

Dear Friends,

The first of November is recognised by the Church as the feast day of All Saints when we remember the saints and martyrs who dedicated or sacrificed their lives to Christianity. Of course our church is named after that feast day and on Sunday October 30th (the nearest Sunday to the actual feast day) we celebrated our patronal festival.

But who or what are saints? The word saint is derived from a Greek verb '*hagiazō*' whose basic meaning is "to set apart", "sanctify", or "make holy". In the Old Testament the idea of holiness or separateness was inherent in the concept of God. God dwelled in the Holy of holies and was only accessible to the priests and only under carefully specified conditions. The intent was to impress upon the people the utter holiness and sacredness of God, as well as the necessity of their being set apart or sanctified as saints in His service.

Saints in the New Testament are individuals who have dedicated themselves to the worship and service of God as revealed through His son Jesus Christ. Six of Paul's letters to churches are addressed to saints (Romans, Corinthians 1 and 2, Ephesians, Philippians, and Colossians)

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Today we are perhaps more familiar with the steps followed by the Roman Catholic church to acknowledge somebody as a saint after their death:

Step one: Wait five years – or don't

The process to make someone a saint cannot normally start until at least five years after their death. The waiting period can, however, be waived by the Pope. John Paul II dispensed with the five-year period for Mother Teresa, beginning the process in 1999, less than two years after her death.

Step two: Become a 'servant of God'

Once the five years are up, or a waiver is granted, the bishop of the diocese where the person died can open an investigation into the life of the individual, to see whether they lived their lives with sufficient holiness and virtue to be considered for sainthood. Other religious groups in the diocese can also ask the bishop to open the investigation. If there is sufficient evidence, the bishop asks the Congregation for the Causes of Saints, the department that makes recommendations to the Pope on saints, for permission to open the case. Once the case is accepted for consideration, the individual can be called a "servant of God".

Step three: Show proof of a life of 'heroic virtue'

The Congregation for the Causes of Saints scrutinises the evidence of the candidate's holiness, work and signs that people have been drawn to prayer through their example. If the Congregation approves the case, it is passed to the Pope. If the Pope decides that the person lived a life of "heroic virtue", they can then be called "venerable".

Step four: Verified miracles

To reach the next stage, beatification, a miracle needs to be attributed to prayers made to the individual after their death. The prayers being granted are seen as proof that the individual is already in

heaven, and hence able to intercede with God on others' behalf. Miracles need to be "verified" with evidence before they are accepted. After beatification, the candidate is given the title "blessed". There is one exception to the miracle requirement - a martyr, someone who died for their faith, can be beatified without a verified miracle.

Step five: Canonisation

Canonisation is the final step in declaring a deceased person a saint. To reach this stage, a second miracle normally needs to be attributed to prayers made to the candidate after they have been beatified. Martyrs, however, only need one verified miracle to become a saint. During the canonisation ceremony, the Pope conducts a special Mass, reading aloud the individual's life history and then chanting a prayer in Latin that declares the person a saint.

On September 4th this year Mother Teresa was canonised by the Pope and thousands of pilgrims attended the ceremony. Yet what I find truly remarkable about Saint Teresa is that she did so much to care for the poorest of the poor while struggling with religious doubt. For a long period during her life and work she felt separated from God and longed to feel His presence with her. She was every bit a 21st century saint; a woman from a poor

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All Saints Church Services

Sunday 6th November 3rd before Advent

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

Sunday 13th November 2nd before Advent

- 8.00am Holy Communion
- 9.30pm Family Praise in the church hall
- 10.45am Remembrance Sunday Service
- 6.00pm Evensong

Sunday 20th November Christ the King

- 8.00am Holy Communion
- 9.30am Parish Communion
- 11.30am Baptism Service
- 6.00pm Taize Service

Sunday 27th November Advent Sunday

- 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.

Advance Notice

Christingle

**Sunday 4th December
at 4pm**



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.

Healing Service

The next service will take place on Sunday 6th November.

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.



SHUT UP and LISTEN!

A day of silence, punctuated by short talks. A day without talking, without tablets or mobile phones - blessing or curse? In the peaceful welcome of Wisdom House in Romsey, it was definitely a blessing.

David Lindsay led our quiet day, encouraging us to be once again a pilgrim people, travelling light, learning to rest without guilt. and limping, like Jacob, towards our destiny.

In a world of mindless rush and pointless busy-ness, we were indeed blessed by this Quiet Day.

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country, tortured by doubt, whose spirituality was focused on care for the disadvantaged.

Another favourite saint of mine is Saint Therese of Liseux. The world came to know Therese through her autobiography, "Story of a Soul". She described her life as a "little way of spirituality" But Therese's "little way" of trusting in Jesus to make her holy and relying on small daily sacrifices instead of great deeds appealed to thousands of others who were trying to find holiness in ordinary lives. . "What matters in life," she wrote, "is not great deeds, but great love." Therese's spirituality is of doing the ordinary, with extraordinary love.

From these two women we can observe that what actually makes a saint is that devotion to God, which may set us apart, and as in Saint Theresa's case cause us to struggle with our spirituality, but also leads us in to service. And we are best able to serve God by loving and caring for others.

When we can place our lives in God's hands and truly show God's love to others in ordinary day to day actions, we may not meet the criteria of a saint as understood by the Roman Catholic Church, but we are being saints in the way Jesus has commanded us to be. Are you ready to become a saint?

With love in Christ,

Sandie

140 Years of Mothers' Union

On September 22nd a group from our Mothers' Union branch went to Winchester Cathedral to a wonderful celebration service marking 140 years since the movement's foundation by Mary Sumner.

It was a beautiful day and the cathedral was full of Mothers' Union members from all over the country, with representatives also from many branches around the world who had made the long journey to be part of such a special occasion. The service was led by The Most Rev'd and Right Hon. Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury, who traced the history and development of the Mothers' Union. Some very special music was provided by the Mary Sumner Choir from Zambia.

You may even have seen coverage of this event on 'South Today!

If you fancy joining us, membership of the Mothers' Union is open to all – you don't even have to be a mother! Men and women are equally welcome. You only need to believe in our aims which are to support marriage and family life.

Do come along to one of our meetings and see for yourself. They take place in the Heath Room at 7.30pm on the third Tuesday of every month.

Contact Julia Parsons on 9225 5472 or Diana Dey on 9225 9071 for more information.

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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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!

In early October this year, Pope Francis and the Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby, presided at the celebration of Vespers in the church of St Gregory on the Caelian Hill, Rome, to mark the 50th anniversary of Anglican Catholic relations. They signed a Common Declaration and I thought this month you might be interested in what they said. So, here is part of the text of the Common Declaration of Pope Francis and the Archbishop of Canterbury Justin Welby:

"Fifty years ago our predecessors, Pope Paul VI and Archbishop Michael Ramsey met in this city hallowed by the ministry and blood of the Apostles Peter and

Paul. Subsequently, Pope John Paul II with Archbishop Robert Runcie, and later with Archbishop George Carey, and Pope Benedict XVI with Archbishop Rowan Williams, prayed together here in this Church of Saint Gregory on the Caelian Hill from where Pope Gregory sent Augustine to evangelise the Anglo Saxon people. On pilgrimage to the tombs of these apostles and holy forebears. Catholics and Anglicans recognize that we are heirs of the treasure of the Gospel of Jesus Christ and the call to share that treasure with the whole world.

Our predecessors recognized the "serious obstacles" that stood in the way of a restoration of complete faith and sacramental life between us.

Nevertheless, they set out undeterred,

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not knowing what steps could be taken along the way, but in fidelity to the Lord's prayer that his disciples be one. Much progress has been made concerning many areas that have kept us apart. Yet new circumstances have presented new disagreements among us, particularly regarding the ordination of women and more recent questions regarding human sexuality.

These differences we have named cannot prevent us from recognizing one another as brothers and sisters in Christ by reason of our common baptism. Nor should they ever hold us back from discovering and rejoicing in the deep Christian faith and holiness we find within each other's traditions.

Wider and deeper than our differences is the faith that we share and our common joy in the Gospel. Christ prayed that his disciples may all be one, "so that the world might believe" (John 17 v21). The longing for unity that we express in this Common Declaration is closely tied to the desire we share that men and women come to believe that God sent his Son, Jesus, into the world to save the world from the evil that oppresses and diminishes the entire creation. The world must see us witnessing to this common faith in Jesus by acting together.

Fifty years ago Pope Paul VI and Archbishop Ramsey took as their inspiration the words of the apostle: "Forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press towards the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus" (Philippians 3: 13 | 14). Today, "those things which are behind" – the painful centuries of separation – have been partially healed by fifty years of friendship.

We are impatient for progress that we might be fully united in proclaiming, in word and deed, the saving and healing gospel of Christ to all people. Catholics and Anglicans will work together to give voice to our common faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, to bring relief to the suffering, to bring peace where there is conflict.

Rome, 5 October 2016

His Holiness Francis

His Grace Justin Welby

We in our small way here in Denmead try to follow in the spirit of this cooperation and commitment.

Every blessing: Fr Kevin

Messy Church's 5th Birthday Party

Party games, birthday tea with cakes, jelly and ice-cream....

This was our 5th birthday, on Saturday 15th October, and enjoyed by an excited bunch of young – and not so young– people! .

Our next Messy Church takes place on the 19th November.

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
or from Rev Sandie Osborne 023 9236 2591.

From the Registers

Baptisms

20th November

Finley Niall Andrews

Funerals

28th September

Joan Olive Ellis, age 87

20th October

David John Johnson, age 83

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.

Meet and Eat

Our next lunch will take place on Wednesday Nov 9th, 12.30 -2pm, then 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 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

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.

What's on This Month, and Where

Venue Abbreviations:

ASC = All Saints' Church

CH = Church Hall *Contact B.Wright, 9223 3248*

HR = Heath Room *Contact B.Wright, 9223 3248*

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

OS = Old School (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) or send them to her at Fairview, School Lane, Denmead PO7 6LY. Thank you.

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|--------|-----|--------------------------------|---------------|---|-----|
| Tues 1 | CH | All Join in Together | 11.15-Noon | W | |
| | | -Music for Under 5s | | | |
| | | 3rd Denmead Brownies | 5.45pm | W | |
| | | Denmead Horticultural Society | 7.30pm | M | |
| | HR | Coffee & a Chat (Tues & Thurs) | 9.30am-Noon | W | 2xW |
| | MH | Denmead Pre School | 9.00-3.00pm | D | |
| | | * Wednesday * | 9.00-12.30pm | | |
| | | Archery | 7.00pm | W | |
| | OS | Old Schoolhouse Pre-School | 9.00-3.00pm | D | |
| | | * Friday * | 9.00-Noon | | |
| | | Creative Play- for Under 5s | 9.30-11.00am | W | |
| | | Upholstery | 9.30-12.30pm | W | |
| | | U3A Art History | 2.00-4.30pm | M | |
| | | Tuesday Pilates Class | 5.30-7.30pm | W | |
| | | Downland Singers | 7.45-10.15pm | W | |
| | | Denmead Brass | 8.00-10.00pm | W | |
| | SHQ | Busy Bee Pre-School | 9.00-3.00pm | D | |
| | | *Friday * | 9.00-Noon | | |
| | | Spitfire Scouts | 6.30-8.30pm | W | |
| Wed 2 | CH | Pilates | 10.00-11.00am | W | |
| | | 2nd Denmead Rainbows | 4.15pm | W | |

Village Diary

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| | | 1st Denmead Brownies | 5.45pm | W | |
| | BC | NOAH'S ARK - Parent & Toddler Group | 10.00-11.30am | W | |
| | MH | Denmead Afternoon WI | 2.00pm | M | |
| | | Denmead WI Belles | 7.30pm | M | |
| | OS | Zumba Gold | 9.30-10.15am | W | |
| | | Table Tennis | 10.00-Noon | W | |
| | | Creative Quilters | 10.00-Noon | F | |
| | | Pilates | 10.30-11.30am | W | |
| | | 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 | |
| | | Kettle Fit | 7.15-9.00pm | W | |
| | | Parish Council Meeting - Amenities | 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 | 3 | CH | Jiggly-Wigglers | 10.00-11.00am | W |
| | | | Keep Fit | 2.00pm | W |
| | | | 1st Denmead Rainbows | 4.15pm | W |
| | | | 2nd Denmead Brownies | 5.30pm | W |
| | | CH&HR | Guides & Rangers | 7.00pm | W |
| | | HR | Coffee & a Chat (Tues & Thurs) | 9.30am-Noon | 2xW |
| | | UR | Exploring Christianity | 7.30pm | W |
| | | MH | Karate | 6.00pm | W |
| | | | Badminton | 7.30pm | W |
| | | OS | Zumba Toning | 9.30-10.30am | W |
| | | | 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 |
| | | | Southern Arts Academy | 5.00-9.00pm | W |
| | | | Pilates | 5.45-6.45pm | W |
| | | | French Lessons | 6.00-9.00pm | W |
| | | SHQ | Bere Forest Beavers | 6.15-7.30pm | W |
| | | | The Cornerstone Denmead | | |
| | | | WI Belles Meeting | 7.30pm | M |
| Fri | 4 | CH | Mother & Toddler Group | 9.30am | W |
| | | OS | U3A Art Class | 10.00-Noon | W |
| | | | Swing Sling | 10.30-11.30am | W |

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| | | Denmead Drama | 4.00-7.30am | W |
| | | Kettle Fit | 7.00-8.00pm | W |
| | | Rose Dog Club | 7.30-8.30pm | W |
| | SHQ | Vulcan Scout Troop | 7.00-9.00pm | W |
| | | Phoenix Explorers | 7.00-9.00pm | W |
| Sat | 5 | CH | EVENING WI AUTUMN FAYRE | 10.00-Noon |
| | | HR | District Advice | 10.00-Noon |
| | | MH | Bootcamp Fitness Camp | 9.30am |
| | | | ABS Fitness Camp | 10.30am |
| | | OS | Southern Arts Academy | 9.15-Noon |
| Sun | 6 | MH | Archery | 9.00am |
| | | | Karate | 5.00pm |
| | | OS | Denmead Junior Brass Band | 9.15-10.15am |
| | | | Denmead Brass Band | 10.30-12.30pm |
| Mon | 7 | CH | Zumba Fitness Class | 9.30-10.30am |
| | | | Breathe Again | 11.30am |
| | | | Slimming World | 5.30 & 7.30pm |
| | | OS | Mumbaba | 9.30-10.30am |
| | | | CurveFit | 10.30-11.30am |
| | | | Water Colours | 10.00-Noon |
| | | | Smart Fitness- Circuit Training | 6.00-8.00pm |
| | | | Table Tennis | 7.00-9.00pm |
| | | | Bridge Club | 7.00-10.00pm |
| | | MH | T.S Alacrity | 7.00pm |
| | | SHQ | Merlin Cubs | 6.30-8.00pm |
| | | | At the Forest Of Bere Denmead Knit & Bitch | 7.00-9.00pm |
| | | | All abilities are welcome | |
| Tue | 8 | CH | Exercises After Stroke | 2.00-3.00pm |
| | | | Gold Star Dancing | 8.00-9.00pm |
| | | OS | Creative Writing | 10.30-12.30pm |
| | | | Afternoon Social Club | 2.00-3.30pm |
| | | | Denmead Evening WI Craft Evening | 7.00-9.00pm |
| | | | At the Chairmakers - Probus Club meeting | Noon-3.00pm |
| Wed | 9 | CH | Meet & Eat | 12.30pm |
| | | | British Koi Karp Society | 7.30pm |
| | | MH | Floral Workshop | 7.30pm |
| | | OS | Denmead Art | 10.00-Noon |
| | | | Parish Council – Finance& Admin. | 7.30pm |
| Thu | 10 | OS | U3A Table Tennis | 2.00-4.00pm |
| Fri | 11 | CH | Chair Exercises | 2.00-3.30pm |
| Sat | 12 | CH | DENMEAD HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY | |

Village Diary

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| | | CHRISTMAS FAYRE | Till 2.00pm | |
| Sun | 13 | ASC SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE | 10.45am | |
| | | MH Scouts Remembrance Parade | AM | |
| Mon | 14 | At the Forest of Bere The Royal British Legion | 8.00pm | M |
| | | Meeting - Hambledon & District Branch | | |
| Tue | 15 | HR Mothers' Union | 7.30pm | M |
| | | OS Denmead Reading Circle | 2.15-4.15pm | M |
| | | Chapter Reading Group | 2.30-4.00pm | M |
| | | Allsorts Dog Behaviour & Care | 5.00-7.00pm | W |
| Wed | 16 | CH Flower Club | 2.00pm | M |
| | | HR Furzeley Ladies Golf Club AGM | 12.00-2.00pm | |
| | | MH Denmead Evening WI | 7.30pm | M |
| | | OS Parish Council – Planning | 7.30pm | |
| Mon | 21 | HR DHS Committee Meeting | 7.30pm | |
| Fri | 18 | CH Denmead Village Association | 7.30pm | |
| Sat | 19 | CH WATERLOOVILLE INNER WHEEL JUMBLE SALE | AM | |
| | | MESSY CHURCH | 3.30-5.30pm | M |
| Sun | 20 | CH South East Hants Ramblers | 12.00-4.00pm | |
| Mon | 21 | HR DHS Committee Meeting | 7.30pm | M |
| Wed | 23 | ASC ROYAL MARINES BAND CONCERT | 7.30pm | |
| | | CH Royal Marines Concert preparation | 12.00-10.00pm | |
| | | OS Parish Council- Highways & GP | 7.30pm | |
| Fri | 25 | CH Church Bazaar preparation | | |
| Sat | 26 | CH ALL SAINTS CHURCH | | |
| | | CHRISTMAS BAZAAR | 10.00-12.30pm | |
| | | Denmead Twinning Association - | 5.00-11.00pm | |
| | | SHEPWOOLLEY IN CONCERT | | |
| | | OS FILM NIGHT 'EDDIE THE EAGLE' | 7.30pm | M |
| Mon | 28 | HR British Koi Karp Society | 8.00-10.00pm | |
| | | Committee Meeting | | |
| Wed | 30 | CH Bereavement Support Group | 2.00-4.00pm | M |
| | | HR BKKS Committee Meeting | 8.00-10.00pm | M |
| | | OS Parish Council- Main Council | 7.30pm | |

Coming Soon

Saturday 3rd December CH Denmead Conservative Musical Evening & supper at 7pm.

Sunday 4th December ASC 4pm Christingle Service – all welcome.

Denmead Afternoon Women's Institute

In September members enjoyed a fun afternoon playing a New Age Kurling match against Denmead Evening WI. For the first time in our matches Denmead Evening won – but only by one point!

Some members attended the Group Meeting at Cowplain which took the form of a Social Afternoon. We enjoyed a cream scone tea and listened to a member from each institute “bringing and telling” about a treasured item. The afternoon concluded with a Beetle Drive and a chance to chat to members of other institutes.

We welcomed Ton Finley to our October meeting and were entertained by amusing tales of his childhood – bringing back to members many memories of life in the 1940s and 50s. He compared our carefree childhood with life for young people today. The competition for a comical picture or photo of old ladies was won by Margaret Dickson with Joan Downing second. The flower competition was won by Joan Elliott with Margaret Dickson second.

On Tuesday 8th we will again be catering for the Winchester Hard of Hearing Group with a cream tea.

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

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.

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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 December.

This month's meeting will be our Birthday Meeting to which we invite

representatives from the other five institutes in our group. Our speaker will be John Lee who will talk to us about the work of Gosport and Fareham Inshore Rescue Service (known in the area as G.A.F.I.R.S). The competition will be for a Seafaring ornament.

Joan Downing (9226 5458)

Citizens Advice



Q. I have a problem with rising damp in my flat, but I'm worried that if I complain my landlord will evict me. What should I do?

A. Until recently, landlords could evict tenants without a reason. However, a new law passed last year means it's now illegal to evict tenants for reporting a problem with the property.

Start by checking your contract for when your tenancy began. If it was on or after 1 October 2015, you are protected from eviction provided you report the problem using the right procedure.

First, write your landlord an email or letter explaining the problem. If they don't respond within 14 days or respond with an eviction notice, contact the council who will inspect the property.

If the Council confirms with the landlord that there is a health and safety problem, any 'no fault' eviction notice is invalid and you won't need to leave the property. The council will also advise the landlord on next steps, which could include being legally required to fix the problem.

If your tenancy began before October 2015 it's not illegal for your landlord to evict you but it's still unusual to do so.

Again, you should start by raising the problem in writing. If your landlord doesn't

offer to repair the damp, or serves you with an eviction notice, contact your local Citizens Advice straight away who will advise you on your next step.

Citizens Advice Winchester District is an independent charity and runs face-to-face sessions in Winchester, Alresford, Bishop's Waltham, Denmead, Wickham, as well as a phone helpline and web chat to make it easier for people to access its free and impartial advice service.

Anyone requiring advice or support can get help online at www.citizensadvice.org.uk/winchester-district or by calling the Adviceline on 03444 111306.

**For more information contact
Winchester District Citizens Advice
Bureau, at our Bishop's 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 Horticultural Society

In October Marcus Dancer stepped in at short notice following a cancellation to give us a talk on New and Exciting Plants grown in his nursery at Sandleheath. The nursery is not open to the public but plants can be ordered from his website and collected at one of the many farmers markets he attends in the area. Marcus specialises in clematis and other climbing plants but this talk was mainly about shrubs and herbaceous perennials and he passed round large colour photos of each plant as well as bringing some for us to buy.

Many of the shrubs Marcus described such as Buddleia 'Purple Splendour', Choisya x dewitteana 'White Dazzler' and the dwarf lilacs Syringa 'Miss Kim' and S. 'Josee' are suitable for smaller gardens and could also be grown in pots. He recommended semi evergreen Viburnum x hillieri 'Winton' for its sumptuous ruby/maroon winter foliage and white flowers in June/July; Hydrangea 'Invincibelle Spirit', a pink version of the popular 'Annabelle' and pure white H. paniculata 'Phantom' both of which can be hard pruned in spring to keep them compact.

He showed us several desirable salvias – S. 'Wendy's Wish' with magenta pink flowers on dark red stems which may

need winter protection and the hardier S. 'Blue Note'. These are both long flowering, need good drainage and should be cut back by half in spring to encourage them to regenerate. Two excellent new Coreopsis which are hardy herbaceous perennials flowering from May to September are the orange-red C. 'Daybreak' and red-purple C. 'Mercury Rising'. Leucanthemum superbum 'Real Charmer' is a lovely version of the familiar Shasta Daisy with double yellow frilly flowers.

Marcus showed us so many lovely plants that could be used to add interest to even the smallest garden and our members went away inspired, some clutching pots of plants to squeeze into their plots.

Our meeting on Tuesday 1st November, 7.30pm at the Church Hall is our AGM, new members and visitors welcome. Following the business we will enjoy cheese and wine and a show of members' photographs.

Liz Williams, 023 9226 9642

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Probus

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 8th November 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 Andrew Negus will give presentation entitled 'Winchester, Part 3'.

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 to peterpia@outlook.com.

Thank You, and Well Done!.....

Macmillan Coffee Morning

Many thanks to friends, helpers and people who gave donations to the Coffee Morning. It raised £768. Since 2004 when I started the Coffee Mornings we have raised £5497.

This is my last Coffee Morning, due to ill health. Please let me know if you would like to do the one next year.

Janet Nobes and Lin Powell, organisers

Art Exhibition

Thank you to everyone who supported the Art Exhibition.

We had a great team helping all weekend, Friday to Sunday and we raised £1780 for Church funds.

It was great to have help of all ages, we couldn't have done it without you.

Thank you for all your hard work.

Tina, Sam and the rest of the team

Denmead Village Association

After the Summer break, September brought the AGM, when the officers were all re-elected.

The Chairman told the membership that two more members of the Executive Committee are needed, together with someone to arrange the programme of speakers.

Following the business part of the evening, everyone enjoyed a most enjoyable and entertaining talk about the Mary Rose by one of her sailors! (AKA Trevor Sapey from the Mary Rose Trust). The Mary Rose was Henry VIII's first warship with a crew of 415, and she was at war for 34 years. Although it is known that Mary Rose sank in 1544, when the French brought a far bigger naval contingent, it is not known precisely why. Theories include gunfire, the fact that the gunports were too low and possibly taking on water; confusion because many of the crew were Spanish and the fact that there were up to 700 men on board, making her too heavy. Of those men, only 25–30 survived.

In the 1830s, as a result of fishing boats fouling 'something under the water', explosives were used to remove it. 'It' was the Mary Rose. However, it was 1965 before efforts were made to locate her, now covered with silt, which took six

years and it was a further eleven years before she was brought to the surface. In 1979 Prince Charles established the Mary Rose Trust, which increased interest in the project and raised a lot of money, enabling her to be brought from the water on 11th October 1982. She was taken to No.3 dock, close to where it is thought she was built. Because she was under 20 feet of silt and mud, the artefacts found were in good condition and Trevor brought a selection which he passed around for us to see and feel. He also described his clothing, and told how this would identify him as coming from a relatively poor background.

Our next Open Meeting is on Friday 18th November at 7.30pm in All Saints church hall. The speaker will talk about Commander Crabbe – What really happened.

Gloria Jarrett, Secretary

The Denmead Village Association always welcomes new members and the annual membership fee is only £2 per person. In addition to hearing interesting speakers at our open meetings, you would be helping to support the village.

The treasurer, Mrs Janet Nobes, 8 The Smithy, Denmead, PO7 6YS, telephone 02382 255981 will be very happy to hear from you. She has available for sale various items of interest relating to Denmead.

Hampshire County Council

GCSE Success

Hampshire's students are continuing to perform above the national average at GCSE level with the number of Hampshire students achieving A* to C grades for both Mathematics and English - the new 'basics measure' - at 66 per cent, compared with 60 per cent nationally last year. More than 13,000 15 and 16 year olds sat GCSE examinations this summer and the number of students gaining five GCSEs at grades A* to C [including Mathematics and English] passes show 62 per cent of students achieved this measure compared with 57 per cent of students nationally in 2015.

Furthermore 26 per cent of Hampshire students have also achieved the suite of qualifications which lead to the English Baccalaureate (EBacc) - this requires an A* to C grade in Mathematics, English, Science, History or Geography and a Modern Foreign Language - compared with 24 per cent nationally last year. These results are provisional and yet to be validated following the outcome of any appeals. The official results are to be published later in the autumn.

A Level Success

2016 results, reported by Hampshire colleges and school sixth forms, indicate that 92 per cent of post-16 A-level students have achieved two or more

passes at A*-E grade, and 78 per cent achieved three passes. Both results are above the 2015 national average (91 per cent and 77 per cent respectively). The percentage of those achieving high pass rates of three grades at AAB or better, at 13 per cent, is again above last year's average (12 per cent).

Reception and Year 3 School Places

Hampshire residents need to apply for a school place online at <http://www3.hants.gov.uk/education/admissions>, where there is also useful information about the application process and details of Hampshire schools. Applying online is easy, secure and allows parents to make changes to their application right up to the closing date. Parents will receive the outcome of their application by email. The application window for reception year and Year 3 places opens on 1 November 2016.

Come in from the Cold

The County Council has just awarded £42,000 for the Hitting the Cold Spots project, which provides assistance with heating bills, system repairs or replacements. The project has been running for five years, with around 30% of people who have benefitted from the scheme, so far, living in rural areas. This funding is in addition to £337,000 secured from the Department for Energy and Climate Change to deliver first time

central heating into the properties of vulnerable older people and families

The Hitting the Cold Spots Team can help you with:

- a home visit from a Hitting the Cold Spots adviser offering practical support and advice
- support with alternative heating measures (electric oil filled radiators)
- if you are without heating access to funding where available for boiler repairs and replacements
- access to funding for first time central heating
- access to small grant support to help cope with winter fuel emergencies

- boiler repairs and replacements, through trusted 'Buy With Confidence' contractors
- eligibility check for grants, discounts and local energy efficiency schemes

For more information and advice to tackle winter fuel poverty, visit Hitting the Cold Spots at <http://www3.hants.gov.uk/cold-spots> or call the advice line on 0800 804 8601.

*Patricia Stallard, Executive Member for Health and Public Health
County Councillor for Winchester Southern Parishes
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Denmead Film Nights

at Denmead Community Centre

This month's film on Saturday 26th November is Eddie the Eagle , a feel-good, crowd-pleasing triumph that deserves to find the widest possible audience, this terrific underdog tale based on the astonishing sporting exploits of Eddie "The Eagle" Edwards has that touch of The Full Monty/Billy Elliot Brit-crafted magic, with dashes of Ealing comedy thrown in.

Combined with a star-making turn from Taron Egerton, as the Cheltenham plasterer's son, and adroit direction by Dexter Fletcher, the undeniable power and emotional richness of the entire endeavour makes for a captivating success. Based on the 1980s real life story of Britain's hopeless but courageous ski-jumper and with a superb performance from Taron Egerton in the lead.

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".

A STRANGE ALPHABET

'A' is a word that's used before 'noun';
'B' is an insect that has honeyed renown.
'C' is an ocean, so some people say;
'D' is a river like Scotland's Tay.

'E' is for "im" in language abused;
'F' is fantasy to keep you amused.
'G' is oft said to make a horse go;
'H' is a letter some folk forego.

'I' is important to see what you've done;
'J' is a bird that often is shun.
'K' is a lady who might be a dame;
'L' is a title for a Spanish male name.

'M' is for marriage for those who will dare;
'N' is used in the Protestant's prayer.
'O' is an expression of somewhat surprise;
'P' is a vegetable we all eulogise.

'Q' is a line we all hate to be in;
'R' is for Roger in radio discipline.
'S' is a sound that is made by the snakes;
'T' is a drink that everyone makes.

'U' are a person, that surely is true;
'V' a chaser 'cos it comes after 'you'!
'W' is useful; it comes before 'C'!!
'X' might be kiss or someone you don't see.
'Y' is a question but who could know why?
'Z' — is a snooze cut short by a fly!!

That is the beginning & end of it!!!!!!

Capt Freddie Buckler, August 2000

Denmead Conservative Branch

In September members and guests enjoyed a guided tour of Goodwood House followed by a cream tea.

Our next event is on Saturday 3rd December Musical Evening and Supper with the Debonaires, the West Sussex Swing Band at the Denmead Church Hall at 7p.m. There will be a cash bar serving wine, beer and soft drinks. This was a very popular event last year.

Please contact Janet Nobes, 8, The Smithy, 92 255981 janet.nobes@tesco.net for more details.

Janet Nobes., acting Secretary

District Council Up-date

New Chief Executive Winchester City Council

On Tuesday 11th October the City Council meet to appoint a new Chief Executive following the departure of Simon Eden who had served the District for close on 13 years.

Laura Taylor is currently the Executive Director Borough Development, Deputy Chief Executive and Returning Officer for Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council. During her time in Basingstoke and Deane BC she has lead a number of major development and regeneration projects. She has served as interim Chief Exec and taken part in the Hampshire Devolution CX Steering Group. Laura has worked with a number of councils since starting her local government service in Southampton.

If you have any issues with regards to the District Council services please contact one of the Councillors 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

Useful Local Contact Numbers

DENMEAD BAPTIST CHURCH www.denmeadbaptistchurch.org.uk
22 Mead End Road, Denmead, PO7 6PZ. Tel: 9307 8372, email: admin@denmeadbaptistchurch.org.uk

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH 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

Burial Ground enquiries: 9224 7947

Denmead Parish Council: 9224 7947

Winchester City Council 01962 840222