

Welcome to the New Year which we hope will bring us all good health and happiness.

The Communities Committee, chaired by Cllr Sharon Williams, put some great events on for us last year and are now busily planning this years. They would appreciate any offers of help from the community, so please let us know if you can spare any time. Meanwhile, we are all aware that there are those in our community who may suffer from disabilities and/or loneliness and it is our hope that we can help those in need of some assistance and friendship to ease their situation. We have not been very successful at starting up our Good Neighbour Scheme due in part to being short staffed and overworked (and my own health problems brought on by a couple of accidents last year) but we hope this year will see a surge of enthusiasm by both Councillors and Volunteers to get this initiative off the ground!

There is another very popular 'Tea Dance' being organised for Sunday 21 January for the older generation, which besides having a DJ will also have Bingo and refreshments. An Armed Forces Day celebration is also being organised with 'Tea & Cakes' in the grounds of St Mary's Church, Saturday 30 June 2018, and we are also looking to put something on for the WW1 Centenary in September this year, so watch this space and our website for more details.

Further good news is... We are indebted to the Scout Group who are in the process of passing over to us the lease of the disused Scout Hut in Denham Green. We have a fair amount of work to do in bringing it up to scratch after it has laid empty for so long, but we are really excited over the possibilities of its future use for the community. Is there something you would like to see the hall used for regularly or for a one off? If so please let us know.

Also, we are really pleased that our website has finally been renewed thanks to Cllr Julia Walsh who stepped in to engage an external company to pull it together for us. We hope you like it and will visit us regularly at www.denhambucks-pc.gov.uk There are still some areas of the site that need populating but please email our clerk if you discover any teething problems with any parts of the new site.

Further news is there are discussions under way for a 'Virtual Dementia Tour Bus' to park for a day in Denham to allow residents to experience what it is like for someone suffering from this disease and we will post the date on our website once confirmed.

The replacement of Streetlight Lampheads has now been completed across the parish, baring any that need corrective measures, except for the conservation area of Denham Village for which we are still awaiting information.

Save the Date: The Annual Parish Meeting will be held on the 16 May 2018
The Parish Council meets on the 2nd Monday of every month (except August) at 19:30 in the Parish Office, Rear of Denham Village Memorial Hall, Village Road, Denham, and residents are always welcome to attend but there is no entry once the meeting begins.

Marilyn Heath.
Chairman, Denham Parish Council

Our grateful thanks to 'In and Around Denham' for providing this platform for us.