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**DENMEAD IS A** safe, successful, prosperous, and friendly community, and if you are reading this, you probably live here. It is home to you.

The next Parish Council elections are in May. A number of councillors, who have served the village for many years, are standing down. So there is an opportunity for a council with new faces and fresh ideas.

The Parish Council consists of 13 councillors. Its job is to make Denmead a more enjoyable place in which to live. The Council interfaces with other

service providers such as Winchester City Council, Hampshire County Council, the Police and others to make sure Denmead gets the services to which it is entitled. As all council members live in the community, they, as a collective body, are in the best position to represent the villagers' interests.

It is important that the Council operates at full strength and any retiring councillors are replaced. It is also important to improve the democratic process and give all eligible

residents the opportunity to put their names forward to stand for Council. If more than 13 names are put forward, this would necessitate an election.

So please consider standing as a councillor for Denmead Parish Council. Forms will be available from The Clerk, or the Returning Officer, at Winchester City Council and have to be returned by noon on 4 April 2011.

You may wonder what it takes to become a councillor. People become councillors for many different reasons: sometimes they are passionate about a local issue, or they just want to be involved in improving the lives of people around them.

There is no 'councillor type' just ordinary, everyday people, making a difference. People like you. Groups made up of diverse individuals tend to make better informed decisions, and this is true of a council. Almost anyone who is registered to vote, lives, works, or owns property in an area can become a councillor.

As a councillor you would help to develop policies and be involved in decision-making. You would be expected to make as many Council and Committee meetings as possible, where these decisions are made. If you want to know more about the commitment, please contact any councillor listed on the back page of this newsletter and have a chat about it.

Please consider standing as a Councillor for the next 4 year term.

You are cordially invited to the **ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY** a meeting of the electorate of Denmead at ALL SAINTS CHURCH HALL HAMBLEDON ROAD, DENMEAD on **TUESDAY 29th MARCH 2011** starting at 7.30pm

Look out for the agenda on the notice boards.  
Light refreshments will be served.

Dear Residents,

I AM PC Emma Port from Bishops Waltham Police Station. I am responsible for Denmead, Hambledon and Soberton with my colleague, Police Community Support Officer Laurence Day.



I have been a police officer for several years working within the Winchester District. I moved to Bishops Waltham Police Station in June 2010 to take on a new challenge and work with new people. I have already met a lot of faces in the area, but look forward to working with you all.

I am sure you are aware that the darker evenings are still with us, so please don't advertise that your home is unoccupied to potential burglars.

If you know you are not going to be home until the evening or you are going out, please leave a light on to give the impression there is someone home. Consider a timer switch, which is programmed to turn the lights on when you are not home. Timer switches can be obtained for a few pounds from DIY stores.

Many burglaries are crimes of

opportunity. Burglars only need to spot an open window, unlocked side gate or dodgy security alarm to make their move.

Think about it - if your home security looks poor, thieves will see it too. The good news is that it does not take much to secure your house and put them off.

### Safety Checklist:

- Have you checked my doors and windows are locked?
- Have you fitted dead locks to all outside doors? - Burglars hate them because you need a key to open them from the inside as well as the outside.
- Have you made sure that neither my car nor house keys are in sight or in easy reach of any windows or doors and you do not keep them in an obvious place in the house?
- Have you installed a burglar alarm?
- Check you have not hidden your spare key outside, or in the garage or shed.
- That ladders or tools are not left outside.
- Valuables are out of sight from windows.
- Cash or bank details are not left lying around.

Lastly, and also linked to the winter months, are increases of oil thefts from oil tanks which fuel homes. This is a national issue, not just local. I have stickers which can be placed on the tanks to help deter thieves. Please contact me should you require one.

I am very community-minded and like to deal with a problem using a long term resolution and not a quick fix. I also look to the community as my 'eyes and ears' so let me know what is going on in the area and I will do my very best to help you.

If you have any issues you would like to speak to me about please contact me - details below.

I look forward to hearing from you.

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or on the NPIA website - [maps.police.uk](http://maps.police.uk)

## Overlord Show 2011



IN MAY 1944 the areas around Denmead were used as a major staging point for allied troops preparing for D-Day code, named Operation Overlord. Sixty-seven years later, GIs, Tommies and the occasional 'Jerry' will once again be seen on the streets of the village. However these troops are part of the support cast of re-enactors for the Overlord Military Show taking place on The Lawns during the late May Bank Holiday.

The Overlord show has been established in the Portsmouth area for almost 30 years, originally a static vehicle display on Southsea Common. However with the ever-increasing interest

in the 1940s the show has now attracted a number of authentic living history groups of re-enactors covering all aspects of the Second World War.

The show gives the opportunity to see a vast range of military vehicles both historic and some still currently in service use. This, combined with battle re-enactment, a full list of arena events and a possible flypast by the Battle of Britain Memorial Flight (TBC), make it a great day out for the whole family.



# denmead Community Association

IT DOES NOT seem like five minutes since we were breaking the sheet-ice off the car park at Denmead Community Centre, and now the daffodils are showing through. This year we have an even more diverse programme of events to tempt, amuse and educate.

On 14 March we are running a one-day course on how to revitalise a tired garden, with local enthusiast Karen Forster. This will include a step-by-step guide on designing and



Maggie Smith in 'From Time to Time'

researching a new garden plan.

Our film programme continues with "From Time to Time" on 26 March - a ghost story written and directed by Julian Fellowes and based on the children's book "The Chimneys of Green Knowe" by Lucy Boston. The

all-star cast includes Maggie Smith, Pauline Collins and Hugh Bonneville. This is a classic tale of a treasure hunt and ghost story, set in the hauntingly beautiful fenlands in the winter of 1944.

On 30 April, by popular request, we are screening "Made in Dagenham" - the true story of the 1968 strike at Fords over equal pay for women. A great cast includes Miranda Richardson as Barbara Castle, Bob Hoskins, Geraldine James, Rosamund Pike and Sally Hawkins. This is a uniquely British film from the team that created "Calendar Girls".

From 11 to 15 April we will be running a children's holiday club which will include all the classics such as Easter egg hunts, decorating eggs, cooking, rambling in the local woods and getting nicely covered in glue, paint and sticky tape! We will round off the week's entertainments with a professional magician.

Our popular belly-dancing classes will finish in April. If you have enjoyed them and would like them to continue, please let us know.

We are very proud to announce that, despite the increase in VAT, we are holding all our prices to last year's levels, from film tickets at £5.00, to room hire fees. In fact the only thing that has gone up slightly is the price of our eggs!

Next year will be a very special

time for many reasons: the Queen's Diamond Jubilee, the British Olympics and the 80th anniversary of Denmead becoming a parish. We are progressing well in our plans to create a piece of community art to hang permanently in our Main Hall as a celebration of village life in 2012.

Already, a team of talented local artists have created a life-sized plan, and we are starting to receive logos of all kinds from various clubs, groups and organisations. Please do not be left out. We would like everyone who has a stake in Denmead to have a place on this wall-hanging.

If your group does not have a logo, please send us a few well-chosen words to express who you are and what you do, and these can be embroidered or painted on for you. All contributions should be no more than six inches square, and should be sent to Denmead Community Centre at School Lane, Denmead, PO7 6LU.

Finally, a big THANK YOU is due to Denmead Co-op and the people of Denmead. Because you all used your Community cards when you shopped, you managed to raise thousands of pounds which have been shared between us and Denmead Infants School. We are incredibly grateful for this wonderful opportunity to upgrade our equipment. Hopefully everyone who uses the Community Centre will benefit in some way from this marvellous windfall.

For full details on everything going on at the Community Centre, call in and see us any weekday, ring 023 9225 6132, or check our website: [www.denmeadca.com](http://www.denmeadca.com).

## Website wins award



THE HAMPSHIRE ASSOCIATION of Local Councils (Hampshire ALC) is a member-owned association acting as a support organisation and representative body for the 261 parish and town councils of Hampshire.

The ALC runs annual Communications Awards amongst its member Councils for best website and best newsletter. The awards are designed to help raise levels of communications. This year's winner of Best Local Council Website was Denmead Parish Council.

Judged against seven criteria of objectives of website; user-friendliness; visual design; structure; functionality and overall experience, the judge considered that Denmead's website exceeded these.

Your Parish Council was delighted to receive this award as both recognition of one of the ways in which it communicates with its residents and of the hard work put into maintaining the currency and relevance of the information it supplies.

# SINCE THE LAST EDITION

- NOTES FROM THE CHAIRMAN'S DIARY



9 November

**blueprint**  
be the community architect  
no targets, just real needs



ANY PUBLIC MEETING in the village is a significant event, and with over 60 people attending to discuss Winchester City Council's Blueprint project, this was no exception. The evening was led by Steve Opacic and ably chaired by my colleague, John Knight. There were many strands of discussion and original thought that emerged from the meeting. The notes will now be distilled into Denmead's Report which will be sent to Winchester as soon as possible.

19 November

THIS WAS THE cut-off date for responses to the Parish Council's Blueprint Survey. In all we had 182 responses to work with. Not as many as we would have liked but analysing them with all the other work at the moment (e.g. setting next year's budget, agreeing the Precept, commenting on the plans for Little Frenchies Field, progress at the West of Waterlooville Development) we shall be lucky to meet the target of 10 December.

1 December

DRIVING THROUGH THE village this evening it was a cheerful, festive sight to see the Christmas lights on the tree on the green. There are more lights than last year and it shows!

2 December

Here we go again! Snow fell overnight and our dog was amazed to find eight inches (alright, 20 centimetres if you must) in the garden. Almost no traffic was moving this morning so it was unusually

quiet as I walked into the village with our dog, Harvey. With last winter's snow still fresh in everyone's memory, I sense there is less novelty value this time and folk are rather more fed up with the inconvenience. There were a number of people with their cameras recording the scene and I confess to being one of them.

17 December

THE HOUSEHOLD MADE its pleasant 'pilgrimage' on foot to the Scouts outdoor carol service. There were villagers of all ages and they enjoyed some hearty singing led by Bernie Reid with the Denmead Brass playing the carols. It was so COLD!

I don't know how the musicians' fingers didn't freeze up, but the atmosphere made for a notable evening. Thanks from me, and the other Parish and City Councillors who were present to all those involved in organising the event. It is a pity not more people braved the weather to be present - they missed something very special.

12 January



17 January

IT IS THE weather again. So much heavy rain fell last night and this morning that some drains locally have become blocked with the late-fallen, and mainly oak, leaves. I stopped to clear some - it is quite easy, you just get your hands very cold and wet! In one case rainwater was flooding across School Lane, over a drain, and into a resident's drive. It is a neighbourly thing to do at this time of year, to check that your drains (and ditches where you own one) are running freely.



# News from the county

## New Bus Pass Scheme

**DENMEAD RESIDENTS OVER** the age of 60 currently have Winchester City Council bus passes entitling them to free travel. The passes are due to expire at the end of March. Hampshire County Council, who are taking over responsibility for the new bus passes, have arranged for the current passes to be used for another 12 months without the need for a new pass. The bus company operators have been informed about this and have agreed to honour existing bus passes beyond 1 April.



Hampshire will be issuing new bus passes later in the year and these will be valid for three years. The bus passes will be valid from 9.30 am until 11 pm. The county is currently in discussion with bus companies to seek variations in the times of buses where there have been difficulties for residents who wish to travel between 9 am and 9.30am.

If the new start time of 9.30 am is likely to cause difficulty, please contact me so I can ensure your circumstances are brought to the attention of the bus companies.

## Mobile Library

**ALTHOUGH THE COUNTY** council is making economies in its mobile library service, Denmead will continue to receive a weekly visit on Fridays from a mobile library van.

Economies are being made because of a decline in usage of the mobile libraries. However the Denmead van is well used and



will therefore continue. But please make good use of this library.

## Childrens' Centre

**THE CHILDRENS' CENTRE** in Denmead is now open and the staff are happy to receive visits from parents of children aged up to five years. The centre is situated next to the Denmead Infant School on Hambledon Road.

The centre provides a wide range of services for parents and is well worth a visit.

## Pioneering Green Meadows

**GREEN MEADOWS HAS** been pioneering a new service for residents of Hampshire, called "Time to Think". It is designed for elderly people who have been in hospital for a serious operation and gives them the option of staying at Green Meadows for a few weeks after leaving hospital to allow them to decide whether they would like to stay longer in such a residential home or return to their own home.

The programme has been so successful in giving elderly people more options on where they want to live that it is being extended to other parts of Hampshire.

## Top Waste Authority

**HAMPSHIRE HAS BEEN** named as the best county council in handling waste management. It sends just 10 percent of all waste to landfill sites - the lowest of any local authority in England. The success is due to a strong partnership with the district councils in the county.

District councils such as Winchester City Council collect the waste and the County Council disposes of it.

Hampshire achieves a 40

percent rate of recycling - this includes the plastic bottles, cans, newspapers and magazines placed in green wheeliebins and materials recycled at the 24 household waste recycling centres in the county.

Not everything is suitable to be recycled, but Hampshire views all waste as a resource and much of it that cannot be recycled is converted into electricity at one of the county's three energy recovery centres.

## Battle Against Scams

**HAMPSHIRE'S TRADING STANDARDS** department has set up a specialist unit to try to help those residents who have fallen victim to a scam or financial abuse related to goods and services.

So far the officers have clawed back £300,000 from traders who have misled pensioners in the county. The money has been retrieved through mediation and negotiation rather than putting the elderly people through the ordeal of going to court to seek redress.

An example of what can be achieved is that an elderly man suffering from memory loss and a curvature of the spine was sold a bed that was unsuitable for his needs by a company that then went into liquidation. Having taken out a loan to pay for the bed, he was being pursued by debt collectors although he was unable to use the bed or return it to the firm. Trading standards officers drew up a full report for the finance company which agreed to write-off the debt.



**Freddie Allgood**  
County Councillor



# Summer Sports in Denmead



## Denmead Bowling Club

**DENMEAD BOWLING CLUB** was founded in 1992 and is located in the King George V playing field off Ashling Park Road near to the children's playground. There are currently 160 adult members, both male and female, together with some juniors.

The outdoor season runs from mid April until late September. Indoor bowling, Short Mat, commences late September until early April.

During the winter a Bridge Club plays on Wednesday afternoons and a Craft section meeting on Thursday afternoons.

Outdoor competitive bowling is catered for through five men's teams, two ladies' teams and a mixed team competing in the Portsmouth & District Leagues. Indoor competitive bowling is catered for through four mixed teams. Social bowls is also very popular with three roll-up sessions each day and friendly fixtures played against other clubs.

For more information please contact the Club on telephone number 023 9226 3028, or alternatively visit the club between 10.00 am and dusk on any day.

## Denmead Cricket Club

**DENMEAD CRICKET CLUB** was formed circa 1927 and plays its home games at the King George V playing fields. It runs two Saturday League Teams, that currently play in the South East 3 & 4 divisions of the Hampshire League. A friendly Sunday Team and midweek games are played in association with GEC - Marconi. It also has a team that plays in the winter Indoor League at Fareham.

The club is always looking for new players of all abilities, especially residents in Denmead and has indoor nets at Portsmouth Grammar School prior to the start of the season in May. We do not have membership fees, like a lot of the bigger local clubs, and match fees are very reasonable. If you are interested in joining a friendly club or require more details please contact Neil Lane on 07767007976 or email: lanes5@ntlworld.com

## DENMEAD TENNIS CLUB

**THE CLUB WAS** established in 1964 with a small membership. In 2003 the club took the momentous decision to retain a qualified coach; since then the club has built

a thriving and successful junior section, through which many parents are now joining and enjoying their own tennis. There are three courts, two of which are floodlit allowing play to continue all through the winter months.

There are two regular adult sessions on Mondays and Fridays as well as two afternoon sessions on Mondays and Wednesdays. There is also an adult coaching session every Sunday. The club also runs a comprehensive junior programme every Saturday for players of all ages and abilities. The club also competes in various local adult and junior leagues and has a good social calendar.

For more information please contact the Secretary, David Chiswell on 02392 263191 or email: chriswed@btopenworld.com

## Ville Bowmen

**VILLE BOWMEN IS** a target archery club that is affiliated to The Grand National Archery Society, which is the governing body of the sport within the UK.

Their aim is to provide a location where all persons who are interested in the sport may try it out themselves at minimal cost, and if they wish to continue in the sport they provide friendly, competitive local tournaments for its members. Meeting at Kidmore Field, Denmead (April - Sept) Denmead Memorial Hall (Oct - March) 9.00 on Sundays. Phone: 023 9226 4728 for information.

# Denmead Youth Partnership Agreement Signed

**ON 5 OCTOBER** last year, a tripartite agreement was signed to cement the work being done with young people in the village. The Denmead Youth Partnership Agreement has been made between DPC, Denmead Swings and Things, and Hampshire Constabulary. It "seeks to promote the general well-being, physically, mentally and socially, of the youth of Denmead through their education, health initiatives, physical activity and social interaction, in order to facilitate their growing up into good citizens."

Swings and Things is a registered

charity, a local voluntary group whose purpose is to raise funds to finance youth-based projects.

The primary objective of the partnership is to ensure the continuation of the Denmead Activity Nights (DAN). These were originally set up as a Children's Fund project in 2003, under the ethos of the then Government's Every Child Matters programme, namely for children to be healthy; stay safe; enjoy and achieve; make a positive contribution to the village and achieve economic well-being. DAN operates from the Youth Room in the Ashling Pavilion on



Monday and Tuesday nights. (For more information contact the Parish Council Office.)

# Blueprint

## – what happened?

YOU MAY REMEMBER that last December Denmead Parish Council decided to act upon an initiative from Winchester City Council called 'Blueprint'. The idea was to give the inhabitants of Denmead a voice in how the village would develop over the next decade or so.

To promote and explain this a public meeting was held, various groups in the village were visited and both school and youth groups were happy to participate. Every household received an explanatory leaflet and occupants were invited to take part by filling in an attached questionnaire.

We received 182 responses which represents 2.69% of Denmead's current population. On the one hand this could be considered as very disappointing but, had we received many more, it would have taken considerably longer to analyse them than the time we had at our disposal.

Fig. 1 shows the response was not representative of the village's demographic profile. There was little representation from the 17-40 age group. A likely reason perhaps is that these people are mobile and do not have the same commitment to Denmead as other more settled residents.

From the analysis of the returns, seven areas of concern became identifiable, ranging from housing to employment.

Fig. 2 shows the numbers recorded. Two of these are worthy of a little more discussion. In 104 of the 182 responses building was mentioned 120 times, suggesting that at least some residents considered more than one aspect of housing.

Fig. 3 sets out the results and bears some comment. The responses ranged from no building at all, included a good example of 'nimbyism' and the reasonable view that at least some building for the elderly and subsidised housing for the young would be necessary. The suggestion that there is no building at all within the village during the next decade or so is not an entirely

realistic option, since its population is likely to increase and extra housing will be needed. Some of the more bizarre suggestions were the building of a shopping mall, hospital and a multi-storey car park!

Another concern was transport, raised especially by the more elderly residents. The bus service seemed unreservedly to be held in some contempt being unreliable, with a reduced service on Saturdays and no service on Sundays and Bank Holidays. This means that for 67 days a year there is no public transport through the village. Whilst it is easy to be sympathetic, it is an economic 'hot potato' in that if routes are not economical they will not happen. Denmead Parish Council however recognises that transport remains a key issue for the future development of the village and is urging Winchester City Council to improve it, as and when it is possible.

This article has considered only two of the seven issues raised: the others are equally important. We would like to thank all those people who took part for their contributions. From these the Chairman of Denmead Parish Council has drawn up an excellent response to 'Blueprint' which has now been submitted to Winchester City Council. It has been posted on the village's award-winning website - details of which can be found elsewhere in Parish Scene. There are hard copies available from the Parish Office, if anyone is interested and would like it for a record. Finally we would urge you all, whether you participated or not, to

read it out of interest and discover what response the Parish Council has made on your behalf.

Cllr J L Harrison

Response to Blueprint Questionnaire by Age Group

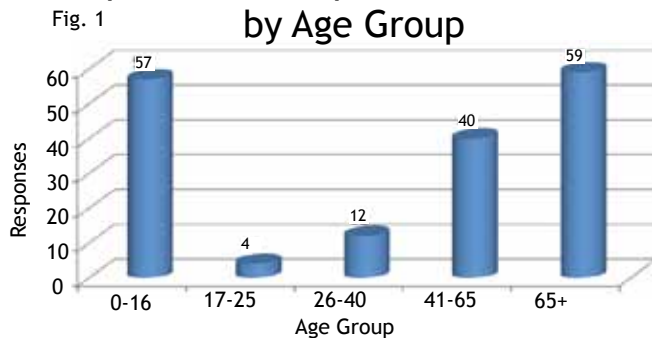


Fig. 2 Areas of Concern

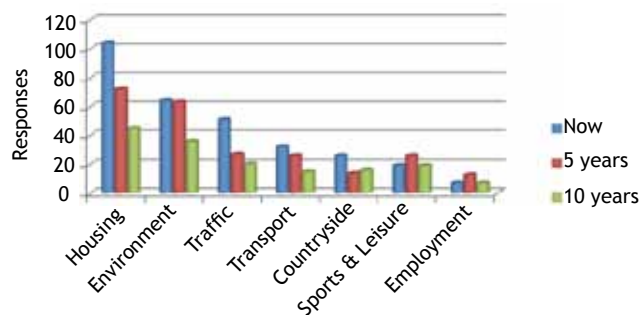
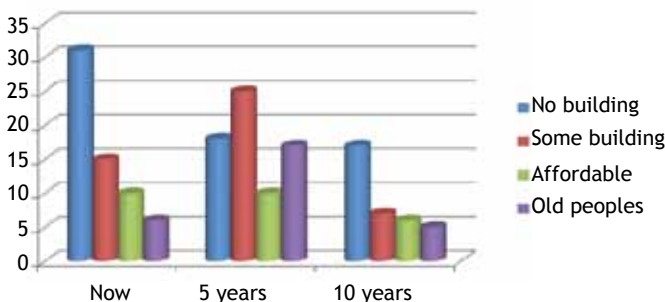


Fig. 3 Housing, by type of comment



# LOCAL GOVERNMENT REPORT

## Planning Fees

The coalition Government has published a consultation paper entitled "Proposals for Changes for Planning Application Fees in England." The aim is to allow Councils to set their own planning application and other fees, based upon the principle of recovering 100percent of their costs.

At the present time, planning application fees are set nationally by Government and do not take account of local circumstances. For example, the cost of applying for permission in Winchester is the same as Newcastle. There is a scale of charges and the fee paid by the applicant is largely determined by the type of application and the size of the development. Planning fee income currently received by councils does not generally cover the cost of providing the service and therefore the system is subsidised by council tax payers and central Government grant.

Under the proposed changes, Winchester would be able to recover all of the costs associated with the determination of applications, although some costs (such as enforcement work and appeals) would not be covered and would therefore have to be met from the Council's own resources.

## West of Waterlooville

At their January meeting, members of the West of Waterlooville forum agreed that initial discussions take place with the Parish Councils of Denmead, Southwick & Widley before any decision is made to embark upon a Community Governance Review for the possible establishment of a Parish Council for the new development.

The forum recognised that the major development area at West of Waterlooville had not progressed at the rate originally envisaged and projected dwelling development within Denmead Parish (Taylor Wimpey) excluding land in Havant is now as follows:

2009/2010	=	22
2010/2011	=	72
2011/2012	=	99
2012/2013	=	100
Total:		293

*The projected dwelling development in Southwick & Widley Parish (Grainger) is:*

2012/2013	=	119
2013/2014	=	240
2014/2015	=	240
2015/2016	=	220
2016/+	=	1388
Total:		2207

**Overall total to be built in Winchester City Council district is 2500**

Taylor Wimpey has appointed WSP UK Ltd. as Travel Plan Co-ordinator for the delivery of a travel plan covering 450 units at Dukes Meadow and as part of the S106 agreement is offering two months' free bus travel to all Dukes Meadow households; a £50 discount voucher on the purchase of a bicycle; a welcome pack of local travel information; information website for Dukes Meadow ([www.travelchoicedukesmeadow.co.uk](http://www.travelchoicedukesmeadow.co.uk)) and a regular newsletter promoting sustainable travel events.

## Partnership Working

**Test Valley** - the City Council has been developing proposals for a joint IMT service with Test Valley local authority. Tony Fawcett, from Test Valley, has recently been appointed to spearhead that initiative.

**East Hants** - a joint waste management contract with East Hants has been approved and tenders received to incorporate refuse, recycling, garden waste, street cleaning, grounds maintenance, etc. with a new contract to start from 1 October 2011.

**South Downs National Park** - from 1 April 2011 the South Downs National Park Authority (SDNPA) will become the all-purpose planning authority

for the designated area. Winchester City Council has agreed to enter into an agency agreement with the SDNPA to continue to provide a number of planning functions. The agreement will initially cover the three years from 2011/2012 to 2013/2014 with a break clause allowing dissolution of the agreement at the end of each year.

**Revenue Support Grant (RSG)** - provisional 2011/12 and 2012/13 settlements

Last December the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government announced a two-year settlement for local Government and launched a consultation on the proposed settlement, which ended in January. The settlement was worse than had been assumed, with a reduction in RSG of £2.531m in 2011/12 and a further reduction of £0.395m in 2012/13.

**New Homes Bonus** - Central Government has published a consultation document on its proposed "New Homes Bonus." The Bonus would replace the previous "Housing and Planning Delivery Grant" which the Government feels was ineffective and complicated. It is proposed that the New Homes Bonus would be calculated on the basis of the increase in numbers of new homes built on an annual basis, with information derived from Council Tax returns. The Bonus would be paid for the coming financial year (2011/12) and for a further five years subsequently. There would be enhancements for affordable housing provision and gypsy and traveller pitches, and for bringing long-term empty homes into use.

**G5 Ward Closure** - The Independent Reconfiguration Panel (IRP) will visit Portsmouth in February as part of its review into the closure of G5 - the end of life care ward - at Queen Alexandra Hospital. During their visit, Panel members will talk to PCT commissioners. Portsmouth Hospital NHS Trust's decision to close the ward was referred to the Secretary of State, Andrew Lansley, by the Portsmouth City Council's Health Overview and Scrutiny Panel, of which I am a member.

**Macmillan Centre** - The Macmillan

Information Centre at Queen Alexandra Hospital, Cosham, was given the Macmillan Quality Environment Mark in January.

The Environment Mark is designed to help ensure people affected by cancer are treated and supported in quality environments that improve the quality of care they receive. Sites and services are approved only after a detailed assessment which looks carefully at the work and services of the Centre, including the support provided to patients with cancer and their families by professionals and a team of 44 volunteers.

**St Mary's Hospital** - A new appointments system is being introduced for people wanting blood tests at St Mary's. From 24 January there will no longer be a walk-in facility for phlebotomy services and patients must telephone for an appointment. The move coincides with the opening of the new Outpatients Department, the first major development of the £18m community health campus.

**Car Parking** - The Cabinet at WCC has recently increased car parking charges, including those in the rural areas. Denmead has a FREE car park in Kidmore Lane - make sure you use

it - do not park on the village centre pavements as Civil Enforcement Officers have been alerted to the practice. Use your FREE car park.



On behalf of Councillors Phillips, Read and Stallard

Councillors' Surgeries: first Saturday of every month, The Heath Room, All Saints Church, Denmead.

10.00 am - 12 noon. No appointment needed.

## Exploring Denmead

WITH THIS ISSUE of the Parish Scene comes the leaflet 'Exploring Denmead'. An update to the Denmead Millennium Trail booklet published by the Denmead Community Association in 2000. The major changes to the trail are alterations to the route south of the village as the agreement to use one of the permissive paths has now been withdrawn.

The original route of 2000 has therefore seen the addition of a footpath across the golf course to Closewood Road and another linking Soake Road to Edneys Lane.

Thanks are due to members of the Footpaths Sub-Committee, in particular Karen Forster, Kelvin Andrews, Brendan Gibbs and Robin

Dawe, for their work in getting this quality leaflet prepared. Hampshire County Council provided financial assistance and we are also grateful for the design provided by Justin Harvey from the Rights of Way Department.

It is hoped the Healthy Walks organised by DPC will start in early April when weather and ground conditions improve. Keep an eye out on our website for details.

Those of you who regularly walk around the parish will have noticed Kings Pond is again a pond. Work was completed in late 2010 by Hampshire Highways to clear accumulated debris and allow it to function as intended, part of the ancient drainage system. It holds surface water before allowing it to flow along the ditches and streams and away to the back of beyond.



## Become a foster carer

Hampshire County Council are looking for people like you to join Hampshire County Council in caring for the vulnerable young people and children who live in Hampshire. The website [www.fostering.hampshire.gov.uk](http://www.fostering.hampshire.gov.uk) tells you more about fostering and the things you need to know as you consider fostering.

Being a foster carer is richly rewarding - one of HCC's foster carers described it as being "challenging, rewarding and massively positive". It is such an apt description that HCC have chosen it as the title for their free DVD which explains:

- more about fostering and the types of fostering you could do
- why children need fostering
- the experiences of young people who have lived in foster care
- what support, training and

development is available for foster carers

- the competitive fees and allowances that foster carers receive for their time and experience
- how foster carers feel about the role and working with Hampshire County Council.

There are lots of ways for you to get involved with fostering which are flexible to your circumstances. Fostering is a flexible working option, enabling you to stay at home and care for a child around your own family's needs. Alternatively you could be working full or part-time. Whatever your personal situation you could:

- make a short term or long term commitment to a child
- offer a regular short break to a disabled child (family link)
- make a part-time commitment to

support children and their families (support care, respite care).

Hampshire County Council welcomes enquiries and applications from anyone over the age of 21; single males, single females, couples; straight, gay or lesbian; living in your own home or rented accommodation. Foster carers are particularly needed for:

- children 12+/teenagers
- sibling groups
- children with disabilities
- placements for parents and their child.

If you can offer a Hampshire child the care and stability he/she needs, call Hampshire County Council on 0845 6035620 to ask for more information. Fostering in Hampshire is provided by Hampshire County Council's Children's Services Department.

# Planning Points:

## Notes from the DPC Planning Committee



**VILLAGERS WHO HAVE** made planning applications to Winchester City Council are often surprised when I, or one of the other parish councillors, ring them up asking to visit them to discuss their application. I conclude that many people do not know the role the Parish Council plays in planning matters - so I will explain.

Winchester City Council is the planning authority for the Winchester district which includes Denmead. This means that every planning application goes to them and is decided by them.

All parish councils have the right to comment on any planning

application which affects their parish. This is a right which Denmead Parish Council always exercises.

The Parish Council's Planning Committee meets every other Wednesday in the Denmead Community Centre, School Lane, at 7.30pm to discuss any current planning applications, plus other planning matters. The dates are published on council noticeboards and on the Council's website.

Members of the public are welcome to attend and there is an opportunity for them to make representations to the committee.

Before we decide what comment

to forward to Winchester regarding any application, two parish councillors will have visited the property in question and (if possible) spoken to the applicant. We also ensure, by delivering paper notifications, that the affected neighbours are aware of the application.

These councillors report to the full committee and endeavour to give a thorough understanding of the application to the rest of the committee. This report, together with any comments from the public, then enables the individual councillors to decide on their attitude to the application. A simple show of hands is then used to determine what we say to Winchester.

So, if you make a planning application to Winchester, do not be too surprised to get a call from me or one of the other Planning Committee members. (Councillors Davies, Gibbs, Hallett, Hull, Knight, Lander-Brinkley, and Grenville Phillips are the members at the time of writing - check the noticeboards or website for details after the May 2011 election.)

Kevin Andreoli  
Chairman,  
Planning Committee



## Scouts help plant trees

On a very damp morning, members of Denmead Scout Group helped plant some trees in the village. The Parish Council received a grant from the National Tree Council to buy trees to replace some that had been felled because they were diseased.

Michael Jordan, Harry Horn & Daniel Crane helped Councillor Jeremy Harrison to plant oak trees in Little Corner and on the corner of Creech View.

Hopefully they'll take root and grow to be large trees in years to come.

## WRVS Meals On Wheels Service

**FOR MANY YEARS** the WRVS has taken hot meals on Mondays and Fridays to those in need in the Denmead area.

To continue this service, they do need more volunteers. If you have one/two mornings a month free between 12 and 1 pm, car driver or not, please contact Leila Waterman on 02392 253495. Thank you.

## *Denis 'Dickie' Dawe* *1929 - 2011*

**DICKIE DAWE HAD** been retired for some time when he joined the Parish Council in 2004. His working background had been as a Fleet Air Arm pilot, then an Officer in the Royal Navy until, in his forties, he made a complete change to take up teaching.

This second career was spent mainly at Crookhorn School where he became Head of Science and Domestic Science - a combination that always amused him - and much respected by his pupils. Dickie was a private person, a man of traditional values. Being a thoughtful man of few words and laconic, dry humour sometimes meant that conversation with him was difficult. That disposition hid his simple humour and wit.

Dickie was a member of the Highways and Amenities Committees to which he brought his deeply held views on financial matters and getting value for money. It was the Council's loss when he decided not to seek re-election in 2007.

Dickie passed peacefully away at The Rowans Hospice earlier this year.

Neil Lander-Brinkley  
Chairman DPC

## Ever thought of joining the Denmead Twinning Association?

Do you know of its existence? Denmead Twinning Association (DTA) was formed in 1994 and some members have been part of the DTA from the beginning and others, like my husband and me, have joined more recently.

In fact, we joined just over a year ago, partly because I was approaching retirement and realised that, although we had lived in the village for 25 years, we knew very few people in Denmead. We consider it has been well worth joining; the long established members are in no way cliquey, quite the reverse, and new members are made very welcome, very quickly become part of the association and make new friends. There are members of all ages.

Given our experience, I am quite surprised that more people do not join and I wanted to take the opportunity with this article to make readers aware of what the DTA is about. One point that I must stress is that you do NOT need to be able to speak French in order to join! We hosted a French couple for a weekend last May and we all got by with phrase books. Their English was on a par with our French!

Denmead is twinned with St Georges

Les Baillargeaux a village located in the Poitou-Charentes region close to Poitiers and a short distance from La Rochelle.

On joining the DTA, a Denmead family is linked with a family from Saint Georges. Care is taken to match families or couples or single people, based on age and interests.

The highlight of each year is when the families from the two villages visit for a long weekend, normally in May. One year the Denmead families visit Saint Georges and the following year Saint Georges' families come to Denmead.

Visitors stay with their linked family who host them for the 3 day visit; the long weekend allows for many social events, individual outings and visits to local places of interest. As a group the DTA have taken our St Georges visitors to places including Spinnaker Tower, Fishbourne Roman Palace, D-Day Museum, HMS Warrior, Winchester and Oxford. Many friendships have been established over the years.

There are also several social events held each year in Denmead to enable members and non members to meet, have an enjoyable evening and raise funds for the DTA. Over the last year we have held a quiz evening, arranged for Shep Woolley to entertain us and enjoyed Call My Wine Bluff.

The aim of twinning and the social events is to have fun!

So if you have never thought of joining before but would like to know more about the DTA please contact me (023 9226 4830) or Patrick Binks (023 9226 2912) or just come along to one of our social events.

Our DTA events are always advertised on the notice boards around the village.

Cllr Ann Davies



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**Parish Council Meetings. March - June 2011**  
All meetings begin at 7.30pm (unless indicated otherwise) at the Community Centre

	Main Council (Weds)	Finance & Admin (Tues)	Amenities (Weds)	Highways & GP (Weds)	Planning (Weds)	Foot Paths Sub Com (Tues)	Sports Sub Comm (Thurs)
March		15	23	9	2, 6, 30		
April	6	26		20	13, 27	19	
May	11		4		18, 25		
June	29	7	15	1	8, 22	14	26

**Flag flying days**  
 Tues 29 March - Annual Parish Assembly  
 Wed 11 May - Annual Parish Council

- Thu 21 Apr Birthday of Her Majesty The Queen
- Sat 23 Apr St George's Day
- Fri 10 Jun Birthday of The Duke of Edinburgh
- Sat 11 Jun Official Celebration of HM's Birthday
- Sat 25 Jun Armed Forces Day
- Thu 15 Sep Battle of Britain Day
- Fri 21 Oct Trafalgar Day
- Fri 11 Nov\* Armistice Day
- Sun 13 Nov\* Remembrance Day
- Mon 14 Nov Birthday of the Prince of Wales



\*The flag will be lowered at 11am on Remembrance and Armistice Day

**SURGERIES:**

A reminder that you can meet your District and County Councillors at local surgeries, held 10.00 am - 12 noon, on the first Saturday of every month, in The Heath Room, All Saints Church. NO appointment necessary.

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