

All Saints Church, Denmead

The Parish

## CHRONICLE

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#### Dear friends,

Last year the PCC (Parochial Church Council) at All Saints recognised and acknowledged that care for creation, and action to address the present climate and nature crises are integral to our Christian faith, life and worship.

Psalm 24:1-2 The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it; for he founded it on the seas and established it on the waters.

Last May the PCC completed work and made various changes allowing us to achieve the bronze level in the A Rocha UK Eco Church scheme. Since then, we have continued to make changes effecting our worship and teaching, the way we use our buildings and source energy supplies and resources, our care for our land and wildlife, and our engagement with local community groups.

Here are a some of the changes we've implemented recently:

- We've created and developed a wildflower patch in our church garden (now maintained with the support of Greening Denmead)
- We've developed a composting area and wilding/scrubby patch (again now maintained with friends from Greening Denmead)
- Where possible we make sure our office supplies and cleaning materials are eco-friendly/responsibly sourced
- We've installed bird boxes, bug and bee hotels and log piles in our church grounds.



- We've planted 4 new fruit trees in the church garden
- We're avoiding using synthetic fertilisers, pesticides or herbicides
- We're now working with local community groups including Greening Denmead and the local Foodbank
- Our intercessions regularly include a focus on environmental issues local, national and global.
- Our worship resources are as sustainable as possible, for example using foam-free flower arrangements, non-fossil fuel wax candles and organic wine.
- We have committed to monitor and reduce our carbon footprint year-on-year.
- We have appointed an Eco Church Champion – Amanda Hillyard to help implement our plans
- We undertake regular maintenance of our buildings, roofs and gutters to control heat loss and damp
- We've improved our insulation, double glazing and draught proofing
- We've made sure our gas and electric supplies are from renewable energy schemes and installed a Smart meter to monitor our energy use and encourage efficiency.
- We've installed LED lighting in church, the church hall and throughout our spaces
- We've installed some silver energy pads behind our radiators in church to radiate heat

#### The Letter

- We've installed water-saving devices such as cistern hippos in our toilets
- · We're avoiding the use of disposables such as cups/cutlery/ crockery and single-use plastics
- We've engaged with citizen science activities including wildlife surveys (Big Garden Birdwatch and the Big Butterfly Count)
- We encourage people to access and enjoy our land by providing benches and nature display boards
- We're banking/investing our funds with banks that support positive change for the climate.

..... there are many more things I could mention, but this gives us a flavour of our

work so far. The PCC recognises that there is much, much more we can do, so we will keep looking for changes and adjustments that improve our care for creation.

In the months ahead we're looking to include a regular creation care Sunday, and a service for animal blessings. In the Heath Room Garden, we're

about to install a bird feeder and bird bath and will provide food for birds throughout the year. We will also be asking all our church groups to make sure that food provided at events, wherever possible, is local, seasonal, organic and fairtrade/ rainforest alliance supported. We're also developing a 'creation care' noticeboard in church which will provide hints/tips and raise awareness. Collectively we're doing

what we can to try and make a difference. We're seeking to be a community that has creation care at our heart. This Autumn we will be able to apply for our silver accreditation!

So how could you support us in this mission? What lifestyle choices could you make?

You may want to begin with auditing your own lifestyle/household choices and pinpointing a few areas that need positive change. In church, on our leaflet stand, you will find this guick guide that will help in auditing your own personal carbon footprint and setting goals to reduce it. You can act by looking at 'Count us in'. This

> website recommends 16 manageable steps we can all take to make a difference.

You may want to consider how and what you eat affects God's creation. You may want to think through how you can reduce your carbon emissions through transport choices. You

might want to consider your energy choices at home and greener tariffs. Maybe you might be interested in finding out about how we can use our money, including banking, pensions and investing in ethical and eco-friendly ways. You might want to consider how you can reduce your consumption of goods and services and make ethical choices. You might want to look at how you can use your **D**5



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### **Services at All Saints**

#### Sunday 7th September

#### - Romans: DEVOTION - How can we live full on for God?

Holy Communion (traditional, said BCP Communion 8.00am

Service)

Holy Communion with Kids and Youth at Ten. There will 10.00am

be prayer ministry at this service.

6.00pm Taizé Service – Peace and Unity using prayers, chants,

Bible readings and times of reflection and silence.

#### Sunday 14th September - Trinity 13

Holy Communion (traditional, said BCP Communion 8.00am

Service)

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

and grow together. After this service we gather for

refreshments and crafts.

6.00pm Evensong

#### Sunday 21st September

#### - Romans: COMMUNITY - How can we live together in love?

Holy Communion (Said, traditional BCP Communion 8.00am

Service)

Holy Communion with Kids and Youth at Ten. 10.00am



Morning Prayer is said each weekday

at 8.30-9.00am in

welcome.

chapel – everyone is

Private Prayer - The

Church building is

private prayer.

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there is a candle

open from 8.30am

to dusk each day for

If you wish to light a

stand in the Chapel.

#### Sunday 28th September – Romans: MISSION – How can we be ambitious with the gospel?

8.00am Holy Communion (Said, traditional BCP Communion

Service)

10.00am Morning Worship. There will be no Holy Communion at

this Service. After the service please come through to the

Denmead Art Exhibition in the church hall.

Refreshments in our church hall after the service



Live stream to our Facebook page

#### **From the Registers**

#### **Baptisms**

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garden to encourage native wildlife, birds and hedgehogs. You might want to consider eco-friendly household products. For each of these areas (and several more!) we now have leaflets available in church, which will give you questions to think through, offer possible changes, and signpost you towards relevant resources and materials.

Working together, these are small actions, but they can add up to big change if we all play our part.

With every blessing,

#### Emma

Revd. Emma Racklyeft, Vicar at All Saints, Denmead



The next Repair Café will be on Saturday 20th September 2025 in Denmead Community Centre Ipm-4pm

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

Check our Facebook page for forthcoming dates:

**Denmead & Hambledon Repair Cafe** 



## All Saints Holiday Club 2025 Explorers – The Greatest Story



#### Adventure, laughter, and a message of hope right here in Denmead

If you wandered past the church at the beginning of August, you might have heard the sound of children laughing, the thrum of lively music with the singing of little voices. You might even have seen a few very suspicious-looking "explorers" (complete with hats, maps, and Hi-Vis Jackets!).

That's because from Tuesday 5th to Friday 8th August, our church became "Base Camp" for Explorers – The Greatest Story — our fun-filled Holiday Club for children aged 4—11. Each day we welcomed over 53 children from the village and beyond, eager and ready for adventure.



"Over 53 children came every single day — and the energy was off the charts!"



#### The Big Idea

This year's theme was inspired by one of the most well-known verses in the Bible:

"For God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son... so that whoever believes in him may have eternal life."

Whether you're someone who comes to church regularly, once in a while, or never at all, the idea at the heart of this verse is simple — that God's love is for everyone, and that the life and example of Jesus can bring hope to the whole world.

"From the desert to the mountains, across the sea and into the empty tomb — we travelled together through the story of Jesus."



#### **Our Daily Adventures**

#### Day I —The Desert

The birth of Jesus — a humble beginning in a stable, but the start of something world-changing. Just like God had a special plan for Mary, Joseph and even the shepherds — God has a special plan for you too.

#### Day 2 - The Mountains

The day Jesus fed over 5,000 people with



just five loaves of bread and two fish from a boy's lunch — showing how even the smallest acts of kindness can make a huge difference.

#### Day 3 - The Sea

Jesus walking on water — a moment that taught us about courage and trust when life feels scary.

#### Day 4 – The Cave

The empty tomb — celebrating the idea that love and hope are stronger than death.

I haven't stopped raving on to everyone what a fantastic opportunity and experience this was for my daughter. Totally faultless.

#### A Week Packed with Fun



Every day included a time with all of us together in the main church — singing, dancing, meeting our special guest character, and discovering clues to piece together the Greatest Story.

From there, the children split back into their "expedition groups" to enjoy a mix of activities, including high-energy games, creative crafts, storytelling and of course, snack time (because even explorers need refuelling!).



Putting children in age-appropriate different activities must be challenging but what a difference it makes! She was so excited to tell me about all the different things they had done, came home singing new songs and just so so happy... everything was so inclusive it really hit the mark. The whole team welcomed her and I with open arms, making her feel immediately safe. The attention to detail, such as individual lanyards, the personalised crafts and end-of-week bags... Thank you from the bottom of my heart for every hi vis wearer, group leader, teenage helper.... You gave my child the best week

## More Than Just a Holiday Club

Yes, there were crafts, games, silly costumes and memorable songs — but there was also something deeper happening. For some children, this week was their first time stepping into a church building. For others, it was the first time they'd heard these stories about Jesus. And for many, it was a place where they felt safe, welcome, and valued.

We believe these moments matter. Whether or not a child already has a faith, we want them to know that they are loved, that they have a place where they belong, and that they can face life with hope and courage.

#### **Volunteer Shout-Out!**

Holiday Club wouldn't happen without an amazing team. This year we had over 30 volunteers who gave their time and energy — from teenagers supporting groups to grown ups of all ages keeping the fun going, from storytellers to snack-preparers, from security to ingenuity. Every single one played a part in making the week safe, joyful, and unforgettable.

#### Thank You, Denmead



We also want to thank our wider church family and everyone in the community who supported the week — whether you donated materials, helped spread the word, encouraged the team, or kept us in your thoughts and prayers. We saw the results in the smiles on the children's faces, the friendships formed, and the buzz in the building all week.

Thank you so much. My boy said this has been the best part of his summer holiday!

#### **Looking Ahead**

We've already been asked, "Will you do this again next year?" (The answer is... we hope so!) But even more than that, we hope this week will have been the start of something for many families — a chance to explore big questions, discover new friendships, and maybe see church in a new light.

We give thanks to God for a joyful, safe, and life-giving week. And we'll keep praying that the good things that began at Holiday Club will keep growing — in the children, in their families, and in our whole community.

We had a fabulous week, and we can't wait to do it again next year. Thank you again for all your support.

#### Lewis Jones Youth and Families Community Leader All Saints Church, Denmead

If you would like to get in touch to find out more about Holiday Club, share your own feedback or find out about what else we run for children, young people and families in Denmead, I would love to hear from you. Email me at youth@allsaintsdenmead.









#### **Denmead Walks**

This is a shortish walk from the community centre along School Lane and adjacent to paddocks as far as Bent Lane. A footpath then takes you around Kelanne Stud before the return route goes along Hoe Street and through woodland which is part of Hoegate Co

WALK DETAILS
Distance 5.9km/3.7miles
Duration 1h 30m
Walk Grade 3/5
Stiles 14

through woodland which is part of Hoegate Common. The return leg to Denmead is via another woodland path.

Note:This route passes alongside horse paddocks, sections are often impassable during wet periods while the stiles on the footpath from Bent Lane to Kelanne Stud are poorly maintained. Also, note the number of stiles to be negotiated!

Leaving the Denmead Community Centre car park by the main entrance go R heading along School Lane passing the Fox & Hounds pub before going downhill as far as the crossroads. Here continue into Broad Lane that soon drops downhill to the junction between Ervills Road and Fareham Road in front of the driveway to Great Ervills House.

1.45km/0.9mile Cross over immediately and turn R but take particular care walking along the LHS of the road for about 100m as far as a gap in the hedge. Turn L, negotiate the first of the stiles on this walk, then continue across a narrow wooden bridge toward a second stile. After the third stile head for the RH top corner of the enclosed field, then look for the

remaining two stiles which run alongside paddocks. Bronze Age burial mounds can be seen on the RHS.

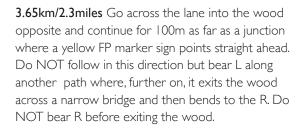
**2km/1.25miles** After the sixth stile turn R onto Bent Lane and after 25m go L over another stile onto the FP. Continue along the path going over a further four stiles then pass through a gate while heading toward a large modern barn. On reaching the edge of the latter turn R and negotiate what is usually an overgrown section of the Alan King Way FP.



Start of FP between Bent Lane and Kelanne Stud

Further on the FP bears L with paddocks on the RHS. Shortly after pass through the first of two gates which are separated by the narrow road that leads into Kelanne Stud. Continue along the fenced-in FP and gain access to Hoe Street over another stile.

**2.9km/1.8miles** Turn L and continue along Hoe Street passing Hoe Manor Farm and Hoegate Farm both of which are on the RHS. About 150m beyond these farms go L along the FP into woodland opposite the lane leading to Owl, Malt and Nightingale Cottages. This well-defined woodland path finally emerges onto Bent Lane.



**4.4km/2.75miles** Stay on the FP keeping the woodland on the RHS and finally come to a couple of stiles about 30m apart the latter giving access to Ervills Lane. Take great care crossing this busy road, then go L passing Willow Fisheries just after which bear R up Dirty Lane.

At the junction with Uplands Road, Broad Lane, Dirty Lane and School Lane turn R up the latter passing the Fox & Hounds pub at the top of the rise; continue downhill to the starting point of the walk at the community centre.



Kelanne Stud from footpath



Entrance to woodland from Bent



Junction connecting Dirty Lane, Broad Lane, School Lane and Uplands Road

#### **Evening W.I. Turns 60!**

At the July meeting of the Evening W.I. Alan Frampton spoke about the varied customs and traditions that take place around the country. Many were familiar with the Helston floral dance, Gloucestershire cheese rolling and Padstow hobby horse but many hadn't heard of the Britannia Coconut dancers, a troupe of clog dancers who perform every Easter at Bacup Lancashire!

The meeting on Wednesday 17th September will be the group's 60th birthday and the Federation Chairman and members from other institutes in the Bere Forest Group have been invited to join in the celebrations, including a flower demonstration by Sharon followed by fizz, nibbles and birthday cake.

The Craft Group is busy making items for the Autumn Fair on Saturday 11th October in the Church Hall, 10am to Noon. For more information look for posters around the village.

The W.I. is the largest voluntary women's organisation in the UK. offering all kinds of opportunities from learning new skills, joining campaigns or catching up with or making new friends. The Evening group meets on the third Wednesday of each month in Denmead Memorial Hall at 7.30pm.

For more information contact denmeadevepres@hampshirewi.org.uk.

#### **Denmead Evening WI**

## **Autumn Fair**

Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> October Church Hall, Denmead

10am to Noon

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#### **50th Annual Art Exhibition!**

Don't forget the Art Exhibition – in All Saints Church Hall on 27th and 28th September.

Opening times: Saturday 9.00am - 6.00pm
Sunday 10.30am - 4.30pm
Admission £1.50, concessions £1.00

Do come along and browse the wide range of artwork on show. All work will be for sale, so you may be able to find a gift for someone, or perhaps something for your own home!

We are still looking for more volunteers to help at various times over the weekend. If you are interested in helping in some way, pleae contact us by email: denmead.art@gmail.com or phone: 023 9226 6924



Steve Venn

## Denmead Afternoon W.I. Summer Break

We did not hold a meeting in August due to the holiday period.

Members continue to enjoy our monthly lunch date at Barnards, usually on the 2nd Tuesday in the month when we can share a delicious meal with friends. We enjoy the opportunity to be waited on and enjoy a delicious freshly cooked meal – with no washing up!

We will meet again on Wednesday 3rd September: This will be a Members' Afternoon with a Beetle Drive – always popular with members. We will also have a fun quiz.

We invite all ladies to our meetings held on the first Wednesday of the month (unless otherwise stated) from 2pm to 4pm. Visitors are most welcome.

We meet at All Saints Church which is

central to the village and car parking is easy.

We are an informal group – and enjoy a chat over tea and a biscuit after our speaker. You would be most welcome to visit us to see if were are your "cup of tea". If you are new to the village or recently retired and would like to make new friends the W I welcomes you.

You may even find a bargain at our Sales Table which helps to raise funds to enable us to have interesting speakers

Talks cover a wide range of subjects – from camping in Europe to life in Guernsey , or The Talking Newspaper so there is something for all tastes

If you are unable to attend an afternoon meeting the Evening Institute would welcome you to their me

meetings at 7.30pm on the third Wednesday (except December when they meet on the second Wednesday.)



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

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

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

#### **Mondays**

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)
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

07.50-10.50	riczbance (weekly, term time only)	
11.00-13.00	Dementia Support group (monthly, 2nd	Wednesday)

12.00-16.00	Flower Club (monthly, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesday)
14.00-16.00	Afternoon WI (Monthly – Ist Wednesday)
14.00-16.00	Encompass Group (monthly, 4th Wednesday)
17.45-19.15	1st Brownies (weekly, term time only)

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#### **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 W	I Belles Community	Café – please check	poster for details
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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, September 2025**

#### **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

#### Thursday

08.30-15.00 Denmead Pre-School – Term Time Only

19.45-21.45 Badminton Club - Weekly

#### Friday

08.30-15.00 Denmead Pre-School - Term Time Only

Further Details from Mrs S Thomas 07534 024388

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

If you are interested in joining any of the groups below please contact

Denmead Community Centre, School Lane, Denmead, PO7 6LU 02392 256132

www.denmeadcc.uk

Email: info@denmeadcc.uk

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#### **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 - 1st and 3rd Mondays

19.00 - 21.00 Evening Table Tennis

- Contact details:

Sylvia 02392 439037 email: john.morphett l 24@gmail.com

#### 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

09.15 - 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 - 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

18.00 - 19.00 Vinyasa Yoga

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

#### Village Diary

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) 18:00-19:00 \*New Class\* Meridian Judo Club – Juniors - Contact Mike 07710 585370 18.30 - 20.45 Yoga with Allison 19:00-20:00 \*New Class\* Meridian Judo Club – 15 years and Adults 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 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 **Fridays** 09.15 - 10.15 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) **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 19.00 - 20.00 Kyoto Dojo 18.30 - 19.30 Relaxing with Sound - First week of each month. Email fernandforestcoaching@outlook.com 19.30 - 22.00 Board Gaming - monthly





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#### A (T)Winning Summer

This year for the Twinning Association has been filled with events which have brought members and friends together to share good company, laughter and memorable experiences. In the past three months alone, have been three particularly special occasions:



A Warm Welcome in Saint Georges The May event took the group across the Channel to visit "twins" in Saint Georges, France. Around 40 from Denmead spent four days there, warmly hosted by French friends. The programme was full of interesting excursions, lively dinners and heartfelt hospitality. For two families, this was their very first twinning visit — an exciting chance to meet and stay with their new "twins."

The Annual Summer BBQ During a spell of glorious sunshine, the annual BBQ

brought together 35 members for a relaxed afternoon of food, laughter and friendship. With every day that week bathed in sunshine, there wasn't a moment spent worrying about the weather — just enjoying the warm air and good company.

A (T)Winning Evening of Boules Last month, the group revived an old sporting rivalry with the Emsworth Twinning Association in a friendly boules match. It had been a few years since the last game, so it was a joy to reconnect — and even more so to claim victory! The impressive



Wine experts (or not) at earlier social event this year.

Porchester Pétanque Club provided the perfect setting and the warm welcome from Porchester, coupled with yet another fine summer evening, made the occasion all the more special.

Looking Ahead: Autumn Events Return After a well-earned summer break, the autumn programme bursts back into life this October with The Big Quiz. Stepping up to the podium is a new quizmaster, who promises to both entertain and challenge in equal measure. Mark your calendars for Saturday 18 October at All Saints Church Hall — the fun begins at 6.30pm sharp.

The group welcomes new members, as well as friends who simply want to enjoy the events. If you'd like to find out more go to the website (https://denmeadtwinning.co.uk/), email enquiries@denmeadtwinningassociation.co.uk or call Keith on 07753 815597.



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#### New adventure playground opens at Lepe Country Park

This new play area draws inspiration from Lepe's D-Day heritage and coastal location, offering features including an obstacle course with tunnels, climbing frames and a zip line, alongside swings and a den-building area. It also features a Lepe Lighthouse with a scramble net, firefighter's pole and slide.

#### Green Flag status

Once again, five of the Council's country parks have gained prestigious Green Flag status, recognising they offer the highest standards in visitor experience, park management and environmental care. Lepe, River Hamble, Royal Victoria, Queen Elizabeth and Staunton Country Parks have all secured this award. In addition, Staunton, Royal Victoria and Lepe have also retained their Green Heritage Site Accreditation, which celebrates sites that actively conserve and promote their unique historic features.

#### Appointment of new Chief Executive

Following a national recruitment process, Gary Westbrook has been appointed as the new County Council's Chief Executive, following the retirement of Carolyn Williamson, who had been in post for four years following a total career in public service of over 40 years.

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Please note, meetings will be held at The Hampshire Hog, Clanfield.

On TUESDAY 9th SEPTEMBER 2025, Carol Frampton, an official guide at the museum, will give a talk about the life of Henry VIII's favourite warship – from the time of her sinking in 1545 to the present day. It is a fascinating story and, how finding her in 1971 has given us an amazing insight into aspects of Tudor history, which we may never have fully known or appreciated.

The following month, on Tuesday 14TH October 2025 we will be hearing from Paul Hurst about the SS Shieldhall. "Shieldhall" is unique as a time capsule providing a working example of steamship machinery both above and below deck, typical of the cargo and passenger ships that plied the oceans of the world from the 1870s until the mid 1960s, by which time they were all but extinct. Shieldhall is now believed to be the largest working steam ship in Northern Europe, she is owned and operated entirely by voluntary effort. See https://ss-shieldhall.co.uk/theship/

The meal, Speaker and room costs total £23. Please note, the meal must be ordered one week in advance, so if you would like to come along to find out more about Probus, or want to join the Club, please contact our Membership Secretary, Linda Marland, email - probus@lindamarland.com

The Waterlooville Probus Club meet on the second Tuesday of every month at the Hampshire Hog, Clanfield (plenty of free car parking

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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