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*The Parish*

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Dear Friends,  
 During March it is noticeable how much the hours of daylight are increasing in our part of the world; indeed, we shall have nearly 13 hours of daylight in the day by the end of the month, roughly two hours more than we had at the start. It is this lengthening (of days), represented by the Old English word *lencten* and Middle English word *leynte*, which has given us our modern word *Lent*, the season which Christians traditionally recognize as a period of simplicity and reflection in preparation for the remembrance and joyful celebration of the death and resurrection of Jesus at Easter. Lent echoes the 40 days Jesus spent in the wilderness, tested to his limits, as he resisted all of the devil's temptations in preparation for his earthly ministry.

We can't expect to match up to Jesus' powers of self-denial and integrity, however hard we try. His perfection is surely something to aim for but we ought not to despair when, in our human weakness, we fall short and give in to some of the things which tempt us in our daily lives. Neither should we give up trying just because we know that we find it impossible always to resist. For God neither values nor measures things in the same way that humans tend to do and his grace and mercy are everlasting.

In 2019, Bishop Emma Ineson wrote a book called *Ambition: What Jesus said about power, success and counting stuff* which looked at how Christians might understand success, but very shortly afterwards a global pandemic struck, and success suddenly began to look very different. This year, Bishop Emma has written a sequel called *Failure: What Jesus said about sin, mistakes and messing stuff up*. In his foreword, Archbishop Justin Welby says, "Failure is human, universal and inevitable. The question is what we do with it and, even more importantly, what God does with it in partnership with us. Emma Ineson brings us face to face with God, who knows what a failure is and is not, and whose greatest love overwhelms the greatest failures. God sets a different scale for measuring success and failure, and the Bible is, above all, a story of failure redeemed, failure forgiven and failure overcome in resurrection and merciful judgement." This book, in a humorous, realistic and non-judgemental way, looks at sin, guilt, human nature, the failure of the church and the greatest 'failure' of

**God sets a different scale for measuring success and failure**

all, the glory of the Cross. I particularly like the title of the final chapter, How to fail really well, and look forward to getting some useful tips when I reach the end of the book.

**... doing things which can make a positive difference in the world**

But Lent is not only about giving things up and reflecting on where we might have gone wrong and how much that matters, it is also about being active and doing things which can make a positive difference in the world. Things such as being good neighbours by giving generously to support the work of aid agencies, particularly those presently helping to bring relief to people suffering because of the recent earthquakes in Turkey and Syria and to people suffering because of war in Ukraine. And things such as being good stewards by supporting organizations which work for the protection of the natural environment, wildlife and habitats. Why not, for example, join a local Wildlife Trust or other nature group this Lent? At this time of year, as days lengthen and warm up, vegetation begins to grow and creatures to stir, this can be a rewarding experience as well as a worthwhile commitment.

On 19 March this year we take a break from the apparent austerity of Lent to celebrate Mothering Sunday. This is a day on which we are called to remember our mothers and to give thanks for all that we have received from them; acknowledging that, for some people, who haven't had a good or fulfilling relationship with their mother, it may be a father or some other significant person that they wish to remember and to thank. It is an occasion to celebrate the importance of family and relationships and how these influence our lives, and to pray for the mending of broken relationships and protection of strong relationships. God calls us to live in community, loving and caring for each other, and Mothering Sunday is a day when we can give special thanks to God for all those people who have played a significant 'mothering' role in our lives, including those in our church family.

This Lent, whatever we find ourselves doing, may we all fail well.


With love in Christ,

*Peter Mitchell, Licensed Lay Minister (Reader).*

## All Saints Church Services


### Sunday 5th March – Second Sunday of Lent

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

10.00am Holy Communion with Kids and Youth at Ten.  

### Sunday 12th March – Third Sunday of Lent

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

10.00am All Together Service – all ages gather to worship, learn, and grow together. During the service we welcome Esmée Rose Oliver and her family for her Baptism. 

### Saturday 18th March

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

### Sunday 19th March – Fourth Sunday of Lent.

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

10.00am Holy Communion with Kids and Youth at Ten.  

12.30pm Thanksgiving Service for Thomas Jacob Howe.

### Saturday 25th March

09.30am – 1pm Parish Prayer Walk beginning at All Saints – more information to follow on weekly update and website.

### Sunday 26th March – Fifth Sunday of Lent.

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

10.00am Morning Worship. 

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

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

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



Refreshments in our church hall after the service



This service will be live streamed



*Some food for thought – as we move through Lent and towards Good Friday and Easter.*

### The Hourglass

Hosanna'd palms seemed hopeful at the time;  
with disciples missing thrust of Holy Plan:  
capture, torture, harrow, wrack:  
as the Pilate light extinguished,  
and rent-a-mob carried the sway.

A core-deep agony for us,  
would be to watch our child crucified.

So Jesus died, atop that place of bitter stone.

What passed then ?  
Constricted through an eight hour slot in A.D.33:—  
Our world-huge, crippling weight of sin;  
from earliest age to end of human lineage:  
ALL carried by Him through those Passion hours.

And make this comparison; with  
rolling Love from God to all the people,  
back, and now, and on. As we  
repeat the human bent for misdeeds,  
that echoes through each generation.

How huge that Gift from Him who lives again;  
as yet unopened by all those to come:  
my mortal heart can't find the depth to voice!

*Peter Dickinson*



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## Children, Youth and Families at All Saints



### Messy Church

Messy Church is a fun-filled afternoon of crafts, messy activities, games, singing, and prayers exploring a Bible story/theme just right for young families. At each session, we offer snacks and refreshments at the end. Everyone is very welcome.

WHEN: Messy Church runs once a month, on the third Saturday starting at 3.30pm\*  
\*Please check our website for specific and any updates.

WHERE: You will find us at All Saints church hall (around the back of the church).

WHO IS IT FOR? Aimed at primary-aged children (4-11yrs) and their families. All children must be accompanied by an adult.

#### UPCOMING DATES:

- 18th March
- 8th April\* *Please note the change of date*
- 20th May
- 17th June
- 15th July



**ALL SAINTS  
KIDS  
AT 10AM**

### Children and young people on a Sunday

Every Sunday at our 10am service we welcome all ages but on the first and the third Sundays each month, we hold specific groups with engaging teaching and fun activities. Our 'Kids

at 10am' group is suitable for children aged 4-10yrs and our 'Youth at 10am' group is suitable for 11-18yrs. If you would like to bring your children or grandchildren along, please feel free to turn up on a Sunday or get in touch with Lewis our Youth and Family community leader (details below or on our website).

## ALL SAINTS YOUTH AT 10AM

**Coming soon...**

### All Saints Holiday Club 2023

Plans are underway to launch our new 'All Saints Holiday Club' this year.

We will be running the event from the 8th-11th of August aimed at local children in reception to year six; more information and booking coming soon.



For more information relating to any of the above or to get in touch please visit our website <https://allsaintsdenmead.org.uk> or contact Lewis Jones (our Youth and family community leader) at [lewis.jones@allsaintsdenmead.org.uk](mailto:lewis.jones@allsaintsdenmead.org.uk)

#### From the Registers

##### Baptisms

In February we welcomed the Baptisms of Elliott Barker on the 19th and Elijah O'Malley on the 26th.

In March we look forward to the baptism of Esmée Rose Oliver at 10am on Sunday 12th March. Please pray for these children as they begin their journeys of faith in Christ.

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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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# Denmead Walks

This walk starts at Denmead Community Centre and is quite a long circular route over some high ground so great views will be enjoyed from several points around Hambledon. A welcome break can be taken on benches both in the churchyard and on Speltham Down.

**WALK DETAILS**  
 Length: 13km (8.1 miles)  
 Time: 3h 20m (longer if a break is taken)  
 Stiles: 3  
 Walk Grade: Moderate (4/5)

Leave Denmead Community Centre CP by the main entrance, turn R and head up School Lane. Bear R into Thompsons Lane and at the top of this road pick up the FP on the other side of Uplands Road, on LHS of 'Wimborne.' Emerging from this narrow FP cut diagonally to the R across the field, then keeping to the path alongside the hedge continue to the far end. After passing through the gap in the hedge go diagonally L on the FP across the field before dropping downhill through a narrow copse while aiming for the metal gate which borders the B2150 road into Hambledon.

through three further gates. At the final gate, which borders Madam's Copse, follow the FP through the woods to Menlands Lane; here turn R heading downhill on the metalled surface.

At the junction of Menlands and Cams go L, then after a short walk uphill turn R going over the first of three stiles. At the end of this section that runs along the gardens of a number of houses, turn L at the junction with the FP leading from the centre of the village and continue uphill to the gate made from a recycled pallet.

A short distance from the gate bear L toward the electricity pylon going slightly downhill before passing through two gates between which is a narrow plank that acts as a narrow bridge across a stream that is fast-moving after heavy rain and during the winter months. Note that this section can be impassible following prolonged heavy rain. After negotiating a third gate take care crossing the lane that connects Hambledon to Worlds End then head up through the fields opposite passing



Enjoy the view toward the centre of the village and the church (see photo) while walking across the top of the field. Take the fourth track off to the L into the woods (yellow FP sign on fencing,) immediately pass a former marl pit on the LHS, then continue straight ahead through the woodland eventually exiting the same through a gate.

Keeping to the RHS adjacent to the hedge, another gate is about 100m ahead. After passing through this gate go L under trees which are part of Litheys Hanger. Further on is yet another gate followed by a wide flat field with East Hoe Manor on the RHS. Look for a double finger

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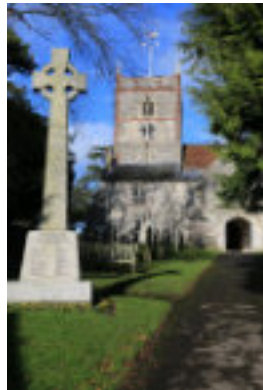
post on the far side of the field and head in that direction.

On reaching East Hoe Road, turn R and after passing the entrance to the manor house grounds go around a double bend. Once again there are views to appreciate (see photo) to the R while heading downhill toward the main road. On reaching the latter, take care in crossing onto the bridleway slightly to the L and carry on through this rather overgrown section until a junction is reached.



Turn R at the junction after passing around a metal barrier and head downhill enjoying the wide expanse of farm land either side of the wide track. Again, go R at the next junction and walk along Green Lane as far as the crossroads at Three Corners. Go across the road, then, after about 30m, bear L into Church Lane heading back toward Hambledon passing Windmill Down Farm part-way along.

Some distance further on pass the local primary school on the LHS and immediately afterwards go R into the churchyard before heading diagonally downhill to the L on the path. (A break can be taken on a bench just inside the entrance to the churchyard.) On leaving the churchyard head downhill toward the local convenience store and on reaching the latter take the road opposite



immediately heading up Speltham Hill.

Where the lane bears L, go R through a gate onto Speltham Down; ignoring the gate on your LHS walk about 200m along the flat section at the bottom of the field before going through a gate to the L and heading uphill. Partway up this track there is a bench on the RHS, then a little further up the sloping path exit the Down through a gate. Continue on the FP for about 80m to the end of the low hedge on the RHS then turn L going through a narrow copse into a field. Stay on the LH side of the field and eventually come out onto the lane that connects Hambledon with Rushmere.

Turn L at the lane then almost immediately R onto Wayfarers Walk. A little way along in fenced off woodland is an unusual feature – a metal press. Now bear L around the perimeter of the field. Stay on the L after passing through the hedge into a second field, at the end of which bear L; after a further 80m go R at the lane.

Stay on the lane passing the junction at Rookwood and finally emerge onto the B2150 at Forest Gate. Care is needed crossing this busy road after doing so turn L and head along the pavement. After passing the entrance to Uplands Road, remain in the same direction heading back toward the community centre which is at the bottom of the hill.

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## Church Hall Regular Bookings

### Mondays

- 09.30-10.30 Zumba (weekly, term time only)
- 11.30-12.30 Breathe Again (weekly)
- 14.30-20.30 Slimming World (weekly)

### Tuesdays

- 09.30-10.30 Pilates (weekly, term time only)
- 11.30-12.30 Fit & Fifty Plus (weekly)
- 14.00-15.00 Positive Strokes (weekly)
- 17.30-19.00 3rd Brownies (weekly, term time only)
- 19.30-21.30 Denmead Horticultural Society (monthly, 1st Tuesday)
- 20.00-22.00 South Hants Koi Club (Oct. to Apr. only, monthly, 2nd Tuesday)

### Wednesdays

- 11.00-12.30 Memory Café (monthly, 2nd Wednesday)
- 14.00-16.00 Flower Club (monthly, 3rd Wednesday)
- 14.00-16.00 Bereavement Support Group (monthly, 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 (page 31) for details
- 15.30-17.30 Messy Church (monthly, 3rd Saturday)

## 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

10.00-12.30 Craft & Chat (weekly, term time only)

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

19.30-21.30 Guides Mentoring (Ad hoc/ alternate month, term time only)

### Saturdays

10.00-12.00 Parish Council Surgery (monthly, 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday)

## Denmead Community Association (The Old School) Regular Events

### Mondays

08.30 - 15.30 Old Schoolhouse Pre-School – Term Time Only

09.30 -10.30 Better Body Club

11.00 - 13.15 Yoga with Allison

10.00 - 12.00 Watercolours for Improvers

11.00 - 13.00 Italian classes – Tertulia

14.30 - 16.30 U3A Board games – fortnightly

19.00 - 21.00 Evening Table Tennis – contact [annandmalcolm.davies@virgin.net](mailto:annandmalcolm.davies@virgin.net)

19.00 - 22.00 Denmead Bridge Club

### Tuesdays

09.00 - 15.30 Old Schoolhouse Pre-School - Term Time Only

09.30 - 10.30 Better Body Club

09.00 - 11.00 Denmead Unsung Gardeners (DUG)

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09.30 - 12.30 Upholstery Class

10.30 - 12.30 Creative Writing

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13.30 - 15.00 Afternoon Social Club (Monthly 2nd Tuesday)

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

18.00 - 19.00 Pilates Class

19.00 - 21.00 Denmead WI – monthly

19.00 - 21.00 Art Group

14.30 - 15.30 Chapter Reading Group (Monthly 1st Tuesday of the month)

19.45 - 21.45 Denmead Brass Band Rehearsal

19.30 - 22.00 Downland Singers

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### Wednesdays

09.00 - 12.00 Old Schoolhouse Pre-School – Term Time Only

10.00 - 12.00 Jiggy Wridders – baby music & movement

10.00 - 12.00 Denmead Art Group (Fortnightly)

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13.30 - 14.30 Shiyong Tai Chi

19.00 - 21.00 Breakaway Stitchers and Quilters

18.30 - 20.45 Yoga with Allison

### Thursdays

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09.30 - 10.30 Zumba

09.30 - 11.30 Table Tennis – contact [annandmalcolm.davies@virgin.net](mailto:annandmalcolm.davies@virgin.net)

10.45 - 11.45 Diddi Dance – pre-school dance classes

12.00 - 13.30 Lunch Club for over 70's

15.00 - 17.00 Italian Classes – Tertulia

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### Fridays

09.00 - 12.00 Old Schoolhouse Pre-School – Term Time Only

10.00 - 11.00 Bible and Bubble – baby yoga

09.30 - 12.00 Art Class

10.00 - 13.00 The Messy Hands Crafters (first Friday of the month)

18.30 - 20.30 Farlington Dog Club (Denmead)

14.00 - 16.00 U3A Table Tennis ( Beginners) Monthly 3rd Friday

### Saturdays

09.00 - 11.30 Southern Arts Academy (Term Time only)

#### Denmead Film Nights

Doors open at 19.00 (Typically the last Saturday of the month)

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### Sundays

09.00 - 12.30 Denmead Brass Band

19.30 - 22.00 Board Gaming – monthly

**If you are interested in joining any of the groups please contact  
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## Denmead War Memorial Hall

### Mondays

08.30-15.00 Denmead Pre-School - Term Time Only

### Tuesdays

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

### Wednesday

08.30-15.00 Denmead Pre-School - Term Time Only  
19.30-21.30 Denmead W.I. Belles - 1st Wednesday Monthly  
19.30-21.30 Horticultural Floral Workshop - 2nd Wednesday Monthly  
19.30-21.30 Evening Denmead W.I. - 3rd Wednesday Monthly  
19.00-21.00 Relaxing Soundbath - 4th Wednesday Monthly

### Thursday

08.30-3.00 Denmead Pre-School - Term Time Only  
19.45-21.45 Badminton Club - Weekly

### Friday

08.30-15.00 Denmead Pre-School - Term Time Only

### Sunday

09.00-12.00 Archery Club - Weekly except the 1st Sunday of the month  
17.00-19.00 Denmead Karate Club - Weekly

## Further Details Available from:

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## Wartime Romance at the Afternoon W.I.

It was great to welcome David Bickerton to speak at our February meeting on the subject of "Parents at War". He kindly stepped in at the last minute due to John Richards being unfortunately unable to attend.

David has written a book about his parents' experiences after finding nearly 150 letters they had exchanged between 1942 and 1945. They describe how his naval father, Don, met and corresponded with his WAAF mother, Linda. They met by chance in a hotel in Haverfordwest whilst they were both stationed in South Wales. After a very short relationship his father was sent to the Mediterranean in command of a minesweeper. He was subsequently sent to North Africa and Italy at the time of the allied invasion. Correspondence was sporadic – often receiving two or more letters at once and on returning to England they were soon married.

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Our meeting this month will include a talk entitled "90 Minutes at Entebbe" by Lt. Col. Jeremy Prescott describing Operation Thunderbolt which some readers may remember.

We continue to meet for lunch each month when we have the opportunity to chat informally over a meal we haven't cooked!

We hope to include an afternoon tea in the garden during the summer – weather permitting and we invite all ladies to our meetings held on the first Wednesday of the month from 2 - 4pm in the Heath Room at All Saints Church. We are an informal group and everyone is most welcome to visit if a particular subject is of interest. We enjoy tea, a chat and homemade cake made by Louisa of Lily and Lime, which helps people with medical problems to find employment.

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

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For more information contact Pam 07708332778

**Community Impact with Denmead Scout Group**



As many of you know we have a recycling centre at the Scout Hut. As a group we actively promote recycling and looking after the world around us.

The recycling centre is run by a few dedicated volunteers who empty the bins and box up the contents to be sent to the various collection points. If our youth members come and help, they earn themselves a badge for their camp blankets.

We are currently collecting the following:

- sweet wrappers
- biscuits wrappers
- cheese wrapping
- Babybel wrapping
- pringle cans
- coffee packaging. (Not Jar or pods.)
- dishwasher supplies packaging
- toothbrushes and toothpaste tubes
- Spectacles – no cases please
- Bras
- Postage stamps
- Jewellery

Since we started in 2019 we have recycled over 1500kgs of waste that would otherwise have ended up in landfill. Plus 5 full pallets of books and numerous boxes of bras and glasses that we don't need to weigh.




We also have 2 clothing banks in the car park which provide vital funds for the group alongside the benefits of recycling.

In the Car Park, the council provide bottle banks, please put your bottles in the bin rather than on the floor. This is not safe with the car park in regular use by those with young children.

*We can NO longer collect milk bottle tops, (these can go in your household recycling), crisps packets and bread bags, (unfortunately these schemes were withdrawn), and we can no longer accept books.*

If there is not a bin for it we don't recycle it, so please take it home! It costs us a small fortune to have our refuse bins collected each year and we don't want to fill the bin with other people's rubbish. Please do not leave toys.

We have also run 2 very successful Swishing evenings, where people can bring along clothing they no longer wear and swap them for someone else's unwanted items. These have proved popular, and we are planning another one for summer clothing in May. 





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Interested in helping?

If you want to be involved with Denmead Scout Group directly with the young members (subject to a DBS check and training) or if you would like to be involved in an exec role or can offer a couple of hours a month to help maintain the hut and outside space please contact our Group Scout Leader Tracy via email [GSL@Denmeadscouts.com](mailto:GSL@Denmeadscouts.com).



**Denmead Community Cafe**

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## Dry Bones at the Evening W.I.

At the February meeting Sarah Green spoke on Osteoarchaeology - the study of bones from archaeological sites. An incredible amount of information can be uncovered including sex, age, diseases and any trauma suffered as well as, in some cases, cause of death. On the Mary Rose they have been able to identify the number of archers on board and whether they were right or left-handed. It was a fascinating talk and most educational.

After a long wait, due to the soil being either too hard or too wet, we were finally able to plant the sorbus tree to celebrate the late Queen's Platinum Jubilee. On a lovely sunny afternoon several of us gathered in Goodman's Fields to watch our President, with help from Sam the head groundsman, perform the task.

At our meeting on Wednesday 15th March we look forward to welcoming Sarah Delves who will talk about Powder Puffs and Powder Pots, a history of cosmetics.

Later in the month four members will be attending the Hampshire Federation Spring Council Meeting at Portsmouth Guildhall, a chance to meet up with other members from the county. There will be several speakers including an address from our National W.I. Chairwoman. We also look forward to the return of the Craft and Garden groups after the winter break.

Finally, don't forget our Spring Fair on March 4th. Why not pop in, browse the many stalls, enjoy a cup of coffee and come and meet our friendly group.

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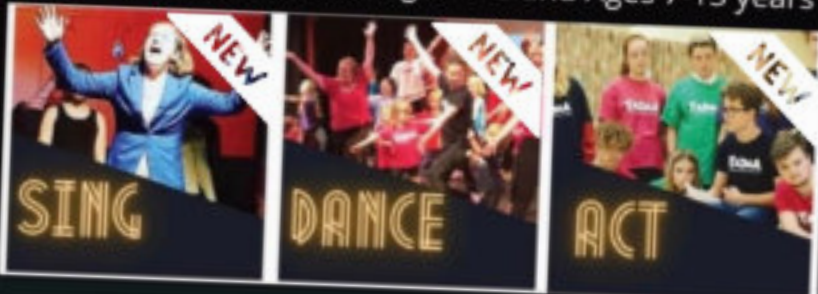
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## The Beauty of Winter at Denmead Horticultural Society

For our February talk, Ben Pope drew on his art college training to open our eyes to the beauty of the garden in winter. This is a time to assess how well the design works, to consider creating movement, a visual path along curved or straight lines from one space to another. Ben used pictures of the garden where he works to beautifully illustrate his theme – hedges of box and yew clipped to cloud shapes, a curving path lined with miscanthus leading to a sunken garden, domes of clipped beech. Consider where the low winter light is coming from to backlight trees or create shadows, reflection from water surfaces and use of repetition and false perspective. Ben showed us many plants that look good in winter: sculptural seed heads, flowing grasses, winter flowering shrubs and early bulbs – so much to see and appreciate when visiting a garden in winter or to include in our own gardens.

House Plants – many of us will remember the rubber plants, cheese plants and spider plants in macrame hangers of the 70's. Now a new generation are discovering house plants and there are so many lovely varieties to choose from. Our next talk is by Liz Penman, owner of house plant shop Rose Clover in Southsea who will introduce us to her plants, tell us about the conditions they are suited to and how to look after them. She will bring plants and lovely pots to tempt us to try something new. Talk at 7.30pm on Tuesday 7th March in the Church Hall, visitors welcome £2.



Spring Show - Saturday 1st April opens at 1pm. The schedule is now on our website or you can pick up a paper copy in Parkers – see what you could enter. Come and enjoy the Spring flowers, tea and cake, prizegiving from 3.30pm.

Sad news – we were sorry to hear of the death in December of Beryl Moore, Life Vice President, and long-standing member of the society and in February of Ron Brumhill, our Show Secretary. They both made a great contribution to the society and will be much missed.

Liz Williams



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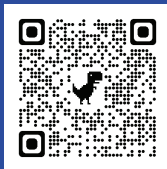
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## Denmead Church Flower Club A.G.M.

The thought of an Annual General Meeting does not always enthral members of any club or association , however the one held last month by the Denmead Church Flower club certainly was a very well attended and happy start to the year. Despite the extremely chilly and icy morning over 70 ladies ventured forth to the Church hall not only for the meeting, interested of course in the administrative procedures of the club but also perhaps a little tempted by the luncheon prepared and served by the committee . After Grace, a variety of home made soups and sandwiches were served to be followed by a delicious assortment of desserts.

Our Chairman, Mrs Carolyn Keyzor led the meeting that followed at 2.30pm whereby the "business" of the day was concluded most efficiently. Presentations were made and thanks given to valued retiring members of the committee for their service over many years, namely Mrs Vivien Chiswell and Mrs Jan Isaac and



photo courtesy of Mrs Pat Cameron- Davies.

also to Mr David Chiswell and Mr Howard Noyce for their generous help setting out the hall for our meetings. Thanks were also expressed to Mrs Lesley Hallett for her forty five years of unstinting service as President .The A.G.M. finished promptly at 3.pm and we left looking forward to the demonstrations and talks planned for the months ahead.

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## DVA Uncovers Past Secrets

The February meeting opened with the Chairman advising of his enthusiasm for the Denmead Village Association to integrate with other local organisations and asked members to 'spread the word'. He outlined the various village activities planned to celebrate both the coronation and DVA's 50th anniversary and then offered the members a quiz about Denmead and its history, which showed just how much – or how little! – some of us know about our village.

The Chairman outlined several planning applications which had been put forward and encouraged members to look at the Neighbourhood Plan website. Patricia Stallard then described the proposals which had been put forward in terms of traffic calming on Forest Road.

It was then the turn of our speaker, Mark Seaman, to tell us of the Secret History of Stansted House Estate with Mark's specific interest being in archaeology. Due to much of the estate being covered by woodland and the ground covered by undergrowth, it is extremely difficult to detect signs of earlier habitation. However, with the use of LIDAR (Light Detection and Ranging), which works by bouncing laser lights from aircraft, a great deal of information can be gleaned. A Roman road between Chichester and Arundel has been found, there are barrows on Old Winchester Hill and many sites have been unveiled on the Stansted Estate. These include some World War II corrugated iron underground shelters, a Canadian training school for those defending the coast between Portsmouth and Dover, an 18th century cricket pitch and a secret garden. Spread around the estate are sawpits and, in all, Mark described ten different 'secrets' on the Stansted Estate which LIDAR had helped to uncover.

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Why not join us at our next meeting on Friday 17th March at 7.30pm in All Saints Church Hall, when Walter Dall'Omo will be telling us about the Work of a Professional Gardener? Membership costs £5 and is open to all who have an interest in Denmead. If you would like any further information, please contact the Secretary on 02392 252 063.

## District Report

The way in which we cast our vote is changing due to an increase in fraud.

Voter Identification - each person who wishes to register as a voter must first have a Voter Authority Certificate issued by the local authority (WCC), this was launched on 16th January this year. Voter ID is expected to be in place for the elections taking place this year on 4th May although it will not come into force for a UK Parliamentary General Election until October 2023. Private areas will be available within the polling stations to produce ID if requested. Only the presiding officer and poll clerk can inspect the ID unless permitted by the elector. The presiding officer must refuse an elector a ballot paper if they have reasonable doubt about the ID with a refusal being final and cannot be questioned.

Absent Voting - those people who have previously had a Postal Vote will be required to re-register in order to vote at the coming election in May, the application will be valid for three years. Changes to the three yearly application process will be transitional starting from January 2024. Postal vote application and new proxy limit is expected to take effect from August 2023.

Online Absent Vote Applications & Verification Electors will be able to apply online for an absent vote. Both online and paper applications will include a request for the applicant's ID to be verified. Online application service is estimated to be available from August 2023.

Accessibility ROs will have a general responsibility to take all reasonable steps to support voters with disabilities. The provision for voters to be assisted by a companion will be extended to allow anyone over the age of 18 and is expected to be in place at the May 2023 elections.

For further information contact your District Cllr or WCC Electoral Services.

On the first Saturday of each month we hold a local surgery in the Heath Room at All Saints Church Hall to listen to any concerns you may have regarding the services of the City Council between 10am to 12 noon. No appointments are required. We look forward to seeing you.

*Published on behalf of the Ward Councillors;*

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