

Dear Friends

How do you make important decisions?

This month we have a referendum on whether we should as a nation remain part of the European Union or not and we are all being given a chance to vote on that question.

I do not intend to get into politics here but like you I have to make a decision and cast my vote and I was wondering how we reach a decision on important issues that affect our lives.

I expect most of us have been listening to or reading advice given from various politicians from both sides of the argument. We may have even done some research of our own about the advantages or not of being in the European community. We have possibly discussed the reasons for this referendum with family, friends or colleagues and shared opinions, or we could have had personal experiences that will sway our thinking in one direction or another.

But how many of us have actually prayed about how we will respond? In the Bible there are numerous verses which point us to God's wisdom and guidance when we have important decisions to make. James writes in his letter "if any of you is lacking in wisdom ask God who gives to all generously and ungrudgingly, and it will be given you" (James 1:5) or from Proverbs 2:6 "For the Lord gives wisdom; from his mouth come knowledge and understanding" Just two examples.

Our responses need to reflect God's wisdom and love whatever decisions we make, because they will always affect others too. Part of my work in HMP Winchester is to support the men to understand this and we often refer to the ripple

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effect of the choices we make. When the men commit a crime they rarely think of who else they may hurt apart from, perhaps, their immediate victim. Or they may even think that offences such as theft from a commercial property will not incur any victims. We symbolically drop a stone into a bowl of water and following the initial splash we point out how the ripples continue right to the edge of the bowl. It is the same with the choices we all make, initially thinking they may only affect ourselves, but they will always have an effect on others too.. Sometimes those effects can be far reaching impacting even on people we may not know personally.

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We do not live in isolation. God actually calls us to live in community and the foundation for community in our Christian lives rests on God's Trinitarian nature. So every decision or choice we make needs to be made considering the benefits or disadvantages for others before we take action. In the case of this forthcoming referendum perhaps we should think carefully and prayerfully about how the decisions we make now will impact on future generations.

As Christians we should seek God's guidance with all our decision making and then we can be assured that we will make the right choices for ourselves, sensitive to how others will be affected.

With love in Christ,

Sandie

All Saints Church Services

Sunday 5th June Trinity 2

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

Sunday 12th June Trinity 3

8.00am Holy Communion
9.30am Family Praise
6.00pm Evensong

Sunday 19th June Trinity 4

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

Sunday 26th June Trinity 5

8.00am Holy Communion
9.30am Family Communion
6.00pm 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.

Meet and Eat

We meet in June on Wed 8th, 12.30 -2pm as usual, in the Church Hall. Future dates will be on Wed July 13th and August 3rd (this is a week earlier than usual because of DABS)

A list for names will be left in the Heath Room if you would like to come.

Jenny Elliott 92 263069

Healing Service

The next service will take place on Sunday 5th June. 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 Sandie Osborne 023 9236 2591.

Messy Church

Our next Messy Church takes place on the **Saturday 18th June**.

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 Sandie Osborne 023 9236 2591.

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.

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.

Denmead Baptist Church is a small, friendly fellowship which has worshipped in the village since 1717.

Our Sunday services are informal and incorporate a worship band, children's activities and Bible based teaching for the adults and young people. We also enjoy many social activities together.



Website: <http://www.denmeadbaptistchurch.org.uk/>

Email: admin@denmeadbaptistchurch.org.uk

Phone: 023 9307 8372

The Cornerstone,
22 Mead End Road, Denmead, PO7 6PZ.

We regret to announce that "Sundaes" has now closed, but we would be very pleased to welcome you to our Church.



From the Registers

Baptisms

5th June Thomas Phillips

Funerals

25th April Vivian Albert Jarman

4th May Sharon Collette Cable

11th May Margaret Kennett

12th May William Henry Taylor

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

*The Church of the Sacred Heart
and St Peter the Apostle
356 London Road, Waterlooville,
Hampshire PO7 7SR
Parish Priest: Fr Kevin Bidgood,
(023) 9226 2289
frkbidgood@hotmail.com
www.waterlooville-catholic.org.uk*

Father Kevin writes...

Hi everyone!

There has been a lot of coverage in the media about Pope Francis' recently published document on marriage, family life and human relationships call 'The Joy of Love' ('Amoris Laetitia' to give the document its Latin name).

So I thought this month I'd give you some of the first reactions to the document from our Bishop Philip.

"Amoris Laetitia is not difficult to read. It has nine chapters covering everything from the nature of love, engagement and marriage preparation, to Christian family life and the upbringing of children. Chapter Four is a beautiful reflection on the famous passage on love from St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians, a

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reading that couples often choose for their wedding liturgy. Chapter Seven focuses on bringing up children, including the need for authentic sex education. Time and again, the Holy Father repeats the traditional teaching of the Church on chastity, marriage, sexuality and family life, but he does so in a fresh way. He acknowledges with sympathy and compassion the difficulties and challenges many face today. Like Jesus with the woman caught in adultery (John 8: 1-11), Pope Francis urges us, whilst acknowledging the reality of sin, to show care and concern for sinners, not condemnation...

Does the Pope say the divorced and civilly remarried may now be readmitted to Holy Communion? No. What he says is that instead they need a good priest to reach out to them, to accompany them, to help them discern their situation before the Lord and to enable them to develop, to change and to take their proper place in the Church's life and mission.

Does the Pope leave a lot of matters to individual conscience, as some media commentators have

suggested? No, he doesn't, if by conscience they mean 'What I feel.' Christians always see themselves first and foremost as belonging to Christ, as members of His Body, the Church. So a Christian's conscience is never 'What I feel' or 'What I think' but a conscience informed by Catholic teaching, which seeks to apply authentically the teaching and principles of Jesus to daily life and concrete situations..."

I hope you found this helpful as the Catholic Church strives to understand how marriage, family life and human relationships relate to our modern society.

Finally, I would like to give my personal best wishes to Rev. Sandra Edwards and say that it has been a great privilege to work with her ecumenically over the past years and I wish her every blessing for the future.

Also my prayers for Mr John Day who has always been so helpful to the Catholic community of Denmead when we have celebrated Mass in All Saints'.

Fr Kevin

DABS 9th-12th August 2016



Plans are well under way for DABS this year as we prepare to set sail on the Adventure Cruise. DABS is a Christian holiday scheme organised by the three churches in Denmead for children living in Denmead aged 5-11.

This is our 36th year and will be held at Denmead Junior School. The fun packed four days, 9.30-3.30pm, are full of activities craft, games, singing and games. Children have to be pre registered and application forms will be available from the churches or downloaded from the All Saints website in June.

If you have any questions or would like to volunteer to help please contact one of the following: Kim Markham 92240150, Hazel Tea on 92267031.

Obituary; Vivian Jarman

Vivian Albert Jarman (Viv) was born on May 13th 1927 in Malta where his father was serving in the Navy. He had three sisters and one brother and actually shared a birthday with one sister and one brother but years apart. His is survived by one sister, Hazel, who lives in Cornwall where Viv enjoyed many happy visits.

The family returned to Portsmouth when Viv was three years old and came to live in 10 Mount Pleasant Denmead in 1935. Viv attended the old Denmead

Infant school and despite passing a scholarship chose to complete his education locally at Cowplain Secondary School. He was an outstanding pupil who really enjoyed playing football as well.

When Viv left school he went into butchering working for Mr Pratt where he met another Denmead lad John Withers who became a good friend. They worked as delivery boys together until Viv went to work for Jock Cole the butcher in Fratton.

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During the Second World War Viv worked as an errand boy for the Civil Defence until he was old enough to volunteer for the Army. He often told the family stories about his tough training in Inverness in Scotland and it was in the Army that he met his best friend Sandy. He became an Army butcher but was also a brilliant marksman. He was posted to Cyprus and could have become an officer but he refused the promotion preferring to remain one of the men.

When Viv left the Army he worked in Civil Engineering helping to build many of the roads along the South coast and the Northam bridge in Southamton. He went on to work for British Gas starting in the control room but then responsible for surveying pipelines which he did until retirement.

Viv married Mabel in September 1969 also becoming a step-dad to Roger. Initially they lived in Brokenhurst before moving back to Denmead. It was a very happy marriage in which they enjoyed doing many things together like gardening and holidaying in their caravan. Mabel taught Viv to sew and he made some beautiful cross stitch

samplers for children still treasured by the family. Mabel died in 1995 but despite that being a very sad time for Viv he remained living in their home keeping himself busy with his hobbies of reading music and crossword puzzles. He also kept daily weather records. He became a much loved grandpa and was always very much a part of Roger's family enjoying regular Sunday lunches and family celebrations. The family helped him achieve a long standing ambition when they organised for him to drive around Goodwood race course on day out.

Viv was involved with All Saints church as a regular at the 8 o'clock service and he helped collate the church magazines so they went out on time each month. He also served on the sub-cemetery committee.

Although always an active man this year he had struggled with his mobility and never really seemed to recover from a short stay in hospital in February. He died on April 8th as he would have wished in his home. He was a proud private independent and kind person who will be sadly missed by all his family and friends.

Denmead Community Centre

Denmead Film Nights

This month's film on Saturday 25th June is "Dad's Army" this classic TV show given a big screen treatment by Oliver Parker. Toby Jones's deluded Captain Mainwaring and Michael Gambon's smiley Private Godfrey are the standouts in an impressive parade of British character actors, including Bill Nighy and Alison Steadman. It's an all-out laugh attack, expanding the action from parochial intrigue to espionage and actual conflict, while boosting female participation, which not only includes Catherine Zeta-Jones as a glamorous reporter who sets male hearts a-fluttering, but also the first flesh-and-blood appearance of the formidable Mrs Mainwaring (Felicity Montagu). Annette Crosbie and Julia Foster are a delight as Godfrey's sisters, a pair of sibling Miss Marples.

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Proms in the Park – Celebrating the 90th Birthday of Her Majesty the Queen

Saturday 16th July is "Proms in the Park 2016", this live open-air concert with our very own Brass Band promises to be one of the Village highlights of the summer, gates open at 5.15pm with both the Training Band and the Portsmouth Pluckers supporting the main event which is due to start at 6.15pm. Refreshments include a gourmet BBQ and fine wines provided by Discover Wines. Tickets cost £6 each and are on sale now from both the Community Centre and Discover Wines.

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

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.

Wed 1	CH	Pilates	10.00-11.00am	W
	BC	Noah's Ark friendship & activities for Pre-School children & their carers.	10.00-11.30am	W
	MH	Afternoon WI	2.00pm	M
		Denmead Belles	7.30pm	M
	OS	Table Tennis	10.00-Noon	W
		-all standards welcome		
		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 -Planning	7.30pm	
	SHQ	Concorde Cubs	6.30-8.00pm	W
		Church Car Park Mobile Library	1.30-4.00pm	W
		At the Forest Of Bere Denmead Knit & Bitch	10.00-Noon	W
		All abilities are welcome		
Thu 2	CH	Mother's Union	11.30-4.30pm	
	HR	Coffee & a Chat (& Thursdays) all welcome	9.30-Noon	2x

Village Diary

	OS	Table Tennis	9.00-11.00am	W
		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
	SHQ	Bere Forest Beavers	6.15-7.30pm	W
Fri 3	CH	Chair Exercises	2.00pm	W
	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	W
	SHQ	Vulcan Scout Troop	7.00-9.00pm	W
		Phoenix Explorers	7.00-9.00pm	W
Sat 4	HR	District Advice	10.00-Noon	M
	MH	Bootcamp Fitness Class	9.30am	W
		ABS Fitness Class	10.30am	W
Sun 5	MH	Karate	5.00pm	W
	OS	Junior Brass Band	9.15-10.15am	W
		- come along & have a go, tuition free		
		Denmead Brass Band	10.30-12.30pm	W
Mon 6	CH	Zumba Fitness Class	9.30am	W
		Breathe Again	11.30am	W
		Slimming World	5.30 & 7.30pm	W
	MH	Denmead Pre School	9.00-3.00pm	D
		* Wednesday *	9.00-12.30pm	
		TS Alacrity Cadets	7.00pm	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		
		Painting in Watercolours	10.00-Noon	W
		Smart Fitness-Circuit Training	6.00-8.00pm	W
		Table Tennis	7.00-9.00pm	W
		Denmead Bridge Club	7.00-10.00pm	W
	SHQ	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 7	CH	All Join in Together	11.00am	W

		Exercises After Stroke	2.30pm	W
		3rd Denmead Brownies	5.45	W
		Denmead Horticultural Society Meeting	7.30pm	M
	HR	Coffee & a Chat (& Thursdays) all welcome	9.30-Noon	2x
OS		Creative Play for Under 5s	9.30-11.00am	W
		Upholstery	9.30-12.30pm	W
		Denmead Creative Art Class	10.00-Noon	M
		Art History	2.00-4.00pm	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 Band	8.00-10.00pm	W
	SHQ	Spitfire Scouts	6.30-8.30pm	W
Wed 8	CH	Meet & Eat	12.30pm	M
		2nd Denmead Rainbows	4.15pm	W
		1st Denmead Brownies	5.45pm	W
		British Koi Karp Society	7.30pm	M
	MH	Floral Workshop	7.30pm	M
	OS	Zumba Gold	9.30-10.30am	W
		Denmead Art	10.00-Noon	F
		Pilates	10.30-11.30am	W
		Parish Council –Finance & Admin.	7.30pm	
Thu 9	CH	Jiggly Wigglers	9.30-11.30am	W
		Keep fit	2.00pm	W
		1st Rainbows	4.15pm	W
		2nd Brownies	5.30pm	W
		CH/HR Guides & Rangers	7.00pm	W
	OS	Zumba Toning	9.30-10.30am	W
		U3A Table Tennis	2.00-4.00pm	F
		Southern Arts Academy	5.00-9.00pm	W
Fri 10	CH	Mother & Toddler Group	9.30pm	W
		Youthmove	5.15pm	W
		MiniMultiples Summer Fayre Preparations	7.00pm	
		Denmead Conservative Branch Dinner at Barnards Restaurant, Denmead to celebrate HM Queen's 90th Birthday and Prince Philips's 95th		
Sat 11	CH	MINIMULTIPLES SUMMER FAYRE	All Day	
	OS	Southern Arts Academy	9.45-11.15am	W

Village Diary

Mon 13	HR	Denmead Village Association Committee Meeting	7.30pm	
		At The Forest of Bere The Royal British Legion Meeting - Hambledon & District Branch	8.00pm	M
Tue 14	CH	Gold Star Dancing	8.00-9.00pm	W
	OS	Creative Writing	10.30-12.30pm	F
		Denmead Evening WI Craft Evening	7.00-9.00pm	M
		At the Chairmakers - Waterlooville Probus Club Noon - 3.00 pm Lunch and Talk. Details from Colin Cox 92 594112		
Wed 15	CH	Flower Club	2.00pm	M
	MH	Evening WI	7.30pm	M
	OS	Parish Council – Highways & GP	7.30pm	
Thu 16	UR	Exploring Christianity	7.30pm	W
		Green Meadows; National Care Home Open Day	10.00am-2pm	
Sat 18	CH	MESSY CHURCH	3.30-5.30pm	M
		-see main notice for details		
		Green Meadows; Summer Fayre	11.00am-2pm	
Mon 20	HR	DHS Committee Meeting	7.30pm	
Tue 21	HR	Mothers' Union Meeting	7.30pm	
	OS	Denmead Reading Circle	2.15-4.15pm	M
		Chapter Reading Group	2.30-4.00pm	M
Wed 22	CH	Bereavement Support Group	2.00-4.00pm	M
	OS	Parish Council -Planning	7.30pm	
	SHQ	Concorde Cubs	6.30-8.00pm	W
		At White Wings House Golden Years Club	2.00pm	M
		- Contact 023 92261428		
Thu 23	CH	POLLING STATION	All Day	
Sat 25	CH	Children's Society Box Opening	10am-12 noon	
	OS	Film Night – DAD'S ARMY	7.30pm	M
Mon 27	HR	BKKS Committee Meeting	8.00-10.00pm	
Wed 29	CH	Men's Group BBQ	7.00pm	
	OS	Parish Council - Main Council	7.30pm	
COMING SOON				
DABS (Denmead Activities & Bible School) Tues 9th - Fri 12th August at Denmead Junior School. Registration leaflets will be available nearer the time.				

Denmead Art Exhibition

The annual Art Exhibition will again be held in All Saints Church Hall, the dates being 24th and 25th September.

If you or anyone you know would like to show some paintings please get in touch and we'll give you the details – or look at the website: www.denmead-art.co.uk for all the information and an entry form.

We will also be looking for volunteers to help run the show! There are a number of different roles, and the more helpers we have the easier and more successful it should be!

Please call the Church Office 023 9226 8757 or email info@denmead-art.co.uk



Punch & Judy

Ice Cream van

Various private sellers

Raffle

Green Meadows Summer Fayre

Saturday 18th June
11am-2pm
Green Lane Denmead PO7 6LW

Tombola

Cake stall
Plant stall
Book stall

Face Painting

BBQ

No Parking on site

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For Sale

The poster for the Green Meadows Summer Fayre. It features a light grey background with various text elements and icons. At the top left, there is a string of triangular bunting flags. Below the bunting, there is an icon of an ice cream van and a single ice cream cone. The text "Ice Cream van" is written in a grey box next to the van icon. The text "Various private sellers" is written below the bunting. The text "Punch & Judy" is written in a large, black, sans-serif font at the top right. The word "Raffle" is written in a large, black, sans-serif font in the middle right. The main title "Green Meadows Summer Fayre" is written in a large, black, sans-serif font in the center. Below the title, the date and time "Saturday 18th June 11am-2pm" and the location "Green Lane Denmead PO7 6LW" are written in a black, sans-serif font. The words "Tombola", "Face Painting", and "BBQ" are written in a black, sans-serif font. The text "Cake stall", "Plant stall", and "Book stall" is written in a black, sans-serif font. At the bottom left, the text "No Parking on site" is written in a black, sans-serif font. At the bottom right, there is a logo for "Fed Lounge For Sale" with the text "Sponsored by" above it.

Citizens Advice Bureau

Q I recently lost my job and and fell behind on several bills including my council tax, electricity and credit cards. I'm back in work and keen to start paying off my debts, but can't afford to pay them all straight away. What should I pay off first?

A First off, draw up a list of who you owe money to, how much you owe, and which of these are 'priority debts'.

Priority debts include your rent or mortgage, gas and electric, and council tax. These debts should always be paid first as delaying payment can have serious consequences such as having your energy supply cut off, or losing your home. You can use any spare income to tackle your credit cards and personal loans.

To work out exactly how much you can afford to repay, you'll need to compare your monthly income to your essential outgoings and see how much money you've got leftover to put towards your debts. Citizens Advice has an online budget tool which can help.

You're now ready to start negotiations with your creditor. Put together a letter - otherwise know as a "financial statement" -

***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.***

explaining why your ability to repay has been affected, including a full breakdown of your monthly income and outgoings and what you think you can pay.

Send this letter to your creditors and they will use the information to help settle an affordable repayment plan with you.

For more guidance on putting together your budget and financial statement, go to www.citizensadvice.org.uk or visit your local Citizens Advice.

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 14th June 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 Roark McMaster will give a talk on 'Conscious Capitalism'.

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



Denmead Conservative Branch Dinner

Celebrating the Queen's 90th Birthday and Prince Philip's 95th birthday on Friday 10th June at Barnards Restaurant, Denmead, at 7 for 7.30pm.

We also have an outing to Amberley Museum and Heritage Centre near Arundel on Thursday 14th July It is set in a 36 acre site in the South Downs National Park and dedicated to the Industrial Heritage of the South East. Please contact Janet Nobes for details; 023 92 255981

Denmead Horticultural Society

In May Maddy Harland told us how she and her husband Tim created a Forest Garden from part of a barren cornfield at the back of their house in Clanfield. A forest garden mimics natural woodland and the principle has been used to reforest barren land and reinstate rain forest in places such as Kerala, Costa Rica and South America. Using edible plants the garden is planted in layers from canopy to low trees, shrubs, herbaceous perennials, ground cover, root crops and climbers. This creates a productive garden which is also a haven for insects, reptiles and birds.

Maddy and Tim planted over sixty fruit and nut trees spacing them so that they would not shade each other as they grew. These included walnut, apples, plums, fig, cherries and hazel; in the shrub layer currants, gooseberries, goji berries, perennial kale, Japanese wineberry, bamboo, Nepalese and Szechuan pepper and below that mint and wild strawberries. Although not all the plants liked their chalky soil the Merton Pride pear thrived, its

blossom attracting many insects and bees. They also grow heritage local apples such as Hambleton deux ans and Bardsey Island and an unusual apple called Red Love which has red blossom, fruit and flesh.

In the greenhouse Maddy uses terracotta pots sunk into the ground for watering – the roots of the plants wrap around the pot as moisture slowly seeps through. No dig raised beds provide growing space for annual vegetables and the whole garden has become a semi-wild, biodiverse, 100% organic edible landscape.

On Tuesday 7th June our speaker is June Colley and her subject is 'The Perfume of Plants – why and how plants are perfumed'. She will explain the types of scent found in plants, how we detect fragrance, how to create a perfumed garden, how to make perfume products from the garden and will show us fragrant plants throughout the year. Visitors (£2) and new members welcome.

Liz Williams (9226 9642)

Denmead Afternoon Women's Institute

Members enjoyed a visit to Wilton on 27th April with a cream tea at Bishops Waltham WI on the way home. That evening some members attended the Group Meeting where they were entertained by "Miranda's Music". Miranda, a vivacious young lady sang a selection of songs mainly from the 1950s and 1960s with members joining in with gusto. This talented young lady also played the clarinet, flute and saxophone.

Our May meeting was the Annual Meeting where we elect our new committee and officers. We were sorry to say goodbye to our president, Cathy Cobb, who is unable to attend meetings due to family commitments. Angela MacNee was elected president and Pam Pilbeam is continuing as secretary / treasurer. We were pleased to welcome Ruth

Giles, Janet Pearce, Rosemary Simpson and Joan Spooner to our committee. There was no monthly competition.

The president introduced Pat Wallace our new WI Adviser who gave us an outline of the work of the WIA. She presented the cup for the monthly competitions to Joan Elliott and the flower cup jointly to Joan Downing and Rosemary Simpson.

Future plans include taking part in the Group Round of the County Quiz on Thursday

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 as well as meeting socially.

If you have recently moved to the village or recently retired this is the ideal way to make new friends or renew old acquaintances. 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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23rd and the Group Round of the Skittles Competition on Thursday 25th August.

We continue our monthly lunch dates at various venues in the area. This month we will visit The White Hart.

This month we will be providing a cream tea for a WI from Crowthorne in Berkshire at the Community Centre. Next month we will be entertaining a coach party from the Winchester Hard of Hearing Group. This is our main fundraising to enable us to continue our monthly meetings with a variety of speakers.

This month's meeting will include the return visit of Andrew Negus for the concluding part of his talk "The Weird, The Wild and The Wonderful". This will see him travelling from China to New Zealand. The competition is a holiday photo of something weird and wonderful taken in the last 10 years.

Joan Downing (9226 5458)

District Council Up-date

May 5th Kirk Phillips stepped down as a Winchester City Councillor representing Denmead after six years in office. Cllr Caroline Brook is a new face on the block she will serve for two years, also re-elected were Cllr Patricia Stallard who will serve for three years and Cllr Mike Read who will serve the full four year term.

The first of the new term monthly surgeries will be held in All Saints Church Hall on June 4th between 10 am to 12 noon and the first Saturday of each month thereafter, no appointments are required. So come along and meet Caroline your new councillor.

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

Denmead Evening WI

We held our Annual General Meeting at our May meeting and selected our new Officers and Committee to run our Institute for the next 12 months. In addition we discussed the two resolutions which will go to vote at the National AGM which this year is to be held in Brighton on 11th June. These are:-

“We call upon HM Government and the NHS to provide facilities to enable carers to stay with people with Alzheimer’s disease and dementia that have been admitted to hospital.”

“The WI calls upon all supermarkets to sign up to a voluntary agreement to avoid food waste, thereby passing surplus food on to charities thus helping to address the issue of increasing food poverty in the UK.”

After all this serious stuff we relaxed and shared an American supper and some social chat.

The Craft Group are planning some new projects including making poppies & felting and will next meet on Tuesday, 14th June, at

7.00pm at the Community Centre in School Lane.

Our monthly meeting will be on 15th June when our speaker will be telling us all about the work of The Hampshire & Isle of Wight Air Ambulance. Our next monthly Meet & Eat will take place at the Harvest Home on 20th June at 12 noon, and we are also planning an outing.

On 23 June our brainy team will be competing in the Group Quiz at Deverell Hall in Purbrook.

Our regular monthly meetings are at Denmead Memorial Hall on the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 7.30pm and visitors are welcome. The WI comes in all shapes and sizes and offers women the opportunity to join and be involved in the way that suits them. More information is available on www.hampshirewi.org.uk or www.thewi.org.uk

Irene Woodings 023 9226 3465

Denmead Twinning Association

During four days from 5th to 8th May we were delighted to welcome to Denmead our friends from our twinned village of Saint Georges, near Poitiers in France. They are always excellent company and full of fun, and this time was no exception. This year more than 50 came for the long weekend, including their mayor.

They arrived on Thursday, with their coach dropping them in Denmead village centre and they walked as a group, singing as they made their way to the Community Centre in School Lane. After a reception in the Centre the hosts took their guests home and prepared for the next few days, which were non-stop!



Members of the Denmead Twinning committee looked after them on Friday – with an early start for Winchester where they were hosted by the leader of Hampshire County

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Council, Roy Parry, who took them in groups to the Great Hall (famous for King Arthur's round table) and to the council chambers. After leaving Winchester at mid-day they went to Portchester for a pub lunch and a tour around Portchester Castle.

The formal dinner in the evening was held at Southwick Park Golf Club and as well as a lovely meal and interesting speeches, there was an excellent magician circulating around each table and finally, for those with the energy, some lively dancing.

As is usual for these visits, the Saturday was spent with each Denmead family looking after their French twins as they wished: some went to London, others to Petworth, some to Chichester and others locally. In the evening many groups met up for a meal together, including several who went to The Chairmakers where there was a special evening with live music.

***Thank you
for a
marvellous
weekend***

On Sunday at lunchtime the coach left Denmead to take our French twins back to Saint Georges where they would arrive about 3.00am on Monday morning: their messages back to Denmead next day said it all –

Hello our friends, We have arrived home safely. Thank you for a marvellous weekend. We look forward to seeing you here in Saint Georges in May 2017.

Interested in finding out more about Denmead Twinning?
– please contact Patrick Binks 9226 2912.

June 23rd

YES IT IS REFERENDUM DAY

but the Denmead Rowans Support Group
will vote early and then take

TEA @ THREE

at Horseshoe Cottage, Furzeley Corner, Denmead

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