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Lent is a season of waiting. This can be a problem since most of us don't like to wait.

Because of our aversion to waiting we pick the shortest line at the grocery store. We get impatient when traffic is backed up, when the bus is running late, or when the internet takes more than a second or two to load our favourite website! And I'm no different... I often get annoyed that my rapid-boil kettle isn't quick enough!

As I write this letter, in just a few days I will be heading into hospital for major surgery, and thereafter will follow six weeks or so of waiting. My weeks of extended sick leave tie in beautifully with Lent, and so for me, I shall be forced to lay down my plans, my goals and my 'business' and instead resume a position of helplessness and dependency. I will need great patience – Chris, my husband, even more so!

Life has the tendency to force us to wait whether we like it or not. Such seems to be the situation of the Psalmist in Psalm 130. Out of one of the deep and difficult moments of life, the Psalmist cries out to God. We don't know what kind of situation the Psalmist is dealing with. It might be stress of the emotional, psychological, physical, or social kind; it's not clear.

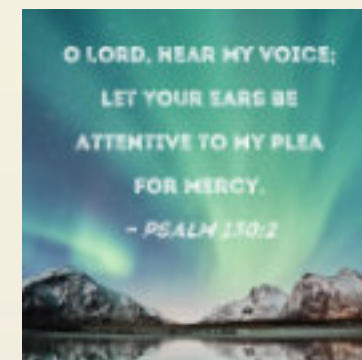
What is clear is that the Psalmist has confidence that God is always listening.

According to the Psalmist, no deepness is too deep that God cannot hear our cries. Even those deep dark places that we dig ourselves into, those places of mess - our "iniquities," as the Psalmist puts it, are not so deep that our cries cannot be heard. God is forgiving. God's 'hesed', or steadfast love, will not waver.

With this confidence, the Psalmist waits.

Note what the Psalmist does not ask for: he doesn't ask God for answers. There is no request for some sort of sign that things will be alright. Remarkably the Psalmist doesn't even ask for a response or for God to do anything. The Psalmist can rest in the knowledge that God is listening. From the midst of the depths, the promise of God's presence is enough.

When we look out at the people in our world and in our churches, we see



those who like the Psalmist are crying out from the depths: victims of violence, crime, and injustices of all sorts. Parents awaiting the return of their prodigal children. The chronically ill, those who experience sudden loss and those who fear the future. This is sadly a long list.

Unlike the Psalmist we do want a sign. We want a response or for God to just do something. While God does sometimes respond in these ways, more often it seems we are left with nothing to do but wait. As we sit in these moments of waiting, the Psalmist reminds us that sometimes all we have is God's presence. This, in and of itself, is enough. God hears us, cares for us, and promises to never abandon us.

The Christian tradition teaches us that one day God will do something. All the wrongs that have ever been committed will be righted and all the pain and weeping we have suffered will be no more. Until then, we wait.

In this season of Lent, where we wait for the death and resurrection of our Lord, may we also look ahead and trust that Jesus will once again fulfil our waiting. The God who raised Jesus from the grave will restore, refresh, and renew this broken world. Until that day, which we watch for with an eagerness like those who wait for the morning light, we wait with the comfort that God is waiting with us.



And so, whatever your situation – busy, active, purposeful, or perhaps lonely, isolated, and uncertain can I encourage us all to return to God will all our hearts, to wait patiently for Him – and to discover afresh His mercy and grace...

Then as we reach the very last week of March, we will journey through Holy Week,

remembering Jesus' suffering, passion, and death. Those final days in which it looked like all hope was gone, darkness had won. Intense and poignant days of waiting...

Until, miraculously, Jesus rose from the dead, beating all evil and sin, triumphing over all guilt and shame. Jesus is the way, the truth, and the life. As we place our hope and trust in Him, claiming His Victory, our waiting will never be in vain.



May God bless you richly in waiting,

Emma


Rev. Emma Racklyeft – Vicar at All Saints, Denmead

## Services at All Saints

### Sunday 3rd March – 3rd Sunday of Lent

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

### Sunday 10th March – 4th Sunday of Lent (Mothering Sunday)

- 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 16th March



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

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.

### Sunday 17th March – 5th Sunday of Lent

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

### Holy Week

### Sunday 24th March – 6th Sunday of Lent – Palm Sunday

- 8.00am Holy Communion (said, traditional BCP Communion Service)
- 10am Holy Communion (Activities in church for children) 

### Thursday 28th March – Maundy Thursday

- 11.00am Chrism Service at Portsmouth Cathedral. We join with friends from across the Diocese. Bishop Jonathan will bless the holy oils and Clergy renew their Ordination vows.
- 7.30pm Foot Washing and Communion Service. We remember the Last Supper Jesus shared with His disciples and reflect on His command to love one another.



Refreshments in our church hall after the service



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### Friday 29th March – Good Friday

- 10.00am Walk of Witness. We join for a short walk of witness around our village, ending outside All Saints in our Easter Garden.
- 12noon Lent Lunch in our Church Hall. We will be holding a Lent Soup Lunch on Good Friday from 12noon - 1.30pm in the church hall which will include soup, bread and cheese followed by tea/coffee and a hot cross bun! Suggested donation £5 per lunch which will be given to World Vision Middle East Emergency Appeal.
- 2.00pm Quiet Reflection and Stations of the Cross. We reflect quietly on Jesus' suffering, passion, and death.

### Sunday 31st March – Easter Sunday

- 6.00am Dawn Service on Denmead Village Green. We gather to welcome in the greatest day in history and proclaim Alleluia – Christ is risen! We then come back to All Saints for hot cuppa and hot breakfast.
- 8.00am Holy Communion (traditional BCP Communion Service) with singing.
- 10.00am Holy Communion with Kids and Youth at Ten. We rejoice, shout, sing, and celebrate that Jesus is alive! 📺 📱

### Dates further ahead:

#### Sunday 28th April at 11.30am AGM and APCM

All Saints Church will hold its AGM (Annual General Meeting) and APCM (Annual Parochial Church Meeting) on Sunday 28th April at 11.30am in church, followed by a Picnic. Everyone is welcome to this meeting, and it is hoped that you will come and contribute to the life of All Saints or just learn more about what goes on and stay for lunch and chat afterwards.

#### Saturday 11th May 12 noon - A Celebration for the Late Jean Hughes

The family of Jean Hughes invite you all to join with them for a service of celebration and thanksgiving as we remember the life of Jean. After the service there will be refreshments in the church hall to which all are very welcome to stay.



Advance Notice

## Concert by the Band of His Majesty's Royal Marines

Continuing our successful concert run we are delighted to be able to welcome back The Band of his Majesty's Royal Marines for their annual concert at All Saints Church Denmead on **Wednesday 27th November.**



Tickets will be going on sale on **Monday 8th April** and will be available from Tina Cottam and the Church Office from that date.

Booking forms will be available to download from the church website or from the back of church.

**Tina Cottam, 02392 266924**

## From the Registers

### Baptisms:

Sunday 11th February. Cody-Lee Turner

### Funerals:

#### January:

- 15th January - the Late Ivor Slade.  
Funeral at All Saints and Burial at Denmead Cemetery.
- 23rd January - the Late Christopher Lampard.  
Funeral at Portchester Crematorium.
- 29th January - the Late Yvonne Brooks.  
Funeral at The Oaks Crematorium.

#### February:

- 8th February - the Late Maurice Mitchell.  
Funeral at Portchester Crematorium.
- 16th February - the Late Arthur Robert Powell (known as Bob).  
Funeral at All Saints. Burial at Denmead Cemetery.



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## Fun & Games at the Afternoon W.I.

At February's meeting of the Afternoon W.I. members enjoyed a board games afternoon which reminded the ladies of their childhood and gave members the opportunity to socialize. They enjoyed delicious cream teas made by Joan Elliott and finished with chocolate cupcakes made by Lily and Lime.

The competition for a school photo was won by Gillian Clarke with Maureen Cleaver second, whilst Joan Elliott's flower was voted first with Rosemary Simpson second. The competitions were judged by the ladies placing coins by their choices with the money sent to the Associated Country Women of the World to which the W.I. is affiliated.

This month the group is looking forward to the return visit of Jeremy Prescott who will be talking about Violette Szabo, a British-French spy in SOE who was the subject of the film "Carve Her Name With Pride".

All ladies are invited to meetings held on the first Wednesday of the month from 2 - 4pm in the Heath Room at All Saints Church which has easy car parking. It is an informal group and all are most welcome. If you are new to the village or recently retired and would like to make new friends the W.I. would welcome you. Talks cover a variety of subjects – some serious and others amusing – with all tastes catered for.

If you are unable to attend an afternoon meeting the Evening Institute meets at 7.30pm on the third Wednesday.

*Joan Downing*



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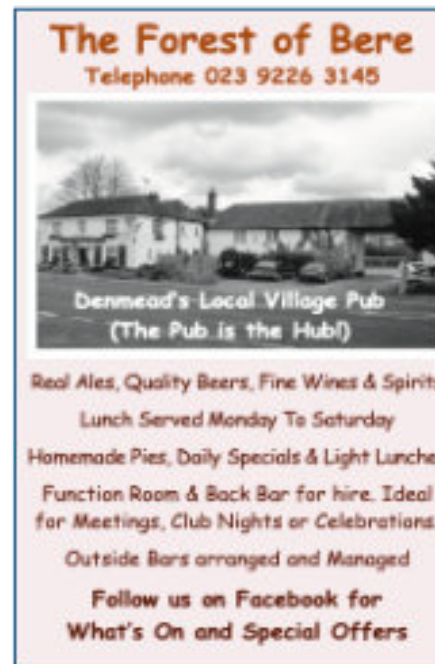
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**Mass Times**  
**Saturday Vigil Mass: 6.15pm**  
**Sunday Family Mass: 10.30am (including Children's Liturgy)**  
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## The Evening W.I. Breaks the Ice

At the January meeting of the Evening W.I., a members' social, the four resolutions on dentistry, poor housing, gambling advertising and prison reform were discussed and voted for to go forward to the AGM in June. This was followed by an icebreaker quiz where members had to find out information about each other. Delicious homemade soup and crusty bread rounded off a relaxed and fun evening.

At the meeting on Wednesday 20th March Peter Hull, a Paralympian Gold Medallist, will give a talk entitled - It's Not How Hard You Can Hit. Later in the month there will be a cream tea at Barnards and the Garden Group is also looking forward to starting garden visits again.

The W.I. is a good way to make friends especially for those who have just moved to the village. They meet on the third Wednesday of the month in Denmead Memorial Hall at 7.30pm where visitors receive a warm welcome from this friendly group. For more information about the W.I. please contact [denmeadevepres@hampshirewi.org.uk](mailto:denmeadevepres@hampshirewi.org.uk)



**Ally Chatterley, Operations Manager at Citizens Advice Winchester District gives advice on dealing with damp and mould in a rental property.**



**Q** Damp and mould is building up in our house. Our living room is the worst and there's a strong smell, so we've stopped having friends round. We're also concerned about our health. We've reported it to our landlord, but they haven't done anything. With six months left on the occupation contract, we're running out of options. What should we do?

**A** You've done the right thing by bringing this to your landlord. To work out if they are responsible, you'll need to find the cause of the damp and mould, but this can take time unless there's a clear cause, like bad insulation or a leaking roof.

Damp is when an area of your property doesn't dry out, often because it's cold. The main types are rising, penetrating, construction, and condensation damp. It can lead to mould, which is a fungus that grows in areas where warm damp air condenses on cold surfaces, like window frames. Information on our website can help you work out what type of damp you have, who is responsible and what you can do.

You should also check your written statement for mentions of repairs and damp. Your landlord is responsible for fixing a damp problem if it's making your home unsafe to live in. For example, this could be if it's affecting your health or the health of those you live with.

Your landlord will also be responsible if the

damp is related to repairs they should have carried out, like if the window frames are rotting. They would have to cover the cost of repairs to any items damaged by the damp, including carpets and furniture.

Condensation is a key cause of damp we're all familiar with. Keeping homes well-heated and well-ventilated is the best way to prevent this, but for many of us today, high heating costs and cold weather are making this very difficult. If you're finding it hard to insulate and heat your home, check our website to see if you're eligible for support.

Always avoid doing anything that can make damp worse, as it may affect whether the landlord takes responsibility for repairs. Our website has advice on what to avoid, like drying clothes on heaters, blocking air vents, or using portable gas heaters.

You may reach the point where you just want to get out of your occupation contract early but remember this can be very tricky and there might be things you haven't tried yet. For example, if your landlord is responsible for the damp in your home but doesn't do anything, there are steps you can take, like reporting them to the local authority. And as a private renter, if you've got evidence from a health professional that damp is making you ill, you may be able to get free legal advice through Legal Aid.

If you're feeling stuck, you can call Citizens Advice Winchester District on





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## The DVA Reminisces

January's speaker at the Village Association, Chris Deane, who has lived all his life in Denmead, talked about the Restalls shop, which many members could remember and showed a book which included a Restalls family tree dating back to the 18th century.

In 1902 Gerald Restall took over the Post Office and it then became the village grocery store in the premises we now know as South Downs Funeral Service and Glasstec. Between 1975-8 Chris was the 'shop boy' and paid 22p an hour! The Post Office was on the right of the premises and on the left was an Off Licence, further to the left was the butcher and further on fruit and vegetables with the bakery on the opposite side. Just as nowadays, the chocolate was near the tills! On the opposite side of the road various shops have changed over the intervening years; the Co-op used to be a haberdashery but the Fish & Chip shop is still the same. Restalls closed in 1991 following which the premises were empty at various times despite an application to build a three-storey block of flats, which was declined. Terry Norman, a cousin of the Restalls, has written three books recording the history of the village, one of which is sold by DVA.

His brother Cecil is listed on the village war memorial.

During the meeting the Chair advised that, in terms of the Newlands development, Barratts has accepted responsibility for the poor road surfaces and will commence the work shortly and complete by Christmas. He then informed the members of a new book to be published by DVA by Martin and Judith Lewis, who have created a book of 30 walks around Denmead. This will be available at the next meeting, when Martin will be speaker and will introduce the book. (One of these walks is currently featured in each edition of the Chronicle – see pages 30-31.)

Future plans include; the May speaker will be a 'Cyber Champion' and will advise on how to protect against cybercrime. The events committee will also be arranging several activities throughout the year, and the association is also looking for people interested in joining a drama group and is planning a car boot sale as well as a visit to Hampshire Records Office.

Why not come to the next meeting in All Saints Church Hall at 7.30pm on 15th March to hear Martin's tales about his walks. Annual membership is £8 with the first visit free.

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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, 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)

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

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

### 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)

Further Details from Mrs S Thomas 07534 024388

## Denmead Community Centre (The Old School)

### Regular Events

#### Mondays

09.00-10.00 Little Kickers

09.30 -10.30 Better Body Club

11.00 - 12.00 Yoga with Allison

10.30 - 11.30 Steady and Strong

10.00 - 12.00 Watercolours for Improvers

14.30 - 16.30 U3A Board games – fortnightly

18.30 - 19.30 Robinsons Gym (Ages 7-15)

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

19.00 - 22.00 Denmead Bridge Club

19.30 - 20.30 Robinsons Gym (Ages 16+)

#### Tuesdays

09:00 – 10:00 Better Body Club – Pilates Intermediate

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)

10:15 - 11:15 Better Body Club - Beginners/Rehab Pilates

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

17.00 - 18.00 Create – Children's Art Classes

18.00 - 19.00 Pilates Class

18.30 - 19.30 Robinsons Gym – Fighters Camp Session

19.00 - 21.00 Denmead WI – monthly

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

19.00 - 21.00 LD Art Group

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
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- 19.30 - 20.30 Robinsons Gym (Ages 16+)

### Fridays

- 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)
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### Sundays

- 09.00 - 12.30 Denmead Brass Band
- 19.30 - 22.00 Board Gaming – monthly

*If you are interested in joining any of the groups please contact Denmead Centre on 023 9225 6132*

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## HCC Appeals for Loving Homes

### Loving homes needed

A new campaign from Hampshire County Council's Fostering Service shares the life changing stories of children who have fled to the UK in search of safety and the incredible foster carers who have welcomed them into their homes. It seeks to inspire more prospective carers to come forward and follows an initial campaign launched last summer highlighting the need for more loving, stable homes for these children.

The only requirement is a spare room – and, of course, plenty of patience, resilience, open-mindedness and positivity. There are many different types of arrangements available, from full-time fostering to more flexible options that fit around home and work/life commitments. Visit the HCC Fostering Service website to find out more <https://www.hants.gov.uk/uasc>. For forthcoming events and more information about the extensive training and support visit

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/socialcareandhealth/fostering/trainingandsupportavailableforfoster-carers>

### More than 5,000 New School Places

A proposed major investment of £242 million could create 5,312 extra school places in Hampshire by September 2027. HCC has set out its proposed capital projects for Children's Services over the next three years, which include

- eight new schools
- two new special schools
- two school expansions

- seven projects to increase provision for children with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) in existing schools.

In total, proposed new schools and expansions represent £199 million of the overall £242 million. The additional school places would contribute to a total of 19,989 new school places since 2013.

Places for pupils with special educational needs and disabilities remain a key focus of the capital programme, with two new proposed special schools in the pipeline including one in Whiteley which, subject to final approval, would be funded by Government following the Council's successful bid to the Department for Education (DfE). Additionally, over £6 million has been earmarked for proposed projects to expand SEND provision at seven existing schools by September 2024.

Other projects to be funded by the capital programme, subject to approval, include access improvements in schools and other modernisations across existing buildings, as well as projects for children's social care and early years settings.

### Green light for changes to School and Post-16 Transport Policies

Changes designed to make HCC's School Transport Policy more flexible and responsive to individual children's needs have been given the seal of approval. The changes are not part of a savings programme and do not include any changes to the eligibility criteria for the service.

One of the key proposals agreed is the introduction of Personal Transport

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Budgets which could give greater choice to families with children whose needs cannot be met effectively in the local transport market. In these circumstances, the provision of a Personal Transport Budget could enable families to create more tailored transport arrangements better suited to their children.

The provision of Passenger Assistants (PAs), who accompany eligible children with additional needs on their school journeys, will now also be reviewed regularly to ensure the right support continues to be given. This could benefit those children currently without a PA whose needs have now increased and, likewise, those with a PA who have become more independent and no longer require this level of support.

As with most Local Authorities, the Post-16 Transport service requires a partial financial contribution from parents with the majority of the costs funded by the Council. This contribution does not apply to families on low incomes or in exceptional circumstances and, in 2022/23, was waived for 76.7% of families eligible.

The agreed increase in the parental contribution for Post-16 Transport will be applied annually, in line with inflation, from September 2024. It will also apply to other discretionary transport services for school age children such as Spare Capacity seating, which enables families with children who are not eligible for funded statutory transport to pay for spare seats on transport contracted by the Council where they are available. Again, this change is not part of a savings programme and there are no changes to the eligibility criteria.

Visit the Council's website for full details of the changes to the School Transport Policy -

<https://democracy.hants.gov.uk/documents/s116010/Decision%20Report%20-%20Proposed%20Changes%20to%20the%20School%20Transport%20Policy.pdf>

## Hampshire Facts

It's estimated that 58,100 people in Hampshire over the age of 16, experienced domestic abuse in the last year [41,000 women and 16,800 men]

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# Denmead Walks

The route of this walk is similar to Denmead Walk 20 but in the opposite direction and a little shorter. It traverses sections of Wayfarers Walk and Monarch's Way yielding very pleasant views from the high point after turning off Pithill Lane and again when crossing Sawyers Hill.

## WALK DETAILS

Distance 6.15km/3.8 miles

Duration 1h 35m

Walk Grade MODERATE (3/5)

Stiles 2

Leaving Kidmore Lane car park go R up the lane then turn L into Cemetery Lane. Continue past the burial ground then turn R. Keeping the small bungalows on your LHS and cemetery the other side the path soon bears L but on emerging with the field ahead go R. Proceed along Wayfarers Walk as far as a gate where a footpath from Harts Copse comes from the L.

**1.1km/0.7mile** After passing through the gate remain in the same direction eventually reaching a second gate that leads onto Mayswell Lane. Here go L then after 30m turn R into Harrowgate Gate.

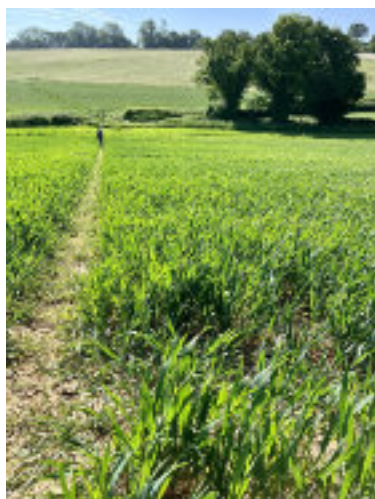


1: Wayfarers Walk

**2.28km/1.4miles** Take the L fork uphill on reaching the junction in front of Pithill House

with Kidmore Lane. The lane turns L partway up the hill at the top of which go R on a wide farm track.

**2.7km/1.7miles** Enjoy the view down into the valley and take time to look back toward the Solent while walking along the crest of the hill. After 400m bear R downhill keeping the line of trees on your LHS. If the footpath is indistinct as the tree line finishes, head in the general direction to the L of the last tree at the bottom of the hill. (See figure 2)



2: Approaching Fiveways Junction



3: Vista from Sawyers Hill

**3.5km/2.18miles** Go over a low stile onto Harrowgate Lane at the junction known as Fiveways then take the path uphill obliquely to the R over Sawyers Hill. Again, pause when climbing up the hill to admire the stunning views on the RHS.

**4.3km/2.7miles** After the greenway has progressed downhill for some distance look out for a gap in the hedge on the LHS (this is almost directly opposite a metal stile on the R.) Go through the gap following the direction of the yellow footpath sign. Bear L on reaching Crossway Lane and continue to the junction at the end.



4: Crossways Junction

**4.77km/3miles** Reaching Crossways Junction walk around the white house before picking up the FP on the RHS just before the Edneys Lane sign. Go over the very low stile and walk across the well-marked FP that eventually emerges onto White Horse Lane opposite Little Denmead Farm.

**5.2km/3.25miles** Turn L onto the lane and remaining on the metalled surface after 400m branch R into Tanners Lane. At the end of the same turn L into Kidmore Lane; the car park is a short way along this lane.



5: Footpath emerging onto White Horse Lane

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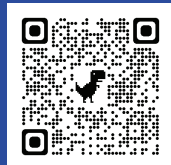
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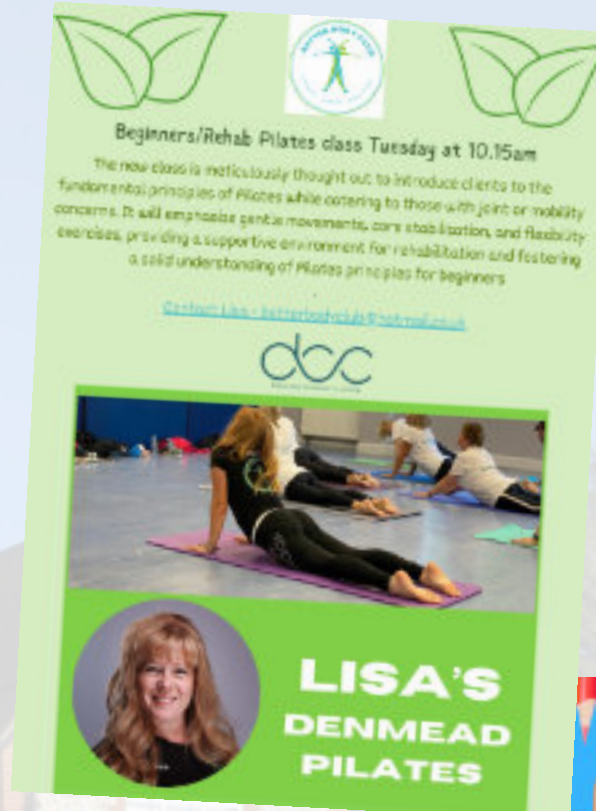




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## District Council Update on Voting, Tax & Planning

### Voting procedures for the upcoming May Elections

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### Council tax 24/25

At the time of writing the only document which has been published to-date is The Scrutiny Committee Report. The report is comprised of several papers to form the main budget proposals: Housing Revenue Account (HRA) Budget, General Fund Budget Capital Investment Strategy and the Treasury Management Strategy, all will have been put before the Cabinet on 8th February for approval.

Housing report is proposing an increase in Council Rents of 7.7%.

General Fund – the Financial Plan shows that in two years the council will show £2.9m gap in funding. There is already a Transformation Challenge 2025 (TC25) which will see a transformation of council services following a review of each of the council departments to identify savings.

Capital Investment Strategy – Subject to Council approval it is proposed to spend close to £1m on projects within Winchester Town in 2024/5.

It seems likely that the proposed Council Tax increase for the coming year will be the maximum allowed by Central Government but this will have been agreed at the end of February. Confirmation will be reported in the April edition.

### Planning matters

Planning Enforcement is still of great concern with Denmead Ward having in excess of over 30 open cases and this is growing at a rapid rate, many of the open cases are getting quite old and may run past the date in which any action can be pursued.

On the first Saturday of each month there is a Surgery held in the Heath Room at All Saints Church where you can meet your local District and County Councillors between 10am - 12 noon. No appointment required. We look forward to seeing you.

*On behalf of District Cllrs Caroline Brook, Paula Langford-Smith and Mike Read.*



## 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.

At our next meeting, on **Tuesday 12th March 2024** former Customs Officer Malcolm Nelson will give a talk entitled "Why do we Feel so Guilty?" Have you ever walked through the Green Channel when returning to the UK and perhaps forgot to declare that extra bottle of whisky or perfume? A former Customs Officer spills the beans!

The following month, on Tuesday 9th April 2024, Speaker Juian LeGood will take a somewhat irreverent look at what it's like to discover you have cancer and how he dealt with the diagnosis. "Surviving Cancer, Surviving Hospital" - although a very serious subject our Speaker's attitude is to "laugh in the face" of cancer and his talk is quite humorous. His fee will be donated to the Macmillan Cancer Support organisation.

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; visit to a gin distillery, a behind the scenes theatre visit, when family and friends are welcome. These trips are optional.

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Denmead & Hambledon

The next Repair Café will be on Saturday 16th March Hambledon Church 10am - noon

Further dates for the year (but do check our Facebook page in case of any updates):

Saturday 20th April Denmead Community Centre 1 - 4pm

Saturday 18th May Hambledon Church 10am - noon

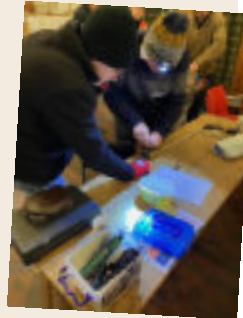
Saturday 15th June Denmead community centre 1-4

Saturday 20th July Hambledon Church 10am - noon

Saturday 21st September Denmead community centre 1-4

Saturday 19th Oct Hambledon Church 10am-noon

Saturday 16th November Denmead Community Centre 1-4



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