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Dear friends,

I do hope you had a good Christmas celebrating the birth of Jesus Christ, our Saviour and King, Emmanuel, God with us. I wanted to begin by expressing my thanks to all those who worked so hard to make our Advent and Christmas celebrations so special here at All Saints. To those who took on an upfront role, and to the many behind the scenes, who ensured services and events took place smoothly and safely – thank you.

As the clock turns from 11.59 to midnight on 31st December, partying and singing 'Auld Lang Syne', marks the turn from 2023 to 2024. A New Year – and with that come New Year Resolutions. Over the years I have made many of these – learn a new skill, develop a craft, lose some weight, do more exercise, give up chocolate.... Few of them make it beyond the end of January – my new beginnings retreat to my old ways! I wonder if you have more success with the resolutions you make?

Resolutions are intended to help us change the way things are – whether that's to do with lifestyle, appearance, or achievement. But maybe there is a different way to approach changing the way things are.



The Old Testament tells us that God's people were fixated with offerings, observing rituals and superficial practices. Through the prophet Micah, God challenged his people.



To paraphrase, God says, 'Look, I have shown you what is good and right. Act justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with your God.' (Micah 6:8)

Each phrase tells us about a posture of living that is pleasing to God, and they echo the commandments Jesus speaks in Matthew 22:37-40 when he establishes precisely what God requires of us:

*"Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind and with all your strength.
This is the first and greatest commandment.
And the second is like it: Love your neighbour as yourself.
All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments."*

A deep love for God, and a love for both friend and stranger, changes everything. When we seek justice, show kindness and love others, we will make a difference – a difference to the world, yes, but also a difference to ourselves. We become less self-focused, less individualistic, and instead look to the common good, and seek what is best and right for others.

... resolve to show something of that love to others

Maybe as you reflect now, you are deeply aware of the fragility and brokenness in our world with so many nations and peoples embroiled in war, civil strife, in poverty and oppression, and the urgency of change required to address significant environmental concerns. It feels that as we walk into 2024 life is fragile and broken, there is uncertainty and fear.

But God's love is strong and certain. The love of God for us does not waiver or change. Let's resolve to show something of that love to others, both friend and stranger, so that we can make a difference in the world in which we live.



With every blessing,

Revd. Emma


Revd. Emma Racklyeft – Vicar at All Saints, Denmead

Services at All Saints

Sunday 7th January - Epiphany

- 8.00am Holy Communion (Traditional, BCP Communion Service) This week we'll be singing a couple of Epiphany carols.
- 10.00am Holy Communion Service with Kids and Youth at Ten.  



Sunday 14th January – 2nd Sunday of Epiphany

- 8.00am Holy Communion (Said, traditional BCP Communion Service)
- 10.00am All Saints Together – all ages gather to worship, learn, and grow together. 
- 6.00pm Evensong


Saturday 20th January

- 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 January - 3rd Sunday of Epiphany

- 8.00am Holy Communion (Said, traditional BCP Communion Service)
- 10.00am Holy Communion with Kids and Youth at Ten.  

Sunday 28th January – Presentation of Christ in the Temple - Candlemas

- 8.00am Holy Communion (Said, traditional BCP Communion Service)
- 10am Holy Communion. There will be no groups for young people and children, but we will have some simple children's activities in church. 

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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Celebrating Christmas with local school children

On Monday 11th December we welcomed children from Year One and Year Two at Denmead Infant School.

Together we shared the nativity story through pictures and in song. We reflected that Jesus is our King and our Saviour – the best gift ever given.

Then on Tuesday 12th over two sessions, we welcomed all of the children from Denmead Junior School for a Christmas celebration service.



Each class took it in turns to tell a part of the nativity story, using drama, readings, songs, artwork, and music. Together they shared the wonderful news that God is with us, Emmanuel.

Lewis and I particularly enjoyed one of the songs sung beautifully by children from Denmead Junior School reminding us that Jesus birth was part of God's great salvation plan to bring life to all humanity:

*Tonight's events were planned in Heaven.
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Heaven and earth have come together,
And life has come to Bethlehem.*

Rev. Emma and Lewis Jones (Youth and Family Community Leader)



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Denmead Co-op re-opens!

Good news! As the Chronicle goes to press the refurbishment of the Denmead Co-op is almost complete and the shop is due to re-open at 7am on Wednesday 20 December with "a new look and fresh layout".

The Co-op's spokesperson continues:

"We'll continue to offer Post Office services alongside our extensive range of everyday essentials including instore bakery, Local Flavours and COOK frozen food.

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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.

A yellow advertisement for Brightbit Computing. The logo features a stylized 'C' with radiating lines. Below the logo, it says "Let us help You" and "Fix all your: PC Problems". A list of services includes: Sick PC?, We are Local to You, Hardware Failures, Upgrades & Repairs, Broadband & Internet Installation, WiFi, Virus Removal, Data Recovery, Software Installation, and Fast Service. At the bottom, it says "We can come to You No Call Out Charge" and provides the phone number "023 9248 4282" and website "www.brightbit.co.uk". The address "5 Matthews Close - Havant" is also listed.

Denmead Walks

This is an interesting walk initially heading along School Lane then over pastures and horse paddocks toward Bent Lane. After branching off through woodland it continues along part of Hoe Street before diverting along a section of the Soberton and Newtown Millennium Trail. The homeward leg passes Hole Farm then heads toward Menslands Lane before following the familiar footpath that returns to Denmead via Uplands Road.

Note: It may be necessary to walk through horse paddocks during this walk.

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

1.44km/0.9mile Cross over immediately and turn R but take particular care walking along the LHS of the road for about 100m as far as a gap in the hedge. Turn L, negotiate the first of 10 stiles on this walk, then continue across a narrow wooden bridge toward a second stile. After the third stile head for the RH corner of the enclosed field, after which look for the remaining two stiles that allow access across paddocks which usually contain horses.

2km/1.25miles After the sixth stile turn L on reaching Bent Lane and continue for 450m before going R on a path through woodland – this path is just after a RH bend and opposite is another FP into woods, while just ahead on the LHS is a pull-in and access gate. The twisting woodland path to be taken emerges onto Hoe Street opposite three cottages - here go R.

WALK DETAILS

Distance 9km/5.6 miles


Time 2h 15m

Stiles 10

Walk Grade 4/5

2.8km/1.75miles Continue for some distance passing Hoegate Farm and Hoe Manor Farm both on the LHS after which the lane begins a steady ascent. Shortly after passing the wide paddocks of the stud on the RHS look for double gates on the LHS that gives access onto a partly concealed path that runs between two properties, Abbey Wood and Meadow View; this path forms part of the Soberton and Newtown Millennium Trail.

3.35km/2.1miles At the end of this short path go over two stiles, one straight ahead the other immediately to the R before walking alongside a fence on the RHS. At the point where the fence/copse bends to the R, go slightly L (10 o'clock) toward the stile in the middle of the field. After crossing the latter; again bear L heading in the direction of the electricity pylon protruding above the line of trees which forms part of Clays Copse.

A gap in the trees appears under which is another stile to be crossed. Care is needed crossing this stile due to barbed wire across the top. Go straight ahead from the stile then, after about 70m, bear R and walk around the LHS of the pylon; the FP soon leads onto Armsworth Lane. 

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4.3km/2.7miles Go R on reaching the metallated surface of the lane then after passing Russell's Farm on the LHS continue to the end of the lane.

4.95km/3.1miles On reaching Hoe Street cross the road and go over the stile on the opposite side that is to the R of the entrance to Hole Farm. Stay on the LHS on the field walking parallel to the fence until a gate is reached that leads onto Hole Lane - this runs at a right angle to your current direction. Cross the lane and take the path opposite that runs to the R of the garden, then at the top of the rise pass through another gate. Walk a little further on then turn L between 2 posts each with yellow FP signs on them. Walk along the short narrow path just inside the copse perimeter before crossing the first of two stiles.

After the first stile bear R obliquely across the narrow field and the second is soon reached. Now follow the line of the perimeter of the wood, Shepherd's Croft, initially passing a disused marl pit on the RHS.

At the point where the woodland perimeter goes to the R continue straight on heading on the FP toward a line of trees ahead. Passing between the two trees on the far left of the line remain on the path as far as Glebelands Farm.

6.1km/3.8miles After crossing the final stile go L on Menslands Lane then almost immediately turn R into Madam's Copse. Leave the woodland via the first of three gates and head downhill. At times, as is sometimes the case on this field and across other paths, a temporary electric fence maybe in place. When this happens, simply

grip the plastic handle and carefully lift the wire hook out of the ring holder – be careful the wire often has a strong spring attached so grip it firmly . Replace the hook in the holder once you and your party have passed through.

6.6km/4.1 miles After the third gate take care crossing the Fareham Road. On the other side continue through a further three gates the last two being either side of a ditch crossed via a narrow plank. Be aware that this section can flood in wet weather. Continue uphill then turn R. The FP soon passes through a narrow copse as the ground rises then bears very slightly L across a field. On reaching the corner of the field go through the gap in the hedge then turn L and follow the line of the hedge until the FP deviates R just before the slope. Cross another narrow plank and follow the FP which comes out onto Uplands Road

7.96km/5miles Go L then immediately R down Thompsons Lane, at the bottom of which bear L into School Lane. The community centre is at the end of this road on the LHS.



Hole Farm

The Community Cafe has continued to attract more visitors during 2023. We have our loyal regulars and have had a steady stream of new faces. It is always lovely to wander around the room chatting and catching up with everybody.

After a recent article in the national WI Life magazine we saw more local WI members popping in to see what we are doing. The Community Cafe was initially set up in 2019 after a campaign was run looking to alleviate loneliness and social isolation. The Denmead Belles WI decided to take action and set up the cafe.

Please pop in and join us for a cuppa, some cake and a chat. Always a very warm welcome and some crafts to try if you fancy it. Be lovely to see you.

Lara & the team.

All Saints Church Hall, Denmead



Denmead Community cafe

Dates for 2023

- 27th January
- 24th February
- 30th March
- 27th April
- 25th May
- 29th June
- 27th July
- 22nd August
- 21st September
- 26th October
- 30th November
- 22nd December

Come along and join us for a cuppa, some cake and company. Maybe join in with some crafting!

Hosted by the Denmead Belles WI
contact.denmeadbelles@hampshirewi.org.uk

Saturdays 10am - 12.30pm




Denmead Community cafe

Saturday 13th January 2024

10am - 12.30pm

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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 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, 4th 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)

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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 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
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)
14.30 - 16.30 Table Tennis – contact annandmalcolm.davies@virgin.net
17.00 - 18.00 Create – Children's Art Classes
18.00 - 19.00 Pilates Class
19.00 - 21.00 Denmead WI – monthly
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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
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
- 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

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

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DVA Uncovers the Evolution of the Fox & Hounds

The speaker at the Village Association's recent meeting, Rob Stark, was well qualified to talk about the purchase of the Fox & Hounds by the community ten years ago, having been involved with the project from the start.

In 1881 the population of Denn Mead (as it was then known) was 881 but by 2015 had grown to 7,000. In April 2012 the Fox & Hounds closed despite the population growth and a planning application was submitted to build two four-bedroom executive houses. Following discussions on the future of the building and grounds, the Parish Council registered the Fox & Hounds as a community asset, which brought about a six-month moratorium. There then started a campaign to acquire the pub as a community facility. In October 2013 a bid of £300,000 was accepted but it took about a year to raise the funds for the purchase and renovations, this having been achieved through 190 subscribers, 66 private donations and a loan.

The inside of the building was demolished as it was not viable and there was a great deal of support for the project from local companies. The whole project cost £479,000, which included £146,000 for refurbishment. The building opened on 4th December 2014 and throughout the negotiations and fundraising Rob was Chairman of the Trustees, a position he still holds. Over the years the trustees have donated money to many local organisations through the Fox & Hounds Society and the Friends of the Fox club. In July 2021 the Times newspaper ran an article on community pubs with the Fox & Hounds said to be the Gold Standard – praise indeed!

At the Village Association's recent AGM Neil Rusbridger was re-elected as Chairman, Gloria Jarrett as Secretary and Melody Jones as Treasurer with Caroline Chapman, Martin Clay, Tony Jarrett, Janet Nobes, Danny Stallard and Patricia Stallard elected to the Committee. Following an amendment to the Constitution, agreed at the meeting, Edna Goodman was unanimously voted in as the association's first Honorary President in recognition of her outstanding service to DVA during her 50 years as a committee member and to the community of Denmead.

Why not come along to the next meeting on Friday 19th January 2024 and have your say on village matters and concerns. The DVA meets on alternate months in All Saints church hall at 7.30pm. Better still, join up; the annual subscription is £8 but the first visit is free.

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Evening W.I. Reflects on a Successful Year

The Evening W.I. had a very successful 2023 welcoming four new members. Both Book Groups and the Craft Group continued to thrive, the monthly Meet and Eat was well attended and the Garden Group looks forward to resuming in the spring with the warmer weather. A big thank you to those who turned out on a wet Saturday to support the Winter Fair, making it a great success.



The meeting on January 17th will be a members' social evening and a short list of four resolutions will be considered for discussion and the vote at the Annual Meeting in the Albert Hall in June. They are: 1) dental health matters 2) impact of poor housing conditions 3) say 'no' to gambling advertising and 4) improving outcomes for women in the criminal justice system. A difficult choice!

In addition to the monthly meeting there are Bere Forest Group events, activities put on by Hants Federation and national events including a range of online courses on lifestyle, craft and cookery. The W.I. has much to offer women, giving them the opportunity to be involved in whatever way suits them; perhaps learning a new skill, campaigning on wide-ranging issues or simply making friends. Ladies are invited to come along and find out more at the meetings held on the third Wednesday of the month in the Memorial Hall, everyone will be given a warm welcome.



For more information contact denmeadevepres@hampshirewi.org.uk

A Happy New Year to you all!

Afternoon W.I. meet the Shanty Men

In December the Afternoon W.I. was pleased to welcome members of Portsmouth Shanty Men who entertained with a variety of sea shanties, sung at varying speeds to accompany different jobs on board ship, whilst enjoying a Dundee cake made by one of the ladies working for the Minstead Trust which trains people with learning difficulties and helps them find employment. In the Competitions first place went to Joan Elliott with Judy Sherwood second.

The members are looking forward to a New Year Lunch at Barnards on 10th of January instead of the usual meeting and in February they will be holding a board game afternoon.

All ladies are invited to the informal meetings held on the first Wednesday of the month from 2 - 4pm in the Heath Room at All Saints Church. The talks cover a variety of subjects – some serious and others amusing – so all tastes are catered for, including an appetite for home-made cake from Lily and Lime.

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.

We wish all Chronicle readers a Happy and Peaceful NewYear.

Joan Downing



A promotional poster for the Denmead Afternoon WI. The background is green with white and yellow text. At the top right is the website www.hampshirewi.org.uk. The main text reads: "We welcome ladies of all ages to enjoy a social afternoon with tea & cake". Below this is the text "Denmead Afternoon WI" in green, followed by a red and yellow floral logo. Further down, it says "We meet on the first Wednesday of the Month" and "In The Heath Room, All Saints Church at 2 pm". At the bottom left is the "theWI" logo with "HELPING WOMEN" underneath. At the bottom right, it says "For more information contact Pam 07708332778".

District Council Update

We would like to wish all the residents of the Denmead Ward a Very Happy New Year

We are sorry to have not been able to hold a Local Government Surgery in December but we are back on 6th January 10am – 12.

Winchester City Council Constitution

The Local Winchester Plan is moving forward towards its final document but there are a few major factors still to be published such as the Gypsy and Travellers documentation, together with the ongoing concern over the housing numbers which the Denmead Neighbourhood Planning group is disputing with Winchester.

West of Waterlooville Forum

Revised wording for this body has now been agreed and has been adopted by Winchester City Council during its review of the Constitution in November, this will become active at the start of the next Municipal Year.

Enforcement issues within the District

Enforcement Cases in the Denmead Ward are a major concern to the residents of the parish. Additional areas of unlawful development have been identified in the past month; all three of your elected members are reporting breeches in Planning to WCC for enforcement action.

Local Government Surgery

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

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

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Funding boost for childcare providers in Hampshire

Childcare providers in Hampshire are to receive a cash injection of more than £6 million from Hampshire County Council between now and March 2024. The funding comes from the Government's new Early Years Supplementary Grant designed to increase the amount that early years' providers receive for delivering free childcare to eligible children aged between 2 - 4.

In total, the Government has awarded £204 million from its Early Years Supplementary Grant to Local Authorities, to be paid to early years' providers in the 2023/24 financial year. The scheme has already seen over 1000 Hampshire providers benefit from additional funding this autumn.

The new Early Years Supplementary Grant will increase the funding that settings receive to provide the following free childcare entitlements:

- 15 hours entitlement for disadvantaged two-year-olds
- 15 hours universal entitlement for three and four-year-olds
- 15 hours additional entitlement for three and four-year-old children of working parents
- Early Years Pupil Premium, to support disadvantaged children aged three and four-years-old
- Disability Access Fund, to support three and four-year-olds with special educational needs and disabilities.

The Council has paid an initial £2.7 million to 1,028 local childcare providers for the autumn term, based on the number of children receiving free childcare entitlements, as

reported by early years settings following their autumn term headcounts. The remaining £3.3 million is set to be awarded in the spring 2024 term.

It comes as the Government announced its plans last month to expand free childcare for working parents and increase the hourly funding rates paid to early years providers from April next year. New childminders can also receive a financial boost of up to £1,200 with the Government's Childminder Start Up Grant Scheme, which launched in November. The plans will see local hourly rates for funded three and four-year-old places increase by 5.1%, from £5.69 to £5.98. Hourly rates for funded two-year-olds and children under two will also rise to £8.32 and £11.30 respectively.

Additionally from September 2025, working parents of children aged between nine months and four years will be able to access up to 30 hours of funded childcare. This is currently only open to working parents with children aged 3 and 4. The newly expanded childcare offer will be available to parents who earn over the equivalent of 16 hours at the National Living Wage per week.

The plans will be introduced gradually, starting in April 2024 when eligible parents of two-year-olds will be able to apply to take up 15 hours of funded childcare. Parents are encouraged to apply between mid-January and the end of February to secure their eligibility before the new offer comes into effect. For more information, visit the Childcare Choices website - <https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk>

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£132m additional money from Government for long-term road improvements

Recently the Government announced a further £132 million for Hampshire over the next 10 years, to tackle the issue of potholes and invest in longer term, proactive road maintenance - welcome news for Hampshire following significant lobbying by the Council to help reverse the deterioration of our roads after years of underfunding. Having a ten-year settlement confirmed enables us to plan ahead and to prioritise resources effectively. The money will tackle the challenges of unprecedented demand, soaring inflation and the impacts of heavy rain, flooding and sub-zero temperatures. The Council has already allocated £22.5 million of its own money over the next three years to repair potholes and other defects and this is already helping to make our roads stronger ahead of another potentially difficult winter. Working with our highways contractor, Milestone, extra frontline resources have been drafted in to repair more

Waterlooville Probus Club

The next meeting of Waterlooville Probus Club will be held 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 Katmandu to Paris.

At the Hampshire Hog, Clanfield. Arrive 12 noon for 12.30 pm sit down lunch. The meal costs £21 and must be ordered one week in advance.

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road defects following a dramatic and sustained increase in reported issues.

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