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Dear Friends,  
Welcome back – we've missed you!

After a lengthier delay than any of us hoped, it is now my great pleasure to send you greetings again from everyone at All Saints. After a significant break, it is wonderful to welcome you; and I hope that you will once again enjoy this community magazine.



The last two years have been difficult on so many levels, for so many people. Like me, perhaps the last two years have all merged – I can't pinpoint events in 2020, nor in 2021... somehow lockdowns, restrictions, hopes, fears, joys, sorrows, and dreams have all blurred into one big canvas!

In the summer of 2020, I can remember thinking that surely this pandemic would all be over by Christmas! Little did I realise that 2021 would be just as messy, just as hard, just as difficult. That there would be more tears and more dark moments, times of frustration, pain, and disappointment.

And of course, as I write now, 2022 is looking like it will be difficult also; Covid numbers are increasing, and there is a foreboding fear as we watch the war unfolding in Ukraine. We all feel a bit helpless and struggle to know what to do. I would urge us all to pray, that the ways of the wicked would be frustrated, and that God's peace and healing will prevail.

But through all this mess I, and many others, have not lost faith. Not because of any great strength or power that I possess, not because I'm the Vicar, far from it, but because each day I choose to trust in the One, who has beaten evil and overcome all darkness, pain, and sin.

This One died and rose again, guaranteeing that love will win! This One is Jesus Christ – God's Son, who came to reveal God and make Him known, to offer healing, forgiveness, strength, and peace. Through Jesus' life, death, and resurrection we see the only One who can bring hope, light, and life to all.



The last few years have pushed many of us to the edge of our resources – we have run low, or doubted, or got angry. But we can have faith, faith in God. And faith doesn't have to be big, strong, bold; Jesus said it could be as small as the tiny mustard seed (Matthew 17:20).

Faith can mean hanging on to God with little more than our fingertips. God specialises in weak people – not only strengthening them, but even making use of them too.

Now I know that this can sound glib, 'easy for me to say', especially for those who have been bereaved or ill, lost jobs or businesses, struggled with isolation or depression. These words can sound empty, hollow, or plain ridiculous!

But please, don't just take my word for it. Over many years of ministry, many, many people have said to me, from the depths of their own personal tragedy and suffering, that it is precisely at these times they have known God's grace and love in a newer and deeper way.

And in this present situation, where so many feel beyond the end of their personal strength and resource, I am frequently humbled by people's own stories of the quiet, daily miracle of God's inner strength coming just when needed. Let the witness of those who have found God in the very depths reassure you that He is there for you, too.

And so, as I welcome you back – can I encourage us all to look up, to reach out to God, to trust that He will see us through the past, the present and the future.

Let us, together, look upwards and onward in Hope.

With every blessing – and a belated Happy Easter,

**Emma**

Rev. Emma Racklyeft

Vicar at All Saints, Denmead.

# All Saints Church Services

## Sunday 1st May – 3rd Sunday of Easter

8.00am **Holy Communion** (*Said, traditional BCP Communion Service*).

10.00am **Holy Communion with Kids and Youth at Ten.**

*This service is live streamed to our Facebook page.*

*After the service we gather for refreshments in our church hall.*

## Sunday 8th May – 4th Sunday of Easter

8.00am **Holy Communion** (*Said, traditional BCP Communion Service*).

10.00am **All Saints Together** – all ages gather to worship, learn, and grow together.

*No Holy Communion at this service.*

*After the service we gather for refreshments in our church hall.*

## Sunday 15th May – 5th Sunday of Easter

8.00am **Holy Communion** (*Said, traditional BCP Communion Service*).

10.00am **Holy Communion with Kids and Youth at Ten.**

*This service is live streamed to our Facebook page.*

*After the service we gather for refreshments in our church hall. Youth at Ten also host their Bake-Off competition – so food for us all to enjoy!*

## Sunday 22nd May – 6th Sunday of Easter

8.00am **Holy Communion** (*Said, traditional BCP Communion Service*)

10.00am **Morning Worship.** We gather to worship, pray, and learn. *This service often includes an update on an area of ministry or latest news from a Mission Partner.*

## Sunday 29th May – Sunday after Ascension Day

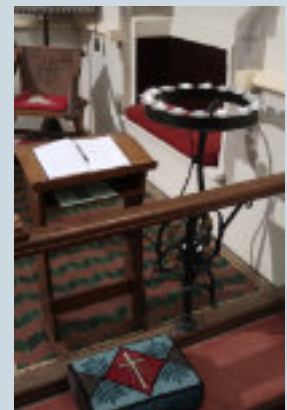
8.00am **Holy Communion** (*Said, traditional BCP Communion Service*).

10.00am On this fifth Sunday we join for an **All-Age Holy Communion service** as we mark the Ascension of Jesus.

*If the weather is fair, part of this service may be outside. After this service we gather for refreshments in our church hall.*

Services which are live streamed are added later in the day to the Church website <https://allsaintsdenmead.org.uk/248/Online-Services>

Morning Prayer is said daily at 8.30-9.00am – everyone is welcome. The Church is open from 8.30am to dusk each day for private prayer. If you wish to light a candle and pray there is a candle stand in the Chapel.



## Free coffee and cake

- and together we can turn hunger into hope



Please join us for FREE coffee and cake on Saturday 21st May at All Saints Church Hall from 10am to 12pm.

We are raising money for Christian Aid Week because it's unjust that drought is driving people into hunger.

Jessica fears her children won't eat tonight. Drought robs her of the power to provide for her family. But with your help we could make sure families like hers can grow drought-tolerant crops that flourish in the changing climate.

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Thanks,  
Revd Emma

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### Mass Times

Saturday Vigil Mass: 6.15pm

Sunday Family Mass: 10.30am (including Children's Liturgy)

Sunday Evening Folk Mass 6.30pm

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Beginning in May, we're looking forward to hosting The Prayer Course – an eight-week journey through the Lord's Prayer helping us all to learn and grow and deepen our faith.

This is for everyone – for those who have lots of faith, for those who have a little faith, and for those who are exploring and asking questions - all are very welcome.

We will be running the course on two evenings, a Wednesday and a Sunday, to allow as many people as possible to attend. You choose which night you'd rather come. The sessions will be held in church. Each week we will provide refreshments and a selection of treats - cakes, biscuits, fruit, and other delights!

Here are the dates for your diaries:

Sundays – 6 - 8pm:

22nd, 29th May. 12th, 19th, 26th June. 3rd, 10th, 17th July.

Wednesdays – 7.30 - 9.30pm

25th May. 1st, 15th, 22nd, 29th June. 6th, 13th, 20th July.

To find out more about the course go to: [www.prayercourse.org/home](http://www.prayercourse.org/home)

or you are welcome to give Revd. Emma a ring/email:

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# The Queen's Platinum Jubilee

This year the whole nation will celebrate as we mark the Queen's Platinum Jubilee over a long bank holiday weekend (Thursday 2nd - Sunday 5th June).

Here in the village plans (led by Denmead Parish Council) are well underway to host a Platinum Jubilee Party on Saturday 4th June at 3-7pm along the Hambledon Rd outside the main village shops. There will be all sorts on offer, including face painting, magic shows, live music, and dancing!



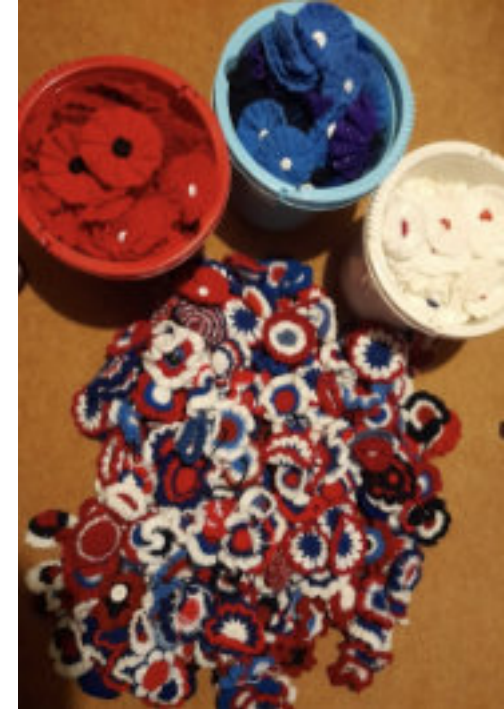
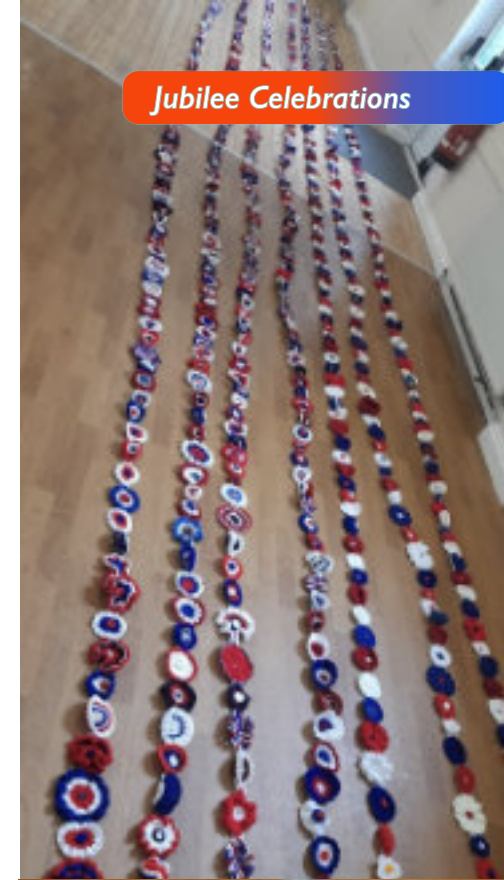
Denmead Village Association are also hosting a cake and biscuit decorating competition as part of this event – details on page 10.

At All Saints we are very much looking forward to joining in with the village's Jubilee celebrations.

We will be hosting a huge picnic area - so feel free to bring along your own picnic and enjoy our gardens. There will be activities and crafts for children, a reflective prayer space to enjoy some quiet, or talk with a Vicar! There will be archery at the back of our hall, and a bouncy castle or two!

Inside our church there will be several floral displays in red, white, and blue, so you're welcome to pop in and take a look. Whilst outside, our front fence will be covered in Jubilee crowns designed by children at Denmead Infant School.

At All Saints, over the last few months, we have encouraged local knitters to knit or crochet red, white, and blue flowers. In total we have had in just over 2,100 flowers! We are now very busy stitching them all onto bunting tape ready to cascade across our garden space, porch, and building. The Jubilee bunting should be a fantastic spectacle, demonstrating a wonderful community effort and celebrating our Queen's Jubilee year.



DENMEAD VILLAGE ASSOCIATION

## JUBILEE CAKE & BISCUIT DECORATING COMPETITION



All amateur Denmead residents young and old are welcome to try their hand at decorating a cake or biscuits (children) to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2022

**Last day for entries 28th May**

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## The Chronicle Takes Legs!

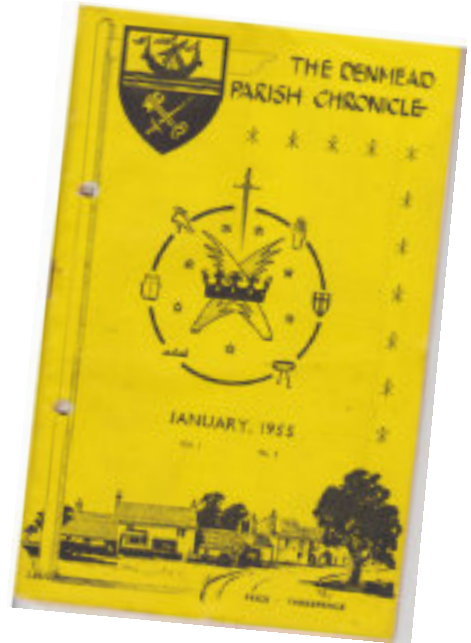
The Parish Chronicle is now thankfully up and running again, after we had to stop producing and delivering the Chronicle in 2020 due to the pandemic, and we now have a larger team of volunteers helping out with editorial, advertising and distribution.

It was in January 1955 that the Denmead Parish Chronicle was first published. The Vicar of All Saints at the time, Revd. George Greenfield, launched it as a development of the "Parish Notes and News" that used to keep parishioners informed, mostly regarding Church matters. The new Chronicle included a news sheet published by the Diocese but also featured a variety of articles of interest, including household hints and even short stories. Over the years it has evolved, along with the changing nature of village life, and gradually started to contain more information about village clubs and societies.

Various methods of production and publishing have been used, depending on the print technology of the time. Then in 1998, at the instigation of Revd. Andrew Ashdown, it was decided to produce it completely "in house" using Desktop Publishing software on home computers, a digital duplicator and a collating machine. This continued for many years, masterminded by Capt. John Day. When he was no longer able to continue, the decision was taken to have The Chronicle professionally printed, giving us the benefit of being able to print in full colour.

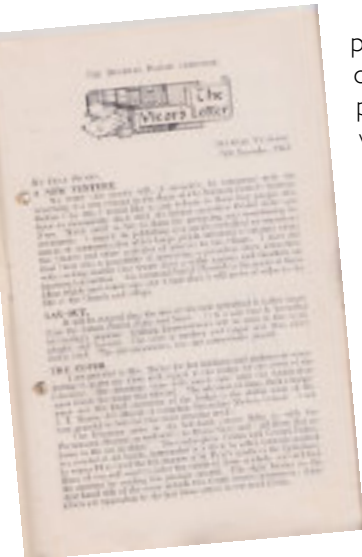
It is very interesting to read Revd. Greenfield's thoughts on his "New Venture" in 1955 in which he says:

"I regard the publishing of a parish periodical an important means of communication which keeps



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people informed of matters about the Church and other activities of interest to the village. I have felt that there was a possibility of producing a periodical more attractive, with reading matter that would have a wider appeal, and therefore an increased circulation. The Denmead Parish Chronicle is the result of these ideas which have taken legs, and I hope that it will prove of value to the life of the Church and village.'

Even in today's world of digital communication and social media we believe that this still holds true – so the Parish Chronicle “takes legs” again!

If you would like to subscribe to the magazine please email [paulover@btinternet.com](mailto:paulover@btinternet.com) or call the Church Office. Price is only 50p per issue.

## Shop Local

Everyone has been affected by the pandemic in some way and we know how crippling the lockdowns have been for small enterprises in particular. Please support our local businesses in the community. We are very lucky to have such a varied selection of local shops and as well as supporting independent retailers, shopping local also reduces our carbon footprint, win win!

Parkers, for instance, sells DIY and gardening supplies as well as pet food, and offers key-cutting, tool-sharpening and photocopying services plus they have also acquired Denmead Turf & Topsoil. A new clothing shop has also recently opened on the parade, Niche, selling a carefully chosen range of women's clothing and homeware.

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## Rowans Hospice

Denmead Rowans Support Group would like to thank everyone who supported our Easter egg tombola on Saturday, the 9th of April.

Thank you to the businesses who donated prizes. Sophia Bennett won the giant egg donated by Southdown Funeral Services



## New Look Tennis Club



There have been a lot of changes at Denmead Tennis Club. We took the opportunity, while sport was not allowed to take place due to the pandemic, to resurface the three courts. The new look courts are in the Wimbledon colours of purple and green, providing the club a great new look.

As well as new courts we have a new access system that allows members and the general public to book courts and receive a booking confirmation with a personal pin number to access the courts. There is also an easy-to-use app if you would like to book from your mobile. We have seen hundreds of new bookings since the new system was put in place and it is so great to see more people playing tennis as a result. If you are interested, please visit [www.denmeadtennis.org.uk](http://www.denmeadtennis.org.uk) and follow the booking instructions. There is a small charge for booking and lights will come on automatically for evening bookings.

Our long serving head coach Alan Redman retired this year. We have successfully engaged a new coaching team 'JG Tennis' to provide coaching with regular adult and youth sessions open to anyone. If you are interested in getting back into tennis or would like to try playing for the first time there are sessions available for all abilities.

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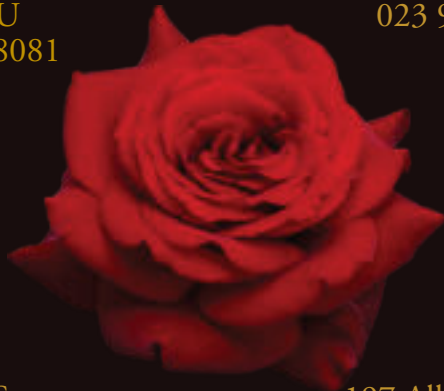




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Here are the regular activities that take place at the various venues in Denmead.

## Church Hall Regular Bookings

### Mondays

- 09.30-10.30 – Zumba (weekly, term time only)
- 11.30-12.30 – Breathe Again (weekly)
- 13.30-20.30 – Slimming World (weekly)

### Tuesdays

- 09.30-10.30 – Pilates (weekly, term time only)
- 11.30-12.30 – Fit & Fifty Plus (weekly)
- 14.00-15.00 – Positive Strokes (weekly)
- 17.30-19.00 – 3rd Brownies (weekly, term time only)
- 19.30-21.30 – Denmead Horticultural Society (monthly, 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday)
- 20.00-22.00 – South Hants Koi Club (Oct. to Apr. only, monthly, 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday)

### Wednesdays

- 11.00-12.30 – Memory Café (monthly, 2nd Wednesday)
- 12.00-16.00 – Flower Club (monthly, 3rd Wednesday)
- 14.00-16.00 – Bereavement Support Group (monthly, 4th Wednesday)
- 17.45-19.15 – 1st Brownies (weekly, term time only)
- 19.30-21.30 – Guides Mentoring (Ad hoc/ alternate month)

### Thursdays

- 09.15-10.15 – Mrs G's Pilates (weekly)
- 16.15-17.15 – 1st Rainbows (weekly, term time only)
- 17.30-19.00 – 2nd Brownies (weekly, term time only)
- 19.00-21.00 – Guides & Rangers (weekly, term time only)

### Fridays

- 09.15-11.15 – Little Stars (weekly, term time only)
- 14.00-15.00 – Gentle Chair Exercises (weekly)
- 19.30-21.30 – Denmead Village Association (alternate monthly, 2nd Friday)

### Saturdays

- 15.30-17.30 – Messy Church (monthly, 3rd Saturday) **currently on hold**

## Heath Room regular bookings

### Tuesdays

- 09.30-11.30 – Coffee & Chat (weekly)
- 14.00-16.00 – Mothers' Union (monthly, 3rd Tuesday)
- 19.30-21.30 – Denmead Horticultural Society Committee (monthly 2nd Tuesday)

### Wednesdays

- 10.00-12.30 – Craft & Chat (weekly, term time only) **starting 11th May 2022**
- 19.30-21.30 – Guides Mentoring (Ad hoc / alternate month, term time only)

### Thursdays

- 09.30-11.30 – Coffee & Chat (weekly) **currently on hold**

### Saturdays

- 10.00-12.00 – Parish Council Surgery (monthly, 1st Saturday)

## Denmead Community Association (The Old School) Regular Events

### Mondays

- 08.30 - 15.30 Old Schoolhouse Pre-School – Term Time Only
- 11.00 - 13.00 Better Body Club
- 10.30 - 11.30 Yoga with Allison
- 10.00 - 12.00 Watercolours for Improvers  
Limited places available
- 14.30 - 16.30 U3A Board games 1st Monday Monthly - Afternoons
- 19.00 - 21.00 Evening Table Tennis
- 19.00 - 22.00 Denmead Bridge Club

### Tuesdays

- 09.00 - 15.30 Old Schoolhouse Pre-School - Term Time Only
- 09.30 - 10.30 Better Body Club
- 10.00 - 12.00 Denmead Unsung Gardeners (DUG)  
Contact the Centre for more Information.
- 09.30 - 12.30 Upholstery Class
- 10.30 - 12.30 Creative Writing
- For further information please contact the DCA 02392 256132
- 14.00 - 15.30 Afternoon Social Club (Monthly 2nd Tuesday)

- 14.00 - 16.00 Art History 2 (Monthly, 1st Tuesday of the month)
- 18.00 - 19.00 Pilates Class
- 14.30 - 16.00 Chapter Reading Group (Monthly 1st Tuesday of the month)
- 19.45 - 21.45 Denmead Brass Band Rehearsal
- 19.30 - 22.30 Downland Singers
- Visit our Website [www.downlandsingers.hampshire.org.uk/index.htm](http://www.downlandsingers.hampshire.org.uk/index.htm)

### Wednesdays

- 09.00 - 12.00 Old Schoolhouse Pre - School - Term Time Only
- 10.00 - 12.00 Denmead Art Group (Fortnightly)
- 10.00 - 12.00 Wednesday Table Tennis (Currently this group is full)
- 13.30 - 14.30 Shiyong Tai Chi
- 15.00 - 18.00 Patchwork Pals ( back Jan '22 )
- 19.00 - 22.00 Breakaway Stitchers and Quilters
- 18.30 - 20.35 Yoga with Allison

### Thursdays

- 09.00 - 12.00 Old Schoolhouse Pre - School - Term Time Only
- 09.30 - 10.30 Zumba Toning
- 09.30 - 11.30 Table Tennis (session full)
- 19.00 - 21.00 Table Tennis

### Fridays

- 09.00 - 12.00 Old Schoolhouse Pre - School - Term Time Only
- 10.00 - 12.00 Bible Bubble
- 10.00 - 12.00 Friday Community Learning Art Class
- 10.00 - 13.00 The Messy Hands Crafters (first Friday of the month)
- 18.30 - 20.30 Farlington Dog Club (Denmead)
- 14.00 - 16.00 U3A Table Tennis ( Beginners) Monthly 3rd Friday

### Saturdays

- 09.00 - 11.30 Southern Arts Academy (Term Time only)
- 10.00 - 12.00 Saturday Table Tennis
- Denmead Film Nights
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- 09.00 - 12.30 Denmead Brass Band



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Tues 3rd	Denmead Pre-School	09.00	Daily
Wed 4th	Denmead Belles	19.30	Monthly
Wed 11th	Afternoon WI	14.00	Monthly
	Floral Workshop	19.30	Monthly
Wed 18th	Evening WI	19.30	Monthly

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War Memorial Hall

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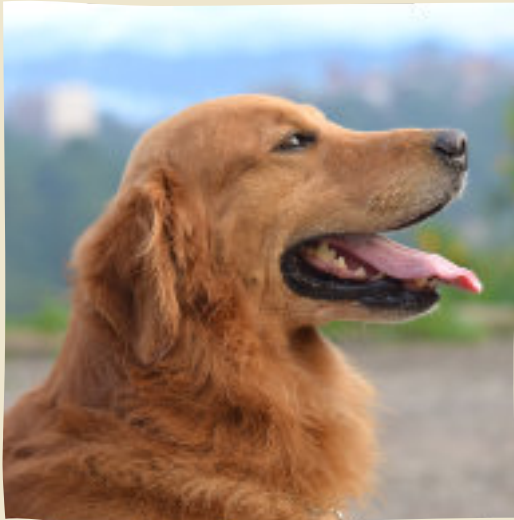
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**Q** I love live music and now that restrictions have lifted, I'm keen to start going to events again. I've booked tickets for some gigs over the next few months, but I'm still a little worried. I can't quite believe things are fully back to normal. What will happen if restrictions come back in?

**A** It's understandable to be feeling apprehensive when there's been so much change, and knowing your rights will help you deal with anything unexpected. If you've got tickets to an event which goes ahead, but you change your mind about going or realise you're no longer able to go, you have no legal right to a refund.

However, if the event is cancelled, your right to a refund will depend on how you bought the ticket. If you booked through an official seller and the organiser cancels, moves, reschedules, or makes the event behind closed doors, you should get a refund. This is true even if it's cancelled due to a government ban on large events. If this happens, contact the official seller to find out how you can get a refund.

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depend on the site's terms and conditions. If you're worried about the event being cancelled, it's a good idea to look at the terms and conditions before booking. If you bought from a private seller, unfortunately it's unlikely you'll be able to recover your money, even if the event is cancelled or rescheduled. We recommend contacting the seller to see what they can do.

Ahead of any events you've booked, keep checking the information from the official seller or organiser to make sure you know straight away about any updates, like changes to the date or cancellations. Another thing to be aware of is that scammers exploit these situations for their own benefit. If your event is cancelled and anyone - whether it's a person or a company - offers their services to try to recover money on your behalf, be suspicious. Make sure that you're aware of the signs of a potential scam and always be on the look-out.

If you need more information on how to get a refund, take a look at the Citizens Advice website ([www.citizensadvice.org.uk](http://www.citizensadvice.org.uk))

If you'd like to speak to a local adviser at Citizens Advice Winchester District, you can call us for free on 0808 278 7861





## Walks from Denmead

This is the shortest in a series of 35 self-guided walking routes from the village and should take about an hour. It is ideal for a pleasant evening stroll from Kidmore Lane car park initially heading toward Sawyers Hill before bearing left off the bridleway and dropping down the steep field into the hamlet of Pithill before returning along Wayfarers Walk to the centre of Denmead.

Leaving Kidmore Lane car park go R up the lane then after about 150m turn R into Tanners Lane. At the end of Tanners Lane bear L going steadily up White Horse Lane passing several dwellings including Little Denmead Farm.



Path leading downhill into Pithill

On reaching the Sawyers Hill junction at the end of White Horse Lane, cross the road and continue on the uneven surface of this bridleway. (NB The entrance to the bridleway is very

muddy, can be impassable after rain and is particularly bad during the winter months.)

Part way up the lane go L over a stile, but before doing so take note of the footpath direction from the yellow sign adjacent to the stile. If in doubt head slightly to the right of the electricity pylon ahead which will take you toward a second stile on the other side of the field.

Cross this second stile but then pause to enjoy the view before walking carefully down the steep field into the hamlet of Pithill. After going over this latest stile turn R then go L at the junction heading back to Denmead along Harrowgate Lane.

Nearing the end of Harrowgate Lane the route joins Wayfarers Walk as the swing gate on the R is passed. A little further on turn L at the junction then shortly afterwards go R passing through another gate before walking along the side of the field as far as the final gate on this walk.

Remain on the path which eventually goes to the L then R before passing the cemetery. With the high garden fence in front turn L and head back along Cemetery Lane turning R at the junction with Kidmore Lane. The

CP is a short distance along the lane on the LHS.

*Martin Lewis*

## Denmead Village Association comes across a Dame with Determination

Denmead Village Association has been established for almost 50 years with the aim of promoting the interests of the residents of Denmead. The Association holds an open meeting on the third Friday every other month at 7.30pm.

At the March meeting the Chairman updated members on various matters affecting the village including; his participation in a presentation to the Boundaries Commission to retain the Meon Valley constituency; the Aquind pipeline being declined by the Secretary of State but the sponsors seeking a judicial review; Platinum Jubilee celebrations which are to be held in the church grounds and the centre of the village, for which the DVA is arranging a cake competition and a competition for the best shop/office window display.

Our speaker this month (unusually one of our own members) was our Treasurer, Melody Jones, who has undertaken a great deal of research into the life of Beatrice Shilling OBE, and entitled her talk "The Dame with Determination".

Melody gave us a fascinating account of the life and work of Beatrice Shilling, who was born in Waterlooville. As a child she was interested in 'practical' toys and built Meccano. She loved motorcycles and sidecars and bought her first motorbike at age 14. She studied engineering at Manchester University and pursued a career in engineering, which was most unusual for a woman in the early twentieth century. Her love of motorbikes grew and later encompassed racing cars. In fact, she won several races at Brooklands!

In 1936 she became a technical author at the Royal Aircraft Establishment in Farnborough, and she was awarded her OBE as a result of her work there. She is commemorated in

**... most unusual for a woman in the early twentieth century**



Purbrook, where the McCarthy & Stone development is named Shilling Court.

Why not join us at our next meeting on Friday 20th May at 7.30pm in All Saints Church Hall, when Russell Morrison will be telling us about the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Special Constabulary? Membership costs £5pa and is open to all who have an interest in Denmead. If you would like any further information, please contact the Secretary on 02392 252 063.

Gloria Jarrett

## Prison Life and the History of Handbags – at the Evening Women’s Institute

DEWI is a friendly group where women meet up to enjoy time together, to learn and also make new friends. We meet on the third Wednesday of the month at 7.30pm in the Memorial Hall, Denmead for a social activity or to listen to a speaker, followed by refreshments.

In addition, there is a monthly craft group on the second Tuesday of the month – during the lighter nights and also a ‘Meet & Walk’ group once a month which gathers in the Kidmore Lane Car Park where one of our members hosts a walk in and around Denmead. A ‘Gardens’ group is also in the process of being set up.

Recent meetings have included; a reflection on prison life, a French evening, a humorous look at running a small hotel and even a talk on the history of handbags! We have plans for celebrating the Queen’s Jubilee and other events including our meeting in August which will be a social evening where we play different games and generally relax and enjoy our time together.

Guests are very welcome and can attend three meetings free of charge. DEWI is part of the National Federation of Women’s Institutes and we meet up with other local groups for activities including quizzes and different forms of entertainment.

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**The French from Saint Georges are coming ....**

In May this year a group from Denmead's twinned village in France, Saint Georges, will be coming for a long weekend. That's wonderful! They had originally planned to be here in 2020 but after this visit was postponed twice because of covid, they are now coming! Members from Denmead Twinning Association will be looking after them and have many activities arranged for the four days including a day in Arundel visiting the castle and a day where their twinned family look after them.



We had hoped to hold another event in April (The Big Quiz with fish and chips) but the current large number of covid cases has made us realise that we should 'play safe' and delay this until the autumn.

The visit this year is important, marking 30 years since twinning began between Denmead and Saint Georges.

In normal times, the social events are fun and help you to meet others from the village. If you would like to come to any future events or meet our French twins when they visit Denmead in May or we go to Saint Georges in 2023, then please get in touch with Patrick Binks 02392 262 912.

Normally there would be many social events during the year. However, the last indoor event was nearly two years ago, a line dancing evening, which kept everyone on their toes and helped with their fitness.

The first social event of 2022 was a Members' Meal at Southwick Golf Club at the end of January; the evening was really good and everyone enjoyed being able to socialise with their friends as we had done regularly in the past.





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## Strawberry Fields Forever at Denmead Horticultural Society

It's good to be back! On 2nd April we held our first Spring Show in the hall since 2019 and it was lovely to see the displays of spring flowers and so many visitors enjoying meeting again over tea and cake.

During lockdown we kept in touch with our members via email and held draughty, socially-distanced committee meetings in our gardens. We set up a Facebook group in May 2020. This proved popular as many people turned to their gardens due to extra time on their hands and the group has just passed the 200 member milestone. Anyone can apply to join and you will find there notices of our events, requests for advice and links to useful articles.



Due to the pandemic, talk dates were re-arranged (sometimes twice!) and shows were put on hold. We held a virtual Spring Show in 2020 with photos of entries on our website as well as virtual 2020 Summer and 2021 Spring Shows with entries posted to our Facebook group and winners chosen by the number of 'likes'. In October 2020 we held a much-reduced Pumpkin Show outdoors but were back in the hall last year with pumpkins and apple-pressing. The 2020 Summer show would have been our 70th so we celebrated this milestone in 2021 instead with a welcome return to an outdoor village event.



Our talks started again in September 2021. This year so far, we have had talks on the greenhouse calendar, growing and displaying cut flowers and how to manage pests using biological control. On 3rd May Dr Mary South's talk, entitled Strawberry Fields Forever, will encompass some Hampshire horticultural history on how this area became known as the Strawberry Coast and on 7th June Richard Jones will tell us about the Wildlife of Portsdown Hill. Talks are held at 7.30pm in the Church Hall and visitors are welcome to attend

for £2, annual membership to end of September is £12.

We also have a new website - [www.hugofox.com/community/denmead-horticultural-society-19787](http://www.hugofox.com/community/denmead-horticultural-society-19787) - you can sign up there for email alerts about events and can use the contact form to get in touch with any of the committee.

Congratulations to the Chronicle team on your return – you and it have been missed!

*Liz Williams*

## Hampshire County Council

### Hampshire's Kitchen Heroes

In Food Waste Action Week last March, a new website - Hampshire Kitchen Heroes – was launched by Hampshire County Council with the aim of helping residents to save money and the planet with incentives and rewards, for reducing household food waste. The website features over 20 different food waste saving actions. People can earn 'Green Points' by taking steps like checking their fridge before they shop, keeping a food diary of what's being wasted and sharing their favourite recipes using leftovers. These points feed into leader boards allowing people to compete with other residents across the County to be the ultimate Kitchen Hero.

The resident who earns the most 'Green Points' for their actions each month, will win a £20 voucher from a choice of Hampshire-based experiences, Marks and Spencer, Love2Shop or for a donation to be made to a local food bank.

Hampshire Kitchen Heroes is open to all residents in the Hampshire County Council local authority area - sign up at: [hampshirekitchenheroes.co.uk](http://hampshirekitchenheroes.co.uk)

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## All Walks of Life – the Afternoon Women’s Institute

As a result of lockdowns we have missed many meetings and activities but are now very pleased to be back to normal. We have been spoilt on our return with delicious cakes baked by the staff at Lily and Lime in Portsmouth, run by the Minstead Trust who will visit us later in the year to talk about their work.

We were recently entertained by the return of speaker Ruth Warren in April when she gave a humorous talk on the Survival of a Secondary School Teacher. Her previous talk on The Trials and Mishaps of a Church Organist was also much enjoyed. Other talks have encompassed various walks of life including a Wren, an Army musician turned Gulf War medical attendant and life in Portsmouth in the early 1900s.

The group has also attended numerous social events such as the Milton Glee Club Christmas Concert at Portsmouth Guildhall and a New Year lunch at Barnards as well as our monthly lunch dates. In August some members will visit Buckingham Palace for the Queen’s Platinum Jubilee Exhibition and there is also the twice yearly County meetings which include a well-known guest speaker. This month we will be meeting on Wednesday 11th for our Annual Meeting when

we will elect our Officers and Committee.

Our meetings are generally held on the first Wednesday of the month from 2 - 4pm in the Memorial Hall. We have monthly talks and demonstrations, with a competition, on a wide range of subjects so there is something to suit all interests including social issues, music, dance, history, computing and travel. The WI is an ideal way to renew old friendships, make new ones or learn different skills. We sit informally around small tables and introduce new attendees to established members with visitors welcome to “try us out”.

Contrary to popular belief we are a group of ladies with a young outlook who get involved in numerous activities including county darts, skittles and quizzes as well as socialising with members from the other five institutes, much more than singing Jerusalem and making jam!

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*Joan Downing*





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To promote this, we held an open day on Saturday 23rd April, and will be holding a further taster day on Saturday 28th May from 10am this is to coincide with our national governing body Bowls England initiative “The Big Bowls Weekend” which will be advertised on National TV. Bowls is a sport for all ages so give it a try you will be pleasantly surprised.

As a club we also offer various social events throughout the year which include Quiz nights, Race nights and in the summer BBQ's etc. On the second Thursday of each month, we also hold a coffee morning 10am start to which everyone is welcome.

Further details including contact and membership details can be found on our new website: [www.denmeadbowlingclub.co.uk](http://www.denmeadbowlingclub.co.uk)



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Next meeting - Tuesday 10th May 2022 at the Hampshire Hog, Clanfield, starting at 12.00 noon.

Why not contact our Secretary Peter Quine? He will be happy to supply any further information on 0792 662 0530 or by e-mail at: piater89@aol.com

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