

Dear Friends

Is it possible that in three weeks we will be celebrating Christmas? I expect many of you are caught up in the frenzy of preparation that goes with the season. The shopping, food preparation, and getting ready perhaps to welcome visitors. While others may be more concerned about the forthcoming holiday time because of the disruption in your usual routine or because you will be spending most of it alone.

However you spend Christmas it is not without some stress as indeed it was for Mary and Joseph at that first Christmas. Mary, a very young heavily pregnant girl, who has conceived her baby in strange and wondrous circumstances, having to travel a long arduous journey with Joseph to be registered according to the Emperor's decree. And when they reach their destination there is nowhere for them to stay. Finally finding a stable to shelter in Mary has her baby with, we assume, only Joseph to help. While still recovering from all of this a group of smelly shepherds arrive directly from the hillsides where they have been with their sheep – sent by angels, they say, to worship her baby. Who would not feel stressed? But you will remember in Luke's gospel it is written that Mary treasured all that she had heard and "pondered the words in her heart". (Luke 2:19) She put her trust in God to guide her, whatever the future held.

**Something  
to truly  
celebrate**

Christmas is one of the Christian world's major festivals where we remember God's amazing gift to us, God made man in Jesus. The Word made flesh to live amongst us and share our human joys and sufferings. To bring the assurance of God's love and forgiveness for each of us, if we believe and trust in his Word. Something to truly celebrate even if you feel that gift has got lost in the commercialism and gluttony of our age.

If we have tried to keep Advent as a time not just for shopping and eating chocolate, but to draw closer to God through worship, reading and contemplation it will not matter what the rest of the world is celebrating, our hearts and minds will be prepared to receive that gift in the form of a

helpless baby needing to be loved and nurtured to survive. God makes himself vulnerable so he can know our vulnerabilities and bring his peace to those things that trouble us and give us stress.

Christmas comes with many expectations: to enjoy time with family and friends, to give and receive presents that will be appreciated, to be happy and free from stress and worry. Not all of these will be met and for some this time will bring more troubles, not less. But if we look into the heart of Christmas and understand fully what God has done for us, however we keep Christmas,

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we will know the joy and blessings of that first Christmas all over again. We will be able to see beyond the noise and messiness of our lives and look into the eyes of a baby born to bring hope to us and our world. And maybe we can share that joy and hope with those who are not able to find it for themselves. Why not invite them to come to church for one of our services over the Christmas period, where they too can discover God's love freely given in a very special gift.

Jesus came that we might have life and have it abundantly (John 10:10) I wish you a very happy and peaceful Christmas full of joy and hope.

With love in Christ,

*Sandie*

## **Next Messy Church – 10th December at 3.30**

For all families with children – the whole family is welcome to Messy Church – grandparents and carers included.

Join us in this fun-filled afternoon of craft, singing and eating together. We meet in the Church Hall from 3.30pm – 5.30pm.



Further information from  
[www.allsaintsdenmead.org.uk/messy-church](http://www.allsaintsdenmead.org.uk/messy-church)  
or from Rev Sandie Osborne 023 9236 2591.

# All Saints Church Services

## **Sunday 4th December 2nd of Advent**

- 8.00am Holy Communion
- 9.30am Parish Communion
- 4.00pm Christingle
- 6.00pm Healing Service

## **Sunday 11th December 3rd of Advent**

- 8.00am Holy Communion
- 9.30pm Family Praise Toy Service
- 6.00pm Evensong

## **Sunday 18th December 4th of Advent**

- 8.00am Holy Communion
- 9.30am Parish Communion
- 6.00pm CTD Carol Service

## **Saturday 24th December Christmas Eve**

- 4.00pm Crib Service
- 10.45pm Midnight Holy Communion

## **Sunday 25th December Christmas Day**

- 8.00am Holy Communion
- 9.30am Family Communion
- No Evening Service

## **Sunday January 1st Christmas 2**

- 8.00am Holy Communion
- 9.30am Parish Communion
- No Evening Service



**Christingle**  
**Sunday 4th December**  
**at 4pm**

*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 4th December.

This is a gentle reflective service, in which we ask for the Lord's healing, be it mental, emotional, spiritual, or physical.

For more details contact Rev Osborne 023 9236 2591.



# Exciting News!

We are delighted to announce that Reverend Emma Racklyeft has been appointed as the new vicar at All Saints, Denmead. Emma will be licensed by the Bishop of Portsmouth on 29th January at 4pm at All Saints.

Emma and her family will be moving from Thame in Oxford to undertake her new role in the parish alongside her role as lay ministry development officer for the Havant Deanery.

We are really looking forward to Emma joining us in the Parish and working together. Please pray for Emma and her family as we welcome them to Denmead.

*Tina Cottam and Samantha Davidson, Church Wardens*

## Denmead / Ghana Link

In 2002, All Saints Church Denmead formed a link with St Paul's Anglican Church in Tafo, Ghana. It was the start of a new fellowship and friendship, and for those who often enquire, the link is still strong and visits to Ghana still happen every year – but sadly, due to government restrictions, the last 5 visas applied for by our Ghanaian friends have been refused.

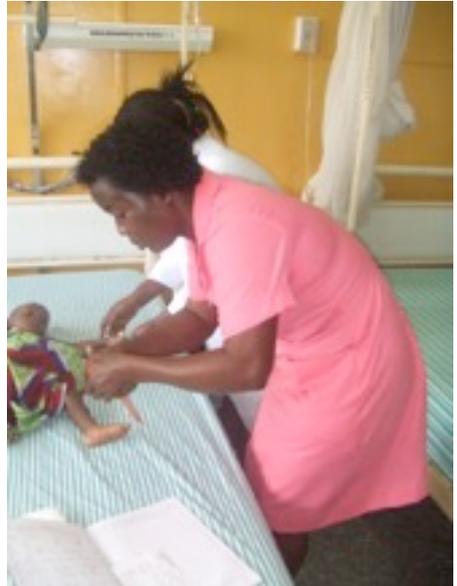
Several members of All Saints have visited Tafo and over the years we have seen many changes in the country. This is not only changes in the church but in the lives and aspirations of the congregation. However, despite the economic growth in Ghana, most of the people we visit are still 'stuck' in their daily grind of providing the basics for their children and families.

There is now a National Health system in Ghana, which is free to some extent and the major hospitals have good equipment and well trained

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doctors. But for many, getting to those hospitals when ill, is very limiting. There is no really good reliable public transport and still fewer private cars. Most transport is by shared taxi or tro-tro – a shared minibus with no timetable at all! There are many clinics throughout the country, run by government trained nurses, who can detect and treat minor ailments and malaria and who provide baby clinics but medicines are limited, scarce, often unstable (due to the heat) and costly.

One of the parishioners at St Pauls lost her 7 year old grandson, 2 years ago. He was not well and eventually diagnosed with pneumonia at a clinic. He was given ONE antibiotic injection on a Tuesday, sent home but died on the Thursday. We were all devastated that a preventable infection in this



country, took the life of a bright seven year old, whose parents are educated teachers, but could not access the correct medical treatment.

Education also is improving and changing but I will report on that next month.

**If any group would like to hear more about our link and life in Ghana, we are more than willing to come and give an illustrated talk – please contact Angela Herring on 023 9226 3215.**



# Sacred Heart Catholic Church

## *The Church of the Sacred Heart*

*and St Peter the Apostle*

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Waterlooville,

Hampshire PO7 7SR

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[www.waterlooville-catholic.org.uk](http://www.waterlooville-catholic.org.uk)

## 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,

I thought you might like to know about an important commemoration beginning at this time – the 500th anniversary of the Reformation.

It is a source of joy that there is now much ecumenical dialogue between Christians who were at one time bitterly divided. Below is set out part of the joint statement from Roman Catholic and Lutheran Church leaders on the 500th anniversary:

"... Fifty years of sustained and fruitful ecumenical dialogue between Catholics and Lutherans have helped us to overcome many differences, and have deepened our mutual understanding and trust. At the same time, we have

drawn closer to one another through joint service to our neighbours – often in circumstances of suffering and persecution. Through dialogue and shared witness we are no longer strangers. Rather, we have learned that what unites us is greater than what divides us.

While we are profoundly thankful for the spiritual and theological gifts received through the Reformation, we also confess and lament before Christ that Lutherans and Catholics have wounded the visible unity of the Church. Theological differences were accompanied by prejudice and conflicts. Our common faith in Jesus Christ and our baptism demand of us a daily

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conversion, by which we cast off the historical disagreements and conflicts that impede the ministry of reconciliation. While the past cannot be changed, what is remembered and how it is remembered can be transformed. We pray for the healing of our wounds and of the memories that cloud our view of one another. We emphatically reject all hatred and violence, past and present, especially that expressed in the name of religion. Today, we hear God's command to set aside all conflict. We recognize that we are freed by grace to move towards the communion to which God continually calls us..."

On a personal note I want to tell you that this is my final article for the

magazine, since the Bishop has asked me to move to a new parish in January (St. Francis of Assisi, Ascot). I have really enjoyed sharing with you many aspects of the Roman Catholic Church over the past 12 years and am so pleased that ecumenical relationships between our Christian communities have been so close.

Especially, I give thanks for the warm friendships and cooperation that Roman Catholics share in Denmead through our Covenant relationship with our brothers and sisters in the Anglican and Baptist Churches.

With very best wishes for a wonderful Christmas and New Year.

*Fr. Kevin Bidgood*

## Denmead Baptist Church

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](mailto: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.*

## Meet and Eat

On Dec 7th we will hold our Festive lunch.

This will be a special event, as after 8 years of delicious food and fellowship, Meet and Eat will come to a close.

Thank you to all the volunteers who have supported it over the years with your time, cooking and kitchen skills.

December 7th will be our final celebration and farewell so we look forward to seeing you there. Please sign up using the list in the Heath Room as usual.

Weekly lunches remain available at the Community Centre on a Thursday, or why not try the White Hart pub in Denmead? Thank you and very best wishes to you all.

*Jenny Elliot and all the Meet and Eat Team*

## 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.

## From the Registers

### Baptisms

20th November      Finley Niall Andrews  
Willow Anastasia Bradshaw

### Weddings

8th October      Thomas Andrew Kelley Glasspool & Rebecca Catherine Robson  
Alan James Bryant & Kim Alison Hardy

### Funerals

2nd November      Esther Henderson Tanner age 93  
9th November      Evelyn Julie Westell age 91

## Esther Tanner

Esther was born in 1922 in the industrial NE. Her father was a miner. She had one brother, Frank, and a large extended family of aunts, uncles, and cousins. In the 30's the family moved to Ramsgate in Kent.

In 1st September 1939, two days before the declaration of WW2, Esther, aged 17, started work at the Admiralty in London as a signals clerk, working in the Citadel, the underground complex in Whitehall used by Churchill. She was a small cog in the government machine during wartime, but very near the centre of things. She was proud that her small group of signals clerks received a hand-written note from Churchill thanking them for the long hours they had worked over the signals for an important conference.

Secrecy meant that she was not allowed to tell her family where she worked, telling them she had a very boring filing job in a commercial office, and they kept encouraging her to find a better job.

Secrecy could be a burden. A cousin in the merchant navy was torpedoed in the Irish Sea, and listed as missing. Naturally the family hoped that he might be found alive, but Esther knew from the classified naval report of the sinking, to which she had access, that there was no hope of any survivors. She was unable to tell the family, while they continued to talk about how he might be found.

Wartime London was stressful, with bombing raids, blackout, and long hours working in an underground office.

Although she also talked about the excitement of VE day in London, when she saw the King appear on the balcony of Buckingham Palace. Admiralty staff were given respite leave, to get away from London. On one of these leaves Esther went to a respite camp at Denmead, where she met Ken Tanner, a farmer, whom she was to marry in 1945 after the end of the war.

For a town girl like Esther, farming life was a big change. Ken's family were tenant farmers of Crabbick Farm, and they lived in a house which was part of the farm. When Ken's father died in tragic circumstances in 1957, they were unable to take over the tenancy. So Ken and Esther found themselves with no job, nowhere to live, and two young boys to care for.

So they moved to Teeside to live with her parents, who were now running a pub in Thornaby-on-Tees. Ken got a job in the local steelworks. Teeside was very different from the Denmead countryside, dominated by heavy industry. Ken found it hard to adjust and after less than a year they moved back to Denmead, managed to find a house, and Ken got a job with Havant Council. Ken missed being a

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farmer, but enjoyed gardening, fishing, and being able to go shooting over some fields and woodland still owned by his mother. Esther got a job in the Denmead Sub-Post Office. Later she moved to the much larger Cosham Post Office, which meant sitting an exam, at Bletchley, and was proud that she came almost top. On leaving school in 1939 she had gained certificates in French and German, so all the foreign customers were directed to her till. Later she moved to the Returned Letter Branch in Portsmouth.

When Ken became ill, she looked after him devotedly for several years, while also having health problems of her own. A lot of help came from our cousins, Mary, Ann, Avril and Ray. Ray's practical skills were invaluable. When Ken died in 2012 Esther moved to Easterlea Care Home in Denmead, where the staff were very kind, and she enjoyed having people that she had known for many years to talk to. She appreciated the visits and continuing help

from our cousins. Naturally she was always pleased when her sons could visit, and when her granddaughters Clare with partner Richard, Georgette with boyfriend Rob, and Emily with husband Andy visited her. She was thrilled to meet her great-granddaughter Evie.

She had an active mind, liked a good talk about the news of the day, and enjoyed reading, and crosswords. So she found it very frustrating when both her hearing and eyesight deteriorated in her last few years.

Esther was very kind, always putting other people's needs before her own, perhaps a little too much, and hated to be any trouble to anyone. She was also brave, facing up to serious difficulties in her life. She told us not to be sad at her passing, because her life had been interesting.

Of course we are sad, but also glad to remember her love, her courage, her generosity, and kindness.

## **Bereavement Support 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 All Saints Church office 9226 8757 or Merrill Partridge 9226 6159.*

# What's on This Month, and Where

## Venue Abbreviations:

ASC = All Saints' Church

CH = Church Hall; HR = Heath Room; UR = Upper Room; *Contact B. Wright, 9223 3248*

MH = Memorial Hall *Contact Mrs S Thomas 9235 5993*

DCC = Denmead Community Centre *Contact Mr R Bainbridge MBE, 9225 6132*

PC = Denmead Parish Council *Contact Tony Daniells, 9224 7947*

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](mailto:denmeadbarges@aol.com)) or send them to her at Fairview, School Lane, Denmead PO7 6LY. Thank you.

Thu	I	CH	Jiggly Wigglers	9.30-11.30am	W
			Keep Fit	2.00pm	W
			1st Denmead Rainbows	4.15pm	W
			2nd Denmead Brownies	5.30pm	W
		CH&HR	Guides & Rangers	7.00pm	W
		HR	Coffee & a Chat	9.30-11.30am	2xW
		UR	Exploring Christianity	7.30pm	
		MH	Denmead Pre School	9.00-3.00pm	D
			* Wednesday	9.00-12.30pm	
			Karate	6.00pm	W
			Badminton	7.30pm	W
		DCC	Old Schoolhouse Pre-School	9.00-3.00pm	D
			--- Friday	9.00-Noon	
			Table Tennis	9.00-11.00am	W
			Zumba Toning	9.30-10.30am	W
			Calligraphy	10.30-12.30pm	F
			Italian Lessons	11.15-1.15pm	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
			Pilates	5.45-6.45pm	W

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		Southern Arts Academy	5.00-9.00pm	W
	SHQ	Bere Forest Beavers	6.15-7.30pm	W
Fri	2	CH	Mother & Toddlers Group	9.30-11.30am
		Chair Exercises	2.00-3.00pm	W
		DCC	U3A Art Class	9.30-Noon
		Swing Sling	10.30-11.30am	W
		Denmead Drama	4.00-7.30pm	W
		Kettle Fit	7.00-8.00pm	W
		Rose Dog Club	7.30-8.30pm	W
		SHQ	Vulcan Scout Troop	7.00-9.00pm
		Phoenix Explorers	7.00-9.00pm	W
Sat	3	CH	Denmead Conservative Musical Evening	7.30pm
		HR	District Advice Surgery	10.00-Noon
		MH	Bootcamp Fitness Camp	9.30am
			ABS Fitness Class	10.30am
		DCC	Southern Arts Academy	9.15-Noon
Sun	4	ASC	<b>CHRISTINGLE SERVICE</b>	<b>4.00-5.00pm</b>
		MH	Karate	5.00pm
		DCC	Denmead Junior Brass Band	9.15-10.15am
			Denmead Brass Band	10.30-12.30pm
Mon	5	CH	Zumba Fitness Class	9.30-10.30am
			Breathe Again	11.30-12.30pm
			Slimming World	5.30 & 7.30pm
		MH	TS Alacrity Cadets	7.00pm
		DCC	Mumbaba	9.30-10.30am
			Smart Fitness-Circuit Training	6.00-8.00pm
			Table Tennis	7.00-9.00pm
			Denmead Bridge Club	7.00-10.00pm
		SHQ	Busy Bees Pre School	9.00-Noon&3.00
			Friday -	9.00-Noon
			Merlin Cubs	6.30-8.00pm
			At the Forest of Bere; Denmead Knit & Bitch	7.00-9.00pm
			All abilities are welcome	
Tue	6	CH	All Join in Together (Babies & Toddlers)	11.00-Noon
			Exercises After Stroke	2.00-3.30pm
			3rd Denmead Brownies	5.45pm
			Gold Star Dancing	8.00-9.00pm
		HR	Coffee & a Chat All welcome	9.30-Noon
				2xW

		Also on Thursday		
	MH	Archery	7.00pm	W
	DCC	Creative Play for Under 5s	9.30-11.00am	W
		Upholstery	9.30-12.30pm	W
		Creative Writing	10.30-12.30pm	F
		Tuesday Pilates Class	5.30-7.30pm	W
		Allsorts Dog Behaviour & Care	6.00-8.00pm	W
		Downland Singers	7.45-10.15pm	W
		Denmead Brass	8.00-10.00pm	W
	SHQ	Spitfire Scouts	6.30-8.30pm	W
Wed 7	CH	Pilates	10.00-11.00am	W
		Meet & Eat	12.30-2.00pm	M
		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
	DCC	Zumba Gold	9.30-10.30am	W
		Table Tennis	10.00-Noon	W
		Creative Quilters	10.00-Noon	F
		Denmead Art	10.00-Noon	F
		Patchwork Pals	2.00-6.00pm	W
		Smart Fitness-Circuit Training	6.00-7.00pm	W
		Breakaway Quilters	7.00-10.00pm	W
		Kettle Fit	7.00-9.00pm	W
		Parish Council – Planning	7.30pm	
	SHQ	Concorde Cubs	6.30-8.00pm	W
		At the Forest of Bere; Denmead Knit & Bitch	10.00-Noon	W
		All abilities are welcome		
Thu 8	DCC	U3A Table Tennis	2.00-4.00pm	F
Fri 9	MH	Afternoon WI	7.30pm	M
Sat 10	CH	TS ALACRITY CHRISTMAS FAYRE	AM	
Sun 11	MH	Archery	9.00am	W
	ASC	TOY SERVICE – all welcome	9.30am	
Mon 12	HR	DVA Committee Meeting	7.30-8.30pm	
		At The Forest of Bere; The Royal British Legion	8.00pm	M
		Meeting - Hambledon & District Branch		
Tue 13	DCC	Afternoon Social Club	2.00-3.30pm	M
		Denmead Evening WI Craft Evening	7.00-9.00pm	M

		At The Chairmakers, Worlds End,		
		- Waterlooville Probus Club	Noon - 3.00pm	M
		Lunch & talk by Ryan Bishop - 'Anecdotes, Poetry & Song'		
Wed 14	CH/HR	Flower Club	2.00pm	M
		British Koi Karp Society	7.30pm	M
	MH	Denmead Evening WI	7.30pm	M
	DCC	Parish Council - Amenities	7.30pm	
Fri 16	ASC	<b>Service to mark 60th anniversary of Revd Canon J Herklots' ordination</b>	7.30pm	
Sat 17	CH	MESSY CHURCH	3.30-5.30pm	M
		- see main notice		
	DCC	FILM NIGHT – ABSOLUTELY FABULOUS	7.30pm	M
Sun 18	ASC	CAROL SERVICE followed by refreshments in Hall	6.00-7.00pm	
	CH	Carol Service Refreshments - preparation	5.00pm	
Tue 20	HR	Mothers' Union	7.30pm	
	DCC	Denmead Reading Circle	2.15-4.15pm	M
		Chapter Reading Group	2.30-4.00pm	M
Wed 21	DCC	Parish Council- Finance & Admin	7.30pm	
Sat 24	ASC	<b>CRIB SERVICE</b>	<b>4.00pm</b>	
	ASC	<b>CHRISTMAS MIDNIGHT EUCHARIST</b>	<b>11.15pm</b>	
Sun 25	ASC	<b>CHRISTMAS DAY FAMILY EUCHARIST</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	
Fri 30	CH/HR	BLOOD TRANSFUSION SERVICE	All Day	

## Forthcoming Events at the Denmead Community Centre

### Denmead Film Nights

This month's film on Saturday 17th Dec is Absolutely Fabulous, 25 Years on from the original. To reserve your ticket call 92 256132.

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](http://www.denmeadca.com) and click "join the email list".

## Denmead Afternoon Women's Institute

In November we celebrated our 63rd birthday. We were entertained by the ladies of the Silver Spirits – a part of Spirit of the South Choir. It was good to welcome them again and to hear their lovely four part harmony singing. The Institute joined them for some songs and their repertoire concluded with some Christmas Carols and Songs.

The competition for a seafaring ornament was won by Joan Elliott with Betty Harding second. The flower competition was won by Margaret Dickson with Ruth Giles second.

On Tuesday 8th we again welcomed the Winchester Hard of Hearing Group for a cream tea. They have been coming each Summer for a number of years but this is the first time for an Autumn outing.

Future activities include the Group Christmas Social Evening on Friday 9th December. Our institute will be responsible for organising the evening. The six institutes in the group will provide a ten minute entertainment and refreshments will include tea, coffee and mince pies.

A group of members will be attending the Milton Glee Club Christmas Concert at Portsmouth Guildhall on Sunday 11th when once again we will be using the Communicare minibus.

*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 both at monthly meetings and during the month. Meetings and events are also held within the local group of six institutes and within Hampshire County. 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.*

We continue our monthly get together for lunch and this month will be visiting the Harvest Home on Friday 16th.

This month our meeting will be a social afternoon when we hope to have a visit from Santa and Rudolph to distribute the gifts in our Secret Santa. Members will be able to sign a communal Christmas Card with a donation to ACWW (the Associated Country Women of the

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World) to which the WI is affiliated. The competition is for a Christmas Memento. In January we will be having a lunch provided by Arkadia of Horndean prior to our monthly meeting. Members are reminded to give their names and £8 deposit at this month's meeting.

Annual subscriptions will be due at January's meeting.

**We wish all our readers a Peaceful and Happy Christmas**

*Joan Downing (9226 5458)*

## Rowans Support Group

The Denmead Rowans Support Group is a small group who organise events to raise awareness of the work of the Rowans Hospice and support them financially. **We would welcome anyone who we could call on for a few hours occasionally to help. If you think you would like to support the work of the Rowans please contact me on: [patricia.bailey333@gmail.com](mailto:patricia.bailey333@gmail.com) or 07947 611699.**

We are collecting hats and handbags for a sale next year. If you have any you would like to donate we can accept them at any time and store them until the sale. Please call 07947 611699 for more information.



### Christmas

#### Wreath Making Workshops

Horseshoe Cottage, Furzeley Corner. PO7 6TS

At a time of your choice from Dec 7th to 12th  
Ring 07947 611699 to fix the time. Bring a friend.

Seasonal Refreshments.

£10 and you will have a wreath to take home and you will have learnt the skill to make your own in future.

*All profit to the Rowans Hospice.*

#### Saturday Sale

Books and Jigsaws.

Saturday December 10th,  
9am to 2pm

Horseshoe Cottage, Furzeley  
Corner. PO7 6TS

*All profit to the Rowans Hospice.*

# Make MONEY WORK

## New money management project for local people affected by benefit changes

Citizens Advice Winchester District (CAWD) is working with Winchester City Council (WCC) and the Job Centre Plus to support local people impacted by new welfare reform, and in particular, the benefit cap which will impact some local households from 7th November 2016 as they see benefits cut.

'Make Money Work' is a new project created by CAWD and WCC to offer a sustainable and supportive solution to those people adversely impacted by the benefit changes.

A dedicated CAWD Money Coach will provide a wide range of free support to local people across Winchester District, helping them to access a range of services including in-to-work support, financial literacy, debt/money management and budgeting. CAWD will offer the service primarily from its Winchester and Bishop's Waltham offices, with support by phone and email and home visiting as required.

Natalie Webb, Chief Officer of Citizens Advice Winchester District, said:

***"We are delighted to be working in partnership with Winchester City Council to help local people manage changes to their benefits, ensuring that they have the best possible support. 'Make Money Work' will deliver positive support and potential solutions to enable our clients and their families to find a positive way forward and to make ends meet."***

Citizens Advice Winchester District has been helping people in the local community for 63 years. 6,799 people turned to the charity for assistance in the last financial year (2015-16). Benefits advice was the most common issue facing residents, representing one quarter of all queries.



*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 Centre, School Lane, Denmead, Thurs 1 – 3pm.*

## Denmead Evening WI

We have had a very full Autumn programme of events which included:

- Monthly Meet & Eat lunches at The Bakehouse and the White Hart.
- Our 51<sup>st</sup> Anniversary Party meeting when we all enjoyed fun & games.
- Another Kurling challenge against Denmead Afternoon WI (DEWI v DAWI) when we at last managed to defeat them, but only by 1 point.
- A social afternoon with other members of the Bere Forest Group.
- Monthly Craft Group meetings when we learned the art of Quilling and made preparations for Christmas.
- Hampshire Federation Autumn Meeting at Basingstoke with inspirational speakers.
- A talk about The Making of Binky Bear.
- Our Autumn Fair – thank you so much to all who supported us – this is our major fund raising event which allows us to continue as one of three WIs in Denmead.
- Three of our members enjoyed short courses at the WI Denman College in Oxfordshire, one learning how to make cheese, and two learning the art of silk ribbon embroidery.
- A talk about Podiatry & Chiropody.
- A visit to The House of Commons.

- Preparation of a Gift Basket of items to be sold at a Hampshire Federation Basket Fayre in Winchester on 3 December.
- A visit to the new headquarters of the Hampshire Federation at WI House in Eastleigh, having relocated from their previous premises at WI House in Winchester earlier this year.

On the 2<sup>nd</sup> December we will be meeting for a Christmas Lunch at the Bird in Hand, Lovedean, and on 9<sup>th</sup> December the Bere Forest Group of 6 WIs will meet for a Christmas Social evening at the Memorial Hall in Denmead when each WI will provide a 10 minute entertainment. Our monthly meeting in December will be held a week earlier than usual, on 14<sup>th</sup> December, when we will hope to enjoy Ukulele's Whacky Wednesday.

As can be seen from all the above, we are a very active WI. We meet on the third Wednesday of each month at 7.30pm at the Memorial Hall in Denmead and any ladies interested in seeing what goes on at the WI would be made very welcome. More information is available on [www.hampshirewi.org.uk](http://www.hampshirewi.org.uk) or [www.thewi.org.uk](http://www.thewi.org.uk)

*Irene Woodings (023 9226 3465)*

## Memories

When I first moved to Denmead my girls were Junior School age, that was more than 30 years ago. Denmead was much smaller then – Three Acres was the boundary and you could drive straight on past the Craigstone Pub (now Cornerstone) and across Forest Road to Purbrook. None of the homes south of the Junior school had been planned. There were no roundabouts and you could drive straight from Denmead to Waterlooville without stopping until you arrived in the middle of town where there were traffic lights at the cross roads with banks on 3 of the corners.

A lovely lady from Martin Avenue started a Majorette class for young girls, all of ours loved it. She produced all of the costumes, found the music and choreographed the dances with little help. As soon as they were proficient in a couple of dances she got them to perform in front of ladies from retirement homes. The highlight of the year was the annual fete. The girls marched through the village to the music of a wind up gramophone pushed along in a wheelbarrow. We ended in St Georges playing field. At that time we owned a



small welsh pony who pulled a flat cart; we joined the procession to add a little colour and gave rides in the park to small children.

There were no street lights so there was much more of a village feel. Restalls was the main grocery shop – they seemed to stock almost everything. Kath Graham worked there and nothing was too much trouble and I never saw her without a smile on her face. The butchery was at the rear and you could not only ask for exactly what you wanted but the butcher would also tell you how to cook it. We had a choice of 3 different banks and I think the cottages next to the White Hart were an antique shop.

I'm sure a lot of you have lived here longer than I have so perhaps you can give us some of your memories.

*Margaret Rolfe*

## **District Council Up-date**

### **New Chief Executive Winchester City Council**

Laura Taylor the new Chief Executive will take up her post at Winchester City Council (WCC) in January 2017. Over the past two months she has been meeting with both WCC staff and members of the council in order to get a better understanding of the current situation in Winchester and its District.

### **Denmead's First Test of the Neighbourhood Plan**

At the Planning meeting in October the first major test of the Denmead Neighbour Plan (NP) was heard, 99 dwellings on Carpenters Field and associated works. Officers of the city council had recommended permitting the application, however the Parish Council together with the District Council members argued that the NP had not been followed as well as the size of the Affordable Housing was below that acceptable by the Housing department of the council. Members of the Planning Committee voted 7 to 1 against the application and the application was refused. We now have to wait and see what the next move for the developer will be, they could appeal the decision which will mean that the appeal will be decided by a Government Planning Inspector or they could discuss with the Parish Council regarding amendments to the application, we wait and see.

### **May we wish you and your families a Happy Christmas and a Happy New Year 2017.**

If you have any issues with regards to the District Council services please contact one of the Councillor's below or visit the Council Advice Surgery held on the first Saturday of each month (NO appointment required), which is held in the Heath Room, All Saints Church Hall, Denmead.

We are here to serve the community of Denmead.

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

## **Denmead Twinning Association**

**A Charity Horse Race Night** was held in October which proved again to be a fun night out for all. There were eight exciting races (horses and dogs) with races being sponsored and the horses and dogs being bought (owned); the final race was an auction with the winner getting £100.

The whole evening was a terrific success with nearly 100 people coming to the Race Course (Denmead Community Centre) where they had some brilliant races; we were delighted that we were able to donate £630 to Breast Cancer UK (founded by Claire Dimmer a former member of our twinning association).

The money raised this year was greater than the two previous race nights in 2011 and 2013; we were really pleased with that.

We would like to thank our sponsors for helping to make the evening such a success:

**Race Sponsors** - Advanced Gate Solutions, Coral Bookmakers, Madgwicks, Salnos, Downlands Vets, Tendercut Butchers, Kingston Plumbing and Heating.

**Raffle Prizes** - Harvest Home, Denmead Tyre Services, Southdown College Restaurant, Denmead Community Centre.

For information on Denmead Twinning please contact Phil Barham 9226 6895 or Patrick Binks 9226 2912.

## **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 held on the 13th December 2016, starting at 12.00 noon. We meet for a drink and a chat with fellow members and after a 3-course Christmas lunch, our guest speaker Ryan Bishop will give a presentation entitled 'Anecdotes, Poetry and Song'.

If you would like further information on joining the Probus Club, please contact our secretary, Peter Quine, on 079 2662 0530 or by e-mail [topeterpia@outlook.com](mailto:topeterpia@outlook.com).

## **Hampshire County Council**

### **Devolution**

At the time of writing this article there is no further news to report on the Devolution issue. You may have read in the local Press that Portsmouth, Southampton and the Isle of Wight have signed up to a combined authority “Solent” deal, which includes having an elected Mayor. The authority and responsibility of that elected Mayor would be very different from the mayoral system as we know it at Winchester. An elected Mayor would have overall and direct responsibility for the new combined authority and would receive a substantial salary. Hampshire County Council has always rejected this model, believing it would add another layer of bureaucracy to local government and decision making and are awaiting the outcome of the Mori consultation which they commissioned with residents earlier this year.

### **Boundary Commission – County Divisions**

The Local Government Boundary Commission for England [LGBCE] published its report on 6th September setting out its final recommendations and conclusions for County divisions. The number of County Councillors is to

remain at 78 but the proposed Order must now be made a “statutory instrument” and be laid before each House of Parliament for 40 days, although there is no provision for Parliament to modify the proposed Order, which will come into law in May 2017 unless Parliament objects. Whiteley is to be removed from the Southern Parishes Division and put into the Meon Valley Division. Meanwhile, the Southern Parishes Division will now include both Newtown and Soberton.

### **Boundary Commission - Constituencies**

The Boundary Commission for England has published its Initial Proposals for new Parliamentary constituency boundaries for the South East Region. A 12 week consultation period will follow and accordingly, relevant documents including maps have been left for public inspection in the City Council’s Customer Service Centre. The Meon Valley constituency (which includes part of Winchester District) is to be abolished so we will be losing our MP George Hollingbery. Instead, Denmead is to be placed into the Winchester Constituency, where the current MP is Steve Brine.

### **Cost of Obesity**

Did you know that almost 7 in 10 of Hampshire adults are overweight or

obese and the cost to the NHS in Hampshire in managing diseases related to obesity is estimated at almost £340 million per year! That is why, in my HCC role as Cabinet Member for Health and Public Health I have commissioned a new self-referral service with Weight Watchers for people aged 18 years and over. If you are a resident in the administrative county of Hampshire, or are registered with a Hampshire GP and have a Body Mass Index [BMI] of 30+, or don't know what your BMI is but think you might qualify for this free service, call 0345 602 7068. People who qualify will be offered a free tailored service and will aim to lose not less than 5% of their body weight.

### **Grant for Denmead Community Centre**

In the past two years HCC has awarded 34 capital fund grants collectively worth

£485,000 for community buildings, and 79 grants collectively worth £163,000 for cultural and community activities throughout the county. Denmead Community Association has just been awarded £12,240 towards refurbishing the main kitchen in the Centre, which was originally installed in the 1970s. Work is planned to take place in November 2016. The organisation has committed £2,243 of its own funds to the project and has secured £10,000 from Big Lottery Awards for All.

*Patricia Stallard*

*Executive Member for Health and Public Health; County Councillor for Winchester Southern Parishes*

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## Thank You

I should like to offer my sincere thanks to all those people who have generously donated fruit, vegetables and jars, so that I can make jams/marmalades/chutneys to raise funds for the Spinal Injuries Unit at Stoke Mandeville Hospital. Last year we raised £250 for the Spinal Injuries Unit plus £107 for local groups, including MacMillan Nurses and Denmead Communicare.

I always welcome free supplies such as apples, damsons, plums, vegetables for chutney and, of course, screw top jam jars. You can always leave items on my doorstep or contact me and I will arrange for collection.

Thank you so much for your continued support, it is very much appreciated.

*Patricia Stallard 023 92 251484 pgstallard@aol.com*

**Green Meadows  
Christmas Fayre**

**Green Meadows  
Green Lane  
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Waterlooville  
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**10<sup>th</sup> Dec 2pm - 5pm**

**Tombola**  
**Raffle**  
**Christmas  
Craft  
Stalls**  
**Face  
Painting**  
**Adults 50p**  
**Children  
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22 Mead End Road, Denmead, PO7 6PZ. Tel: 9307 8372, email: [admin@denmeadbaptistchurch.org.uk](mailto:admin@denmeadbaptistchurch.org.uk)

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH [www.waterlooville-catholic.org.uk](http://www.waterlooville-catholic.org.uk)  
The Revd Fr K Bidgood, 356a London Road, Waterlooville, Hants PO7 7SR 9226 2289

The Registrar of Births and Deaths: Appointments Only; Telephone: (01489) 894044  
Health Centre: 023 9223 9630  
General Visiting, and Help in Bereavement – please contact Church Office: 9226 8757  
Denmead Community Care Group: (COMMUNICARE) 023 9223 9630  
Denmead Community Centre: 9225 6132 9am - 3pm, Monday-Friday  
Memorial Hall Bookings: Mrs S Thomas, 9235 5993  
Police Contact No: 08450 45 45 45  
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