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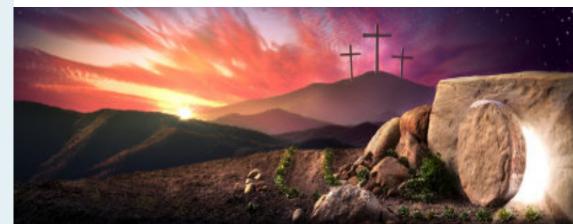
ear Friends,

Easter is fast approaching! I wonder if you noticed, but this year, as soon as Boxing Day closed all the local supermarkets had Easter eggs, chocolate treats and bunnies in stock! The commercial bandwagon was trundling forward persuading everyone that the only way to celebrate something is to spend vast amounts of money joining an everincreasing secular trend, which very few can actually afford.

As Christians, however, what we celebrate at Easter is far beyond monetary value and our celebrations take on a variety of emotions as we travel though Lent, Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and finally that glorious Easter day. However hard we try to understand the Easter story it's almost beyond our comprehension that Jesus, God the Son, should sacrifice himself to such a cruel death on the cross of Calvary so that we can come forgiven into the presence of God.

As we come before the cross on Good Friday with hindsight we know the resurrection is only three days away. Jesus' disciples, however, didn't have that insight to the future; at the crucifixion their world fell apart. For them Jesus was dead and all hope for the future was gone. Just imagine Mary's delight when she realized that the gardener she was talking to was actually the risen Lord Jesus. And the joy of the disciples when Jesus appeared to them over the next 40 days. They suddenly had a new perspective on life; from deep despair they now had hope. The promises Jesus had given them during his earthly ministry were now unfolding and their excitement was plain to see, although until Pentecost the fruits of that excitement would be tempered with their human limitations.

Easter is a special time to reflect on the love of God for His people but what is even more wonderful is that his love is personalized, his love is for you and that is something to really get excited about. After Jesus was crucified his



#### The Letter

disciples felt lost, without a purpose in life and so many people nowadays feel like that as well. Only through the resurrection power of Jesus did the disciples find hope for the future and that same resurrection power is available to us today. There are so many people who are living in fear and oppression without experiencing the love of another human being. Jesus brings hope into lives full of despair, he renews damaged relationships and he heals broken hearts and he usually does it through the love and obedience of people like you and me. Please remember this Easter those who are in desperate need of the love of lesus. Please pray that they will find his love and compassion in what ever situation they are in and that as we pray, God will reveal to us how we can help those who are suffering and in need.

future For the first time this year, All Saints we will be offering six interactive, all-age displays and relfections that will guide us through the Easter story during Holy Week and over the Easter weekend (14th-21st April). The church will be open 10am-4pm each day, plus three evening sessions. Please do come along and take some time to walk through the Easter story in a new and creative way. (For more information see advert on page 5.)

We will also offer our traditional Holy Week and Easter services – all these can be found listed on page 4. All are welcome to come and worship as we declare:

#### Alleluia - Christ is risen. He is risen indeed - Alleluia!

Wishing you every joy and blessing this Eastertide,

#### Emma

Revd. Emma Racklyeft – Vicar at All Saints, Denmead

#### From the Registers

#### **Baptisms**

Sunday 9th March Octavia Ellis-Langley Saturday 15th March Beau Harry Oliver

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 Chapel.



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#### **Services at All Saints**

#### Sunday 6th April – 5th Sunday of Lent

8.00am Holy Communion (said, traditional BCP Communion Service)

10.00am Holy Communion with Kids and Youth at Ten. 🌉 🚭

#### **HOLY WEEK**

#### Sunday 13th April – 6th Sunday of Lent – Palm Sunday

8.00am Holy Communion (said, traditional BCP Communion Service)

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

6.00pm Evensong

#### Monday 14th - Monday 21st April

Walkthrough Easter 10-4pm, plus Mon 14th, Tues 15th and Weds 16th 6-8pm – suitable for

all ages. Journey through Easter with interactive displays and reflections.

#### Thursday 17th April – Maundy Thursday

11 am Chrism Service at Portsmouth Cathedral. We join with friends from across the

Diocese. Bishop Jonathan will bless the holy oils and Clergy renew their

Ordination vows.

7.00pm Foot Washing and Communion Service. We remember the Last Supper Jesus

shared with His disciples and reflect on His command to love one another.

#### Friday 18th April – Good Friday

10am Walk of Witness. We gather at All Saints at 10am for a short walk of witness

around our village, ending outside All Saints in our Garden.

12noon Lent Lunch in our Church Hall. We will be holding a Lent Soup Lunch on

Good Friday from 12noon in the church hall which will include soup, bread and cheese followed by tea/coffee and a hot cross bun! Suggested donation of  $\pounds 5$  per lunch (or  $\pounds 10$  for a family) which will be given to Disasters Emergency

Committee Middle East Humanitarian Appeal

#### EASTER Sunday 20th April – Easter Sunday

5.30am Dawn Service at Denmead Village Green. We gather to welcome in the

greatest day in history and proclaim Alleluia – Christ is risen! We then return

to All Saints church hall for hot drinks, bacon butties and pastries.

8.00am Holy Communion (traditional BCP Communion Service) with singing.

10.00am Holy Communion with Kids and Youth at Ten. We rejoice, shout, sing, and

celebrate that Jesus is alive!

#### Sunday 27th April – 2nd Sunday of Easter

8.00am Holy Communion (said, traditional BCP Communion Service)

10.00am Morning Worship Iona. This week there won't be any groups for our children

and young people. After this service we gather for refreshments in our church

hall.





To mark the end of Lent, All Saints along with our Catholic friends, will be hosting a Lent Lunch in our Church Hall

Friday 18th April – Good Friday from 12 noon.

A simple lunch of bread, cheese and tasty homemade soup, with a hot cross bun will be served.

A donation of approximately £5 per person is suggested (or £10 per family) and the money will be donated to the Disasters Emergency Committee – Middle East Humanitarian Appeal



# Sacred Heart Catholic Church The Church of the Sacred Heart and St Peter the Apostle 356 London Road, Waterlooville, Hampshire PO7 7SR Parish Priest: Rev Mgr Canon Jeremy Garratt (023) 9226 2289 shspa@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk www.waterlooville-catholic.org.uk Mass Times Saturday Vigil Mass: 6.15pm Sunday Family Mass: 10.30am (including Children's Liturgy) Sunday Evening Folk Mass 6.30pm Please refer to Newsletter for weekday Mass times.



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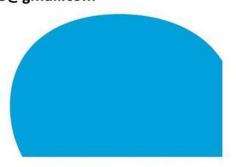
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#### Denmead Afternoon Women's Institute

We were pleased to welcome Philip MacDougall to our March meeting to talk about life in the Royal Dockyards. This was of local interest to many members who had members of their families working in Portsmouth Dockyard over many years Portsmouth was one of 8 dockyards stretching from South Wales to Scotland. Portsmouth was established by Henry 7th in it's present site because it is a safe harbour – not easy to enter because or the sandbanks. The majority of the wood came from Russia and Norway and was stored in the Mast Pond to keep it from drying out. When a new ship was built it had to remain in dry dock for 6 months to allow it's timbers to dry out The first iron-clad ship, The Dreadnaught was built in 1906 With no need for drying out the ships could be built much quicker...

The competition will be for a Book or Leaflet about Portsmouth was won by Rosemary Simpson with Joan Elliott second. The monthly flower competition was won by Angela MacNee with Rosemary Simpson second.

This month's meeting on Wednesday 2nd April will include a talk by David Bickerton on "The Pursuit and Sinking of the Bismark". The competition will be for a piece of Wartime Memorabilia.

We are continuing to have support for our £1 Sales Table which will help with the running costs of the Institute.

We invite all ladies to our meetings held on the first Wednesday of the month (unless otherwise stated) from 2pm to 4pm. Visitors are most welcome especially if a particular subject is of interest to you.

We usually meet in the Heath Room at All Saints Church which is central to the village and car parking is easy.

We are an informal group and you would be most welcome to visit us. If you are new to the village or recently retired and would like to make new friends the W I welcomes you.

Our talks cover a variety of subjects – some serious and others amusing – so all tastes are catered for.

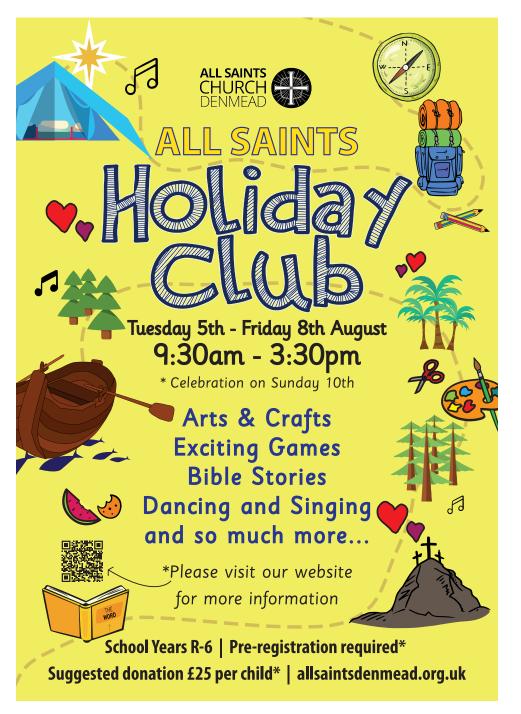
If you are unable to attend an afternoon meeting the Evening Institute would welcome you to their meetings at 7.30pm on the third Wednesday (except December when they meet on the second Wednesday.)

Joan Downing









#### **ALL SAINTS HOLIDAY CLUB 2025**

TUESDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> - FRIDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST | 9:30AM - 3:30PM & CELEBRATION SERVICE ON SUNDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST | 10-11AM

#### Pre-registration closes at midnight on the 20th of July

All Saints Holiday Club is a fun-filled, four-day summer adventure for Denmead primary school children. Young explorers will uncover who Jesus is through Bible stories, games, crafts, drama, music, and more—solving clues and puzzles along the way. It's an exciting journey of discovery, faith, and fun!

#### Who is it for?

All Saints Holiday Club is for children <u>currently</u> in primary school (reception to year 6) and will only be open to those residing in Denmead.

#### How much is it?

Due to our generous team of volunteers, we are able to keep costs down, we have a suggested donation of £25 per child for the week, although you are free to give whatever you can – all monies go towards future events. Payment information will be provided after your form has been processed.

#### How do I book?

To pre-register your child/ren please download a form from our website or pick up a physical copy available at the back of All Saints Church. The deadline is midnight on the 20<sup>th</sup> July. Please place all forms into the church green post box (round the back of the church, on the wall to your left as you face the double doors to the church hall), thank you.

#### Other information:

- Space is limited. Once your form has been processed you will be invited to confirm your booking and pay (where able) to keep your space.
- All children must be brought and collected by a responsible adult. Children who arrive unaccompanied will not be allowed in.

#### For more information, please visit our website:

allsaintsdenmead.org.uk/holidayclub if you would like to speak to someone regarding All Saints Holiday Club, please contact Lewis on 077 8098 1235 or email: <a href="mailto:holidayclub@allsaintsdenmead.org.uk">holidayclub@allsaintsdenmead.org.uk</a>



### **Remembering the Past**

# Denmead Church Flower Club are hosting a social afternoon to raise money for

#### The Rowans and Canine Partner

Wednesday 7th May, 2025

2.00pm - 4.00pm

#### All Saints Church Hall, Denmead

Join us for a fun 'War Time Themed' social afternoon with a quiz and a game. Be entertained by 'The Singers n Stringers' and enjoy a sing-along to some of the great songs that were popular during war time.

Tea/coffee and a slice of homemade cake included

#### **Members and Non-Members Welcome**

£10.00 (Non-refundable)

For further information, or to purchase tickets, please contact Helen on: <a href="mailto:fundraising@denmeadchurchflowerclub.co.uk">fundraising@denmeadchurchflowerclub.co.uk</a> or call: 07945
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#### **Denmead Walks**

This is an ideal walk to undertake in April which starts at Denmead Community Centre before heading through Harts Copse where are usually bluebells are in bloom at this time of year. It picks up a section of the Denmead Millennium Trail and continues through lanes that border the village finally passing Rookwood Cottage before heading back to the start, however the last section can be extended along Uplands Road that leads to Upper Crabbick Lane and the Fox & Hounds pub for any thirsty walkers!

#### **WALK DETAILS:**

Distance 6.1km/3.8 miles Duration 1h 35m Walk Grade EASY 2/5 Stiles 3

Leaving the main entrance of the community centre turn L onto School Lane before heading toward the Hambledon road. Bear R at the latter then after 150m cross the road into Harts Copse (it is necessary to walk around the RHS of the fencing) and continue along the main path through the woodland. Where there is a wide gap between two sections of woodland continue straight on and at the end of this second stretch go R downhill. This is now a section of the Denmead Millennium Trail on which soon emerge from the wooded area and walk the short distance on a narrow-enclosed footpath to join Wayfarers Walk adjacent to a gate on your LHS.



Flowering bluebells in Harts Copse

**I.1km/0.7mile** Turn R onto Wayfarers Walk toward the village but keep an eye out on the LHS for a stile. On reaching this point, climb the bank, go over the stile and remain near the fence on the LHS when crossing the field that forms part of Pyles Farm. If spring loaded barriers are in position across the path simply unhook each in turn, go through and replace them. Be warned, it is advisable to take a firm grip on the handles of the springs when doing this.

**2.4km/1.5miles** Turn R just before the fence bordering Kidmore Lane continuing alongside the hedge soon emerging onto the lane through a gate. Bear R on the lane and then pick up a FP on the LHS. If the ground seems very wet continue along the lane before turning L into Tanners Lane, however in drier conditions go over the stile and follow the FP diagonally to the R across the field and finally cross another stile onto the latter east end of Tanners Lane.

Both routes continue to the end of Tanners Lane and here bear L up White Horse Lane. Pass a couple of dwellings including Little Denmead Farm while walking steadily uphill to Sawyers Hill junction.

3.2km/5.1km Turn L on reaching the Sawyers Hill junction and then remain on the lane that starts to go downhill at Mayswell crossroad, however it ascends after passing the RH turning further on which is part of Harrowgate Lane.



**4.9km/2.8miles** At the top of the hill on reaching Rookwood Cottage, go L heading back toward Denmead. Take care crossing the busy main road but while walking along the short section further on be aware there is no pavement.

**5.1km/3.2miles** On reaching Uplands Road go R and if returning directly to the community centre, bear L further on down Thompsons Lane then L again into School Lane. Show you wish to slightly extend the route and possibly visit a local hostelry continue along Uplands as far as Upper Crabbick Lane. Here turn L - the Fox & Hounds pub can be found at the end of this road.

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# 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

#### **Church Hall regular bookings**

#### **Mondays**

11.30-12.30 Breathe Again (weekly) 15.00-20.30 Slimming World (weekly)

#### **Tuesdays**

09.30-10.30 Pilates (weekly, term time only)
10.45-11.45 Fit 4 U (weekly term time only)
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

09.30-10.30 Fit2Dance (weekly, term time only)
11.00-13.00 – Dementia Support group (monthly, 2nd Wednesday)
14.00-16.00 Flower Club (monthly, 3rd Wednesday)
14.00-16.00 Bereavement Support Group (monthly, 4th Wednesday)
17.45-19.15 Ist Brownies (weekly, term time only)

#### Thursdays

09.15-10.15 Mrs G's Pilates (weekly)
16.15-17.15 Ist 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

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Further Details from Church Office 023 9226 8757

#### **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

14.00-16.00 Afternoon W.I. (monthly, 1st Wednesday)

#### Saturdays

10.00-12.00 Local Government Surgery (monthly, 1st Saturday)

Further Details from Church Office 023 9226 8757

#### **Denmead War Memorial Hall Bookings**

#### **Mondays**

08.30-15.00 Denmead Pre-School – Term Time Only

#### **Tuesdays**

08.30-15.00 Denmead Pre-School – Term Time Only 19.00-21.00 Archery Club - Weekly

#### Wednesday

08.30-15.00 Denmead Pre-School - Term Time Only

19.30-21.30 Denmead W.I. Belles – 1st Wednesday of the Month

19.30-21.30 Horticultural Floral Workshop – 2nd Wednesday Monthly

19.30-21.30 Evening Denmead W.I. – 3rd Wednesday Monthly

19.00 – 21.00 Relaxing Soundbath – 4th Wednesday Monthly

#### Thursday

08.30-15.00 Denmead Pre-School – Term Time Only

19.45-21.45 Badminton Club - Weekly

#### Friday

08.30-15.00 Denmead Pre-School – Term Time Only

Further Details from Mrs SThomas 07534 024388

#### **Denmead Community Centre (The Old School)**

#### **Regular Events**

#### Mondays

09.30 -10.30 Better Body Club

11.00 - 12.00 Yoga with Allison

10.00 - 12.00 Watercolours for Improvers

14.30 - 16.30 U3A Board games - fortnightly

19.00 - 21.00 Evening Table Tennis

- Contact details:

Sylvia 02392 439037 email: john.morphett I 24@gmail.com

19.00 - 22.00 Denmead Bridge Club

#### **Tuesdays**

09:00 - 10:00 Better Body Club - Pilates Intermediate

09.00 - 11.00 Denmead Unsung Gardeners (DUG)

Contact the Centre for more Infomation.

09.30 - 12.30 Upholstery Class

09.15 - 10.15 TADAA (Musical Theatre Tots for 2-4 year olds)

10.15 - 11.15 Pilates - Beginners/Rehab

10.30 - 12.30 Denmead Writers

14.00 - 15.30 Afternoon Social Club (Monthly 2nd Tuesday)

14:00 - 15:30 Chapters Reading Group (3rd Tuesday of the month)

14.00 - 16.00 Art History 2 (Monthly, 1st Tuesday of the month)

14.30 - 16.30 Table Tennis - contact annandmalcom.davies@virgin.net

17.00 - 18.00 Create - Children's Art Classes

18.00 - 19.00 Pilates Class

19.00 - 18.00 Alcoholics Anonymous - Anmore Room - AA 24 hour local helpline - 02392 580776

19.00 - 21.00 Denmead WI - monthly

19.45 - 21.45 Denmead Brass Band Rehearsal

19.30 - 22.00 Downland Singers

Visit our Website www.downlandsingers.hampshire.org.uk/index.htm

#### Wednesdays

09.45 - 11.45 Jiggy Wrigglers - baby music & movement

10.00 - 12.00 Denmead Art Group (Fortnightly)

10.00 - 12.00 Wednesday Table Tennis - contact annandmalcolm.davies@virgin.net

13.30 - 14.30 Shiyong Tai Chi

16.00 - 18.00 TADAA (Musical Theatre for 4 – 13 year olds)

19.00 - 21.00 Breakaway Stitchers and Quilters

19.00 - 21.00 LD Art Group

18.30 - 20.45 Yoga with Allison

#### Village Diary

#### Thursdays

09.30 - 10.30 Fit 2 Tone

09.30 - 11.30 Table Tennis - contact annandmalcolm.davies@virgin.net

12.00 - 13.30 Lunch Club for over 70's

14.00 - 16.00 U3A Table Tennis (2nd & 4th Thursday)

19.00 - 21.00 Thursday 19.00 - 21.00 Evening Table Tennis

New contact details: Pam – email: pam.mt.mcgovern@gmail.com

#### **Fridays**

09.15 - 10.15 \*New Class\* Vinyasa Yoga for Beginners and Improvers

09.30 - 10.30 Pilates

09.30 - 12.00 Art Class

09.30 - 12.30 The Messy Hand Crafters (Every 6 weeks. See DCC website for dates)

18.30 - 20.30 Farlington Dog Club (Denmead)

14.00 - 16.00 U3A Table Tennis (Beginners) Monthly 3rd Friday

11.15 - 12.00 Little Kickers (18 mths – 3.5 years)

#### 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

08.00 - 09.00 A.P.T Combat Conditioning - Boxercise

09.00 - 12.30 Denmead Brass Band

18.00 - 20.00 Kyoto Dojo

18.30-19.30 Relaxing with Sound - First week of each month. Email fernandforestcoaching@outlook.com

19.30 - 22.00 Board Gaming - monthly

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

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#### The Denmead Belles WI Get Organised

At our monthly meeting in March we were joined by Marsha from The Secret Organiser who spoke on the topic of Organising and Decluttering.

Marsha introduced herself and went on to cover the psychology behind organising and decluttering, particular problem areas and gave us some helpful tips. The talk was followed by a lively Q&A session.

In the second half of the meeting, representatives from The Rosemary Foundation (our chosen charity for 2025) introduced themselves and the charity; "Hospice at Home" based out of Petersfield. Financial support for the charity is sourced entirely by fund raising events and from legacies. Over £800,000 a year is needed to keep the charity running and we'll be planning various events during the year in order to make a contribution.

On 2nd April, we will be joined by Malcolm Wells MBE, who will tell light-hearted stories of his life and things that could have gone better!

Our ethos is Fun, Friendship, Learning and Laughter.

Ladies are invited to join us for our monthly meeting on the first Wednesday of the month (except for August) at 7:30pm in the Denmead War Memorial Hall. Visitors are welcome to attend for £4 per session fee before deciding if they want to join. Each month we have an interesting speaker or activity, catering for a variety of tastes. Hot drinks and cake are provided for a charity donation and there's a raffle.

We also run a number of subgroups (including book club, walking group, craft club, supper party and house party) and organise ad-hoc trips based on members interests.



For more information contact denmeadwibelles@gmail.com



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#### Hanging Around at the Evening W.I.

At the February meeting of the Evening W.I. Karen Hewitt demonstrated how to make a wall hanging using a CD as a base, recycled cotton fabric soaked in Powertex and embellishments. Once hardened it could be decorated using acrylic paints. The finished result was beautiful and the Craft Group are looking forward to making one at their first session.

Eleven ladies enjoyed a curry at Kassia and the next Meet and Eat will be at the White Hart. The Garden Group also have a visit booked to the Blendworth Garden Centre.



The meeting on April 16th will be a talk by Analiza Jones on "The Making of Handwoven Bags from the Philippines". Later in the month several members will also be attending the Bere Forest Group meeting at Purbrook.



If you're looking for friendship, fun and to learn new skills, the W.I. would love to meet you. You can attend up to three meetings free before joining. Meetings are held on the third Wednesday of each month at Denmead Memorial Hall at 7.30pm.

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#### **HCC Schools Update**

#### Holiday Activities & Food [HAF] Programme

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Hampshire County Council's HAF Programme supports around 8,000 children during Easter, summer and Christmas school holidays. I 5% of funded places on the programme are also available for other vulnerable children and young people. Parents can register for places at Family Information and Services Hub: https://fish.hants.gov.uk/kb5/hampshire/directory/advice.page?
id=XRITDNF8hhM, applications for Easter opened in March.

For more information about HAF and other support available, visit the <a href="mailto:connect4communities">connect4communities</a> web pages - <a href="https://www.hants.gov.uk/">https://www.hants.gov.uk/</a> socialcareandhealth/childrenandfamilies/connectforcommunities



#### Places for children with SEND

HCC is set to create 166 new places for children with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) in 13 schools over the next two school years. The plans form part of the Council's ongoing response to growing demand for specialist educational provision and aim to ensure that children with SEND can access high-quality education within their local community.

Among the latest schools/colleges to join the SEND expansion programme is Crookhorn College with provision for 15 pupils with Autism Spectrum Conditions, opening in phases from September 2025.

#### First Preference Secondary School

More than 97% of parents in Hampshire (13,903) have been offered a place for their child at one of their three preferences for September 2025. Of those who applied for a Year 7 place by the deadline, 90.8% have been offered a place at their first preference.

The Council received 14,230 on-time applications this year – a decrease of 357 applications compared with September 2024 (14,587). The Admissions Team is busy processing primary school applications with offers due to go out on 16th April 2025.

#### Devolution and Local Government Reorganisation

In December 2024, the Government announced a significant reform programme for local government.

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#### **HCC** Information

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#### Devolution

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#### Local Government Reorganisation

Ending the two-tier county and district council system by forming new unitary local authorities with populations of at least 500,000.

To find out more, see https://www.hants.gov.uk/aboutthecouncil/ governmentinhampshire/devolution

#### Plans for Havant Railway Footbridge Replacement

Plans to replace a 78-year-old footbridge in Havant have taken a step forward following approval by the Council to progress design work. The current footbridge requires structural support to enable its continued use. The replacement will be twice as wide and feature gentler ramps for better access, including for cyclists, people using wheelchairs, mobility scooters, prams or strollers.

The Council has approved £0.5 million to progress this work and to appoint a specialist contractor to develop the final design and detailed technical plans, before a planning application is submitted and the necessary consents secured from Network Rail.

The Council has committed a total of £8.7 million for the bridge replacement. Havant Borough Council has also committed £2.8 million from its Community Infrastructure Levy Fund. Subject to receiving consents, work could begin at the end of 2026.

Please note, I continue to hold a Councillor Surgery on the first Saturday of every month in The Heath Room, All Saints Church, 10am – 12 noon. No appointment necessary.

Patricia Stallard.

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https://allthatsinteresting.com/truk-lagoon

The following month, Tuesday 13th May, Malcolm Nelson will talk on The demise of the Australian Aborigine and asks – why is the aborigine held in such little regard?

The meal, Speaker and room costs total £23 [price may increase following the AGM in February]. Please note, the meal must be ordered one week in advance, so if you would like to come along to find out more about Probus, or want to join the Club, please contact our Membership Secretary, Linda Marland, email - probus@lindamarland.com

Dress: Men - Jackets and ties, women - equivalent.

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; visit to a gin distillery, a behind the scenes theatre visit, when family and friends are welcome. These trips are optional.

The Waterlooville Probus Club meet on the second Tuesday of every month at the Hampshire Hog, Clanfield [plenty of free car parking space].

There is a two-course meal, followed by tealcoffee and a Speaker. Arrive 12 noon for 12.30 pm sit down lunch.

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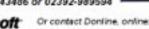




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