

Dear Friends,

Let me begin by wishing you all a very Happy Easter!

Easter is incredible – celebrated for nearly 2,000 years, but why...what is it all about?

For Christians Easter is more than Easter bunnies, new born lambs, daffodils and chocolate eggs! Easter is a time to celebrate and give thanks to God for his love, new life and freedom.

On Good Friday, Christians remember the death of Jesus; we are grateful and thankful that Jesus died for each of us because of his great love.

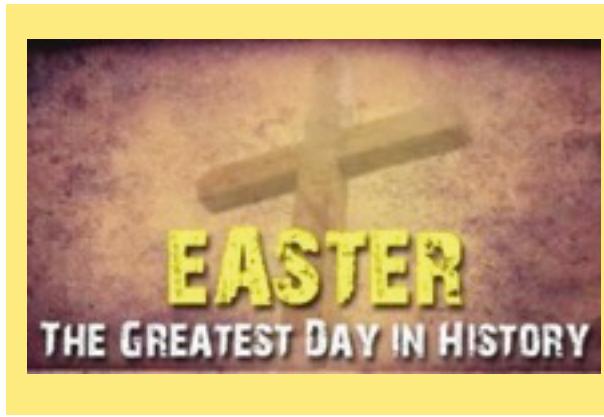
However, Easter Sunday celebrates and rejoices that Jesus did not stay dead. Three days after Jesus was

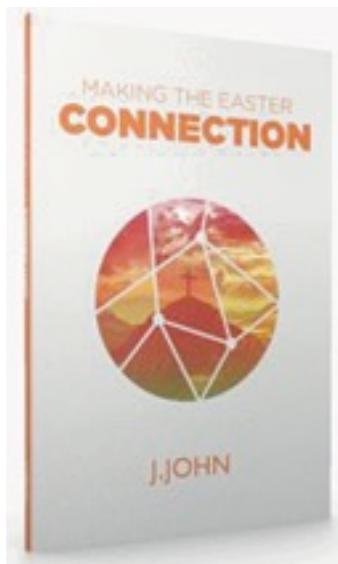
hung on a cross, he rose again, and in doing so defeated death, evil, sin, guilt and shame. Jesus' resurrection broke all barriers and initiated a new era in which anyone who believes and trusts in Him, can find new life...a transformed life, that begins in the here and now and lasts for eternity. Easter Sunday was, and

is, the greatest day in history. And Easter opens an invitation to each of us; an invitation to get to know God, to become connected to God in a lifelong journey and adventure.

And so, this Easter Sunday, Christians will celebrate, rejoice and sing for Jesus is alive – alleluia! We will share a few chocolate eggs undoubtedly, and in our churches, we will use gold and white, symbolic colours that represent the hope, light and joy that Jesus Christ is risen, as we mark the greatest day in history.

If you would like to find out more about Easter and what it





means to be connected to God, sat at the back of church are some booklets 'Making the Easter Connection' written by J.John.

You are most welcome to come and pick one up (no charge) and read it through at home. And we would love for you to join with us at All Saints, to join our services and community. We are a family of all ages, who are journeying together; exploring what it means to be connected to God and to follow after Him. We would love to welcome you.

Wishing you every joy and blessing in Christ this Easter;

Revd Emma

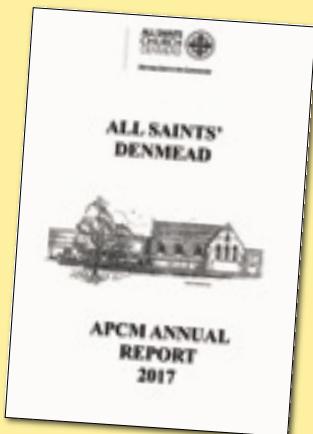
All Saints Church AGM and Lunch

All Saints Church will hold its AGM (Annual General Meeting) and APCM (Annual Parochial Church Meeting) on Sunday 15th April at 11.15am in church, followed by a bring and share lunch.

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 2017 Annual Report is available to read now by following the link on the church website: www.allsaintsdenmead.org.uk

If you prefer a hard copy please ask for one at the Church Office.



All Saints Church Services

Sunday 1st April, Easter Day

- 6.15am Dawn Service on the Village Green
- 8.00am Holy Communion
- 9.30am Parish Communion
- 6.00pm NO SERVICE

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

Sunday 8th April, 2nd Sunday of Easter

- 8.00am Holy Communion
- 9.30am Family Praise
- 11.30am Private Baptism
- 6.00pm Evensong

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

Sunday 15th April, 3rd Sunday of Easter

- 8.00am Holy Communion
- 9.30am Parish Communion
- 11.30am Church AGM/ APCM followed by bring and share lunch
- 6.00pm Informal Service – Praying for Growth

**Please be aware that
we are no longer
running the Thursday
morning Communion
Service.**

Saturday 21st April

- 1.00pm Wedding
- 3.30pm Messy Church

**This decision will be
reviewed in due
course.**

Sunday 22nd April, 4th Sunday of Easter

- 8.00am Holy Communion
- 9.30am All Age Communion
- 6.00pm Evensong

Sunday 29th April, 5th Sunday of Easter

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

Home Visiting

If you are lonely, sick or housebound or would just like someone to visit you we have a confidential visiting team and one of our members would willingly come, visit and spend time listening to you.

Please phone us on 9226 8757. If the answerphone is on leave a message and we will phone you back.

Next Messy Church – Saturday 21st April at 3.30

For all families with children.

The whole family is welcome to Messy Church,
grandparents and carers included.

Join us in this fun-filled afternoon of craft, singing
and eating together.

We meet in the Church Hall from 3.30pm – 5.30pm.

Further information at www.all saintsdenmead.org.uk/messy-church
or from Revd. Emma Racklyeft 023 9226 2647
or Revd. Sandie Osborne 023 9236 2591



All Saints Men's Group – Forthcoming Events

Tuesday 10 April, 7.30pm – Bible Focus Parables 3

– The Two Debtors, Luke 7:36-50

Thursday 19 April, 7.30pm – Pub Supper

Details from John Byrne – email: byrne.jv@gmail.com

From the Registers

Baptisms

Sunday 25th February

Poppy Fisher

Sunday 11th March

Harry Perrett

Arthur Perrett

Weddings

Saturday 3rd March

Rebecca Ringe and Mark Nother

Funerals

Tuesday 27th February

Elspeth 'Betty' Etherington

Tuesday 6th March 2018

Roy Golding

Thursday 8th March 2018

Constance Efthiniou

Thursday 15th March 2018

Geoff White

Thursday 22nd March 2018

Cynthia Jenkins

Why do you go?....

In this occasional feature we are asking for a few thoughts about the various services at All Saints, from some of the people who attend them.

This month we spoke to Mrs Di Dey about the 8 o'clock Communion Service...



I usually attend the 8am Communion Service at All Saints. It is a traditional service but without hymns, which means it lasts about 40 minutes, on average. Usually we have about 20 people attending, in a warm and friendly atmosphere.

I began to go to that one many years ago, when I was working full-time, because it got me up early on a Sunday morning, was a lovely way to start the day and then left me with plenty of time for marking and lesson preparation for my teaching job.

Since I retired, I have continued to go to the 8 o'clock service because its quiet, contemplative style appeals to me. Also, there is something very special, particularly in the warmer weather, about walking to and from church early in the tranquillity of a Sunday morning. This helps to establish a contemplative frame of mind which is then enhanced by the service in our beautiful church.

Bereavement Support

There is a monthly 'Tea and Friendship' afternoon for anyone recently bereaved. This is an informal time when people can meet others, have tea and make friends.

We meet on the 4th Wednesday of each month between 2-4pm in the church hall.
For more information please phone All Saints Church office 9226 8757 or Merill Partridge 9226 6159.

Denmead Baptist Church

Denmead Baptist Church is a small, friendly fellowship which has worshipped in the village since 1717 and has been at 'The Cornerstone' since 2014.



Our weekly Sunday services start at 10.30am, they are informal and incorporate a worship band, children's activities and bible based teaching for the adults and young people. We also enjoy many social activities together.



Programme for April 2018

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|----|-------------------|-----------|
| 01 | Alpha Video | |
| 08 | Rev. Chris Bowers | Communion |
| 15 | David Denham | |
| 22 | Jose de Silva | Communion |
| 29 | David Denham | |

Noah's Ark

Parent and Toddler
Group on Wednesdays,
10-11.30am
£1 adult, 50p per child

For further information, please go to:

Website: www.denmeadbaptistchurch.org.uk

Email: admin@denmeadbaptistchurch.org.uk for room bookings/enquiries

'The Cornerstone', 22 Mead End Road, Denmead, Waterlooville PO7 6PZ

We look forward to welcoming you to our church.

Denmead Church Flower Club

PLANT SALE

Saturday 28th April 2018

11 - 12.00

Quality plants at bargain prices!

All Saints Church Hall,
Denmead

Admission 50p

(all proceeds in aid of Denmead Church Flower Club charities)



secretary@denmeadchurchflowerclub.co.uk

Sacred Heart Catholic Church

Mass Times

Saturday Mass Vigil: 6.15 pm

Sunday Masses

10.30 am Children's Liturgy

6.30 pm Folk Mass

Please refer to Newsletter for
weekday Mass times.



The Church of the Sacred Heart

and St Peter the Apostle

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Hampshire PO7 7SR

Parish Priest: Rev Mgr Canon Jeremy Garratt

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shspa@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

www.waterlooville-catholic.org.uk



Denmead Flower Arranging Workshop

This month the workshop learnt how to make a fun item. These handbags where created by one of our members Christine Teuten.

Next month the workshop meets on April 11 at 7:30 in the Memorial Hall. Visitors are welcome to come and learn how to make a classic design, a Hogarth curve. Contact Maureen on 9226 2342 For more information.

National Care Home Open Day

Saturday 21st April 12pm - 2pm



Green Meadows,
Green Lane
Denmead,
Waterlooville
Hants
PO7 6LW
023 9225 5328

Come and join us at Green Meadows to look around and meet all our friendly staff and residents.

Enjoy our beautiful and hopefully sunny garden for a Teddy Bear Picnic, play some games and take part in our scavenger hunt.

We Care • We Encourage • We Believe in quality of life



All food and drink provided

RSVP Louisa or Janice 023 9225 5328

email: Louisa.Shelley@hants.gov.uk or Janice.Johnson@hants.gov.uk

Home Start Meon Valley

– Volunteers Needed

Do you have 2-3 hours per week to spare?

Would you like to make a real difference to the life of a family experiencing difficulty?

Home-Start Meon Valley is looking for new volunteers. Our next volunteer preparation course will commence on 25th April 2018 and run over eight consecutive weekly sessions.

Once trained our volunteers will be matched with families who have been referred to us for support - for a diverse range of problems including isolation, physical and mental illness, multiple births, drug and alcohol problems, poverty, domestic violence, redundancy, unemployment, homelessness, family breakdown.

Could you help? Could you spare a couple of hours a week to help a family with young children who is finding life tough? Normally our volunteers are parents themselves so they understand how difficult family life can be. As well as being sympathetic to the struggle our volunteers are also able to bring moments of great joy to a family's life. Could you help parents and children take time to play together; jump in muddy puddles; sing nursery rhymes; fly a kite; laugh together?

For a stressed parent their Home-Start Volunteer is a life-line; an oasis of calm in a hectic or difficult life. For a child living with a stressed or depressed parent having a bright, jolly person visiting them regularly, doing interesting things with them and making them feel special — it has to have a positive impact on their life.

If you're feeling inspired to give this voluntary work a try do get in touch to find out more. We'd love to hear from you.

Tel: 01329 835936 email: organiser@homestart-meonvalley.org.uk

The next Preparation Course begins:

Wednesday 25th April 2018 (1 day per week on a Wednesday for 8 weeks) at Wickham Centre, Wickham, P017 SAL



What's on This Month, and Where

Village Diary

Venue Abbreviations:

ASC = All Saints' Church

CH = Church Hall; HR = Heath Room; UR = Upper Room;
Contact Church Office 9226 8757

MH = Memorial Hall

Contact Mrs S Thomas 9235 5993

DCC = Denmead Community Centre

Contact Mr R Bainbridge MBE, 9225 6132

PC = Denmead Parish Council Contact Tony Daniells, 9224 7947

SHQ = Scout Headquarters

BC = Baptist Church (Cornerstone, Mead End Road)

D = Daily

W = Weekly

F = Fortnightly

M = Monthly

Events occurring Daily and Weekly

are only mentioned once

- i.e. in the first week of the month.

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

Sun 1 EASTER DAY CTD Dawn Service on the Village Green			6.15am	
followed by breakfast in the Church Hall				
ASC	Easter Parish Communion	9.30am		
DCC	Junior Brass Band	9.15-10.15am	W	
	Denmead Brass Band	10.30-12.30am	W	
Mon 2	CH	Zumba Fitness Class	9.30-10.30am	W
		Breathe Again	11.30-12.30pm	W
		Slimming World	5.30 & 7.30pm	W
	MH	Archery	9.00am	W
		At the Forest Of Bere Denmead Knit & Bitch	7.00-9.00pm	F
	All abilities are welcome			
Tue 3	CH	Pilates	9.30-10.30am	W
		Positive Strokes	2.00-3.30pm	W
		Denmead Horticultural Society -	7.30pm	M
		-Talk on Bhutan, kingdom of rare plants by Rosemary Legrand.		
	HR	Coffee Tea & Chat for all (and Thursdays)	9.30-11.30am	2xW
	MH	Archery	7.00pm	W
	DCC	Upholstery	9.30-12.30pm	W
		U3A Art History	2.00-4.00pm	M
		Tuesday Pilates Class	5.30-7.30pm	W

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		Allsorts Dog Behaviour & Care	6.00-8.00pm	W
		Downland Singers	7.45-10.15pm	W
		Denmead Brass	8.00-10.00pm	W
Wed 4	BC	Noah's Ark Parent & Toddler Group -at The Cornerstones, Mead End Rd	10.00-11.30am	W
		Denmead Afternoon WI	2.00pm	M
	MH	Denmead WI Belles	7.30pm	M
		Table Tennis	10.00-Noon	W
	DCC	Pilates	10.30-11.30am	W
		Denmead Art Group	10.00-Noon	F
		Creative Quilters	10.00-Noon	F
		Tai Chi	1.30-2.30pm	W
	Parish Council	Patchwork Pals	2.00-6.00pm	W
		Yoga	6.00-7.30pm	W
		Breakaway Quilters	7.00-10.00pm	W
		Kettle Fit	7.00-9.00pm	W
		Parish Council – Main Council	7.30pm	
	At the Forest Of Bere Denmead Knit & Bitch		10.00-Noon	W
	All abilities are welcome			
Thu 5	CH	ABC Pilates (Advanced Class)	10.00-11.00	W
		Coffee Tea & Chat for all (& Tuesdays)	9.30-11.30am	2xW
	MH	Karate	6.30pm	W
		Badminton	7.45pm	W
		Table Tennis	9.00-11.00am	W
Fri 6	DCC	Citizens' Advice Bureau	9.30-11.30am	W
		Senior Citizens' Luncheon Club	12.30-1.30pm	W
		Kettle Fit	7.00-8.00pm	W
		Chair Exercises	2.00pm	W
		U3A Art Class	9.30-Noon	W
Sat 7	CH	Creative Craft	10.00-1.00pm	W
		Kettle Fit	7.00-8.00pm	W
		Rose Dog Club	7.30-8.30pm	W
	MH	Denmead Horticultural Society SPRING SHOW		
		District Advice	10.00-Noon	M

		ABS Fitness Class	10.30am	W
	DCC	Table Tennis	10.00-Noon	W
Sun 8	CH	Private Party	12.30-3.30pm	
	MH	Karate	5.00pm	
Mon 9	HR	Denmead Village Association	7.30-9.30pm	
	DCC	Yoga	11.45-1.15	W
		Kettle Fit	7.00-8.00	
		Table Tennis	7.00-9.00pm	W
		Bridge Club	7.00-10.00pm	W
		At the Forest of Bere - The Royal British Legion Meeting	8.00pm	M
		- Hambledon & District Branch		
Tue 10	CH	Gold Star Dancing	8.00-9.00pm	W
	DCC	Southern Heart Support Group	10.00-Noon	M
		Afternoon Social Club	2.00-3.00pm	M
		Denmead Evening WI Craft Evening	7.00-9.00pm	M
		At the Chairmakers - Worlds End Probus Club	12.00-3.00pm	M
		- Monthly lunch and talk by guest speaker		
Wed 11	CH	South Hants Koi Club	7.30pm	M
	MH	Floral Workshop	7.30pm	M
	DCC	Parish Council - Amenities	7.30pm	
Thu 12	DCC	U3A Table Tennis	2.00-4.00pm	F
Sat 14	CH	Private Party	12.00-3.00pm	
Sun 15 ASC	ASC	All Saints AGM & Annual Parochial Church Meeting	11.15am	
		followed by bring & share lunch – all welcome		
Mon 16	DCC	Old Schoolhouse Pre-School	9.00-3.00pm	D
		* Friday*	9.00-Noon	
		Pilates	11.00-Noon	W
	SHQ	Busy Bees Pre School	9.00-3.00pm	D
		Fri	9.00-Noon	
		Merlin Cub Pack	6.30-8.00pm	W
Tue 17	CH	3 rd Denmead Brownies	5.45pm	W
	HR	Guides Mentoring	7.00-9.00pm	M
	MH	Denmead Pre School	9.00-3.00pm	D
		*Wednesday *	9.00-12.30pm	
	DCC	The Old Schoolhouse Creative Play	9.30-11.00am	W

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		- fun for the under fives		
		Denmead Reading Circle	2.15-4.15pm	M
		Chapter Reading Group	2.30-4.00pm	M
	SHQ	Falcon Explorers	7.00-9.00pm	W
Wed 18	CH	Bumps, Babies & Beyond	9.30-10.30am	W
		2 nd Denmead Rainbows	4.15pm	W
		1 st Denmead Brownies	5.45pm	W
		Flower Club	2.00pm	M
	HR	Rookwood View Residents	10.45-12.15pm	
	MH	Denmead Evening WI	7.30pm	M
	DCC	Parish Council – Planning	7.30pm	
	SHQ	Concorde Cubs	6.30-8.00pm	W
Thu 19	CH	1 st Denmead Rainbows	4.15pm	W
		2 nd Denmead Brownies	5.30pm	W
	CH&HR	Guides & Rangers	7.00pm	W
	DCC	Southern Arts Academy	4.15-8.30pm	W
	SHQ	Bere Forest Beavers	5.15-6.15pm	W
		Creech Wood Beavers	6.30-7.30pm	W
Fri 20	CH	Friends of the Fox AGM	6.30pm	
	SHQ	Vulcan Scouts	7.00-9.00pm	W
Sat 21	CH	MESSY CHURCH	3.30-5.30pm	M
	DCC	Southern Arts Academy	9.30-12.15am	W
Mon 23	MH	TS Alacrity	7.00pm	W
Wed 25	CH	Bereavement Group	2.00-4.00pm	M
	DCC	Parish Council- Finance & Admin.	7.30pm	
Fri 27	CH	Blood Donation session	11.30am-8.30pm	
Sat 28	CH	Denmead Twinning Association	7.30pm	
	DCC	THE BIG QUIZ Contact Trish Bailey (patricia.bailey333@gmail.com)		
		Film Night		
		'THE MOUNTAIN BETWEEN US'	7.30pm	
Sun 29	CH	Private Party	1.30-3.30pm	

Film Night

The Mountain Between Us – 28th April

Stranded after a tragic plane crash, two strangers (Kate Winslet and Idris Elba) must forge a connection to survive the extreme elements of a remote snow-covered mountain. When they realize help is not coming, they embark on a perilous journey across hundreds of miles of wilderness, pushing one another to endure and discovering strength they never knew possible.

To reserve your tickets call 92 256132.

If you would like to receive our electronic newsletter detailing the events and activities held at the Community Centre, just visit our website www.denmeadca.com and click “join the email list”.

Denmead Conservative Branch

The Annual General Meeting was held on Friday 23rd February at the Denmead Community Centre at 7.30p.m.

The new officers are Cllr Caroline Brook as Chairman, Mrs. Valerie Brown as Secretary and Mrs Amanda Kennedy as Treasurer.

Our MP George Hollingbery gave us a talk on his work with the Prime Minister.

Please contact the new Secretary Mrs. Valerie Brown, Shrover Hall, Anmore Lane, Lovedean telephone 0790 206621 e mail Vbrown4191@yahoo.co.uk for more details.

Probus Club

Waterlooville Probus Club provides a meeting place for retired or semi-retired, professional or business, ladies and gentlemen. We meet on the second Tuesday of each month at 'The Chairmakers', Worlds End, Hambledon, PO7 4QX.

The next meeting will be held on the 10th of April from 12.00 noon to 3.00 pm. We meet for a drink and a chat with fellow members, and after a 3-course lunch, our guest speaker, Dawn Perrier, will give a presentation entitled 'Mary Rose'.

If you would like further information on the Probus Club, please contact our Secretary, Peter Quine, on 079 2662 0530 or by e-mail to peterpia1989@outlook.com.

Denmead Evening Women's Institute

Our SPRING FAIR was a great success, thank you to everyone who supported the event, we look forward to seeing you at our Autumn Fair, on Saturday 10th November.

So with spring on our doorstep we were delighted to welcome Ben Cross from the British Alstroemeria & UK Cut Flower Industry to our March meeting. His talk was fascinating, we learnt that the twisted leaves and fantastic brightly coloured flowers of the alstroemeria symbolise friendship, making it the perfect flower to give to your best friends. The flowers are an excellent choice for cutting as they have a very long vase life. Some of us purchased the plants and are looking forward to our gardens being a riot of colour this summer.

Dates for our next meetings:

- 18th April 2018 - The Whitchurch Silk Mill
- 16th May 2018 - Annual General Meeting & Resolution Discussion

Our exciting new 2018/2019 programme is to be released following the AGM.

The DEWI monthly Meet & Eat events are a great way to get together with

friends and try out local eateries. In March we met up at the Fox & Hounds and we're looking forward to our visit to Barnard's in April.

Over the coming months we will be attending the Bere Forest Group quiz, skittles and darts competitions, hoping to get through to the next round.

Any ladies who would like to join us at any of our events to see what the WI is all about would receive a very warm welcome. Guests can attend up to 3 meetings free of charge prior to joining. Our regular meetings are on the third Wednesday of each month at 7.30pm at Denmead Memorial Hall (second Wednesday in December). If you are unable to attend in the evening then Denmead Afternoon Institute would welcome you to their meetings at 2.00pm on the first Wednesday of the month at the Memorial Hall. More information is available on www.hampshirewi.org.uk

We look forward to welcoming you to our WI, note your first 3 evenings there is no charge.

If you would like more information please call Linda Whelan – 02392 178817

Denmead Afternoon Women's Institute

At our March meeting we welcomed the daughter of a member who was visiting from Pagham.

Our President then introduced our speaker John Pitman to talk about "Village Life in the 1940s and 1950s"

John was born in 1942 and brought up in Headbourne Worthy near Winchester. He, his parents and two older brothers lived in a three bedroom cottage where his father worked for a farmer on a large estate. His description of life without running water and mains drainage brought back memories to many members. John's amusing tales of his childhood kept us engrossed and we could have listened all day.

The monthly competition for a Book on Hampshire was won by Terry Walmsley with Joan Elliott second. Angela MacNee won the flower competition with Joan Spooner second.

We continue our monthly lunch dates at various locations in the area.

Future events include the County Darts competition, County Quiz and the County Skittles. The skittles competition consists of playing matches against four other institutes.

Our Summer Outing in August will be to the Bombay Sapphire Distillery. We are hoping the weather will be fine for us this

year so that we can enjoy the beautiful surroundings and wildlife.

We will have a stall at the Horticultural Society Summer Village Show in August where we hope to meet old friends and make new acquaintances. It will be a busy day for us as we will be taking part in the group round of the skittles tournament that evening.

This month's meeting will include a talk by Terri Robinson on "The History of English Canals and Canal Painting Demonstration". The monthly competition will be for a photo of a canal or canal boat.

We invite all ladies to our meetings held on the first Wednesday of the month from 2 to 4pm in the Memorial Hall, Hambleton Road. We have talks and demonstrations on a wide range of subjects so there is something to suit all tastes and interests. If you have recently moved to the village or retired the WI is the ideal way to make new friends or renew old friendships.

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 met on the second Wednesday)

Joan Downing (9226 5458)



Lesley Rose, Advice Services Manager at Citizens Advice Winchester District offers advice on how to tackle damp issues with a private landlord.

Q *I live in a privately rented two-bedroom house and the damp in the living room is aggravating my three-year-old daughter's asthma. I've told my landlord but she's not taking action. What can I do?*

A Resolving damp issues can be difficult - especially as the cause of the problem is not always obvious. Also, by raising any disrepair complaint to a private landlord it's important to realise that there is a risk of retaliatory eviction.

First, make sure you're not doing anything that could be contributing to the damp, such as drying clothes indoors or blocking vents. Once that's done, you have two potential routes available.

The first is to report the problem to the Environmental Health department at your local authority. This route is best if you're unsure what's causing the damp, but it's also an option if you think your landlord is responsible.



Winchester
District

For more information contact Winchester District Citizens Advice Bureau, at our Bishops Waltham office, (Well House, 2 Brook Street, Bishop's Waltham, SO32 1AX, 01489 896376) or Denmead Outreach at Denmead Community Centre, School Lane, Denmead, Thursdays from 9.30-11.30am. Alternatively, call the Adviseline on 03444 111306

Citizens Advice Winchester District is an independent charity offering free, high quality advice to everyone in our community. Citizens Advice www.citizensadvice.org.uk

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

Tell your council the damp is causing your daughter's asthma to worsen and provide evidence, including letters from your GP, photos of the damp, and a copy of your tenancy agreement.

The local authority can issue an awareness notice, which tells your landlord there's a hazard in the home and what she needs to do to fix it, although it does not require her to take action. The authority can also serve the more serious improvement notice, which requires your landlord to carry out the work and also offers you some protection from retaliatory eviction.

Alternatively, you could take her to court. Your landlord may be held responsible for repairing the damp but this will depend on



the cause - such as a broken heater or window - and the terms of your tenancy agreement.

If she is responsible, the court can grant an injunction and possibly award compensation. Seek advice from us before going down this route because the legal process can be complex. You may also be entitled to legal aid.

You can find further information on repairs in rented housing by choosing the housing section on our public website www.citizensadvice.org.uk

**Denmead Rowans Support Group present
Jigsaw, Games and Craft Sale
Green Collecting Box Opening**

May 5th – All Saints Church Hall – 10am

Come and enjoy coffee and cake and witness the Opening of the green collecting boxes. There will be craft stalls and a big sale of jigsaws and games.

To book a craft sales table – or for donations of cakes games and jigsaws please contact Trish on 07947611699 or patricia.bailey333@gmail.com

Poppy Factory and Richmond Park – April 30th

On Monday 30th April a Tour of the Poppy Factory is being organised by the Denmead Rowan's Support Group. Cost: £25. Contact Janet Read to book your place on 07425 172211 Read.janet.h@gmail.com

(You may have seen an advert for a trip on May 1st. We are pleased to say that is sold out so we have arranged another one.)



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Waterlooville, Hampshire, PO7 5RU
t: 023 9225 0001
w: www.rowanshospice.co.uk
Registered Charity no. 299731

For more information about the Rowans support group please call (07947) 611699

Denmead Horticultural Society

'Weeds – Can We Ever Win?' was the subject of Alick Jones talk in March. We have all heard the definition that a weed is a plant growing in the wrong place and many can be appreciated as beautiful or useful. The problem comes when they compete with the plants that we want to grow and their many strategies for survival make them difficult to control. Ground elder is attractive and the leaves can be eaten as spinach but like bindweed, docks, brambles and celandines it is their persistent roots that cause the problem – they can re-grow from the tiniest fragment and roots have been found growing 30ft down in a chalk pit.

Other weeds spread rapidly by seed. Bittercress can complete two or three cycles of growth from seed to flowering plant in a year producing up to 1200 seeds per plant distributed by explosive pods. Thistle, dandelion and rosebay willowherb seed is dispersed by the wind. Burdock and herb bennet seeds have hooks which attach to fur or clothing and were the inspiration for Velcro. Birds distribute the seeds of berries such as mistletoe, elder and

rowan in their droppings and we transport seeds in the mud on our boots. Poppy seeds can survive in the soil for 80 years and are stimulated into growth by exposure to light as happened in the Flanders fields leading them to become our symbol of remembrance.

Some plants which defend themselves with toxins such as in the stinging hairs of nettles, giant hogweed sap which causes painful blisters and the attractive red berries of wild arum are all undesirable in the garden. Removing weeds before they set seed and using groundcover plants or mulches to shade them out can help. The popularity of wild flower seed mixes has made some weeds fashionable and yellow rattle which reduces the vigour of grasses is now planted to reduce mowing. Alick was an informative and entertaining speaker and his talk ended with pictures of attractive wild flowers that could be safely welcomed into the garden.

By contrast Rosemary Legrand's talk on 3rd April titled 'Bhutan, Kingdom of Rare Plants' will introduce us to more exotic plants and scenery. As a former nursery owner and



currently a lecturer and tour guide she is well qualified to show us what this part of the world has to offer. Visitors (£2) and new members welcome, 7.30pm in the Church Hall.

Our Spring Show is on Saturday 7th April in the Church Hall, open from 1pm. We are looking forward to the displays of spring flowers, vegetables, crafts and baking so do come along to enjoy it and stop for tea and cake. If you would like to enter something in the show pick up a schedule from Parkers, entry forms have to be in by Wednesday 4th.

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SPRING SHOW

and **Plant Sale**

Saturday 7th April



to be held in

ALL SAINTS CHURCH HALL

Hambledon Road, Denmead

Opening 1pm - Admission 50p

Children under 14 – free

Schedules in Parkers - see what you could enter

Hampshire County Council

Helping Hampshire's Local Charities

Across Hampshire there are over 6000 registered charities and many more local groups who offer vital community support to residents across our County - but where do these groups go when they need help? A new resource has been established - the Hampshire Council for Voluntary Service Network is an alliance of 10 local organisations who work together to provide development services and the specialist skills needed for local groups to grow and meet the challenges facing their local communities.

In a recent survey of their members, over 50% reported an increase in demand for their help from Hampshire residents. Similarly, many charities also report that it is becoming harder to find people who are able to volunteer their time and talents to help. In response, the Hampshire CVS Network has launched a new website that is designed to help local charities and community groups connect with network partners to provide clear and easy access to the skills and resources they need. The site provides access to information on Hampshire's volunteering development services, information on training available across the county and a toolbox of resources for groups and charities that covers everything from transparent and effective governance to raising vital funds to carry out their work. To find out more visit <https://www.hampshirecvs.org.uk/>

Preferred Choice Secondary School

Of the parents applying for a September 2018, Year 7 place at a Hampshire secondary school, 98 per cent have been offered a school of their choice - with more children (over 92 per cent) being allocated a place at their preferred first choice school. The County Council received 13,981 on-time applications this year, up by 428 from last year.

Pupils who did not secure a place at one of their chosen schools have been allocated a place at a school near to where they live, with available spaces. Parents have the right to appeal in these situations and their child's name will be added to the waiting list for their preferred



schools. Places do become available if parents change their mind, or families move home. The admissions team is now busy processing primary school applications with offers due to go out to parents on 16 April 2018.

Young Musicians

Did you know that Hampshire Music Service supports more than 60 ensembles, orchestras and choirs across the County for young people aged between 5 and 19 years? There are groups for all levels, from beginners trying out instruments, to advanced musicians looking for more challenging material and performance opportunities. The Hampshire Youth Orchestra are preparing for their next big performance, at the Royal Albert Hall in April, in front of an audience of 2,000 people.

To find out more about the variety of groups, ensembles, choirs and orchestras available across Hampshire, visit Hampshire Music Service or follow @hantsmusichub on Facebook and Twitter. The main Hampshire County Youth Ensembles are currently open for applications, with a deadline of 31 May. See how to apply <https://www.hants.gov.uk/educationandlearning/hampshiremusic/ensembles/countryensembleHampshire>.

Recycling Plastic

For a number of years the County Council has worked through various local government networks to lobby and influence central government and the supply chain to re-think the types and amounts of plastics that are used in packaging. Recent publicity [the Chinese government's decision to stop accepting waste plastic and paper from the UK] has been helpful in raising the priority of this issue, leading to its inclusion in the recently published Defra 25 year Environment Plan. The County Council is leading on a project for the HIOWLGA Board that is looking to develop a business case for a new Super MRF that would be able to accept and separate a wider range of plastics than at present. In time, this will lead to an increase in the range of accepted plastics in the kerbside collections carried out by district and borough partners.



Funding for Hampshire's Athletes

Hampshire's most promising athletes have been awarded funding by Hampshire County Council to help them on their journey to sporting success. This year, 191 sportsmen and women have been picked for the Hampshire Talented Athletes Scheme (HTAS), funded by the County Council and managed by EnergiMe. Of the 191 athletes awarded support this year, 119 will receive grant funding worth a total of £40,825. The scheme provides athletes with grants for competition and travel costs, physiotherapy and sport science support, free access to leisure centres and bus travel, plus public speaking training to inspire children during school visits. Two former HTAS athletes include Winter Olympic 2018 skeleton racer Gold Medalist, Lizzy Yarnold and alpine skier Laurie Taylor.

*Patricia Stallard,
County Councillor for Winchester Southern Parishes*

Useful Local Contact Numbers

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ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH www.waterlooville-catholic.org.uk
Parish Priest: Rev Mgr Canon Jeremy Garratt, (023) 9226 2289 shspa@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

The Registrar of Births and Deaths: Appointments Only. Telephone: (01489) 894044
Health Centre: 023 9223 9630

General Visiting, and Help in Bereavement – please contact Church Office: 9226 8757

Denmead Community Care Group: (COMMUNICARE) 023 9223 9630

Denmead Community Centre: 9225 6132 9am - 3pm, Monday-Friday

Memorial Hall Bookings: Mrs S Thomas, 9235 5993

Police Contact No: 08450 45 45 45

Burial Ground enquiries: 9224 7947

Denmead Parish Council: 9224 7947

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