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# CHRONICLE

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As we March into spring, all around us are signs of new life, new growth. The days are getting longer and lighter as each week passes bringing hope of warm summer days. Easter is late in the year, and at the beginning of this month following Shrove Tuesday and Ash Wednesday we enter a time within the church year know as Lent.

*A very brief history about the origins of Lent! ...*

The First Council of Nicaea in 325 AD settled on the 40-day fast period for Lent for the reason that it has roots in biblical writings. God sent rain on the earth for 40 days and 40 nights when Noah and his family went into the ark (Genesis 7:4). Moses sat at the summit of Mount Sinai receiving instructions from God for 40 days (Exodus 24:18). Elijah "walked forty days and forty nights to the mountain of God, Horeb" when he fled from Jezebel's wrath (1 Kings 19:8). The 40 days of Lent, however, are predominantly identified with the time Jesus spent in the desert fasting, praying, and being tempted by the devil (Matthew 4:1-11). But though the length of Lent was set by the council, its start date in relation to Easter was still undecided.

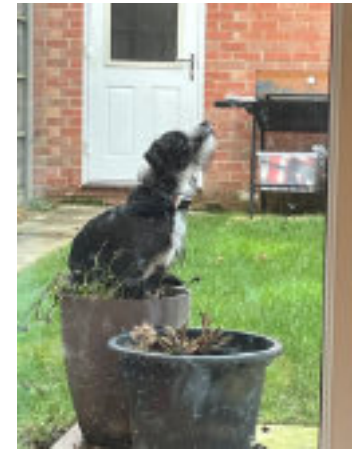
It was not until AD 601 that the date when Lent would start was set. Pope Gregory moved the start of Lent to 46 days before Easter, and established Ash Wednesday at the same time. This allowed for 40 days of fasting – where only one full meal and no meat were to be consumed – with six Sundays counted as feast days, when fasting does not apply, for a total of 46 days. Travelling through Lent bridges the space between looking back from celebrating the birth of Jesus,

to the present remembering Jesus's death on the cross and resurrection and to the future as we wait in anticipation of the return of Jesus.

**...six weeks  
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lives**

Many people I talk with don't look forward to Lent, or they see it as a challenge to be completed. Childhood memories of giving up chocolate or nice things to eat come immediately to their minds. Words like "sacrifice," "discipline," and "self-denial" are often used in ways that suggest that Lent is something to be endured rather than a time of grace and spiritual growth.

However, have you ever thought about seeing the





period of Lent through a different lens? What about thinking of Lent as a yearly “second” chance? Each year during Lent we are given six weeks to take a long, loving look at our lives to see if our values and priorities are in line with God’s desires for us. Since most of us find that we’ve wandered from God’s path, Lent becomes that “second” chance, or an opportunity, to “return to God with our whole heart.” Lent could be a meaningful time of prayer and reflection, where we give God the best of our time – not the left-over bits of our time.

Here are just a few ideas of ways we can reconnect with God during Lent.

**...give  
God the  
best of  
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- not the  
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bits**

Take time every day in Lent to draw a prayer in a sketchbook. “God Time.” Taking time each day to reflect on God and your relationship with God.

There are always nice things that we would like to do, but never seem to make or find the time for: writing a letter to a friend, visiting a lonely person, phoning a distant friend. At the beginning of Lent, write down 40 ideas, one per little slip of paper, and put them in a jar. Then, each morning of Lent, pull one out and make the time to do what is written there. Giving thanks to God for opportunities to make a difference to somebody’s day.

Think of people who have had an impact on your life in some way. Take the time to arrange to meet for a coffee, make a phone call, write a letter to tell them the difference they have made and how much you value their support.

Instead of listening to music or the radio in the car, take that time for prayer and to listen to God. (don’t close your eyes when praying though!)

Read a book to help you reflect this Lent, this year All Saints is reading “The Whole Easter Story” by Jo Swinney. Looking at why the cross is good news for all creation. More details can be found on page 8.

Take time to talk with family and friends during Lent about their thoughts and hopes for a reset in Lent. Encourage one another in whatever you choose to do.

As we journey through Lent this year, through this annual “second” chance, remember that each step we take, the time we spend is bringing us closer to the welcoming arms of our loving and eternal God.

With every blessing,

**Buffy**

*Rev. Buffy Langdown, Curate at All Saints, Denmead.*

## Services at All Saints

### Sunday 2nd March - Sunday Before Lent

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


10.00am Holy Communion with Kids and Youth at Ten.  

### Wednesday 5th March – Ash Wednesday Service

7.00pm Holy Communion and Imposition of Ashes as we mark the start of Lent.

### Sunday 9th March – 1st Sunday of Lent

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

10.00am All Saints Together – all ages gather to worship, learn, and grow together. 

6.00pm Evensong

### Sunday 16th March – 2nd Sunday of Lent

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

10.00am Holy Communion with Kids and Youth at Ten.  



### Sunday 23rd March – 3rd Sunday of Lent



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

10am Morning Worship There will be no Holy Communion at this service. 

### Sunday 30th March – 4th Sunday of Lent – Mothering Sunday

8.00am Holy Communion (traditional BCP Communion Service)

10.00am Holy Communion. There are no groups for children or young people.  

 Refreshments in our church hall after the service  Live stream to our Facebook page

## From the Registers

### Baptisms:

Saturday January 18th Bear Guerra

### Funerals:

Friday March 7th 2pm – The Late Dr Robert (Bob) Gould.

All are welcome to attend this service of Thanksgiving at All Saints Denmead.

*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*



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In January we had our first meeting of Encompass. This group has evolved from the Bereavement Support Group which had been running in All Saint's Church Hall for many years. We wanted to expand the brief of the Bereavement Support Group to continue to be available for those who have been bereaved, but also to encompass general health and wellbeing for the older age group, whether they had experienced the loss of a loved one, or simply felt they would like to learn more about how to care for themselves.

In addition to looking at our own needs we wanted to learn more about the work of local or national charities and organisations in our area so that we could support them in any way we can. In our January meeting we enjoyed a fascinating talk from the RNLI where we learnt a great deal about the inspiring volunteers who do so much to keep us safe around our coasts and rivers, often in the face of great danger.

On February 26th we have one of our own helpers talking about Lasting Power of Attorney and Mental Capacity, from her experience in working in a Senior Role with the NHS. So, we will have a chance to think about when and what help we might need as we get older, in dealing with our finances. How to do that safely and in an appropriate way.

On May 28th we have Jess Sullings coming to talk to us about Podiatry and foot care. On July 23rd we have Mr Rob Heard MBE, Founder and Chair of the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Older Driver's Forum, coming to talk to us about the problems faced by older drivers and keeping ourselves and others safe on the road. There are various other speakers who have yet to confirm, but a full programme should be available in a few weeks.

We meet on the fourth Wednesday of every month in All Saints' Church Hall at 2.00pm, usually until 3.30/4.00pm. At every meeting we have a delicious home cooked tea after the main speaker, and often a fun and sometimes related quiz, which we work on in groups. No expensive prizes, just the opportunity to keep our brains active and the glory of getting the highest score!

You are very welcome to come along to this new group to find new friends and learn more about caring for your own health and wellbeing.

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**“I Made You Wonderful” Psalm 139:14**

7th March, 2pm

Sacred Heart Church

London Road, Waterlooville PO7 7SR

*This year the service has been prepared by the women of the Cook Islands.*

The 2025 World Day of Prayer service invites us into the knowledge that each one of us was made with care and love by God.

Too often, women and girls have been silenced and oppressed, making this upcoming theme from the Cook Islands particularly relevant. The message that we, as women and girls, are “fearfully and wonderfully” made in the image of God reinforces our movement’s support of women in expressing their faith and speaking about their lives in prayer and worship before God and in community.

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### Mass Times

Saturday Vigil Mass: 6.15pm

Sunday Family Mass: 10.30am (including Children’s Liturgy)

Sunday Evening Folk Mass 6.30pm

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## Lent 2025

Lent begins this year on Wednesday 5th March. The day before we will mark Shrove Tuesday with a BIG Pancake Party in church for young and old – more details feature on page 14.

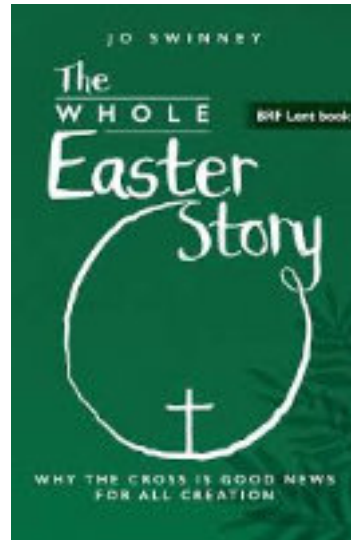
Then at 7pm on Ash Wednesday we will hold a Holy Communion and Imposition of Ashes service, to which all are very welcome. If you have previous Palm crosses at home, you are welcome to return these to church and leave in the Vicars' pigeonhole, or hand in at the office by Friday 28th Feb. These will be burnt to create the ashes ready for this year's Imposition.

During Lent itself, the staff team are recommending this year's Bible Reading Fellowship book, 'The Whole Easter Story – why the cross is good news for all creation' written by Jo Swinney. Jo Swinney works for A Rocha International. A Rocha – which means 'The Rock' (Jesus) – is a Christian nature conversation charity working all around the world to care for God's creation. A Rocha also runs Eco Church – an award programme encouraging green/eco living in churches and communities. As a church, we have a bronze award and are working on our silver status.

Jo's book explores the profound meaning of Easter beyond our own personal relationship with God. Jo acknowledges that the Christian faith is not just about our own growth, purpose and spirituality. There is no doubt that each of us has a place in the Easter story, but what happened on the cross is not just a story of me and Jesus – rather it is far deeper and wider than that.

Through Lent, Jo explores the broader impact of the Easter story on God's relationship with

creation. Through Bible readings, reflections and stories from A Rocha's global conservation efforts, discover that the cross transforms not just our connection with Jesus, but also our relationships with each other, with creation and our world. The death and resurrection of Jesus changes everything!



There are four main sections to the book – each with ten days – so forty days in total, read Monday to Saturday with a rest on Sundays. This book can be read individually or in a Home/Study Group (at the back of the book there is a six-week group discussion guide). We will also be exploring this book in our Sunday teaching each week, at both our 8am and 10am services, picking up on key themes.

So, we commend this book to you this Lent. You can purchase your own copy from our welcome area in church. They are £8 each – monies can be placed in an envelope and left in our church wall safe, behind the font. Or you can order with Eden: [www.eden.co.uk](http://www.eden.co.uk) at £8.79 plus P&P.

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## Beetlemania at Afternoon W.I.

February's meeting of the Afternoon W.I. included a Beetle Drive and much laughter with a variety of beetles – some easily recognisable whilst others were rather grotesque. The group enjoyed a delicious lemon drizzle cake made by Julie of the Lily & Lime Portsmouth cafe above the Central Library in Guildhall Square. The ladies also launched a £1 Sales Table where members can bring donations to raise funds towards speakers' expenses.

The competition for a piece of foreign pottery or china was won by Gillian Clarke with Joan Elliott second. Rosemary Simpson came first in the flower competition with Angela MacNee runner up.

March's speaker will be Philip MacDougall whose talk entitled "Dockyard Maties" will discuss tracing ancestors who worked in the Royal Dockyards and will be of local interest to many members. The competition will be for a Book or Leaflet about Portsmouth.

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 especially if a particular subject is of interest. It's an informal group so if you're new to the village or recently retired and would like to make new friends the W.I. would welcome you. Talks cover a variety of subjects – some serious and others amusing – so all tastes are catered for.

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

Joan Downing

## Evening W.I under the influence of chocolate

The January meeting of the Evening W.I. was a members' social and, after a bowl of soup and crusty bread, the short list of four resolutions for this year's campaign were discussed. A vote was taken with "Bystanders can be Lifesavers" selected and this was sent to NFWI to collate the results. We wait to see which one will be put before the Annual Meeting in June. This year the group celebrates its 60th birthday and ideas are being discussed as to how to celebrate this landmark occasion.



At the meeting on Wednesday 19th March, Kerry Wheatley will give a demonstration and talk on How Chocolate Influences Us. Later this month several members will be attending the Hampshire Federation Spring Council Meeting at Portsmouth Guildhall where one of the speakers will be Esme Young from the British Sewing Bee.

The W.I. is all about fun, friendship and forward thinking. The group meets on the third Wednesday of the month in Denmead Memorial at 7.30pm where visitors will receive a warm welcome from this friendly group. For more information contact [denmeadevpres@hampshirewi.org.uk](mailto:denmeadevpres@hampshirewi.org.uk)



## Time to Renew the All Saints Electoral Roll



Once every six years the Parochial Church Council must renew our Electoral Roll for All Saints, Denmead. Anyone who is lay, aged 16 and above, is baptised, and either lives in the

parish, or has worshipped at All Saints for at least 6 months, can apply to be on our Electoral Roll.

Anyone wishing to be on the new Electoral Roll must complete a new application form (Form 1) - even if they were on the previous roll.

Copies of Form 1 can be picked up from our welcome area in church, filled in and returned to the church parish office. Forms must be returned by Friday 25th April 2025 ready for revision before our Annual Meeting (AGM/APCM)

Any queries contact parish. admin@allsaintsdenmead.org.uk

*Sophie Jones*  
- Electoral Roll Officer  
- on behalf of the PCC All Saints, Denmead

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### WALK DETAILS:

Distance 5.4km/3.4miles

Duration 1h 25m

Walk Grade EASY 2/5

Stiles 3



*Newly installed stile on FP*

Leaving the community centre car park (CP) by the main entrance go R heading along School Lane passing the Fox & Hounds pub before going downhill as far as the crossroads. Turn L at the crossroads heading down Dirty Lane in the direction of Worlds End as far as Ervills Road.

**1.52km/0.95mile** Turn L at the bottom of the hill, pass the gates to the fisheries then pick up the FP on the other side of the road. Listen for traffic and take care crossing at this point. Go over two stiles and continue along the footpath keeping the woodland on your LHS.

**1.9km/1.2miles** Bear L into woodland and follow footpath (FP) to junction of paths where the yellow direction marker points straight ahead. At this point

go L at the same time joining the Alan King FP. After a short distance cross a shallow ditch and turn R on reaching a narrow path with fencing each side.

Continue along this FP which runs in a straight line eventually ending with a stile on the RHS.

**2.75km/1.7miles**

With the stile on your RHS bear L



*Alan King Way Footpath*

soon coming to the final stile of the route. Pass a barn and modern farm on the RHS and the Meadow Farm House on the other side of the lane.

**3.1km/1.9miles** Turn L at the main road taking care while walking along Ervills Road. At the end of this stretch carefully negotiate a double bend in the road, pass the gates of Willow Fisheries on the RHS.

**3.9km.2.45miles** Just after passing the gates of the fisheries retrace your steps to the R up Dirty Lane at the top of which go R again along School Lane in the direction of Denmead/Waterlooville.

**5.4km/3.4miles** Perhaps a stop for refreshment could be taken at the Fox & Hounds en route back to the community centre.



*Meadow Farm House and thatched dwelling on Ervills Road in Worlds End*

All Saints PCC, the churchwardens and Revd. Emma want to publicly express our thanks and gratitude to Brian Carpenter who has recently stepped back from his role in tending the lawns in our church gardens.



For more than 20 years Brian has faithfully cut the lawns, trussed edges, tidied hedges, ensuring that our garden is a beautiful space that has been a true source of joy to the community of Denmead. We are deeply grateful for his outstanding service, dedication and hard work. Thank you, Brian.



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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](mailto:chronicle@allsaintsdenmead.org.uk)

## Church Hall regular bookings

### Mondays

- 11.30-12.30 Breathe Again (weekly)
- 15.00-20.30 Slimming 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

- 09.30-10.30 Fit2Dance (weekly, term time only)
- 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, 4<sup>th</sup> 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

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 of the Month

19.30-21.30 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

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19.45-21.45 Badminton Club - Weekly

### Friday

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### Sunday

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*Further Details from Mrs S Thomas 07534 024388*

## Denmead Community Centre (The Old School)

### Regular Events

#### Mondays

09.30 - 10.30 Better Body Club

11.00 - 12.00 Yoga with Allison

10.00 - 12.00 Watercolours for Improvers

14.30 - 16.30 U3A Board games – fortnightly

19.00 - 21.00 Evening Table Tennis

– Contact details:

Sylvia 02392 439037 email: john.morphett124@gmail.com

19.00 - 22.00 Denmead Bridge Club

#### Tuesdays

09:00 - 10:00 Better Body Club – Pilates Intermediate

09:00 - 11:00 Denmead Unsung Gardeners (DUG)

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09.30 - 12.30 Upholstery Class

09.15 - 10.15 TADAA (Musical Theatre Tots for 2-4 year olds)

10.15 - 11.15 Pilates – Beginners/Rehab

10.30 - 12.30 Denmead Writers

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

14:00 - 15:30 Chapters Reading Group (3rd Tuesday of the month)

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

14.30 - 16.30 Table Tennis – contact annandmalcolm.davies@virgin.net

17.00 - 18.00 Create – Children's Art Classes

18.00 - 19.00 Pilates Class

19.00 - 18.00 Alcoholics Anonymous - Anmore Room - AA 24 hour local helpline - 02392 580776

19.00 - 21.00 Denmead WI – monthly

19.45 - 21.45 Denmead Brass Band Rehearsal

19.30 - 22.00 Downland Singers

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#### Wednesdays

09.45 - 11.45 Jiggy Wrighlers – 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 (Musical Theatre 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 Fit 2 Tone
- 09.30 - 11.30 Table Tennis – contact [annandmalcolm.davies@virgin.net](mailto:annandmalcolm.davies@virgin.net)
- 12.00 - 13.30 Lunch Club for over 70's
- 14.00 - 16.00 U3A Table Tennis (2nd & 4th Thursday)
- 19.00 - 21.00 Thursday 19.00 - 21.00 Evening Table Tennis  
New contact details: Pam – email: [pam.mt.mcGovern@gmail.com](mailto:pam.mt.mcGovern@gmail.com)

**Fridays**

- 09.15 - 10.15 **\*New Class\*** Vinyasa Yoga for Beginners and Improvers
- 09.30 - 10.30 Pilates
- 09.30 - 12.00 Art Class
- 09.30 - 12.30 The Messy Hand Crafters (Every 6 weeks. See DCC website for dates)
- 18.30 - 20.30 Farlington Dog Club (Denmead)
- 14.00 - 16.00 U3A Table Tennis (Beginners) Monthly 3rd Friday
- 11.15 - 12.00 Little Kickers (18 mths – 3.5 years)

**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**

- 08.00 - 09.00 A.P.T Combat Conditioning - Boxercise
- 09.00 - 12.30 Denmead Brass Band
- 18.00 - 20.00 Kyoto Dojo
- 18.30-19.30 Relaxing with Sound - First week of each month.  
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- 19.30 - 22.00 Board Gaming – monthly

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

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Meet in the Church,  
6.45pm for 7.15pm film start.

Open to all ages 12 & above. Pay on the door, cash please: £5 per adult / £1 per child, Includes a hot drink on arrival.

There will be a 1/2 time intermission (loo break!)

Bring your own food & drink or use the Co-op / chippie if you forget to bring some sustenance!

Any questions? Contact the Parish Church Office on 023 9226 8757.

See you on the night. Don't forget your popcorn!

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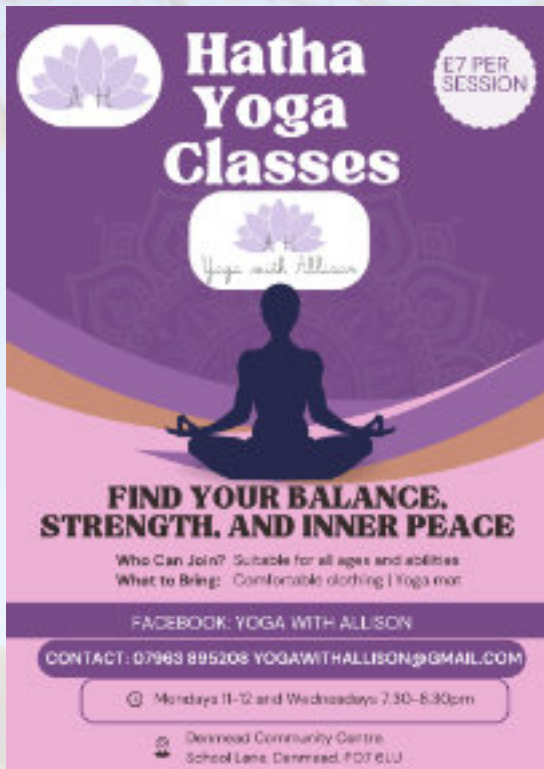
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## DVA learns of Antarctic Expedition

The January meeting of the Village Association was chaired by Tony Jarrett, who conveyed best wishes to Chairman Neil Rusbridger concerning his health issues. Tony then outlined the proposed changes to the Constitution, with all the present members voting in favour. He reminded members that the Secretary wished to stand down and Martin Clay was elected.

Then the speaker, Terri Bryant described boarding MS Roald Amundsen, an environmentally friendly vessel which includes a science centre and expedition team, experts in their respective fields. Terri joined the ship in Valparaiso which has a Mediterranean climate; moving southwards there is a temperate and glacial climate.

The Antarctic peninsula is very cold!! In summer the temperature is an average 2° and in the winter -9°. In Antarctica the temperature varies between -60° and -20°. Clothing is worn in layers – about six in all. The tenders for going ashore are inflatables, known as zodiacs. The ship uses GPS positioning, instead of an anchor, to keep it in place so the seabed is not damaged.

The Antarctic Treaty was signed in 1959, originally by 12 countries although there are now 58 involved. This protects the indigenous flora and fauna – there are only two species of plant and no land-birds or land-based animals. There are sea birds such as penguins and sea animals like seals. The Treaty protects the Antarctic environment from damage through industry such as mining.

The current which flows around Antarctica is known as a Circumpolar Current, and feeds into other ocean currents. The scientists on board conduct various experiments and record relevant information. The British Antarctic Survey has three research stations in Antarctica and, along with many others such as the Australian Research Council and the Chilean and Argentinian Research stations, they are securing the environmental future of Antarctica. Terri concluded by reminding the meeting that everyone can do something to help the environment by making small changes.

***Why not join the DVA? They meet on alternate months in All Saints Church Hall to learn of developments in the village and enjoy hearing speakers on a variety of subjects, many of local interest. The next meeting will be on Friday 21st March. The annual subscription is £10 but a first visit costs just £2.***

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### HCC Devolution Update

Hampshire County Council has been accepted onto the Government's fast-track Devolution Priority Programme (DPP) – marking a significant milestone in the journey towards devolution for Hampshire and the wider area.

Earlier this month HCC, together with Southampton and Portsmouth City and Isle of Wight Councils put in a 'Hampshire and the Solent' devolution bid to central Government which seeks to bring power and money from Westminster and provide greater local control over areas such as education, transport and health services – giving people more power to shape the things that are important to them and provide robust local accountability.

As part of devolution, a Mayor would be elected in spring 2026 to head up a new Combined Authority across the wider region of HCC, Isle of Wight Council, Portsmouth City Council and Southampton City Council, in line with the Authorities' expression of interest submitted to the Deputy Prime Minister last summer. As well as promoting the interests of the wider region to central Government, the Mayor would work together with local council leaders, to make decisions about how to allocate regional funding. Greater collaboration across boundaries would be particularly effective in areas such as transport, skills and employment support, housing and planning, and tackling climate change.

Devolution represents the biggest change to local government in a generation and to be accepted onto the Government's DPP as a fast-track to delivering devolution for the area is an opportunity to self-determine and shape devolution proposals in the best interests of residents and communities.

Hampshire is one of a select few nationally to join this fast-track programme. This selection also includes upper-tier partners, Isle of Wight Council, and Southampton and Portsmouth City Councils and with a combined population of over 2 million residents, 90,000 businesses, and an economy generating around £80 billion annually, Hampshire and the Solent region are pivotal to the UK's economic landscape.

#### Benefits

Devolution will transfer greater powers and flexibilities from Westminster to Hampshire and the Solent region, accompanied by additional funding and investment. This shift will enable local authorities to make crucial decisions closer to where residents live and work, driving economic growth, innovation and productivity. The Government plans to consult with Hampshire residents soon to gather feedback on the prospect.



### Local Government Reorganisation

Additionally, the Secretary of State has confirmed that Hampshire will be formally invited to submit proposals for local government reorganisation. The reorganisation aims to replace the current two-tier council system with new unitary (all-purpose) councils, simplifying how councils are organised and run.

### Postponement of May's Election

Due to selection for the DPP, the Government has also determined that the Council's elections, originally scheduled for May, should be postponed for 12 months as an essential step to enable the Council to give necessary focus to preparing for devolution and local government reorganisation, and allow for a Mayor to be elected in 2026 so the benefits of devolution can be delivered as swiftly as possible. Any by-elections, if required during this period, would continue to go ahead. Reorganisation would then be expected to be in place by either April 2027 or April 2028.

### Councillor Surgery

A reminder that I hold a Surgery on the first Saturday of every month in the Heath Room, All Saints Church, Denmead, 10am – 12 noon. No appointment necessary.

*Patricia Stallard*

*Hampshire County Council, Winchester Southern Parishes*

### 30 years of the Flower Arranging Workshop

The Denmead Horticultural Society (DHS) Flower Arranging Workshop recently celebrated its 30th anniversary. The celebration cake was cut by Liz Williams and Ann Huckin.

The club was established to help the people of Denmead practice their flower arranging skills. The DHS hold floral art competitions along with their shows in the spring and summer.

The next Club meeting is on Wednesday the 12th of March in the Memorial hall at 7:30. Visitors are welcome. For more information about the demonstrator and the workshop, please contact the chair Cassandra on [sagababe.cass@sky.com](mailto:sagababe.cass@sky.com) or (07957) 578849

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## Waterlooville Probus Club

On TUESDAY 11th March 2025 we are delighted to welcome back Peter Gill who, this time, will talk to us about The Wit and Songs of Noel Coward

Born in 1899, Coward was an actor, writer, composer, director, producer, and in later life a painter – and he excelled at them all. He said of himself 'I am an enormously talented man, and there is no point in denying it'. This is a 45-minute reminder of that talent and some of the wonderful songs and wit of the 'Master' including Don't Let's Be Beastly To The Germans, Mrs Worthington, Mad About The Boy, There Are Bad Times Just Around The Corner and Mad Dogs & Englishmen. This talk will contain live music and visuals.

The following month, on TUESDAY 8th April Probus Member, Simon Bizley, will give a talk entitled The undersea world of Truk Lagoon. Truk Lagoon is best known for its 60+ World War II wrecks, which easily makes this Lagoon one of the world's best wreck diving destinations. Due to its strategic location, Truk Island used to be a Japanese Naval Base during WWII. An insight into the Japanese wrecks sunk by the Americans.

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The meal, Speaker and room costs total £23 [price may increase following the AGM in February].

*The Waterlooville Probus Club meet on the second Tuesday of every month at the Hampshire Hog, Clanfield [plenty of free car parking space].*

*There is a two-course meal, followed by tea/coffee and a Speaker. Arrive 12 noon for 12.30 pm sit down lunch.*

*Dress: Men - Jackets and ties, women - equivalent.*

*In addition to our regular lunch with Speaker meetings, we also try to arrange occasional day trips, eg a visit to Westminster Palace; a river cruise with afternoon tea; visit to a gin distillery, a behind the scenes theatre visit, when family and friends are welcome. These trips are optional.*

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