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May - a month of celebrations!

As I sit writing this, it seems, that at long last the weather has changed - spring is here! The Met Office are now promising plenty of sunshine after the wettest March in over 40 years!

As we look ahead to May we have plenty to celebrate. First, we have three bank holidays to look forward to this month! First the early May Day on the 1st May, then the spring bank holiday on the 29th May and in between, an extra bank holiday, on the 8th May as this year we mark the Coronation of King Charles III.



The actual coronation service of King Charles III will take place on Saturday 6th May. The Coronation Ceremony will take place at Westminster Abbey, London, and will be conducted by the Archbishop of Canterbury. Compared with previous coronations, the ceremony will undergo some alterations to represent multiple faiths, cultures, and communities across the United Kingdom, and will be shorter than Elizabeth II's coronation in 1953. The ceremony will begin with the anointing of Charles, symbolising his spiritual entry into kingship, and then his crowning and enthronement, representing his assumption of temporal powers and responsibilities. Camilla will be crowned in a shorter and simpler ceremony. The royal family will travel to Buckingham Palace in a state procession and appear on the balcony to celebrate the occasion.

The coronation will mark not only a sacred anointing and formal crowning, but also include public celebrations. On Sunday 7th May, churches across the land will be holding special services, to commemorate this special occasion. Here at All Saints, we will be holding one united service at 9am to which all are very welcome. That evening there will be a televised Coronation Concert at Windsor Castle with representatives of the King and

the Queen Consort's charities as well as members of the general public in attendance.

Then on May 8th many local communities will gather for street parties and events to celebrate and to encourage



community service and volunteering through a new scheme the Big Help Out initiative. Here in Denmead the Parish Council, and many community groups have been working hard to plan and prepare an amazing Coronation Street Party from 1pm-5pm. This afternoon will be filled with music, activities for children, petting zoo, magic shoes, facepainting, archery, entertainment, community stalls and much, much more. Please do come along – bring your picnic and eat in the church grounds or there will also be food stalls.



The church will be covered once more in wonderful red, white, and blue bunting! We are also running a special design your own Crown Competition – all the details can be found on pg.....(Steve can you complete please) Now this isn't just for children – all ages are very welcome to have a go!

This will be the first coronation of a British monarch to occur in the 21st century, and the 40th to be held at Westminster Abbey since 1066, so let's celebrate – and more importantly let's be praying for our King and the Royal Family, for our nation and the world.

Then on Sunday 28th May we mark Pentecost Sunday – the day where for nearly two millennia Christians have celebrated the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on God's people.

Pentecost is celebrated fifty days after Easter. For the early disciples they had encountered the risen Jesus; for forty days Jesus had spent time with them, but then he ascended into heaven and the disciples were left on their own again. The disciples remained gathered together in an upper room in Jerusalem not knowing quite what to do. Then ten days later, as they were marking the Jewish festival of Shavuot, the Holy Spirit descends upon them. The disciples hear wind and see flames on one another, and then find they can speak different languages as they are filled with the Spirit. At first sight, some think they are drunk, but the Apostle Peter tells the crowd they are full of the Holy Spirit.

The disciples receive an amazing gift, a person, God himself comes to inhabit them. The Holy Spirit comes as love and truth to dwell in their hearts. The Spirit makes sense of the mystery of the Christ they have encountered and enables them to share that mystery with others, so that

they too will believe and be transformed.

From this momentous day, the disciples filled with the Holy Spirit begin to tell others about Jesus, travelling far and wide, they establish communities of faith, what we now call the church. Pentecost is the birth-day of the global church - the start of a new era. Pentecost is as every bit of a gospel event as Jesus' ministry and miracles, death, and resurrection. The Spirit's coming grants us assurance, hope and identity as much as a bloody cross or an empty tomb. The gift of the Holy Spirit is part and parcel of Christ's work on behalf of His people.



The Holy Spirit didn't come just once, and that was it! Rather, the Holy Spirit is with the church today. The Holy Spirit continues to fill Christians today, inspiring them, encouraging them, helping them to love, and giving them boldness to pass on the good news of Jesus.

This Pentecost Sunday, All Saints will celebrate Pentecost – a bit like a birthday – we will share cake and sing Happy Birthday. I'm also encouraging everyone to wear something either red, a symbol of the fire and the Spirit.



With every blessing,

Emma

Revd Emma Racklyeft – Vicar at All Saints

All Saints Church Services


Sunday 7th May - 5th Sunday of Easter and King's Coronation

9.00am Today we join for one united service at 9am as we celebrate the King's Coronation. Using special liturgy, hymns and songs we share together in a Holy Communion Service. There won't be specific groups for children and young people, but there will be activities in church for our children to engage with.  

Sunday 14th May - 6th Sunday after Easter

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

Church Services

10.00am All Together Service – all ages gather to worship, learn and grow together. At this service we welcome George Robinson and family for his baptism. After this service we gather for refreshments and crafts 

6.00pm Evensong

Saturday 20th May

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 or from Lewis Jones youth@allsaintsdenmead.org.uk

Sunday 21st May – Sunday after Ascension Day



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



10.00am Holy Communion with Kids and Youth at Ten.  

11.30am Annual General Meeting and Annual Parochial Church Meeting, followed by picnic. This is a great opportunity to review 2022, consider our vision and values, and our ongoing Mission Action Plan. As the meeting closes you are then welcome to stay for a picnic, and games, hopefully outside, but if wet, we'll use our church hall instead. Our Church Report for 2022 will be available from early May in our carousel in our welcome area in church!

Sunday 28th May – Pentecost

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

10.00am Holy Communion. There will be no groups for young people and children, but we will have some simple children's activities in church.  

 Refreshments in our church hall after the service  This service will be live streamed

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.



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Remembering the events of Good Friday



A "walk of witness" took place on Good Friday, commemorating and giving thanks for the sacrifice Jesus made.

Stopping at a number of locations around the village for a short reading, hymn and prayer, the walk was followed by a simple lunch in the Church Hall, then a service of quiet reflection on "Stations of the Cross".



Thanks to Martin Lewis for the photos

Our local foodbank really needs help at this time due to high demand. Please collect food items and toiletries - everything is needed - but not fresh food, soup or cereal. Please drop off items to the large collection box in the welcome area in All Saints church and we will transfer over to the foodbank All Saints is open each day between 8.30am and dusk. With thanks.



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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.

Denmead Rowans Support Group



Coach trip to Exbury Gardens

May 16th

£26 with an additional £5 if you wish to take the train ride around the grounds.

Please contact Janet Read for more information: 07425 172211
read.janet.h@gmail.com

Denmead Rowans support group would like to thank the 50 friends and businesses who donated promises to our auction. I would particularly like to thank Phill Brown for being a wonderful auctioneer and all of the people who worked so hard to make it such a successful event. Thanks to those who came and placed bids enabling us to raise over £2000 for the Rowans.

Look out for the sale of tickets for "Comedy of Errors" by William Shakespeare, the Villagers will be performing for us on July 15th at Denmead Community Centre

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- a link with Denmead through All Saints Church

In 2002, two members from All Saints, Denmead visited their link church of St Paul's at New Tafo Akim in the diocese of Koforidua, Ghana. Since that year there have been visits between the two churches, mainly from the UK to Ghana (only a few from Ghana to UK, due to visa problems).

During that time we have made many friends and started a few traditions.... one of which is Saturday afternoon 'Messy Church'. We take craft materials with us, share a bible story, play some games, sing many songs (some in English and some in Twi) and end the afternoon with refreshments and sometimes some dancing!!



Messy Church



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Ghana is a very hot country, with high humidity levels. It is also a very safe country to visit; the people are so helpful and friendly and very joyful. They may not have so much material wealth as ourselves but they have tremendous spiritual wealth in everything they do – two common phrases are 'God first' and 'God willing'.

It is a humbling experience to visit Ghana, when you realise that

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their hospitality is second to none – they will offer you food and water, often going without themselves. It is their custom that visitors eat apart from the hosts – and I sometimes wonder if this is because there is not enough food to go round for the family? On first meeting anyone in their own home they greet you with ‘Akwaaba’ – meaning ‘you are welcome’. They offer you a seat and then bring refreshment to you – water or a soft drink (mineral) or ‘Malta’ (the latter is an acquired taste)!

If you are visiting a chief, it is customary to present him with a bottle of Schnappes, which he then proceeds to open and pour into a small glass and pass it round for everyone to have a sip!!! (Prayer comes in handy here... a) that you’re not going to catch anything from the communal ‘tot’ and b) that you manage to sip it without coughing and spluttering)!!

In fact prayer comes in handy a lot in Ghana especially when travelling. It is customary to pray for ‘travelling mercies’ before setting out on any journey. Many roads are untarmacked and full of potholes. The mini-buses or trotros are overcrowded, fairly old and travel incredibly fast. They are only allowed to carry 15 passengers, but that doesn’t include children, chickens and the occasional goat – they don’t count and go free of charge!

Over the past 20 years, education and healthcare have improved tremendously. Education is now free up to age 16 and healthcare likewise is available to all, at a very small cost or completely free.

It is an intriguing, colourful and amazing country to visit, especially as now, after 20 years, we have made many friendships and we feel very privileged to be part of their lives, as they are part of ours.

Angela Herring



Mind the manhole!

Denmead Walks

This is quite an interesting walk to the east of Denmead along a series of footpaths, lanes and bridleways starting at Kidmore Lane Car Park. The farthest point is Eastland Gate which is situated within the Horndean Parish Council area.

Leaving Kidmore Lane CP go R up the lane then turn R into Tanners Lane. At the end of Tanners Lane bear R at the junction with White Horse Lane and continue as far as Merritts Farm (a barn conversion on the LHS) - here go L on the track/footpath passing two cottages before coming to Edneys Lane. With Saltbox Barn opposite cross the lane going slightly R, follow the direction of the finger post then climb over the stile (this is to the R of a wide metal gate) and continue along the footpath which bears L after about 50m.



Merritts Farm



Crossways Junction

Follow the path in a clockwise direction around the perimeter of the field turning R at the far end then R again in front of a wire fence that borders the garden of Hope Cottage. Following the yellow footpath direction sign go L almost immediately on a path enclosed by fencing on both sides borders the garden; continue onto the driveway of the cottage that leads to the lane.

Take care crossing this busy lane before starting uphill on the bridleway opposite. At the top of the slope go R onto a metalled surface passing two houses including Clarendon Farm on the right and a white house to the left. After passing a barn on the right the uneven surface of the bridleway returns; continue in a straight line until the edge of Wecock Farm estate lies ahead.

At the end of the bridleway go around the tree trunk to the L then head for the far right-hand corner of the large field. There is no marked route across

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Duration 1h 30m
Walk Grade EASY (2/5)
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the field so the options are to go around the perimeter in either direction or up to the trees ahead before cutting L across the field. On reaching the far side go L on the farm track and head for the junction passing stables on the L.

Go L with the house in front and after about 80m pick up the FP on the R just after passing the white walled cottages. Stay close to the hedge, pass the pylon then after about 20m go L on a well-marked FP; this in turn goes R as it enters a small copse, then L ending up with a drop into the lane connecting Denmead with Lovedean. Again, listen carefully before stepping down onto the lane.

Cross the lane, go over the stile (this was flattened at the time of writing) then continue in a straight line along the FP going to the L of a small copse part way along - finally the path comes to a farm yard. Here go L, pass through the gate then take a R onto the lane. After immediately passing a semi-detached bungalow on the R it is a distance of about 400m to The Crossways junction.

Go L into Edneys Lane but immediately pick up the FP on the R which is accessed over a low stile. Continue across the field and after reaching White Horse Lane with Little Denmead Farm opposite, turn L. There are 2 routes back to the CP: the first and easier one is to remain on the lane bearing R at the junction into Tanners Lane - turn L on reaching Kidmore Lane. The second route is to go R on the FP just after Bleak Cottage, over the stile then keeping to the RH perimeter of the field go around the latter until the final stile gives access to Kidmore Lane. Here turn L and return to the CP.



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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

- 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)
- 10.45-11.45 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, 4th Wednesday)
- 17.45-19.15 1st Brownies (weekly, term time only)

Thursdays

- 09.15-10.15 Mrs G's Pilates (weekly)
- 11.00-12.00 Yoga with Ellie (weekly, term time only, starting 13th April)
- 13.45-15.45 Home Instead 'Love to Move' (weekly)
- 16.15-17.15 1st Rainbows (weekly, term time only)
- 17.30-19.00 2nd Brownies (weekly, term time only)
- 19.00-21.00 Guides & Rangers (weekly, term time only)

Fridays

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

Saturdays

- 10.00-12.30 WI Belles Community Café – please check poster for details
- 15.30-17.30 Messy Church (monthly, 3rd Saturday)

Further Details from Church Office 023 9226 8757

Heath Room regular bookings

Mondays

19.00-21.00 Denmead Horticultural Society Committee (monthly 2nd Monday)

Tuesdays

09.30-11.30 Coffee & Chat (weekly)

14.00-16.00 Mothers' Union (monthly, 3rd Tuesday)

Wednesdays

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

14.00-16.00 Afternoon W.I. (monthly, 1st Wednesday)

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

Saturdays

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

Further Details from Church Office 023 9226 8757

Denmead War Memorial Hall Regular Bookings

Mondays

08.30-15.00 Denmead Pre-School - Term Time Only

Tuesdays

08.30-15.00 Denmead Pre-School – Term Time Only

Wednesday

08.30-15.00 Denmead Pre-School – Term Time Only

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

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

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

19.00-21.00 Relaxing Soundbath – 4th Wednesday Monthly

Thursday

08.30-15.00 Denmead Pre-School – Term Time Only

Friday

08.30-15.00 Denmead Pre-School – Term Time Only

Sunday

17.00-19.00 Denmead Karate Club – Weekly

Further Details from Mrs S Thomas 07534 024388

Denmead Community Centre (The Old School)

Regular Events

Mondays

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

09.00-10.00 Little Kickers

09.30-10.30 Rebalance Pilates

09.30 -10.30 Better Body Club

11.00 - 13.15 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 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)

Contact the Centre for more Information.

09.30 - 12.30 Upholstery Class

09.45 - 10.45 Tadaa

10.30 - 12.30 Creative Writing

For further information please contact the DCA 02392 256132

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

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

17.00 - 18.00 Create – Children's Art Classes

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)

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

13.30 - 14.30 Shiyong Tai Chi

16.00 - 18.00 Tadaa

18.00 - 19.00 Rebalance Pilates

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
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- 09.00 - 12.00 Old Schoolhouse Pre-School – Term Time Only
- 09.30 - 11.00 Messy Play
- 09.30 - 10.30 Yoga with Faye (Alternate weeks)
- 10.00 - 11.00 Bibble 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**
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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 Denmead Centre on 023 9225 6132

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Murders & Misdemeanours at the Village Association

The March meeting of the Denmead Village Association saw County Councillor Patricia Stallard talk about the new shop, 'Little GeMs' that she opened recently at Green Meadows Home in Green Lane. Open on Thursdays 10 - 12.30pm, it sells new as well as nearly new items. There was also an update on the traffic improvements in Forest Road.

Another speaker, Philip MacDougall spoke on the 'Murders and Misdemeanours' of Chichester district in the 19th and 20th centuries when 10,000 residents attended hangings, as part of the 'entertainment' of the day. He gave an example of a soldier who was hanged on the evidence of one eyewitness in a trial lasting only a couple of hours! The local police force used to station a constable at The Cross in the city centre, and an untrained night watchman in the evenings. Additionally, the Sussex Militia or Portsmouth Police were drafted in, as well as the Metropolitan Police from London. If a crime could not be solved in four days, Scotland Yard was even asked to help. He told of the early policing of the Goodwood Races started in 1802 and, as the Duke of Richmond had enormous influence, he brought down the Bow Street Runners from London, being the only trained police to deal with the 'mobs'.

Similar arrangements were made for Sloe Fair in 1904 (now held on the Chichester Festival Theatre Car Park).

On 1st April around 40 children attended the DVA's Easter Adventure event at the Community Centre. For a small entry fee plus an Easter egg, they painted eggs and made Easter cards. Refreshments were provided to sustain them while they were busily engaged in painting and, judging by the noise, everyone enjoyed themselves. After the event the Easter eggs which the children had brought were sent to the Waterlooville Food Bank via All Saints church.

The DVA is organising a window decorating competition for all the village shops as part of the King's Coronation celebrations, which will also include a hidden crown competition for children to find in the preceding week. In addition, there will be a king or queen scarecrow competition, using as many recyclable materials as possible with voting conducted by residents.

On 26th May Dr Carolyn Hargreaves, a carer for the Hampshire Bat Group, will give a talk about Bats and Other Wildlife, and there will be an opportunity to view them live and close up. Danny Stallard will also give a short update on his GoWild



Around the Green

Denmead group, as he develops wild areas around the village.

The speaker from the DVA's last meeting, Mark Seaman, will conduct members on a two hour walk over three miles on the Stansted Estate on Thursday 6th July at 10am. Meet at the information board, just inside the entrance to the Estate on the Finchdean Road, Rowlands Castle. Parking and lunch can be had at the

Castle Inn, Rowlands Castle (please register your car with them).

The DVA holds bi-monthly meetings in the church hall, with a speaker on a topic of local interest. The annual membership fee is £5 and is open to anyone with an interest in Denmead. If you would like further information please contact the secretary on 02392 252063.

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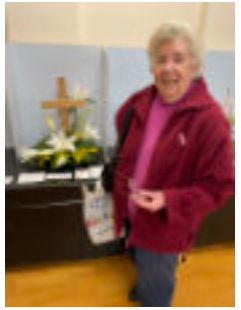


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Denmead Horticultural Society Flower Arranging Workshop

The workshop meets on the second Wednesday of each month in the Denmead Memorial Hall at 7.30. Visitors are welcome to watch a demonstration and then recreate it with the guidance of the demonstrator. We all learn something new each meeting.

Maureen Judd won first prize at the Denmead Spring Show on April 1st. Other flower club members, Rosemary, Angela, Laura and Linda all won prizes with their arrangements.



For more information about the club please call. For more information about the club please contact (023) 9226 2342.

Evening W.I. Campaigns for Clean Rivers

Sarah Delve returned to Denmead Evening W.I. in March bringing with her a variety of powder pots to illustrate her fascinating talk on the history of makeup, the most unusual of which was in the shape of a grand piano! Many of the powders historically used by both men and women were highly toxic such as the lead powder used by Elizabeth I to hide smallpox scars. Later, blemishes were concealed by patches in the form of crescents or stars.

programme will be set out. The proposed campaign resolution Clean Rivers for People and Wildlife will also be a discussion topic. A vote will be held and the result taken by our delegate to the National Annual Meeting in Cardiff later that month. Members who do not wish to travel can take part via Zoom. The W.I. has a proud record of campaigning throughout its history which has covered topics including equal pay for women, Keep Britain Tidy, SOS for honeybees and banning smoking in public.

A members' Book Group will be starting in May and the ladies will also be celebrating the King's Coronation with members of the Bere Forest Group of W.I.s at a Coronation Tea Party hosted by Cowplain.

Any ladies who would like to join us at one of our meetings would receive a warm welcome. We meet on the third Wednesday of each month at Denmead Memorial Hall at 7.30pm. For more information contact us at denmeadevpres@hampshirewi.org.uk

The meeting on 17th May will be the Annual Meeting. As well as a recap of recent activities, next year's

Denmead Horticultural Society

Our Spring Show on 1st April was well supported with a good number of entries in all sections. It was lovely to see so many Spring flowers despite the previous chilly weather. In the afternoon many visitors came to see the exhibits and enjoyed tea and cake while catching up with friends.



At our April talk Chris Bird told us about soil structure and formation and its importance for vegetable growing. He explained that the “No Dig” method mimics the natural process, preserves the structure of the soil and supports the many beneficial organisms that live there, allowing them to build up without disturbance. To find out more about starting “No Dig” I can recommend Charles Dowding’s website, he has written books and runs courses on the subject, his methods are very successful and are widely adopted.

On 2nd May Matthew Phelps will talk on The Rewilding of the Knepp Estate. Farming of the 3500 acres ceased in 2001, grazing animals were introduced and the natural water courses restored. The

project has seen an increase of rare species in the area, including nightingales, peregrine falcons, turtle doves and purple emperor butterflies. Matthew will also tell us about the more recent rewilding of the walled garden as an experiment to find plants that will cope with climate change. Join us at 7.30pm at the Church Hall, visitors welcome £2.

We will be at the Coronation street party on 8th May to talk to people about our activities and hopefully recruit some new members. We will have pumpkin plants for sale and look forward to seeing some giants at our Pumpkin Show in October.

Liz Williams



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Barefoot Busking at Afternoon W.I.

The Afternoon W.I. were thoroughly entertained by accordion player Marianne at their April meeting, with her variety of tunes on three accordions! She followed in her father's footsteps and started playing at the age of 11 before becoming a busker 51 years ago, travelling the country and playing barefoot in all weathers. Using each instrument in turn she played tunes including French cafe music such as Under the Bridges of Paris. She concluded with You Are My Sunshine – her mother's maiden name being Sunshine. During our tea break members had the opportunity to see the workings of the instrument as Marianne took the back off one of her accordions whilst the ladies enjoyed low fat, low sugar, gluten free muffins made by the ladies of Lily and Lime as part of their healthy eating range. May's cakes will no doubt have a Coronation theme!

The W.I. continues to meet for lunch each month giving the opportunity to chat informally. Future meetings include talks about The King's Bodyguard of the Yeomen of the Guards, Portsmouth Dockyard and the life of Violette Szabo GC, a member of the SOE during World War 2.

May's meeting on 3rd will be the annual meeting and will include the election of officers. Sue Essex will also return to talk about revisiting India as Housemother to her past pupils, now teenagers.

Ladies are invited to meetings held on the first Wednesday of the month, 2 - 4pm in the Heath Room at All Saints Church. We are an informal group and everyone is welcome if a particular subject is of interest. Alternatively, the Evening Institute meet at 7.30pm on the third Wednesday.

Joan Downing

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There is a two-course meal, followed by tea/coffee and a Speaker.

Our next meeting is to be held on TUESDAY 9th MAY, 12 noon for 12.30 pm sit down lunch. Speaker will be Peter Gill on The life and times of Private Godfrey from Dads Army. A major contrast between his on screen character and his exploits during WW1

The meal costs £21 and must be ordered one week in advance, so if you would like to come along to find out more about Probus, or want to join the Club, please contact our Membership Secretary, Linda Marland on 02392 429238 or email - probus@lindamarland.com

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