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ear Friends,

I always look forward to May; the promise of long days of pleasant and, generally, stable weather, neither too hot, nor too cold, and not too wet, with the opportunity to spend time outdoors, enjoying God's amazing



creation at its best, on our own, or with friends or family. As I write this letter, in early April, although there are signs of spring, with butterflies and other insects slowly returning to our gardens and a variety of colourful and scented wild-flowers appearing along our lanes, we are still experiencing the sort of storms and flooding we would normally have expected to have left behind us with the passing of winter, so the promise of May is even more attractive than usual!

Stormy is also a good description of the experience of Jesus' disciples as they lived through the ups and downs of the anxiety of his suffering, despair of his death, and shock, then delight of his resurrection at Easter. But afterwards, they must have felt that things had stabilized again; Jesus was alive, they were joyful, hopeful, and expectant, albeit still puzzled, but possibly looking forward to good times with him, as they accompanied and supported him once more.

God had other plans however, and Jesus knew that his earthly ministry was ending; he spent the time after his resurrection preparing his disciples for the mission to which they had been called: healing, preaching the gospel, making new disciples, baptizing, and teaching. Then, on the 40th day of Easter, which we now call Ascension Day, a surprising thing happened; Jesus blessed them, told them to wait in Jerusalem for God's gift of the Holy Spirit, and was lifted up and disappeared from their sight, returning to his heavenly Father.

John Pritchard, former Bishop of Oxford, describes this as follows, in his book Five Events that Made Christianity (Christmas, Good Friday, Easter, Ascension and Pentecost): 'The Hero had returned home; the champion had gone back for the great welcome party and the tour of heaven in the open-top bus. It puts us in our place because it puts Jesus in his place. And Jesus is Lord. He was a leaver precisely in order to remain. We have a friend in high places.'



This year, the Church marks Ascension Day on 9 May and you might like to join the global, ecumenical prayer movement, called 'Thy Kingdom Come', which invites Christians from around the world to pray, during the eleven days from Ascension Day, for more people to come to know Jesus. More information, and resources, can be found at <a href="https://www.thykingdom.come.global/">https://www.thykingdom.come.global/</a>.



These eleven days echo the period which lesus' disciples spent waiting in Jerusalem, anticipating God's empowering Spirit. And they weren't disappointed for, on the 50th day of Easter, when we now mark the feast of Pentecost, the most amazing, transformative event took place. Jesus' disciples were gathered in the upper room where they had been staying and they were marking the lewish Feast of Weeks, when the Holy Spirit descended upon them. A violent wind filled the whole house, tongues of flame came among them and rested on each of them, and then the Spirit enabled them to speak in different languages about the wonderful, powerful things that God had done.

# ... spreading God's love and the good news far and wide

Because of this, a crowd had gathered and some thought that the disciples were drunk; the Apostle Peter told them however that they were not drunk but inspired by the Holy Spirit, which filled them with energy, love, and truth, made sense of the mystery of the lesus they had met and followed, and enabled them to share that revelation with others. From that astonishing, landmark day, the Spirit-filled disciples began to tell others about Jesus, spreading God's love and the good news far and wide, and establishing new communities of faith, which developed into what we now call the Church.

For this reason, we sometimes call Pentecost the Church's birthday, and the day is celebrated with the same sort of excitement and joy, often using the symbolism of the warmth of fire, the energy of wind, the oil and water of baptism and

the red of blood and passion. This year, at All Saints', we shall mark Pentecost on 19 May, and we encourage everyone to wear something red.

The Holy Spirit remains with Christians today; God's love in action. John Pritchard, again: 'The Spirit energizes God's people, fills life with life, gives us resilience, and in that resilience lies hope. The Spirit encourages, supports, teaches, picks us up, stretches us further, never gives up, and has achieved remarkable transformations in countless lives.' Wow!

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May the blessings of God's Spirit be poured out upon us.

With love in Christ.

Peter Mitchell, Licensed Lay Minister (Reader).

### Services at All Saints

#### Sunday 5th May – 6th Sunday of Easter

Holy Communion (said, traditional BCP Communion Service) 8.00am 10.00am Holy Communion with Kids and Youth at Ten. 🕎 😇

#### Sunday 12th May – 7th Sunday After Easter

8.00am Holy Communion (Said, traditional BCP

Communion Service)

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

learn, and grow together.

6.00pm Evensong

#### Saturday 18th May

3.30 - 5.00pm Messy Church – For all young families with preschool/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-chhurch 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 19th May

#### - Pentecost! - Please wear something red as we celebrate the birthday of the Church

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

Holy Communion with Kids and Youth at Ten. 🕎 👄 10.00am

6.00pm Taize - Pentecost – using prayers, chants, bible readings and times of

reflection and silence.

#### Sunday 26th May - Trinity

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

10.00am Morning Worship.

There will be no Holy Communion at this Service.

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Refreshments in our church hall after the service

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#### The Rowans Support Group are organising a



#### Coach Trip to Leonardslee Gardens, West Sussex



Lakes, Sculpture Park and Art Gallery

Wednesday 8th May 2024

Cost: £33.50 (including entry)

Tickets more information from Jan Read: read.janet.h@gmail.com

#### Marlene Richards RIP

Marlene joined the Denmead Rowans Support Group when it was established by Henry Lehmann and Derek Bartlet. This was before the Rowans building in Purbrook was even built. Together with her close friends Margaret and Barbara they began to raise funds and awareness of the services to be offered by the new hospice. They gathered a group of Denmeadians who all began to organise sales and Beetle Drives. Marlene was in her element organising the Beetle Drives and they ran like clockwork right up to the covid closure of so many activities.

We were grateful for the expertise she passed on to the newer members of the committee over the years. She was an asset to the group and will be sadly missed,

#### Denmead Church Flower Club



Social event & charity fund raiser for the Rowans Hospice and Enable Ability

Wednesday 29th May, 2.00pm – 4.00pm All Saints Church Hall, Denmead.

Join us for a fun social afternoon.

Enjoy a few games of Bingo and a Bingo related Quiz. Tea/Coffee & Cake will be served Members and Non Members Welcome

£10.00 (Non-refundable)

For more information or to purchase a ticket, please contact Helen on 07946 532766



### **New Pilates Classes**

Starting 3<sup>rd</sup> May
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#### **From the Registers**

#### **Funerals**

28th March -the Late Freda Ann Thompson

Funeral at All Saints and Cremation at The Oaks

5th April – the Late Marlene Elizabeth Richards

Cremation at Portchester Crematorium

9th April – the Late Elsie Dixon

Cremation at Portchester Crematorium



Come along and join us, don't be alone. Pop in for a cuppa, cake and some company. We will have a few crafts to try if you fancy joining in.

Hosted by the Denmead Belles WI denmeadbellessec@hampshirewi.org.uk





The next Repair Café will be on Saturday 18th May at Hambledon Church 10am - 12pm

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

For further dates check our Facebook page: Denmead & Hambledon Repair Cafe







#### **Watoto Children's Choir**

Get ready for an unforgettable evening at Cowplain Evangelical Church in May 2024 as the Watoto Children's Choir, all the way from Uganda, takes the stage.

Join us for a celebration of vibrant African culture through traditional songs and dances, coupled with powerful testimonies highlighting the transformative impact of Watoto's mission.

These talented and resilient children bring a message of hope and joy, providing an opportunity for you to support Watoto's mission of rescuing and raising orphaned and vulnerable children.

All the way from Uganda, East Africa, the Watoto Children's Choir is performing songs from their brand-new album, "Better Days - There Is Hope". Come join

us as they sing, dance and share their stories of restoration and hope.

Watoto children's choirs have travelled extensively since 1994.

Our children have the privilege of telling people, "No matter what you're going through, Jesus is our hope and there are better days ahead. Look at what God has done in my life."

Other than coming to Africa yourself, what better way to learn about all the good work God is doing through Watoto than by meeting the children and hearing their stories. This one-of-a-kind experience will inspire and encourage you, your friends, and your family.

For more information and to book your FREE tickets, scan the QR code or visitcowplainchurch.co.uk  $\,$ 

Or contact the church office either via telephone: 023 9226 2188 or via email: office@cowplainchurch.co.uk







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#### The Afternoon W.I. Talks Newspapers

The April meeting started with the sad news of the passing of Merrill Partridge. Before joining the Afternoon W.I. Merrill was for many years a member and committee member of the Evening Institute.

The group was pleased to welcome John Richards again, to talk about the Winchester Talking Newspaper. He became interested in reading to the blind when he used to read the local newspaper to his poorly sighted grandmother in Guernsey. Whilst a student in London he became friends with a fellow student with a similar problem who refused to pay for new glasses because said it was a right of everybody to be able to see. Whilst working in Winchester he saw an advert in the Hampshire Chronicle about the Talking Newspaper and auditioned to become a reader and is now Chairman with up to 100 listeners of the local news. On Friday mornings they record three headline stories as well as Births, Deaths and Marriages onto a 90-minute memory stick which is put in a special wallet and posted out to be received by Saturday morning. Once a month they also record an hour-long magazine. Recipients play them on a special yellow machine and the service is free to blind people in the area.

The ladies of the W.I. enjoyed chocolate cupcakes made by Lily and Lime, which runs a cafe on the top floor of Portsmouth Central Library as part of the Minstead Trust which provides employment for people with mental health problems resulting from birth defects or trauma.

Rosemary Simpson reported at the meeting on her enjoyable visit to Purbrook Institutes as they celebrated their Centenary, and Pam Pilbeam and Angela MacNee reported on the Spring Council Meeting held in Winchester.

The competition for a favourite newspaper cutting was won by Angela MacNee with Rosemary Simpson second and Joan Elliott's flower was voted first with Rosemary Simpson second again.

This month is the AGM when officers and committee members will be elected for the following year hence there will be no competitions. Future events include the Group Round of the County Quiz in June which Denmead will host this year.

Ladies are invited to meetings held on the first Wednesday of the month 2 - 4pm in the Heath Room at All Saints Church which is central to the village and car parking is easy. 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. The 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

## **Denmead Walks**

#### The story behind the book

In place of the usual walk route I agreed with the editor of The Chronicle to tell the story behind the publication of the book '30 Walks from Denmead' that was launched to a full house at All Saints church hall last month and, at the time of writing, appears to have sold out!

The story starts when Judith and I took over leadership of the Denmead Walking Group in 2015 having been founder members since its inception in 2005. On taking over we began to produce details of the next route being undertaken, this enabled group members to learn exactly where we intended to take them and also enabled them to assess if the length and nature of the walk was within their capacity to complete.

Through advertising around the village further awareness of was raised resulting in both the summer weekly walks (May to August) and monthly ones

> from September to April proving to be very popular, in fact membership of Denmead Walking Group had to be suspended when it reached well over a hundred.

Having always produced route details similar to those printed each month in the Chronicle. group members usually stored these and printed off details when undertaking a specific walk at a later date. However, when Covid struck, movement was restricted to local walks therefore the fifteen or so routes already in the hands of Denmead Walking Group members were soon used more than once. An appeal from several DWG to produce more followed.

We therefore got out the OS map of the Meon Valley, which of

course includes the area around Denmead, and worked out another twenty routes from the village. When restrictions were lifted several group members asked if we intended to produce a book of walks but we guickly discarded the idea.

This changed last year when a member of the Denmead Village Association committee, Tony Jarrett, came to us with a proposal. Tony, being a former member of DWG, was aware of the routes we had produced and on behalf of DVA offered to support the printing and sale of a book of walks from Denmead.

Note:

book.

Please also

see the DVA

article on p29

regarding the

launch of this

The end result was the publication and launch of the book on the 15th March this year, however everyone involved in the project was amazed when in under three weeks all 250 copies had been snapped up. What happens next? Watch this space, look on the Denmead Community Facebook page or scan the DVA website for further news.

Just to add that there remains a substantial waiting list to join Denmead Walking Group, however at the end of each season members who have not attended walks or being unable to do so are requested to relinquish their place, so we are then able to admit others from the waiting list. Further details can be obtained through email to martinlewis20@hotmail.com

#### Martin & Judith Lewis



Martin and Judith, grandson Ollie and daughter Debbie

**Denmead Village Association** GROM DE routes from **MARTIN & JUDITH LEWIS** southern coop

#### A Gold Medal for the Evening W.I.

At the March meeting Gold Medal winning Paralympian Peter Hull gave an inspirational speech. Born with no legs and no arms below the elbow, his parents encouraged him not to let his disability hold him back. He tried several sports including table tennis, snooker and marathons before deciding on swimming. He entered two Paralympics and, after an arduous training scheme, won three gold medals and broke new world records at his second attempt. The three principals that guided him through life were hard work, support and resilience, an inspiration to us all.

The meeting on 15th May will be the AGM. The treasurer and secretary are stepping down and the group is grateful for all their hard work over the years. As well as welcoming their replacements to the committee, the shortlisted campaign resolution, Dental Health Matters, will also be voted upon, which will then go forward for final voting at the National W.I. Annual Meeting at the Albert Hall in June. Members will also receive the new programme for the year.

The Garden Group have a return visit to Coles, a National Garden Scheme at Privett, to see the spring flowers and the Craft Group will try their hand at card stitching. The Meet and Eat will be at the Fox and Hounds.

Any ladies who would like to join one of our meetings would receive a warm welcome. Meetings are held on the third Wednesday of each month at Denmead Memorial Hall at 7.30pm.

For more information about the W.I. please contact denmeadevepres@hampshirewi.org.uk

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.



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

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

#### Mondays

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

09 30-10 30 Pilates (weekly term time only)

#### **Tuesdays**

07.30-10.30	r liaces (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	1st 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	1st Rainbows (weekly, term time only)
17.30-19.00	2nd Brownies (weekly, term time only)
19.00-21.00	Guides & Rangers (weekly, term time only

#### Fridays

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

#### Saturdays

10.00-12.30	WI Belles Community 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, 1st Wednesday)

Saturdays

10.00-12.00 Local Government Surgery (monthly, 1st Saturday)

Further Details from Church Office 023 9226 8757

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

#### **Mondays**

08.30-15.00 Denmead Pre-School - Term Time Only

#### **Tuesdays**

08.30-15.00 Denmead Pre-School – Term Time Only

#### Wednesday

08.30-15.00 Denmead Pre-School – Term Time Only

19.30-21.30 Denmead W.I. Belles – 1st Wednesday Monthly

19.30-21.30 Denmead Horticultural Floral Workshop – 2nd Wednesday Monthly

19.30-21.30 Evening Denmead W.I. - 3rd Wednesday Monthly

19.00-21.00 Relaxing Soundbath – 4th Wednesday Monthly

#### Thursday

08.30-15.00 Denmead Pre-School – Term Time Only

#### Friday

08.30-15.00 Denmead Pre-School - Term Time Only

Further Details from Mrs SThomas 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

18.30 - 19.30 Robinsons Gym (Ages 7-15)

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

19.00 - 22.00 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.

09.30 - 12.30 Upholstery Class

09.45 - 10.45 Tadaa (- performing arts classes for 2-18 year olds)

10:15 - 11:15 Better Body Club - Beginners/Rehab Pilates

10.30 - 12.30 Denmead Writers

14.00 - 15.30 Afternoon Social Club (Monthly 2nd Tuesday)

14.00 - 16.00 Art History 2 (Monthly, 1st Tuesday of the month)

14.30 - 16.30 Table Tennis - contact annandmalcom.davies@virgin.net

17.00 - 18.00 Create - Children's Art Classes

18.00 - 19.00 Pilates Class

18.30 - 19.30 Robinsons Gym - Fighters Camp Session

19.00 - 21.00 Denmead WI - monthly

19.45 - 21.45 Denmead Brass Band Rehearsal

19.30 - 22.00 Downland Singers

Visit our Website www.downlandsingers.hampshire.org.uk/index.htm

#### Wednesdays

09.45 - 11.45 Jiggy Wrigglers – baby music & movement

10.00 - 12.00 Denmead Art Group (Fortnightly)

10.00 - 12.00 Wednesday Table Tennis – contact annandmalcolm.davies@virgin.net

13.30 - 14.30 Shiyong Tai Chi

16.00 - 18.00 Tadaa (- 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

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#### **Denmead Church Flower Club Outing**

#### **To Arundel Castle and Gardens**

https://www.arundelcastle.org





Wednesday 19th June 2024

Coach to leave Denmead at 9:00am

Leaving at 4:00 pm to return to Denmead by 6:00 pm (traffic permitting)

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

The cost will be £30 for the coach and garden entrance only

Tickets to visit the Castle will be available from the ticket office on
the day at extra cost

Open to all readers of the Parish Chronicle

Book early to avoid disappointment

Email outing@denmeadchurchflowerclub.co.uk





#### **DVA Launches Local Walks Publication**

At the March meeting of the Village Association the Chairman introduced a new book published in collaboration with DVA and a donation from Southern Coop. Written by Martin and Judith Lewis the book is a compilation of 30 local walks.

In his address, Martin particularly welcomed the members of Denmead Walking Group which Martin and Judith joined in 2011 after moving to the village. The group, started in 2005 by Brendan Gibbs, enjoys regular walks that usually start and end at a pub on a Tuesday evening during the summer months or one Saturday morning a month during winter. Whilst they have walked in many countries, including Australia, New Zealand and several European countries, Martin and ludith feel that the South Downs is especially good with its number of longdistance footpaths including the Wayfarers Walk, the Monarch's Way and the Shipwrights Way. Martin showed photographs of the lovely views and praised the activity for its many health benefits, ending his humorous talk by encouraging everyone to go out and enjoy

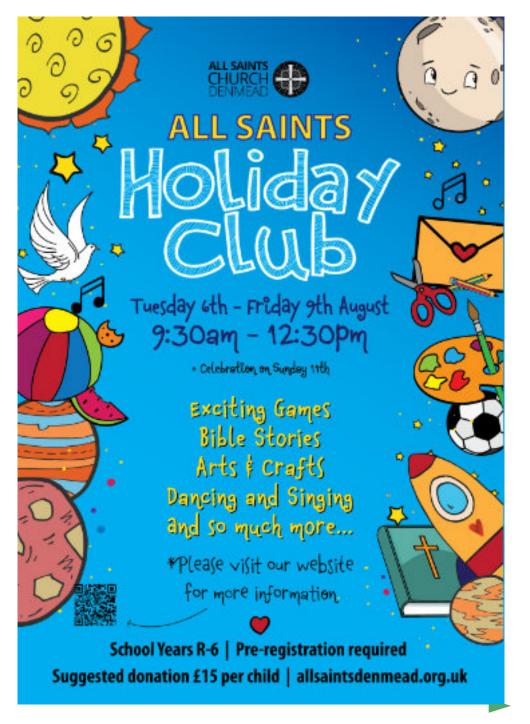
walking!

The Chairman continued the meeting listing some of DVA's achievements over the years, adding that DVA keeps an eye on planning applications. He discussed some areas where DVA has taken an interest including recently the regeneration of Waterlooville. He also advised that Hampshire County Council is running a consultation about its services. He outlined some upcoming DVA events, including a visit to Hampshire Records Office and the creation of a drama group.

At the next meeting on Friday 17th May at 7pm the speaker will be Martin Bazeley BEM on the subject of D-Day. Martin heads the group which arranges the Southwick D-Day Revival.

The DVA meets on alternate months in All Saints church hall - why not join us? — the annual subscription is £8 but the first visit is free. For further information email the Membership Secretary at <a href="mailto:denmeadmembership@gmail.com">denmeadmembership@gmail.com</a> or check the website <a href="www.denmeadvillageassociationuk.com">www.denmeadvillageassociationuk.com</a>.





#### **ALL SAINTS HOLIDAY CLUB 2024**

TUESDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> – FRIDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 9:30AM–12:30PM & CELEBRATION SERVICE ON SUNDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 10-11AM

All Saints Holiday Club is an action-packed themed week at the beginning of summer for Denmead children in primary school. Running for four mornings with games, crafts, drama, music, bible stories and more. It's a whole lot of fun whilst learning more about Jesus and God's love for each and every one of us.

#### Who is it for?

All Saints Holiday Club is for children currently in primary school (reception to year 6) and will only be open to those residing in Denmead.

#### How much is it?

Due to our generous team of volunteers, we are able to keep costs down, we have a suggested donation of £15 per child for the week – payment information will be provided after your form has been processed.

#### How do I book?

To pre-register your child/ren please download a form from our website or pick up a physical copy available at the back of All Saints Church. The deadline is midnight on the 7th July. Please place all forms into the church post box (round the back of the church, on the wall to your left as you face the double doors), thank you.

#### Other information:

- Space is limited. Once your form has been processed you will be invited to confirm your booking and pay (where able) to keep your space.
- All children must be brought and collected by a responsible adult.
   Children who arrive unaccompanied will not be allowed in.

#### For more information, please visit our website:

allsaintsdenmead.org.uk/holidayclub

if you would like to speak to someone regarding All Saints Holiday Club, please contact Lewis on 077 8098 1235 or email: holidayclub@allsaintsdenmead.org.uk



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#### **HCC Launches SEND Youth Forum**

Forum launched for Young People with Additional Needs & Disabilities

Young people across Hampshire with special educational needs or disabilities (SEND) have an exciting opportunity to join a new Youth Forum to voice their opinions and share experiences directly with decision makers from the local authority on topics that directly affect them such as education, training and employment opportunities.

Anyone aged 14 - 25 with SEND can join the new SEND Youth Forum – you don't need to have a formal diagnosis or an Education Health and Care Plan.

Members will have opportunities to make friends, learn skills, feedback firsthand experiences of education, work and training, gain insight into how decisions that affect them are made and influence those decisions at times too. The Forum has been set up in collaboration with learners currently enrolled in the Hampshire County Council's Supported Internship programme, which offers real workplace experience alongside support and training with a range of Hampshire employers.

For further information on the Forum or the supported internship programme, visit: <a href="https://www.hants.gov.uk/educationandlearning/participation-lifelong-learning/hampshire-achieves-ypl/supported-internship-young-people">https://www.hants.gov.uk/educationandlearning/participation-lifelong-learning/hampshire-achieves-ypl/supported-internship-young-people</a>

#### Funding for Plant Disease Resistant Elms

In a boost for nature recovery, communities across Hampshire are being invited to apply for funding to plant disease resistant elm trees. The once abundant species has been

decimated by disease in recent decades but new varieties are now taking root across the county. The initiative to support its comeback is possible thanks to a grant from The Tree Council secured by the Council's Forest Partnership.

The disease has killed nearly all the mature elms in Britain, an estimated toll of 60-100 million trees. With support from The Tree Council, HCC is taking positive steps to bring this iconic species back to Hampshire's landscape as part of its plans to plant one million trees by 2050. They are inviting greenfingered communities to get behind the drive to reinstate elm trees. It's a great opportunity to enhance local spaces and provide essential habitats for wildlife including tussock moths and white-letter hairstreak butterflies. The Hampshire Forest Partnership has already supported 1,205 disease resistant elm trees to be planted across Hampshire's green spaces by farmers, landowners and local communities.

Enquiries are open for the 2024/25 tree planting season which starts from the autumn. Organisations like town and parish councils, local groups and landowners can find out more information, including how to apply for disease resistant elms, on the Hampshire Forest Partnership webpage: <a href="https://www.hants.gov.uk/hampshireforestpartnership/get-involved/people-communities">https://www.hants.gov.uk/hampshireforestpartnership/get-involved/people-communities</a>

#### Creating a Smoke-free Generation

Up to £23 million will be spent from April 2025 over the following seven years to support Hampshire smokers to quit and to help stop people taking up the habit. Smoking is the single biggest preventable cause of ill

health and premature death in England, costing the taxpayer millions and placing a huge burden on the NHS and social care. Helping people to quit smoking therefore is vital and one of HCC's key statutory responsibilities.

The Council's current commissioned service, Smoke-free Hampshire <a href="https://www.smokefreehampshire.co.uk/">https://www.smokefreehampshire.co.uk/</a> offers stop smoking support that is personalised to meet the needs of its clients, be this with the help of an advisor or self-support with digital coaching Currently some 3,500 people in Hampshire are supported to quit each year via this service.

Future plans additionally include more support for children and young people to quit electronic cigarettes (vapes) via a dedicated service working through local schools and colleges — building on current prevention work to establish smokefree sites and provide resources for teachers and parents around smoking and vaping. More targeted work to reach groups who traditionally do not engage with formal support services will also take place, alongside plans for training up Hampshire's wider health and social care workforce in encouraging, advising and signposting smokers to the quit services available.

In 2022, it was estimated that 10.5% of adults living in Hampshire smoked. It is also estimated that some 4,500 Hampshire residents die, and 8,600 residents are admitted to hospital each year, because of smoking.

Local Authorities' Public Health budgets are

'ring-fenced' by Government. This means they cannot be spent on funding other services.

#### Boys Need Bins

Male toilets in the Council's premises will have sanitary bins added to cubicles, in support of Prostate Cancer UK's 'Boys Need Bins' campaign. This comes as the Council confirmed it will install over 200 sanitary bins in male toilets across its buildings used by public and staff. Council buildings will now provide facilities for men to safely, and hygienically, dispose of incontinence products and other sanitary items.

One in eight men will get prostate cancer and some will experience urinary and bowel problems as a side effect. As many as 69% of those treated with surgery for prostate cancer may experience urinary incontinence as a result and may need to use pads, pouches, stomas, catheters, colostomy or ileostomy bags. One in eight men will be diagnosed, rising to one in four for black men. It is important to tackle the taboo surrounding this issue and to understand the huge difference that small practical changes can make. By providing sanitary bins in male toilets, people can be offered dignity in managing what has been an invisible, yet potentially embarrassing, problem.

The Council will add sanitary bins to the male toilets in its five Country Parks, libraries, outdoor centres and office buildings. There are already bins in male toilets at several Council visitor attractions including Manor Farm, Staunton Farm and Sir Harold Hillier Gardens.

Patricia Stallard



#### Waterlooville Probus Club

The Waterlooville Probus Club meet on the second Tuesday of every month at the Hampshire Hog, Clanfield. 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 14th May 2024, Peter Loveridge will tell us about the Havant Borough Talking Newspaper. Known as HBTN, it was founded in 1993 to serve the people of Havant and surrounding areas.

Each fortnight dedicated volunteers produce and dispatch 60 minutes of local news in memory stick format as a completely free service to listeners. It is also available on the British Wireless for the Blind Fund via its app for smart phones. For more information, come along and join us in Probus.

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 - <a href="mailto:probus@lindamarland.com">probus@lindamarland.com</a>



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