

Dear Friends,

I hope you all had a blessed and happy Easter: For Christians Easter is the most special and wonderful time of the Christian year. Jesus has died and importantly he has risen from the dead. This means that we no longer need to fear death, that it is the end, for through the Cross and Resurrection, Jesus has won for each of us eternal life. The part of us which is the Spirit, the soul, or some call it the very essence of us, does not die, but goes on into heaven and eternity. This is the centre of the Christian message and we, like Jesus' disciples, are called to praise and give thanks to God for sending his son Jesus to earth.

During the 40 days after his Resurrection, Jesus appeared to the disciples and prepared them for their new work. They were now to be his messengers (apostles) going out in the power of the Holy Spirit to spread the good news to all the world. A new beginning, a new life.

Spring is the time of new birth and new life in nature, with the trees, bushes and flowers all bursting forth with new growth. It is a wonderful time of the year. For the people of All Saints this spring will be a time of change and new beginnings. As most of you know I am retiring this April and leaving the Parish. My last Sunday is the 17th April and my last main service will be the Parish Communion which starts a little later at 10am. Everyone is welcome to come and enjoy the service and refreshments afterward.

What happens next may be a question in your minds. Life will continue as normal with the services being taken by Revd Sandie Osborne our associate priest, and our three retired

***God so loved
the world he
sent his only
son***

priests in the village, Revd David Lindsay, Revd Stuart Cleaver and Revd John Byrne.

The process of finding a new Vicar has already started and the role will be advertised and once a short list is prepared, interviews will take place. It is hoped there will be a new person in place later in the year.

I have really enjoyed my time here in All Saints and I can say to any new person thinking of applying for the post that this is a wonderful Parish, village, and community. You gave me a warm Denmead welcome when I arrived newly out of theological college in 1999 and it has continued to this day. I sincerely thank you for all the love, support and kindness you have shown me over the past ten years when I have had the privilege of being Vicar here.

I leave the church in very good hands with the clergy, Church Wardens, PCC and all who worship and work in All Saints. My love and prayers are with you all as you continue to build God's Kingdom in this place.

With love in Christ

Sandra

Messy Church

Our next Messy Church takes place on the **Saturday 16th April**. 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

Sunday 3rd April Easter 2

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

Sunday 10th April Easter 3

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

Sunday 17th April Easter 4

- 8.00am Holy Communion
- 10.00am Parish Communion
- **Sandra's Last Sunday**
- Please note change of time.
- No Evening Service.

Sunday 24th April Easter 5

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

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

Weekly Thursday Communion at 11am. A Said Prayer Book Communion Service.

Morning and Evening Prayer are said daily at 8.30am and 5.00pm respectively.

The Church is open for private prayer. If you wish to light a candle, there is a candle stand in the Sanctuary of the Chapel of Healing and Unity.

Healing Service

The next service will take place on Sunday 3rd April. 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.

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

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Hi Everyone

Now we can use the 'A' word again!

The 'A' word, never used during the Season of Lent in Catholic Church Masses and services is... 'ALLELUIA!' However with the joy of Easter comes the return of the 'Alleluia' – a Hebrew word that simply means 'praise the Lord!' So now during our Easter celebrations 'Alleluia' is always on our lips.

Easter is not a 'one day' event. The Easter Season lasts for 50 days – longer than Lent. But for Christians, Easter is not even a '50 day' experience.

– it is an all year long experience. It is a life time experience – and more than that even; Easter is an eternal experience!

For all of us who believe in Christ's resurrection our prayer is one loud 'Alleluia'; now we are united with the saints around the

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throne of the Lamb who was slain, joining with the angels and archangels in praising the Lord!

Time no longer has any meaning. Death is overthrown and the gates of paradise are open. No wonder our one prayer is 'Alleluia!' The joy of Easter is the reality that we have personally risen with Christ, and within the Catholic tradition, every time the faithful come together to celebrate Mass, the Risen Lord is there giving Himself to each of us personally. By the way..the words above come mostly from a sermon preached on Easter Day about 1200 years ago – but the joy of Easter remains the same – for ever!

Alleluia. Praise the Lord!

A holy and joyful Easter to you all

Kevin Bidgood



Denmead Home Visiting Group

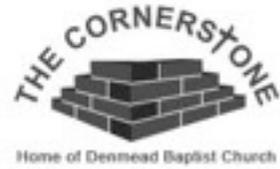
If you are lonely, sick or housebound or would just like someone to visit you we have a confidential visiting team and one of our members would willingly come, visit and spend time listening to you.

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 Merill Partridge 9226 6159.

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.

Denmead in Bloom

The annual Denmead Spring Clean takes place on Sunday 10th April, 10am to 1pm. Come to Kidmore Lane car park to register, collect litter pickers and bags and help clean up Denmead's verges and greenways.

Volunteers needed – we plant, weed and water the containers in front of the shops and the village centre flowerbeds. At the moment we are busy pruning the willow play area in Harvest Field off Southwick Road. We have bursts of activity when we are clearing and replanting in spring and autumn and rotas for regular tasks such as watering.

We are a friendly bunch who enjoy working with plants and don't mind getting our hands dirty. If you would like to join us please contact me – no experience necessary and you can do as little or as much as you have time for.

A Community Orchard for Denmead?

Orchards were once common in every village and most gardens had a few fruit trees but pressure for land

has caused a big decline over the last fifty years.

Orchards are good for wildlife and can provide attractive places to relax and play in. They can help to revive an interest in fruit growing, provide a way of sharing knowledge and horticultural skills and stimulate us into growing food for ourselves again. Please let me know if you think this is a good idea for Denmead and if you would like to join us in making it happen. We need to assess possible sites, seek funding and decide what to plant.

Some Community Orchards specialise in old local varieties of apple, cider apples, plums, pears or cherries and some include less commonly grown fruit such as damsons, gages, mulberries, medlars, crab apples and quince. An orchard could become a focal point for community activities and a communal asset for the whole village.

Liz Williams, 023 9226 9642,
liz@greenleaves.eclipse.co.uk

Funerals

19th February	Brenda Williams age 85
2nd March	Jennifer Mary Wortley age 71
3rd March	Peggy Howlett age 92

Brenda Williams

Brenda was born and brought up in Plymouth. The family lived on the edge of the point in Plymouth and during their childhood she and her sister Sybil would swim in the sea. They swam like fishes and during the war they would tell the RAP wardens if they saw anything suspicious on the sea shore. Brenda had a wonderful character and would be always getting into mischief and fun. Naughty but nice can sum up this part of her.

Once she moved to this area she worked in Restalls on the bacon and sausage counter. She worked there for about twenty years. She was a wonderful kind and loving lady and became a second Mum to Sarah her niece. Her family in Australia loved her visits to them which she managed every two years. One of her grandchildren in Australia, wrote the following.

My Nan was the great trickster, she was the one that taught us how to get up to mischief and not get caught, the one who gave us

squishy hugs when we inevitably did get caught and looked just as shamefaced as we did. She came to Australia to stay with us for the summer. And she took us on holidays, spoilt us with treats, curled our hair and put cream on our sunburn. She taught me how to cook and baked us all sorts of yummy English food so that we were always reminded of her and home.

Nan had a tough time of it really and sometimes I think that life treated her very unkindly. I am proud that she taught me strength to keep on going when life gives you the bad cards, not once but many times. My dearest wish for Nan is that now she can find peace with her children, that she will be somewhere with her boys and can give them that clip around the ear for having too many beers while they were waiting for her. Keep Dad in line for us Nan and don't forget to check in on us every now and then, we here left on earth miss you so very much.

CAB

Q *My latest bill shows I have been charged too much by my mobile phone provider, what should I do?*

A Ask your provider to reduce your bill if you think your bill is wrong. You should double-check your bill before disputing it. There might be a good reason for it being higher than normal, eg you used your phone abroad or you bought some films on your TV service.

Write a letter to your service provider to dispute the bill. You should include:

- your name, address and contact number
- your customer account or reference number
- copies of the bill you are disputing
- why you're disputing the bill - say which charges are not right

Send the letter to the service provider's customer services department. If you want to be sure they receive your letter, send it recorded delivery. Or get a proof of posting certificate of evidence that you sent it. *Keep a copy of your letter.*

Your provider might charge you a late payment charge if you don't pay

the bill and your dispute is unsuccessful. Check your terms and conditions.

If your service provider doesn't agree, you should make a formal complaint through the company's complaints procedure. If you're still not happy, you can use alternative dispute resolution, which is a way of solving disagreements without going to court. A third party will mediate to try and reach a solution.

If you get a bill from a previous provider - Contact the company if they've billed you for a period after you cancelled or switched. Ask them for a full refund and to stop taking payments.

You can cancel any direct debits through your bank - this will stop the company from taking any more money from you. You'll still need to contact the company for any refund you're owed.

Contact your bank if the provider refuses to refund you or continues to take payments - they'll investigate and might be able to get your money back.

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Make a formal complaint through the company's complaints procedure if they keep charging you.

For more information and template letters, plus contact details of your nearest Citizens Advice service, go to the Citizens Advice public website at www.citizensadvice.org.uk – please note you can also use the webchat option in most enquiry areas during working hours.

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 Church Flower Club's

Annual PLANT SALE,

Early May Bank Holiday 2nd May,

10 - 11.30am

All Saints' Church Hall

Quality local plants at bargain prices!

All proceeds in aid of Denmead flower club charities.

Further

details secretary@denmeadchurchflowerclub.co.uk



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.

Fri	1	CH	BLOOD TRANSFUSION SERVICE	11.30am-9.30pm	
		OS	U3A Art Class	10.00-Noon	W
			Denmead Drama	4.00-7.30pm	W
			Denmead Dogs at Play	7.00-8.00pm	W
			Rose Dog Club	7.30-8.30pm	
Sat	2	CH	DHS SPRING SHOW	1.00pm	
		HR	Councillor's Surgery	10.00-Noon	M
		MH	Bootcamp Fitness Class	9.30am	W
			ABS Fitness Camp	10.30am	W
		OS	Southern Arts Academy Dance Class	9.45-11.15am	W
Sun	3	OS	Denmead Brass Band Juniors	9.15-10.15am	W
			Denmead Brass Band	10.30-12.30am	W
Mon	4	CH	Breathe Again	11.30-12.30pm	W
			Slimming World	5.30 & 7.30pm	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
			At the Forest Of Bere Denmead Knit & Bitch	7.00-9.00pm	W
			All abilities are welcome		
Tue	5	CH	Exercise After Stroke	2.00-3.30pm	F

Village Diary

		DHS Committee Meeting	7.30pm	
	HR	Coffee & a Chat (& Thurs)	9.30am-Noon	2xW
	MH	Archery	7.00pm	W
	OS	Tuesday Pilates Class	5.30-7.30pm	W
		Body Focus	7.00-8.00pm	W
		Downland Singers	7.45-10.15pm	W
		Denmead Brass Band	8.00-10.00pm	W
Wed 6	CH	Pilates	10.00-11.00am	W
	HR	CTD meeting	7.00-9.00pm	
	BC	NOAH'S ARK - Parent, Carers & Toddler Group	10-11.30am	W
	MH	Denmead Afternoon WI	2.00pm	M
		Denmead WI Belles	7.30pm	W
	OS	Table Tennis	10.00-Noon	W
		Denmead Art Group	10.00-Noon	F
		Tai Chi	1.30-2.30pm	W
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		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 – Main Council	7.30pm	
		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	HR	Coffee & a Chat (& Tuesdays)	9.30-Noon	2xW
	MH	Badminton	7.30pm	W
	OS	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
Fri 8	CH	Chair Exercises	2.00pm	W
Sun 10	MH	Karate	5.00pm	W
Mon 11	CH	Zumba Fitness Class	9.30am	W
	HR	DVA Committee Meeting	7.30pm	
	MH	TS Alacrity	6.45pm	W
	OS	Old Schoolhouse Preschool	9.00-3.00pm	D
		- Friday -	9.00-Noon	
		Mumbaba -	9.30-10.30am	W
		-Parents/Carers & Tots Singing Group		
	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 The Royal British Legion Meeting - Hambledon & District Branch Contact 02392261428	8.00pm	M
Tue	12	CH All Join in Together (Mums, Carers & Tots)	11.00-Noon	W
		3 rd Denmead Brownies	5.45pm	W
		Gold Star Dancing	8.00-9.00pm	W
MH		Denmead Pre-School - Wednesday	9.00-3.00pm	D
		OS The Old Schoolhouse Creative Play - For Under 5s	9.30-11.00am	W
		Chapter Reading Group	2.30-4.00pm	M
		Denmead Evening WI Craft Evening	7.00-9.00pm	M
		SHQ Spitfire Scouts	6.30-8.30pm	W
		At the Chairmakers Waterlooville Probus Club Monthly Lunch & talk by Steve Hobbs – 'The Gosport & Fareham Inshore Rescue'.	Noon-3.00pm	
Wed	13	CH Meet & Eat	12.30pm	M
		2 nd Denmead Rainbows	4.15pm	W
		1 st Denmead Brownies	5.45pm	W
		British Koi Karp Society	7.30pm	M
		HR Deanery Mothers' Union	9.30-12.30pm	
		MH Floral Workshop	7.30pm	M
		OS Zumba Gold	9.30-10.30am	W
		Pilates	10.30-11.30am	W
		Creative Quilters	10.00-Noon	F
		Parish Council- Amenities	7.30pm	
		SHQ Concorde Cub Pack	6.30.8.00pm	W
Thu	14	CH Jiggly Wigglers	10.00-11.00am	W
		Keep Fit	2.00pm	W
		1 st Denmead Rainbows	4.15pm	W
		2 nd Denmead Brownies	5.30pm	W
		CH & HR Guides & Rangers	7.00pm	W
		ASC Annual Parochial Church Meeting	7.00pm	
		OS Zumba Toning	9.30-10.30am	W
		Southern Arts Academy	5.00-9.00pm	W
		SHQ Bere Forest Beavers	6.15-7.30pm	W
Fri	15	CH Mother & Toddler Group	9.30am	W

		Youthmove	5.15-6.15pm	W
	OS	COMMUNITY CENTRE OPEN DAY	11.00-1.00pm	
	SHQ	Vulcan Scout Troop	7.00-9.00pm	W
		Phoenix Explorers	7.00-9.00pm	W
Sat	16	CH	EVENING WI SPRING FAIR	10.00-Noon
			MESSY CHURCH	3.30-5.30pm
Sun	17	ASC	SERVICE TO MARK THE RETIREMENT OF	10.00am
			THE REVEREND SANDRA EDWARDS – all welcome	
		CH	followed by Celebratory Lunch	
Mon	18	HR	DHS Committee Meeting	7.30pm
Tue	19	HR	Mothers' Union	7.30pm
		OS	Denmead Reading Circle	2.15-4.15pm
Wed	20	CH	Flower Club	2.00pm
		OS	Parish Council – Planning	7.30pm
		MH	Denmead Evening WI	7.30pm
Mon	25	HR	Koi Karp Committee Meeting	8.00-10.00pm
Wed	27	CH	Bereavement Group	2.00-4.00pm
		OS	Parish Council –Finance & Admin.	7.30pm
		White Wings House	Golden Years Club	2.00pm
			- Contact 023 9226 1428	M
Thu	28	UR	Exploring Christianity	7.30pm
Sat	30	OS	FILM NIGHT – IN THE HEART OF THE SEA	7.30pm
			Tickets £5	M

The Church England Box Opening that was planned for 23rd April has been moved to 21st May.

Coming Soon

Denmead Church Flower Club's Annual PLANT SALE, on Early May Bank Holiday, Monday 2nd May, from 10 - 11.30am in All Saints' Church Hall, Hambledon Road, (B2150) Denmead.

Quality local plants at bargain prices! All proceeds in aid of Denmead flower club charities. Further details from:

secretary@denmeadchurchflowerclub.co.uk

Denmead Horticultural Society

SPRING SHOW – SATURDAY 2nd APRIL

All Saints Church Hall - opening 1pm

Pick up a schedule from Parkers & see what you could enter. Come & enjoy a taste of Spring. Classes include spring flowers, pot plants, vegetables, baking, preserves, floral art, photography, handicrafts and classes for children of all ages. Admission 50p, children under 14 free. Plant Stalls - Chocolate Tombola – Raffle - Tea & Cakes

At our March meeting Maggie Haynes talked about the development of the Tuppenny Barn project in Southbourne. Starting with a bare field in 2004 Maggie's army experience gave her the determination with the help of many volunteers to develop the project to become the successful organic smallholding and education centre it is today.

Maggie wanted to show children where their food came from and many schools visit, taking part in a range of activities. The need for a larger building led to much fundraising and the construction of the impressive circular education centre. It has foundations made from car tyres, straw bale walls and

a rain water harvesting system. The many courses, entertainments and events for all ages are well supported and are essential to keep the project going, see - <http://www.tuppennybarn.co.uk>

On Tuesday 5th April, Toni and Les Brannon, two of the coppice craftsmen you may have seen at our summer show will be talking about and demonstrating how they make use of their harvest from the woods - 7.30pm at the Church Hall, visitors (£2) and new members welcome.

PLEASE NOTE that our talk on 3rd May will be at the Community Centre instead of the Church Hall.

Liz Williams (9226 9642) email: liz@greensleeves.eclipse.co.uk

Denmead Afternoon Women's Institute

In February the institute took part in the semi-final round of the County Skittles Competition. We came a very credible second behind Denmead Belles. Rosemary Simpson was the overall highest scorer of the evening. We wish the Belles Good Luck for the finals.

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

Our March meeting included a talk from Madeline Salvetti on "Mistresses and Their Influences". She talked about the Royal Mistresses including some long-term relationships such as Edward the Black Prince and his cousin Joan of Kent. She then introduced Political Mistresses the majority of whom we well remembered. She concluded with Celebrity liaisons of today including film stars and sporting icons. The competition for a pretty evening/party bag was won by Jackie Grout with Margaret Dickson second. Joan Downing won the flower competition with Joan Spooner second.

This month 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. Future plans include taking part in the Group Round of the County Quiz and the Group Round of the Skittles Competition.

We continue our monthly lunch dates at various venues in the area. This month we will visit The Harvest Home and next month will meet at the Horse and Jockey.

This month's meeting will include a talk by our Secretary/Treasurer, Pam Pilbeam on Cycling in Europe. The competition is for a humorous cycling picture.

Joan Downing (9226 5458)

We invite all ladies to our meetings held on the first Wednesday of the month from 2pm to 4pm in the Memorial Hall, Hambledon Road. We have talks and demonstrations on a wide range of subjects so there is something to suit all tastes and interests.

If you have recently moved to the village or retired the WI is the ideal way to make new friends or renew old friendships – visitors are always most welcome.

Denmead Twinning Association

We have held two events so far this year – a wonderful Members' meal at Southdown College in January, beautifully served and prepared by the students who looked after us incredibly well (really recommend this venue) and a fun evening of skittles at Southwick Park Golf Club in February.

There will be a full programme of six more events during the rest of the year with the highlight being the visit of our French twins from the village of Saint-Georges near Poitiers. Around 50 people will be coming to Denmead for four days in early May and the plans for their visit to Winchester, Porchester and other places are nearly complete. The weekend here or in France is 'full on' with interesting excursions, gourmet meals, much wine and great company amongst friends. The weekend always passes too quickly.

Before that visit we shall have a 'Big Quiz Night', back by popular demand and now becoming an annual event. This will be held at the Denmead Community Centre on

Saturday 23 April with teams up to 6 people; bring your own drinks and nibbles; all are welcome so come along and have fun and see how you do! Tickets £6 for members, £7 for non-members from Ann (023 9226 4830).

Denmead Twinning Association has as many members today as when it started over 20 years ago; we are a dynamic, friendly group and welcome new members to come and join us. Why not try – come to one of our social events? Speaking French is not essential! Interested?

Either contact Patrick (023 9226 2912) or check our website: denmeadtwinningassociation.co

Denmead Community Centre

Denmead Film Nights

This month's film on Saturday 30th April is "In the Heart of the Sea" the latest blockbuster from Ron Howard. In the winter of 1820, the New England whaling ship Essex was assaulted by something no one could believe: a whale of mammoth

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size and an almost human sense of vengeance. This real-life maritime disaster would inspire Herman Melville's Moby Dick. But that told only half the story. "In the Heart of the Sea" is about the harrowing aftermath, as the ship's surviving crew is pushed to their limits, braving storms, starvation, panic and despair, as their captain searches for direction on the open sea and his first mate still seeks to bring the great whale down. Fabulous production! Chris Hemsworth, Brendan Gleeson, Cillian Murphy, Ben Wishaw.

Open Day at Denmead Community Centre

Are you looking for a new hobby or pastime?

Would you like to make new friends?

Do you need a venue for a class, group or society?

Do you need a venue for a business meeting?

Why not come along to our Open Morning on **Friday 15th April (11:00 – 13:00)** and take a tour of the centre and its facilities, whilst enjoying a free cup of tea or coffee?

You can find out about what we offer and perhaps you will be inspired to join – or even start - a group and begin doing something new. Perhaps you will find the ideal venue for your child's birthday party or a business awayday.

You will find us in School Lane, Denmead, PO7 6LU. We are at the junction of Hambledon Road (B2150) and School Lane, with the car park entrance in School Lane. There is plenty of free visitors' parking. We look forward to seeing you on Friday 15th April!

For further information, call 023 9225 6132 or email assistant@denmeadca.com

Denmead Community Centre Book Exchange / Library

The Centre has a large selection of both fiction and non-fiction books which are available for exchange or for a small donation.

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 Evening W I

March was another busy month with members taking part in various activities:-

The craft group reconvened after a winter break and made Easter chicks . We learned to Sing for Pleasure which was a really fun evening. A lunchtime meet & eat at the Fox & Hounds was another enjoyable gathering. A group took an improvers course making silver clay jewellery.

Some members attended the Hampshire Federation Spring Council Meeting at the Guildhall in Portsmouth when Tornado pilot Mandy Hickson and historian Lucy Worsley were inspirational speakers.

Our annual SPRING FAIR will be held 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 come and try your luck at the tombola and the superb raffle, and meet your friends for coffee.

April promises to continue to be busy as we move into the spring season:

The craft group will meet again on 12th April and 10th May when we will be learning how to do Quilling.

On 19th April our monthly meet & eat is at The Bake House at 12 noon. Our April monthly meeting will be on 20th April when Brian Barrett will tell us about the Famous & Infamous of Portsmouth.

We will be hosting a meeting of the Bere Forest Group (Cowplain, Lovedean, Stakes, Denmead Afternoon & Denmead

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Evening WIs) on 27th April at 7.30 pm at Denmead Memorial Hall when we will be entertained with 'Miranda's Music'.

We also hope to welcome to the Bere Forest Group the newly formed Berewood WI from the new community in the West of Waterlooville development.

Visitors are welcome to join in any of our activities and would find fun and friendship. The WI is the largest womens organisation in the UK and has been inspiring women since its inception 100 years ago. Our regular monthly meetings are at Denmead Memorial Hall on the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 7.30pm. Perhaps if you're unable to make the Evening WI why not try the Denmead Afternoon WI which meets on the 1st Wednesday of the month. More information is available on www.hampshirewi.org.uk or www.thewi.org.uk

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Waterlooville Probus Club

Waterlooville Probus Club provides a meeting place for retired or semi- retired, professional or business, ladies and gentlemen.

We meet on the second Tuesday of each month at 'The Chairmakers', Worlds End, Hambledon, PO7 4QX. The next meeting will be on 12th April 2016 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 Steve Hobbs will give a talk on 'Gosport and Fareham Inshore Rescue'.

If you would like further information on joining Probus please contact Peter Quine on 079 2662 0530 or by e-mail to peterpia1989@outlook.com.

Hampshire County Council

Council Tax

Hampshire's Council Tax next year will be the lowest of any county in England and Wales. This is despite the axing of the Government's Council Freeze Grant and the Government authorising county councils to raise Council Tax by 2% to pay for additional provision for adult social care and so ease the burden on the NHS.

After 6 years with a stand-still of Council Tax in the county, Hampshire has had to raise its precept by 3.99% this coming year. This is an increase of £41.40 on a Band D property – an increase of 80 pence a week. In real terms, after inflation is taken into account, the Hampshire tax is still lower than it was 5 years ago.

School Meals

A small increase in the price of a school meal has been agreed by Hampshire County Council, to come in to effect on 11 April 2016 - the first increase in six years. To meet the rising costs of providing

school meals, the 10p increase takes the cost per meal to £2.10.

Over 70,000 healthy school meals are served in Hampshire's primary and secondary schools across the County, daily. Menus also adhere to the Hyperactive Children's Support Group's recommendations to remove over 70 additives and colourings that could affect children's behaviour.

School Term Dates for 2017-18

Hampshire County Council considered the views of schools who were invited to comment on three proposed options for school term dates. For quite some time there has been significant, on-going national debate around school term times, particularly in relation to the cost of holidays and travel during the designated school holidays and for families with children in different schools, having to juggle conflicting dates for a family holiday can cause unnecessary inconvenience and stress. This can also be a problem for working parents, including school staff, who may have child care issues. The dates agreed aim to

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ensure that, as far as possible, there is co-ordination with the County's further education colleges, and also with neighbouring authorities. The agreed dates are:

Autumn Term 2017: 4 September to 21 December 2017 (Half Term 23 - 27 October)

Spring Term 2018: 4 January to 29 March 2018 (Half Term 12 - 16 February)

Summer Term 2018: 16 April to 23 July 2018 (Half Term 28 May - 1 June)

It is the Local Authority's responsibility to plan for a school year, in voluntary controlled and community schools, that provide the statutory 190 days of schooling for children. The dates set take into account Christmas, Easter and the GCSE and A' Level examinations timetable.

New Residents' Newsletter

February saw the launch of a new monthly digital magazine Your Hampshire – which will keep residents better connected to the

County Council's latest news and activities. The development of Your Hampshire has been informed by the response from residents through a questionnaire promoted in the winter edition of the Hampshire Now magazine (the last edition) and feedback collected from the 'Shaping Hampshire' public consultation held last summer. To subscribe to Your Hampshire via email from www.hants.gov.uk/yourhampshire-feb2016 and we are promoting Your Hampshire through the County Council's social media channels.

Patricia Stallard, County Councillor for Winchester Southern Parishes

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District Council Up-date

Economy

There are plans for a new Creative Enterprise Centre in Winchester. The City Council is proposing to transform a former industrial site at Barfield Close into a Creative Enterprise Centre. Working in close collaboration with local universities and creative

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industries, the Council is designing workspace that is tailor-made to meet the needs of graduates, business start-ups and other creative organizations.

Hampshire Apprentice Partnership

Winchester City Council is coordinating an exciting new apprentice programme in Hampshire. The Hampshire Apprentice Partnership involves four councils in the county and offers experience in the workplace whilst studying for a professional qualification without any fees or debt. Winchester City Council currently has seven diverse apprenticeship roles available for enthusiastic and motivated young people.

The council continues to facilitate the Fieldfare funding which is available for different rural projects over the next five years. Farmers, foresters, growers, rural businesses and rural communities can bid for a share of a £1.6million fund across the Fieldfare area.

Homes

Extra Care Home development scheme progressing with the closure of the Chesil Street surface car park which is part of the Council's car parking strategy. 21 New Council Homes are complete and residents have moved in.

Winchester City Council has been shortlisted in two separate categories for the UK Housing Awards 2016.

Please note that there will be NO Council Surgery on May 7th as the Local Election count is taking place in Winchester.

On behalf of District Cllr's Phillips, Read and Stallard