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The Parish

# CHRONICLE



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**A**s I sit writing this, outside is drizzly and grey and I am wearing a jumper, not quite the June summer weather of my childhood memories, but then that's probably just down to a selective memory! Here's hoping that the rest of June was warm and balmy and we could take advantage of those long light evenings.

Usually when we write to you from All Saints, the church is preparing for a seasonal festival such as Advent, Christmas, Lent, Easter and Pentecost and we invite you to come and share and celebrate them with us.

But now in the church year we have not long entered a period which is known as "Ordinary Time". Ordinary Time is the longest season in the Church's year. Covering thirty-three weeks, it is divided into two parts; one short and the other very long and focuses in a three-year cycle on the Gospels of Matthew, Mark and Luke. This year we are looking in more detail on the Gospel of Luke.



The first part runs from the day after we celebrate Jesus' Baptism to the day before Ash Wednesday. The second part, the time we are celebrating now, runs from the day after Pentecost until the day before the first Sunday of Advent. This is where the church year ends with the solemnity of Christ the King. He is enthroned in our hearts as well as in heaven, in order to do his Father's will and restore all things.

The use of the term Ordinary Time in the church year distinguishes it from the other seasons – Advent, Christmas, Lent and Easter – which focus on particular aspects of Christ's life: his birth, suffering, death and resurrection.

Ordinary Time in the Church year doesn't mean the ho-hum weeks in between the exciting events of our faith. Instead, it's the time when we celebrate the ordered passage of time. It's when we can deepen our faith in the midst of everyday life.

At moments when we experience chaos and confusion, life at its essence is somehow still rooted in meaning and order and wisdom, even if we don't completely get it. Put another way, it's when we remember that the Incarnation wasn't just something that happened between God the Father and Jesus of Nazareth more than 2,000 years ago; it's the continual

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invitation to share in God's love and creativity day after day, week after week, season after season.

During Ordinary Time, we focus on the heart and soul of Jesus' message. We hear him describe the Kingdom of God in concrete terms that people of his time would understand — a mustard seed, some yeast — which invites us to examine our own images of God. We see him heal countless people from all walks of life, which calls us to examine those relationships in our own lives that need healing. We watch him perform incredible miracles, which encourages us to find the parts of ourselves in need of transformation. In this way, Jesus' day-to-day life during his ministry affects our own everyday experiences.

Ordinary Time celebrates Jesus' teaching and ministry. It gives us time to reflect on how we live as Christians.

You might notice during ordinary time that the Altar cloth in our chapel is changed for green. The colour green of Ordinary Time tells us much about its significance in the Church's life. It is the rich colour of growth and new life.

Also, this summer we are exploring in our Sunday services a sermon series on the book of Romans. Romans is a letter from the Apostle Paul to the Christian church in Rome, exploring themes of salvation, faith, and the nature of God's righteousness. It delves into how humanity's sinfulness leads to a need for God's grace, and how salvation is achieved through faith in Jesus Christ. Paul also

discusses the implications of this salvation for Christian living and the relationship between God and both Jewish and Gentile believers.

The book emphasizes that salvation is a gift from God, received through faith in Jesus Christ, not through human merit or good works. Paul explores the concept of God's righteousness, explaining that it is revealed through the gospel and is available to all who believe. Romans explains how believers are justified (declared righteous) by God through faith in Christ, even though they are sinners. The book offers practical advice on how Christians should live, emphasizing love, unity, and obedience to God in all areas of life. Sermons will be added to our website each week, and we are following the material from the Bible Society and the thoughts of Andrew Ollerton.

If you would love to find out more about the



extraordinary time of ordinary time, do call in to see us, can I encourage you to take one of our welcome bags which among other fabulous things has a book of one of the Gospels in it for you to read and explore. Ordinary Time deserves to be lived extraordinarily—in the depths of our own hearts, in our families and in the worshipping community. It is important for us to immerse ourselves deeply in the spirituality of Ordinary Time because it contains the essence of who we are in the 'everydayness' of our Christian lives.



Every blessing

Buffy


## Services at All Saints

### Sunday 6th July

#### – Romans: Sin – What's wrong with the world?



- 8.00am Holy Communion (said, traditional BCP Communion Service)
- 10.00am Holy Communion with Kids and Youth at Ten. Prayer ministry will be available in our chapel during communion.  

### Sunday 13th July – Trinity 4


- 8.00am Holy Communion (Said, traditional BCP Communion Service)
- 10.00am All Together Service – all ages gather to worship, learn, and grow together. 
- 6.00pm Evensong

### Sunday 20th July

#### – Romans: Salvation – What's so amazing about grace?

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

### Sunday 27th July – Mission Focus MAF

- 8.00am Holy Communion (Said, traditional BCP Communion Service)
- 10.00am Morning Worship with Mission Focus on MAF. There will be no Holy Communion at this Service. 

*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.*

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## From the Registers

### Funerals

- 4th June The Late Barbara Scane  
Funeral at St. Thomas A'Becket Church followed by burial at Warblington Cemetery
- 5th June The Late Peter Howlett  
Cremation at The Oaks, Havant.

### Weddings

- 5th July 12.30pm Lucy and Malcolm Daniels
- 7th July 1pm Steven and Sheryl Macswayne

## Upcoming Important dates

**4th – 9th August** Our holiday club will be running during this week and therefore the church, grounds, hall and Heath room will all be closed with no public access during this time.

**18th – 27th August** During this time our hall, Heath room and entrance area will be having major decoration and other work completed, therefore these areas will be closed to the public, including the toilets.

## Sacred Heart Catholic Church

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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**

**Please refer to Newsletter for weekday Mass times.**



## The Future of Denmead Parish Chronicle...

In 1955 the Revd. George Greenfield, who was Vicar at that time, started publishing the Denmead Parish Chronicle as *“an important means of communication which keeps people informed of matters about the Church and other activities of interest to the village”*.

Having been editor of the Chronicle since 1998 I have made it known amongst those that regularly attend All Saints Church that I will be standing down from this role at the end of this year – it is high time it was handed on to someone else! Incidentally, I would like to say a big thankyou all those who have assisted in so many ways over the years.

As yet, no-one has volunteered to take this on but in order for the Chronicle to continue beyond December 2025, we do need someone as soon as possible to assist with it.

Many Denmeadians do appreciate this long-standing publication but we are fully aware that many things have changed in the last seventy years, and it could be that the time is right for the Chronicle to change significantly too, or to be discontinued.

For anyone who may be interested in taking this on, I can give whatever help and guidance is needed, but the main requirements (in addition to being actively involved in All Saints Church) are an ability to use suitable computer software and a few (5-8?) hours available per month. If you are interested or would like to know more, please contact Karen in the Church office (023 9226 8757), or email or speak to me.

Thank you,

Steve Venn

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The next Repair Café will be on **Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2025 in Hambledon Church 10am–12 noon**

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This month the talented Belles showcased their passions in a series of five minute presentations covering a wide range of topics including crocheted post box toppers, cross stitch, cyber security, fabric-covered bobbins, hand yoga, knitted witches, LEGO, tap dancing, triathlon (complete with wetsuit and goggles) and wild camping.

On 2nd July the topic will be "International Drug Cartel", we await with interest to see what that will involve!

The Belles' ethos is Fun, Friendship, Learning and Laughter with ladies invited to join the monthly meeting on the first Wednesday of the month (except August) at 7:30pm in the Denmead War Memorial Hall. Visitors are welcome to attend for a small fee of £4 before deciding if they want to join. Each month there is an interesting speaker or activity, catering for a variety of tastes. Hot drinks and cake are provided for a charity donation and there's a raffle too.

There is also a number of sub-groups (including book club, walking group, craft club, supper party and house party) and the group organises ad-hoc trips based on members' interests.

For more information contact [denmeadwibelles@gmail.com](mailto:denmeadwibelles@gmail.com) or find them on Facebook (Denmead WI Belles).



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## New Book Swap Cabinet Opens in the Heart of the Village

On Wednesday 4th June, Greening Denmead welcomed members from the Waterloooville Men's Shed, Fox and Hounds Pub, Denmead Repair Café, and South Downs Funeral Services to cut the green ribbon and officially open Denmead's brand new book swap cabinet.

This charming addition to the village is about more than just sharing a good read. It is a practical step towards waste prevention, one of the five core pillars that Greening Denmead champions, alongside Space for Nature, Energy-Efficient Warmer Homes, Health Impacts of Climate Change, and the Cycle of the Seed.

The inspiration behind the cabinet stems from a simple but powerful idea: waste prevention starts not with recycling, but with stopping things going to waste in the first place. In our throwaway culture, items are often used briefly and discarded. But if we can change that, even just with books, we are already making a difference.



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Whether you are after a new holiday read, fancy something different to dive into, or have books at home you're ready to pass on, the book swap cabinet is ready for you. Simply take a book, leave a book, no library card required.

You can find additional book swap points at Denmead Community Centre and the Heath Room at All Saints Church. But if you have not yet visited the new cabinet, we would love you to stop by. You might just find your next favourite book and help cut down on waste while you are at it.

Greening Denmead have lots of projects and events happening throughout the year. If you'd like to stay up to date with their news, or if you've been inspired to get involved and volunteer, please get in touch by visiting [www.greeningdenmead.org.uk](http://www.greeningdenmead.org.uk), emailing [greeningdenmead@gmail.com](mailto:greeningdenmead@gmail.com) or following them @greeningdenmead on Facebook and Instagram

**'Lots of people doing a little bit can make a BIG difference'**



## Evening W.I. take the 60 Challenge

At the Annual meeting in May the new committee was formed with the President, Secretary and Treasurer all agreeing to stand for another year. Annual reports were read, competition prizes awarded and another busy year anticipated. As part of the 60th Anniversary celebrations, members have taken up the 60 challenge to do an activity, such as cycling, swimming, card making, garden visiting, litter picking and cupcake baking.

The Craft Group made silk ribbon roses under the expert guidance of one of the members and the Garden Group visited a member's beautiful rose filled garden and enjoyed delicious homemade sausage rolls, cake and coffee.

The meeting on Wednesday July 16th will feature a talk on "English Traditions and Customs" by Alan Frampton.



The W.I. is the largest voluntary women's organisation in the UK and offers all kinds of opportunities from learning new skills, joining campaigns or catching up with or making new friends. Ladies wishing to learn more would receive a warm welcome. Meetings take place in Denmead Memorial Hall at 7.30pm on the third Wednesday of each month.

For more information contact [denmeadevepres@hampshirewi.org.uk](mailto:denmeadevepres@hampshirewi.org.uk)

## Waterlooville Foodbank

*The food bank is still in great need. Donations can be placed in the large foodbank box, in our welcome area. The church is open from 8.15am-dusk each day and we will transfer to the foodbank. Many thanks. Revd Emma*





## Denmead Walks

This walk is long and strenuous but ideal for a day route in summer from Denmead. Initially taking Wayfarers Walk toward Hambledon it branches off near Rushmoor before dropping down to the northern end of the village then heading toward Chidden. After Green Lane it takes in Wallops Wood then ascends East Hoe Road from which there are spectacular views both north across the surrounding countryside then south toward the IOW and Solent. A welcome break at the Old Forge Café could be taken on the homeward leg.

### WALK DETAILS

**Length: 18.7 km/11.7miles**  
**Time: 5h**  
**Stiles: 3**  
**Walk Grade: 4/5**

From Kidmore Lane car park turn R then further on go L into Cemetery Lane. At the end of the cemetery bear R on Wayfarers Way before going L then R on the path that runs alongside a wide field. Remain on the path passing through two kissing gates turning L after the second then almost immediately R into Harrowgate Lane.

**1.8km/1.1 miles** Go through another kissing gate slightly further on continuing along the FP that runs diagonally L across the field. Turn L after passing through the hedge at the end of the field then after a bend in the track turn R heading toward the woodland ahead. Stay on this path passing the woods and a horse paddock to your L finally emerging onto Pithill Lane.

**3km/1.9miles** Go R then almost immediately L through a metal gate and continue along the wide bridleway to the far end of the field where the path curves to the L and leads to Glidden Lane. Start downhill then soon after go L downhill Glidden Lane.

**4.9km/3.1 miles** On emerging in the village cross the main road and head up the side road opposite. After a double bend soon pick up a FP on the RHS that passes



*The path through Hambledon Vineyard*

between the vines. At the far end go over a stile and immediately turn L. At the top of the rise the FP turns R through a kissing gate and along an enclosed path toward a copse. After going through another gate descend through the woodland and bear L with vines on your LHS.

**6km/3.75miles** Go diagonally L partway across the field which leads to Brook Lane. Cross the latter heading along Chidden Holt on the metalled surface road.

**7.8km/4.9miles** On coming into the centre of Chidden go L at the T junction in the direction of Droxford on Chidden Lane. Stay on the lane ignoring a FP on the LHS part way along.

**8.6km/5.4miles** Go L off the Chidden Lane into Green Lane part way along the latter passing Big West End Farm. Remain on the lane and finally take a R turn a short distance after Hook Cottage.

**9.8km/6.1 miles** Walk up the gentle slope which is Grenville Lane at the top of which bear L at the entrance to Wallops Wood eco housing development. Head toward the first of the houses then branch L on the FP that leads to the B2150.

**10.9km/6.8miles** Take care crossing the busy B2150 before starting up East Hoe Road enjoying the best views of the walk to your L when nearing the summit.

**12.3km/7.7miles** Just after passing the gates of East Hoe Manor pick up Wayfarers Walk again and go L through a kissing gate into the field walking slightly R across the same. On a clear day there are wonderful views over the Solent to the IOW from this FP. At the far side leave the field by another gate and walk along the RH side until reaching a gate on the same side. Go through the kissing gate, keep the fence on your LHS and soon enter Boarhuts Copse. Continue along the path through the woodland.

**13.4km/8.4miles** Turn R on leaving the woodland enjoying the view down into Hambledon and across the valley. Continue to a gate made of a recycled pallet then turn L downhill but go R at the junction of paths making your way along the bottom of the meadow and over 3 stiles the last of which leads onto Cams Hill.



*T junction in middle of Chidden*

**13.8km/8.6miles** Go L downhill and there is now the option of a break at Old Forge tea Shop which is at the end of the lane. If not stopping at the tea shop bear R at the main road and further again take care crossing into Bury Lodge Lane.

**15km/9.4miles** Nearing the summit of the hill after rounding a double bend, pick up the Wayfarers Way FP on your RHS and follow this around the perimeter of two fields turning L at the end of the second soon reaching Rushmere Lane.

**15.8km/9.9miles** Turn R and stay on the lane passing Rookwood Cottage and emerging onto the B2150 at Forest Gate.

**16.7km/10.4miles** Cross the main road and go L, take care further on as there is a stretch with no pavement, continue past Uplands Road and as the hill descends cross the road again onto a FP.

**17km/10.6miles** Follow the footpath into High Wood continuing downhill before emerging from the woodland to walk along a fenced-in FP. On reaching a kissing gate on your LHS turn R and retrace your steps back to the starting point.

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### 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)
- 11.00-13.00 Dementia Support group (monthly, 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday)
- 14.00-16.00 Afternoon WI (Monthly – 1st 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)
- 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)

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## Denmead War Memorial Hall Bookings

### Mondays

08.30-15.00 Denmead Pre-School – Term Time Only

### Tuesdays

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### Wednesday

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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

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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

### 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

18.00 - 19.00 Vinyasa Yoga

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19.00 - 21.00 Denmead WI – monthly

19.45 - 21.45 Denmead Brass Band Rehearsal

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### 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 (Musical Theatre for 4 – 13 year olds)

18.30 - 20.45 Yoga with Allison

19.00 - 21.00 Breakaway Stitchers and Quilters

19.00 - 21.00 LD Art Group



### 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  
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### 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)  
14.00 - 16.00 U3A Table Tennis (Beginners) 1st & 3rd Friday of the month  
18.30 - 20.30 Farlington Dog Club (Denmead)

### Saturdays

- 09.00 - 11.30 Southern Arts Academy (Term Time only)  
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- 09.00 - 12.30 Denmead Brass Band  
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## Farewell Flowers at Horticultural Society

June saw an unexpected change to the meeting of Denmead's Horticultural Society due to the late cancellation of the published speaker. However, member Kelly Howe, The Flower Artist, stepped into the limelight and gave an interesting talk on her recent experience working on the Farewell Flowers Directory Stand at Chelsea, a non-profit organisation promoting sustainable and British-grown funeral flowers.

The funeral business is one of the most plastic-heavy areas of floristry – every year, crematoriums alone send 14,670 cubic meters of floral foam and single-use plastic to UK landfills, the equivalent of six Olympic-sized swimming pools! The stand organiser realised that the costs for flowers and other display items would be expensive so sought sponsorship. Disappointed by lack of uptake from undertakers, she found that the crematorium society provided it as they are responsible for removing and disposing of the displays and pay thousands annually in landfill tax.

The stand was in a graveyard setting with a wicker coffin filled with British grown blooms held in place with a handmade willow framework covered in moss, a substitute for floral foam, with the blooms staying fresh for the whole of the show. To complete the setting, a male figure and dog, made entirely from chicken wire and decorated with blooms, sat on a wooden bench facing the coffin. Kelly and the other helpers, dressed in yellow, gave out yellow tags to tie onto the rope surrounding the stand. 1000 tags with little messages looked particularly eye catching. Kelly explained how she created her own cut flower garden, and where she buys her flowers from, comparing the journey imported flowers take to reach the UK.

After the talk, the floor was opened for an impromptu Q&A with audience members asking about pruning Rhododendron, why peonies didn't flower and if flag irises were correctly planted with answers provided by both a panel and the floor. The flower of the month was won by Ted Hoare with a very pretty frilly rose.

The village show is fast approaching on 16th August and the schedule can be found in Parkers, the community centre or at <https://www.hugofox.com/community/denmead-horticultural-society-19787/home>

The next meeting is on 1st July in All Saints church hall, follow on Facebook for details about the speaker.

**The DHS village show is on 16th August – the schedule can be found in Parkers, the community centre and DHS website...**



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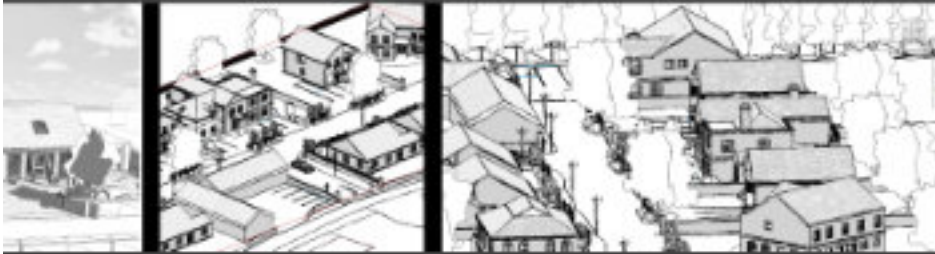
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Over the last two years, Skills Bootcamps training has given hundreds of working adults confidence in their abilities and advanced their careers. The latest round of funding will enable training to be offered to at least 1,750 learners across a variety of subjects including AI, leadership and management, teaching assistant, data analytics, and B2B sales. Courses are flexible and include a minimum of 60 hours of learning across a maximum 16-week period. Residents can benefit with learning planned to fit around professional and family commitments, allowing people in different circumstances to gain the skills employers are looking for. For most Skills Bootcamp courses, no previous knowledge is needed. Courses can be classroom-based, on-the-job or online. More information and guidance is available at [hants.gov.uk/business/skillsbootcamp](https://hants.gov.uk/business/skillsbootcamp)

For those who need help deciding on suitable courses, an online National Careers Service Skills Assessment is available to establish existing skills and match them to potential careers. See <https://nationalcareers.service.gov.uk/>

In 2024/25, the Council enrolled over 1,000 learners onto the Bootcamps in project management, digital marketing, data analytics, coding, construction, early years, health and social care, hospitality, film and TV, engineering, and green skills – such as installing residential heat pumps, and electric vehicle repair and maintenance.

## Help Nature Recover

The public has recently been asked for their views on the Draft Local Nature Recovery Strategy for Hampshire which sets out biodiversity priorities to





help reverse nature's decline. Produced in conjunction with a range of organisations, the strategy maps the most valuable existing habitats for nature, setting out proposals for creating, restoring and enhancing habitats, and suggests priorities and targets for nature's recovery. Among a broad range of suggested priorities and actions, the strategy includes proposals that could:

- shape how future funding for farming and land management is used
- help local planning authorities understand locations important for conserving and restoring biodiversity
- identify priority areas for habitat creation and connectivity
- provide guidance on actions on farmland and woodland to achieve nature recovery and move towards sustainable farming practices
- guide communities with funding applications for nature recovery projects suggest potential measures for embedding nature into urban infrastructure, such as stormwater management.

In 2021, the Environment Act required local areas to produce Local Nature Recovery Strategies. The Government designated HCC as the Responsible Authority for delivering the strategy for Hampshire, including areas covered by Southampton and Portsmouth City Councils, as well as the New Forest and South Downs National Parks (within Hampshire). The final version of the Local Nature Recovery Strategy for Hampshire is expected to be published by the end of the year.

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## Ageing Well

While living longer is something to be celebrated and our ageing population presents opportunities, it also has implications for the economy, services and society. Knowing the size and structure of the population is fundamental for decision makers and policy makers. The latest census data confirms that the Hampshire population continues to age. There are over 300,000 people living in Hampshire who are aged 65 years and over, equating to over one in five of our residents (22%). Hampshire's population is older than England overall where 19% of the total population are 65 years and over.

Across the Hampshire districts there are distinct differences; the area of Rushmoor has a comparatively young population with 15% aged 65 years and over. The New Forest has the oldest population structure where almost one third of the population (29%) are aged 65 years or more. The number of older people is expected to continue to rise substantially, local forecasts show that the biggest increase will be in the 75 years and over population which is forecast to increase by 24% by 2028.

And finally...

Please note, I continue to hold a Councillor Surgery on the first Saturday of every month [except August] in The Heath Room, All Saints Church, Denmead, 10am – 12 noon. No appointment necessary.



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