

Dear Friends
I write this letter with eager anticipation of how the future of our church and the wider community will grow and develop with our new vicar at the helm.

On January 29th during a wonderful and joyful service Emma was installed as the new vicar of All Saints and as well as bringing much experience of church life and life in general, she also brings vision and passion for our future life together. Emma has been placed here by God and with all our prayers and support she will live out her vocation and serve

God and this community faithfully.

Change is not always easy and for us as well as for Emma and her family there will be a time of readjustment and settling in. But God calls us to change and grow constantly so we can continue to build His kingdom here on earth. Just in my six years here in the parish we have seen much new development and changes to the environment, with many

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new people coming to live and work in Denmead. We need to ensure everyone feels welcomed and cared for and, with a church at the very heart of this community it is our responsibility and should be our joy to share God's love with everyone here.

As we all anticipate the coming of Spring when we witness God's power in the rebirth of His glorious creation let us pray that as a church family we can embrace change with open hearts and minds. That we will listen to God speaking to us and guiding us as we boldly move on into our future together.

In Revelation 21 verse 5 God said "See I am making all things new" That does not mean that what has gone before has not been good or worthwhile but it is a promise from God to keep renewing and resourcing us to live out our vocations.

This year as in any year we will all experience new and different situations in our own personal lives and sometimes we find those very hard to manage. That is when we look to what is familiar to comfort and strengthen us and often we find that comfort in church where we always do



things this or that way. Yet even in our life of faith we need to accept there are different ways that are not necessarily better but give us opportunities to refresh and renew how we love and serve God in this place.

As I write this letter I have no more idea than you how God will be at work in us but I am sure that He will be present into our future and that He will bless all our endeavours if we keep steadfast in our faith and work together.

He will be present into our future

So as we welcome Emma, Chris, Jacob and Bethany let's move into a new era for our church, sure and confident of God's abiding love to guide and lead us on.

This is however a good opportunity to give thanks and appreciation to you all for the help and support that kept our church active and thriving during our vacancy. Everyone has helped but there are several people who need to be recognised for their efforts: Peter and our retired clergy who have maintained our pattern of worship and helped

with baptisms, weddings and especially funerals when needed, as well as taking on much pastoral visiting; Wendy Jenkins our acting vergger who has kept all the clergy prepared and ready for all our services; Our PCC who steered us through writing the parish profile and preparing to meet and greet prospective candidates, as well as the usual week by week activities of a church's PCC; Mike Barge who while continuing to manage our finances has done sterling work, with some help, to maintain our church fabric both inside and out; and Gill Barge who has supported Shirley in the office and helped enormously with the church administration.

Last, but definitely not least, our churchwardens who have managed the day to day business of the church so effectively despite both of them having full time jobs.

If I have forgotten anyone I do apologise, but please know all your efforts have been so much appreciated. God bless you all.

With love in Christ

Sandie

All Saints Church Services

Sunday 5th February 4th before Lent

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

Sunday 12th February 3rd before Lent

8.00am Holy Communion
9.30pm Family Praise
6.00pm Evensong

Sunday 19th February 2nd before Lent

8.00am Holy Communion
9.30am Parish Communion
11.30am Baptism
6.00pm Informal Service

Sunday 26th February next before Lent

8.00am Holy Communion
9.30am Family Communion
6.00pm Evensong

Advance Notice

Wednesday 1st March – Ash Wednesday Service
7.30pm (Time to be confirmed)

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.

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 5th February.

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.



Calling all Chronicle Distributors



Firstly, thank you for your commitment in delivering our magazine each month. Unfortunately a better magazine also means a heavier magazine! If you find your round is now too big, please let us know and we will try to split it.

We are looking for more distributors, so please let us know if you are willing to distribute in your road.

Any changes in the number of magazines needed should be passed to the office or a note placed for me in the "C" pigeon hole (or ring me on 9226 2277). We do have a few spare magazines each month, so please feel free to give a free issue to a potential new customer, or anyone new to our village.

As you realise, we have increased the price to 40p for 2017 (our first increase for many years). As we now pay an outside printer in advance, we really need to collect the new subscriptions in Jan or Feb. Money and collector card can be left in the Church Office or dropped to me at "The Crest", Soake Road, Denmead. I will then return the card via the church pigeon holes.

Stuart Cleaver (Treasurer)

Next Messy Church – Saturday 18th February 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
or from Rev Sandie Osborne 023 9236 2591.

All Saints' Crib Service

They've done it again! The Youth Explorer group planned and led another wonderful Crib Service on Christmas Eve which was a very special introduction to the Christmas story.

They told 'The Shepherds' Story' in which a father was telling his bored son about events that happened to shepherds on that same hill some years ago. It started with a visit by an angel announcing a special message, then there was a journey, finding Mary and Joseph in Bethlehem, a baby... a very special baby called Jesus... and there were even kings in the story. The son was no longer bored but excited and inspired by what his father had told him, and believed.

All the characters were introduced as the events unfolded and the whole service was conducted by the young people with extra help from Sunday School. The Band played, carols were sung, and the church was hushed as prayers reminded us of God's gift to everyone.

At the end the children in the congregation were invited to join the nativity tableau and it was lovely to see so many little angels and shepherds.

Well done and thank you Youth Explorers!



Sacred Heart Catholic Church

*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

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

Denmead Baptist Church

Denmead Baptist Church is a small, friendly fellowship which has worshipped in the village since 1717 and has been at 'The Cornerstone' since 2014.

Our weekly Sunday services start at 10.30am, they 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'.

For further information, please go to:

Website: www.denmeadbaptistchurch.org.uk

Email: admin@denmeadbaptistchurch.org.uk for room bookings/enquiries

'The Cornerstone', 22 Mead End Road, Denmead, Waterlooville PO7 6PZ

We look forward to welcoming you to our church.



Former Vicar's Special Celebration

Evoking vivid and fond memories of the past, on 16th December Revd Canon John Herklots celebrated holy communion at All Saints Church. This act of worship was in thanksgiving for, and celebration of, the 60th anniversary of Revd Herklots' ordination.

John was Vicar of Denmead from 1972 until 1997 and left a remarkable legacy of his time here. It was a period of considerable expansion of the village during which All Saints also thrived and grew.

It was through John's vision and leadership that the much-needed



extension to the church was carried out. His wife Ramona, who sadly passed away a few years ago, was particularly interested and gifted in the area of healing ministry, and began a regular healing service, which still continues.

Many local parishioners (past and present) attended, remembering the 25 years that he was vicar of this church. There were also a number from his current and previous parishes, as well as many of his family members.

Following the service there was a reception in the Church Hall, during which many of us were delighted to catch up with members of his family whom we had not seen for many years.

Steve Venn

From left to right: The Revd. Dr Paul Chamberlain, The Revd. Sandie Osborne, Wendy Jenkins, The Revd. Canon John Herklots, The Venerable Peter Sutton.

Many Thanks...

On behalf of all those who enjoyed a super Christmas Lunch at Meet and Eat I would like to thank the ladies who worked so hard to give us this treat. I would also like to thank the Ladies (and Gentlemen) who provided these meals for such a long time.... dedication indeed.

Three cheers for our very special " Dinner Ladies "

John Cobbett

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.



Flower Arranging Workshop

The Denmead Flower Arranging Workshop will meet at the Memorial Hall on February 8th at 7:30pm.

There will be a talk by Liz Pelley on the Chichester Flower Festival planning and the logistics.

It will be preceded by a short AGM and refreshments. visitors welcome.

Trish Bailey

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 SThomas 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 (Cornerstone, Mead End Road)

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
		2nd Denmead Rainbows	4.15pm	W
		1st Denmead Brownies	5.45pm	W
	MH	Denmead Pre School	9.00-3.00pm	D
		Wednesday	9.00-12.30pm	
		Afternoon WI	2.00pm	M
	DCC	Denmead Belles	7.30pm	M
		Old Schoolhouse Preschool	9.00-3.00pm	D
		Friday	9.00-Noon	
		Zumba Gold	9.30-10.30am	W
		Denmead Art	10.00-Noon	F
		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	
	Kettle Fit	7.15-9.00pm	W	
	Parish Council - Finance & Admin.	7.30pm		

Village Diary

	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 2	CH	Daisy Tinies	10.30-Noon	W
		Keep fit	2.00pm	W
		1st Rainbows	4.15pm	W
		2nd Brownies	5.30pm	W
	CH/HR	Guides & Rangers	7.00pm	W
	HR	Coffee & a Chat (& Thursdays) all welcome	9.30-Noon	2x
	UR	Exploring Christianity	7.30pm	W
	MH	Karate	6.30pm	W
		Badminton	7.45	W
	DCC	Table Tennis	9.00-11.00am	W
		Zumba Toning	9.30-10.30am	W
		Citizens' Advice Bureau	9.30-11.30am	W
		Senior Citizens Lunch Club	12.30-1.30pm	W
		Rimor Fitness	5.30-6.30pm	W
		Southern Arts Academy	5.00-9.00pm	W
		Pilates	5.45-6.45pm	W
	SHQ	Bere Forest Beavers	6.15-7.30pm	W
Fri 3	CH	Mother & Toddler	9.15am	W
		Chair Exercises	2.30pm	W
	DCC	U3A Art Class	10.00-Noon	W
		Swing Sling	10.30-11.30am	W
		Boogie Bounce	1.00-2.00pm	W
		Boogie Bounce	4.00-5.00pm	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	W
		Phoenix Explorers	7.00-9.00pm	W
Sat 4	HR	Councillor's Surgery	10.00-Noon	M
	MH	Bootcamp Fitness Class	9.30am	W
		ABS Fitness Class	10.30am	W
	DCC	Southern Arts Academy	9.45-11.15am	W
Sun 5	MH	Karate	5.00pm	W
	DCC	Junior Brass Band	9.15-10.15am	W
		- come along & have a go, tuition free		

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Mon 6	CH	Denmead Brass Band	10.30-12.30pm	W
		Zumba Fitness Class	9.30am	W
		Breathe Again	11.30-12.30pm	W
		Slimming World	5.30 & 7.30pm	W
	MH	TS Alacrity Cadets	7.00pm	W
		DCC	Mumbaba	9.30-10.30am
	-Parents/Carers &Tots Singing Group			
	Painting in Watercolours		10.00-Noon	W
	Pilates		11.00-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	2.00-3.00pm	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
	MH	Archery	7.00pm	W
	DCC	Creative Play for Under 5s	9.30-11.00am	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 Band	8.00-10.00pm	W
		SHQ	Spitfire Scouts	6.30-8.30pm
Wed 8	CH	British Koi Karp Society	7.30pm	M
	MH	Floral Workshop	7.30pm	M
	DCC	Parish Council – Amenities	7.30pm	
Thu 9	DCC	U3A Table Tennis	2.00-4.00pm	F
Sat 11	CH	Twinning Association Wine Tasting	6.00-11.00pm	
Sun 12	CH	Rowan's Support Group	11.30-3.00pm	
	MH	Archery	9.00am	W
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

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Tue	14	CH	Gold Star Dancing	8.00-9.00pm	W
		DCC	Denmead Evening WI Craft Evening	7.00-9.00pm	M
			At the Chairmakers - Waterloooville 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
		DCC	Parish Council – Planning	7.30pm	
Thu	16	DCC	Calligraphy	10.30-12.30pm	F
			Italian Lessons	2.00-4.00pm	W
Sat	18	CH	MESSY CHURCH	3.30-5.30pm	M
			-see main notice for details		
Tue	21	HR	Mothers' Union Meeting	7.30-9.30pm	
		DDC	Creative Writing	10.30-12.30pm	F
			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
		DCC	Parish Council – Main Council	7.30pm	
		SHQ	Concorde Cubs	6.30-8.00pm	W
Fri	24	DCC	Denmead Conservative Annual General Meeting		
			followed by a Social Evening	7.30pm	
Sat	25	DCC	Film Night – BRIDGET JONES' BABY	7.30pm	M

Denmead Community Centre

Denmead Film Night, Saturday 25th

February – Bridget Jones's Baby,

Bridget's focus on single life is interrupted when she finds herself pregnant, and unsure of the identity of her baby's father. Starring Renee Zellweger and Colin Firth. To reserve your tickets 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 and click "join the email list".

From the Registers

Baptisms

19th February Joseph Elsey

Funerals

6th January Angela Mary Gould, age 94

10th January Elsie Margaret Adele Smith, age 96

Raymond Charles Elphick

19 July 1931 - 23 November 2016

Towards the end of his life Ray was a resident at Green Meadows Care Home where he died on the 23rd of November 2016.

His health had been failing for some time, however his courteous ways, alert mind and Christian Faith remained with him until the end.

Ray was from the Portsmouth area where he had spent his professional career as a school master. He retired in 1995 after 29 years at Purbrook Park County Grammar School (his last appointment) where he was a respected and loved character. The affection in which he was held was such that past pupils raised monies to provide a school bench to be sited outside 'Ray's classroom' window in the school grounds, and said that he should be renamed 'The Legend!'

Ray was involved in and a member of many local associations: The Lions, The Freemasons, 50 years with the Association of Teachers and Lecturers, 35 years service to Hampshire County Council, and organist to several local churches.

A service of thanksgiving was held on 9th December 2016 at All Saints' Church, Denmead and representatives from his many connections, together with family and friends, were able to pay their last respects to a man who had served the needs of many through his career and charitable work.

Denmead Afternoon Women's Institute

We started 2017 with a Festive Lunch provided by RKadia of Horndean. The tables were beautifully decorated complete with crackers. The delicious food was served by most attentive staff. RKadia is a catering company who give training to young people wishing to enter the catering trade. They can provide hot or cold meals at their own premises at Horndean or at the client's choice of venue. Our President, Sheila Oakes, celebrated her birthday the same day so the lunch concluded with a birthday cake enjoyed by all. The afternoon ended with the presentation of the institute's item performed at the December Group Social Evening.

We continue our monthly get together for lunch visiting the White Hart on Thursday 16th.

Members are reminded that Annual subscriptions are due this month if they were unable to attend in January.

Future plans include Hampshire Spring Council Meeting at Portsmouth Guildhall in March. This is a twice-yearly meeting open to all WI members when we have excellent national speakers. The speaker this year will be the explorer Ranulph Fiennes. We are grateful that once again we will be able to use the Communicare minibus.

We will once again be taking part in the County Darts Tournament – always fun evenings meeting members from other institutes.

Our speaker this month is Jane Glennie, an excellent speaker, whose talk is entitled "Suffering Suffragettes". The competition will be for a WI associated item.

Joan Downing (9226 5458)

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 such as the forthcoming Spring Council meeting.

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 (except December which is the second Wednesday)

Citizens Advice

"I've ordered a vase online but it's arrived broken. Is there anything I can do to get my money back?"

It may seem logical to complain to the delivery company but it's actually the responsibility of the retailer to ensure the item arrives in good condition.

Call or email their customer service department and explain the situation - you'll find their contact details on the website or on your order form. You may be asked to email photos of the broken vase to prove it's damaged.

You will then be offered either a refund or a replacement. It's up to you which one you accept, but if you want a replacement ask for an estimated delivery date so you know when it will arrive.

Some retailers ask you to return items that arrive damaged. If that's the case, you need to repackage the vase and stick the returns label provided on the front of the parcel. Include the returns form, specifying your reason for sending it back.

Depending on the retailer, you will either need to post the item through Royal Mail or they may offer to have it collected. You shouldn't have to pay any postage costs.

If you asked for a refund you can expect to be reimbursed within 14 days of the retailer agreeing you're entitled to one.

For further advice, contact the Citizens Advice consumer service on 03454 04 05 06.

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.



*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 Horticultural Society

Our evening talks on a variety of gardening and wildlife related topics begin again this month and continue to November with a break in August. On Tuesday 7th February, popular speaker Steve Austin will return with a new talk titled 'A Passion for Plants from Discovery to Success'. He will tell us about his job at Plant Marketing International sourcing new and exciting plants from around the world and introducing them to the market. In March we have a talk by Ray Broughton on vegetable growing. New members (subscriptions due now) and visitors (£2) are welcome to our talks, 7.30pm at the Church Hall.

Looking ahead our Spring Show is on Saturday 1st April and schedules are available now from Parkers Hardware and the Community Centre. Pick one up to see what you could enter. You may also like to note the date of the Village Show on Saturday 19th August - we are busy planning some new attractions to make this a great event for all the family.

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

Denmead Conservative Branch

In December members and guests enjoyed a Musical Evening and Supper with the Debonaires, the West Sussex Swing Band.

Our next event is the Annual General Meeting on Friday 24th February at the Denmead Community Centre at 7.30p.m. all members and helpers are invited.

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

Janet Nobes. Acting Secretary

Denmead Evening WI

As this is a quieter time of the year for us, instead of our usual monthly report, here is a poem which truly reflects our experience of WI membership.

Ladies Night

In the very depth of winter
On the coldest, darkest night
Across the rain-soaked car park
Shine out the orange lights
From the windows of the village hall
Where in the warm and dry,
You will find the gathered members
Of the Local W.I.

Every third Wednesday
They meet here in this way
They started when the kids were small,
Now most are turning grey.
But they join in close companionship
For biscuits, cake and tea
Have some awesome competitions
And a speaker – sometimes me.

And they learn how reflexology
Can sort out all their ills
And a local lawyer talks about
The brighter side of wills
They chat about the children,
All the things they are enjoying,
And how they like being grannies
And how men are so annoying

But its more than just a gossip.
This precious hour or two
Is spent in saying, hey life's quite tough
But I'm there with you.
It's a place of loving comfort
Find friends who understand
As they meet up in their thousands
In our green and pleasant land.

*Taken from a book of original poems by
Judy Theobald.*

This could be a good time for anyone in the local community who is thinking of joining the WI to come along and see what goes on. You would receive a warm and friendly welcome, and can attend up to 3 meetings free of charge prior to joining. We meet on the third Wednesday of each month at 7.30 pm at the Memorial Hall in Denmead.

More information is available on www.hampshirewi.org.uk or www.thewi.org.uk or call Irene Woodings (023 9226 3465)

District Council Up-date

Community Fibre Partnerships – BT

£2 million of grants have been made available from BT Community Fibre Partnerships. Grants are for communities in the final 5% of the UK not covered by fibre broadband rollout plans. These provide match-funded grants of up to £20k towards the cost of their new fibre infrastructure if that could also serve their local schools.

50% of the required funds could be available from the scheme with community raising the additional 50%. BT has teamed up with the Crowdfunding website “Spacehive” to assist with community fundraising.

Applications can be made at any time until the £2m has been allocated. <http://www.communityfibre.bt.com/schools>

Creation of Open Market shared Ownership Scheme for Winchester District

It is proposed to generate financial and non-financial benefits of the District through creating an Open Market Shared Ownership scheme for the District.

This would set aside significant capital funds to allow the Council to Invest in purchasing part of properties across the district to diversify the Council's investment portfolio and to help enable residents to buy their own properties within the District.

Also to investigate the opportunities this scheme would have in respect of other housing policy areas.

“Snowdrop day”

The RW Mayor of Winchester's Open Garden event at The Down House, Itchen Abbas SO21 1AX (by courtesy of Jackie and Mark Porter).

Open between 10 am to 2 pm

Entry £5 per person (in aid of the Mayor's Charities)

Teas, home-made cakes and hot soup available.

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



Volunteer Opportunities

Home Start Local Community Ambassadors Needed!!

Home Start Meon Valley have been established in the Meon Valley area for 18 years during which around 400 volunteers have provided invaluable support to families who are finding things tough at the moment. Families, who must have at least one child under the age of 5, are referred to us for many different reasons and each is matched with a volunteer who visits for 2 – 3 hours a week providing friendship, support and practical help.

This New Year, we are particularly interested in finding Local Ambassador Volunteers who could help us increase our presence in your local area. We urgently need people who could help us in the following ways:

- Help us to promote Home-Start Meon Valley within your local area by increasing awareness of our work
- To take a lead on recruiting volunteers in your village/area
- Help to make sure that families who could benefit from our service know about us and know how to get referred
- Attend local events eg. Village Fetes/Fayres etc to represent us
- Liaise with local businesses and organisations to promote the work we do
- Work with local schools and pre-schools to promote engagement with our school readiness project 'Big Hopes Big Future'

We are also always on the lookout for volunteers to work directly with the families we support as home visiting volunteers. You would be joining a family of volunteers who all provide invaluable regular support to families by visiting them on a weekly basis and providing friendship, a listening ear and practical help. Our next volunteer preparation course begins in March 2017 so don't hesitate to get in touch to find out more!

If you are interesting in joining us or supporting us in any way we look forward to hearing from you.

**Home Start Meon Valley,
Wickham Community Centre, Mill Lane, Wickham, PO17 5AL**

01329 835936 organiser@homestart-meonvalley.org.uk

Denmead Rowans Support Group

Annual Sunday lunch at All Saints Church Hall

A roast Sunday dinner with fantastic desserts. Also wine, fruit juice and coffee to follow.

February 12th, 12.30 for 1.00pm

Tickets £14 from (07947) 611699

The book and jigsaw sale will be open on March 11 at Horseshoe cottage. 9-3.

The next beetle drive will be on March 29 in the Memorial Hall.

Looking ahead – we are announcing our famous Hats and Handbags Sale on May 13. We will also open the green boxes and have a coffee morning, with crafts on that day.

More news to follow.



Useful Local Contact Numbers

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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