

Dear Friends,

As I sit to write this letter, it is just over a year since I (and my family) arrived in Denmead and very nearly a year since I was licensed as Vicar at All Saints. The year has gone by very quickly with so many new activities, events, people and places. Both I and my family are thankful for your warm welcome and support, love and prayers. Denmead is feeling very much like home for us!

As I begin my second year in the Parish I am very much looking forward to the year ahead. As Revd Sandie mentioned in last month's letter, the PCC at All Saints will be gathering in February to consider what might be next for us all... where would we like to be in five years' time, and how might we get there. It is a chance for the PCC to think, pray and share together – planning ahead for the church and community, trusting that as we do so, God will lead us, inspire us and shape His plan.

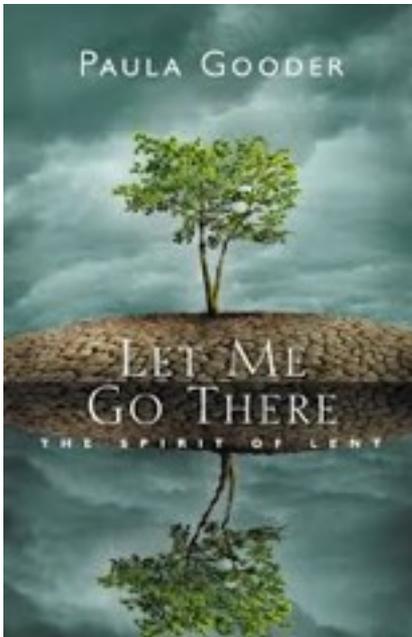
Also, as we enter February we find ourselves again in the season of Lent – a period of 40 days (excluding Sundays) leading up to Easter. Lent is a time for reflection as Christians prepare to remember and celebrate the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Lent begins on Ash Wednesday 14th February (also Valentine's Day this year!) with a day of penitence or cleansing of the soul. Many Christians will attend Lent services, and be marked with a cross of ashes on their forehead. This is a sign of mortality, based upon the idea from the book of Genesis that humankind came into the world



*Lent is a
time for
reflection*

from dust and will return to it. It is a time to express sorrow over sin, and a reminder that Jesus brings freedom from sin.

This year during Lent, Christians across the village will be reading a Lent book 'Let Me Go There' written by Paula Gooder. This book explores themes related to Lent and asks, what does it mean to follow Jesus in our everyday, ordinary lives? This book provides a daily bible reading with a short reflection (just 2-3 pages each day) which can be read privately. It then also offers some questions to think and pray about.



We will be forming several Lent Groups which will meet once a week, for 6 weeks, to share together, consider the questions the book presents, and pray for each other. Finally, each Sunday at our 9.30am service, our talks will be focussed on the topics this book raises.

Both the book, the Lent Groups and Sundays are open to all. If you would like to join in, please come and pick up a book from the back of church and there you will also find signup sheets for the different Lent groups with more details about time and location. If you have any questions do speak to myself, Revd Sandie or ask at the Parish Office.

My hope is that as we read this book together, we will all grow in our faith and trust in God. That we will discover hope, peace and freedom, and hear with joy the invitation of Jesus to 'come and follow.'

With every blessing in Christ,

Revd Emma

All Saints Church Services

Sunday 4th February, 2nd Sunday before Lent

8.00am Holy Communion
9.30am Parish Communion
6.00pm Healing Service

Sunday 11th February, Sunday before Lent

8.00am Holy Communion (with coffee)
9.30am Family Praise with Baptism
11.30am Baptism
6.00pm Evensong

Sunday 18th February, 1st Sunday of Lent

8.00am Holy Communion
9.30am Parish Communion
6.00pm Taizé Service

Sunday 25th February, 2nd Sunday of Lent

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

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

*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.*

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

This decision will be reviewed
in due course.

Next Messy Church – Saturday February 17th 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.

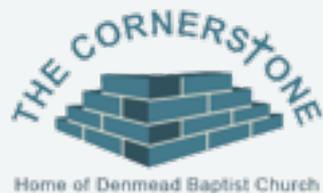
Further information at www.allsaintsdenmead.org.uk/messy-church

or from Revd. Emma Racklyeft 023 9226 2647 or Revd. Sandie Osborne 023 9236 2591



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 February 2018

- Feb 4th - Rev. Chris Bowers
- Feb 11th - David Denham
- Feb 18th - Rev. Chris Bowers
- Feb 25th - Sarah Thomas

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.

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 Tina Cottam about the All-Age Communion Service...

I know you go to Church quite a bit. Every Sunday there's a "Communion" service but once a month it's described as "All Age" – what's the difference?

In all our communion services we share the Eucharist which involves us taking bread and wine together. This part of the service reminds us of the last supper when Jesus Christ told his followers to eat bread and drink wine in memory of him. At the All Age service, the 4th Sunday in the month, we welcome all ages particularly families/those with children.

What is in the service for all ages?

There is always a children's activity/talk, and then there are activities such as colouring and puzzles for them to do at the back of church. The service is shorter, simpler, and with more modern music it's an ideal service for families to attend.

How long does the service last?

The service is usually about an hour depending on how many people are there.

What are the hymns and music like?

One of the main reasons I love this service is for the music and the hymns. As the service is more informal we usually sing more modern hymns and songs. We have a great band made up of young and older musicians from the congregation.

What's involved in "Communion"? If I come would I have to participate in any way?

Receiving Communion involves going forward to the altar to receive the consecrated bread and wine. If you don't wish to share in this you may remain in your seat, but people are always warmly encouraged to go forward to receive a blessing from the vicar leading the service. The sides-people and church wardens are always there to help and welcome everyone.

Why do you go?

I became involved in church when I brought my own children to be baptised over 24 years ago. I was made very welcome and felt instantly part of the wider church family. One of things I love about being part of the All Saints family is the variety of services and activities available for all ages. We are blessed in Denmead with a range of services, from mid-week prayer and communion to Messy church and All Age Communion. As my children were growing up they often took part in the activities in these services such as reading the prayers or the bible reading because they felt included in the service.

All Saints on Facebook

facebook.com/allsaintsdenmead



Keep in touch with what's happening – follow All Saints on our Facebook page!

From the Registers

Funerals

Wednesday 10th January
Thursday 11th January
Monday 15th January

Margaret Raffle
David Stone
Barbara Lloyd

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.

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and St Peter the Apostle
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www.waterlooville-catholic.org.uk*



Around the Green



Denmead Flower Arranging Workshop

The next meeting will be on Wednesday
14th March at 7:30 in the Memorial Hall.

We welcome visitors – to find out more
please call Trish on (07947) 611699

Denmead Horticultural Society

Happy New Year to all - our year starts on Tuesday 6th February with a talk by Patricia Elkington on The Garden in Spring. Patricia opens her garden, Little Court at Crawley for the National Garden Scheme and has a wonderful display of snowdrops, crocus, hellebores and perennials.

Visitors (£2) are welcome to our talks, or become a member at the next meeting - £12 for nine excellent talks over the year, all at 7.30pm in the Church Hall.

If your garden is still too soggy to work in you can visit Patricia's lovely 3 acre garden instead, open on the 18th, 19th, 25th and 26th of this month, 2 - 4.30pm.

See the NGS website for details. Also Mitchmere Farm at Stoughton, West Sussex is open for snowdrops from 11am to 4pm on Sunday 11th.



If you are filling your new diary with this year's events our Spring Show is on 7th April (schedules available in Parkers) and the Denmead Village Show is on 18th August – we look forward to seeing you.

Liz Williams, 023 9226 9642

What's on This Month, and Where

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 Daniels, 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 (denmeadbares@aol.com) at least one month in advance of publication.

Thu	1	CH	ABC Pilates	10.00-11.00am	W
			Keep Fit	2.00-3.00pm	W
			1 st Denmead Rainbows	4.15pm	W
			2 nd Denmead Brownies	5.30pm	W
			CH&HR Guides & Rangers	7.00pm	W
	HR		Coffee & a Chat --	9.30-11.30am	2xW
			- also on Tuesday		
	MH		Denmead Pre School	9.00-3.00pm	D
			* Wednesday	9.00-12.30pm	
			Karate	6.30pm	W
			Badminton	7.45pm	W
	DCC		Old Schoolhouse Pre-School	9.00-3.00pm	D
			--- Friday	9.00-Noon	
			Table Tennis	9.00-11.00am	W
Zumba Toning			9.30-10.30am	W	
Citizens Advice Bureau			9.30-11.30pm	W	
Senior Citizens' Lunch Club			12.30-1.30pm	W	
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	2	CH	Denmead Playgroup	9.00-11.30am	W
			Chair Exercises	2.00-3.00pm	W

Village Diary

		Private Party	6.30-8.30pm	
	DCC	U3A Art Class	9.30-Noon	W
		Kettle Fit	7.00-8.00pm	W
		Rose Dog Club	7.30-8.30pm	W
	SHQ	Vulcan Scout Troop	7.00-9.00pm	W
Sat	3	CH	Private Party	10.30-1.30pm
		Private Party	2.30-5.30pm	
	HR	District Advice Surgery	10.00-Noon	M
	MH	Bootcamp Fitness Camp	9.30am	W
		ABS Fitness Class	10.30am	W
	DCC	Southern Arts Academy	9.45-11.15am	W
		Table Tennis	10.00-Noon	W
		Rowans Support Group Race Night		
		– contact 07947 611699	7.00pm	
Sun	4	MH	Karate	5.00pm
		DCC	Denmead Junior Brass Band	9.15-10.15am
			Denmead Brass Band	10.30-12.30pm
Mon	5	CH	Zumba Fitness Class	9.30-10.30am
			Breathe Again	11.30-12.30pm
			Slimming World	5.30 & 7.30pm
		MH	TS Alacrity Cadets	7.00pm
		DCC	Water Colour Art	10.00am-12 noon
			Yoga	11.45-1.15pm
			Kettle Fit	7.00-8.00pm
			Table Tennis	7.00-9.00pm
			Denmead Bridge Club	7.00-10.00pm
		SHQ	Busy Bees Pre School	9.00-3.00
			Friday -	9.00-Noon
			Merlin Cubs	6.30-8.00pm
			At the Forest Of Bere Denmead Knit & Bitch	7.00-9.00pm
			All abilities are welcome	
Tue	6	CH	Pilates	9.30-10.30am
			Positive Strokes	2.00-3.00pm
			3 rd Denmead Brownies	5.45pm
			Denmead Horticultural Society	7.30-9.30pm

	HR	Coffee & a Chat All welcome -also on Thursday	9.30-Noon	2xW
	MH	Archery	7.00pm	W
	DCC	Creative Play for Under 5s	9.30-11.00am	W
		Upholstery	9.30-12.30pm	W
		U3A Art History	2.00-4.00pm	M
		Tuesday Pilates Class	5.30-7.30pm	W
		Allsorts Dog Behaviour & Care	6.00-8.00pm	W
		Downland Singers	7.45-10.15pm	W
		Denmead Brass	8.00-10.00pm	W
	SHQ	Falcon Explorers	7.00-9.00pm	W
Wed 7	CH	2 nd Denmead Rainbows	4.15pm	W
		1 st Denmead Brownies	5.45pm	W
	HR	Daisy Tinies	10.00am & 11.00am	W
		Denmead Tennis Club	7.00-9.00pm	
	BC	Noah's Ark Parent & Toddler Group	10.00-11.30am	W
	MH	Denmead Afternoon WI – Members Afternoon - -Playing New Age Kurling	2.00pm	M
		Denmead WI Belles	7.30pm	M
	DCC	Zumba Gold	9.30-10.30am	W
		Table Tennis	10.00-Noon	W
		Creative Quilters	10.00-Noon	F
		Pilates	10.30-11.30am	W
		Tai Chi	1.30-2.30pm	W
		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 – Highways & GP	7.30pm	
	SHQ	Concorde Cubs	6.30-8.00pm	W
		At the Forest Of Bere Denmead Knit & Bitch	10.00-Noon	W
		All abilities are welcome		
Thu 8	MH	Karate	6.30pm	W
	DCC	U3A Table Tennis	2.00-4.00pm	F
		Kettle Fit	7.00-8.00	W

Village Diary

Sat	10	CH	Private Party	6.00-10.00pm	
Sun	11	CH	Private Party	12.00-2.30pm	
		MH	Archery	9.00am	W
Mon	12	HR	DVA Committee Meeting	7.30-9.00pm	
			At The Forest of Bere The Royal British Legion	8.00pm	M
			Meeting - Hambledon & District Branch		
Tue	13	CH	Gold Star Dancing	8.00-9.00pm	F
		DCC	Southern Heart Support Group	10.00-Noon	M
			Afternoon Social Club	2.00-3.00pm	M
			Denmead Reading Circle	2.15-4.15pm	M
			Chapter Reading Group	2.30-4.00pm	M
			At The Chairmakers, Worlds End, -Waterlooville Probus Club	Noon- 3.00pm	M
			- Lunch & talk.		
Wed	14	CH	South Hants Koi Club	7.30-10.30pm	M
		MH	Floral Workshop	7.30pm	M
		DCC	Denmead Art	10.00-Noon	F
			Parish Council - Planning	7.30pm	
Sat	17	CH	MESSY CHURCH	3.30-5.30pm	M
			- see main notice		
Mon	19	DCC	Pilates	11.00-Noon	W
Tue	20	HR	Mothers' Union	7.00pm	
Wed	21	DCC	Parish Council - Main Council	7.30pm	
		MH	Denmead Evening WI	7.30pm	M
Fri	23	DCC	Swing Sling	10.30-11.30am	W
Sat	24	CH	Portsmouth Choral Union	7.00-10.00pm	
		HR	Men's Group Breakfast	8.30am	
		DCC	FILM NIGHT – 'VICTORIA & ABDUL'	7.30pm	M
Sun	25	CH	Rowans Support Group Sunday Lunch	12.00-3.00pm	
Wed	28	CH	Bereavement Support Group	2.00-4.00pm	M
		DCC	Parish Council – Amenities	7.30pm	

Denmead Scouts

2017 was a busy year for the Scout group. We recruited a group of very enthusiastic new Beaver and Cub leaders to enable us to continue providing fun and exciting programmes for all our members. One of our explorers went on an expedition to Tanzania in the summer to help build a new school in a village and 2 of our young people have been selected to attend the next World Scout Jamboree in 2019 and a further 6 are attending an international event in the same year.

We have also been busy providing great events for the village.

This year we celebrated 25 years of the Dinosaur Derby, which has become one of the biggest events in Denmead. Despite the appalling weather, it was still very well supported by everyone who came dressed in wellies and waterproofs! And we still made over £5000.

In November we put on another great free firework display, thanks to Wynn Williams, our expert pyromaniac!

For our Remembrance Day Parade this year, we were joined by many other groups in the village with lots more people attending. We continued our tradition of making a poppy field with handmade poppies. Hopefully the new memorial will be in place for the next one.

Christmas was once again a busy time for us. We helped organise the Village Christmas Festival and provided a Santa's Grotto. The collection raised £167.69 which will be donated to Langstone sailability who provide sailing for the disabled.

Santa Round the Village was again a great success, with Santa and his sleigh pulled by the scout reindeer. We raised £306.64 for Portsmouth Headway, our charity for this year. Thank you to our 2 Santas (you know who you are!) ▶



2018 is the Scout Group's 60th birthday so we will be celebrating in lots of ways. If anyone has photos or memories of the Scouts from the past, we'd love to see them. We will also be working hard on fundraising to support the young people attending international opportunities.

We are always looking for extra help. There are a variety of ways that you could help the group – as a leader (full training is provided), a member of a committee (eg fundraising, executive) or helping out with admin or odd jobs around the HQ. If you can spare any time then please contact me or find out more on our website:

www.denmeadscouts.com

We would like to thank everyone who has supported us in various ways this year and look forward to another year of fun and adventure.

Angela Harwood Group Scout Leader 1st Denmead Scout Group

Denmead Afternoon WI

The institute finished December in festive mood. They visited Portsmouth Guildhall to hear the Milton Glee Club and Marine Association Band in their Christmas concert. Once again we were fortunate to be able to use the Communicare minibus.

The following day we took part in the Group Christmas Carol celebration at All

Saints. The evening concluded with tea, coffee and mince pies.

Instead of a monthly meeting in January we enjoyed a Festive Lunch at the Harvest Home. This gave us the opportunity to get to know fellow members better.

Future plans include monthly lunch dates at our local pubs and participation in the County Darts Competition.

Some members will be attending the twice yearly Council Meeting at Portsmouth Guildhall next month.

Our meeting this month will be Members' Afternoon when we will be playing New Age Kurling. This is great fun and easily played by all ages and levels of fitness. The competition is for a favourite game.

We extend a warm welcome to all ladies to our meetings held at 2pm on the first Wednesday of the week at the Memorial Hall in Hambledon Road. WI offers a variety of talks and demonstrations and lunch dates. We also participate in Group and County activities. WI is an ideal way to learn a new skill and make new friends, especially if you are new to the village. If afternoons are not suitable Denmead Evening Institute would welcome you to their meetings at 7.30 on the third Wednesday of the month

Joan Downing (9226 5458)

Denmead Rowans Support Group present

Race Night

at Denmead Community Centre

Saturday February 3rd

First race – 7.30pm

Tickets £10 from 07947 611699 patricia.bailey333@gmail.com

Ploughman's Supper Included - please bring your own drinks



Sunday Lunch

25th February 2018 1pm

All Saints Church Hall



- Roast lunch
- 'Out of this World' desserts
- Glass of wine
- Coffee

Accompanied by our wonderful supporters

STONY RIDGE BAND

Tickets £14 from 07947 611699

patricia.bailey333@gmail.com

Beetle Drive

Memorial Hall March 28th 7.30pm

All welcome – tickets £2 on the door

*Thank you to all the people
who supported the Christmas
wreath making old in aid of
your local hospice.*

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Hospice

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w: www.rowanshospice.co.uk
Registered Charity no. 299731

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



Lesley Rose, Advice Services Manager at Citizens Advice Winchester District gives advice on how to avoid getting into debt if you are made redundant.

Q *I was made redundant last month and I've already started to fall behind on my bills. I'm looking for work, but is there anything else I can do so I don't end up in debt?"*

A There are steps you can take to avoid your bills from building up.

First, check that you've been paid any redundancy money you're entitled to - you might get statutory redundancy pay and possibly contractual redundancy pay if you've been in the job two years or more. This should be evident on your final payslip, but if it's not contact your employer.

Then look at ways to boost your income. See if you're eligible for benefits like Jobseeker's Allowance with Citizens Advice's benefits calculator: You could also check if you can make savings on your bills, for example by switching to a cheaper gas or electricity deal.

Now look at how much money you have coming in and compare it to your essential spending. Priority bills include your rent or mortgage and council tax, and should be paid first as there can be serious consequences for missing payments.

If you own your home, contact your mortgage lender to see if you can negotiate on your monthly repayment. You could also see if your credit card provider will negotiate on repayment amounts to give you some breathing space.

For further help understanding managing your money, contact your nearest Citizens Advice.



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, Thurs 1 – 3pm.

Alternatively, call the Adviceline 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.

Hampshire County Council

School Dinners

The Council has agreed an increase of 15p for a two course school dinner. This will come into effect from September 2018 and will bring the price per meal in line with those charged by many other local authorities, as well as the Department for Education's funding for free meals, which is set at £2.30. In the last school year, HC3S, the County Council's award winning catering business, cooked and served over 14 million school meals in Hampshire's primary and secondary schools.

Adoption and Fostering 'web chat'

Deciding to apply to adopt or foster a child is a big step, and it's important that all the information and advice people might need to make a decision is easy to access. Hampshire County Council's new "web chat" service makes it easier to get in touch with adoption and fostering specialists quickly for information, or arrange a call back.

During office hours, people can opt to begin a live, online 'chat' with an adviser if they would like to ask questions about adoption, including their potential eligibility to adopt. There are more than 40 children in the care of Hampshire County Council who are waiting to be adopted. There is a particular need for adopters who feel they could give a

home to sibling groups, or a child with disabilities. HCC provide support for adopters and the new additions to their families, and our Adoption Support Team of social worker specialists is on hand for as long as needed.

Anyone over 18 who has a spare room and some personal or professional child care experience can apply to adopt a child, whether an individual or a couple. To find out more, please call 0300 555 1384.

Alcohol and Drugs

Did you know that if someone needs help with an alcohol or drug problem in Hampshire they can access treatment services and support for adults or young people. Further information on the services available and how to access support along with links to more help and advice is available at <https://www.hants.gov.uk/socialcareandhealth/adultsocialcare/alcohol>. The Hampshire treatment services for adults or young people are easy to find in local centres across the County – see Inclusion Recovery Hampshire (<http://www.inclusion.org/inclusion-recovery-hampshire/> or call 0300 124 0103) for adults over the age of 18 years and Hampshire 24/7 (<https://www.catch-22.org.uk/services/hampshire-247-substance-misuse-support/>), a drug and alcohol treatment service for young



people aged under 18 years old. Confidential support and advice for parents, families and friends of those who use drugs and alcohol is available from ParentSupportLink (<http://www.parentsupportlink.org.uk/> or call 023 8039 9764 for 24/7 support and information).

An estimated 24% of the population drink at above the safe recommended levels for alcohol each week in Hampshire. This represents around 257,000 people across the County, or one in five people. It is estimated that there are around 40,000 people in Hampshire who are classified as 'high risk drinkers' or 'dependent' on alcohol.

New Year's Resolution?

If you are concerned about your body weight why not take up this offer? Almost

7 in 10 of Hampshire adults are overweight or obese and the cost to the NHS in Hampshire in managing diseases related to obesity is estimated at almost £340 million per year! The County Council has commissioned a new self-referral service for people aged 18 years and over. If you are a resident in the administrative county of Hampshire, or are registered with a Hampshire GP and have a Body Mass Index [BMI] of 30+, or don't know what your BMI is but think you might qualify for this free service, call 0345 602 7068 and quote WWRS095. People who qualify will be offered a free tailored service and will aim to lose not less than 5% of their body weight.

Patricia Stallard, County Councillor for Winchester Southern Parishes
pgstallard@aol.com 02392251484

Denmead Community Centre

Film Night – Victoria and Abdul

What will undoubtedly be the huge hit of the season. The extraordinary true story of an unexpected friendship in the later years of Queen Victoria's (Judi Dench) remarkable rule.

When Abdul Karim (Ali Fazal), a young clerk, travels from India to participate in the Queen's Golden Jubilee, he is surprised to find favour with the Queen herself. The two forge an unlikely and devoted alliance with a loyalty to one another that her household and inner circle all attempt to destroy.

As the friendship deepens, the Queen begins to see a changing world through new eyes and joyfully reclaims her humanity. To reserve your tickets call 92 256132.

Denmead Evening WI

2018 commenced with a most interesting talk about travelling the Trans-Siberian Express and Two Months in China, and a New Year meal at the Harvest Home which proved to be a most 'entertaining' evening.

Our monthly Meet & Eat gatherings recommence in February and the first one will be on 21st at the White Hart. We meet at 12 noon, no advance notice needed, just turn up and enjoy the chat. Everyone is welcome.

At our monthly meeting on 21st February we will learn the story of the D Day Overlord Embroidery which is of course a historical subject of much local as well as national and international interest.

February is the month when we are asked to consider and choose from a shortlist of WI resolutions for the WI 2018 Campaign. The final resolution/s selected will be voted on at the National Annual Meeting in Cardiff in June. The shortlist is:

- Positive body image in a digital age
- Stop female genital mutilation
- Raising awareness of modern slavery in the UK
- Mental health matters
- Healthier Mouth, Healthier Body

An advance date for your diaries is our SPRING FAIR to be held at All Saints Church Hall on Saturday, 17th March from 10.00am to 12 noon. There will be a selection of stalls including crafts, books, tombola, bric-a-brac, & toys. In addition there will be a superb raffle, a delicious cake stall, and the opportunity to meet friends for refreshments. Those of you who have supported our fund-raising fairs previously will know that this is always a very pleasant occasion and we look forward to meeting many of you again at this event.

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 7.30 pm 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 2.00 pm on the first Wednesday of the month at the Memorial Hall. More information is available on www.hampshirewi.org.uk

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.

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.

Useful Local Contact Numbers

DENMEAD BAPTIST CHURCH www.denmeadbaptistchurch.org.uk
22 Mead End Road, Denmead, PO7 6PZ. email: admin@denmeadbaptistchurch.org.uk

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
Winchester City Council 01962 840222