

Events

Did you attend the WW1 Centenary event we ran in conjunction with the Denham Village School? A lot of hard work went into setting it up and it turned out to be a very enjoyable occasion with plenty of interaction from residents. We also ran the last 'Jazz on the Green' event for this year. Again, an event enjoyed by many and a very pleasant way to spend a Sunday afternoon. Another event taking place towards the end of October is 'An Afternoon Social with Bingo'. This is an event we hold a few times a year at the New Denham Community Hall for our older residents and if we can attract more funding we would like to hold it more regularly.

We have the Buckinghamshire Golf Club to thank for commitment to supply a Christmas tree again for the village and hopefully the village residents will again rally round and decorate it ready for our annual Christmas Carols and lighting of the Tree on Denham Village green. This event will be led by the Church Choir. The Brownies and children from the Denham Infants School and the E-ACT Academy will all be entertaining us with each organisation singing. This was such an enjoyable occasion last year and we are looking forward to it again. The Church will be providing some song sheets in order that all attending will be able to participate in the singing! We will also be providing some 'hot chocolate' for the children to enjoy.

Review of Electoral arrangements for Denham

We went to some lengths in the last edition to explain what this review was all about, but we understand there was very little response from our residents to the consultation. We take that to mean that most residents are happy with our proposal and hope that the Committee approve.

Budgets

It's that time of year when we start looking at our priorities for the next year in order that we can agree our budget and set the precept for 2019/2020. To achieve this we look at every item of expenditure made over the last six months and review our spending commitments for the next six months. A lot of our financial commitments are repeated costs year on year, i.e. staffing and office costs, utilities such as street lighting, devolved services costs for hedge cutting, tree lopping, grass cutting, weed spraying, maintenance of rights of way, bus shelters, playground equipment, rental costs of land, project outlay, grants for luncheon clubs for the elderly and youth club, etc., etc. As you can appreciate there are many items to factor in besides new projects to account for.

There is so much emphasis now being placed on the growing needs of the older generation, and we need to ensure that those needs are met. Subsequently, our Good Neighbour Scheme can no longer wait for the District Council to make a decision on the Scout Hut which we had earmarked as a place where tea and coffee mornings could provide a social hub. These premises had been offered, to us, by the Scouts as they no longer needed them but we have experienced difficulty in getting the lease re-assigned by the District Council. We are now trying to identify alternative venues

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.

Marilyn Heath, Chairman, Denham Parish Council

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