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#### I must ask.... did you remember that the clocks changed on Sunday 31st March? I have such mixed emotions about it, firstly that I lose an hour of very precious sleep!

This year the clocks changed during the early hours of Easter Sunday, making our Easter sunrise service on the green exceptionally early in the morning. However, the sunrise service never ceases to delight my soul as we come together as a community to celebrate the risen Christ. It's easy to forget when we are mourning the loss of an hour's sleep that the clocks changing herald the joyous revelation that our evenings will soon become lighter and lighter, and we will no longer feel the need to huddle indoors, sat in our pjs in the warm, but can enjoy the beauty of creation in the warm evening sunshine.



I love the season of Spring, it is a beautiful time of year when the winter weather subsides, and the flowers begin to bloom. It brings with it new hope, colour, and joy. Everywhere that we look there are new signs of life all around us. Snowdrops, narcissi, crocuses, and daffodils wave to us in the sunshine, buds and blossom appear on the trees, the grass starts to look green once more (and if your grass is anything like mine hopefully will no longer be a patch of muddy bog!)

Metaphorically speaking, spring reminds us that even after a hard season, something brighter, better, and more beautiful can bloom as a result. Regardless of what season happens to be your favourite, the first signs of spring can bring a

sense of hope, rejuvenation, and fresh feelings.

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As a Christian, spring is a reminder to us that God is all about making things new. In fact, Jesus promised to make everything new one day.

hard season, something brighter, better, and more beautiful can bloom

And the one who was seated on the throne said, 'See, I am making all things new. Also, he said, 'Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.'. (Revelation 21:5).

While each season proclaims God's faithfulness in its arrival and unique characteristics, spring showcases the Creator's faithfulness most extravagantly. Spring demonstrates of life after death, as we watch year after year life emerge from the depths of dark earth, bare branches, and broken seeds.

This is highlighted as we celebrate the life, death and resurrection of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ throughout Lent and Holy Week. Pondering the reality of the resurrection's place in the season of spring, I wonder at God's design in spring's

replicating the resurrection hope before our eyes each year.

As flowers bloom and animals are born, we are reminded of the innocence and beauty that exists in this world and that there is new life all around us. As Christians, we are given new life and new blessings every morning. Spring provides a wonderful reminder to

us that we should be living a full life and leaving the old dead parts of life behind.

Spring represents a new day; it's dawn in the wheel of the year. A new sun is rising. Life is waking up in the warm sunlight and our spirit feels ready to make a fresh start. During this time of year for Christians it is an opportunity

for us to be refreshed and restored, both in our lives and in our faith. As we shake off that winter chill, it is an opportunity to start a new positive habit or perhaps recommitting to our prayer life. This year I have found the Lectio 365 app a good way to start and finish my day. It reminds me to look for the things that bring me joy in my life and makes me acknowledge the things that I struggle with and need to think about.

This Spring has brought a new arrival in the Langdown household that personifies the joy that new life and change can bring. He is full of excitement at the simplest of things, as the world opens to him every day, bringing new experiences and revelations. Who knew that an empty box could be so exciting. (I won't lie, it has also brought us sleepless nights, puddles to avoid on the kitchen floor and a necessity to be tidy!)

It seems a little unfair to label him a new habit we have all started in our household, but he is; whatever the weather, he encourages us (okay insists) that we venture out and delight in the rising and setting of the sun each day and have plenty of opportunity to



delight in the beauty of nature around us.

This Spring I encourage you to think about what you can change to bring something positive and joyful in your life, it might be the courage to go and meet new people, to start a new hobby, to sort the box of stuff that is perpetually ignored living in the corner of the room, to reconnect with Jesus. Whatever you decided to do remember, be strong and courageous, for the Lord our God is always with us.

Every blessing

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Revd Buffy Langdown - Curate, All Saints

## Services at All Saints

#### Sunday 7th April – Second Sunday of Easter

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

Holy Communion with Kids and Youth at Ten 🖵 🕮 10.00am

#### Sunday 14th April – Third Sunday of Easter

- Holy Communion (Said, traditional BCP 8.00am Communion Service)
- 10.00am All Together Service – all ages gather to worship, learn, and grow together.

6.00pm Evensong

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#### Saturday 20th April

3.30 - 5.00pm Messy Church – For all young families with pre-school/primary aged children. The whole family is welcome to Messy Church, grandparents and carers included. Join us for this fun filled afternoon of craft games, singing, Bible story, prayers, and refreshment. We meet in the church hall at 3.30 pm. For more information, please see www. allsaintsdenmead.org.uk/messy-church or from Lewis lones youth@allsaintsdenmead.org.uk

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

Private Prayer - The Church building is open from 8.30am to dusk each day for private prayer.

If you wish to light a candle and pray there is a candle stand in the Chapel.

#### Sunday 21st April – Fourth Sunday of Easter

- Holy Communion (Said, traditional BCP Communion Service) 8.00am
- Holy Communion with Kids and Youth at Ten. 💶 🍩 10.00am

#### Sunday 28th April – Fifth Sunday of Easter

- Holy Communion (Said, traditional BCP Communion Service) 8.00am
- Morning Worship. There will be no Holy Communion at this 10.00am Service.
- 11.30 am AGM/APCM and picnic

Refreshments in our church hall after the service This service will be live streamed

All Saints Church will hold its AGM (Annual General Meeting) and APCM (Annual Parochial Church Meeting) on Sunday 28th April at 11.30am in church, followed by a Picnic. Everyone is welcome to this meeting, and it is hoped that you will come and contribute to the life of All Saints or just learn more about what goes on and stay for lunch and chat afterwards.



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Advance Notice

### Concert by the Band of His Majesty's Royal Marines

Continuing our successful concert run we are delighted to be able to welcome back The Band of his Majesty's Royal Marines for their annual concert at All Saints Church Denmead on Wednesday 27th November.



Tickets will be going on sale on **Monday 8th April** and will be available from Tina Cottam and the Church Office from that date.



Booking forms will be available to download from the church website or from the back of church.

Tina Cottam, 02392 266924

## Sacred Heart Catholic Church

The Church of the Sacred Heart and St Peter the Apostle 356 London Road, Waterlooville, Hampshire PO7 7SR

Parish Priest: Rev Mgr Canon Jeremy Garratt (023) 9226 2289 shspa@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk www.waterlooville-catholic.org.uk Mass Times Saturday Vigil Mass: 6.15pm Sunday Family Mass: 10.30am (including Children's Liturgy)

Sunday Evening Folk Mass 6.30pm Please refer to Newsletter for weekday Mass times.



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Join us for an exciting event as we kick off a year of community action on climate change and biodiversity loss in Denmead. Whether you're already passionate about protecting the environment or just curious to learn more, everyone is welcome to attend and discover how they can get involved.

Date: 27th April 2024 Time: 1:30 pm - 3:30 pm Location: Next to the Co-op



At the launch event, you'll have the opportunity to explore our five working groups, each focused on a different aspect of community action:

#### I. Space for Nature:

2. Cycle of the Seed:

Join us in enhancing biodiversity across Denmead by creating new habitats and improving existing ones. Participate in expert-led walks, wildlife surveys, and action days to make a difference for our local wildlife.

Get involved in growing food within our community, whether you have a garden or not. From seed swaps

to community gardens, there are plenty of ways to

participate and contribute to a greener Denmead.





3. Energy Efficient, Warmer Homes:

Learn about simple steps you can take to improve home insulation and reduce energy consumption. Get access to a free thermal imaging survey that can help identify areas of heat loss in your home and find out about grants for insulation improvements.

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#### 4. Waste Prevention:

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#### 5. Health Impacts of Climate Change:

Learn about the health impacts of climate change and how we can support each other as a community. Sign

up to attend a mental health climate café or get involved in promoting ways to reduce traffic pollution.

Don't miss this chance to be part of the change in Denmead! Join us on the 27th of April and discover how you can make a difference. Plus, sign up for our mailing list to stay updated on upcoming events and volunteer opportunities.

Also, keep an eye out for your Greening Denmead card landing on doorsteps soon, with five easy challenges! When you've ticked off three, please display the card in your window to inspire others to join in. Let's spread eco-friendly action throughout Denmead!

Together, we can create a greener, healthier future for our community and our planet. See you at the launch event!



QR code to join our mailing list

Or visit www.greeningdenmead.org.uk

Or email: greeningdenmead@gmail.com

### **From the Registers**

#### Funerals

8th March – the Late Charlie Burton. Funeral at All Saints and burial at Denmead Cemetery 18th March – the Late Peter Bolam Funeral at All Saints and cremation at The Oaks, Havant





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### **Denmead Horticultural Society**

In February we attended the Hampshire Federation of Horticultural Societies Federation Day and AGM at Sparsholt College. In the morning there were talks from Rosy Hardy of Hardys Cottage Garden Plants and Kelvin Mason on organising a show and steward's duties. In the afternoon we took part in the quiz and were delighted to come second and win the Don Bishop trophy.

Our March meeting was a Gardeners' Questions evening with a panel made up of three of our committee assisted by horticultural author and journalist Martyn Cox. Questions covered a wide range of topics including growing tomatoes, supporting beans and climbers, essential tools, companion planting, how to keep an amaryllis to flower again, pruning raspberries, moss on paths and a non-flowering wisteria. We also had a seed share table which was popular, and we will continue this at future meetings.

On Tuesday 2nd April our speaker is Andy McIndoe, and his subject is 'Permanent and Seasonal Planting for Pots and Containers'. During his long career with Hillier Nurseries Andy was responsible for the development of the Company's chain of garden centres and for 25 consecutive Gold Medal winning exhibits at RHS Chelsea Flower Show. He has written several books including The Creative Shrub Garden and his talk will suggest shrubs, perennials, bulbs, and seasonal plants to make the most of pots and containers around your garden. Looking ahead to 7th May Nicki Gibbons talk is 'Grow Your Own Cut Flowers'. Both talks will be at 7.30pm in the Church Hall.

Our Spring Show (see page 14) on Saturday 6th April opens at 1pm in the Church Hall. The schedule is on our website and paper copies are in Parkers – the deadline for entries is Wed 3rd. Do see what you could enter - there is something for everyone with classes for handicrafts, cookery, photography, and floral art as well as flowers, vegetables and junior classes. Do visit the show in the afternoon and stay to enjoy a cup of tea with home made cake and perhaps win a prize on the tombola – hope to see you there.

You can keep up with our activities on the Denmead Horticultural Society website (https://www.hugofox.com/community/denmead-horticultural-society) and our Facebook group which now has over 300 members.

Liz Williams

# Denmead Horticultural Society SPRING SHOW Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> April 2024



to be held in ALL SAINTS CHURCH HALL Hambledon Road, Denmead, PO7 6NN Opening 1pm - Prizegiving 3.30pm

Schedule on our website and paper copies in Parkers See what you could enter - forms in by Wed 3<sup>rd</sup> April Come and enjoy the exhibits - Tea & Cakes - Tombola

Our local foodbank needs help all year round. Please collect food items and toiletries, everything is needed - but not fresh food. Please drop off items to the large collection box in the welcome area in All Saints church and we will transfer over to the foodbank. All Saints is open each day from 8.30am till dusk.



Alternatively you can make a financial donation. Money can be transferred by BACS to Living Waters Fellowship Sort code 20-69-34 and Account 1363 8030.

Ally Chatterley, Operations Manager at Citizens Advice Winchester District gives advice on council tax reductions.



My council tax bill is coming out soon and I am dreading opening it as it always goes up. My income has stayed the same but everything else is more expensive and I have hardly anything left over - how will I cope if my payments keep going up?

A Many of us are feeling overwhelmed as we see our basic bills and essential costs go up. You're not alone in finding things difficult and, crucially, there's support available.

First off, council tax discounts are available to some people depending on your circumstances. For instance, if you're the only adult in your home, you should get a 25% discount on your council tax bill.

When working out how many people live in a property, some people aren't counted they're called 'disregarded people' and include under 18s, a student nurse or someone on an apprenticeship scheme and many more. If everyone who lives in the property is disregarded, you will still receive a council tax bill, but it will have a 50% discount. However, if everyone in your home is a student or severely mentally impaired, you won't pay any council tax.

Additionally, if someone has moved out, tell the council as this might change your eligibility. If you are entitled to a discount as a result, it will be valid from the date when the person moved out, even if you told the council after the event, and the reduction may be backdated.

You mention that your income hasn't

increased. If you are on a low income, you might also be able to get your council tax reduced. Your local council will ask you details about your income and your circumstances, so they can work out if you're entitled to a council tax reduction. They will then calculate your new bill and tell you how much council tax you need to pay.

You may also be eligible for additional support if you've reached State Pension age, though the 'working age rule' will still apply if you or your partner receive certain benefits including:

- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance (JSA)
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance (ESA)
- Income Support

Even if none of the reduction criteria applies to you, your local council can still reduce your council tax bill or cancel it altogether, this is called 'discretionary reduction'. They'll normally only do this if you can show that you're suffering severe hardship and can't afford to pay council tax.

We know that times are incredibly tough and council tax is a priority bill so it's important to keep in contact with your council if you can't keep up payments.

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# Here are the regular activities that take place at the various venues in Denmead.

If you spot any incorrect entries, please send updates by email: chronicle@allsaintsdenmead.org.uk

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

#### Mondays

09.30-10.30Fit2Dance (weekly, term time only)11.30-12.30Breathe Again (weekly)15.00-20.30Slimming World (weekly)

#### Tuesdays

09.30-10.30	Pilates (weekly, term time only)
10.45-11.45	Fit 4 U (weekly term time only)
14.00-15.00	Positive Strokes (weekly)
17.30-19.00	3rd Brownies (weekly, term time only)
19.30-21.30	Denmead Horticultural Society (monthly, 1st Tuesday)
20.00-22.00	South Hants Koi Club (Oct. to Apr. only, monthly, 2nd Tuesday)

#### Wednesdays

11.00-12.30	Memory Café (monthly, 2nd Wednesday)
14.00-16.00	Flower Club (monthly, 3rd Wednesday)
14.00-16.00	Bereavement Support Group (monthly, 4th Wednesday
17.45-19.15	l st Brownies (weekly, term time only)

#### Thursdays

09.15-10.15	Mrs G's Pilates (weekly)
13.45-15.45	Home Instead 'Love to Move' (weekly)
16.15-17.15	Ist Rainbows (weekly, term time only)
17.30-19.00	2nd Brownies (weekly, term time only)
19.00-21.00	Guides & Rangers (weekly, term time only)

#### Fridays

- 09.15-11.15 Little Stars (weekly, term time only)
- 14.30-15.30 Gentle Chair Exercises (weekly)
- 19.30-21.30 Denmead Village Association (alternate monthly, 3rd Friday)

#### Saturdays

- 10.00-12.30 WI Belles Community Café please check poster for details
- 15.30-17.30 Messy Church (monthly, 3rd Saturday)

Further Details from Church Office 023 9226 8757

#### Heath Room regular bookings

#### Mondays

19.00-21.00 Denmead Horticultural Society Committee (monthly 2nd Monday)

#### Tuesdays

09.30-11.30 Coffee & Chat (weekly) 14.00-16.00 Mothers' Union (monthly, 3rd Tuesday)

#### Wednesdays

14.00-16.00 Afternoon W.I. (monthly, 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday)

#### Saturdays

10.00-12.00 Local Government Surgery (monthly, 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday)

Further Details from Church Office 023 9226 8757

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

#### Mondays

08.30-15.00 Denmead Pre-School - Term Time Only

#### Tuesdays

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

#### Wednesday

08.30-15.00 Denmead Pre-School – Term Time Only 19.30-21.30 Denmead W.I. Belles – 1st Wednesday Monthly 19.30-21.30 Denmead Horticultural Floral Workshop – 2nd Wednesday Monthly 19.30-21.30 Evening Denmead W.I. – 3rd Wednesday Monthly

#### Thursday

08.30-15.00 Denmead Pre-School – Term Time Only 19.45-21.45 Badminton Club - Weekly

#### Friday

08.30-15.00 Denmead Pre-School – Term Time Only

Further Details from Mrs S Thomas 07534 024388

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

#### **Regular Events**

#### Mondays

09.00-10.00	Little Kickers
09.30 -10.30	Better Body Club
11.00 - 12.00	Yoga with Allison
10.30 - 11.30	Steady and Strong
10.00 - 12.00	Watercolours for Improvers
14.30 - 16.30	U3A Board games – fortnightly
	Robinsons Gym (Ages 7-15)
19.00 - 21.00	Evening Table Tennis – contact annandmalcolm.davies@virgin.net
	Denmead Bridge Club
19.30 - 20.30	Robinsons Gym (Ages 16+)
Tuesdays	
09:00 - 10:00	Better Body Club – Pilates Intermediate
09.00 - 11.00	Denmead Unsung Gardeners (DUG)
	Contact the Centre for more Infomation.
	Upholstery Class
	Tadaa (- performing arts classes for 2-18 year olds)
	Better Body Club - Beginners/Rehab Pilates
	Denmead Writers
	Afternoon Social Club (Monthly 2nd Tuesday)
	Art History 2 (Monthly, 1st Tuesday of the month)
	Table Tennis – contact annandmalcom.davies@virgin.net
	Create – Children's Art Classes
18.00 - 19.00	
	Robinsons Gym – Fighters Camp Session
	Denmead WI – monthly
	Denmead Brass Band Rehearsal
	Downland Singers
	our Website www.downlandsingers.hampshire.org.uk/index.htm
Wednesdays	
	Jiggy Wrigglers – baby music & movement
	Denmead Art Group (Fortnightly)
	Wednesday Table Tennis – contact annandmalcolm.davies@virgin.net
	Shiyong Tai Chi
16.00 - 18.00	Tadaa (- performing arts classes for 4-13 year olds)

- 19.00 21.00 Breakaway Stitchers and Quilters
- 19.00 21.00 LD Art Group
- 18.30 20.45 Yoga with Allison

#### Thursdays

 09.30 - 10.30
 Zumba

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

 12.00 - 13.30
 Lunch Club for over 70's

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

 14.00 - 16.00
 Italian Classes - Tertulia

 18.30 - 19.30
 Robinsons Gym (Ages 7-15)

 19.00 - 21.00
 Table Tennis - contact annandmalcolm.davies@virgin.net

 19.30 - 20.30
 Robinsons Gym (Ages 16+)

#### Fridays

- 09.30 12.00 Art Class
- 09.30 12.30 The Messy Hands Crafters (first Friday of the month) 18.30 - 20.30 Farlington Dog Club (Denmead)
- 14.00 16.00 U3A Table Tennis (Beginners) Monthly 3rd Friday

#### Saturdays

09.00 - 11.30 Southern Arts Academy (Term Time only) Denmead Film Nights Doors open at 19.00 (Typically the last Saturday of the month) A warm welcome is extended to all.

#### Sundays

09.00 - 12.30 Denmead Brass Band 19.30 - 22.00 Board Gaming – monthly

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

#### Denmead Community Centre

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# Rigorous Vetting at the Evening W.I.

In February the Evening W.I. welcomed Gillian Taylor to talk about her life as a vet. She trained at Liverpool University as one of only five women on the course whereas now there are far fewer men. After graduating she joined a practice in Bournemouth and shared many amusing anecdotes about the weird objects that many of her animal patients had eaten! She joined the PDSA and her area covered Cowplain and Southsea, before retiring and becoming an ambassador for the charity Canine Partners which supports people in the home with mobility issues and neurological disorders.

This month members will be taking part in the Bere Forest skittles evening with fish and chip supper at Merchistoun Hall, the Garden Group has a visit to the Blendworth Garden Centre coming up and the Meet and Eat this month is at the Harvest Home. At the meeting on Wednesday 17th April Andrew Cutmore will talk about the history of funeral directing.

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

For more information contact <u>denmeadevepres@hampshirewi.org.uk</u>

## Give Bowls a Try

Denmead Bowling Club are holding their annual TASTER DAY on Saturday 20th April 10am-4pm



At Denmead Bowling Green, Ashling Park road PO7 6EH

Here is an opportunity to come and try the game of bowls whilst finding out more about our club and what we have to offer to the community in the way of social activities and friendship.

Experience is not necessary so come along and give it a go. The day consists of free taster sessions with a loan of shoes and bowls. Our qualified coaches are available for tips and advice. Refreshments are available all day, so come along for a try or even for a cup of tea and a chat as we also offer social membership.

We hold coffee mornings on the second Thursday of the month 10am for a get together and a chat all welcome.

Although we hold taster days if they are not convenient taster sessions can be arranged with our coaches by contacting Mike Wright mj.wright16@btinternet.com who will have further details.

Further details including contact and membership details can be found on our website: www.denmeadbowlingclub.co.uk



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## Denmead Walks

This is a fairly long walk but there are no steep inclines. Starting at the Harvest Home it first heads west through Creech Woods before bearing south on Beckford Lane then WALK DETAILS Length 10.4km/6.5miles Time 2h 45m Stiles 1 Walk Grade 3/5

south-east in the direction of Southwick. After passing through woodland either side of the Denmead-Southwick road some of which forms part of the Southwick Estate, the route continues past the solar farm, along Belney Lane and the golf course, before the final leg passes through the east side of Creech Woods. The best time to tackle this route is when the bluebells are out in Assells Copse.

> Turn R from the Harvest Home car park, cross the roundabout and head up Bunkers Hill in the direction of Southwick. At the 40mph sign cross the road with care before entering the west sector of Creech Woods on a winding, narrow path that leads to the main wide track. On leaving the narrow path go R and stay on the main track as far as Beckford Lane at the end of the woodland.

> **2.2km/I mile** Here go L and continue for 800m/872yards passing FP finger posts both on the L and R. As Beckford Lane bends to the right, go L onto the track leading to Beckford Green Farm. Stay on this gravel track for just under 300m/327yards until a gate appears ahead just as the lane veers L.



Figure 1: Assells Copse

**3.5km/2.2miles** Pass through the space to the side of the gate, cross a field, then go through another gate into a larger second field at the same time walking almost parallel to Goldsmith's Copse on the RHS. At the end of the second field go into a third and bear slightly L toward the gate ahead. Follow the footpath direction sign slightly to the R keeping to the lower path through the sloping meadow with the stream on your R. (NBThis meadow floods in wet weather so it may be necessary to cross this meadow further up the slope.)

**4.3km/2.7miles** Eventually enter Assells Coppice then follow the distinct path for some distance, finally crossing a plank/bridge just before emerging from the wood. Go L following the path toward Denmead Lane, the road that connects Denmead and Southwick.

**4.9km/3.1miles** After passing through the gate cross the lane with care then head along the footpath opposite keeping the brick boundary wall on the R. Near the end of the wall bear slightly L and cross the narrow ditch farther up on the LHS to avoid the mud near the wall. Cross the ditch to enter Place Wood before going L and continuing uphill on a well-marked path. Go straight on at the two crossways - yellow direction signs may be in place.

**6.1km/3.8miles** On exiting the wood go L around the perimeter of the field turning R on reaching the left-hand corner. At the top of the field the path comes out onto a farm track. Here pause for a moment to admire the view toward the top of Portsdown Hill on the RHS.

Turn L then pick up the FP that runs parallel and to the R of farm track but at a slightly lower level. Remain on the path but where the farm track is in front, turn R into a field which is at the boundary of a section of Southwick Solar Farm. Keeping the hedge on the LHS continue past the solar panels.

**6.9km/4.3miles** At the end of the field cross the only stile on this walk, bear R around the barn and follow the long farm track as far as Belney Lane, a distance over around 400m/436yards. Go L and remain on this lane as far as Three Ways junction with Sheepwash Lane.

**8km/5 miles** At the next junction go L into Furzeley Road, then, a short distance beyond the entrance to the west side of the golf course, take a L turn onto the FP into Creech Wood. Stay on the path continuing in a straight line as far as the car park (CP) at the other end of the wood. Go R here, cross the CP then take the FP to the R about 30m before the entrance gate. Emerging onto Bunkers Hill bear R and head back to the starting point at the Harvest Home.



Figure 2: Finial post at Furzeley Corner

### The Afternoon W.I. Carve Her Name With Pride

In March the Afternoon W.I. welcomed Lt Col Jeremy Prescott who gave a most interesting talk about Violette Szabo, one of only four women to receive the George Cross, many may remember her story from the film Carve Her Name with Pride.

Born in Paris on 26th June 1921 of Anglo-French parents, Violette moved to England as a child. She met her husband Etienne in 1940 when her parents asked her to bring a soldier home for lunch at the end of the Commemoration parade by the French Army, they married after only a few weeks and their daughter Tania was born on 8th June 1942. Etienne was deployed to North Africa where he was killed by German forces and, wanting to avenge his death, Violette joined the SOE (Special Operations Executive) F Section which operated in France. She was captured and sent to Ravensbruck Concentration Camp where she was executed and was awarded a posthumous George Cross on 28th January 1947, presented to her daughter.

At the meeting the ladies enjoyed delicious chocolate cupcakes made by Lily and Lime. The competition for a Family Heirloom was won by Helen Dore-Dennis with Joan Downing second. Sue Packham's flower was voted first with Angela MacNee second.

This month John Richards will be speaking about the Winchester Talking Newspaper.

Future events include the Group Round of the County Quiz which the Denmead group is hosting.

All ladies are invited to meetings held on the first Wednesday of the month from 2 - 4pm in the Heath Room at All Saints Church, which is central to the village with easy car parking. Visitors are most welcome to this informal group especially if a particular subject is of interest. If you are new to the village or recently retired and would like to make new friends the W.I. welcomes you. Talks cover a variety of subjects – some serious and others amusing – so all tastes are catered for.

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

Joan Downing

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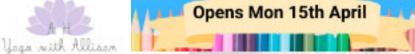
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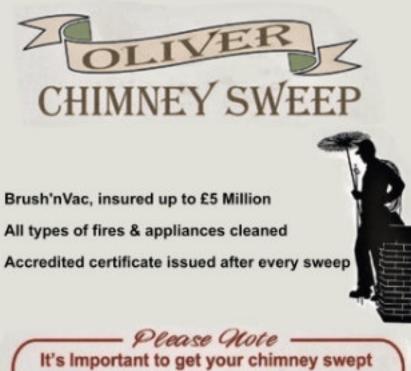
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### From School Places to Potholes

# First Preference Secondary School in Hampshire

More than 98% of parents in Hampshire (14,312) have been offered a place for their child at one of their three preferences for September 2024. Of those who applied for a Year 7 place by the deadline, 90.71% (13,232) have been offered a place at their first preference. Hampshire County Council received 14,587 on-time applications – a decrease of 306 compared with the number received for places in September 2023. For those parents and carers who have not secured a place at one of their preferred secondary schools this year, please visit the website for advice <u>https://www.hants.gov.uk/educationandlearning/admissions</u>

Pupils who did not secure a place at one of their preferences have been allocated a place at their catchment school or the next nearest school with a place available. Parents have the right to appeal against any refusal in these situations and their child's name will be added to the waiting list for their preferred schools.

Parents who applied online have been notified of their offers by email. They can also view their offer by logging into the secure, online portal using the same log-in details provided when making their online application. Those parents who applied on paper have been notified by email if they provided an email address or by post where no email address was provided and should receive their letters in two to three days. FAQs to help with parents' queries has been published on the Admissions webpage -<u>https://www.hants.gov.uk/</u> <u>educationandlearning/admissions/year-seven-</u> <u>offer-day-faqs</u> including information on school transport assistance which may be

available where the national eligibility criteria is met (application deadline 31 May).

The Admissions Team is now busy processing main round infant, junior and primary school applications with school place offers due to go out to parents on 16th April 2024.

#### Budget

£2.6 billion of public spending on the ongoing delivery of important local services to Hampshire's 1.4 million residents in 2024/25 has been approved by HCC. From Ist April 2024, HCC's portion of council tax increased by a total of 4.99%, of which 2% will go specifically towards adults' social care and supporting the County's higher numbers of older people and adults with complex needs and disabilities - in line with Government policy. This equates to an annual charge of  $\pounds$ 1,533.24 for a Band D property – an increase of  $\pounds$ 72.99 per year or approximately £1.40 a week. The increase will generate an extra £39 million of vital income towards the delivery of crucial services to the people of Hampshire.

The Council has also approved new capital spending of £880.6 million over the next three years.

#### Funding Approved to expand Childcare

HCC has approved funding of £5.9 million to help more parents access childcare before and after school. The funding has been granted by the Department for Education to support schools and Local Authorities to set up or expand the provision of childcare which 'wraps around' the school day, enabling parents and carers of primary school-aged children to access and pay for term time childcare from 8.00am – 6.00pm.

The funding will be allocated from September 2024 over two academic years until April 2026. The expectation is that after this point, settings will be able to run successfully on income from parental fees, without the need for further financial assistance.

#### Volunteers Plant 950 Trees Creating Mini-Forest

A new woodland has been created in Havant thanks to local volunteers who have planted 950 trees in Havant Rugby Ground boosting wildlife and biodiversity. A team of around 30 people planted species including oak, beech, field maple, hawthorn, blackthorn, wild cherry and hazel. The project was organised by HCC's Hampshire Forest Partnership.

Groups or communities interested in planting a mini forest or orchard can contact the Hampshire Forest Partnership via its website. The Forest Partnership's Coronation fund is open for projects that can be planted by March 2025. see - <u>https://</u> www.hants.gov.uk/

hampshireforestpartnership/get-involved/ people-communities

#### Silver Line

The Silver Line Helpline, run by Age UK, is a

free confidential helpline for older people open 24/7 on 0800 470 8090.

## Successful Prosecution of Fraudulent Trader

HCC has welcomed the successful prosecution of a rogue trader sentenced for roofing fraud to the value of  $\pounds$ 642,850.320 involving 29 properties across Hampshire, West Sussex and the Isle of Wight. The prosecution was brought by HCCTrading Standards.

#### **Consumer Rights**

If you want to find out your Consumer Rights visit <u>https://www.hants.gov.uk/</u> <u>business/tradingstandards</u>

#### Rights of Way

To report a problem on a foothpath [not pavement] or right of way contact <u>https://</u> www.hants.gov.uk/ landplanningandenvironment/rightsofway/ reportaproblem

#### Eligible for Free School Meals?

To find out if your child[ren] are eligible for free school meals visit - <u>https://www.hants.</u> <u>gov.uk/educationandlearning/</u> <u>freeschoolmeals/juniorsecondary</u>. HCC is unable to provide money to help with school uniforms.

#### Potholes

To report a pothole visit - <u>https://www.hants.</u> gov.uk/transport/roadmaintenance/ roadproblems/potholes

Patricia Stallard



### District Council Up-date

#### Postal voting

If you know that you won't be able to get to the polling station on polling day, you can vote by post. You can also choose to vote by post simply because it would be more convenient for you.

To apply for a postal vote, you can either go online to:

https://www.gov.uk/apply-postal-vote or download an application form via https://www. electoralcommission.org.uk/sites/default/files/ 2023-11/PO-E\_PostalEngland2023\_form\_0.pdf

#### Council tax 24/25

At the budget meeting held in February the council approved a Council Tax increase at Band D for Winchester City Council services to  $\pounds 159.36$ , an increase of  $\pounds 4.07$  reflecting an average Council tax increase of 2.6%. This increase does not include parish precepts, Hampshire County Council or Hampshire Police who determine their own levels although the total amount is collected on their behalf by Winchester City Council. Council House rents will rise by 7.5%.

On the first Saturday of each month there is a Surgery held in the Heath Room at All Saints Church where you can come and meet with your local District and County Councillors between 10 am and 12 noon. No appointment required or you can contact us direct, contact details are published online or on the public notice boards. We look forward to seeing you.

On behalf of District Cllr's Caroline Brook, Paula Langford-Smith and Mike Read

#### Waterlooville Probus Club

Probus welcomes retired or semi-retired professional men and women. There is a two-course meal, followed by tea/coffee and a Speaker. Arrive 12 noon for 12.30 pm sit down lunch.

At our next meeting, on TUESDAY 9th APRIL 2024 Speaker Julian LeGood will give us A Portrait of the Architect as a Young Man. Julian was one of the fortunate ones who witnessed the evolution from drawing boards propped up on brick samples; yards, feet and inches via "draughting machines" to Computer Aided Design and 3D Modelling. Julian's life as an Architect was one of laughs, misadventure and the absurd!

In addition, at our April meeting, we will be welcoming some Probus friends from New Zealand, who will tell us a little of what life is like on the Kapiti Coast.

The meal costs £21 and must be ordered one week in advance, so if you would like to come along to find out more about Probus, or want to join the Club, please contact our Membership Secretary, Linda Marland, email - probus@lindamarland. com

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