

I wonder, what does the church mean to you?

Perhaps you immediately think of the building.... All Saints began in 1880, a simple, flint building with red brick quoins comprising of a main worship space, chapel and vestries. In 1996, the church building was extended and altered, giving a larger worship space. In 2003, a major upgrade was completed, joining the church building to the existing hall, and adding an office, and meeting rooms.

All Saints is centrally located in the village, with a lovely garden and grounds. All Saints is used regularly by all sorts of community groups. Perhaps you attend All Saints frequently or perhaps you have come for a funeral, wedding or baptism. Maybe you wander in from time to time, to say a prayer, to be still and think.

Or maybe as you think about church, you think less about the building and more about the people, the community, the relationships, the activities that make up All Saints. Maybe you think of an individual you know who comes to church, maybe you think of the person who led the last service you attended. Maybe you've come along to a coffee morning, or Messy Church or the Bereavement Group and found friendship and support. All Saints is a group of individuals, from all walks of life, young and old, who together are committed to knowing God, growing in our faith and sharing God's love with our community.

**“growing in
our faith
and sharing
God’s love”**

But did you know that All Saints has a birthday?



This month All Saints, along with all Christian churches, will be celebrating its birthday – Pentecost. Pentecost (which this year falls on the 4th June) is celebrated fifty days after Easter – the resurrection of Jesus. For the



early disciples, they had encountered the risen Jesus; for forty days, Jesus had spent time with them, but then he ascended into heaven and they were left on their own again. The disciples remain gathered together in an upper room in Jerusalem not quite knowing what to do.

Then ten days later, as they were marking the Jewish festival called Shavuot, the Holy Spirit descends upon them. The disciples hear wind, and see flames on one another, and then find they are able to speak and be understood by many as they are filled by the Holy Spirit. At first sight, people passing by think that the disciples might be drunk, but the apostle Peter tells the crowd that they are full of the Holy Spirit.

“...from that moment on, the early disciples are inspired and filled with the Holy Spirit”

The disciples receive an amazing gift, a wonderful person, God himself comes to inhabit them. The Holy Spirit comes as an advocate, source of consolation and giver of gifts, who will speak the truth through them to all who will hear. The Holy Spirit comes as love to dwell in their hearts, making sense of the mystery of the Christ they have encountered, and enabling them to share that mystery with others. Pentecost gives the disciples all they need to pass on what they have received from the Lord, so that others too may believe, and be transformed.

And so, from that moment on, the early disciples are inspired and filled with the Holy Spirit, they begin to tell others about Jesus, travelling far and wide, and as they go they establish communities of faith, what we now call the church.

Pentecost is the start, the birth-day of the global church. But more than this, the Holy Spirit didn't just come once and that was it. Rather, the Holy Spirit is in and with the church today. The Holy Spirit continues to fill Christians today, inspiring them,

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All Saints Church Services

Sunday 4th June – Pentecost

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

Sunday 11th June – Trinity Sunday

8.00am Holy Communion
9.30pm Family Praise with Baptism
6.00pm Evensong

Thursday 15th June – Corpus Christi

11am Holy Communion

Sunday 18th June – 1st Sunday after Trinity / Father's Day

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

Sunday 25th June – 2nd Sunday after Trinity

8am Holy Communion
9.30am All Age Communion
6.00pm Evensong

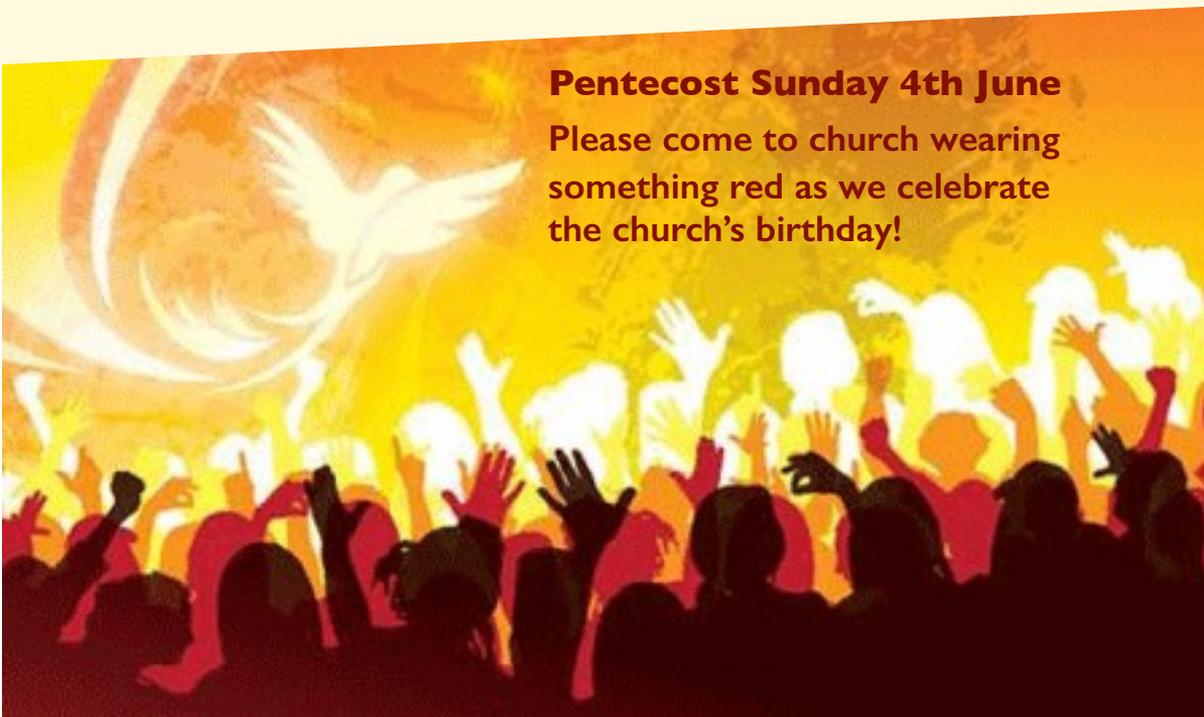
Every Thursday there is a Communion at 11am. – this is a 'said' Prayer Book Communion Service.

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.

Pentecost Sunday 4th June

Please come to church wearing something red as we celebrate the church's birthday!



encouraging them, helping them to love, giving them the boldness to pass on all that they have received, and to live faithfully in hope of the glory which is yet to come. The Holy Spirit makes the church not just a building but a people who know God and want to share his love with others.

And so, on the 4th June, All Saints will celebrate Pentecost. As we mark our birthday, we will share some cake and sing happy birthday. I'm also encouraging everyone to wear something red, a symbol of the fire and the Spirit. Please come and join with us, you'd be very welcome!

Every blessing,

Emma

Revd Emma Racklyeft



Next Messy Church – Saturday June 17th 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 or from Revd. Emma Racklyeft 023 9226 2647 or Revd. Sandie Osborne 023 9236 2591.

Lent Lunches

The two Lent Lunches, organised by Denmead's Catholics, Anglicans and Baptists were enjoyed by those who came. As many as eighty people were served on Good Friday.

£330 was raised and sent to "Jack's Place" at Naomi House, the Children's Hospice near Winchester.

Many thanks to all concerned.



Easter Lilies

The displays created by our flower arrangers once again beautified All Saints' on Easter Day. Many thanks to them all.

This was made possible by the generous donations given in memory of loved- ones, for which we are very grateful.

There was enough money for Mrs Hallett to also do a beautiful arrangement of lilies at the altar on Sunday 7th May.

Edna Goodman

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.

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 Merill Partridge 9226 6159.

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.

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.



Noah's Ark
parent and toddler
group runs on
Wednesdays,
10-11.30am.
£1 adult
50p per child

Denmead Community Centre

Denmead Film Night

– **Lion, Saturday 24th June** – A five-year-old Indian boy gets lost on the streets of Calcutta, thousands of kilometers from home. He survives many challenges before being adopted by a couple in Australia; 25 years later, he sets out to find his lost family. Starring Dev Patel and Nicole Kidman. To reserve your tickets call 92 256132.

Proms in the Park

Saturday 1st July is “Proms in the Park 2017”, this live open-air concert with our very own Brass Band promises to be one of the Village highlights of the summer, gates open at 5.15pm with both the Training Band with the main event starting at 6.15pm. Refreshments include a gourmet BBQ and fine wines provided by Discover Wines. Tickets cost £6 each and are on sale now from both the Community Centre and Discover Wines.

If you would like to receive our 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”.

Denmead Afternoon Women's Institute

Our April meeting was the institute's Annual General Meeting where we elected our committee and officers. Pauline Jones is our new President with Rosemary Simpson Secretary and Pam Pilbeam our Treasurer. Pot plants were presented to Margaret Dickson and Joan Elliott who retired from Committee. Margaret will continue to be in charge of the teas – an important part of any institute.

We discussed the two resolutions to be part of the National Annual Meeting in Liverpool later this month. The first one, presented by Joan Spooner, concerned alleviating loneliness in older people.

Pauline Jones presented the second on the reduction of “plastic soup” in our seas. After discussions the institute voted in favour of both



resolutions and asked our representative, Rosemary Simpson, to vote accordingly.

The Competition Cup was presented to Joan Downing and the Flower Cup to Joan Elliott. There was no monthly competition.

We attended the Group Spring Meeting at the Waterlooville Community Centre. The speaker, Rowan Suart, a professional actress entertained us with a variety of readings of prose and poetry.

We are again taking part in the County Darts Tournament – always fun evenings meeting members from other institutes. We will be playing Stakes and Denvilles this month both games being held at the Hampshire Rose.

The group round of the County Quiz will be held this month and the Skittles in August.

This month our speaker will be Janet Goring with a talk entitled “Bluebird the

Storyteller”. The competition will be for a Child's favourite story book.

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)

From the Registers

Baptisms

11th June Hudson Stewart Campbell

Funerals

11th May Ronald Edgar Gaught, aged 80

18th May Rita Smith, aged 82

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

Thu	1	CH	Daisy Tinies	10.30-Noon	W
		HR	Coffee & a Chat	9.30-11.30am	2xW
		DCC	Table Tennis	9.00-11.00am	W
			Zumba Toning	9.30-10.30am	W
			Citizens Advice Bureau	9.30-11.30pm	W
			Senior Citizens' Lunch Club	12.30-1.30pm	W
			U3A Art History	2.00-4.00pm	M
			Southern Arts Academy	5.00-9.00pm	W
Fri	2	CH	Chair Exercises	2.00-3.00pm	W
		DCC	U3A Art Class	9.30-Noon	W
			Denmead Drama	4.00-7.30pm	W
			Barking Glad Dog Training	6.00-7.00pm	W
			Kettle Fit	7.00-8.00pm	W
			Rose Dog Club	7.30-8.30pm	W
Sat	3	CH	Southern Arts Dance Academy	9.30-11.30am	
		HR	District Advice Surgery	10.00-Noon	M
		MH	Bootcamp Fitness Camp	9.30am	W
			ABS Fitness Class	10.30am	W
		DCC	Table Tennis	10.00-Noon	W

Village Diary

Sun 4	DCC	Denmead Junior Brass Band	9.15-10.15am	W
		Denmead Brass Band	10.30-12.30pm	W
Mon 5	CH	Zumba Fitness Class	9.30-10.30am	W
		Breathe Again	11.30-12.30pm	W
		Slimming World	5.30 & 7.30pm	W
	MH	Denmead Pre School	9.00-3.00pm	D
		*Wednesday	9.00-12.30pm	
		TS Alacrity Cadets	7.00pm	W
	DCC	Old Schoolhouse Pre-School	9.00-3.00pm	D
		--- Friday	9.00-Noon	
		Water Colours	10.00-Noon	W
		U3A Board Gaming	2.30-4.30pm	M
		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	Busy Bees Pre School	9.00-Noon&3.00	D
		Friday -	9.00-Noon	D
		Merlin Cubs	6.30-8.00pm	W
		At the Forest Of Bere Denmead Knit & Bitch	7.00-9.00pm	W
		All abilities are welcome		
Tue 6	CH	Positive Strokes	2.00-3.00pm	W
		3 rd Denmead Brownies	5.45pm	W
		Denmead Horticultural Society	7.30-9.30pm	M
	DCC	Creative Play for Under 5s	9.30-11.00am	W
		Upholstery	9.30-12.30pm	W
		Afternoon Social Club	2.00-3.00pm	M
		Tuesday Pilates Class	5.30-7.30pm	W
		Allsorts		
		Dog Behaviour & Care	5.00-7.00pm	W
		Downland Singers	7.45-10.15pm	W
		Denmead Brass	8.00-10.00pm	W
	SHQ	Spitfire Scouts	6.30-8.30pm	W
Wed 7	CH	Pilates	10.00-11.00am	W
		2 nd Denmead Rainbows	4.15pm	W
		1 st Denmead Brownies	5.45pm	W

	BC	NOAH'S ARK Parent & Toddler Group	10.00-11.30am	W
	MH	Denmead Afternoon WI	2.00pm	M
		Denmead WI Belles	7.30pm	M
	DCC	Table Tennis	10.00-Noon	W
		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	
	SHQ	Concorde Cubs	6.30-8.00pm	W
		At the Forest Of Bere Denmead Knit & Bitch	10.00-Noon	W
		All abilities are welcome		
Thu 8	CH	Election Polling Station		
	UR	Exploring Christianity	7.30pm	
	DCC	Election Polling Station		
		U3A Table Tennis	2.00-4.00pm	F
	MH	Karate	6.30pm	W
	SHQ	Bere Forest Beavers	6.15-7.30pm	W
Fri 9	CH	Mother & Toddlers Group	9.30-11.30am	W
		Mini Multiples Fete Preparations		
	SHQ	Vulcan Scout Troop	7.00-9.00pm	W
		Phoenix Explorers	7.00-9.00pm	W
Sat 10	CH	MINI MULTIPLES FETE		
	DCC	Southern Arts Academy	9.45-11.15am	W
Sun 11	MH	Karate	5.00pm	W
Mon 12	HR	DVA Committee Meeting	7.30-8.30pm	
		At The Forest of Bere The Royal British Legion	8.00pm	M
		Meeting - Hambledon & District Branch		
Tue 13	CH	Gold Star Dancing	8.00-9.00pm	F
	HR	Coffee & a Chat All welcome	9.30-Noon	2xW
		Also on Thursday		

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	DCC	Denmead Evening WI Craft Evening	7.00-9.00pm	M
		At The Chairmakers, Worlds End, -Waterlooville Probus Club	Noon- 3.00pm	M
		- Lunch & talk.		
Wed 14	CH	British Koi Karp Society	7.30-10.30pm	M
	MH	Floral Workshop	7.30pm	M
	DCC	Denmead Art	10.00-Noon	F
		Parish Council - Amenities	7.30pm	
Thu 15	CH	Keep Fit	2.00pm	W
		1 st Denmead Rainbows	4.15pm	W
		2 nd Denmead Brownies	5.30pm	W
	CH&HR	Guides & Rangers	7.00pm	W
Sat 17	CH	MESSY CHURCH	3.30-5.30pm	M
		- see main notice		
		Denmead Conservative Branch Coffee Morning	10.30-Noon	
		at Shrover Hall, Anmore Lane, Denmead		
Mon 19	DCC	Mumbaba	9.30-10.30am	W
		Pilates	11.00-Noon	W
Tue 20	HR	Mothers' Union	7.30pm	
	DCC	Denmead Reading Circle	2.15-4.15pm	M
		Chapter Reading Group	2.30-4.00pm	M
Wed 21	DCC	Parish Council - Planning	7.30pm	
	MH	Denmead Evening WI	7.30pm	M
Thu 22	DCC	Italian Lessons	2.00-4.00pm	W
Fri 23	DCC	Swing Sling	10.30-11.30am	W
Sat 24	DCC	FILM NIGHT – 'LION'	7.30pm	M
Wed 28	CH	Bereavement Support Group	2.00-4.00pm	M
	DCC	Parish Council – Main Council	7.30pm	
Fri 30	CH	TS Alacrity set up		

Denmead Evening Women's Institute

By the time this Chronicle is distributed we will have held our Annual Meeting and hopefully been able to form a new committee to continue our activities.

We also extend our grateful thanks to Irene Bonnar-Underwood who is stepping down as our Secretary after 15 years – how will we ever manage without her? We will also have discussed and voted on two resolutions and our decisions will be taken to the National AGM in Liverpool this month. These resolutions are Alleviating Loneliness and Plastic Soup: keep microplastic fibres out of our oceans. More information about the WI's many campaigns can be found at www.theWI.org.uk/campaigns

Our planned new programme for our monthly meetings for the next year is as follows:-

June 21st 2017 – Pilates – an informative & interactive session

July 19th – The Work of the Portsmouth Street Pastors

August 16th – Croquet & Boules evening

September 20th – Miranda's Music to celebrate our 53rd Birthday

October 18th – History of the English Canals + Painting Demonstration

November 15th – The Life & Times of a QE Park Ranger

December 13th – Christmas & Other Problems

January 17th 2018 – Transiberian Express & 2 months in China

February 21st – The Story of the D-Day Overlord Embroidery

March 21st – British Alstroemeria & the UK Cut Flower Industry

April 18th – Whitchurch Silk Mill

Our Craft Group much enjoyed a Paint-a-Pot evening in May and will be displaying the results and continuing their activities in June.

Our monthly Meet & Eat is becoming increasingly popular and 11 of our members met at the White Hart in May for a most enjoyable and sociable lunch. We will be meeting again on 13th June at the 

Harvest Home at 12 noon – everyone is welcome – just turn up.

A team from our WI will be entering the Bere Forest Group Quiz at Springwood Community Centre, Waterlooville, on 27 June. The winning team will move into the next round competing against other local WI groups, and perhaps then on to County level.

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. If you are unable to attend in the evening then Denmead Afternoon Institute would welcome you to their meetings at 2.00 pm on the first Wednesday of the month at the Memorial Hall. More information is available on www.hampshirewi.org.uk or call Irene Woodings (023 9226 3465)

**Denmead and Waterlooville
Rowans Support Group**

Tea @ Three

Horseshoe Cottage Furzeley Corner PO7 6TS

Thursday June 8th

Tea and cakes.

No ticket needed – just arrive please.

All profit to support your local hospice.

More information from Trish 07947 611699



Denmead Horticultural Society

Denmead Horticultural Society Flower Arranging Workshop meets monthly at the Memorial Hall on the 2nd Wednesday of the month. Visitors are very welcome.

Call Trish, on 07947 611699 for more details.

This arrangement was made at the Workshop on 10th May.

At the next meeting, on June 14th, we will learn how to create a design using a ring.

Carol Edney-Gunter will be our demonstrator.



Denmead Art Exhibition

The annual Art Exhibition will again be held in All Saints Church Hall, on 23th and 24th September.

If you or anyone you know would like to show some paintings please get in touch and we'll give you the details – or look at the website: www.denmead-art.co.uk for all the information and an entry form.



We will also be looking for volunteers to help run the show! There are a number of different roles, and the more helpers we have the easier and more successful it should be!

Please call the Church Office 023 9226 8757 or email info@denmead-art.co.uk

Citizens Advice



Lesley Rose, Advice Services Manager for Citizens Advice Winchester District looks at your rights if your builder asks for more money to finish a building project.

Q I've hired a builder for a loft conversion but he's now asking for more money to finish the job, despite agreeing a price in an email. What should I do?

A Your options depend on whether you got an estimate from the builder, or a quote. An estimate is a rough outline of costs, while a quote gives exact costs both parties agree to.

If you got an estimate, ask the builder for a breakdown of the new costs - both materials and labour. The builder needs to be able to explain the price rise.

Try and negotiate if you think the new costs are unreasonable. Asking another builder or a trade association for an estimate could help you decide what's fair, and where to start your negotiation.

If the builder won't negotiate, make a complaint to them in writing describing why you think the costs are unreasonable.

If they still don't bring their price down, you can check if the builder is a member of a trade association to see if they can help. Or you could look for an alternative dispute resolution (ADR) scheme - this is an independent third party who can help you to reach a resolution.

Quotes are a legal agreement, so the builder shouldn't be charging more unless there were unexpected events affecting the work, or an error in their calculations. Contact an ADR scheme if there were no mitigating circumstances, who will help you to resolve the situation



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.

Alternatively, call the Adviceline on 03444 111306

Denmead Conservative Branch

The next event will be a Coffee Morning with stalls on Saturday 17 June at Shrover Hall, Anmore Lane, Denmead by kind permission of Mrs Valerie Brown from 10.30 am to 12 noon.

Please bring items for sale on the day.

Probus Club

Waterlooville Probus Club provides a meeting place for retired or semi-retired, professional or business, ladies and gentlemen. We meet on the second Tuesday of each month at 'The Chairmakers', Worlds End, Hambledon, PO7 4QX.

The next meeting will be held on the 13th June 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 Michael Olding will give a presentation entitled 'Stansted Park'.

If you would like further information on the Probus Club, please contact our Secretary, Peter Quine, on 079 2662 0530 or by e-mail to peterpia1989@outlook.com.

Home Start Meon Valley

We are on the lookout for volunteers to join us in supporting families who are finding things tough. The families we support must have at least one child under the age of 5 and can be referred to us for many different reasons. Each family is matched with a volunteer who visits for 2 – 3 hours a week providing friendship, support and practical help.

We have supported more than 1000 families in the Meon Valley during the 18 years that we have been established. Around 400 volunteers have provided this invaluable support over the years; each of them an experienced parent mentoring an inexperienced parent in a caring, non-judgmental way. They all make a real difference to the parents and children who are part of those families. It is a very rewarding experience for volunteers too – knowing



that you've helped people through a difficult time feels great and research shows that volunteering is good for your health and self-esteem.

From time to time we seek volunteers to help us in other ways – other than directly supporting the families with whom we work. We are currently looking for people with a little time to spare to help us with:

- Social Media – updating our website, Facebook and other external links; getting our info 'out there' promptly
- Events management & Fundraising – we have a number of fundraising opportunities but need someone to take them forward and others to help make them happen
- Business links – someone to contact local businesses and organisations to persuade their staff to hold 'dress-down-Fridays'; charity days; etc. on our behalf.
- Ambassadors – a person in every village / parish who will promote Home-Start Meon Valley locally helping to recruit home-visiting volunteers and link with local councillors, churches, businesses etc. to raise our profile
- Trustees & advisors for the Trustee Board – our small group of trustees meet bi-monthly and would welcome new members with appropriate skills / experience, particularly HR, PR, child protection, education background. Most importantly we need people with plain common sense who can steer the organisation forward in a highly competitive political arena.



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

Home Start Meon Valley
The Wickham Centre, Mill Lane, Wickham, PO17 5AL
01329 835936 organiser@homestart-meonvalley.org.uk

Hampshire County Council

Hampshire School Starters

The County Council has processed more than 15,000 applications for school places in Year R this year. Just over 98% of parents have been offered a place for their child in one of their three preferred schools - with 90.86% being allocated a place at their first choice of school, up from 88.92% last year.

Of pupils transferring from Infant School to Junior School (Year 3), almost 99% received a place at one of their choices - with 97% obtaining a place at their first choice school. More information about the admissions process is available at: www.hants.gov.uk/admissions

Loan of Tablet Computers

Hampshire County Council's Library Service will launch a tablet computer lending service for disadvantaged people to help tackle social isolation and improve digital literacy, after being awarded nearly £250,000 from Arts Council England. Up to one hundred 3G enabled tablets will be purchased for the year-long project and will be available for eligible residents throughout Hampshire for a four week loan period. The tablets will be pre-loaded with relevant online library services, and useful applications linking to themes such as health and well-being, money management, and information about local communities and services. It is estimated that around 770 library customers and their families will benefit. Residents will need to join the library to take part, if they are not already members.

Grass Verge Cutting

There are around 4,000 miles of rural roadside verges, as well as 1,100 hectares of grass in urban areas in Hampshire maintained by Hampshire Highways. In towns and villages, the District or Borough Council cuts the highway verges on behalf of HCC, and although this can vary by District, it is usually once every three to four weeks during spring and summer – from March until October. Outside towns and



villages, HCC cut a narrow strip alongside the road once a year during the growing season, and the full width of the verge once every three years. The vegetation needs to be shorter, and is cut more regularly, around bends or junctions, for example, so motorists maintain full visibility. You can report grass and foliage growth that is causing a safety risk because of reduced viability directly to Hampshire Highways at <https://www.hants.gov.uk/transport/roadmaintenance/grasscutting>

Patricia Stallard

Hampshire County Councillor, Winchester Southern Parishes

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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

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