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## The Season of Advent

I can remember as a child the excitement and anticipation of my turn to open the advent calendar hoping that hidden behind the door it would be the one with the picture of the donkey, the most prized picture alongside Jesus in the manger which we always knew would be on Christmas Eve!



Nowadays you can get advent calendars for almost anything from a myriad of choices of chocolate to cosmetics, socks, candles, gin and even cheese, a long way from the traditional telling of the "Christmas Story" in pictures behind every door.

As we enter the ADVENT season leading up to Christmas, I do hope that you 'take time out' of your busy lives and think, reflect, and contemplate what this advent season is all about. The word advent comes from the Latin term *adventus* meaning "arrival" or "coming," particularly the coming of something having great importance. So, for Christians, Advent means waiting expectantly for the coming of Jesus Christ.

This is twofold; it is about awaiting the celebration of his 'birth' as he was born of Mary, his mother, which we do on Christmas day; and secondly awaiting his 'second' coming which is of great significance and importance to Christians everywhere. Advent gives us time to rest and reflect about the person that we are – about what we feel and think about – what our conscience tells us about the world and the people around us – how we treat and interact with each other and more importantly what we can do to be more Christlike. Jesus promised his return – but didn't tell us when this will be – but he did tell us that he will at that time judge every one of us who is alive at his coming and all those who have died.

The message of Christmas is one of hope and anticipation – the birth of a Child who brings good news – the good news of peace, forgiveness, and eternal life with God. So often in our Christmas celebrations we can mistake the celebration of the hope and expectations that Jesus brings with the symbols and traditions that are hung around this hope like decorations on the tree; they sometimes become the focus which can disconnect us from the true hope that Jesus brings, and we get caught up with the lights and glittery baubles

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rather than the truth and true hope and joy of the Christian faith and Christmas message.

Christmas is of course a difficult time for some people. We think of those who have lost loved ones, those who feel alone and others who will struggle to make ends meet. There is an opportunity for all of us to show a little extra kindness to those around us and bring a touch of love and joy to their lives.

This year the Church of England is inviting us this Christmas to follow the star, journey to the manger, join the song and come into the presence of Jesus – a relationship which begins at Christmas but lasts forever. They have produced a little book of 12 reflections starting from Christmas day based around the traditional Carols we are so used to singing each year. If you would like a copy, then please do come and collect one from inside the church.

This will be my first Christmas celebrating with the Community of Denmead and I would like to offer a warm invitation for you to join with us at our Services at All Saints this Christmas, It would be lovely if you would come and say hello.

So, as well as waiting and trying to be better people with our heart, mind and spirit – we will be ready to say, "Maranatha" (Come Lord Jesus!).



I wish you all a peaceful and hopeful advent season and a happy Christmas.



Love and blessings,

Revd Buffy





## Services at All Saints

### Sunday 3rd December – 1st Sunday of Advent

- 8.00am Holy Communion (Said, traditional BCP Communion Service)
- 10.00am Holy Communion Service with Kids and Youth at Ten.  
- 6.00pm Taize Service – a reflective service of chants, readings and prayers.



### Sunday 10th December – 2nd Sunday of Advent

- 8.00am Holy Communion (Said, traditional BCP Communion Service)
- 10.00am All Saints Together – all ages gather to worship, learn, and grow together. Included in this Service we will be collecting gifts and toys for the Stop Domestic Abuse Charity. 
- 6.00pm Evensong 


### Saturday 16th December

3.30 - 5.00pm Messy Church – come and enjoy Messy Church as we celebrate the Christmas story - ideal for pre-school/primary aged children.

### Sunday 17th December – 3rd Sunday of Advent.

- 8.00am Holy Communion (Said, traditional BCP Communion Service)
- 10.00am Holy Communion with Kids and Youth at Ten.  
- 6.00pm Carol Service – join with us for a traditional mix of Readings and Carols followed by refreshments in our church hall. At this service there will be a collection in support of The Rowans.

### Sunday 24th December – 4th Sunday of Advent.

- 9.00am Holy Communion Service no 8am or 10am today... we gather at 9am for our worship this morning. 
- 3.00pm Crib Service
- 5.00pm Crib Service


This year we are hosting two Crib services- so you can choose which time suits you best. Come and sing your favourite Christmas Carols and listen to the story of Christmas. You are welcome to come dressed as a nativity character, ready to join in! There will be a collection for the work of the Children's Society.

- 11.15pm Midnight Mass 

### Monday 25th December – Christmas Day

- 8.00am Holy Communion (traditional BCP Communion Service) – including a couple of Christmas carols as we welcome in this special morning!
- 10.00am Christmas Celebration for all ages, followed by:
- 10.45am Communion – a simple service for those who would like Communion on Christmas morning.

### Sunday 31st December – First Sunday of Christmas

- 9.00am Holy Communion Service no 8am or 10am today... we gather at 9am for our worship this morning. 



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.

## From the Registers

### Baptisms

October 29th Moira Ross

Denmead and Waterlooville Rowans  
Fundraising Support Group



We would like to thank everyone who donated jigsaw puzzles for our last sale.

We invite you to the next sale on December 2nd in the church hall. There will be lots more jigsaws and games on sale!

For more information about the group or how you could help to support the Rowans please contact [patricia.bailey333@gmail.com](mailto:patricia.bailey333@gmail.com).

**Denmead Community cafe**

**Saturday 9th December**  
10am - 12.30pm

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Come along and join us for some pre Christmas cheer.

Pop in for a cuppa, cake and some company. We will have a few crafts to try if you fancy joining in. May even be a little something under the tree for you!!

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## Bus service for shoppers affected by fire damaged store

**There is a free shuttle bus running three times per week from Denmead to Clanfield, to help local shoppers whilst the village convenience store is closed.**

Following the fire earlier this year, the regional co-operative Southern Co-op, which runs the Denmead store, took the decision for the store to undergo a full refit, and the latest we hear is that it is expected to re-open by the end of the year.

In the Co-op's press release, Pete Treasure, Southern Co-op's Retail Proposition Manager, said:

*"We're here for the local community and given the length of time the store will be closed, we wanted to provide a solution to those who may not be able to easily get to another store in the interim.*

*"We're currently running the free bus service for the next four weeks to our store in Clanfield which has a comparable range of products as well as access to a Post Office."*

The Co-op now confirms that this four week trial has been extended and the service will run until 16<sup>th</sup> December.

The service, introduced by working closely with Denmead Village Association, operates on a first come first served basis. There are 16 seats available and pick up is from the bus stop outside Denmead Health Centre at the following times:

- Monday: 10am
- Thursday: 2pm
- Saturday: 10am

The bus leaves Clanfield to return to Denmead after an hour. However, if all customers have completed their shopping before then, it may depart sooner.

To find out more about Southern Co-op and its nearby stores, visit <https://southern.coop/store-locator>.

## Exploring Flora & Fauna at the Evening W.I.

Hilary Gilson was welcomed back to the October meeting of the Evening W.I. where she gave a talk on the flora and fauna of Bird Island, a tiny eco-tourist coral island in the Seychelles which can be walked round in an hour. It has the largest giant land tortoise, a thriving sooty tern colony and endangered hawksbill and green turtles come ashore to lay their eggs. Her slides of turquoise seas and white, sandy beaches cheered up a very wet Hampshire evening.

The Craft Group has been busy making iris folding Christmas cards and some of the Garden Group visited Coles, a National Garden Scheme near Privett, to see the autumn colour.

Christmas Festivities have already begun with the ever-popular lunch at Barnards.

This year the Denmead Institute will host the Bere Forest Group Christmas Celebration on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December. Each W.I. puts on a short entertainment followed by coffee and mince pies. The meeting on December 13<sup>th</sup> (a week earlier than usual) will see the return of the Solent City Chorus, an a cappella group. Instead of a Secret Santa, members will be donating items to the Waterloo Food Bank.

For more information about this friendly and active W.I. please contact [denmeadevepres@hampshirewi.org.uk](mailto:denmeadevepres@hampshirewi.org.uk)

The members of the Institute would like to wish you all a peaceful and Happy Christmas

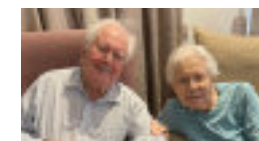
## Christmas Greetings from Ian and Jill Harding

Wellington Vale residential care home is situated in Denmead and is therefore a part of the village community. We like to keep in contact with the village where we lived prior to moving to Wellington Vale.

This year has gone quickly, and preparations are underway in the care home so we can all enjoy Christmas in a variety of ways - whether it is making decorations, helping with decorating the Christmas trees, listening to the local school children who come in to sing or joining in the Christmas communion service provided by Rev. Emma from All Saints Church. Some of the residents will be joining families/friends over the Christmas period but for those who remain in the home, there is fun and joy thanks to the staff.

*We would like to wish everyone in Denmead our season's greetings and a very Happy New Year.*

*Ian and Jill Harding, Wellington Vale*



## A Garden of Balloon Flowers at the Afternoon W.I.

The Afternoon W.I celebrated its 70th birthday in November with individual chocolate birthday cakes and were pleased to welcome members from other institutes to the meeting with entertainment provided by "Balloon Man" Bob Driscoll. He produced a wonderful garden of balloon flowers including a beautiful sunflower and complete with picket fence. The competition for an item with a balloon connection was won by Joan Elliott, with Angela MacNee second. Angela MacNee won the flower competition, with Joan Downing second.

With money donated in memory of Edith Gunston a banner has been bought to advertise future meetings. The meeting on Wednesday 6th will include a visit from the Portsmouth Shanty Men with a competition for a poem about the sea. Instead of a Secret Santa the W.I. will be donating items to the local Food Bank. Members unable to attend the

meeting can leave their donations in the box at All Saints. The ladies are looking forward to a Christmas cake made by the ladies at Lily and Lime, the restaurant above the Central Library in Portsmouth Guildhall Square. It is run by the Minstead Trust which trains people with learning difficulties helping them to find employment. Next month is the New Year Lunch at Barnards instead of the usual meeting.

All ladies are invited to meetings held on the first Wednesday of the month 2 - 4pm in the Heath Room at All Saints. It is an informal group and everyone is most welcome. There are talks on a variety of subjects so all tastes are catered for with, of course, tea and home-made cake from Lily and Lime. If you are unable to attend an afternoon meeting the Evening Institute meet at 7.30pm on the third Wednesday (except December when they meet on the second Wednesday).

We wish all The Chronicle's readers a happy and peaceful Christmas.

*Joan Downing*

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### Mass Times

Saturday Vigil Mass: 6.15pm

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## Christmas Services 2023

**Sun 3<sup>rd</sup> Dec 6.00pm Advent Taizé**  
On this first Sunday in Advent, we meet for a short, reflective service of chants, readings and prayers.

**Sun 10<sup>th</sup> Dec 10.00am Gift Service**  
At this all-age service we bring gifts and toys to be given to the Stop Domestic Abuse charity.

**Sat 16<sup>th</sup> Dec 3.30pm Messy Church**  
Come and enjoy messy activities, crafts, singing and prayers as we explore the nativity story. Messy Church is ideal for young families with pre-school/primary aged children. Snacks included too.

**Sun 17<sup>th</sup> Dec 6.00pm Carol Service**  
Set amongst sparkly lights and glowing candles we enjoy a traditional mix of Carols & Readings followed by refreshments in our church hall. There will be a collection in support of The Rowans.

**Christmas Eve 9.00am Holy Communion Service**  
**3.00pm Crib Service**  
**5.00pm Crib Service**

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**11.15pm Midnight Mass**

We meet for a late-night service as we welcome in Christmas morning!

**Christmas Day 8.00am Communion Service**  
We meet for a traditional BCP service including a couple of Christmas carols!

**10.00am Christmas Celebration**

A Christmas Celebration for all ages – including carols, prayers and a talk followed by:

**10.45am Short said Communion**



## 300 repairs and 500 sharpenings at the Denmead & Hambledon repair Café!

Our last repair café for the year on 18<sup>th</sup> November saw two notable landmarks passed.

A variety of items were fixed with our volunteers reaching the 300 mark – and Rick, our sharpener, has now sharpened 500 scissors, knives, shears and lawnmower blades!

Our volunteers turn up each month and repair radios, toasters, furniture, toys, clothes, bikes and more. Some items turn out to be unfixable but it's always worth a try. At the very least you'll get good advice and a second opinion. All for a small donation.

Our next Repair café will be on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> January at Hambledon Church 10am – 12 noon

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## Denmead Walks

This route starts at the Harvest Home, passes through the village Greenways before heading across the golf course, along Closewood Road then joining the Newlands Walk/Berewood Trail in a south bound direction to Purbrook Heath. The second leg can either be taken through woodland on a section of Wayfarers Walk, however a longer but drier alternative is along a series of lanes.

This walk can start at a number of points, but directions are from the Harvest Home pub. With the pub at your back cross the road and skirt around the green opposite heading east along the village greenways. Follow the path through Creech Walk, Home Mead and Forest Mead before turning R at Mead End just after the metal barrier and heading for the junction of Forest Road and Furzeley Road.



*Berewood Trail sign*

1.2km/0.75mile Cross into the latter keeping to the pedestrian/bike lane on the RHS as far as the sign for Denmead Golf Driving Range. Cross the road and continue down the concrete driveway after which follow the footpath sign on the end of the building further on. Bear R after walking alongside the fence then emerge onto one of the fairways of the golf course. Immediately look left.

Take great care crossing the course going slightly L in the direction of the marker post. Cross a second fairway before going over short wooden bridge before negotiating the last fairway. Follow the FP sign obliquely R

### WALK DETAILS

Length: 12.2km/7.6 miles

Duration: 3h 5m

Stiles: 1 Walk Grade: 3/5

*Alternative longer route:* Length:

13.5km/8.4 miles

Duration: 3h 30m

across the field, but should the path be too muddy turn R and walk around the perimeter of the field.

2.3km/1.4miles Turn L on reaching Closewood Road and just after the 30mph sign (0.6km further on) go R along a narrow track that leads toward the Wellington Park development.

3km/1.9miles Turn R on coming to the Berewood Trail then stay on this wide path for 2.4km/1.5 miles.

5.2km/3.25miles On reaching a long barn on the RHS which is part of Newlands Farm, stay on the trail as it bears L. At the bottom of the slope the trail bears L and soon passes through woodland. On exiting the woods with houses to the L, go R and continue for 250m/272yards. Just as the main trail goes obliquely L continue straight ahead along a path that leads into the grounds of Rowans



*Entrance to the grounds of Rowans Hospice*

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6.15km/3.8miles After emerging onto Purbrook Heath Road turn R and head downhill. At the road junction go ahead in the direction of Southwick. Stay on this lane for some distance



*Entrance lodge to Purbrook Heath House*

passing the farm, the entrance to Purbrook Heath House and the Widley Walk turn-off.

7km/4.4miles Further along the lane just as it bends to the left one of two routes can be chosen. The first is shorter however there are often two very muddy sections during the winter months; the alternative is a longer walk but is entirely on metalled surfaces so can be used in any weather.

ROUTE 1: Turn R off the lane onto Wayfarers Walk and remain on a wide track through woodland which consists of Portland Coppice on the LHS and Newlandsmoor Coppice on the other - part of the woodland has been cleared and replanted. Continue downhill, then, as the track comes to the top of the rise, take the LH fork (the RH way is usually fenced off) and walk as far as a gate which is to the right of the track. Follow the direction of the WW marker through the gate.

This area together with the FP the other side of the gate is usually very wet and almost impassable in winter, especially after heavy rain. Follow the FP that bears slightly left after about 50m and go through another gate before heading diagonally across the field to the L – head for the wide gate on the far side.

On reaching the latter, turn L and after about 100m go over the only stile of the walk. Bear R and continue as far as the lane which is accessed through another gate. (8.9Km/ 5.6miles) Turn L and head along the lane passing Sheepwash Farm and several other buildings before reaching Three Ways junction with Belney Lane. (9.55Km/6miles)

ROUTE 2: Stay on the lane as it bears left and continue as far as the next junction. Here go R passing Potwell House (7.9Km/4.9miles) and walk as far as a further junction (8.35Km). Once again go right, this time along Pigeon House Lane – the ford is to the left of the junction. It is then a matter of remaining on this lane for just under 3Km/1.9 miles which runs into Belney Lane part way along. At Threeways junction at the end of Belney Lane turn L into Sheepwash Lane. (10.8Km/6.75miles)

BOTH ROUTES: Walk along Sheepwash Lane as far as the junction with Furzeley Road, here go L then after about 100m bear L into Creech Woods taking either the FP or bridleway, however, be warned, a short section of either route is frequently flooded during the winter months so to avoid having to negotiate this hazard it may be better to continue along Furzeley Road.

At the junction with Forest Road the return to the Harvest Home can either be along the main road to the left or by retracing the path via the village Greenways.



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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](mailto:chronicle@allsaintsdenmead.org.uk)

## Church Hall regular bookings

### Mondays

- 09.30-10.30 Fit2Dance (weekly, term time only)
- 11.30-12.30 Breathe Again (weekly)
- 15.00-20.30 Slimming World (weekly)

### Tuesdays

- 09.30-10.30 Pilates (weekly, term time only)
- 10.45-11.45 Fit 4 U (weekly term time only)
- 14.00-15.00 Positive Strokes (weekly)
- 17.30-19.00 3rd Brownies (weekly, term time only)
- 19.30-21.30 Denmead Horticultural Society (monthly, 1st Tuesday)
- 20.00-22.00 South Hants Koi Club (Oct. to Apr. only, monthly, 2nd Tuesday)

### Wednesdays

- 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 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, 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday)

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

### Saturdays

10.00-12.00 Local Government Surgery (monthly, 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday)

*Further Details from Church Office 023 9226 8757*

## Denmead War Memorial Hall Bookings

### 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 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

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 (Not 1st 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

#### Monday-Friday

8.00-17.30 Old School Preschool – From 2 years old + (Open 51 weeks a year)

#### Mondays

09.00-10.00 Little Kickers

09.30 -10.30 Better Body Club

11.00 - 12.00 Yoga with Allison

11.15 - 12.15 Steady and Strong

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](mailto:annandmalcolm.davies@virgin.net)

19.00 - 22.00 Denmead Bridge Club

#### Tuesdays

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 (- performing arts classes for 2-18 year olds)

10.30 - 12.30 Denmead Writers

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

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

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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

19.45 - 21.45 Denmead Brass Band Rehearsal

19.30 - 22.00 Downland Singers

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#### Wednesdays

09.45 - 11.45 Jiggy Wrigglers – baby music & movement

10.00 - 12.00 Denmead Art Group (Fortnightly)

10.00 - 12.00 Wednesday Table Tennis – contact [annandmalcolm.davies@virgin.net](mailto:annandmalcolm.davies@virgin.net)

13.30 - 14.30 Shiyong Tai Chi

16.00 - 18.00 Tadaa (- performing arts classes for 4-13 year olds)

19.00 - 21.00 Breakaway Stitchers and Quilters

18.30 - 20.45 Yoga with Allison

**Thursdays**

- 09.30 - 10.30 Zumba
- 09.30 - 11.30 Table Tennis – contact [annandmalcolm.davies@virgin.net](mailto:annandmalcolm.davies@virgin.net)
- 12.00 - 13.30 Lunch Club for over 70's
- 14.00 - 16.00 U3A Table Tennis (2nd & 4th Thursday)
- 14.00 - 16.00 Italian Classes – Tertulia
- 19.00 - 21.00 Table Tennis – contact [annandmalcolm.davies@virgin.net](mailto:annandmalcolm.davies@virgin.net)

**Fridays**

- 09.30 - 11.00 Messy Play Toddler Group
- 09.30 - 12.00 Art Class
- 09.30 - 12.30 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)
- A warm welcome is extended to all.

**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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## District Council Up-date December 2023



District and County Council Local Advice Surgeries – It is with regret that the DECEMBER Surgery has had to be cancelled due to a double booking for the Heath Room, but we will be back in January.

### Winchester City Council Constitution

Over the past four months the council have been preparing to up-date the Constitution to bring it inline with the legal changes that have taken place over the past four years. An important area for Denmead is with regards to the Major Development Area (MDA) at the West of Waterlooville (WofW) which received it's outline planning permission some 18 years ago. The WofW MDA is across two local authorities Havant BC and Winchester CC, at the start of the build-out the planning was dealt with by each of the authorities separately. To aid administrative processes it was agreed that there would be one joint planning committee which would cover the MDA build-out.

West of Waterlooville Forum - This was established to ensure that the local parishes (Denmead and Southwick) in whom the WofW MDA is sited, are able to represent the then new residents. The new communities voted for a Parish Council of its own (Newlands PC) which is now in its fifth year. The Forum is made up of representatives from HBC, HCC, WCC and members of the Parish Council. Over the years since its formation the group has

evolved and the representatives from WCC and HBC are drawn from the locally elected District and Borough Councillors.

### Enforcement issues within the District

Ward members have arranged a meeting with the enforcement team to try and understand and resolve the growing number of planning enforcement cases in the Parish.

### Surgeries

If you would like to discuss these or any topic further, we would welcome you to visit us at a Local Government Surgery. Surgeries are held on the first Saturday of each month from 10am to 12 noon in the Heath Room, All Saints Church. No appointment is required. There will also be a roaming van in the Newlands Community Centre area from around 11.15am for one hour.

Contact details for the Ward Members can be found via the Parish Council Office or Parish Council Noticeboards along with the details for the County Councillor and our Member of Parliament.

**We would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year**

*On behalf of the District Councillors for the Denmead Ward*



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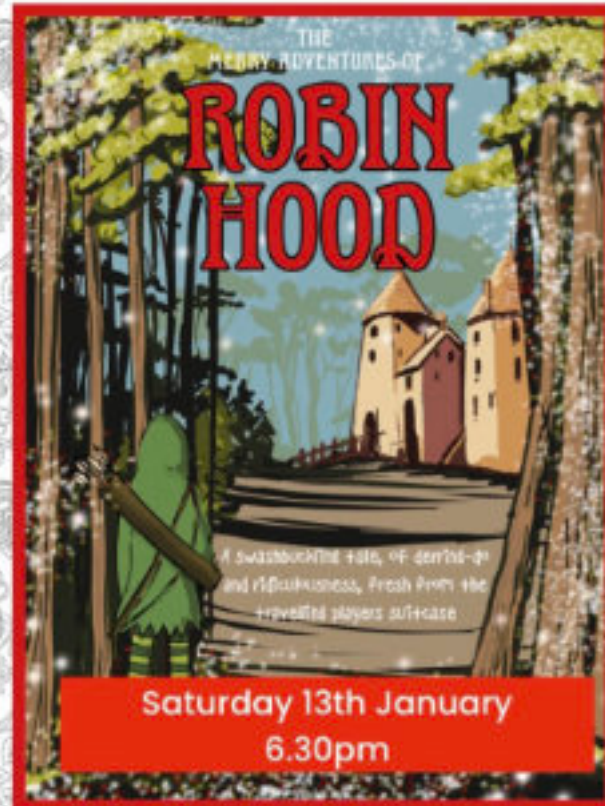
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You are not alone - a record number of people came to a Citizens Advice service with energy debt in the first four months of 2023 (32,400) - a 112% increase on the same period in 2020 (15,200).

There are things you can do to feel in control when it comes to your energy bills including some simple tips to help save money on your energy bills. They won't cover all the extra costs, but they can make a difference:

- Check your thermostat: A room temperature between 18°C and 21°C is ideal for most people. Try turning your thermostat down by one degree within this range – it could save you around £115 a year. If a medical condition means you need a warmer home, ask your GP what room temperature you should aim for.
- Keep the heat in: Check your home for any gaps in the doors, windows and floors. Blocking any holes where you could get a draught could save you around £30 a year.

It is important to allow for some ventilation as without it mould and damp can form.

- Turn off anything you're not using: Turning your appliances, like TVs and washing machines, off instead of leaving them on standby could save around £60 a year. Turning off lights when you're not using them – even if it's just off for a few seconds - could save around £25 a year.
- Consider using LED lightbulbs, which cost less to run.
- Watch your water usage: Cutting your shower time by just one minute can make a difference. If everyone in a four-person household with a water meter did this, they could save around £75 a year.

If you're struggling to afford your energy bills, you might be able to get support from the government or your energy supplier. The first step is to contact your supplier to find out what they can offer. You may be eligible for benefits including the Warm Home Discount, Cold Weather Payments or the Household Support Fund. You can find out more about these on the Citizens Advice website ([www.citizensadvice.org.uk](http://www.citizensadvice.org.uk)).

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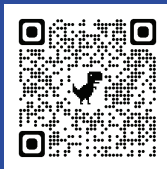
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## HCC Consults on School Transport

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On-street parking enforcement will continue but the frontline enforcement staff, known as Civil Enforcement Officers [CEOs], will be employed by a specialist parking services provider, NSL, working in partnership with the Council. CEOs won't be constrained by district or borough boundaries.

Residents are now able to report a parking contravention, apply for a disabled parking bay, arrange parking suspensions and pay a Penalty Charge Notice, all via the Council's Parking pages on the HCC website: <https://www.hants.gov.uk/transport/parking>.

### Consultation on proposed changes to School and Post-16 Transport

Proposed changes to HCC's School and Post-16 Transport Policies are the subject of two public consultations, running until Wednesday 6th December.

As required by the Department for Education (DfE), there are two policies in place for the Council's school transport provision for children and young people: one for children of compulsory school age, and a Post-16 Policy for young people with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) travelling to

further education or training.

The proposals have been put forward to provide more flexible transport arrangements that better respond to children's needs, demand and external market pressures, while bringing services in line with the latest statutory guidance from the DfE. The proposals do not include any proposed changes to the eligibility criteria for School and Post-16 Transport.

The two consultations are published on the Council's website and ask people for their views on the following proposals:

### Consultations on proposed changes to the Post-16 Transport Policy

The first of the two consultations seek feedback on a proposal to increase the parental financial contribution to the Post-16 Transport service, annually from September 2024, in line with inflation. As with most Local Authorities, the Post-16 Transport service is discretionary and requires a partial parental contribution, with the majority of the overall costs funded by the Council. The proposed annual increase follows ongoing exceptional challenges in the transport market nationally which have seen the Council's transport costs rise significantly.

The parental contribution does not apply to families on low incomes or in exceptional circumstances and, in 2022/23, was waived for the majority of families eligible for Post-16 Transport.

Those wishing to comment on the proposed changes to the Post-16 Transport Policy are able to share their feedback by calling, emailing or writing to the service. Contact details are available on the consultation webpage -



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## Consultation on proposed changes to the School Transport Policy

The second consultation on the School Transport Policy will gather views on a range of proposals to make the service more flexible and responsive to children's needs over time.

These include the proposed introduction of Personal Transport Budgets which could give families greater choice and flexibility to create more tailored transport arrangements. Other proposals include the development of an Independent Travel Training offer to support a small number of children to travel independently as part of their preparations for adulthood. If agreed, this would only be offered where absolutely suitable, following a thorough assessment process, and in agreement with the parents or carers concerned.

Also proposed is the regular review of Passenger Assistants (PAs), who accompany eligible children with additional needs on their journeys to school. If agreed, this would ensure that the right support continues to be in the right place, both for those children currently with PAs and those without.

As with the Post-16 Transport Policy, an uplift in the parental contribution towards discretionary School Transport services is also proposed, in line with inflation, as well as some other smaller suggested changes to policy wording to reflect the latest DfE statutory guidance.

Those residents who wish to respond to the School Transport Policy consultation will find an information pack and consultation

response form on the Council's webpage – easy-read versions of all documents will be available, along with paper, Braille and other translated copies on request.

Additionally, a number of information events will be held where children, young people, parents or carers and others interested in School Transport will be able to ask any questions. These events apply only to the consultation on the School Transport Policy and not to the separate Post-16 Transport Policy consultation. Details of these events will be published on the consultation webpages in due course.

In the meantime, more details about the proposals is available online in the full reports published on the Council's website - <https://democracy.hants.gov.uk/ielistDocuments.aspx>?

## Reading Challenge

More than 19,000 Hampshire children signed-up for this year's Summer Reading Challenge - up 11% compared to 2022 - and read over 73,000 books.

## Renewed commitment to Hampshire's Armed Forces

HCC has underlined its commitment to the Armed Forces by renewing its pledge that serving and veteran members of the Forces, and their families, are treated fairly and are not disadvantaged when accessing public services such as education and healthcare.

The Council was selected 12 years ago to be among the first to sign the Armed Forces Covenant, because of its strong track record and significant beneficial work with its military partners. Hampshire has a

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historic and long-standing close relationship with the Armed Forces and has military facilities from all three services. Some 72,000 households in Hampshire include someone who has served in the UK armed forces.

Armed Forces Personnel and their families can find other sources of support through the Council's Armed Forces webpage <https://www.hants.gov.uk/community/armedforces> and Connect to Support Hampshire <https://www.connecttosupporthampshire.org.uk/>.

External grants are available to support Hampshire's Armed Forces Community, for example the Armed Forces Covenant Fund Trust <https://covenantfund.org.uk/> which has several grant streams open each year.

**And finally, I should like to wish all Readers a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.**

*Patricia Stallard*

*Chairman, Hampshire County Council,  
Winchester Southern Parishes*

## Waterlooville Probus Club

Probus welcomes retired or semi-retired professional men and women who live in Denmead/Waterlooville/Purbrook/Widley/Horndean/Lovedean/Hambledon/Clanfield and surrounding areas.

The Waterlooville Probus Club meet on the second Tuesday of every month at the Hampshire Hog, Clanfield (plenty of free car parking space). There is a two-course meal, followed by tea/coffee and a Speaker. Arrive 12 noon for 12.30 pm sit down lunch.

Our next meeting will be held on TUESDAY 12th DECEMBER 2023. There will be no Speaker on that occasion as it will be the Members' Christmas Lunch.

**The 2024 Probus Speaker Programme starts on TUESDAY 9th JANUARY 2024 with Probus Member, Richard Clark, taking us on part two of his epic journey on the Peking to Paris motor rally in 1997. This part of his journey will take us from Kathmandu to Paris.**

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, email - [probus@lindamarland.com](mailto:probus@lindamarland.com)

Dress: Men - Jackets and ties, women - equivalent.

In addition to our regular lunch with Speaker meetings, we also try to arrange occasional day trips, eg a visit to Westminster Palace, a river cruise with afternoon tea or visit to a gin distillery, when family and friends are welcome. These trips are optional.

More information about Probus Waterlooville is shown on our website at <https://probusclub.net/waterlooville/>

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