

Dear Friends

We are currently in the season of Lent when I know many of you will abstain from something you really enjoy and concentrate your minds on those forty days Jesus spent in the wilderness resisting temptation. This year Emma has encouraged us to use some of this time doing something positive like reading our set Lent book, rather than just giving something up. So how are you enjoying reading this year's Lent book 'Let me go there'? Many of you seem to have collected one and I hope you are finding it a useful way to journey through this Lent season.

When I was training for ministry Paula Gooder was a regular guest lecturer and my colleagues and I always found her stimulating and sometimes quite challenging.

I think the same could be said of this book as she introduces us to the theme of wilderness and its different interpretations and asks us to consider what being in the wilderness could mean for us. She then looks at Jesus' time in the wilderness through the readings from the Gospels before asking us to consider what it means to be called as a disciple of Jesus. In her introduction Paula writes "Lent is a season that invites us to step into the wilderness....It challenges us to be courageous and face the vulnerabilities we might naturally shy away from It summons us to learn lessons about ourselves ;who we are and who God calls us to be"

I know many of you are also sharing your thoughts and reflections about each chapter of the book in the Lent groups you may have joined, and we are picking up some of the themes in the sermons on Sunday at the 9.30 service. But if you are reading it as an individual and would like to discuss anything it stirs up please do speak to Emma or myself.

We have a little break from the apparent austerity of Lent this

... learn lessons about who we are and who God calls us to be



month as we celebrate Mothering Sunday on March 11th. This is a time to give thanks for our mothers and all we have received from them although we should never forget that some people don't have or didn't have an easy relationship with their mother and it may be a father or some other significant person they want to thank and celebrate. It is a time however to remember the importance of the family and how we interact with each other and how those relationships influence our lives.

God calls us to live in community loving and caring for each other and that is reflected in the Trinity of God the Father Son and Holy Spirit. So Mothering Sunday is a time when we can give special thanks to God for our mothers or all those who have played a significant role in our lives including those in our church family.

The last week of March this year is Holy Week when we will journey towards the Cross again using material from our Lent book in our services through the week. And then Peter, our licensed lay minister, will lead us through the Stations of the Cross on Good Friday at 2pm following our walk of witness in the morning and a Lent lunch of soup and bread.



However you spend your time during Lent I pray it will be a fruitful time for you drawing closer to Jesus in readiness to truly celebrate the resurrection of our Lord in our Easter day services.

With love in Christ,

Sandie

All Saints Church Services

Sunday 4th March, 3rd Sunday of Lent

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

Tuesday 6th March

7.00pm Catholic Mass – everyone welcome!

Sunday 11th March, 4th Sunday of Lent and Mothering Sunday

8.00am Holy Communion
9.30am Family Praise with Baptism
6.00pm Evensong

Sunday 18th March, 5th Sunday of Lent

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

Sunday 25th March, Palm Sunday

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

HOLY WEEK Monday 26th – Friday 30th March

Monday 7.30pm Reflection and Holy Communion
Tuesday 7.30pm Reflection and Holy Communion
Wednesday 7.30pm Reflection and Holy Communion
Maundy Thursday 7.30pm Holy Communion and Foot Washing
Good Friday 10am Walk of Witness - start at Cornerstone Baptist Church, Mead End Rd
12noon Lent Lunch at All Saints Church Hall
2-3pm Stations of the Cross at All Saints

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.

Looking Ahead – 1st April Easter Day Services

6.15am Dawn Service
8.00am Holy Communion
9.30am Parish Communion
6.00pm NO SERVICE

EASTER SERVICES AT ALL SAINTS

MESSY CHURCH EXPLORES EASTER

Saturday 17th March 3.30pm

PALM SUNDAY – 25th MARCH

8am Holy Communion

9.30am All Age Communion

6pm Evensong

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

Monday 26th at 7.30pm - Reflection & Holy Communion

Tuesday 27th at 7.30pm - Reflection & Holy Communion

Wednesday 28th at 7.30pm - Reflection & Holy Communion

MAUNDY THURSDAY

7.30pm - Holy Communion & Foot Washing

GOOD FRIDAY

10.30am – Churches Together Denmead Walk of Witness -
start at Cornerstone Baptist Church, finish at All Saints

12 Noon - CTD Lent Lunch in Church Hall

2.00pm - Stations of The Cross

EASTER SUNDAY – 1st APRIL

6.15am - CTD Dawn Service on the Village Green
followed by bacon butties and pastries at All Saints

8am Holy Communion

9.30am Parish Communion

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Concert at All Saints Church

THE BAND OF HER MAJESTY'S ROYAL MARINES COLLINGWOOD

Wednesday 21st November 2018 at 7.30pm

The Band of Her Majesty's Royal Marines Collingwood makes a significant contribution to the Naval Service and wider UK interests. It provides musical support to commemorative events and veterans' parades in London and throughout the South Coast. Its concerts raise funds for Service charities and it performs for events both on a national level and for local communities... and this year we warmly welcome the Band back to All Saints Denmead!



Join us for an unforgettable evening of superb music ranging from classical pieces to military band favourites, and the finalé of the concert will be the presentation of an award to the successful candidate from the M1 Conductors' course.



Tickets cost £12 each and will be on sale from Monday 5th March, available from the Church Office (open Mon-Fri mornings) or download an order form from the church website www.allsaintsdenmead.org.uk. Last year's concert tickets sold out within three weeks, so don't delay in buying yours.

Barnard's Restaurant

Barnard's (opposite the Church) will once again be open exclusively for pre-concert dinners from 5pm that evening. Relax and enjoy a 2-course meal with coffee before strolling across the road to the concert. Places are limited and booking is essential.

Don't delay, book today! Call Barnard's on 023 9225 7788 to reserve a table.

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 March 2018

- Sun 04 Alpha Video
- Sun 11 Rev Chris Bowers
- Sun 18 David Denham
- Sun 25 Andrew Baguley
- Sat 24 Fun Quiz Evening 7pm

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.

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.

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.

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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All Saints Church Men's Group



Forthcoming events:

March

24 Sat 8.30am – Breakfast, Heath Room
“The World We Live In” – culture, law & faith,
with Richard Portlock

April

10 Tuesday 7.30pm – Bible Focus Parables 3 – The Two Debtors, Luke 7:36-50
19 Thursday 7.30pm – Pub Supper

From the Registers

Funerals

Tuesday 6th February 2018

Jack Hughes

Thursday 15th February 2018

Barbara Withers

Thursday 22nd February 2018

Dorothy MacNee

Baptisms

Sunday 11th February

Sebastian Powell

**Next Messy Church –
Saturday March 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 SPRING CLEAN



SUNDAY 25th MARCH
10.00 - 1.00
KIDMORE LANE CAR PARK



Last year's haul - can we do better this year?

Join the annual litter pick and help clean up Denmead

*Organised by Denmead in Bloom, supported by
Denmead Parish Council*

DHS Flower Arranging Workshop

At the AGM the retiring chair thanked the members and the committee for their support during the year. Maureen Judd has now taken the chair and the rest of the committee remains the same. After the meeting the club was treated to a very interesting talk by Bee Keeper Mike Hastilow.

The club is open to visitors and meets on the second Wednesday of the month at 7.30 in the memorial Hall.

The next workshop is on 14th March. for more details please contact 07947611699 patricia.bailey333@gmail.com

Film Night – The Limhouse Golem

24th March at Denmead Community Centre

From the novel by Peter Ackroyd. In high Victorian London, a newly promoted police inspector, John Kildare, (Bill Nighy) is charged with investigating a gruesome series of Ripper-type killings in the East End, attributed to a terrifying "golem", a monster from Judaic mythology. Kildare narrows down the possible candidates to 4: Karl Marx, George Gissing, the cross-dressing music-hall star Dan Leno, and an unsuccessful playwright and journalist called John Cree, who is dead, apparently poisoned by his wife Lizzie. As Lizzie stands to hang for the murder, Kildare works furiously to prove her innocence.



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".

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 (denmeadbarges@aol.com) at least one month in advance of publication.

Thu	1	CH	ABC Pilates	10.00-11.00am	W
			1st Denmead Rainbows	4.15pm	W
			2nd Denmead Brownies	5.30pm	W
	CH&HR	HR	Guides & Rangers	7.00pm	W
			Coffee & a Chat -- - also on Tuesday	9.30-11.30am	2xW
	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 Woods Beavers	6.30-7.30pm	W	
Fri	2	CH	Denmead Playgroup	9.00-11.30am	W
			Chair Exercises	2.00-3.00pm	W
			Private Party	6.30-8.30pm	

Village Diary

	HR	Fabric Committee Meeting	7.30pm		
	DCC	U3A Art Class	9.30-Noon	W	
		Creative Craft	10.00-1.00pm	M	
		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	Southern Arts Dance Academy	9.30-11.30am	
		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
Sun	4	CH	Mission Supper	6.00pm	
		MH	Karate	5.00pm	W
		DCC	Denmead Junior Brass Band	9.15-10.15am	W
			Denmead Brass Band	10.30-12.30pm	W
Mon	5	CH	Zumba Fitness Class	9.30-10.30am	W
			Breathe Again	11.30-12.30pm	W
			Slimming World	5.30 & 7.30pm	W
		MH	TS Alacrity Cadets	7.00pm	W
		DCC	Yoga	11.45-1.15pm	W
			Kettle Fit	7.00-8.00pm	W
			Table Tennis	7.00-9.00pm	W
			Denmead Bridge Club	7.00-10.00pm	W
		SHQ	Busy Bees Pre School	9.00-3.00	D
			Friday -	9.00-Noon	D
			Merlin Cubs	6.30-8.00pm	W
			At the Forest Of Bere Denmead Knit & Bitch	7.00-9.00pm	2xM
			All abilities are welcome		
Tue	6	CH	Pilates	9.30-10.30am	W
			Positive Strokes	2.00-3.00pm	W
			3rd Denmead Brownies	5.45pm	W
			Denmead Horticultural Society	7.30-9.30pm	M
		HR	Coffee & a Chat All welcome	9.30-Noon	2xW
			-also on Thursday		
		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
		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	2nd Denmead Rainbows	4.15pm	W
		1st Denmead Brownies	5.45pm	W
	HR	Daisy Tinies	10.00 & 11.00am	W
	HR	Private Party	7.15pm	
	BC	Noah's Ark Parent & Toddler Group	10.00-11.30am	W
	MH	Denmead Afternoon WI	2.00pm	M
		Denmead WI Belles	7.30pm	M
	DCC	Zumba Gold	9.30-10.30am	W
		Denmead Art	10.00-Noon	F
		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 – Planning	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	DCC	U3A Table Tennis	2.00-4.00pm	F
		Kettle Fit	7.00-8.00	
Sun 11	MH	Archery	9.00am	W
Mon 12	HR	DVA Committee Meeting	7.30-8.30pm	
		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
	HR	Guides Mentoring	7.30pm	

Village Diary

	DCC	Southern Heart Support Group	10.00-Noon	M
		Afternoon Social Club	2.00-3.00pm	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	Parish Council – Finance & GP	7.30pm	
Thu 15	CH	Keep Fit	2.00pm	W
Fri 16		Denmead Village Association	7.30pm	
Sat 17	CH	MESSY CHURCH - see main notice	3.30-5.30pm	M
Mon 19	DCC	Pilates	11.00-Noon	W
Tue 20	HR	Mothers' Union	7.30pm	
	DCC	Denmead Reading Circle	2.15-4.15pm	M
		Chapter Reading Group	2.30-4.00pm	M
Wed 21	CH	Flower Club	11.30am-2.00pm	
	DCC	Parish Council - Highways & GP	7.30pm	
	MH	Denmead Evening WI	7.30pm	M
Fri 23	CH	Private Party	7.00pm	
Sat 24	HR	Men's Group	7.30-10.30am	
Sun 25	ASC	PALM SUNDAY SERVICE – all welcome	9.30am	
		DCCFILM NIGHT – ‘THE LIMEHOUSE GOLEM‘	7.30pm	M
Wed 28	CH	Bereavement Support Group	2.00-4.00pm	M
	DCC	Parish Council - Planning		
	MH	Rowans Support Group – BEETLE DRIVE	7.00pm	
Fri 30	CTD	GOOD FRIDAY Walk of Witness, followed by Lent Lunch (see church notices for more information)		
	CH	Lent Lunch	12.00noon	

Advance notice

Sunday 1st April

EASTER DAY SERVICES

– all welcome, see church notices for more information

Denmead in Bloom

This year's Denmead Spring Clean will take place on Sunday 25th March starting at 10am. Come to Kidmore Lane Car Park to register and collect your litter pickers and bags. If you have your own hi viz jacket please wear that and gardening gloves are a good idea too. The way it works is that you choose which roads you would like to tidy from our map of Denmead and set off, preferably with a companion, returning full bags to the car park by 1pm. If bags become too heavy to carry we will go round later to pick them up along with any other bulky items. Bring your friends and family and do your bit to spruce up Denmead for Spring.



Would you like to become a DiBber? We are always happy to welcome new volunteers to our working parties. No experience is necessary and you can do as much or little as you like. In the next few weeks we will be pruning the living willow play area and at the end of May will be clearing the containers in front of the shops and replanting them for summer. Working parties take place whenever a job needs doing but we also need people who can do a regular job such as watering. We are a friendly bunch and always have a break for refreshments and a chat during working parties. Let me know if you would like to be added to our email list for information on when we are working next.

Bulbs are popping up in the containers and flowerbeds already so I hope you enjoy the Spring display which is just around the corner.

Liz Williams, DiB Coordinator,
023 9226 9642, liz@greensleeves.eclipse.co.uk

Denmead Evening Women's Institute

Our speaker at the February meeting gave a most interesting insight into the story of the D Day Overlord Embroidery located at the D-Day Museum in Southsea, which is currently undergoing a complete refurbishment. We will certainly be arranging a visit to the revamped museum after it re-opens in Spring 2018 to view the Overload Embroidery up close.

We're looking forward to seeing you at our SPRING FAIR to be held at All Saints Church Hall on Saturday, 17th March from 10.00am to 12 noon. It's a great opportunity to catch up with friends over a cuppa and a biscuit and there will be the normal fantastic selection of stalls including:

- Crafts # Books # Tombola # Bric-a-Brac # Toys
- Raffle - superb prizes
- Cake stall - be tempted by the delicious home-baked selection on offer

Dates for our next meetings:

- 21st March 2018 - British Alstroemeria & The UK Cut Flower Industry
- 18th April 2018 - The Whitchurch Silk Mill
- 16th May 2018 - Annual General Meeting & Resolution Discussion

Our new programme is to be released following the AGM.

Our Darts team have signed up for the 2018 Competition and will be starting their practice sessions in readiness. We also eagerly await the Skittles Competition, which is always a fun social evening in August.

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

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

Denmead Afternoon Women's Institute

At our February meeting we welcomed two visitors to join us in a New Age Kurling afternoon. We were most grateful that Mary Morgan of Lovedean WI, whose games set we borrowed, was able to stay and run our afternoon. Mary organised groups of four playing each other with a play off of the three highest scoring players. Great fun was had by all and it was agreed that the afternoon was most successful

The monthly competition for a favourite game was won by Rosemary Simpson with Janet Pearce second. Rosemary Simpson also won the flower competition with Joan Elliott second.

We were saddened to hear of the passing of Dorothy MacNee a founder member of the institute. Dorothy continued as a member in various roles until failing health in recent years prevented her attendance. Dorothy will be remembered especially for her delicious cakes.

This month a group of members are attending the twice yearly Council Meeting at Portsmouth Guildhall. In spite of it's official sounding name this is always an enjoyable day with well known speakers and is open to all WI members. This year's guest is Anton Du Beke from "Strictly Come Dancing"

We continue our monthly lunch dates and will be visiting The Bird in Hand on Tues 20th.

Future events include the County Darts competition, County Quiz and the County Skittles

This month's meeting will include a talk by John Pitman on "Village Life in the 1940s and 1950s". This is sure to bring back memories for many members.

We invite all ladies to our meetings, held on the first Wednesday of the month from 2 to 4pm in the Memorial Hall, Hambledon 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 looks at how to get a better deal on your energy bills.

Q *My energy company has just announced a price increase. I want to find out if I can get a better deal elsewhere, but I don't know where to start.*

A If your energy prices have shot up, you'll find you can probably save money on your gas and electricity bills by switching supplier. If you own your own home and are not in debt to your energy supplier then it really is quite straightforward to switch.

It might be worth thinking about the type of tariff you want before you switch. If it's just about saving money then you will want to find the cheapest tariff available or you may want a tariff that uses renewable energy or has lots of flexibility.

The quickest way to find a new supplier is to use a price comparison site approved by Ofgem such as the one on the Citizens Advice website www.citizensadvice.org.uk You can use past bills to put in how much energy you use and see which suppliers come out cheapest.



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.

Once you've found a new supplier you can either switch online or give them a call and they'll set up the switch and tell your old supplier. Remember you'll need to take a meter reading on the day of the transfer to give to your new supplier, so they don't charge you for anything you've used before the transfer

Switching could save you up to £300 a year on energy bills, so it's definitely a great way to make some savings on your household bills.

If you live in the Winchester District and need help to work out if you'd be better off with another supplier (or could get a better deal with your current supplier), please ask to see one of our advisers. You can do this by dropping in to one of our offices, or by calling 03444 111306.

Denmead Rowans Support Group present

Beetle Drive

Memorial Hall March 28th 7.30pm

Tea and biscuits • Raffle

All welcome – tickets £2 on the door

1st May 2018 – Tour of the Poppy Factory and afterwards a visit to Richmond Park where you can buy lunch, then have free time to visit the Isabella garden where the Azaleas will be out. £25 **Early booking essential.**

Contact Janet Read, 0742517221 | Read.janet.h@gmail.com

Big Jigsaw & Games Sale *(Donations welcome)*

and Craft Sale *To book a table call 07947 611699 or email patricia.bailey333@gmail.com*

Rowans Green Collecting Box Opening

Bring along your box and see what you have donated during the year.

May 5th at All Saints Church Hall, 10am – 12.



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Registered Charity no. 299731

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

Denmead Horticultural Society

At our February meeting Patricia Elkington gave a talk on The Garden in Spring illustrated with lovely pictures of the plants growing in her garden, Little Court at Crawley. She recommended aconites for growing under trees, their foliage making good ground cover once the flowers are over and planting arum italicum marmoratum for foliage interest with snowdrops. Pale mauve crocus tommasinianus naturalise well in grass and Patricia follows them with narcissus White Lady an old scented variety with simple white flowers and pale yellow cups. Blue anemone blanda spread easily by seed and



have colonised a dry bank in her garden. Later in the season colour is provided by tulips and alliums.

There are many good shrubs which flower in spring and although the flowers may be small they make up for it with scent, particularly Wintersweet, Sarcococca, Daphne and Viburnum fragrans. Mahonia with striking foliage and yellow flowers, Skimmia with red or green flowers and Garrya with long grey tassels all provide interest in spring. Patricia grows several flowering currants and a chance seedling found in her garden with particularly good white flowers has been propagated by Hilliers and named Ribes Elkington's White.

Patricia also reminded us to encourage wildlife into our gardens to help with pests, a pond for the frogs and net bags of feathers and sheep's wool for the birds to line their nests. At the end of the talk members eagerly pounced on the potted bulbs and plants for sale, keen to start improving their own Spring gardens.

On 6th March Dr Alick Jones is coming to talk to us on the subject 'Weeds – Can We Ever Win?' Weeds can be a real problem for gardeners but Alick is a fan and he will attempt to persuade us to learn to love our weeds and appreciate their subtle beauty – will you be convinced?

Visitors (£2) and new members welcome, 7.30pm in the Church Hall.

Liz Williams, 023 9226 9642

Denmead Twinning Association

Although now well into this year, we have recently been looking forward to 2018 and back on the year past. This is a cue for our Annual General Meeting, which we held a couple of weeks ago in the very pleasant setting of Barnards Restaurant in Denmead village. After a short AGM of about 20 minutes, we had an extremely attractive meal in the restaurant, attended by about 40 members, which is about as many as they can comfortably take in a group.

The evening began with a reception where everyone enjoyed a glass of red wine from a large bottle (Jeroboam), given to us by our twins from Saint Georges, in France, when we were there in May last year. Getting the cork out was something of a challenge but one worth overcoming!



Mike Read rising to the challenge, with a helping hand

Our next social event will be The Big Quiz – on Saturday 28 April in All Saints' Church Hall starting at 7.30 pm. For the past few years this has been a popular annual event for us and great fun, with teams of 6 vying for a fantastic prize. So gather your clever friends (£6 each) and get in touch with Trish Bailey (patricia.bailey333@gmail.com) to enter a team. Your ticket includes substantial nibbles with BYO drink and food.

Hampshire County Council

Hampshire Road Repairs

The County Council has invested an extra £10m each year in our planned maintenance Operation Resilience programme and this is proving effective in reducing the rate of decline of our roads. However, without additional Government funding, it is simply not possible to deliver overall improvements in Hampshire roads from year to year. Consequently, the County Council are lobbying the Government for more money. The motorways and major trunk roads maintained by Highways England receive around 52 times more funding than local roads – this is a huge gap which must be addressed. Local councils are also drastically underfunded for

maintaining highway bridges. In Hampshire, we estimate we have only around 20 per cent of the funds needed to safely maintain all of Hampshire's bridges over the next 10 years. A reminder that to report potholes to the Council at www.hants.gov.uk/transport/roadmaintenance/roadproblems

Meals on Wheels for Young People

The Meals on Wheels service is being extended to include young adults for the first time. The County Council will continue to provide meals for older Hampshire residents but a new £16 million contract will enable the authority to support people aged 18 years and above. People with learning difficulties, mental health issues and physical disabilities are among those who will benefit from the new service. The service delivers a hot two-course lunch with the additional option of afternoon tea. Meals on Wheels drivers are also trained to carry out a wellbeing check as well as delivering the food.

There are currently 1,770 customers receiving Meals on Wheels from one to seven days a week and nearly 35,000 lunchtime meals are delivered each month. Over 64% of customers are aged 75 years and over, with 36 per cent aged between 55 and 75 years. The proportion of those people aged 85 years and over is expected to increase by

almost 30% to 54,600 people by 2023 as society continues to age.

Be Sugar Smart

In Hampshire, one in five children entering school is overweight or obese, and by the age of 10 to 11 years this rises to almost one in three.

On the Sugar Smart web pages <https://www.nhs.uk/change4life/#mh5iPmlStrtRzLOV.97> you will find advice on purchasing healthier snacks as well as promotional offers on a range of healthier snacks, including fruit and vegetables at selected supermarkets. Parents can also get money-off vouchers to help them try healthier snack options, including malt loaf, lower sugar fromage frais, and drinks with no added sugar.

The recommended sugar guidelines for children are:

- Children aged 4 to 6 years old should not have more than 19g of added sugar per day – that's 5 cubes (based on 4g sugar cubes).
- Children aged 7 to 10 years old should have no more than 24g per day – that's 6 cubes (based on 4g sugar cubes).
- From 11 years up, children should have no more than 30g per day – that's 7 cubes (based on 4g sugar cubes).
- No more than 5 per cent of a person's (from 2 years old and above) daily energy intake should come from sugar.

School Transport

Around £30million is spent providing transport for thousands of schoolchildren and students in Hampshire but this could change under new proposals. People are being asked to give their views on possible reductions in Home to School Transport and the post-16 transport service, which currently goes above and beyond what is legally required. If agreed, the changes could become effective from September 1st 2018.

HCC is required by law to transport all children of compulsory school age [meaning after the child's fifth birthday] who meet the nationally set distance criteria, who have special educational needs or disabilities, or whose route to school is an 'unsafe walking route'. The consultation on proposals will run until 13th March 2018. A report on the feedback will be prepared for consideration in May. To have your say, visit www.hants.gov.uk/consultations.

Bayeux Tapestry

The Bayeux Tapestry is set to be displayed in the UK for the first time after France agreed it could leave their shores after 950



years. Described by some as history's first graphic novel, the 230ft-long embroidery depicts events leading up to the Battle of Hastings and the Norman conquest of England by William the Conqueror in 1066. The arrival of the Normans saw the capital switched from Winchester to London. Although referred to as a tapestry, it is an embroidery stitched in nine different panels and it is believed to have been sewn by nuns in Canterbury.

The Leader of Hampshire County Council, Cllr Roy Perry, has offered to host the historic tapestry in the Great Hall of Winchester Castle, after the French president Emmanuel Macron announced it would be loaned to the UK. Cllr Perry has also suggested in a letter written to Prime Minister, Theresa May, that in exchange for the priceless item, Hampshire could loan King Arthur's Round Table to our neighbours across the Channel. The medieval round table was constructed as a replica under the orders of Edward I and painted during the reign of Henry VIII and is displayed in the Great Hall, Winchester. King Arthur's Round Table bears the names of the Knights of his court, and depicts Arthur sitting above a Tudor rose. The location for the display of the Bayeux Tapestry is due to be decided later this year.

Patricia Stallard, County Councillor for Winchester Southern Parishes



Signpost Renovation

Thanks to the two gentlemen who fixed our lovely signposts. John, on the right, apparently restored Pipers Hill signpost 20 years ago and, now in his 80s, he still doing the job!

Thank you too to Denmead Parish Council for arranging for the signposts around the village to be renovated.

Trish Bailey

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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

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