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EAST COWES: The dates have been set for a new series of conversations about dementia at St James Church, East Cowes.

‘Dementia Conversations’ is a new initiative, aimed at carers, relatives and friends of those living with dementia and other life-limiting conditions.

It helps people to be able to share experiences and gain understanding of the issues and challenges.

The new dates for 2016 include sessions on ‘Good Communication’ on February 23, and ‘How Relationships Change’ on March 15 – both at St James Church, Church Path, East Cowes.

Last December, the guest speaker was Jacqueline Hazeldine, lead nurse for end of life care at St Mary’s Hospital. She helped people think about end of life care, including creating an Advance Care Plan.

The Isle of Wight High Sheriff, Ron Holland, and his wife Susan, also visited to talk about the progress made to provide an admiral nurse based at the Earl Mountbatten Hospice from 2016.

For more details about the initiative,



Sally Read and her various Archdeacons (l to r): Peter Sutton, Trevor Reader, Chris Lowson, Tony Turner, Mervyn Banting and Karen Schmidt

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BINSTEAD: After almost three years of fundraising, a beautiful window at Holy Cross, Binstead, has been restored.

The right hand and centre lancets of the Victorian window were in a poor state and the appeal to raise funds to restore and repair them was begun in 2012.

Almost £12,000 was raised, with the

right hand lancet being replaced in 2014 and the centre one restored to its former glory last November. The left-hand lancet was given a clean as well!

The fundraising drive was led by PCC members Rodney Fox and Joan Crosley, and the work was carried out by husband and wife team Richard and Moira Ratsey, based in Gatcombe.

ISLE OF WIGHT: Sally Read, who was

PA to seven different Archdeacons over the past 25 years, retired before Christmas after a reunion with almost all of her former colleagues.

The Ven Caroline Baston was the only one of the seven who didn’t make it to the Isle of Wight after the weather played havoc with the ferries. But the others joined her for a special lunch. Sally then came to our diocesan offices for a presentation and farewell to staff there.

Diocesan Secretary the Rev Wendy Kennedy paid tribute to her commitment and wisdom across so many years of devoted service to her archdeacons and the diocese as a whole.

the school report

HOOK-with-WARSASH: There was plenty of festive cheer at Hook-with-Warsash C of E Academy, as members of the local community were welcomed to their annual Christmas fair.

Visitors were given a wonderful opportunity to buy gifts and enjoy a variety of stalls.

There was also a range of stalls such as balloon modelling, face-painting, cookie decoration and the increasingly popular Wine or Water stall.

There was also a chance to visit Santa and

his helpers in his grotto and get in some last-minute present requests.

Pupils from year 2 entertained the crowds with some traditional Christmas carols as visitors had a chance to enjoy a bite to eat.

Headteacher Sara Willoughby said, “This success of this Christmas fair was due to the dedication and hard work of the school’s PTFA and parents.

“The money raised will be used to update ICT in the school and provide improved play-areas for the children.”



Santa’s helpers at Hook-with-Warsash Academy