


**D**ear Friends,

I hope you have all had a happy and blessed Christmas. Now we look to a New Year and what that may hold for us individuals as a church, community and nation.

There will obviously be further negotiations and discussions about Brexit and while we may feel that as individuals there is not much we can do to influence these we can continue to pray for guidance and wisdom for those involved. And in the meantime as more people struggle to find the support they need to live independently let us all try to be more aware of those in our community that may need some help

In early February our PCC is having an away day to discuss and plan objectives for the coming year as a church in Denmead. These will almost certainly want to build on the experience and lessons to be learnt from the LYCIG (Leading your church into growth) conference Emma and some PCC members attended. And on the good work of last year which saw our church and community coming together for the Remembrance Day commemorations, reaching out to the young families in the village and our older folk living in care homes in Denmead. It is an exciting time for the church as we plan our priorities for the coming year. Please keep Emma and the PCC members in your prayers and if you have any ideas you think should be prioritised please do speak to Emma or myself.

What about us as individuals? Are you in the habit of making a New Year's resolutions? I am not very good at making or keeping them but I do like the idea of fresh starts. 

**Are you in the habit of making a New Year's resolutions?**



And this year will definitely bring a new perspective to my life. Geoff and I are retiring from our respective jobs and that will take some adjusting to and bring considerable change to our lives. I hasten to add it is just my role as a Prison chaplain – I am not leaving what I do here in the parish. But not getting up at 6am most days driving for at least an hour into Winchester; working an eight plus hour day and then another hour's drive home can fill up a week only too quickly. So will I find lots more time to do some other activities? I hope so, but let's wait and see. Strangely enough for someone who is usually extremely organised I feel very laid back about the future. Perhaps retirement is already giving me a fresh view of my life!

Even God was not adverse to making changes for the better. In Revelation chapter 21 it is written "And the one who was seated on the throne said 'See, I am making all things new'".

God wants us to have assurance that no matter how much evil and

suffering and futility we see now, he will make all things new. But in the meantime we are called to build his kingdom the best way we can. So amongst the usual resolutions to lose weight, improve our health and fitness, take up a new pastime or hobby, perhaps there should also be something that will draw us closer to God. When we have a fit and purposeful relationship with God we become better equipped to serve Him

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in our church and communities. And growing closer to God does not have to be burdensome – for example committing yourself to a few minutes every day for reading the Bible and taking some quiet time to pray. Even deciding to speak to a stranger each day or smile at people more can become a spiritual activity which benefits ourselves as much as others. We share the love of Christ and who knows what will come back to us.

So may I wish you all a very happy and fruitful New Year. Let's pray that 2018 will be a good year for us all.

With love in Christ

*Sandie*

# All Saints Church Services

## *Sunday 7th January, Epiphany*

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

## *Sunday 14th January, Epiphany 2*

8.00am Holy Communion (with coffee)  
9.30am Family Praise (no Baptism this month)  
6.00pm Evensong

## *Sunday 21st January, Epiphany 3*

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

## *Sunday 28th January, Presentation of Christ in the Temple (Candlemas)*

8.00am Holy Communion  
9.30am All Age Communion  
11.00am - 4.00pm Wedding Preparation Day

*Morning Prayer is said  
Mon-Fri at 8.30am –  
everyone is most  
welcome.*

*Every Thursday there is  
a Communion Service  
at 11am – this is a  
'said' prayer book  
service.*

*The church is open  
during daylight hours,  
for private prayer. If  
you wish to light a  
candle, there is a  
candle stand in the old  
chapel.*

## **Next Messy Church – Saturday January 20th 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 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



## Gifts for Supported Families

The "Family Praise" Service on Sunday 10th December was All Saints' annual Toy Service. As in previous years, gifts were brought to be given to women and children currently supported by Southern Domestic Abuse Service. These presents of toys will help give some happiness at Christmas to those in difficulty.

## SDAS

At present the refuge is full with over 20 families and also the service is supporting over 200 local families to stay safe in their own homes. The support is backed up with many courses to encourage independence and a life without fear. Included in these courses:

- Group work for young people and children
- Group work for women only
- Group work for families
- Domestic abuse preventative workshops and awareness raising
- And many more



Also provided are holiday activities, one-to-one support and other facilities.

*Here's an excerpt from their leaflet for women -*

***"What shall I bring with me?" — If you are in immediate danger, nothing. If you can, bring a key to your house, some money, benefit books, birth and marriage certificates, bare essentials of clothing and toiletries and any medication for you and your children.***

**We all have the right to live without the fear of violence and abuse.**

# 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.

## Programme for January 2018

7th	Alpha video
14th	Rev. Chris Bowers
21st	Rev. Chris Bowers
28th	Rev. Jim Thomas

**Noah's Ark will re-start on Wednesday 10th January.**

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.**

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



# Sacred Heart Catholic Church

## 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.

*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](mailto:shspa@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)  
[www.waterlooville-catholic.org.uk](http://www.waterlooville-catholic.org.uk)*

## Save the Children

# Jumble Sale

**Saturday 27 January at 10.00am All Saints Church Hall**

Please bring Jumble to the Hall by 9.00am  
or phone Sheila Gould on 023 92 263 788 for collection.

*No electrical or very big items*

## All Saints on Facebook

All Saints now has a Facebook page! This will develop over the coming months, and should become another useful means of communication.....



If you would like to have a look please see: [facebook.com/allsaintsdenmead](https://facebook.com/allsaintsdenmead)

## From the Registers

### Funerals

Monday 18th December – Thanksgiving Service for Nancy Vernon-Harcourt



## Prison Chaplaincy

by Revd Sandie Osborne

As many of you know when I am not in the parish I work 25 hours per week as a chaplain in HMP Winchester. Winchester Prison is a remand and resettlement prison housing approximately 630 men. The remand prisoners are awaiting court hearings but are deemed to be a risk if left in the community. Resettlement prisoners are awaiting parole hearings or serving the last few weeks of their sentences before their release. This means our population is very transient although we frequently have men staying much longer than they should because there are no places in the appropriate category prison to move them on.

### But what do I actually do in the prison as a chaplain?

Well, Chaplains in the prison service have what are known as daily statutory duties.

Firstly they must see all new prisoners who were admitted the day before. We give them a chaplaincy induction explaining what activities are available for them to join if they wish and the kind of personal issues we can help them with. We also check their religious registration is correct and if they require a special diet for religious reasons we are responsible for confirming this and informing the kitchen.

We have to visit the Healthcare unit and the Segregation unit each day and speak to each resident individually because we are considered to be impartial and can support them with personal issues.

Then we provide worship and study groups throughout the week and in Winchester the chaplaincy facilitates the Sycamore Tree course. This is a restorative justice course that runs for six weeks during which the men complete a qualification and if they want to can progress on from the course to a point where they might actually have a supervised meeting with their victim/s if appropriate. We provide four of these courses a year.

The main part of our work however is to be available to provide pastoral support to the men, their families and the staff as needed. We provide bereavement counselling, support when a family member is ill or support for those struggling with being in prison for example. Before we can give out any information about a prisoner we must have his consent and before we give any information to a prisoner we have to confirm that what we have been told is authentic. This can be very time-consuming and involve many phone calls before we know we are dealing with a genuine situation. Over the years several escape plans have been hatched by men

requesting to attend a family member's funeral when that individual is alive and well.

We also of course impart good news like the birth of a baby. One of my first calls when I started in Winchester was to tell a man that his girlfriend had given birth. Naively I didn't take the girlfriend's name and when I went to inform the prisoner he asked me if I knew which girlfriend it was! I have never made that mistake again.

But by far the worst thing we have to do is inform family face to face when there has been a death in custody. We have a reasonably high number of these situations because we are dealing with men newly admitted to prison or newly sentenced who feel their life is over and there is no future for them. I cannot pretend it is anything but harrowing for the staff, other men on the wing or even sharing the cell and of course the family when this tragedy occurs.

As a team we try to support one another although we come from all different faiths and none. We have team meetings regularly to share any issues that have arisen and we always try to work with at least two of us on duty at any time so we can

support a colleague dealing with a difficult situation.

Chaplaincy days vary a great deal with some days spent doing routine things and attending the regular round of meetings necessary to maintain stability and safety as a priority in the prison. Others are spent answering constant phone calls which frequently bring another problem to solve. Then routine duties are put on hold sometimes until way after what is supposed to be the end of our working day.

In just over six years of being involved in prison chaplaincy the last four of which have been as an employee I can honestly say that while some days are harder than others I have really valued this aspect of my ministry and I am truly thankful I have had the opportunity to experience it. God is in HMP Winchester and I have never felt that there is no hope for the men housed there and I am privileged to be able to share that hope with the men and the staff.





## Denmead Evening WI

Our end of year activities included:

- A very sociable Christmas Lunch at the Bird in Hand
- Hosting the Bere Forest Group Christmas Celebration at All Saints Church on 11 December with readings and carols followed by refreshments
- Our monthly meeting at the Memorial Hall on 13 December when Mrs JTheobald entertained us with an unusual slant on the problems of Christmas. This was followed by an American supper and the exchange of gifts from Secret Santa. In addition we signed a communal Christmas Card instead of exchanging cards and donations were passed to a local charity.

2018 commences with:

- Our January members meeting at the Memorial Hall on 17th when Andrew Negus will tell us of his experiences travelling the Trans-Siberian Express and Two Months in China.
- We will also enjoy a New Year social evening with a meal at the Harvest Home – home grown entertainment is promised!

2018 is also the year when Hampshire County Federation WI will achieve its Centenary and a number of special events are being organised throughout the year to celebrate this milestone. The WI plays a unique role in providing women with educational opportunities and the chance to build new skills, to take part in a wide variety of activities and to campaign on issues that matter to them and their communities. The Hampshire Federation was formed on 13 May 1918 and has 206 WIs and just under 9,000 members. There are almost 220,000 members nationally in approximately 6,300 WIs.

*Any ladies who would like to join us at any of our events to see what the WI is all about would receive a very warm welcome. Guests can attend up to 3 meetings free of charge prior to joining. Our regular meetings are on the third Wednesday of each month at 7.30 pm at Denmead Memorial Hall (second Wednesday in December). 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](http://www.hampshirewi.org.uk) or call Irene Woodings (023 9257 1663).*

**Denmead Rowans Support Group present**

# RACE NIGHT

February 3th

Denmead Community Centre, School Lane



Tickets £10 from 07947 611699 [patricia.bailey333@gmail.com](mailto:patricia.bailey333@gmail.com)

Ploughman's Supper Included - please bring your own drinks



# SUNDAY LUNCH

25th February 2018 1pm All Saints Church Hall

- Roast lunch
- 'Out of this World' desserts
- Glass of wine
- Coffee

*Accompanied by our wonderful supporters*

## **STONY RIDGE BAND**

Tickets £14 from 07947 611699

[patricia.bailey333@gmail.com](mailto:patricia.bailey333@gmail.com)



*community support events held in aid of*



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t: 023 9225 0001

w: [www.rowanshospice.co.uk](http://www.rowanshospice.co.uk)

Registered Charity no. 299731

# What's on This Month, and Where

## Venue Abbreviations:

ASC = All Saints' Church

CH = Church Hall; HR = Heath Room; UR = Upper Room;

Contact Church Office 9226 8757

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 Daniels, 9224 7947

SHQ = Scout Headquarters

BC = Baptist Church (Cornerstone, Mead End Road)

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.

- Times shown refer to hall bookings - please check with organisers for exact times of their events.
- Diary entries should be sent to Gill Barge (denmeadbarges@aol.com) at least one month in advance of publication.

Mon 1	DCC	Table Tennis	7.00-9.00pm	W
		At the Forest of Bere – Knit & Bitch	7.00-9.00pm	W
All abilities are welcome				
Tue 2	CH	All Join Together	11.00-Noon	W
		- Music group for under 5s		
		Exercise after Stroke	2.00-3.00pm	W
		3rd Brownies	5.45pm	W
		Denmead Horticultural Society	7.30pm	M
	HR	Coffee & a Chat–All welcome	9.30-Noon	2x
	MH	Archery	7.00pm	W
DCC	U3A Art History	2.00-4.00pm	M	
	Spitfire Scouts	6.30-8.30pm	W	
Wed 3	CH	Pilates Class	10.00-11.00am	W
		2nd Denmead Rainbows	4.15pm	W
		1st Denmead Brownies	5.45pm	W
	BC	The Cornerstones NOAH'S ARK –	10.00-11.30am	W
		Pre-school Children & Carers group		
	MH	Denmead Afternoon WI	2.00pm	M
	Denmead WI Belles	7.30pm	M	
DCC	Zumba Gold	9.30-10.30am	W	

## Village Diary

		Table Tennis	10.00-Noon	W
		Denmead Art	10.00-Noon	F
		Creative Quilters	10.00-Noon	F
		Pilates	10.30-11.30am	W
		Tai Chi	1.30-2.30pm	W
		Patchwork Pals	2.00-6.00pm	W
		Yoga	6.00-7.30pm	W
		Breakaway Quilters	7.00-10.00pm	W
		Kettle Fit	7.15-9.00pm	W
		Parish Council – Planning	7.30pm	W
	SHQ	Concorde Cubs	6.30-8.00pm	W
		At the Forest of Bere – Knit & Bitch	10.00-Noon	W
		All abilities are welcome		
Thu 4	CH	Daisy Tinies	9.30am	W
		Keep Fit	2.00pm	W
		1st Denmead Rainbows	4.15pm	W
		2nd Denmead Brownies	5.30pm	W
	CH/HR	Guides & Rangers	7.00pm	W
	HR	Coffee & a Chat–All welcome	9.30-Noon	2x
	MH	Denmead Pre School	9.00-3.00pm	D
		*Wednesday*	9.00-12.30pm	
		Karate	6.30pm	W
		Badminton	7.45pm	W
	DCC	Old Schoolhouse Preschool	9.00-3.00pm	D
		- Friday -	9.00-Noon	
		Table Tennis	9.00-11.00am	W
		Zumba Toning	9.30-10.30am	W
		CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAU	9.30-11.30am	W
		Senior Citizens Lunch Club	12.30-1.30pm	W
		Southern Arts Academy	5.00-9.00pm	W
	SHQ	Busy Bees Preschool	9.00-3.00pm	D
		*Friday*	9.00-Noon	
		Bere Forest Beavers	6.15-7.30pm	W

Fri 5	CH	Mother & Toddler Group	9.30am	W
		Chair Exercises	2.00pm	W
		Youthmove	5.15pm	W
	DCC	U3A Art Class	9.30-Noon	W
		Kettle Fit	7.00-8.00pm	W
		Rose Dog Club	7.30-8.30pm	W
	SHQ	Vulcan Scouts	7.00-9.00pm	W
		Phoenix Explorers	7.00-9.00pm	W
	Sat 6	HR	District Advice Surgery	10.00-Noon
MH		Bootcamp Fitness Class	9.30am	W
		ABS Fitness Class	10.30am	W
DCC		Southern Arts Academy	9.30-12.15pm	W
		Table Tennis	10.00-Noon	W
Sun 7	MH	Karate	5.00pm	W
	DCC	Denmead Brass Band Juniors	9.15-10.15am	W
		Denmead Brass Band	10.30-12.30pm	W
Mon 8	CH	Zumba Fitness Class	9.30-10.30am	W
		Breathe Again	11.30am	W
		Slimming World	5.30 & 7.30pm	W
	DCC	Yoga	11.45-1.45pm	W
		Kettle Fit	7.00-8.00pm	W
		Table Tennis	7.00-9.00pm	W
		Denmead Bridge Club	7.00-10.00pm	W
	MH	TS Alacrity	7.00pm	W
	SHQ	Merlin Cub Pack	6.30-8.00pm	W
		At the Forest of Bere – Knit & Bitch	7.30pm	W
		All abilities are welcome		
	At The Forest of Bere The Royal British Legion	8.00pm	M	
	Meeting - Hambledon & District Branch			
Tue 9	CH	Gold Star Dancing	8.00-9.00pm	M
	DCC	Creative Play	9.30-11.00am	W
		- lots of fun for Under 5s		
	Upholstery	9.30-12.30pm	W	

## Village Diary

		Southern Heart Support Group	10.00-Noon	M
		Afternoon Social Club	2.00-3.00pm	W
		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
		At the Chairmakers, Waterlooville Probus Club	Noon -3.00pm	
		- monthly lunch and talk by guest speaker.		
		Details from Peter Quine on 07926620530		
Wed 10	CH	Meet & Eat	12.30-2.00pm	M
		British Koi Karp Society	7.30pm	M
	MH	Floral Workshop	7.30pm	M
	DCC	Parish Council - Main Council	7.30pm	
Thu 11	DCC	U3A Table Tennis	2.00-4.00pm	F
Sun 14	MH	Archery	9.00am	W
Mon 15	DCC	Pilates	11.00-Noon	W
Tue 16	DCC	Denmead Reading Circle	2.15-4.15pm	M
		Chapter Reading Group	2.30-4.00pm	M
Wed 17	CH	Flower Club	2.00pm	M
	MH	Evening WI	7.30pm	M
	DCC	Parish Council – Amenities	7.30pm	
Fri 19	ASC	Denmead Village Association		
		- 'Famous & Infamous Associated	7.30pm	
		with Portsmouth' by Mrs Madeleine Salvetti		
Sat 20	CH	MESSY CHURCH	3.30-5.30pm	M
		Families, carers & children fun afternoon		
		-see main notice for details		
Wed 24	DCC	Parish Council – Planning	7.30pm	
Sat 27	DCC	FILM NIGHT – To be confirmed	7.30pm	M
Wed 31	DCC	Parish Council - Planning		

## Denmead Twinning

Our most recent event was the annual visit of Shep Woolley and his band; he entertained an audience of members of Denmead twinning and his loyal followers to an evening of his special brand of interesting and amusing stories, and music. Around 80 people thoroughly enjoyed the evening and look forward to his return later in the year!

As we begin a new year, I thought that it would be useful to look back on the various social events that we have held in 2017; this was a typical year and gives an idea of village activities that you could take part in if you would like to join us:

Our members' meal and short AGM was held in January at South Downs College in their attractive restaurant, with student cooks and waiters.

An interesting and fun evening of learning about Wine tasting was held in February in All Saints Church hall.

A full house of nearly 100 people took part in our annual, lively quiz in the Community Centre in April.

The highlight of the year is when we meet our French twins from Saint Georges; it was our turn to go there for four days in May and we were looked after extremely well.

In June and July we held a BBQ and boules match against our twinning friends from Emsworth. We shall get our revenge next year!

Finally in October we held a Harvest Hoedown (or Barn Dance) where we learned new steps and were kept in order by the music of Squinty McGinty. I am not sure if it was more entertaining to dance or to watch, but it was good fun!

We'd love to have new members so if you are interested contact Patrick Binks 9226 2912 or checkout the website [www.denmeadtwinningassociation.com](http://www.denmeadtwinningassociation.com)



Twinning members from both villages at a French chateau

## 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 12th of January, 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 will give presentation entitled 'Tangmere Museum'.

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](mailto:peterpia1989@outlook.com).

## Denmead Village Association

To open the November meeting, the Chairman advised that he had little to report except that it looks as though the development at Carpenters Field will probably go ahead in the Spring. Southern Water are running tests with regard to surface water and expect to break through the soil in March/April. They will have to augment the sewage arrangements in order to cope with the additional houses.

He then introduced Roger Clark, our speaker, whose topic was Old Waterways in the South of England. Roger described the evolution of waterways and the way that the natural rivers were used by barges to transport raw materials and finished products between the coast and inland ports. Over the years, canals were

built to supplement the river network and make boat movement easier. Thames barges were used all along the East coast, and sometimes to the continent. Up to the 1960s at low tide they were able to settle on the sand or gravel seabed to be loaded or unloaded.

Lewes was a port on the river Ouse, several miles inland. On the river Arun there were wharves and warehouses at Arundel, and because of the difficulty in finding enough wind away from the coast, the barges would be towed by a tug between Littlehampton and Arundel. In 1846 the railway from Arundel to Chichester and Portsmouth was built. Where this crossed the river the rails had to be pushed along the track to allow barges to pass, until eventually, in the early 1930s, a fixed bridge was built at Ford after barge traffic had ceased.





The canal age was from the 1750s to the 1840s, by which time steam power took over from waterwheels, and this required coal. As the Industrial Revolution took off, the Duke of Bridgewater who had coal mines in Worsley, needed to transport the coal to Manchester. James Brindley constructed the Bridgewater Canal and he was also asked to supervise the engineering of other canals.



Josiah Wedgwood could see the potential of having a canal to transport his products from the Potteries to the Mersey both quickly and safely and backed the building of the Trent and Mersey Canal. Roger then described the uses of the Wey and Arun canal and the Manchester Ship Canal, which is no longer used for ships and indeed the canal basin in Salford has been re-developed.

Canals are still being restored, but their use today is mainly for pleasure purposes.

If you would like to learn more on topics of local interest, please contact our Membership Secretary, Helen Jackson, on 02393 789489. Membership is only £3 per person per year. Our next meeting will be held in the Church Hall on Friday 19th January 2018 at 7.30pm when, our speaker will entertain us with a talk on Famous and Infamous People Associated with Portsmouth.

## Denmead Community Centre

### Dementia Day Care

The Centre now hosts a "Memory Café Day Care" on a Friday. This group welcomes all adults with dementia who would like a fun, engaging and social break in their week. With small groups and a range of indoor and outdoor activities to create a social, interesting and therapeutic experience that will hopefully encourage laughter, companionship and holistic wellbeing. Whilst also providing respite for loved ones. For more information contact Linda 07834457284 or email [lindashome@ntlworld.com](mailto:lindashome@ntlworld.com)

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

## CAB



**Lesley Rose, Advice Services Manager at Citizens Advice Winchester District discusses unfair terms in a gym contract.**

**Q** My gym will only allow me to cancel my membership in person. This is written in the contract but I've since moved away from the area. What can I do?

**A** To end your gym membership you will need to follow the terms of the contract. However, it's also possible to challenge any terms which cause unnecessary hassle or are designed to keep you tied into the contract.

For this reason, you could try to challenge the term which states you need to end the contract in person.

Start by writing a letter or email explaining you want to end your membership and why you can't do so in person. If writing a letter, it's best to use recorded delivery so you have proof that the letter arrived.

If the gym won't accept your written cancellation ask if they've got a complaints procedure in place which you can follow. If not, then send another letter giving them a final chance to end the contract.

If they still won't agree to cancelling your contract get in touch with an alternative dispute resolution (ADR) scheme - an independent complaints body which settles disputes. The gym may belong to one already, or should provide details of an approved scheme and say whether they'd be prepared to work with it.

You can also contact the Consumer Service or your nearest Citizens Advice for help on cancelling contracts which include possible unfair terms.



**Winchester District**

*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*

Citizens Advice Winchester District is an independent charity offering free, high quality advice to everyone in our community. Citizens Advice [www.citizensadvice.org.uk](http://www.citizensadvice.org.uk)

Online free advice from Citizens Advice to help you find a way forward, whatever the problem. Our research enables us to campaign on issues affecting people's lives.

## Denmead Afternoon Women's Institute

At our December monthly we welcomed fifteen members of the Solent Male Voice Choir to entertain us with a varied repertoire. They sang a number of Christmas carols and songs interspersed with a jazz trio and other popular songs from the 1960s. Members joined them in a rousing rendition of "While Shepherds Watched" to the tune of "Ilkley Moor". It was wonderful to have male voice accompaniment as we sang "Jerusalem"!

The competition for a prettily wrapped present was won by Joan Elliott with Terry Walmsley second. Joan Downing won the flower competition with Joan Spooner second.

We enjoyed mince pies with our tea and the afternoon concluded with a visit from Father Christmas and Rudolph. They distributed the presents in our Secret Santa – thank you Margaret and Angela.

We have continued our monthly lunch dates with a visit to Havant and South Downs College.

This month we will be visiting the Harvest Home for a New Year Lunch instead of holding our usual meeting.

Our meeting in February will be a Members Afternoon when we will be playing New Age Kurling. This is great fun and easily played by all ages and levels of fitness.

We extend a warm welcome to all ladies to our meetings held at 2pm on the 1st Wednesday in the month in the Memorial Hall, Hambledon Road. WI offers monthly talks and demonstrations on a variety of subjects as well as participating in Group or County activities. WI is the ideal way to learn a new skill and make new friends, especially if you are new to the village. If afternoons are not suitable Denmead Evening institute would welcome you at 7.30 on the third Wednesday of the month.

We wish all readers a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

*Joan Downing (9226 5458).*

## District Council Up-date

### Forming of a New Parish Council

Over the past five years the new community known as the West of Waterlooville Major Development Area which is has been built on land in the parishes of Denmead and Southwick wards which are within Winchester City Council. The new development will when completed will consist of over 3,000 properties, a small number of the development is within Havant BC area.

At a meeting of the Licensing and Regulation Committee held in November to move forward a petition submitted under the LGPIH Act. The petition proposes that a new parish be set up by redrawing the boundaries of Denmead and Southwick & Widley parishes such that the entirety of the MDA becomes a new parish. The petition was submitted by the West of Waterlooville Advisory Group which was set up by the two parish councils to help integrate the new communities HBC and WCC residents, Elected member from both authorities have been able to able to attend its meetings.

There will now conduct the Community Governance Review in accordance with the Terms of Reference. Relevant considerations will include the impact on community cohesion and the size population and boundaries' of the proposed area.

Options for Consideration; have been prepared four possible outcomes to be put forward for consultations:

Option 1: Position to remain unchanged with the West of Waterlooville MDA being covered by the 2 existing Parish Councils.

Option 2: West of Waterlooville MDA be removed from both existing Parish Councils and a separate Parish Council be created for West of Waterlooville MDA.

Option 3: West of Waterlooville MDA be removed from Denmead Parish Council and amalgamated with Southwick and Widley Parish Council.

Option 4: West of Waterlooville MDA be removed from Southwick and Widley Parish Council and amalgamated with Denmead Parish Council.



Following the conclusion of the review, if a new Parish or other Council is to be created, or if there is an imagination this will be done by way of a Reorganisation Order. The Order can be made at any time however the order should take effect on 1st April following the date on which it is made. In this case if a Reorganisation Order is made this will be in June 2018 and comes into effect 1st April 2019.

The consultation will be taken place with residences of Winchester CC.

### **The Mayor of Winchester's Charity 2017/18**

The Mayor is raising the awareness to three local charities this year; MS Society, Canine Partners and Bishops Waltham North Pond Conservation Group.

On the 21st February '18, the gardens of Mr & Mrs Mark and Jackie Porter will be open to visitors to view the collection of "Snow Drops" at Down House, Itchen Abbas SO21 1AX. Between 1 pm and 4 pm. no tickets pay on the door.

***Your District Councillors would like to extend a very warm Welcome to 2018***

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

## **Hampshire County Council**

### **Funds for the Community**

This is probably my last call for applications this financial year as applications close at the end of January. I have a small budget for funding community related projects across the Division. For example, I have funded Lunch Clubs; Church group; trim trail for a school; music stands and theatre equipment for a school, playgroups; youth groups; Christmas party for village children; trips to the theatre for Golden Years; trips to the pantomime for young people, etc. The group must have a Treasurer and a bank account. To find out more visit <http://www3.hants.gov.uk/grants/county-councillor-grants.htm> and discuss the idea with me before making an application. Only one application per financial year per group. I look forward to hearing from you.



## Energy Savings

Hampshire County Council is making energy savings by replacing 75% of light fittings in its buildings with low energy LEDs. The light replacement project is part of a wider energy saving programme which has seen the County Council reduce its carbon emissions by 38.1% since 2010 – saving around £30 million in energy costs in total. The Council are well on track to reaching their 40% carbon reduction target by 2025, with the ultimate aim of being carbon neutral by 2050.

## Hampshire Finances

You will know from my previous reports that, following a reduction in the Government's revenue support grant, inflation and the rising costs of social care, a total of £140 million savings have to be found by April 2019. Council is now considering proposals for achieving this and Government is being lobbied to allow charging per visit at household waste and recycling centres [HWRCs]. If we were able to charge, the local authority could raise up to £4 million and this may prevent some HWRCs from closing. Hampshire currently provides more HWRCs than comparable authorities with almost 85% of the population currently within five miles of an HWRC. 26 HWRCs are listed on the Council's website.

## Stay Well and Warm this Winter

As the weather turns colder, some people and families will struggle to keep their homes warm. Hampshire County Council's Hitting the Cold Spots initiative can help. Now in its seventh year, this county-wide fuel poverty project offers advice and support to people who are having trouble staying warm during the winter, including home visits, help to access funding for boiler repairs and replacements, temporary heating, and small grants for winter fuel emergencies. Hampshire residents can also receive advice about tariff switching and how to be referred to other services for further help, including 'safe and well' visits and healthy living advice.

If you or someone you know is struggling to stay warm and well this winter, please contact an advisor on Freephone 0800 804 8601 (Monday – Friday, 9am to 5pm) or email [staywarm@environmentcentre.com](mailto:staywarm@environmentcentre.com)

If anyone is worried about an elderly neighbour or relative, they should call Hampshire County Council's Adult Services team on 0300 555 1386, during the week in working hours, (8.30 am to 5 pm, Monday to Thursday, 8.30 am



to 4.30 pm Friday) or call 0300 555 1373 out of hours and on weekends and Bank Holidays.

### **A Career in Care**

The County Council has teamed up with home-care providers to encourage more people to consider a career in care in order to help meet the growing demand. Care workers working for the County Council, or one of the care agencies it commissions, receive full training toward recognised qualifications, paid travel time between appointments, flexible working options and are paid at least the minimum wage, plus 20 per cent. To find out more visit [hants.gov.uk/changelives](http://hants.gov.uk/changelives)

### **Domestic Abuse**

A reminder that anyone affected by domestic abuse can get help. The Integrated Domestic Abuse Service for Hampshire (IDASH) is funded by the County Council and the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner and offers confidential support to women, men, children and young people. Those affected can call 03300 165 112 to receive immediate information as well as referral to the most appropriate service for ongoing support.

In Hampshire, an estimated 44,000 women and 25,000 men experience domestic abuse a year, and one in four women and one in six men will experience domestic abuse in their lifetime - often with years of psychological abuse. Domestic abuse has far-reaching effects on individuals, families and whole communities.

Support is also available for people perpetrating domestic abuse in Hampshire through the Domestic Abuse Prevention Partnership (DAPP) which engages with them, reducing risk to victims, and improving long term outcomes for children. Both men and women may perpetrate or experience domestic violence and abuse. However, it is more commonly inflicted on women by men. Those people who are, or think they may be, abusing someone can contact DAPP on 02380 009898 to get information as well as referral to the most appropriate support service.

*Patricia Stallard, County Councillor for Winchester Southern Parishes,  
pgstallard@aol.com      023 9225 1484*

## Home Visiting

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

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.

## Useful Local Contact Numbers

DENMEAD BAPTIST CHURCH [www.denmeadbaptistchurch.org.uk](http://www.denmeadbaptistchurch.org.uk)  
22 Mead End Road, Denmead, PO7 6PZ. 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