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**December 2022**

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Dear Friends,

This is the first December letter I've written in recent years; both 2020 and 2021 were wiped out due to the Covid Pandemic in which we were forced to suspend this Parish Chronicle. It has been a great joy to witness this magazine resurface earlier this year and become, once more, an anchor of church and community news serving this parish. So, I begin with thanks to all the team that publish and deliver this Chronicle – thank you!

As I've already noted, 2020 and 2021 saw the seasons of Advent and Christmas deeply curtailed and limited due to significant restrictions imposed to minimise the impact of Covid-19 across our land. This year, although still living with the virus in circulation, we are anticipating a much more 'normal' Christmas in which families and friends can meet, pantomimes can be enjoyed, Christmas parties can go ahead full swing, special services and events can return, and we can join together to celebrate and rejoice that God is with us – that He sent His Son, Jesus, to show us the way, to bring light, life, healing and salvation for all.

Here at All Saints, we extend a BIG WELCOME to attend our special services and events during Advent and Christmas as we worship, rejoice, and celebrate in the gift of a Saviour - Jesus. All our services are included on pages 3 to 5.

As we return to a more 'normal' Christmas one notable difference will be that our Christmas broadcast will no longer be delivered by our late Queen Elizabeth II – something which I'm sure will bring a sombre pause to our hearts. Our late Queen embraced the Christmas message, delivering it faithfully year on year, and always speaking of the love, forgiveness found in Jesus Christ.

In 2014 the Queen shared this:

*"For me, the life of Jesus Christ, the Peace of Peace, whose birth we celebrate at Christmas, is an inspiration and a role-model in my life. A role-model of reconciliation and forgiveness, he stretched out his hands, and his arms on the cross, in love, acceptance and healing. Christ's example has taught me to seek and respect and value all people of whatever faith or none."*



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As I consider the story of Christmas, it refreshes my soul – it brings hope and excitement, despite the world’s current trials and pains. It is a light in the darkness of our disenchanted, confused and fear-driven world. It is a candle of hope for the future. It is the greatest story ever told. It is the miracle of God’s surprising love, of a young maiden’s faith, of a child from the heavenly realms and of a ‘moment-in-time’ that has transformed the future of humanity.

What is worrying you? What are you fearing? What are your hopes and dreams for 2023? May I suggest that you put before you the Christmas story and like the Virgin Mary, ‘ponder these things’. Fill your thoughts with the wonder of God’s great gift – Jesus Christ.

During Advent we will be preparing our hearts for Christmas - getting ready to welcome again the Christ child into our hearts. Inviting Him to dwell with us; to change us and transform us, so that we might work in partnership with Him, to be a part of the solution for our broken, dreary, bleak world.

“For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.” (Isaiah 9:6)

This is the new reality, and it means everything for you and me. Let this

child fill your life with hope and transform the way you live in this world.

My prayers are with you, and your family, for a blessed and holy Christmas filled with the peace and light of Jesus Christ the King.

But as you arrive at Christmas, don’t let the story stop there! For Christmas is more than just a child born. This year can I encourage you to take from the carousel in church a small booklet called Follow The Star – The Great Invitation.



This book offers 12 reflections on the theme of invitation, one for each day from Christmas to the Epiphany on the 6th January. Each reflection is by a different contributor and contains a picture, a short Bible passage, an invitation to action, and a simple prayer. Together they form a journey that will help you take encouragement and hope from the Christmas story into the year ahead.

With love and prayers,

Revd Emma



Revd. Emma

Sunday 4th December – 2nd Sunday of Advent

- 8.00am Holy Communion (Said, traditional BCP Communion Service)
10.00am Holy Communion Service with Kids and Youth at Ten. After this Service there will be Christmas Traidcraft products to buy.

Tuesday 6th Dec

- 7.00pm Catholic Mass – all are welcome to join with local Catholics for a Mass service.

Sunday 11th December – 3rd Sunday of Advent

- 8.00am Holy Communion (Said, traditional BCP Communion Service)
10.00am All Saints Together – all ages gather to worship, learn, and grow together. Included in this Service we will be collecting gifts and toys for the Stop Domestic Abuse Charity.

Saturday 17th December

- 3.30 - 5.00pm Messy Church – please join with us as we celebrate the Christmas story - ideal for pre-school/primary aged children.

Sunday 18th December – 4th Sunday of Advent.

- 8.00am Holy Communion (Said, traditional BCP Communion Service)
10.00am Holy Communion with Kids and Youth at Ten. Our Youth at Ten group will also host their Bake-Off competition – so food for all to enjoy!
6.00pm Carol Service – join with us for a traditional mix of Readings and Carols followed by refreshments and mince pies in our church hall. At this service we will take a retiring collection in support of The Refuge.

Morning Prayer is said each weekday at 8.30-9.00am in chapel – everyone is welcome.

Private Prayer - The Church building 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

Refreshments in our church hall after the service This service will be live streamed

### Saturday 24th December

3.00pm Christingle Service

5.00pm Christingle Service

This year two identical services - you choose which suits you best!

Come and build your own Christingle as raise money for The Children's Society.

11.15pm Midnight Mass 


### Sunday 25th December – Christmas celebration followed by Holy Communion.

8.00am Holy Communion (traditional BCP Communion Service) – including a couple of Christmas carols as we welcome in this special morning!

10.00am Christmas Celebration for all ages, followed by:

10.45am Communion – a simple service for those who would like Communion on Christmas morning.

### Sunday 1st January – Sunday after Christmas

9.00am Holy Communion Service no 8am or 10am today... we join together at 9am for our worship this morning 

6.00pm Evening Worship  
Hymns old and new to welcome in the New Year

## From the Registers

### Baptisms

There were no Baptisms in November

In December we are looking forward to the Baptisms of Sienna Over & Rudy Sewell on the 10th and Edison Joseph McCormack on 11th. Please pray for each child as they begin their journey of faith in Christ.



**ALL SAINTS CHURCH DENMEAD** 

**Follow The Star THE GREAT INVITATION**

## Christmas Services 2022

**Sun 11<sup>th</sup> Dec 10.00am Gift Service**  
At this service we bring gifts and toys to be given to the Stop Domestic Abuse charity.

**Sat 17<sup>th</sup> Dec 3.30pm Messy Church**  
Please join with us for messy activities, crafts, singing and prayers as we explore the nativity story. Messy Church is ideal for young families with pre-school/primary aged children. Refreshments/snack included too.

**Sun 18<sup>th</sup> Dec 6.00pm Carol Service**  
Set amongst sparkly lights and glowing candles, join with us for a traditional mix of Carols and Readings followed by refreshments and mince pies in our church hall. At this service we will take a retiring collection in support of The Rowans.

**Christmas Eve 3.00pm Christingle**  
**5.00pm Christingle**

This year we are hosting two identical Christingle services – so you chose what time suits you best... Come and build your own Christingle as we raise money for the work of The Children's Society. Ideal for young and old!

**Christmas Eve 11.15pm Midnight Mass**  
Please join us for this late-night service as we welcome in Christmas morning!

**Christmas Day 8.00am Traditional Communion Service**  
Please join with us for a traditional BCP service including a couple of Christmas carols!

**Christmas Day 10.00am Christmas Celebration**  
A Christmas Celebration for all ages – including carols, prayers and a talk followed by:  
**10.45am Simple, said Communion**





Jesus Light Up Denmead invite you to join with us for:

### *Christmas Rocks*

As part of the Facebook group 'Denmead Rocks' we invite you to decorate Christmas themed rocks and spread the joy of Christmas to all in Denmead. Also, be on the lookout for rocks that tell the Christmas story. If you find a rock, take photo and paste on Denmead Rocks, and then re-hide for someone else to enjoy! <https://www.facebook.com/groups/826361030889270>

### *Count the Stars*

Pop into All Saints church anytime between the 17th December and the 5th of January and count how many stars you can see hidden in the Christmas floral displays. In our welcome area there will be a short form to complete, filling in how many stars you counted... The winner will be announced in the new year - with a prize of £25!

For more information, please visit All Saints website: <https://allsaintsdenmead.org.uk> or follow us on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/LightUpDenmead>



Wednesday December 7th  
 6.45pm meet at Church car park for Buffet & Skittles at the Barley Mow, Walderton PO18 9ED  
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## Greetings from Ian and Jill Harding



We moved into Wellington Vale 2018 from Denmead Village. As a result of an initial visit to the home we were warmly welcomed and shown around the house and the facilities and as a result we decided to take up residence. We have two nice rooms close to each other. Living in Wellington Vale means we remain part of the Denmead community – we were regular attenders at All Saints Church. It is nice to learn what is happening in the village through the Parish Chronicle and from people we keep in touch with.

In the home, there are a variety of activities to meet different tastes. We particularly enjoy the visits from classical musicians, arty activities, quizzes, talks and outings provided by the home. We look forward to seeing Revd Emma when she comes to give communion to the residents. She always has a chat with us. Ian attends the Men's breakfast at church, and we are both able to go out occasionally with support from our family.

It was difficult for staff and residents during the Covid pandemic, but life is getting back to normal again. We are grateful to the staff for what they do.

We often think of our friends in Denmead and would like to wish you all a very happy Christmas and best wishes in 2023.

*Ian and Jill Harding*



At November's Repair Cafe lots of interesting items were brought in, including a drone, a coffee machine, a brass cauldron, a leather hold-all, some scooters, a henry hoover, a leaf blower and 2 tents! As usual our repairers did a great job and lots of knives and garden tools sharpened.

No repair cafe in December but we'll be back in Hambledon 21st January and in Denmead on 18th February. See our Facebook page: Denmead & Hambledon Repair Cafe



## Denmead Rowans Support Group

### Christmassy Coffee Break

Coffee, Tea, Mince pies, Cake, Raffle for a hamper

Wednesday December 7th, 11am to 1.30pm

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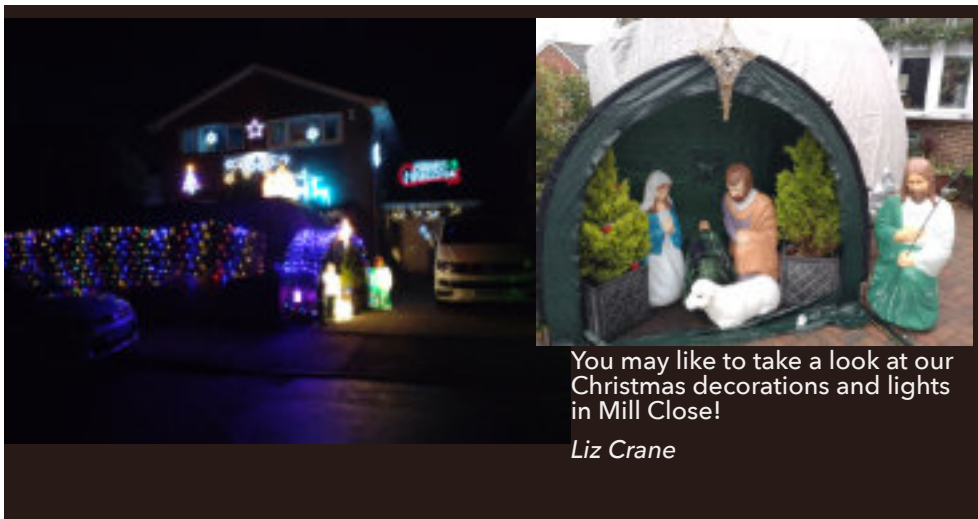
*Thank you to Forever Together Funeral care for their support and the use of their rooms.*

### Christmas Wreath Kits and Workshop

Wreath kits for just £10 are available from 12 Park Road, Denmead.  
Please call 07947 611699 to order yours.

Christmas Wreath Workshop  
at Sacred Heart Church, Waterlooville on December 10th. £12.

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Over the last six years it has been a great joy and privilege to work in close partnership with Denmead Scouts and Denmead Parish Council to organise and plan an Act of Remembrance each Remembrance Sunday here in our village. Our local Act of Remembrance brings all our community groups together, with representatives from many local interest groups involved. This year more than 1100 locals gathered to pay their respects and honour all those who have given their lives in service, not only the thousands of men and women who gave their lives in the two World Wars, but also those who died in a host of campaigns since, so that we might live in peace and freedom today. The Act of Remembrance begins

with children in the local uniformed groups, including Brownies, Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, Explorers joining with children from Denmead Infant and Denmead Juniors schools, along with Local and District Councillors and members from All Saints church in a parade through the village. Led by our local Bagpiper, Cam, we process through the centre of our village to our village green where the main Act of Remembrance takes place by our war memorial. This year we were joined by our local Member of Parliament, Flick Drummond. The Act of Remembrance includes all the traditional elements, the Last Post and Reveille played by local resident Mark Webb, the lowering of



the flag, the laying of wreaths, Laurence Binyon's poem 'For the Fallen' read by Navy Officer Richard Hurman, the Kohima Epitaph read by veteran Steve Lane, and the National Anthem, but also includes the children and youth as much as possible. Members of the Scouts read the names of those who gave their lives from Denmead, children lay wreaths and plant individual, home-made poppies on our war memorial. In our reflection, we used our poppies to guide our thoughts and prayers.



Photo: Chris Racklyeft

A local resident, Carole Goldsmith commented, "Again thank you for a very moving service. It was great to see so many Denmeadians gathered, also seeing all the children placing their hand made poppies on the memorial."

Commemorating Remembrance Sunday in this way has become very significant and poignant for all members of our community, young and old, as together we long for that day when there will be no more tears, pain or suffering, and God's kingdom, of peace, justice and love will be known in all the earth.

Rev. Emma Racklyeft

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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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# Denmead Walks

## Winter Walk from Denmead Community Centre

This is an easy route that could be undertaken by anyone with a reasonable level of fitness. It is ideal for winter walking as it is entirely on metalled surfaces although there is a shorter 'around the block' option for families with young children; another shorter route is included which involves taking the Wayfarers Way footpath, however this is usually very muddy during the winter months.

Please note that permission should be sort from the manager to leave vehicles at the community centre.

Leaving by the main entrance of the community centre initially turn right out of the main entrance heading up School Lane eventually turning right into Thompsons Lane [0.5km/0.3mile.] At the end of this road is another right turn into Uplands Road [1km/0.6mile.]

On reaching the main Hambledon road go left - an alternative very short route for families is to the right down the hill. If undertaking the main route keep well into the side of the road for about 50m as there is no footpath. Please take great care during this potentially hazardous section. A little further along the road cross over into the lane at Forest Gate before heading toward Rookwood Farm. Again, extreme caution is needed when crossing the

### WALK DETAILS

Distance: Distance 7km/4.4mile  
 Duration: 1h 30m  
 Walk Grade: EASY (2/5)  
 Number of Stiles: 0

main road at Forest Gate.

At Rookwood Cottage [2km/1.25miles] carry straight along the lane in the direction of Rushmere and Hambledon; the road firstly goes slightly downhill then begins a steady ascent. Part way along this stretch is another alternative path which is to the right along Wayfarers Way for those wishing to go along this muddy but shorter route. Walkers opting for this path should keep the hedge to their right until they come to a gap which takes them along a clearly marked path that ends near the bottom of the



Rushmere Pond

hill below Rookwood.\*

If undertaking the full walk continue steadily uphill as far as the pond at Rushmere. [3km/1.9mile]. Here go right at the main junction before again



The junction at Pithill

branching right after about 100m in the direction of Pithill. Continue downhill for some time on this lane which then rises sharply before again descending

on the approach to Pithill.

At Pithill crossroad the route joins Harrowgate Lane. [4.7km/2.9miles] Here turn right passing a farm and woodland on the left. \*Further on the Wayfarers Walk footpath emerges from the RHS before the lane reaches another junction. [5.2km/3.25miles]



View from Harrowgate Lane just after Pithill

Bear right at this junction heading up hill in the direction of Forest Gate and at the top of the hill turn left retracing the earlier route back to the main Hambledon road. [5.7km/

**3.6miles] Again take care when crossing and walking along the short section where there is no pavement.**



The most direct route back to the community centre

is to remain on the Hambledon Road.

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

If you spot any incorrect entries, please send updates by email: [chronicle@allsaintsdenmead.org.uk](mailto:chronicle@allsaintsdenmead.org.uk)

### Church Hall Regular Bookings

Over the Christmas period bookings may vary so please check with the groups.

#### Mondays

- 09.30-10.30 Zumba (weekly, term time only)
- 11.30-12.30 Breathe Again (weekly)
- 14.30-20.30 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, 1st Tuesday)
- 20.00-22.00 South Hants Koi Club (Oct. to Apr. only, monthly, 2nd Tuesday)

#### Wednesdays

- 08.00-13.00 Little City, mobile role play city for toddlers and pre-schoolers (monthly, 1st Wednesday)
- 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)

#### Thursdays

- 09.15-10.15 Mrs G's Pilates (weekly)
- 13.45-15.45 Home Instead 'Love to Move' (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)
- 14.30-15.30 Gentle Chair Exercises (weekly)
- 19.30-21.30 Denmead Village Association (alternate monthly, 3rd Friday)

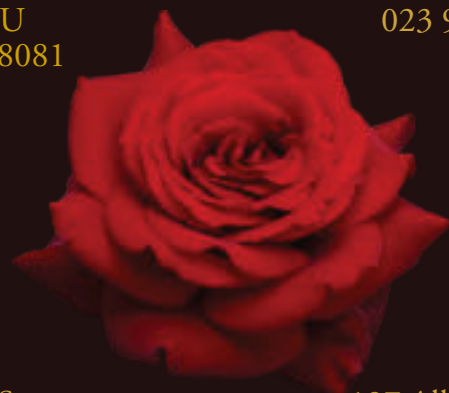
#### Saturdays

- 10.00-12.30 WI Belles Community Café – please check poster for details
- 15.30-17.30 Messy Church (monthly, 3rd Saturday)

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## Heath Room regular bookings

### Mondays

19.00-21.00 Denmead Horticultural Society Committee (monthly 2nd Monday)

### Tuesdays

09.30-11.30 Coffee & Chat (weekly)

14.00-16.00 Mothers' Union (monthly, 3rd Tuesday)

### Wednesdays

10.00-12.30 Craft & Chat (weekly, term time only)

14.00-16.00 Afternoon W.I. (monthly, 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday)

19.30-21.30 Guides Mentoring (Ad hoc/ alternate month, term time only)

### Saturdays

10.00-12.00 Parish Council Surgery (monthly, 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday)

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

### Mondays

08.30 - 15.30 Old Schoolhouse Pre-School – Term Time Only

09.30 -10.30 Better Body Club

11.00 - 13.15 Yoga with Allison

10.00 - 12.00 Watercolours for Improvers

11.00 - 13.00 Italian classes – Tertulia

14.30 - 16.30 U3A Board games – fortnightly

19.00 - 21.00 Evening Table Tennis – contact [annandmalcolm.davies@virgin.net](mailto:annandmalcolm.davies@virgin.net)

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

13.30 - 15.00 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

19.00 - 21.00 Denmead WI – monthly

19.00 - 21.00 Art Group

14.30 - 15.30 Chapter Reading Group (Monthly 1st Tuesday of the month)

19.45 - 21.45 Denmead Brass Band Rehearsal

19.30 - 22.00 Downland Singers

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### Wednesdays

09.00 - 12.00 Old Schoolhouse Pre-School – Term Time Only

10.00 - 12.00 Jiggy Wridders – baby music & movement

10.00 - 12.00 Denmead Art Group (Fortnightly)

10.00 - 12.00 Wednesday Table Tennis – contact [annandmalcolm.davies@virgin.net](mailto:annandmalcolm.davies@virgin.net)

13.30 - 14.30 Shiyong Tai Chi

19.00 - 21.00 Breakaway Stitchers and Quilters

18.30 - 20.45 Yoga with Allison

### Thursdays

09.00 - 12.00 Old Schoolhouse Pre-School - Term Time Only

09.30 - 10.30 Zumba

09.30 - 11.30 Table Tennis – contact [annandmalcolm.davies@virgin.net](mailto:annandmalcolm.davies@virgin.net)

10.45 - 11.45 Diddi Dance – pre-school dance classes

12.00 - 13.30 Lunch Club for over 70's

15.00 - 17.00 Italian Classes – Tertulia

19.00 - 21.00 Table Tennis – contact [annandmalcolm.davies@virgin.net](mailto:annandmalcolm.davies@virgin.net)

### Fridays

09.00 - 12.00 Old Schoolhouse Pre-School – Term Time Only

10.00 - 11.00 Bible and Bubble – baby yoga

09.30 - 12.00 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)

Denmead Film Nights

Doors open at 19.00 (Typically the last Saturday of the month)

A warm welcome is extended to all.

### Sundays

09.00 - 12.30 Denmead Brass Band

19.30 - 22.00 Board Gaming – monthly

**If you are interested in joining any of the groups please contact  
Denmead Centre on 023 9225 6132**

## Denmead War Memorial Hall

### Mondays

08.30-15.00 Denmead Pre-School - Term Time Only

### Tuesdays

08.30-15.00 Denmead Pre-School – Term Time Only  
07.00-09.00 Archery Club - Weekly

### Wednesday

08.30-15.00 Denmead Pre-School – Term Time Only  
19.30-21.30 Denmead W.I. Belles – 1st Wednesday Monthly  
19.30-21.30 Evening Denmead W.I. – 3rd Wednesday Monthly  
(2<sup>nd</sup> Wed in December)

### Thursday

08.30-3.00 Denmead Pre-School – Term Time Only  
19.45-21.45 Badminton Club - Weekly

### Friday

08.30-15.00 Denmead Pre-School – Term Time Only

### Sunday

09.00-12.00 Archery Club – Weekly except the 1st Sunday of the month  
17.00-19.00 Denmead Karate Club – Weekly

## Further Details Available from:

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## Equestrian Sports at Denmead Evening W.I.

At the October meeting, Hilary Gilson gave an informative talk on Carriage Driving for the Disabled. Her group is based on a farm near Chichester and is run mainly by volunteers. She explained how the carriage was adapted for wheelchairs users and the special reins which enable control of the horses. She spoke of the sense of achievement and confidence gained by the participants even after only one session, a very worthwhile cause.



From horses to donkeys and a dozen members had an enjoyable visit to the Donkey Sanctuary on Hayling Island, especially enjoying watching the donkeys chase balls around the paddock.

We begin our festive celebrations at the start of December with a Christmas lunch at Barnards. Then comes the Bere Forest Group Carol Service on Wednesday 7th December at All Saints, Denmead at 2pm, organised by Denmead Afternoon W.I. At our meeting on December 14th (a week earlier than usual) we are looking forward to the return visit of the Solent Singers followed by mulled wine and mince pies.

**The members of the Institute would like to wish you all a Happy Christmas!**

For more information about the WI please contact us at [denmeadevepres@hampshirewi.org.uk](mailto:denmeadevepres@hampshirewi.org.uk)

## Denmead Horticultural Society - getting Juicy!

We held our Apple & Pumpkin Show on the Tuesday evening of half term week in October. It was good to see so many families bringing children to join in the craft, bulb planting and seed sowing activities.

We also had an apple crusher and press and processed loads of apples into lovely juice for everyone to taste and take home. There were fewer entries than usual in the Show classes and no giant pumpkins from the local farmers but still some impressive home grown pumpkins, marrows and apples and lovely entries in the floral and decorated pumpkin classes.

Our November meeting was the AGM, the business followed by cheese and wine and an opportunity for us to socialise with our members. Also in November we held our annual Craft Fair. It was a successful event and lovely to see so many good quality crafts and visitors browsing the stalls, meeting friends and staying for coffee and cake or lunch. On 6th December we have our Christmas party with a fish & chip supper, fun and games. Some of us will be visiting the evening Light Up event at the Hillier Gardens before Christmas. We don't meet in January so our talks start again in February.

**I would like to thank everyone who has supported us by visiting our shows over the year and all the members and visitors who come to our talks – gardening is alive and well in Denmead – A Happy Christmas to you all.**

*Liz Williams*

## Plenty going on at Denmead Bowling Club...

As winter draws in Denmead Bowling Club is still a hive of activity with daily short mat rollups, social events such as a successful race night last month, this month we have our Christmas draw and Christmas carols sing along.

Although we are a bowls club, we have a very social club with events going on all year round where a lot of our members who are not able to bowl remain as social members and enjoy the social aspect of the club.

**The members of Denmead Bowling Club would like to wish everyone a Very Merry Christmas!**



*We hold coffee mornings on the second Thursday of the month 10am for a get together and a chat all welcome.*

*Although we hold taster days, if they are not convenient taster sessions can be arranged with our coaches by contacting Mike Wright [mj.wright16@btinternet.com](mailto:mj.wright16@btinternet.com) who will have further details.*

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



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## Roving Reporter attends Afternoon W.I.'s Birthday

November was our Birthday Meeting where we welcomed members from the other five Institutes to join us. We were entertained by Alan Jones's amusing "Tales of a Roving Reporter". Deciding to become a journalist, Alan found there were two courses - Print or Broadcasting Journalism. He decided he wanted to do Broadcasting, wrote to the BBC in London, was interviewed and accepted a job offer.

His work included reading, writing and reporting on the News for Radio 4 and others. He settled in the New Forest when he married so moved to Radio Solent where he had a mobile studio complete with an aerial which extended up to 30ft in which Alan conducted 25,000 interviews.

His work often included unexpected and amusing incidents including being often confused by local residents for a TV Detector Van! One incident involved a visit to a Sports Centre where an organisation was holding a charity event. On arrival he discovered they were a national nudist group! Alan concluded his talk with a description (and demonstration!) of milking a cobra with Jack Corney, the curator at Sandown Zoo. We concluded our meeting with tea and a delicious Dundee cake made by

the ladies of Lily and Lime.

The competition for a Favourite Birthday Card was won by Joan Downing with Rosemary Simpson second. Rosemary Simpson won the Flower competition with Joan Downing second.

Instead of our monthly meeting in December we will be hosting the Group Carol Service at All Saints Church. This will be conducted by Revd. Canon David Lindsay and we look forward to sharing with other institutes.

In January we will be having our New Year Lunch at Barnards on January 11th. Our next monthly meeting will be on Wednesday 1st February when John Richards returns to talk about "Life in England of a Guernsey Refugee".

We invite all ladies to our meetings held on the first Wednesday of the month (unless otherwise stated) from 2 - 4pm in the Heath Room at All Saints Church. We are an informal group and you would be most welcome to visit us if a particular subject interests you.

If you are unable to attend an afternoon meeting the Evening Institute would welcome you at 7.30pm on the third Wednesday (except December when they meet on the second Wednesday.)

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**Support Package for Pupils**

HCC has set out a financial support package to help schools cover school meal costs and contribute towards school uniform for vulnerable families this winter. This comes as the County Council calls for adequate Government funding for school meals as the costs of ingredients, energy and staff wages increase. To avoid significant losses, the County Council school meal provider, HC3S, increased school meal prices by 20p per day from 31st Oct.

The increase will have an impact on parents who pay for school meals, as well as individual schools. While schools are funded by the Government to provide Universal Infant Free school meals for Key Stage 1 pupils (those in Reception and Years 1 and 2), this funding is no longer fit to cover the full associated costs. Schools also cover the costs of free meals for eligible older pupils from their wider funding and so the increase will place additional pressure in all areas. Consequently, HCC is now set to step in with a package of support to help schools bridge this funding gap over the winter, while continuing to encourage paying parents of older children to check their eligibility for free school meals. The

funding being made available will also be targeted to help parents struggling with school uniform costs. Families can check if they are entitled to free school meals on the HC3S website - <https://www.hants.gov.uk/educationandlearning/freeschoolmeals>

**Safe Driving**

With the colder season just around the corner and low sun, poor weather conditions and mechanical strain on vehicles, drivers are often advised by motoring organisations to get their vehicle checked. But, what about the driver?



HCC's Road Safety team's experienced assessors are on hand to provide some useful tips for winter driving. Mature drivers generally have fewer accidents than young drivers. However, as we grow older, gradual changes take place which mean our ability to deal safely with some situations diminishes. The 'Driver Skills Scheme' is a confidential skills appraisal for drivers aged over 60 years. Find out how it could help you or someone close to you:

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/transport/roadsafety/drivertraining/driverskills>

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### Coastal Path

Hampshire's new coastal path opened this summer. Routes from Calshot to Gosport and Gosport to Portsmouth are Hampshire's first completed sections. They will become part of the 2,795 mile England Coast Path. When completed it will be the longest coastal path in the world and a National trail.

You can find out which parts of the trail are open at <https://www.nationaltrail.co.uk> The trail will eventually link the Thames Estuary to Southampton.

### Tax-Free Childcare

Under this scheme the Government will give working parents up to £500 every three months to help with childcare costs for each child (or up to £1000 if a child is disabled). To claim you will need to set up an online childcare account and for every £8 you pay, the Government will

pay in an additional £2 towards payment for your qualifying childcare. If you have already registered, sign into your childcare account regularly to ensure you keep your details up to date.

Check your eligibility for Tax-Free Childcare and other help with childcare costs by using the childcare calculator. [www.gov.uk/childcare-calculator](http://www.gov.uk/childcare-calculator) For more information and to apply online, visit [www.childcarechoices.gov.uk](http://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk) or call 0300 123 4097

### Councillor Grants

Are you looking for funding for a community group project, if so, I may be able to help. I have a small budget to spend each year on funding projects in the community. Please note, grants cannot be given to individuals, used for revenue purposes or be paid retrospectively. Over the years I have funded community lunches and kitchens, football teams, girl guides, local church, several PTA projects,



lunch clubs, youth clubs, community centres, the Taste of Wickham Festival and many more! For details on how to apply visit - <https://www.hants.gov.uk/community/grants/grants-list/county-councillor>

And finally – I do hope you enjoy a good Christmas with family and/or friends. I offer you my best wishes for a happy Christmas and a successful new year.

## Winchester City Council - Your Place Your Plan

WCC is undergoing a change, with next month seeing the start of two new Directors together with several Assistant Directors. Responsibilities will be redirected in line with their new commitments, this in turn will mean that the holders of the various portfolios will also be re-aligned. Watch this space!

### Your Place Your Plan 2019-2039

The Cabinet in October decided not to amend several of the recommendations brought forward by the Scrutiny Committee so the draft plan has been undergoing public consultation for six weeks before the start of the next phase. It will be this document that will be judged as to whether it is a sound document in planning terms.

40% of Winchester District is situated in the South Downs National Park which is responsible for its own development, however the National Park works under a different set of rules to the metropolitan authority. Development is a low priority for it so the number of required buildings is generally built in the rest of the district.


The Denmead Parish Council has undertaken a Local Neighbour Plan so it is the responsibility of the PC to explore the way in which the village will develop. Any comments on the proposed New Local Plan should be submitted to WCC asap in order to be considered prior to publication of the final deposit plan where it will be examined by Planning Inspectors to ensure that it meets the strong conditions as the next Local Plan moving forward, before receiving the endorsement of the Secretary of State and become a Legal Planning Document.

On the first Saturday of each month we hold a local surgery in the Heath Room in All Saints Church Hall to listen to any concerns you may have regarding the services of the City Council between 10am to 12 noon. No appointments are required. Look forward to seeing you.

Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

Published on behalf of the Ward Councillors; Caroline Brook, Judy Clementson and Mike Read





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Next meeting will be on Tuesday 13th December at the Hampshire Hog, Clanfield, starting at 12.00 noon. This will be our special Christmas lunch for members and their guests, but why don't you make a new year resolution to come along in January? You are very welcome to come along for one or two meetings before you decide whether or not to join Probud. Our annual membership fee is £25 and the monthly two-course lunch [plus tea/coffee] is £19. Bar is available. Jackets and ties must be worn, with equivalent for women.

In addition to our regular lunch with Speaker meetings, we also try to arrange occasional day trips, eg a visit to Westminster Palace, a river cruise with afternoon tea or visit to a gin distillery, when family and friends are welcome. These trips are optional.

If you'd like to know more, or have any questions, contact our Secretary Peter Quine at [piater89@aol.com](mailto:piater89@aol.com) or telephone Patricia Stallard on 02392 251484 ([pgstallard@aol.com](mailto:pgstallard@aol.com))

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