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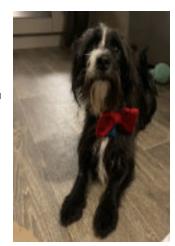
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ear Friends,

As I sit writing the letter for this issue of the parish chronicle, we have had a record-breaking sunshine for March, and April has also started to look promising; here's hoping the sun is still shining for May!

Wilf and I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a belated Happy Easter. (Okay I admit it, it's a shameless opportunity to include Wilf in this edition, he's been feeling a little sorry for himself, as he had an operation which meant he had to wear the cone of shame, a tight body suit and be kept on a lead, even in the garden! But rest assured he is back to his energetic self and looks forward to saying hello to you all now he's back out walking in the community.)



Have you any Easter eggs still waiting to be unwrapped or a hot cross bun still lurking in the back of the cupboard? Don't panic, as in the Anglican church Easter doesn't finish on Easter Sunday, but rather Easter Sunday marks the end of Holy Week, the end of Lent, and starts the beginning of the Easter season of the church year. The Easter season, lasts for 50 days, ending in the celebration of Pentecost which this year is on Sunday 8th June (more information on Pentecost in our June edition)



Thy Kingdom Come (TKC) is a global ecumenical prayer movement that invites Christians around the world to pray for more people to come to know Jesus. What started in 2016 as an invitation from the Archbishops of Canterbury and York to the Church of England has grown into an international and ecumenical call to prayer. Since it began, God has grown TKC from a dream of possibility into a movement which unites more than a million Christians in prayer, in nearly 90% of countries

worldwide, across 85 different denominations and traditions – so that friends and family, neighbours and colleagues might come to faith in Jesus Christ. Thy Kingdom Come runs from Thursday 29th May until Sunday 8th June. Resources can be found on the Diocese website if you wish to join in, including an app to download which includes a reflection for every day.



The Letter

To mark the 10th anniversary of Thy Kingdom Come, Portsmouth Diocese is encouraging us to walk around our deaneries, praying every hour, on the hour as well as praying as we walk. You can join in for as much or as little of the walk as you wish.

Denmead is part of the Havant Deanery, and our prayer walk will be on Wednesday 4th June: it will begin at 9am at St Peter's Church on Hayling Island, and finish at All Saints, Catherington at 5pm. In the evening, we gather at All Saints, Denmead for an Evening Prayer Celebration at 7pm. Full details of the walk and evening celebration will be available on our website - please do join us if you can!

As part of Thy Kingdom Come this year there is a focus on The Lord's Prayer. For people of a certain age it will be a familiar prayer, recited at the end of school assemblies, others may know it in the more modern version using the words sin instead of trespasses, but if its new to you do take a few moments to read the words. The Lord's Prayer is the prayer that lesus taught his disciples, when they asked him how they should pray. This final



line is a reminder that God's Kingdom, power, and glory remain steadfast. Hardships will come and go, but God's unfailing love remains the same yesterday, today, and always.

Each year Thy Kingdom Come also urges us to pray for 5 people – that each person will encounter Jesus in their life. During TKC you might like to join us for Morning Prayer (each weekday at 8.30am in church) we'll be using TKC prayers that enable us to cry out, 'Thy Kingdom Come'.



Can I encourage you to also take part in Christian Aid week, running from the May 11th to 17th, 2025. Christian Aid is a charity working in partnership with people, churches and local organisations committed to ending poverty worldwide. The week is a time for churches and

individuals to come together to raise awareness and funds for Christian Aid's work, particularly in areas like poverty eradication, climate change, and social justice.

On Sunday 18th May All Saints will be hosting a Christian Aid Café to fundraise for Christian Aid in the Church Hall from I am to Ipm (after the morning service). Please come along and support this worthy cause. Christian Aid envelopes will be available in the church nearer the time which can be handed in on the café morning whilst you enjoy a lovely cup of coffee or tea and a slice of homemade cake!

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With every blessing,

Revd. Buffv x

Revd. Buffy Langdown, Curate at All Saints, Denmead

Services at All Saints

Sunday 4th May – 3rd Sunday of Easter

Holy Communion (said, traditional BCP Communion 8.00am

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





8.00am Holy Communion (Said, traditional BCP Communion

Service)

10.00am All Together Service – all ages gather to worship, learn,

and grow together.

11.30 am All Saints Church will hold its AGM (Annual General

Meeting) and APCM (Annual Parochial Church Meeting) in church, followed by a Picnic. Everyone is welcome to this meeting, and it is hoped that you will come and contribute to the life of All Saints or just learn more about what goes on and stay for lunch and

chat afterwards.

6.00pm Evensong

Sunday 18th May – 5th Sunday of Easter

8.00am Holy Communion (Said, traditional BCP Communion

10.00am Holy Communion with Kids and Youth at Ten.

Sunday 25th May – 6th Sunday of Easter

8.00am Holy Communion (Said, traditional BCP Communion

Service)

10.00am Morning Worship. There will be no Holy Communion

at this Service.

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

Private Praver -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.



From the Registers

Baptisms

6th April - Charlotte Morris

Funerals

14th April – the Late Susan Grey

Cremation at the Oaks Crematorium

28th April – the Late Brenda Wright

Funeral at All Saints Denmead followed by Cremation at Portchester

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News from Ghana

St Pauls Anglican Private School

In April 2001 on my first visit to St Pauls at Tafo, Ghana, I was told that the church wanted to build an Anglican KG/Primary School in the belief that the children who attended would remain Anglicans all their lives! Over time we have visited almost every year and introduced 'Messy Church' on a Saturday afternoon. This has grown tremendously and now attracts about 50 children (ages 2-12 years)

Fast forward to September 2024.....Their dream and vision of a school was finally realised and St Pauls Anglican Private school (creche) opened its doors to children from babies up to the age of 4.





We visited in October 2024 and 13 children had enrolled (see church noticeboard for photos). During our visit 2 ladies from the Ghana Health Service appeared and announced they had come to vaccinate all the children – no mention of parental consent – although the school had been forewarned.

By Jan 27th this year (2025) their numbers had increased to 21.

The school had no equipment last summer but with generous donations by members of All Saints church and several readers of the chronicle, they were able to equip the building with:

- a table, 20 chairs, a television with English speaking software
- baby sleeping cots and a sleeping mat for older infants
- toilet equipment and storage shelves plus a few toys.



THANK YOU

With 21 children they are now breaking even with fees and when at full capacity (40 children)- they will make a profit and be

able to buy more equipment, books and stationery and employ another teacher.

They now have a school uniform which parents purchase and the children all seem happy and proud to be at St Pauls Anglican creche. Photos of some of the children are displayed on the Mission notice board just inside All Saints Church.

Angela Herring





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Evening W.I. gets Crafty with Chocolate

In March, the Evening W.I. welcomed back the Crafty Chocolatier, Kerry Wheatly, who spoke of the many benefits of eating dark chocolate with a high cocoa content. She demonstrated how to temper chocolate as she made peppermint flavoured chocolate buttons to sample. She had brought along a wide range of stock which members were eager to buy!

A Theatre Group has been formed with members already enjoying several plays at Titchfield Festival Theatre. This month the Garden Group has a visit planned to Terwick House, a National Garden Scheme near Rogate.

The meeting on 21st May will be the AGM with most of the current committee due to stay for another year. The shortlisted campaign resolution, Bystanders Can Be Life Savers, will be discussed and voted on and will then go forward for final voting at the National W.I. Annual Meeting in June. Members will also receive their new programme of speakers for the year.



The W.I. is all about friendship, fun and forward thinking and any ladies who would like to join us on the third Wednesday of each month at Denmead Memorial Hall at 7.30pm, would receive a warm welcome.

For more information, contact denmeadevepres@hampshirewi.org.uk





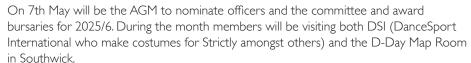




W.I. Belles - So Far So Good!

At April's meeting, the W.I. Belles were joined by Malcolm Wells MBE who gave a fascinating and light-hearted insight into his life entitled "So Far, So Good"! After many years as a cellist and bandsman in the Royal Artillery, Malcolm trained to be an army paramedic and was posted to the front line in Iraq. Then back on civvy street, Malcolm was head of fundraising for Canine Partners and supported many good causes over the years, being awarded the MBE for his services to charity in 1998.

Members also enjoyed a Bring & Buy sale on behalf of The Rosemary Foundation (the 2025 chosen charity) and a quiz on Guess the Household Gadgets.



Ladies are invited to join the monthly meeting on the first Wednesday of the month at 7:30pm in the War Memorial Hall. Visitors are welcome to attend for £4 before deciding if they want to join. Each month there is an interesting speaker or activity, catering for a variety of tastes. Hot drinks and cake are provided for a charity donation and there's also a raffle. The group ethos is Fun, Friendship, Learning and Laughter. There are also a number of sub-groups (including book club, walking group, craft club, supper party and house party) which organise ad-hoc trips based on interests.

For more information contact denmeadwibelles@gmail.com or find them on Facebook.

All Saints Church APCM and Picnic

All Saints Church will hold its AGM (Annual General Meeting) and APCM (Annual Parochial Church Meeting) on Sunday 11th May at 11.30am in church, followed by a Picnic.

Everyone is welcome to this meeting, and it is hoped that you will come and contribute to the life of All Saints or just learn more about what goes on and stay for lunch and chat afterwards.



The 2024 Annual Report is available from the following link or if you prefer a hard copy to take home please ask for one at the Church Office.

https://allsaintsdenmead.org.uk/1055/AGM-APCM-Annual-Report

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Afternoon W.I. Swells in Number

The Afternoon W.I. was pleased to welcome again David Bickerton to its April meeting to talk about the Pursuit and Sinking of The Bismark - the major World War 2 event. In May 1941 Britain thought the German Fleet might break out into the Atlantic. On 20th May, The Bismark and supporting ships were spotted by a Swedish cruiser. Two days later British fears were confirmed when HMS Hood was attacked and sunk by the German Fleet on May 24th with the loss of all but three of the crew. The British Fleet continued in their pursuit and The Bismark was hit by guns from HMS Rodney and sank. Survivors were rescued by HMS Devonshire and the destroyer HMS Maori.

The competition for a piece of wartime memorabilia was won by Joan Downing and the monthly flower competition won by Angela MacNee, with Sue Packham second.

The meeting on 7th May, to be held in The Heath Room, will be the AGM when the committee will be elected for the coming year and will end with a cream tea which, weather permitting, will be enjoyed on the terrace.

From June, meetings will be held in the Main Hall of All Saints Church as the Heath Room is becoming too small due to increasing numbers.

The £1 Sales Table continues to be popular which helps with running costs enabling interesting, often expensive, speakers. Members also continue to enjoy the monthly lunch date at Barnards, usually on the second Tuesday.

Ladies are invited to meetings on the first Wednesday of the month from 2 - 4pm at All Saints Church which is central to the village with easy car parking. Visitors are most welcome especially if a particular subject is of interest or to see if we're your "cup of tea", it's an informal group – not "Jam and Jerusalem"! If you're new to the village or recently retired and would like to make new friends the W.I. would welcome you. Talks cover a variety of subjects – some serious and others amusing – so all tastes are catered for.

If you're unable to attend an afternoon meeting the Evening Institute would welcome you to their meetings at 7.30pm on the third Wednesday.

Joan Downing



The next Repair Café will be on **Saturday 17th May 2025 in Hambledon Church, 10am - 12 noon**

Bring your broken or faulty items along. Coffee and cake available!

Check our Facebook page for forthcoming dates:

Denmead & Hambledon Repair Cafe

Denmead Church Flower Club

Mottisfont



https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/visit/hampshire/mottisfont

Wednesday 18th June 2025

This year's outing is to the National Trust property of Mottisfont featuring a charming house and gallery, riverside gardens, a walled rose garden, and a drawing-room painted by Rex Whistler.

Even if you have visited before, it will be a wonderful day. Let the coach take the strain and enjoy the early summer rose garden at its peak beauty.

Bring your own picnic or enjoy a National Trust lunch or cake in one of the cafes.

Leaving Denmead, outside the Health Centre at 9am and, traffic permitting, return for approximately 17.30pm

The cost is £38 for non-NT members and £16 for NT members.

NT members MUST present their membership cards for entry.

The cost of the coach is non refundable after 1st June 2025.

Folding wheelchairs and small mobility scooters can be accommodated on the coach and are permitted in the Gardens.

Book early to avoid disappointment

Further details from Jeannie on 07802 316976 outing@denmeadchurchflowerclub.co.uk

Bikers never grow old

It can never be said that the All Saints Men's Group lacks variety! At the March meeting, mis-spent youths were re-lived by resorting to two wheels, with Don Tocher and Mike Gaskin relating their faith to their enthusiasm for motorcycles.

Don was brought up with motorbikes and has returned to the sport after raising his family. He explained that riding motorbikes helps him to feel the joy and freedom of God's world, having undertaken riding pilgrimages to such places as Santiago de Compostela. He is also a member of the "59 Club" founded by a vicar – Revd. Bill Shergold in 1959, a member of the biker fraternity at the Ace Café. He also shared a nostalgic video of Princess Margaret and Cliff Richard at the club.



Mike recalled the days before Health & Safety when he was one of a family of seven on the motorcycle and sidecar of his father. He introduced us to Revd. Cornford, another enthusiastic biking vicar. Mike then explained his involvement with two significant charities "Mental Health Bikers" and "Blood Bikers". The latter carry blood supplies at high speed to hospitals to meet medical emergencies — an exciting opportunity to ride at high speed past other traffic to save lives.

New Men's Group members are always welcome and a programme for 2025 can be found in the carousel inside church or contact John Byrne on Byrne.jv@gmail.com



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Denmead Walks

This is an easy walk from the Harvest Home probably best undertaken in dry weather as sections of Creech Woods can become very muddy during the winter months. There is a very short route available, but both take in part of the village greenways before heading through the east area of Creech Wood, however the longer option ventures into the western section of the woodland.

From the front of the Harvest Home pub cross the Southwick Road onto Roman Green going through the gap in the fencing before bearing R. Keeping the houses on the RHS walk along the path in an anticlockwise direction around the green before turning R in front of the hedge that borders the nature reserve.

Continue along the greenway soon crossing one of the roads leading into the estate - enter Creech View opposite. Further on go to the L across a short bridge then turn immediately R as you enter Home Mead. Two further roads are eventually crossed as you proceed along the greenways. On reaching the junction between Home Mead and Forest Mead bear R and head slightly uphill to Forest Road.

0.9km/0.56mile Cross the road at the island then proceed along the path opposite, firstly passing Denmead Grange Care Home followed by three buildings each of which are industrial units. Turn L onto the path which is to the R of the third building and head into Creech Wood.

I.3km/0.9mile On entering the woods turn R but soon come to a junction of paths where there is a field on the RHS. Turn L and then R at the next junction. Continue along the path looking out for signs of the WW2 camp — this includes the base of the bake house on the LHS and further on the site of the latrines on the opposite side of the path.

WALK DETAILS:

Distance: 5.8km/3.6 miles Time: 1h 30m Walk Grade: 2/5

Shorter option:
Distance 2.4km/1.5miles
Time: 40mins
Walk Grade: 1/5

Site of WW2 camp latrines

2.2km/I.4miles At the end of the path bear L with the car park ahead. Those wishing to take the shorter route bear R around the WWV2 information board, go R again onto a footpath (FP) nearer the main road and then continue downhill back to the pub.

If undertaking the full route, walk through the car park before bearing L on the far side. A short distance along the path turn R at the next junction. Remain on this wide track through the woods for its entire length. After approximately 0.7km/0.4mile a crossways of paths is reached where a wide track goes to the R at the start of which is a gantry with a height warning of 5.2m on it.



3km/1.9miles Go straight ahead along a cleared area with a distinct path in the

middle and after 160m/174yards bear R on a path into the woodland; keep the boundary of the wood on your LHS and continue as far as the main road. On this section remember to fork L where there is a division of paths at any point.

3.7km/2.3miles Eventually come to Bunkers Hill, the road that links Denmead with Southwick, but take great care crossing this busy road. Continue along the FP opposite that goes slightly to the R leading steadily uphill soon passing a large dwelling with extensive grounds on the RHS.

4.6km/2.8miles At the junction with the main path through the woods, turn R and stay on the path until it almost reaches the main road again. Here take the L fork as the path divides, then after a short distance come to a gate at the edge of the road.

5km/3.1 miles Once again take care crossing the road before heading along the path and after 120m/131yards turn L into the car park. After walking through the latter bear L at the World War 2 information board and further on turn R down a narrow path which leads to the main road. Here turn R, continue downhill to the roundabout and the Harvest Home pub is on the other side.



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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, 2 nd Wednesday) |
| 14.00-16.00 | Afternoon WI (Monthly – 1st Wednesday) |
| 14.00-16.00 | 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) |
|-------------|---|
| 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 Caf | fé – 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

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

Friday

08.30-15.00 Denmead Pre-School – Term Time Only

Further Details from Mrs S Thomas 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 l 24@gmail.com

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

18.00 - 19.00 Vinyasa Yoga

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)

18.30 - 20.45 Yoga with Allison

19.00 - 21.00 Breakaway Stitchers and Quilters

19.00 - 21.00 LD Art Group

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)

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

13.30 - 14.30 * New * Wonder Tots (0-4 years)

14.00 - 16.00 U3A Table Tennis (Beginners) 1st & 3rd Friday of the month

18.30 - 20.30 Farlington Dog Club (Denmead)

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 above please contact

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DVA Talks A.I.

The Village Association's open evening on 21st March was well-attended and featured an engaging presentation by Don Tocher on the evolving world of A.I. & essential practices for staying safe while using technology. The event underscored the importance of vigilance when interacting with devices.

Attendees enjoyed the regular raffle, refreshments and socialising. During his opening remarks, the Chair reminded everyone about the newly released 'Denmeadian', the Association's newsletter, available on the DVA website and Facebook page and also highlighted upcoming events and outings.

A notable announcement was the unveiling of the George Cross, awarded to Charles Tandy-Green for his bravery in preventing an assassination attempt in 1934,

scheduled for Thursday 8th May at 16:00 at the War Memorial, all are welcome to attend.

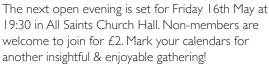
The Association is pleased to share that Martin Clay has settled into his role as

Secretary, efficiently managing daily operations and communications.

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Denmead Church Flower Club

Members of the Denmead Church Flower Club not only enjoy monthly meetings where they observe highly skilled Flower Artists arranging exquisite floral displays, but they also actively engage in fundraising for local charities.

Over the past 19 years, an impressive £56,000 has been donated through various activities, including coffee mornings, plant sales, open gardens, and other events.

The year 2024 was no different, with £2,000 raised from various initiatives such as a special Christmas demonstration, coffee morning, bingo afternoon,



book sales, and a successful Christmas wreath-making workshop.

Each year, the Club selects two charities to support, usually local organizations. The Rowans Hospice is consistently one of the chosen beneficiaries, while members propose other deserving causes. In 2024, Enable Ability, based in Portsmouth, was selected for its dedication to helping disabled children and adults reach their full potential and live fulfilling lives.

At our recent meetings, we were pleased to donate $\pounds I$,000 each to these charities.

"We are incredibly grateful to Denmead Church Flower Club for their generous support and to Carole for putting us forward for consideration. With our services costing over £1.4 million each year, every contribution makes a huge difference. Thank you so much for supporting Enable Ability!" — Hollie Sherred

Several fund-raising activities are planned for 2025, beginning with a VE Day Celebration Social Afternoon on 7th May. The event will feature a quiz, singalong, with tea and homemade cakes, and will take place at 2pm in All Saints Church Hall. Everyone is welcome to participate. The goal for 2025 is to surpass the donations made in 2024 to The Rowans Hospice and the 2025 chosen charity, Canine Partners.

Contact <u>fundraising@denmeadchurchflowerclub.</u> <u>co.uk</u> or call 07945 532766 for more details





Flower Club member Carole Goldsmith making the presention to Hollie Sherred and Richard Soutar of Enable Ability at our March meeting

Sanctuary Guild Chairman, Sarah Shepherd made a presentation showing the cumulative total of 19 years of donations to the Rowans Hospice in February. Wills and future planning from the comfort of your own home

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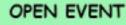
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The Chairman's Welcome

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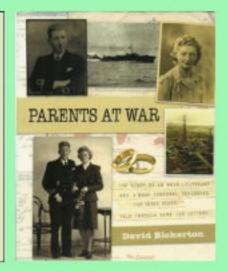
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David will take questions after his talk.



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This Fun Day is a collaboration between Greening Denmead and All Saints and there are many activities and stalls planned, along with food vendors, beer stall and a cake sale!



A reconditioned laptop from Jamie's Computers is first prize for the best recycled construction brought in. Displays to include a tractor, bats, beekeeping, and artists will be on hand helping you be your creative best. Please bring old fabric to be recycled into bunting. Stalls include energy advisors, candles, honey, with much more being added daily!



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HCC Tackles Cost of Living

Local Government Re-organisation (LGR)

Interim proposals towards major changes in the way local government is structured and operates in the future have been agreed by Hampshire County Council. Outline plans for LGR have been submitted to central Government on behalf of all 15 councils in the Hampshire and Solent area. This initial plan forms part of wider Government ambitions to replace the current two-tier structure of local government that operates nationally, with a smaller number of unitary (all-purpose) councils. To read the reports see

https://democracy.hants.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx? Cld=197&Mld=13199&Ver=4

Also, see video https://www.facebook.com/search/top?g=hampshire%20county%20council

Over £12.5 million in Cost of Living Support

Households facing financial difficulties will continue to receive significant support for the next 12 months as the Council has secured a new allocation of £12,556,062.75 to sustain its Household Support Fund (HSF) programme.

The HSF is a national programme, created to provide relief to those struggling to afford essential items such as food and warm bedding, as well as recurring household bills. Previous rounds of funding have enabled HCC to work with charities, education providers and community groups as well as district and borough councils to provide much-needed relief to families and individuals.

Youth Wellbeing Programme

More than 20,000 young people from Hampshire, the Isle of Wight, Portsmouth and Southampton have shared their views on issues that matter to them - from vaping and relationships to discrimination and loneliness - as part of a pioneering youth-centred wellbeing programme.

The #BeeWell programme seeks to improve young people's wellbeing based on their feedback. It's working with HCC, Southampton City Council, Isle of Wight Council, and Portsmouth City Council to run annual surveys with young people and to drive community action in response to the findings.

Use the QR codes below to access the Web Links





HCC Information

The second and latest survey was undertaken in autumn 2024 and completed by 20,348 Year 9 & 10 students across 89 schools, including 10 special schools. This represents 47% in these year groups across Hampshire, the Isle of Wight, Portsmouth and Southampton.





Places for children with SEND

HCC is set to create 166 new places for children with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities 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 communities.

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

Preventing Falls

Falling isn't inevitable as we age and simple lifestyle changes can help to keep feet firmly on the ground:

- Stay active every day and do strength and balance exercises
- Make your home safer by removing trip hazards
- Wear well-fitting, non-slip shoes to stay steady on your feet

Visit the HCC Live Longer Better Hampshire website for more top tips and advice from Public Health - Hampshire County Council

- https://www.facebook.com/publichealthhampshire
- to help you stay steady, strong and more independent: https://www.hants. gov.uk/socialcareandhealth/publichealth/livelongerbetter/staysteady





And finally...



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.

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On 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?

At the following meeting, on TUESDAY 10th June 2025, lan Worley will talk about Racing to win in the Southern Ocean.

This was an all-out race for 9 months. Sailing at breakneck speed in some of the most inhospitable waters on earth. There were serious accidents, man overboard, lightning strikes and damage to gear and sails AND all had to be overcome whilst fighting to maintain speed and position in the race. Bring your sea sick pills for a "gentle" trip around the Southern Ocean!

Please note, because the Hampshire Hog will be undergoing a full refurbishment, meetings for June and July 2025 are likely to be held at The Chairmakers pub, Denmead.

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

More information about Probus Waterlooville is shown on our website at https://probusclub.net/waterlooville/

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 tea/coffee and a Speaker. Arrive 12 noon for 12.30 pm sit down lunch.

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.

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