

Dear Resident,

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It's just half way through December and we have an early deadline to meet for the next edition. However, the day is grey and gloomy with a fine rain which doesn't help to make the words flow, but here goes!

We are pleased to report that the Denham Green Fayre went really well again this year with singing by the Denham Village Infants School, the Denham Divas & Denham Academy children. The event only ran for a couple of hours because it was bitterly cold but our thanks to all who braved the biting wind and joined in with lots of people coming up to us to say how much they enjoyed it and what a great atmosphere. Our very grateful thanks to Martin Baker, a major employer in the area, and McCarthy & Stone, who have developed the old Inn on the Green site, for their very generous donations which enabled the Fayre to be held again this year.

The Christmas Tree Carol Service in Denham Village also attracted many residents and thankfully the weather had become quite mild by then. The children from the Denham Academy put on another great show, as did St Mary's Parish Church Choir. The Rector, Christoph, and his team provided the carol sheets and the choir so that we could all sing along. We are hoping they enjoyed it as much as the audience and will perhaps commit to doing the event again next year.

Now for some more mundane matters. As we pointed out last month, the latest issue we have to face is Unitary local government. Both Bucks County Council and the District Councils of Aylesbury, Wycombe, South Bucks & Chilterns, have presented their vision for a Unitary future. Neither camp, BCC or Districts, agree on the way forward but they have both submitted their proposals to the Government. Parish Councillors and Clerks have been attending meetings to try and glean which proposal will be of greater benefit to the residents but as yet they have not put enough meat on the bones for us to see how it will all hang together.

Meanwhile we have been pushing on with necessary works to cover issues raised by the residents and thanks have already come into the office for the improvements we've made to the lighting along the Pyghtle and right now the overgrowth along the A412 footpath is being tackled and you can see from one end to the other, which must be a first! Once HS2 is given the expected Royal Assent in the new year, we will hopefully be able to proceed with lighting this footpath. Also, in January, we are expecting the results of a scoping exercise undertaken by Tfb to identify what works are required to prevent this pathway from flooding.

Here we go again - our 'Good Neighbour' scheme is still moving ahead and we are jointly working with Community Impact Bucks who are arranging to run a Health & Wellbeing Fair in Denham Green. We still need more residents to join us. Can you assist us in this important community work? If you would like to get involved we would love to hear from you. **Be that person who cares!** Email your details to us at clerk@denhampc.co.uk and we will tell you more about it.

Finally, on behalf of us all, a Happy, healthy and successful 2017.

Marilyn Heath.

Chairman, Denham Parish Council

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