

In and Around Article March 2020

Dear Resident

It's mid-February and whilst the wind and rain is causing havoc across the country, we appear to be less affected in Denham than many places where homes and retail outlets are currently under water. It's no wonder that there are flash floods on many of our roads, as despite our drains being cleared late last year, the sheer volume of rain that has fallen needs time to run away.

The bad weather has also affected work we scheduled to have been carried out during February. If it doesn't let up, we will be entering the bird nesting season which will mean that trees and hedges that have not yet been cut back will have to wait until later in the year.

If you have trees that are classified as 'boundary' trees i.e. are growing just outside your fence, then they are your responsibility to maintain and ensure that branches do not hang down lower than 2.5mtrs. You also need to be aware that we have been advised by Transport for Bucks that they need to be checked every 3 years for safety, which is a timely reminder for us with these high winds we are experiencing. Another timely reminder is that hedges that are within your property must not overhang the highway and you need to cut them back perpendicular to your boundary so that they do not impede pedestrians. If you find that you are being forced to step into the road to avoid a hedge, then please advise us of the address.

We are hoping that we can go to consultation with you on our Neighbourhood Plan at our **Annual Parish Meeting on Wednesday 19 March 2020 at 7pm.**

Our events committee have arranged another '**Sunday Tea Dance Social**' with Bingo and Dancing at 3pm on **Sunday 5 April 2020** at our usual venue of the New Denham Community Hall, Oxford Road, further dates are being arranged along with a special tea dance on **Sunday 10 May 2020** for VE day.

Two additional **defibrillators** have been purchased and will soon be installed in Denham Green and Tatling End.

We will be arranging an official opening of the new **outdoor gym** installed in Knighton Way Lane Recreation Field. This field now caters for a very wide variety of activity including junior football, basketball and other children's play equipment. We have also recently replaced and installed some new benches making it a pleasant place for residents.

We are hoping that the new Unitary Buckinghamshire Council will be able to provide us with some new **community facilities** we can use as a Community Centre to support our volunteers and work we do for our Good Neighbours Scheme, allow provision for a Youth Club and a base for other initiatives in the community.

We are seeking a couple of volunteers from each area to promote '**litter picking days**'. Please contact us if you would help us arrange this.

Forthcoming Events:

- **Annual Parish Meeting** - 7pm Thursday 19 March 2020, Denham Village Hall
- **Social Tea Dance** - 3pm Sunday 10 May 2020 New Denham Community
- **VE Day Children's Tea Party** - Friday 8 May 2020, Denham Village Hall
- **Beating the Bounds** - Sunday 17 May 2020, led by Paul Graham
- **Music on the Green:** Sunday 17 May, 21 June, 19 July, 16 August, 20 September

Elections will be held on Thursday 7 May 2020 for County Councillors at the new Buckinghamshire Unitary Council and the Police Crime Commissioner. If you live in Denham and you are interested in issues that affect the area why not become a Parish Councillor? For more information visit www.denhambucks-pc.gov.uk. Nominations close on Wednesday 8 April 2020.

Cllr Marilyn Heath

Chairman, Denham Parish Council

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