgh Military Tattoo, the Mountbatten Festival of Music, state events... and now they're coming to Denmead!



Join us for an unforgettable evening of superb music ranging from classical pieces to military band favourites, and the finale of the concert will be the presentation of an award to the top candidate from the MI Conductors' course. Tickets cost £11.00 including refreshments.

This concert is ALWAYS a sell-out so buy your tickets early to avoid disappointment! Download an order form from www.allsaintsdenmead.org.uk or call in person at the Church Office (9-11am Tues-Fri), or telephone 023 9226 8565 for further information.

NEW! Barnard's Restaurant in Denmead will be open exclusively for pre-concert dinners from 5pm that evening. Enjoy a 2-course meal and coffee for approx £15. Places are limited and booking is essential. Don't delay, book today! Telephone Barnard's on 023 9225 7788 to reserve a table.

From the Registers

Funerals

2nd February John Anthony Edwards (Tony) age 90

19th February Brenda Williams age 85.

Carolyn Ryan

Carolyn was born on 19th February 1947 in Oxford but spent most of her time in her younger years between the UK and Africa, spending her school years at St Vincent school for Girls. The Brown family eventually moved to Ferndale in Waterlooville. It was at a job interview for a secretarial position that Carolyn met her future husband.

Mike died twelve years ago and from that time Carolyn became the matriarch of the family. She took over the family business as well as looking after the boys. She was a great source of strength to her sister Nicola over the past few years and they always had a very special relationship.

Carolyn was an incredibly infectious person and once she was in your life she would never leave it. She had friends abroad from the time she was a girl in Nigeria and from every stage of her life. The birth of her granddaughter Darci gave Carolyn a new focus in life and she became a very important part of her life. Taking endless photos and telling stories of her latest achievements to all the family. She was so happy to be a granny.

Earlier last year Carolyn had a stroke which had a big effect on her life. She was not going to allow it to destroy her life and through her courage and determination she learnt to walk again and lived as normal a life of possible for the last months of her life. She will be missed by many especially her family.

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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.

Tues 1	CH	All Join in Together	11.15-Noon	W
		-Music for Under 5s		
		Exercises After Stroke	2.00-3.00pm	W
		3rd Denmead Brownies	5.45pm	W
		Denmead Horticultural Society	7.30pm	M
	HR	Coffee & a Chat (Tues & Thurs)	9.30am-Noon	W
	MH	Denmead Pre School	9.00-3.00pm	D
		* Wednesday *	9.00-12.30pm	
		Archery	7.00pm	W
	OS	Old Schoolhouse Pre-School	9.00-3.00pm	D
		* Friday	9.00-Noon	
		Creative Play- for Under 5s	9.30-11.00am	W
		Denmead Creative Craft	10.00-Noon	M
		Tuesday Pilates Class	5.30-7.30pm	W
		Body Focus	7.00-8.00pm	W
		Downland Singers	7.45-10.15pm	W
		Denmead Brass	8.00-10.00pm	W

Village Diary

	SHQ	Busy Bee Pre-School	9.00-3.00pm	D
		Friday	9.00-Noon	
		Spitfire Scouts	6.30-8.30pm	W
Wed 2	CH	Pilates	10.00-11.00am	W
		2nd Denmead Rainbows	4.15pm	W
		1st Denmead Brownies	5.45pm	W
	BC	NOAH'S ARK - Parent & Toddler Group	10.00-11.30am	W
	MH	Denmead Afternoon WI	2.00pm	M
		Denmead WI Belles	7.30pm	M
	OS	Zumba Gold	9.30-10.15am	W
		Table Tennis	10.00-Noon	W
		Creative Quilters	10.00-Noon	F
		Tai Chi	1.30-2.30pm	W
		Patchwork Pals	2.00-6.00pm	W
		Smart Fitness – Circuit Training	6.00-7.00pm	W
		Breakaway Quilters	7.00-10.00pm	W
		Parish Council Meeting - Amenities	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 3	CH	Jiggly-Wigglers	10.00-11.00am	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
	HR	Coffee & a Chat (Tues & Thurs)	9.30am-Noon	2xW
	UR	Exploring Christianity	7.30pm	
	MH	Badminton	7.30pm	W
	OS	Zumba	9.30-10.30am	W
		Table Tennis	9.00-11.00am	W
		Senior Citizens' Lunch Club	12.30-1.30pm	W
		Citizens' Advice Bureau	1.00-3.00pm	W
		Rimor Fitness	5.30-6.30pm	W

		SHQ Bere Forest Beavers	6.15-7.30pm	W
		The Cornerstones Denmead WI Belles Meeting	7.30pm	M
Fri	4	CH Mother & Toddler Group	9.30am	W
		CH LENT LUNCHESES	12.30am	
		Chair Exercises	2.30pm	W
		Youth Move	5.15-6.15pm	W
		OS Mumbaba	9.30-10.30am	W
		U3A Art Class	10.00-Noon	W
		Denmead Drama	4.00-7.30am	W
		Denmead Dogs at Play	7.00-8.00pm	W
		Rose Dog Club	7.30-8.30pm	W
		SHQ Vulcan Scout Troop	7.00-9.00pm	W
		Phoenix Explorers	7.00-9.00pm	W
Sat	5	CH Guide Dogs for the Blind	All Day-5.30pm	
		HR Councillor's Surgery	10.00-Noon	
		MH Bootcamp Fitness Camp	9.30am	W
		ABS Fitness Camp	10.30am	W
		OS Southern Arts Academy	9.45-11.15am	W
Sun	6	ASC MOTHERING SUNDAY PARISH COMMUNION	9.30am	
		HR Confirmation Group	4.00-5.00pm	
		OS Denmead Junior Brass Band	9.15-10.15am	W
		Denmead Brass Band	10.30-12.30pm	W
		MH Karate	5.00pm	W
Mon	7	CH Zumba Fitness Class	9.30am	W
		Breathe Again	11.30am	W
		Slimming World	5.30 & 7.30pm	W
		OS Mumbaba	9.30-10.30am	W
		Smart Fitness- Circuit Training	6.00-8.00pm	W
		Table Tennis	7.00-9.00pm	W
		Bridge Club	7.00-10.00pm	W
		MH T.S Alacrity	6.45pm	W
		SHQ Merlin Cubs	6.30-8.00pm	W
		At the Forest Of Bere Denmead Knit & Bitch	7.00-9.00pm	W
		All abilities are welcome		

Village Diary

Tue 8	CH	Gold Star Dancing	8.00-9.00pm	W
	HR	Guiders' Meeting	7.30pm	
	OS	Denmead Evening WI Craft Evening	7.00-9.00pm	M
		At the Chairmakers - Probus Club meeting	Noon-3.00pm	M
Wed 9	CH	Meet & Eat	12.30pm	M
		British Koi Karp Society	7.30pm	
	MH	Floral Workshop	7.30pm	M
	OS	Denmead Art	10.00-Noon	F
		Parish Council – Planning	7.30pm	
		Church Car Park Mobile Library	1.30-4.00pm	W
Fri 11	CH	LENT LUNCHESES	12.30pm	
Sat 12	CH	DENMEAD CONSERVATIVE BRANCH SPRING SALE		
		10.00-Noon		
		Details from Margaret Raffle 02392 268096		
Sun 13	CH	MISSION SUPPER	6.00pm	
	MH	Archery	9.00am	W
Mon 14	HR	Hall Committee Meeting	7.30pm	
		At the Forest of Bere The Royal British Legion	8.00pm	M
		Meeting - Hambledon & District Branch		
Tue 15	HR	Mothers' Union	7.30pm	
	OS	Denmead Reading Circle	2.30-4.00pm	M
Wed 16	HR	Flower Club	2.00pm	M
	MH	Denmead Evening WI	7.30pm	M
		-Singing for Pleasure with Gill Grech		
	OS	Parish Council – Finance & Admin.	7.30pm	
Mon 21	HR	DHS Committee Meeting	7.30pm	
Fri 18	CH	LENT LUNCHESES	12.30am	
	CH	Denmead Village Association	7.30pm	
Sat 19	CH	SANCTUARY GUILD TABLE TOP SALE	10.00-Noon	
Sun 20	ASC	PALM SUNDAY PARISH COMMUNION	9.30am	
Mon 21	HR	DHS Committee Meeting	7.30pm	
Wed 23	CH	Bereavement Group	2.00-4.00pm	M
	MH	ROWANS SUPPORT GROUP BEETLE DRIVE	7.00pm	
	OS	Parish Council- Highways & GP	7.30pm	

		At White Wings House Golden Years Club - Contact 023 92261428	2.00pm	M
Thu	24	CH PASSOVER SUPPER (tickets from Church Office) followed by: ASC Maundy Thursday Service in Church	6.00pm	
Fri	25	CH GOOD FRIDAY Walk of Witness followed by - LENT LUNCHESES	12.30am	
Sat	26	OS FILM NIGHT 'THE MARTIAN'	7.30pm	M
Sun	27	ASC EASTER DAY PARISH COMMUNION	9.30am	
Wed	30	HR BKKS Committee Meeting OS Parish Council- Planning	8.00-10.00pm 7.30pm	M

Coming Soon

2nd April Church Hall Denmead Horticultural Society SPRING SHOW

17th April at 10am in All Saints Church - Retirement Service for Reverend Sandra Edwards



Obituary: Tony Edwards

Tony was born at his parents house at Berry Cottage on the corner of Swiss Road and Hambledon Road Waterlooville. One of the many properties owned by his family of local builder and funeral directors was started in 1860 by his Great Grand father:

The family were closely intertwined with the prosperity and development of Waterlooville both before and after the first and second World Wars, originally owning much of what is now Asda and surrounding shops.

Times were hard in the 1930; and like most the family business struggled but Tony's mum was keen for Tony to have a good education. He went to private schools and here Tony excelled in sport and outdoor pursuits but he realised that he was not academically gifted.

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Tony left school at 16 and spent time working for Wadham's Garage before being called up to the RAF as a carpenter. After demobilization he joined the family firm and joined in with many of the local activities. Tennis, young conservatives, round table and the Waterlooville Horticultural club. He bred special rabbits which he and his father exhibited across the country.

Ballroom dancing was a passion and Tony would spend time leaning the steps from a dance manual before the young conservative dance. It was at one of these that he met Jose who he married in 1950 at St Georges Church Waterlooville.

The building firm really grew in the 1960s and with help from his parents Tony was able to buy land to develop and build. This growth continued into the 70s and 80s. In 1975 Tony and Jose moved to Pitt Hill House which Tony had built and whilst Jose concentrated on the interior decoration Tony built a wonderfully exuberant and colourful garden.

Tony kept busy not only with the business but with the Cosham Rotary Club, the conservative association and Denmead Communicare. He stopped playing tennis when he was 50 but then took up golf. True to form he addressed the sport with passion and energy becoming the veterans team captain.

Tony was influenced by his mother and was like her kind and generous, and from his father side came his energy, his gregarious nature, humour and occasional short temper. In his inner self he was kind, thoughtful and always positive.

Tony's true abilities as caring and loving husband came to the fore when looking after his beloved Jose in the few years before her death three years ago. He in his own turn was wonderfully looked after by his lovely carers and died peacefully with humour and forbearance in the home he loved.

CAB

Q I recently applied for my daughter to attend the same primary school as her older brother. I've heard that in previous years some children have not been able to attend the same school as their siblings. This would be make life very difficult for me as I am a lone parent and I work – what can I do if this happens?

A A school or local education authority can refuse to accept your choice of school. They must give you the reasons for refusal. If this does happen, you could consider choosing another school.

Alternatively, you can appeal to an independent appeal panel. There is usually a time limit on appeals, so be careful not to miss the deadlines. If you believe that discrimination is involved in the decision not to accept your child, make sure you mention this in your complaint.

For more information about appealing against the decision of a local education authority or school, go to the GOV.UK website at www.gov.uk.

If you want to appeal against a decision by a school or local education authority, you might want to talk to an experienced adviser for example, at a Citizens Advice Bureau. To search for details of your nearest CAB, including those that can give advice by e-mail, click on nearest CAB.

For more information contact Winchester District Citizens Advice Bureau, at our Bishops Waltham office, (Well House, 2 Brook Street, Bishop's Waltham, SO32 1AX, 01489 896376) or Denmead Outreach at Denmead Community School, School Lane, Denmead, Thurs 1 – 3pm.

Denmead Evening W I

There was a change of programme from that published for our February monthly meeting and, instead, we welcomed a representative from Hampshire County Council Trading Standards who gave us some very useful advice on how to handle nuisance telephone calls, odd e-mails, doorstep callers, and junk or scam mail.

Our social gatherings in March include the monthly craft group which re-convenes at the Community Centre in School Lane on Tuesday 8th March, when we plan to make some Easter chicks, and a lunchtime Meet & Eat at the Fox & Hounds in School Lane on Monday, 14th March.

The March monthly meeting on 16th should prove to be fun for all when we will be encouraged to 'Sing for Pleasure' under the guidance of Gill Grech who provides similar local teaching sessions to schools and other local groups.

A number of our members will be attending the Hampshire Federation Spring Council Meeting at the Guildhall in Portsmouth on 22nd March when a really inspirational speaker will be Mandy Hickson who was the only female pilot on the front line Tornado Squadron and operated in a number of hostile environments. The afternoon speaker is Lucy Worsley who is an English historian well known for her TV appearances including the WI programme 'Cake Bakers and Trouble Makers'.

A date for your diary is our annual SPRING FAIR which will be at All Saints Church Hall from 10.00 am to 12 noon on Saturday, 16th April. This is always a very enjoyable event. There will be lots of bargains to be found amongst books, toys, bric-a-brac, crafts, plants and a delicious cake stall. Why not

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come and try your luck at the tombola and the superb raffle, and meet your friends for coffee.

The WI comes in all shapes and sizes. It offers women the opportunity to join and be involved in the way that suits them. It is naturally diverse and offers all kinds of opportunities to all kinds of women. You would receive a very warm welcome at our meetings. We meet at the Memorial Hall on the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 7.30pm. For more information see www.hampshirewi.org.uk or www.thewi.org.uk

Irene Woodings 023 9226 3465

 **EASTER EGG HUNT** 
BERE FOREST

2016

Fun For All the Family!
Including stalls, games and refreshments

Find the clues, solve the puzzle and claim a chocolate egg
£3.00 to enter

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& Woodend, Heath Rd, PO17 6JZ (closest postcode)

From **11am to 2.30pm**
while stocks last

WED 30 MARCH 2016

For more information visit: www.newtownsoberton.hants.sch.uk

* One-way traffic - access from Southwick Rd

Denmead Horticultural Society

In February Cliff Thompson, a member of the British Cactus and Succulent Society gave a fascinating account of his visits to Patagonia in search of cactus. The bleak landscapes dominated by the snow capped Andes varied from volcanic cones to wind eroded sandstone or limestone pavement with embedded fossils. Plants have adapted to this area of low rainfall, snow



covered in winter; by growing low to the ground, some in the shelter of companion bushes, some with deep tubers only producing growth above ground when the conditions are right and some making large mounds which could be hundreds of years old. Cliff showed us many images of the plants with excellent close-ups of the cacti and exquisitely detailed rosulate viola flowers.

In other areas he saw forests of monkey puzzle trees, dense forests with bamboo, areas covered with lupins of all colours and many other familiar plants such as alstroemarias, calceolarias, lilies, gunnera and broom. The quiet roads across the Andes were occasionally obstructed by goats or horses and in Chile Cliff saw magellan penguins, guanaco – a type of llama, rheas and armadillos. His excellent photographs showed us stunning landscapes and plants and animals surviving in extreme conditions.

On Tuesday 1st March the talk is 'Gardening with a thought for nature' by Maggie Haynes. She will tell us about growing fruit, flowers and vegetables using organic and no dig methods at the Tuppenny Barn project's smallholding in Southbourne - 7.30pm at the church hall, visitors (£2) and new members welcome.

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The Spring Show is on Saturday 2nd April at the church hall - schedules available in Parkers Hardware and the Community Centre. The show is open from 1pm, awards presented at 4pm. We will be serving teas and there will be plants for sale.

Liz Williams (9226 9642)

The Rowans Support Group

On March 23rd, the Denmead Support Group, who have been fundraising to support the Rowans Hospice for over 20 years, are holding their next bi-annual Beetle Drive to provide entertainment in the village for anyone who would like to join in a fast, furious and fun evening.

For £2, you will play 20 games with a mid-way break for tea/coffee and biscuits. There will be prizes to win, a raffle to play and, perhaps, new people to meet. Please join us and help provide financial support for this first class facility for the local area situated in Purbrook. It costs £15000 a day to run!



This may be the last Beetle Drive if it is not well supported so please surprise us by coming along to the Memorial Hall in Hambledon Road, Denmead for a 7.30pm start finishing around 10pm.

Bring a friend or neighbour for a night out. If you need transport, it may be possible for us to help. Phone 9225 6645 or 9225 4729.

Denmead Afternoon Women's Institute

The institute started the year with a visit by Terri Bryant of Bodyfocus. Members joined in gentle Chair exercises with much laughter and merriment and a variety of expertise. Terri is well known to a number of members who attend her Friday class. Cathy Cobb won the competition for a fun health limerick with Joan Elliott second. The flower of the month was won by Betty Kemp with Sheila Oakes second.

In February we welcomed Steve Peach to talk about the work of a Park Ranger at Queen Elizabeth Country Park. His work involves conservation, land management, and education both at the centre and abroad. The competition for a wildlife photo was won by Joan Spooner with Joan Elliott second. Rosemary Simpson won the flower competition and Joan Elliott was second.

The institute will once again take part in the County Darts Competition starting in April.

Future plans include lunch at the Horse and Jockey and at Sundaes.

In April the institute will have an outing to the Wilton Centre with a cream tea at Bishops Waltham WI on the way home. That evening they will take part in the Group Meeting at the Memorial Hall where they will be entertained with Miranda's Music

This month's meeting will include the return visit of Madeline Salvetti. This time she will talk about "Mistresses and Their Influences" The competition will be for a pretty evening or party bag.

We welcome all ladies to our meetings held on the first Wednesday of the month at the Memorial Hall from 2 to 4pm. The WI gives ladies the opportunity to make new friends, learn new skills and hear talks on a variety 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.

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Denmead Conservative Branch

I would like to remind you that on Saturday 12th March The Spring Sale will be held at the Church Hall from 10am to 12 noon.

Stalls include: Home made cakes and preserves, children's toys and games, books, greetings cards, antique items, fused glass and ceramics.

Thursday 14th July: A Visit to the Amberley Working Museum.

Details of future events from Mrs Margaret Raffle 92 268096.

Janet Nobes. Secretary.

Denmead Village Association

At the January meeting the Chairman, Peter Ambrose, updated us on the proposed development of Carpenter's Field. The planning application is posted on Winchester City Council's website and copies are available. The original Steering Group will oversee the plans and will have access to Winchester City Council. One item of contention is that there is only a small amount of open space on the development and he encouraged members to communicate their objections to the developers' plans. The consultation period ends on 29th January.

Andrew Perrin returned as our speaker and this time spoke on the history of Widley. He explained how the village of Widley has 'moved' eastwards and there are several lost villages in the area. His talk was illustrated by slides, some of which were old postcards and photographs and others were recent photographs illustrating the changes which have taken place over the years. There were lots of 'Oooh' s and 'Gosh, I remember that!' in the audience, and certainly many memories were stirred.

Our next meeting will be on Friday 18th March when Lt Cdr Brian Witts, MBE will speak on The History of Whale Island (HMS Excellent), where he is curator.

All residents are welcome to attend. The membership fee is £2 a year, which is payable to the treasurer Mrs Janet Nobes, 8 The Smithy, Denmead, PO7 6YS, telephone 02392 255981. She has available for sale the Denmead History books, notelets and tea towels showing views of Denmead.

Gloria Jarrett, Secretary