

Dear Friends,

Already we find ourselves entering the month of March...this year seems to be moving on so quickly! As we move into March (and hopefully some Spring, warm weather) we find ourselves in the season of Lent – a period of 40 days (excluding Sundays) leading up to Easter. Lent is a time for reflection as Christians prepare to remember and celebrate the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday (1st March) a day of penitence or cleansing of the soul. Many Christians will attend Lent services, and be marked with a cross of ashes on their forehead. This is a sign of mortality, based upon the idea from the book of Genesis that humankind came into the world from dust and will return to it. It is a time to express sorrow over sin, and a reminder that Jesus brings freedom from sin.

Traditionally the following 40 days, which mark the time Jesus spent in the desert fasting before his public ministry, are characterised by self-denial, prayer and reflection. For many, Lent has become a time to give up luxuries such as chocolates, cakes, crisps or sweets. Others give up caffeine or alcohol as a test of self-discipline. Others will cut back on time spent watching TV or using Facebook.

Within churches purple becomes the symbolic colour in Lent. Purple represents mourning, and so anticipates the pain and suffering of the crucifixion, and secondly it is the colour associated with royalty, and celebrates the resurrection and sovereignty of Christ.

**“I would encourage you to enter this season of Lent wholeheartedly”**

Lent, I believe, is an important period, giving reason and purpose to the life-changing good news of Easter...Jesus Christ... we'll explore that more in April. For now, I would encourage you to enter this season of Lent wholeheartedly.... yes, give up something if you wish, enter a period of self-denial and self-examination. But don't just do it for the sake of it....

Instead use this season to be intentional in developing your



relationship with God; take time to go deeper with God. Spend time praying, reflecting, remembering. You may want to read one or more of the gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke and John) to focus on Jesus, his life, passion, death and resurrection. You may want to create a daily space where you



can pray and reflect – this doesn't have to be indoors – get out – go for a walk, enjoy creation. You may want to join with a couple of friends, to pray together, asking that God will fill you afresh with his Spirit, taking you deeper into his love and giving you a greater passion to share the good news of Jesus. You may want to read a Lent based book helping you to reflect

and think - excellent material can be found at: <http://www.brfonline.org.uk/lent/>

Or you may want to check out [www.40acts.org.uk](http://www.40acts.org.uk) - This initiative challenges each of us to do Lent generously – to spend 40 days giving back, doing good and living generously. You can sign up, and then receive daily challenges that encourage us to share, to help and encourage friends, family and colleagues. It's great stuff, challenging, but good fun!

Whatever you choose to do this Lent, I'd encourage you to join with us at All Saints for our Sunday services, and if possible, to come to Morning Prayer (weekdays at 8.30am) when you can. Both will have a special Lenten focus.

I'm praying that this Lent, God will draw each of us deeper into his love, as we prepare to remember and celebrate the passion, death and resurrection of Jesus – through whom we receive life in all its fullness. (John 10 v10)

With every joy and blessing in Christ,

*Emma*

# All Saints Church Services

## **Wednesday 1st March**

11.00am Holy Communion with Imposition of Ashes  
7.30pm Ash Wednesday Holy Communion

## **Sunday 5th March 1st of Lent**

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

## **Sunday 12th March 2nd of Lent**

8.00am Holy Communion  
9.30pm Family Praise  
6.00pm Evensong

## **Sunday 19th March 3rd of Lent**

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

## **Sunday 26th March 4th of Lent / Mothering Sunday**

8.00am Holy Communion  
9.30am All Age Communion  
6.00pm Evensong

## **Next Messy Church – Saturday 18th March 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 can be found at [www.allsaintsdenmead.org.uk/messy-church](http://www.allsaintsdenmead.org.uk/messy-church) or from Revd. Emma Racklyeft 023 9226 2647 or Revd. Sandie Osborne 023 9236 2591.

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

*Morning Prayer is said daily  
at 8.30am.*

*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.



## Women's World Day of Prayer



This annual ecumenical service will be held at All Saints' Church on Friday, 3rd March at 7.30 pm.

It is a world-wide event, beginning in Fiji in the Pacific Ocean and ending in American Samoa when the Earth has gone through one entire day. This year it has been prepared by the women of the Philippines.

Everyone is very welcome - men and children as well as women.

## Easter Lilies For All Saints'

Lent starts later this year on 1<sup>st</sup> March.

As we approach Easter if any-one would care to make a donation towards the cost of the lilies in memory of loved-ones please contact: Edna Goodman, 023 9225 5913

There are no flowers in church during Lent so the beautifully arranged lilies are most welcome.



## 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.

## Parish Prayer Walk and Revd. Emma's Licensing

On Saturday 28th a good number of the church family joined Revd. Emma for a parish prayer walk around the community. On this rather cold but dry morning we walked a route of 5.8 miles around the village stopping to pray at several points for our schools, homes, businesses, social spaces, shops and facilities. People joined for some or all of the walk as they were able.



*“It was wonderful to have over 45 people join me for the Parish Prayer walk – thank you. It was so good to pray over our parish, asking for God’s blessing and peace over all who live, work, study and visit this area. It is my hope that this Parish Prayer walk will become a regular feature in All Saints’ calendar as we seek to love and serve our community.”*  
**Revd. Emma**

Then, on Sunday 29th over 250 people gathered at All Saints for the Licensing and Installation of Revd Emma by Bishop Christopher.





Family, friends, members of the local community, parishioners from All Saints and Emma's previous parish of Thame celebrated and worshipped together in a joyful service.



Revd. Emma comments, *"It was a great occasion and I am thankful to all those who worked hard to make the service and reception run so smoothly. It was wonderful to be surrounded by family, friends, colleagues and community members as I begin ministry at All Saints. My prayer is that God will guide and lead us, inspire and encourage us in the weeks, months and years ahead as we seek to share the good news of Jesus Christ."*

## Churches Together in Denmead

During Lent and Easter the Baptists, Catholics and Anglicans in Denmead will be joining together for these joint activities/services which are open to everyone:

On Friday 3rd March at 12.30pm there will be a Lent Lunch hosted at All Saints, organised by the Catholics to mark the beginning of Lent.

Cost is £3 for a soup/bread lunch.

Then to mark the end of Lent there will be a second Lent Lunch on Good Friday at 12 noon hosted at All Saints, organised by All Saints and Cornerstone. Cost £3 for a soup/bread lunch.

On Good Friday there will be a 'Walk of Witness' starting at 10.30 am at Cornerstone, ending at All Saints led by Revd. Emma Racklyeft (this leads into the final Lent lunch) This walk will involve set liturgy, open times of prayer, periods of silence as well as times to talk.

On Easter Day we will join together for a 'Sunrise Service' – 6am on the Village Green led by Revd. Emma Racklyeft and Revd. Sandie Osborne.

This will be followed by a breakfast of bacon butties and pastries hosted at All Saints.

And finally on Easter Day there will be a Taize Service at 6pm at All Saints Led by Revd. David Lindsay.

# 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.



Noah's Ark parent and toddler group runs on Wednesdays, 10-11.30am.

£1 adult, 50p per child - Denmead Baptist Church at 'The Cornerstone'.

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](http://www.denmeadbaptistchurch.org.uk)

Email: [admin@denmeadbaptistchurch.org.uk](mailto: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.

## From the Registers

### Funerals

20th January	Gillian Selina Thomas, age 60
7th February	Michael Charles Berry, age 74
21st February	John Benham, age 72
24th February	Roger Wellesley Hallion, age 79

## 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 14th March 2017, 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 Peter Keat will give a presentation entitled 'The Streets of Venice'.

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](mailto:peterpia@outlook.com).

## Denmead Film Night

at Denmead Community Centre

**Saturday 25th March – A Streetcat Named Bob**, based on the international bestseller. The true feel-good story of how James Bowen, a busker and recovering drug addict, had his life transformed when he met a stray ginger cat. Starring Luke Treadaway and Joanne Froggatt.

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

## Denmead Evening WI

Our New Year meal at the Harvest Home in January was much enjoyed by 28 of our members and the evening concluded with a joint rendition of The Twelve Days of the New Year. This was presented by four of our members who valiantly led the singing and displayed the somewhat unusual gifts received (not always in the correct order!) – apologies to others trying to enjoy a nice quiet Monday evening at the pub.

In February our Craft Group reconvened and we started making seasonal items for our **Spring Fair March, in All Saints Church Hall from 10.00 am to 12 noon.** This is always a very enjoyable event with many different stalls including cakes, books, bric-a-brac, crafts, gifts, tombola, toys, stationery and a superb raffle. Refreshments will also be available – time to relax with your friends after perusing the stalls.

At our February members' meeting we welcomed representatives from the Fareham & Gosport Inshore Rescue service who provided a most interesting insight into their very valuable work, and we donated a modest sum to their funds.

Over a year ago one of our own members shared her experience of volunteering at The Olympics and London 2012 which was so interesting that we asked her to return to present Part 2 of her experience, so she is returning to us for our March members' meeting at the Memorial Hall on Wednesday, 15th March.

Other activities during March include a lunchtime Meet & Eat at the Fox & Hounds on 2<sup>nd</sup>, the Craft Group meet again on the evening of the 14<sup>th</sup>, and the Hampshire Federation Spring Group Meeting will be held at Portsmouth Guildhall on the 22<sup>nd</sup>. Some of our members will also be visiting the WI Fair which is a large national event to be held at Alexandra Palace from 29<sup>th</sup> March to 1<sup>st</sup> April.

*A very warm welcome would be extended to any visitors wishing to see what the WI is all about, and they 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](http://www.hampshirewi.org.uk) or [www.thewi.org.uk](http://www.thewi.org.uk) or call Irene Woodings (023 9226 3465)*

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

Wed	I	CH	Pilates	10.00-11.00am	W
			2 <sup>nd</sup> Denmead Rainbows	4.15pm	W
			1 <sup>st</sup> Denmead Brownies	5.45pm	W
		MH	Denmead Pre School	9.00-3.00pm	D
			*Wednesday *	9.00-12.30pm	
			Afternoon WI	2.00pm	M
			Denmead Belles	7.30pm	M
		DCC	Old Schoolhouse Preschool	9.00-3.00pm	D
			*Friday*	9.00-Noon	
			Zumba Gold	9.30-10.30am	W
			Table Tennis	10.00-Noon	W
			-all standards welcome		
			Denmead Art	10.00-Noon	F
			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

## Village Diary

		Parish Council - – Highways & GP	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	2	CH Daisy Tinies	10.30-Noon	W
		Keep fit	2.00pm	W
		1 <sup>st</sup> Rainbows	4.15pm	W
		2 <sup>nd</sup> 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	7.45pm	W
	DCC	Table Tennis	9.00-11.00am	W
		Zumba Toning	9.30-10.30am	W
		Citizens' Advice Bureau	9.30-11.30am	W
		Calligraphy	10.30-12.30pm	M
		Italian Lessons	2.00-4.00pm	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 Group	9.30pm	W
		Chair Exercises	2.30pm	W
	DCC	U3A Art Class	10.00-Noon	W
		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	W
		Phoenix Explorers	7.00-9.00pm	W
Sat	4	HR District Advice –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
		Table Tennis	10.00-Noon	W
Sun	5	MH CRAFT & GIFT FAIR	10.00am	
		Karate	5.00pm	W

	DCC	Junior Brass Band - come along & have a go, tuition free	9.15-10.15am	W	
Mon 6	CH	Denmead Brass Band	10.30-12.30pm	W	
		Zumba Fitness Class	9.30am	W	
		Breathe Again	11.30am	W	
		Slimming World	5.30 & 7.30pm	W	
	MH	TS Alacrity Cadets	7.00pm	W	
	DCC	Mumbaba	9.30-10.30am	W	
		-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	
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Denmead Brownies	5.45	W	
		Denmead Horticultural Society Meeting	7.30pm	M	
		-Talk by Ray Broughton on vegetable growing			
	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	
	W	Tuesday Pilates Class	5.30-7.30pm		
Allsorts Dog Behaviour & Care		6.00-8.00pm	W		
Downland Singers		7.45-10.15pm	W		
Denmead Brass Band		8.00-10.00pm	W		
Wed 8	SHQ	Spitfire Scouts	6.30-8.30pm	W	
	CH	British Koi Karp Society	7.30pm	M	
		Denmead Tennis Club	7.30-9.30pm		
	MH	Floral Workshop	7.30pm	M	
	DCC	Zumba Gold	9.30-10.30am	W	
		Denmead Art	10.00-Noon	F	
		Pilates	10.30-11.30am	W	
		Parish Council – Planning.	7.30pm		

## Village Diary

Thu 9	DCC	U3A Table Tennis	2.00-4.00pm	F
Sun 12	MH	Archery	9.00am	
Mon 13	HR	Denmead Village Association Committee Meeting	7.30pm	
		At The Forest of Bere The Royal British Legion Meeting - Hambledon & District Branch	8.00pm	M
Tue 14	CH	Gold Star Dancing	8.00-9.00pm	W
		At the Chairmakers - Waterlooville Probus Club Lunch and Talk.	Noon - 3.00 pm	
Wed 15	CH	Flower Club	2.00pm	M
	MH	Evening WI	7.30pm	M
	DCC	Parish Council - Finance & Admin	7.30pm	
Thu 16	DCC	Senior Citizen Lunch Club	12.30-1.30pm	W
Fri 17	CH	Denmead Village Association Committee Meeting		
		7.30-9.30pm		
Sat 18	CH	WI SPRING FAIR <b>MESSY CHURCH</b>	AM 3.30-5.30pm	M
		-see main notice for details		
Tue 21	HR	Mothers' Union Meeting	7.30pm	M
	DCC	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 -Amenities	7.30pm	
	SHQ	Concorde Cubs	6.30-8.00pm	W
Sat 25	CH	Guide Dogs	9.00-1.00pm	
	DCC	Film Night – A STREET CAT NAMED BOB	7.30pm	M
<b>Sun 26</b>	<b>ASC</b>	<b>MOTHERING SUNDAY SERVICE</b> – all welcome	<b>9.30am</b>	
Wed 29	MH	ROWANS BEETLE DRIVE SUPPORT GROUP	7.00pm	
	DCC	Parish Council - Planning	7.30pm	

## **COMING SOON**

Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> April DHS SPRING SHOW Schedules from Parkers Hardware & the Community Centre.

Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> April, PALM SUNDAY, ASC – Family Praise Service – all welcome  
9.30am

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> April, GOOD FRIDAY – see church notices for services and times

Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> April, EASTER DAY – see church notices for services and times

## News from Denmead Village Association

The Chairman, Peter Ambrose, updated the members at our January meeting on the development plans at Carpenters Field. He had established that the planning officers in Winchester had been misreading the Neighbourhood Plan, and at a recent planning meeting he met the planning officers, who admitted their error and apologised. Charles Church brought revised plans to that meeting and proposed a reduction to 91 dwellings, with more green space and plans for a village hall. There are also gaps between blocks of houses. The final plan achieves 98% of what we require, and the Chairman felt that this plan is acceptable.

He then introduced the well-known local speaker, Andrew Negus, who spoke to the meeting about the History of Winchester between 100BC to 1100AD. *Because of the abundance of water, the Celts established a settlement. They were followed by the Romans who destroyed the Celts' defences and established Venta Belgarum, but by 410AD the Romans had left and their city fell to pieces. In 600AD the city became Wintoncaester under the Saxons. The Saxons became Christians and a minster was built.*

*In another 200 years St Swithun was Bishop of Wintoncaester and was a good Christian preacher. He built a bridge at the eastern*

*side of the city and brought trade; it was his wish that when he died he had a simple burial outside the minster, and thus the tourist trade commenced.*

*During the 900s Wintoncaester was a flourishing market, with the tanning and dyeing of leather and also a good woollen trade. Wintoncaester prepared the wool and Southampton exported it to Europe. Wine was imported on the returning boats.*

*In 1066 William the Conqueror chose Wintoncaester as his capital; he planned a huge wall around the city and he built the cathedral which we know today. It was a monastery until the time of Henry VIII.*

The next open meeting is to be held in All Saints Church Hall at 7.30pm on Friday 17th March followed by a talk by David Allport, who will tell us of the history of the Kings Theatre. Do come along to hear him. The annual membership fee is only £2 per person and, in addition to 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.

*Gloria Jarrett, Secretary*

## Denmead Support Group

Thank you to everyone who supported our Sunday Lunch in February.

Our next book sale at Horseshoe Cottage, Furzeley Corner, PO 76TS, is on March 11 from nine till three.

The next bi-annual Beetle Drive Will be held in the Memorial Hall at 7.30 on March 29. All are welcome for an evening of fun for just £2.

This is advanced notice of our hats and handbags sale. It will be combined with our coffee morning craft sale and the opening of the green collecting boxes in all Saints Church Hall on May 6th



If you would like more information about this Rowans Support Group please contact Trish Bailey on 07947611699 or [patricia.bailey333@gmail.com](mailto:patricia.bailey333@gmail.com)

Thank you,

*Trish Bailey*

## Denmead Afternoon Women's Institute

Due to family illness our speaker was unable to attend our meeting in February. We were most grateful that Stan Stoner was able to come at short notice to talk about "Service Dogs UK".

The charity was set up in March 2015 to help veterans suffering from Post Traumatic Stress Disorder. The veterans include members of the forces, paramedics, police and firemen. The dogs are mainly recruited from the Dogs Trust and during their training learn to socialise on various forms of transport. They are trained to deal with veteran's sleep disturbances due to nightmares or flashbacks and to fetch medication from a cupboard when an alarm clock rings. ▶

The competition for a WI associated item was won by Joan Downing with Joan Elliott second. The flower of the month was won by Margaret Kennett and Joan Elliott was second.

We continue our monthly get together for lunch visiting the Harvest Home on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> this month.

A group of members will be attending the Hampshire Spring Council Meeting at Portsmouth Guildhall on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup>. 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, especially with the changes in the bus timetable making travelling more complicated.

We look forward to the Spring Group Meeting next month at Waterlooville Community Centre when our speaker will be Rowan Suart, an experienced actress.

We will once again be taking part in the County Darts Tournament – always fun evenings as we meet members from other institutes – and the group round of the County Quiz and Skittles.

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)*

## Denmead Horticultural Society

On 7th March Ray Broughton's talk is on Vegetable Growing for the Domestic Gardener. As former Head of Horticulture at Sparsholt College Ray will be able to give us lots of ideas and answer our questions on vegetable gardening. Whether you have an allotment sized plot, a couple of raised beds or just a few containers Ray can inspire you to grow some of your own veg. New members and visitors (£2) are welcome, 7.30pm at the Church Hall.

In February Steve Austin gave us a fascinating insight into the world of commercial horticulture and how new plants are developed for sale. He meets many passionate plants people who spend years trying to combine the desirable characteristics of a favourite group of plants. New plants are also created by collecting seed from plants in the wild or propagating a sport of an existing plant. Plant breeding takes time, space and money as only a few of many thousand offspring may be suitable for further production and require many years of testing to see if they are stable. A grower may only have two or three plants of a new variety so security is essential to protect them until sufficient numbers can be produced for sale. The

right to propagate can be protected by patent in the US and Plant Breeders Rights here but for some species that have many cultivars it may not be worth doing as they will soon be superseded by a newer variety.

The cost of production means it is essential to find as large a market as possible starting with the USA then Europe followed by Australasia also making sure the plant is suitable for the climate. A plant may not come true from seed so tissue culture can be used to produce millions of identical clones from one plant tip. Steve's company also use a factory in China to take cuttings in sterile conditions. It is important to have enough plants ready before marketing and quality, consistency and the right name are important but not all plants are successful eg a kniphofia that was too large to fit many plants on a trolley but found a market as a cut flower. A spine free mahonia named 'Soft Caress', spotted in a Japanese nursery and chosen as Chelsea plant of the year 2013 is still popular and currently hellebores with upward facing flowers and veined petals are being developed.

The Spring Show is on Saturday 1st April, schedules available now from



Parkers Hardware and the Community Centre - pick one up to see what you could enter.

Would you like to learn the art and techniques of flower arranging? The Flower Arranging Workshop is part of the DHS and meets monthly, 7.30pm at the Memorial Hall. On Wednesday 8th March Maureen Judd's title is Bowl of Plenty - if you would like to learn how to make this bowl design contact Trish Bailey on 07947 611699 to find out what to bring.

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

## District Council Up-date

### Entrepreneurial Council takes shape

Two key elements of Winchester City Council's new entrepreneurial approach have been approved.

Full Council on 11 January backed proposals to launch an open-market shared ownership scheme and to create a strategic acquisition strategy.

Under the shared ownership scheme, the City Council will support local residents by providing equity to buy a property in the district for those who do not have

the substantial deposit required for a house.

Through charging a rent on the deposit element the Council will ensure a good financial return for the local taxpayer while ensuring that the Council's investment is supporting the local area. The household will normally own 70% of the property with the Council owning a 30% share. The household could buy the Council out of its share in the future.

### Fly tipping Prosecution

WCC have had another successful fly tipping prosecution at Basingstoke Magistrates Court. They prosecuted an individual and his company on four offences under section 34 of the Environmental Protection Act 1990 (Breach of Duty of Care).

Three of these offences were against the company and one against the individual himself.

The company pleaded guilty to one of the offences, and were found guilty for the other two, and the individual was found guilty.

Fines and costs totalled £5,400.

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

## Hampshire County Council

### Bus Service

You will know that as from 8th January First Bus made changes to their X9 service which ran from Hambledon/Denmead into Portsmouth, via QA Hospital. Hampshire County Council fund buses which run to/from Hambledon and Denmead into Waterlooville but First Bus felt it was no longer commercially viable for them to fund the journey from Waterlooville into Portsmouth, and return. Consequently they have now rescheduled the service so that buses D1 and D2 run from Hambledon/Denmead into Waterlooville, and return, but they no longer go on to Portsmouth. To get into Portsmouth, or QA Hospital, passengers now need to catch the D7 or D8 from Waterlooville, and if you need to visit the hospital, alight at Cosham and walk to the hospital entrance.

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I am very aware that this new arrangement has caused a great deal of concern amongst residents who need regular access to the hospital and as a result, I have met and had long discussions with the General Manager of First bus. I received promises that they would explore options of re-routing an existing service to take it through the hospital grounds. They have now reported to me that this diversion is not possible because of the additional time it would take for the bus to complete the route, which would have a “knock on” effect on their scheduled timetable, staffing shifts and operational costs.

However, I am still in discussion with Transport Officers at Hampshire County Council and striving to identify a solution to this problem. Meanwhile, if anyone has difficulty walking into the hospital grounds, or is unable to climb the steps from the bus stop, you might wish to consider making contact with the Denmead Voluntary Car Scheme which covers Denmead and Hambledon. Their telephone number is 02392 239630, the service is provided by volunteers who ask for their fuel costs to be met, and they would appreciate 

as much forward notice as is possible.

### **A reminder - Bus Pass**

In order to reduce the wastage of replacing passes that are no longer required, as from 1st April any Older Person's Concessionary Passes which have not been used in the six months prior to their renewal will no longer be subject to automatic renewal, but should be renewed on request. This will reduce the wastage of replacing passes which are no longer required.

### **Carers**

If you are caring for someone who needs your help due to a health condition, disability or frailty you may find it useful to know that Hampshire County Council fund emergency planning for carers. Up to 48 hours free care may be available for the person you care for in the event of an emergency. This is a free service and no adult services assessment is needed. Telephone Freephone 0800 1691577.

### **School Meals**

There is to be a small increase in the price of a school meal, with effect from 1st April 2017. An increase of five pence is being introduced to meet the rising cost of providing school meals, and takes the price per meal to £2.15. Over 70,000 healthy school meals are served in Hampshire's primary and secondary schools, across the county daily. All HC3S school meals meet the Department for Education's rules for healthy school dinners. Menus also adhere to the Hyperactive Children's Support Group's recommendations to remove over 70 additives and colourings that could affect children's behaviour.

### **Health Reminders**

If you want to want to lose weight and think you might have a Body Mass Index of 30+ (or you may not know what your BMI is) there is a Hampshire County Council funded free service offered by Weight Watchers. They can be contacted on 0345 602 7068, quoting WWRS095.

*Patricia Stallard, County Councillor for Winchester Southern Parishes*  
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## Citizens Advice

**Q** "I was made redundant last month and I've already started to fall behind on my bills. I'm looking for work, but is there anything else I can do so I don't end up in debt?"

**A** There are steps you can take to avoid your bills from building up.

First, check that you've been paid any redundancy money you're entitled to - you might get statutory redundancy pay and possibly contractual redundancy pay if you've been in the job two years or more. This should be evident on your final payslip, but if it's not contact your employer.

Then look at ways to boost your income. See if you're eligible for benefits like Jobseeker's Allowance with Citizens Advice's benefits calculator. You could also check if you can make savings on your bills, for example by switching to a cheaper gas or electricity deal.

Now look at how much money you have coming in and compare it to your essential spending. Priority bills include your rent or mortgage and council tax, and should be paid first as there can be serious consequences for missing payments.

If you own your home, contact your mortgage lender to see if you can negotiate on your monthly repayment. You could also see if your credit card provider will negotiate on repayment amounts to give you some breathing space.

For further help understanding managing your money, contact your nearest Citizens Advice.



*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 Twinning Association

**We have had two events recently:** A meal for all our members combined with a short Annual General Meeting was held at the end of January at South Downs College. This took place in the restaurant where the student cooks and waiters gave us a brilliant meal which we would agree was 'fine dining'. The restaurant is open to the public (booking needed) and strongly recommended.

Janine Pert from Discover Wines of Denmead (the shop is in the middle of the village) presented a selection of wines in an entertaining and enlightening Wine Tasting evening in early February. As the flyer for the evening said: 'Come along for a convivial evening of elegant wines, coordinated canapés and with good friends'. More than 70 people who came to the tasting will vouch for that!



*Janine all ready for the wine tasting*

Our next event will be our third annual quiz competition on Saturday 1 April (we are not superstitious) in the Denmead Community Centre; get your thinking caps on, form a team of 6 and sign up! It will be fun.

For information on Denmead Twinning Association and tickets for this event contact Ann Davies 9226 4830 or go to the website [www.denmeadtwinningassociation.com](http://www.denmeadtwinningassociation.com)

# Plant Sale Coming Up!

It's very nearly Spring and the Denmead Church Flower Club annual plant sale is fast approaching.

Make a note in you diary – it's on **Saturday April 22nd 2017, from 10 - 11.30am** in All Saints' Church Hall, Hambledon Road.

Quality local plants at bargain prices! All proceeds in aid of Denmead Flower Club charities. Further details available from [secretary@denmeadchurchflowerclub.co.uk](mailto:secretary@denmeadchurchflowerclub.co.uk)

## Useful Local Contact Numbers

DENMEAD BAPTIST CHURCH [www.denmeadbaptistchurch.org.uk](http://www.denmeadbaptistchurch.org.uk)  
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  
Burial Ground enquiries: 9224 7947  
Denmead Parish Council: 9224 7947  
Winchester City Council 01962 840222