

# New Life

In recent weeks, I have loved seeing signs of new life as I've walked in and around the village with my dog, Jessie. She has been fascinated by emerging daffodils and crocuses bursting forth from her favourite patches of grass and baffling, jelly like material in the streams she likes to run through! (Humans of course know it as frog spawn!)



New life is amazing and wonderful: be it new life in nature, the joy of a new baby or fresh, creative idea. Researchers, astronomers, geneticists and scientists are constantly discovering new life and are often astounded at the complexity, design and wonder of it all. New life holds within it potential and growth, hope and purpose, meaning and creativity. New life marks a new beginning – the start of a journey.

The new life that can be seen in the natural world at Spring time, reminds us of God's new life for each of us. Easter is all about new life - the best new life ever; the risen Jesus! For Christians, Easter allows us to remember the death of Jesus, to be grateful and thankful that he died for each of us because of his great love, but more than that, Easter celebrates and rejoices that Jesus did not stay dead. Three days after Jesus was hung on a cross, Jesus rose again, and in doing so defeated death and evil, and triumphed over guilt, shame and sin. Jesus' resurrection broke all barriers and initiated a new era

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in which anyone who believes and trusts in Him, can find new life...a transformed life, that begins in the here and now and lasts for eternity. 2 Corinthians chapter 5 verse 17 says "anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun." Anyone who trusts in Jesus is given a new life of relationship with God, full of hope, light, joy and potential. A new life full of meaning, direction and opportunity. This is the kind of new life that we all need to know. So why not give it a go?

Across our nation this Easter, we will share Easter eggs, a sign of new life; a picture of Jesus rising to new life from his dark tomb. Within churches, gold and white become the symbolic colour at Easter, representing the light and joy, the hope and promise that Jesus Christ is risen and in Him we can all experience and know everlasting life – eternal life. For several weeks, the church celebrates and rejoices – the best news of all.

So, this Easter, give and receive an egg, share time with family and friends, enjoy the long weekend, go for a walk in the countryside and look for signs of new life, but do more than that – why not come along to church this Easter (Sunday 15th April or in the weeks thereafter) and hear the best news ever – Jesus is risen! Alleluia! Step out, give it a go, start a new life today....

Wishing you every joy and blessing this Easter,

*Emma*



# All Saints Church Services

## **Sunday 2nd April 5th of Lent / Passiontide**

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

## **Saturday 8th April**

- 3.30pm Messy Church

## **Sunday 9th April – Palm Sunday**

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

## **Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday 10-12th April**

- 7.30pm Reflection and Holy Communion

## **Thursday 13th April Maundy Thursday**

- 7.30pm Holy Communion with Foot Washing

## **Friday 14th April Good Friday**

- 10.00am Walk of Witness
- 2.00-3.00pm Stations of the Cross

## **Sunday 16th April Easter Day**

- 6.00am Dawn Service followed by breakfast
- 8.00am Holy Communion
- 9.30am Parish Communion
- 6.00pm Taize

## **Sunday 23rd April 2nd of Easter**

- 8.00am Holy Communion
- 9.30am All Age Communion
- 11.15am AGM/APCM and lunch.
- 6.00pm Evensong

## **Sunday April 30th 3rd of Easter**

- 8.00am Holy Communion
- 9.30am Parish Communion
- 6.00pm Informal Worship

*Every Thursday there is a Communion at 11am.*

*– a Said Prayer Book Communion Service. except Maundy Thursday*

*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.*

– Services for Holy Week –

## Next Messy Church – Saturday 8th April at 3.30

**(Please note this is a week earlier than usual)**

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.

### 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.



### New Year Honour

Many people will remember Helena Herklots, daughter of Rev. Canon John Herklots, who came to Denmead with his family in 1972 when she was 8 years old. She and her two brothers grew up here.

Helena was made a Commander of the British Empire in the 2017 New Year Honours, for her work as C.E.O. of "Carers U.K."

After celebrating here, so happily last December, John's 60 years in the Ministry came this great honour – for which we in Denmead offer our congratulations.

**Free Coffee & Cake!**

Return your Christian Aid envelope and enjoy free coffee/tea and cake!

**DATE: Sat May 20th**

**WHERE: All Saints Church Hall**

**TIME: 10am to 1pm**

If unable to join us, but you would like to donate, Please return your envelope to All Saints Church Denmead. Thank you

**christian aid**

Denmead Horticultural Society

## **SPRING SHOW**

and Plant Sale

**Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2017**

ALL SAINTS CHURCH HALL

Hambledon Road, Denmead

Opening 1pm - Admission 50p

Children under 14 – free



Cake Stall

Refreshments

Chocolate Tombola

Raffle

## Sacred Heart Catholic Church

*The Church of the Sacred Heart  
and St Peter the Apostle*  
356 London Road, Waterlooville,  
Hampshire PO7 7SR  
Parish Priest: Rev Mgr Canon Jeremy Garratt  
(023) 9226 2289  
shspa@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk  
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.

## 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.**

## Churches Together in Denmead

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

- 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.



- Marking the end of Lent, a 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 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.

## **The Band of Her Majesty's Royal Marines, Collingwood Concert at All Saints Church Wednesday 22nd November at 7.30pm**

The Band of Her Majesty's Royal Marines Collingwood makes a significant contribution to the Naval Service and wider UK interests. It provides musical support to commemorative events and veterans' parades in London and throughout the South Coast. Its concerts raise funds for Service charities and it performs for events both on a national level and for local communities... **and this year we warmly welcome the Band back to All Saints Denmead!**



Join us for an unforgettable evening of superb music ranging from classical pieces to military band favourites, and the finalé of the concert will be the presentation of an award to the successful candidate from the MI Conductors' course.

Tickets cost £12 each and are available from the Church Office (open Tues-Fri mornings) or download an order form from the church website [www.allsaintsdenmead.org.uk](http://www.allsaintsdenmead.org.uk) **But hurry - tickets sell out fast!**

### **Pre-concert Dinners**

Barnard's Restaurant (opposite the Church) will once again be open exclusively for pre-concert dinners from 5pm that evening. Relax and enjoy a 2-course meal with coffee before strolling across the road to the concert. Places are limited and booking is essential.

Don't delay, book today! Call Barnard's on 023 9225 7788 to reserve a table.

## **From the Registers**

### **Baptisms**

2nd April Kitty Frances Hillyard

### **Funerals**

15th March Leonard Edward Williamson age 92

# Citizens Advice

**Q** I recently signed a two year phone contract with a new network provider but the reception in my home is terrible. Is there any way I can get out of the contract, or have I just got to stick with it?

**A** While poor signal doesn't give you a right to cancel your contract, you should be able to make a case to your phone company to end it.

If you bought your mobile online or over the phone within the last fourteen days, you can cancel the contract without needing a reason by contacting your provider.

But if you bought it in store or have had the phone for longer, you'll need to ask to leave the contract.

Contact the company and explain the problem. They may give you a device which can boost your signal.

If this doesn't work, you can ask to terminate the contract. However they will usually ask you to pay an exit fee, which can be as much as the remaining cost of the contract.

Paying the exit fee could allow you to terminate the contract immediately, but if you don't want to pay then make a complaint using their complaints procedure.

This can take time, but if you haven't got a resolution after eight weeks, ask an Alternative Dispute Resolution Service to intervene. An adjudicator will make a decision on releasing you from the contract.

For further help, call the consumer service helpline on 03454 04 05 06 or 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 in Bloom

### Come and Spring Clean your Village!

The annual Spring Clean takes place on Sunday 9th April between 10am and 1pm. Come to Kidmore Lane car park to register and collect litter pickers and bags and please bring your own gloves and hi-vis jackets if you have them. You can choose which bit of Denmead you would like to clean up - last year we covered most of the road verges and greenways producing a pile of over 60 bags and other objects.

We have been busy pruning the living willow play area on Harvest Field and this year have cut some of it back hard as it was becoming too tall and top heavy. It grows up to 10ft each year producing a fine crop of long pieces to use in the garden for climbing plants and a pile of kindling, firewood and material to be shredded into mulch. The miniature daffodils we planted around the base of the willow are doing well and provide a welcome splash of early Spring colour.

The bulbs and violas in the containers in front of the shops have been giving a good show and wallflowers will soon add to the display. We planted a lot of tulips in the flowerbeds last autumn and look forward to seeing them in flower soon. We are now planning the summer displays and will be clearing and replanting towards the end of May. If you would like to join us on our working parties or to help with watering please contact me.

*Liz Williams, 023 9226 9642, [liz@greensleeves.eclipse.co.uk](mailto:liz@greensleeves.eclipse.co.uk)*

## 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.

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

Sat	1	CH	<b>DHS SPRING SHOW</b>	ALL DAY-5.00pm	
		HR	District Advice 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	2	CH	Piano Concert	3.00-4.00pm	
		DCC	Denmead Junior Brass Band	9.15-10.15am	W
			Denmead Brass Band	10.30-12.30pm	W
		MH	Karate	5.00pm	W
		DCC	Junior Brass Band	9.15-10.15am	W
			Denmead Brass Band	10.30-12.30pm	W
Mon	3	CH	Zumba Fitness Class	9.30-10.30am	W
			Breathe Again	11.30am	W
			Slimming World	5.30 & 7.30pm	W
		MH	Denmead Pre School	9.00-3.00am	D
			*Wednesday*	9.00-12.30pm	
			TS Alacrity	7.00pm	W
		DCC	Old Schoolhouse Pre-School	9.00-3.00pm	D
			*Friday*	9.00-Noon	

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		Mumbaba	9.30-10.30am	W
		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
		At the Forest Of Bere Denmead Knit & Bitch	7.00-9.00pm	W
		All abilities are welcome		
Tue 4	CH	All Join in Together	11.00am	W
		PDCCitive Stroke	2.00-3.00pm	W
		3 <sup>rd</sup> Denmead Brownies	5.45pm	W
		Denmead Horticultural Society	7.30pm	M
	HR	Coffee & a Chat-All Welcome (and Thursdays)	9.30am-Noon	2x W
	MH	Archery	7.00pm	W
	DCC	Creative Play	9.30-11.00am	W
		U3A Art History	2.00-4.00pm	M
		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
Wed 5	CH	Pilates	10.00-11.00am	W
		2 <sup>nd</sup> Denmead Rainbows	4.15pm	W
		1 <sup>st</sup> Brownies	5.45pm	W
	MH	Denmead Afternoon WI	2.00pm	M
		Denmead WI Belles	7.30pm	M
	DCC	Zumba Gold	9.30-10.30am	W
		Table Tennis	10.00-Noon	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	7.30pm	
		At the Forest Of Bere Denmead Knit & Bitch	10.00-Noon	W
		All abilities are welcome		
Thu 6	CH	Daisy Tinies	9.30-1.00pm	W

		Keep Fit	2.00pm	W	
		1 <sup>st</sup> Denmead Rainbows	4.15pm	W	
		2 <sup>nd</sup> Denmead Brownies	5.30pm	W	
	CH/HR	Guides & Rangers	7.00pm	W	
	HR	Coffee & a Chat-All welcome (and Tuesdays)	9.30-Noon	2xW	
	MH	Karate	6.30pm	W	
		Badminton	7.45pm	W	
	DCC	Table Tennis	9.00 -11.00am	W	
		Zumba Toning	9.30-10.30am	W	
		<b>Citizens' Advice Bureau</b>	9.30-11.30am	W	
		Senior Citizens' Luncheon Club	12.30-1.30pm	W	
		Rimor Fitness	5.30-6.30pm	W	
		Southern Arts Academy	5.00-9.00pm	W	
Fri	7	DCC	U3A Art	9.30-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
<b>Sat</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>CH/ASC</b>	<b>MESSY CHURCH (a week early due to Easter)</b>	<b>3.30-5.30pm</b>	
<b>Sun</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>ASC</b>	<b>PALM SUNDAY SERVICE – all welcome</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	
<b>Mon</b>	<b>10 – Wed 12</b>	<b>ASC</b>	<b>Holy Week Services – Holy Communion &amp; Reflection</b>	<b>7.30pm</b>	
Mon	10		At The Forest of Bere-The Royal British Legion Meeting - Hambledon & District Branch	8.00pm	M
Tue	11	CH	Gold Star Dancing At the Chairmakers, World's End.- Waterlooville Probus Club - Lunch followed by talk	8.00-9.00pm Noon-3.00pm	W M
Wed	12	CH	British Koi Karp Society	7.30pm	M
		HR	Terri Bryant	6.00-7.00pm	
		MH	Floral Workshop	7.30pm	M
		DCC	Creative Quilters	10.00-Noon	F
			Denmead Art	10.00-Noon	F
			Parish Council Meeting	7.30pm	
<b>Thu</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>ASC</b>	<b>MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE</b>	<b>7.30pm</b>	
Thu	13	DCC	Calligraphy	10.30-12.30pm	F

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			Denmead Brass Band	10.30-12.30pm	W
Fri	14	CTD	<b>GOOD FRIDAY WALK OF WITNESS</b> (see church notices)	10.00am – 12 noon	
		CH	<b>LENT LUNCH</b>	12 noon-1.30pm	
		ASC	<b>Stations of the Cross</b>	2 – 3.00pm	
Sat	15	ASC	<b>Service of Light</b>	7.45pm	
Sun	16		<b>EASTER DAY CTD DAWN SERVICE</b> <b>ON VILLAGE GREEN</b>	6.00am	
		CH	<b>followed by breakfast in the Church Hall</b>		
		ASC	<b>EASTER DAY PARISH COMMUNION SERVICE</b>	9.30am	
Tue	18	HR	Mothers' Union	7.30-9.30pm	
		DCC	Denmead Reading Circle	2.15-4.15pm	M
			Chapter Reading Group	2.30-4.00pm	M
			Denmead Evening WI Craft Evening	7.00-9.00pm	M
Wed	19	CH	Flower Club	2.00pm	M
		HR	Mothers' Union	7.30pm	
		MH	Denmead Evening WI	7.30pm	M
		DCC	Parish Council Meeting	7.30pm	
Thu		DCC	U3A Table Tennis	2.00-4.00pm	F
Fri	21	CH	Chair Exercises	2.00-3.00pm	W
			Flower Club sale preparation	6.30pm	
Sat	22	CH	Flower Club Plant Sale	9.30am	
Sun	23	ASC	<b>ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING followed by</b> <b>ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING</b>	11.00am	
Tues	23	DCC	Upholstery	9.30-12.30pm	W
Wed	26	CH	Bereavement Group	2.00-4.00pm	M
		DCC	Parish Council Meeting	7.30pm	
Thu	27	ASC	Pastoral Team & Bereavement Group	time tbc	
		UR	Exploring Christianity	7.30pm	
		DCC	Italian Lessons	2.00-4.00pm	W
Fri	28	CH	Mother & Toddler Group	9.30-11.30am	W
		CH/HR	Blood Transfusion Service		
Sat	29	CH	Children's Society Box Opening	am	
		CH/HR	All Saints Youth Group Film Evening	6.00-9.00pm	
		DCC	FILM NIGHT - SULLY	7.30pm	M

## Denmead Evening Women's Institute

Firstly a huge thank you to all those who supported us at our Spring Fair in All Saints Church Hall on 18th March. We do hope you enjoyed the morning as much as we enjoyed presenting it. This event gives us the opportunity to interact with our local community and also helps us to continue our activities as one of three WIs in Denmead.

Some of our members were looking forward to a great day out at the second WI Fair - a major national event held at Alexandra Palace from 29th March to 1st April which brings together four fantastic days of craft, cookery, creativity, shopping, learning, and travel.

On 6th April we will meet and eat at 12 noon for lunch at Barnards, and on 11th April the Craft Group will meet to 'make & natter'. Our April meeting is on 19th April when Madeleine Salvetti will explain the Origins Behind our Expressions of Why we Say This or That. This is the last of our scheduled monthly meetings until our AGM to be held on 17th May when a new committee will be elected and a new programme for the next twelve months will be published – watch this space.

On the evening of 27th April we will meet our friends from the Bere Forest Group at Waterlooville Community Centre for our twice yearly group meeting when the speaker will be an actress, Rowan Suart.

For everyone who joins the WI there is the freedom to make what you want of it. Whatever you choose, the WI promises to be a constant source of experiences, friendships and inspiration. For many the WI is an opportunity to share knowledge with other women, coming together socially and to learn new skills. 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 7.30pm at the Memorial Hall in Denmead. If you are unable to attend in the evening then Denmead Afternoon Institute would welcome you to their meetings at 2.00pm on the first Wednesday of the month at the Memorial Hall.

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)



Denmead Rowans Support Group

## Super Saturday

Box Opening, Crafts and

## Hats and Handbags Sale

**all this and coffee and cakes too!!**

**All Saints Church Hall, Denmead**

**May 6th 10am to 12noon**

Call 07947 61 1699 or email [patricia.bailey333@gmail.com](mailto:patricia.bailey333@gmail.com) to book a table.

The Denmead Flower Arranging Workshop were given a lovely demonstration by Maureen Judd entitled “bowl of plenty”. The next workshop will be on April 12 in the Memorial Hall. Visitors are welcome to join us. The meeting will be led by Jenny Withers who will show us how to make a vertical design.

This is a workshop – you do not need to have any previous experience or particular skills. You will be given lots of help by the demonstrator and the friendly club members. For more information please call (07947) 61 1699.



## Denmead Horticultural Society

On Tuesday 4th April our talk by Andy Willis is on Plants and Bees. As gardeners we are aware of the importance of bees for pollination of our crops and Andy will tell us about the best plants to grow to support our local honey bee population. Beekeepers might like to note that we are including honey classes in our summer show for the first time this year. New members and visitors (£2) are welcome to the talk, 7.30pm at the Church Hall.

The Spring Show is on Saturday 1st April at the Church Hall, open from 1pm. Do come along to see the displays of flowers, vegetables and pot plants and to admire the handicrafts, baking and preserves. Enjoy a cup of tea with home made cake, have a go at the chocolate tombola or raffle and pick up something new for your garden from the plant stalls.

At our March meeting Kelvin Mason kindly stepped in to replace the original speaker and gave us a talk on Vegetable Gardening. He started by stressing the importance of adding organic matter such as manure or compost to the soil to improve the structure and enable it to hold the water and nutrients vital for root growth and vigour. It can be incorporated by digging but Kelvin also mentioned the No Dig method promoted by Charles Dowding – this

produces excellent results by just putting a thick layer of compost on top of the soil and planting into it, the worms do the work and if weeds are present a layer of cardboard is placed under the compost.

Raised beds are best made 4ft wide so the centre can be reached from both sides. The paths between are not wasted space as they allow more light to reach the beds, and roots can go down beneath them. Plants can be spaced closer than in open ground so two rows of peas or potatoes can be fitted along a bed and mini varieties of brassicas such as cauliflowers can be planted as close as 9in.

Kelvin advised against sowing seeds too early - most crops need 5 to 6 deg C to germinate and a good indication that the soil is ready is when the weeds start to grow. Don't sow too deeply as it may still be cold below the surface, ½ " or 1cm is deep enough for most small seeds so they can reach the light and start photosynthesing before using up their stored reserves. Kelvin had lots of advice for growing in containers and a good tip for growbags was to cut them in half and stand them on end to grow one tomato plant in each half.

The Flower Arranging Workshop meets on Wednesday 12th April, 7.30pm at the

Memorial Hall. Jenny Withers will demonstrate a vertical arrangement on the theme of Spring - if you would like to learn how to make this design contact Trish Bailey on 07947 611699 to find out what to bring.

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## Denmead Afternoon Women's Institute

At our March meeting we had two speakers, Nick Wells from Portsmouth Magistrates Court and Brian from Fareham. They explained about the procedure to become a magistrate and that there are three courts – Adult, Family and Youth. They gave us an insight into the workings of the adult court and that although some sentences may seem inappropriate they are based on set guides and the defendant's previous offences if they plead guilty. The magistrates sit every day of the year except Sundays, Christmas Day and Good Friday. Nick explained that the majority of court appearances are due to alcohol with some people being kept in custody over Christmas until the Boxing Day sitting. Some offenders are put on an Alcohol Rehab Course. If defendants do not attend court a warrant for

their arrest is issued and they are kept in custody overnight until the court sits in the morning.

The competition for a picture or photo of a courthouse was won by Terry Walmsley with Pauline Jones second. The flower of the month was won by Dee Smith and Margaret Dickson was second.

We continue our monthly get together for lunch visiting the Harvest Home on Monday 10th this month.

A group of members will be visiting Portsmouth Guildhall at the invitation of the Lord Mayor with tea at the end of the tour. We hope to be able to use the Communicare minibus as changes in the bus timetable makes travelling beyond Waterlooville more complicated.

We look forward to the Spring Group Meeting this 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, meeting members from other institutes. The group round of the County Quiz will be held in June and the Skittles in August. ►

This month we welcome, once again, Brian Kidd to give a talk on gardening. Brian is always a popular speaker combining gardening information with humour. The competition is for a flower arrangement in a teacup.

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 twice yearly Council meeting which includes a well known speaker. 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)

*Joan Downing (9226 5458)*

## Denmead Conservative Branch

Mr. David Mellor, the Director of Corporate Affairs at the Queen Alexandra Hospital gave a very interesting talk on the good news of the working of a very busy hospital. The media always makes much of the Accident and Emergency Department and not the good news of the other departments of the hospital. Some of these departments are the best in the country.

He answered many questions from the audience.

After his talk the Annual General Meeting took place at the Denmead Community Centre.

Several members of the committee were retiring Kirk and Jenny Phillips, Margaret Raffle and Sheila Allgood. The Chairman Cllr Mike Read thanked them all for their work over several years.

The events for the year will be announced shortly.

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

*Janet Nobes. Acting Secretary.*

## Hampshire County Council

### Helping Older People

Hampshire County Council is investing more than £3 million to help older people in the Winchester District stay independent for longer. Funding has been approved to commission “around the clock care” to be provided at the new Chesil Lodge Extra Care Scheme in Winchester.

We know that most people would prefer to continue to live independently in a home of their own, rather than enter residential care. The County Council is therefore investing up to £45 million over a decade to help to develop schemes of this kind. The £15 million Chesil Lodge scheme is due to be completed in autumn 2017 and will provide 52 Extra Care flats on the site of the former Chesil car park. For more information on Extra Care visit the County Council's Extra Care web pages at

<http://www3.hants.gov.uk/adultsocialcare/housingoptions/otherhousing/extra-care.htm>

### New Highways Service for Hampshire

Skanska is to replace Amey as the new contractor to deliver highways maintenance services in Hampshire over the next seven years. The announcement came after a thorough contract procurement process that included detailed negotiations and assessed quality and price. The new contract takes effect from 1st August this year, and has an option to extend for a further five years past 2024, based on successful performance.

### Wheels to Work

For young adults living in rural areas public transport options may be limited and they may not have access to their own means of transport because without a job the necessary funds are not always available. The County Council Wheels to Work scheme helps



break that cycle, by providing mopeds to young adults in parts of rural Hampshire. It offers those aged 16 years and over a moped to get to work, apprenticeships, training or job interviews so they can access their full employment potential.

For a small weekly charge, Wheels to Work can loan taxed and insured 50cc and 125cc mopeds to young adults living in East Hampshire, Winchester District, Test Valley and the New Forest. Helmet, gloves, a high visibility jacket and a locking device are included. Find out more about the scheme, check eligibility, and how to apply, visit <http://www3.hants.gov.uk/wheels-to-work>

### **Bus Service**

The copy for this article had to be submitted before my follow-up meeting with First Bus took place, so I will report on the outcome of that meeting in the next edition of the Parish Chronicle.

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## **Waterlooville 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 11th April 2017, from 12.00 noon to 3.00 pm. We meet for a drink and a chat with fellow members and after a 3-course lunch, our guest speaker Brian Freeland will give a presentation entitled 'View from the Wings'.

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 [peterpia1989@outlook.com](mailto:peterpia1989@outlook.com).

## District Council Up-date

### **Council scoops Gold Standard award for local homelessness services**

Winchester City Council has become the first council in Hampshire and only the fifth in England to receive the Government's prestigious 'Gold standard' award in recognition of its work in preventing and tackling all forms of homelessness.

Winchester City Council Housing Service has demonstrated that early intervention is a cost-effective way of preventing homelessness, which is a key priority for the Council and it also shows that Winchester City Council provides a fit-for-purpose front-line housing service in collaboration with its key stakeholders.

### **Check before you eat out**

The Food Hygiene Rating Scheme rates food businesses on their hygiene standards, based on inspections carried out by food safety officers. Businesses are rated on a scale ranging from 0 which means 'urgent improvement necessary' to a top rating of 5 which is 'very good'.

So, whether you are reserving a table at that romantic hotspot, the cosy little café, or planning on ordering a takeaway on your way home for a romantic meal, make sure you choose one of the 97% of businesses in the Winchester area with a rating of 3 or above.

It's easy to check. Just go online to the Food Standard Agency's website: [www.food.gov.uk/ratings](http://www.food.gov.uk/ratings). Or, if you are out and about, check for the green and black sticker; if you can't see one just ask the business.

### **Planning Performance - Speed of decisions**

For the two-year period 1 January 2015 to 31 December 2016, the Council achieved 91.11% for determining major applications within 13 weeks or an agreed extension of time.

The government has set a current target of 50% for authorities to achieve over the two-year period rising to 60% in 2018.



For the two-year period 1 January 2015 to 31 December 2016, the Council achieved 91.76% for determining minor and other applications within 8 weeks or an agreed extension of time.

The government has set a current target of 65% for authorities to achieve over the two-year period rising to 70% in 2018.

### South Downs National Park - Take the Lead

South Downs National Park has launched a "Take the Lead" Campaign which is promoting responsible dog ownership. The key messages in this campaign are focused on putting dogs on the lead around livestock, picking up dog mess, being aware of sensitive wildlife such as ground nesting birds and understanding the importance of responsible dog ownership.



The SDNP are in the final stages of producing the first Local Plan for the National Park . <https://www.southdowns.gov.uk/planning/planning-policy/national-park-local-plan/>

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

### Film Night at Denmead Community Centre

Denmead Film Night – Saturday 29th April – SULLY. The story of Chesley Sullenberger, an American pilot who became a hero after landing his damaged plane on the Hudson River in order to save the flight's passengers and crew. Starring Tom Hanks, Aaron Eckhart and Laura Linney.

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".

Around the Green

# Plant Sale

It's very nearly Spring! Denmead Church Flower Club annual plant sale is on **Saturday April 22nd, 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)  
Parish Priest: Rev Mgr Canon Jeremy Garratt, (023) 9226 2289 [shspa@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:shspa@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)

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