ear Friends

I hope that by the time you read this we will be enjoying some beautiful Spring weather. As I write it, the weather is gloomy and cold, and Spring still feels a long way off!

The signs of new life we see during the Spring months always give me such joy. Our gardens, trees and hedgerows blossoming, chicks, ducklings and lambs being born and growing rapidly. Coming from a family of shepherds, the lambing season, if very busy, has always been a special time for me and I love to watch them growing from small timid bundles of wool doggedly following their mothers to adventurous playful animals cavorting around our fields. That is until mum realises they have strayed too far and with strong individual cries calls them back to her protection.

Here in All Saints we are also having a kind of new birth experience. At our Annual Parochial Church Meeting in April Revd. Emma explained a vision for the future direction of our church agreed by the PCC. Our new vision statement says we want to be a "welcoming, growing, vibrant church for the community of Denmead" and we hope to achieve this under the tag line of 'Know Grow Show.'

We want to be a people who:

- KNOW God Father, Son and Holy Spirit and worship Him in spirit and truth
- GROW in our faith and discipleship through prayer, study and trust in God
- SHOW God's love by serving our community, sharing the good news of lesus in the power of the Spirit.



The signs of new life...

The Letter

The PCC have developed eight values which form and shape our understanding of how, at the heart of our church life, we are called to help people encounter God. And this is not just for those who are coming new to our church, but it is for all of us; that we would continually grow and encounter God in a deeper way.

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Revd Emma and the PCC have drawn up a two-year plan which will see some changes, physical and spiritual at All Saints. Underpinning it all is a desire to keep God at the centre of our personal and community life and so a commitment to prayer is essential. I expect there will be some of you who will ask why change is necessary? But everything changes and develops as we journey through life and our spiritual lives are no exception. Change brings new life and growth. As we embrace this journey together, loving and caring for one another as we go, we expect to welcome new families and individuals into our church because it is an exciting, welcoming and vibrant place to be — a place of encounter with God.

Over coming months, we will be developing our understanding of our vision and values in our services, through meetings, house groups and of course you can always talk to Revd Emma, myself or members of our PCC. There has already been a good response to the changes made to our monthly informal service which is now a lively service of praise and prayer for growth.

This is truly an exciting time to be in All Saints; so, do join us on this journey, as we travel through this year full of new life and God's grace.

With love in Christ.

Revd Sandie

All Saints Church Services

Sunday 6th May, 6th Sunday of Easter

8.00am Holy Communion 9.30am Parish Communion 6.00pm Healing Service

Sunday 13th May, 7th Sunday of Easter/Ascension

8.00am Holy Communion9.30am Family Praise11.30am Private Baptism6.00pm Evensong

Saturday 19th May

3.30pm Messy Church

Sunday 20th May, Pentecost

8.00am Holy Communion9.30am Parish Communion6.00pm Taizé Service

Monday 21st May 2018

7.30pm Baptism Preparation Evening

Sunday 27th May, Trinity Sunday

8.00am Holy Communion9.30am All Age Communion6.00pm Evensong

Morning Prayer is said Mon-Fri at 8.30am everyone is most welcome.

The church is open during daylight hours, for private prayer. If you wish to light a candle, there is a candle stand in the old chapel.

Please be aware that we are no longer running the Thursday morning Communion Service.

This decision will be reviewed in due course.

Next Messy Church – Saturday 19th May at 3.30

For all families with children

The whole family is welcome to Messy Church, grandparents and carers included. Join us in this fun-filled afternoon of craft, singing and eating together.

We meet in the Church Hall from 3.30pm – 5.30pm.

Further information at www.allsaintsdenmead.org.uk/messy-church or from Revd. Emma Racklyeft 023 9226 2647 or Revd. Sandie Osborne 023 9236 2591









Denmead Baptist Church

Denmead Baptist Church is a small, friendly fellowship which has worshipped in the village since 1717 and has been at 'The Cornerstone' since 2014.



Our weekly Sunday services start at 10.30am, they are informal and incorporate a worship band, children's activities and bible based teaching for the adults and young people. We also enjoy many social activities together:



Programme for May 2018

May 06 Alpha Video

13 Norman and Margaret Moss (Communion)

20 Pentecost David Denham

27 Andrew Baguley (Communion)

Noah's Ark

Parent and Toddler Group on Wednesdays, 10-11.30am

£1 adult, 50p per child

For further information, please go to:

Website: www.denmeadbaptistchurch.org.uk

Email: admin@denmeadbaptistchurch.org.uk for room bookings/enquiries

'The Cornerstone', 22 Mead End Road, Denmead, Waterlooville PO7 6PZ

We look forward to welcoming you to our church.





Return your Christian Aid envelope and enjoy free coffee/tea and cake!

DATE: Sat May 19th

WHERE: All Saints Church Hall

TIME: 9.30am to 12 noon

If unable to join us, but you would like to donate, please return your envelope to All Saints Church Denmead during the week 14th - 19th May.

Thank you





Sorry, but you're too late...

Please note that all tickets have now sold out for the concert by the Band of Her Majesty's Royal Marines in All Saints Church on 21st November.

Home Visiting

If you are lonely, sick or housebound or would just like someone to visit you we have a confidential visiting team and one of our members would willingly come, visit and spend time listening to you.

Please phone us on 9226 8757. If the answerphone is on leave a message and we will phone you back.

Bereavement Support

There is a monthly 'Tea and Friendship' afternoon for anyone recently bereaved. This is an informal time when people can meet others, have tea and make friends.

We meet on the 4th Wednesday of each month between 2-4pm in the church hall. For more information please phone All Saints Church office 9226 8757 or Merill Partridge 9226 6159.

From the Registers

Baptisms

Sunday 8th April Sophia West

Weddings

Saturday 21st April Claire Egerton and Benjamin Horgan

Funerals

Friday 23rd March Doreen Hitchcock
Thursday 5th April Donald Fleming
Tuesday 17th April Margaret Davey

Who are the Mothers' Union?

Mothers' Union all started in 1876 when Mary, married to George Sumner, Rector of the Parish of Old Alresford, was passionate about transforming the home lives of Parish families, by helping the women - old and young, rich and poor - to support one another in raising their children.

From 1900 onwards, she and the members started to campaign on issues of key importance to families and children – for example: for the age of marriage for girls to be raised from 12 to 16.

She could not have conceived how the seeds which she planted would grow into a movement with 4 million members in 83 countries putting their faith into action to nurture healthy relationships in families and communities and to fight for social justice.

Today members are very diverse - old and young, of any gender, married or single, parent or not.

Nationally we are campaigning for the protection of childhood in the Bye Buy Childhood movement and globally for an end to gender violence in the 16 Days of Activism campaign. Mothers' Union



representatives went to the United Nations Commission for the Status of Women to explain why empowering rural women is essential globally. More details of these and further information on the website mothersunion.org

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Mothers' Union operates at a local level through groups (often known as 'branches'), usually part of a local church, who meet together regularly to pray and worship as well as look at how the group can support families within their church and local community.

In the Portsmouth area branches are involved in many activities: members knit baby gowns and capes for still born babies at QA, ventilator caps, sewn gowns and quilts for the premature unit, provide emergency toiletry bags (also at QA). Members assist at the Roberts Centre, provide a church presence at Wedding Fairs, and many other projects. We raise funds for the "Away From it All" holidays when families in need of a holiday are offered a day away or a longer stay in a caravan during the summer.

Church News

In our branch at All Saints members are involved with the above or can be found helping wherever there is a need. There is the opportunity to be as involved as you wish.

We have a monthly meeting on the third Tuesday of the month, which might be a speaker, craft session, quiz or meal. All our meetings begin with prayer. Our programme is on the All Saints website allsaintsdenmead.org.uk or on the notice board at the back of All Saints.

On Tuesday May 15th Tracy Jeffries from the Rowans Living Well Centre is coming to talk about their work. Rowans Living Well Centre is a recent facility providing a relaxed and safe environment for people affected by life-limiting illnesses, their carers, partners and family members. More information is available on their website rowanshospice.co.uk Do come and hear about this new local drop in centre. 7.30pm in the Heath Room, All Saints Church Hall. You will be most welcome.



Liz Venn, Branch Leader, All Saints Denmead

Sacred Heart Catholic Church

The Church of the Sacred Heart and St Peter the Apostle 356 London Road, Waterlooville, Hampshire PO7 7SR Parish Priest: Rev Mgr Canon Jeremy Garratt (023) 9226 2289 shspa@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk www.waterlooville-catholic.org.uk

Mass Times

Saturday Mass Vigil: 6.15 pm Sunday Masses

10.30 am Children's Liturgy; 6.30 pm Folk Mass Please refer to Newsletter for weekday Mass times.



What's on This Month, and Where

Venue Abbreviations:

ASC = All Saints' Church

CH = Church Hall; HR = Heath Room; UR = Upper Room;

Contact Church Office 9226 8757

MH = Memorial Hall

Contact Mrs SThomas 9235 5993

DCC = Denmead Community Centre

Contact Mr R Bainbridge MBE, 9225 6132

PC = Denmead Parish Council Contact Tony Daniells, 9224 7947

SHQ = Scout Headquarters

BC = Baptist Church (Cornerstone, Mead End Road)

D = Daily W = Weekly F = Fortnightly M = Monthly

Events occurring Daily and Weekly are only mentioned once

- i.e. in the first week of the month.

- Times shown refer to hall bookings please check with organisers for exact times of their events.
- Diary entries should be sent to Gill Barge (denmeadbarges@aol.com) at least one month in advance of publication.

Tues I	СН	Pilates	9.30-10.30am	W
		Positive Strokes	2.00-3.30pm	W
		Denmead Horticultural Society	7.30-9.30pm	М
	HR	Coffee & a Chat (Tues & Thurs)	9.30am-11.30am	2xW
	MH	Denmead Pre School	9.00-3.00pm	D
		* Wednesday *	9.00-12.30pm	
	DCC	Old Schoolhouse Pre-School	9.00-3.00pm	D
		* Friday *	9.00-Noon	
		Creative Play- for Under 5s	9.30-11.00am	W
		Upholstery	9.30-12.30pm	W
		U3A Art History	2.00-4.30pm	М
		Tuesday Pilates Class	5.30-7.30pm	W
		Allsorts Dog Behaviour & Care	6.00-8.00pm	W
		Downland Singers	7.45-10.15pm	W
		Denmead Brass	8.00-10.00pm	W
	SHQ	Busy Bee Pre-School	9.00-3.00pm	D
		*Friday *	9.00-Noon	
		Falcon Explorers	7.00-9.00pm	W
Wed 2	CH	Bumps, Babies & Beyond	9.30-10.30am	W
		2 nd Denmead Rainbows	4.15pm	W

			Ist Denmead Brownies	5.45pm	W
		ВС	NOAH'S ARK - Parent & Toddler Group	10.00-11.30am	W
		MH	Denmead Afternoon WI	2.00pm	М
			Denmead WI Belles	7.30pm	М
		DCC	Pilates	10.30-11.30am	W
			Table Tennis	10.00-Noon	W
			Creative Quilters	10.00-Noon	F
			Tai Chi	1.30-2.30pm	W
			Patchwork Pals	2.00-6.00pm	W
			Yoga	6.00-7.30pm	W
			Breakaway Quilters	7.00-10.00pm	W
			Kettle Fit	7.15-9.00pm	W
			Strictly Denmead	7.45-9.00pm	W
			Parish Council Meeting -Highways & GP	7.30pm	
		SHQ	Concorde Cubs	6.30-8.00pm	W
		At the Fo	orest Of Bere Denmead Knit & Bitch	10.00-Noon	W
			All abilities are welcome		
Thu	3	CH	WINCHESTER COUNCIL ELECTION	NS 7.00-10.00pm	W
		HR	Coffee & a Chat (Tues & Thurs)	9.30am-Noon	2xW
		MH	Karate	6.30pm	W
			Badminton	7.30pm	W
		DCC	WINCHESTER COUNCIL ELECTION	NS 7.00-10.00pm	W
			Table Tennis	9.00-11.00am	W
			Citizens' Advice Bureau	9.30-11.30am	W
			Senior Citizens' Lunch Club	12.30-1.30pm	W
		SHQ	Bere Forest Beavers	5.15-6.15pm	W
			Creech Wood Beavers	6.30-7.30pm	W
		The Cor	nerstone Denmead WI Belles Meeting	7.30pm	М
Fri	4	CH	Denmead Playgroup	9.30-11.30am	W
			Chair Exercises	2.00-3.30pm	W
		DCC	U3A Art Class	10.00-Noon	W
			Kettle Fit	7.00-8.00pm	W
			Rose Dog Club	7.30-8.30pm	W
		SHQ	Vulcan Scout Troop	7.00-9.00pm	W
			Phoenix Explorers	7.00-9.00pm	W

Sat 5	CH	ROWANS CRAFT FAIR	10.00-Noon	
	HR	District Advice	10.00-Noon	М
	MH	Bootcamp Fitness Camp	9.30am	W
		ABS Fitness Camp	10.30am	W
	DCC	Southern Arts Academy	9.30-12.15pm	W
		Table Tennis	10.00-Noon	W
Sun 6	MH	Karate	5.00pm	W
	DCC	Denmead Junior Brass Band	9.15-10.15am	W
		Denmead Brass Band	10.30-12.30pm	W
Mon 7	CH	Zumba Fitness Class	9.30-10.30am	W
		Slimming World	5.30 & 7.30pm	W
	DCC	Table Tennis	7.00-9.00pm	W
		Bridge Club	7.00-10.00pm	W
	SHQ	Merlin Cubs	6.30-8.00pm	W
	At the Fo	orest Of Bere Denmead Knit & Bitch	7.00-9.00pm	F
		All abilities are welcome		
Tue 8	СН	Gold Star Dancing	8.00-9.00pm	W
	DCC	Southern Heart Support Group	10.00-Noon	М
		Afternoon Social Club	2.00-3.00pm	М
		Denmead Evening WI Craft Evening	7.00-9.00pm	М
	At the C	Chairmakers - Probus Club meeting	Noon-3.00pm	М
Wed 9	CH	Memory Café	11.00-12.30pm	
		South Hants Koi Club	7.30pm	М
	MH	Floral Workshop	7.30pm	М
	DCC	Denmead Art	10.00-Noon	F
		Parish Council -Planning	7.30pm	
Thu 10	CH	ABC Pilates (Advanced Class)	10.00-11.00am	W
		Keep Fit	2.00-3.00pm	W
		Ist Denmead Rainbows	4.15pm	W
		2 nd Denmead Brownies	5.30pm	W
	CH&HR	Guides & Rangers	7.00pm	W
	DCC	U3A Table Tennis	2.00-4.00pm	F
Fri II	СН	Denmead Twinning Association	5.00-10.00pm	
	DCC	Messy Hands Crafters	10.00-1.00pm	М

Sat 12	CH	Private Party	2.30-4.30pm	
Mon 14	CH	Breathe Again	11.30-12.30pmam	W
	HR	Guides Mentoring	7.00-9.00pm	
	MH	T.S Alacrity	7.00pm	W
	DCC	Pilates	11.00-Noon	W
		Yoga	11.45-1.15pm	W
		Kettle Fit	7.00-8.00pm	W
	At the Fo	orest of Bere The Royal British Legion	8.00pm	М
		Meeting - Hambledon & District Branch		
Tue 15	CH	Mother's Union	7.00-9.00pm	
		3 rd Denmead Brownies	5.45pm	W
	HR	Mothers' Union	7.30pm	М
	DCC	Denmead Reading Circle	2.15-4.15pm	М
		Chapter Reading Group	2.30-4.00pm	М
		Allsorts Dog Behaviour & Care	5.00-7.00pm	W
Wed 16	CH	Flower Club	2.00pm	М
	MH	Denmead Evening WI	7.30pm	М
	DCC	Parish Council - Main Council	7.30pm	
Mon 21	HR	DHS Committee Meeting	7.30pm	
Thu 17	DCC	Southern Arts Academy	4.15-8.30pm	W
Fri 18	CH	Denmead Village Association	7.30pm	
Sat 19	CH	CHRISTIAN AID CAKE SALE	10.00-1.00pm	
		MESSY CHURCH	3.30-5.30pm	М
	DCC	FILM NIGHT	7.30pm	М
		'THREE BILLBOARDS OUTSIDE EB	BING MISSOUF	RI'
Mon 21	HR	Family First Aid	9.30-11.30am	
	HR	Baptism Preparation Evening	7.30-9.30pm	
Weds 23	CH	Bereavement Support Group	2.00-4.00pm	М
	DCC	Parish Council - Amenities	7.30pm	
Sun 27	CH	Private Party	1.30-3.30pm	
Mon 28		Bank Holiday & Half Term		
Wed 30	DCC	Parish Council - Planning	7.30pm	

Denmead Horticultural Society

In April Rosemary Legrand's talk took us on a plant hunting tour of the mountainous country of Bhutan. As well as travelling by bus on the treacherous roads the party trekked for several days with their camping equipment carried by ponies. They saw many familiar plants such as rhododendrons, orchids, euphorbias, primulas and daphnes growing in the wild.

Rarer plants included Rhododendron dalhousieae an epiphyte growing high in the branches of a tree with large fragrant yellow flowers, R edgeworthii with white flowers flushed pink and tangerine flowered R cinnabarinum. The yellow poppy Meconopsis villosa was out but the blue Himalayan poppy which is Bhutan's national flower blooms later. As well as showing many lovely pictures of the plants and scenery Rosemary gave us an insight into the culture of this fascinating country.

On 1st May we are much nearer home with a talk by Elaina Whittaker-Slark on the Meon Valley Project. Elaina is lead ranger for this part of the South Downs National Park and she will tell us about improving the habitat of the Meon Valley and the successful reintroduction of water voles. Visitors (£2) and new members welcome, 7.30pm in the Church Hall.

Our Spring Show was a success with a good number of entries and plenty of visitors. It was lovely to see some Spring flowers at last.

We now have a website where you can check the dates of future events and download



the Summer Show schedule: www.denmeadhorticulturalsociety.btck.co.uk

Liz Williams, 023 9226 9642, liz@greensleeves.eclipse.co.uk

Denmead Evening Women's Institute

Our April meeting was a most delightful occasion as we welcomed our speaker, Deborah Wheeler from Whitchurch Silk Mill, who explained their production of silk products. Complimentary to this the monthly competition was A Silk Item which produced quite a selection of items from members' personal possessions.

Our monthly Meet & Eat gatherings continue and we will next meet at the White Hart in School Lane at 12 noon on Tuesday, 22 May. No advance notice needed, just turn up and enjoy the chat. Everyone is welcome.

Our monthly members' meeting will be held on 16 May and will be our AGM when our new Committee will be formed. Most of the current committee members will be continuing to serve but we hope to also welcome some new volunteers from our members to bring new ideas and a fresh perspective to our activities. We will then commence our new programme from June 2018 to April 2019 – watch this space. Also at our AGM we will discuss and vote on the one shortlisted 2018 campaign resolution, Mental Health Matters, which will then go forward for final voting at the National WI Annual Meeting in Cardiff in June.

Any ladies who would like to join us at any of our events to see what the WI is all about would receive a very warm welcome. Guests can attend up to 3 meetings free of charge prior to joining. Our regular meetings are on the third Wednesday of each month at 7.30 pm at Denmead Memorial Hall (second Wednesday in December). If you are unable to attend in the evening then Denmead Afternoon Institute would welcome you to their meetings at 2.00 pm on the first Wednesday of the month at the Memorial Hall. More information is available on www.hampshirewi.org.uk

We look forward to welcoming you to our WI, note your first 3 evenings there is no charge.

If you would like more information please call Irene Woodings – 023 9257 1663

Denmead Afternoon Women's Institute

At our April meeting we welcomed Terri Robinson to talk about "The History of English Canals" In the 18th Century goods such as coal and pottery were carried by road. Francis, Duke of Bridgewater, wanted to build a canal to carry coal from his mines. Eventually permission was granted and James Brindley built a canal linking Wallsend and Manchester. This halved the price of coal in Manchester. In the 1800s railways could carry ore goods faster and cheaper resulting in the demise of the canal trade and many canals became disused and overgrown. The Inland Waterways Association was formed in 1946 to keep the waterways open and continues its work today with volunteers in various parts of the country. Terri then showed us slides of Canal Painting.

The monthly competition for a photo of a canal or canal boat was won by Rosemary Simpson with Terry Walmsley second. Angela MacNee won the flower competition with Joan Spooner second.

We continue our monthly lunch dates at various locations in the area.

Future events include the County Darts competition, County Quiz and the County Skittles. The skittles competition consists of playing matches against four other institutes.

Our Summer Outing in August will be to the Bombay Sapphire Distillery. We are hoping the weather will be fine for us this year so that we can enjoy the beautiful surroundings and wildlife.

We will have a stall at the Horticultural Society Summer Village Show in August where we hope to meet old friends and make new acquaintances. It will be a busy day for us as we will be taking part in the group round of the skittles tournament that evening.

This month's meeting is our AGM when we elect our officers and committee for the coming year. We will discuss the resolutions for the National AGM in June. The afternoon will conclude with a Teddy Bear's Picnic. There will be no monthly competition.

We invite all ladies to our meetings held on the first Wednesday of the month from 2 to 4pm in the Memorial Hall, Hambledon Road. We have talks and demonstrations on a wide range of subjects so there is something to suit all tastes and interests. If you have recently moved to the village or retired the WI is the ideal way to make new friends or renew old friendships.

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 (except December when they met on the second Wednesday)

Joan Downing (9226 5458)

CAB



Lesley Rose, Advice Services Manager at Citizens Advice Winchester District explains how to challnge a Personal Independence Payment (PIP) assessment decision.

- I have a long-term health condition but I recently had my Personal Independence Payment (PIP) reduced after a re-assessment. I want to challenge the decision - where do I start?
- There are two stages to challenging your PIP assessment decision. The first stage is known as mandatory reconsideration and involves asking the Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) to take a second look at your assessment decision.

Normally, you'll need to contact the DWP within a month of your assessment decision being made, and it's best to do so in writing. Under some circumstances, you can ask for mandatory reconsideration up to 13 months from your assessment decision date.

Your letter should list all the reasons why you don't think your PIP award should be reduced. Make sure you provide evidence to back up each point you make, such as



For more information Winchester contact Winchester District Citizens Advice Bureau, at our Bishops Waltham

office, (Well House, 2 Brook Street, Bishop's Waltham, SO32 1AX, 01489 896376) or Denmead Outreach at Denmead Community Centre, School Lane, Denmead, Thursdays from 9.30-1 1.30am. Alternatively, call the Adviceline on 03444 111306

Citizens Advice Winchester District is an independent charity offering free, high quality advice to everyone in our community. Citizens Advice www.citizensadvice.org.uk

Online free advice from Citizens Advice to help you find a way forward, whatever the problem. Our research enables us to campaign on issues affecting people's lives.

practical examples, medical records and supporting letters from specialists who are treating you. If you don't have the required evidence available, you can submit it separately at a later date.

Once the DWP has looked again at your assessment decision, you'll receive a Mandatory Reconsideration Notice which says if your request has been successful or not. If it is, your original award will be reinstated and your payment backdated.

If you're unsuccessful, you could choose to progress to the second challenge stage. This is where you appeal your assessment decision by taking your case to tribunal.

If you need advice on a Personal Independence Payment or would like help completing the form, then please do contact your local Citizens Advice.

Denmead Community Centre

Bibble Bubble – New group - Baby and Children's yoga and massage classes - Mondays 12.30 - 13.30

Support your child's next stage development with our specialist yoga and massage techniques. Enjoy special bonding time and learn practices that enhance relaxation and muscle strength as well as improved sleep and digestion.

Contact Nicola on 07799 320324 or email: nicola@bibblebubble.com

Film Night - Three Billboards Outside Ebbing, Missouri

Frances McDormand plays Mildred, who in order to stop herself drowning in grief after the brutal murder of her daughter, decides to fight back when the case remains unsolved, purchasing the titular billboards and plastering them with details of the crime and the question: "How come Chief Willoughby?"

The Golden Globe winner for Best Motion Picture, BAFTA winner for Best Actress in a Leading Role and many many more.

Denmead Rowans Support Group Jigsaw, Games and Craft Sale Green Collecting Box Opening

Saturday May 5th - All Saints Church Hall - 10am - 12noon

Come and enjoy coffee and cake and witness the Opening of the green collecting boxes. There will be lovely crafts for sale by local craftspeople, and a big sale of jigsaws and games.

To book a craft sales table – or for donations of cakes games and jigsaws please contact Trish on 07947 611699 or patricia.bailey333@gmail.com



Purbrook Heath Road, Purbrook, Waterlooville, Hampshire, PO7 5RU t: 023 9225 0001 w: www.rowanshospice.co.uk Registered Charity no. 299731

For more information about the Rowans support group please call (07947) 611699

Around the Green

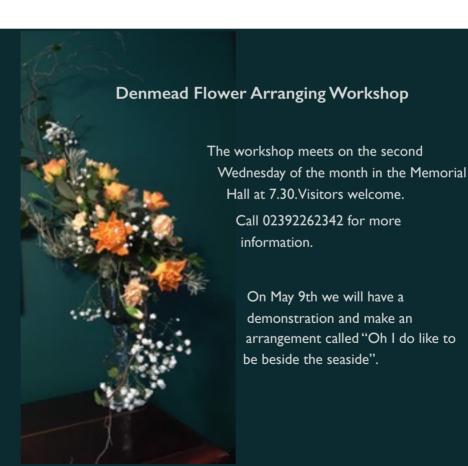
Probus Club

Waterlooville Probus Club provides a meeting place for retired or semi-retired, professional or business, ladies and gentlemen. We meet on the second Tuesday of each month at 'The Chairmakers', Worlds End, Hambledon, PO7 4QX.

The next meeting will be held on the 8th of May, from 12.00 noon to 3.00 pm. We

meet for a drink and a chat with fellow members, and after a 3-course lunch, our guest speaker, Steve Broadbent, will give a presentation entitled 'Clanfield Observatory - Our Telescopes and What We Do'

If you would like further information on the Probus Club, please contact our Secretary, Peter Quine, on 079 2662 0530 or by email to peterpia I 989@outlook.com.



Denmead in Bloom

We had a record turnout for this year's Spring Clean with the help of several Cubs, Beavers and their families. Unfortunately there was also a record amount of litter to pick up — we collected over 100 bags of rubbish plus lots of larger items and left Denmead looking a bit cleaner for a while.

We have been busy pruning the willow play area on Harvest Field and have reduced it in height to make it more manageable. It was a lovely sight in early April when the daffodils were out with the coloured willow stems and pussy willow catkins. We will be replanting the containers in front of the shops at the end of the month for their summer display and they will need watering three times a week from then on – do contact me if you would like to be on the rota to help with this task.

Liz Williams, DiB Coordinator, 023 9226 9642, liz@greensleeves.eclipse.co.uk



Denmead Village Association

Peter Ambrose the Chairman welcomed members and visitors to the Association's meeting on Friday I 6th March. He thanked all the ladies for their hard work on the Executive committee- Gloria Jarrett the Secretary, Janet Nobes the Treasurer, Alison Mason the Speaker's organiser, Helen Jackson the Membership Secretary, Caroline Chapman for organising the raffle and Edna Goodman for history group preparing for the new book to be published in the future.

He introduced the speaker Mr Geoff May who skilfully took members through the fascinating journey of the history of the Ordnance Survey.

The story started in 1745 with the Jacobite rebellion

Most of us probably take it for granted that these wonderful navigation aids are available to all without a thought of how they have developed over several centuries to their present day standard.

The story started in 1745 with the Jacobite rebellion in the Highlands of Scotland when English army officer Col. David Watson instigated a survey to help with the control of the

rebels. Watson was also in the Engineers of the Board of Ordnance, later to be renamed the Ordnance Survey, and this was the first Government survey of a large area of Britain. One of the main participants was William Roy who proposed official surveys of either one inch or one and a quarter inches to the mile.

It was the French Revolution that really saw the start of surveying Britain using Triangulation, a system using a Theodolite and Trigometric points. The expensive Ramsden theodolite was produced in 1791 and by 1801 the first 1 inch to the mile map of Kent had been done as the start of a military survey.

There was a dispute over the exact positioning of the Meridian Line, as Roy set it from the Royal Observatory at Greenwich and the French used Paris's observatory, meaning a difference of 2 degrees. It took another twenty years before this was resolved and the British one adopted.

By 1840 the one inch survey covered all of Wales and all but part of the very north of England. A survey of Ireland for six inch maps was completed in 1846 and work was ongoing to complete England.

During World War I brave young pilots helped in the production of accurate mapping of the battle front when they photographed the areas.

The Headquarters of the Ordnance Survey was originally in the Tower of London, but following a fire was moved to some unused army barracks in Southampton, which during the air-raids of 1940 were badly damaged, so the Headquarters moved to Chessington until 1969 when new premises opened in Southampton.

The Headquarters are now in a new building at Adanac Park just off the M271 at Southampton and were opened by the Duke of Edinburgh in 2010. (Adanac is the reverse of Canada, and the site is owned by Canada Life.)

... surveying has undergone a complete transformation

With the development of satellites, surveying has undergone a complete transformation, but aerial surveying can only be

carried out during months of longer daylight when shadows are shorter, and despite satellite navigation (SAT NAVS) Ordnance Survey maps are still as popular as ever, with a vast range of scales available. The grid reference system devised by the Ordnance Survey is unique and nowhere else in the world uses anything quite like it.

Geoff May had worked at Ordnance Survey Headquarters for ten years liaising with the Government over work being done by OS, and we must give thanks to people like him who have helped prevented its privatisation.

Visitors are always welcome at the Open Meetings, and membership is £3 per annum: enquiries for membership should be made to Mrs Helen Jackson Tel: 07774 944878 e-mail: paul.helen.jackson@googlemail.com

Mrs J Nobes, Hon Treasurer, 8 The Smithy, Tel: 92255981 e-mail: janet.nobes@tesco.net has stocks of local history books, tea-towels and notelets.

Due to ill health of Rona Doyle, Mr Eric Watts wll give an illustrated talk on 'The History of Portsmouth Transport: Trams, Trolley Buses, Buses.

Alison Mason and Janet Nobes

Home Start

What we do and how you can help!!



Many parents need help. friendship, advice or support during those early years when children are young. There is no rulebook for raising a family and sometimes it can seem overwhelming especially if a family is going through difficult times. Home-Start helps families experiencing a range of difficulties such as isolation, post-natal depression or child illness, dealing with the demands of having multiple young children or simply families where tiredness and exhaustion is making life miserable. We support families by matching them with volunteers who all have parenting experience so they know how tough parenting can be.

We have a few vacancies left for Volunteer Home-Visitors. Could you help us by being a volunteer who could support a family for a couple of hours a week? Normally our volunteers are parents themselves so they understand how difficult family life can be. As well as being sympathetic to the struggle our volunteers are also able to bring moments of great joy to a family's life. Our next Preparation Course (one day a week for 6 weeks) will be starting soon so if you would like to get involved, please don't hesitate to get in touch!

To find out more about us please call your local Home Start Office: 01329 835936 Email: organiser@homestart-meonvalley.org.uk

Useful Local Contact Numbers

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ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH www.waterlooville-catholic.org.uk Parish Priest: Rev Mgr Canon Jeremy Garratt, (023) 9226 2289 shspa@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

The Registrar of Births and Deaths: Appointments Only. Telephone: (01489) 894044

Health Centre: 023 9223 9630

General Visiting, and Help in Bereavement – please contact Church Office: 9226 8757

Denmead Community Care Group: (COMMUNICARE) 023 9223 9630

Denmead Community Centre: 9225 6132 9am - 3pm, Monday-Friday

Memorial Hall Bookings: Mrs S Thomas, 9235 5993

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