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Higher Denham Community Association Newsletter

Hall Event Schedule

- Monday
10.00am—12noon, Toddler Group
2.15pm-3.30pm, Keep Fit
7.00pm-10.30pm Line Dancing
- Wednesday
7.30pm—9.00pm, Yoga
- Thursday
NEW !!! 9.45am—11.15am, Yoga
2.15pm-3.30pm, Keep Fit

The Hall can be hired for functions and bookings can be made via Mary Rints on **01895 833256**

Six Month Draw

- 28 September 09 (No. 548)
- £30 K Whiteley, Lower Rd
 - £15 K Burridge, Lower Rd
 - £10 Mrs Bryant, Upper Rd
 - £10 Mr Dennis, Slade Oak Lane

Dear All,

Welcome to this month's Community Association Newsletter. Thank you to those residents who have emailed me with their comments on the new layout and on other matters relating to Higher Denham—please do keep sending your emails with comments and suggestions of what you would like to see more of in future issues.

This month's Newsletter is packed with items including a Neighbourhood Watch update, Geology visits in North Moor Wood, details of the new HDCA web site, a new weekly yoga class in the Hall and the Social Club's annual Firework event.

Last month many of you attended the coffee event in the Hall held in support

of MacMillan Cancer and you will find more details about this later. As October is Breast Cancer Awareness month I have given this Newsletter a "pink" theme. If anyone is involved in fundraising activities for this worthwhile cause do get in touch so I can include details in the November Newsletter.

Finally, the earlier darker evenings are a reminder that Winter is on its way - don't forget the clocks will go **back** an hour at 1am on **Sunday 25th October**.

Until the next issue.

Best regards,

Jacqui McGowan—Editor



Neighbourhood Watch Update

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Neighbourhood Priorities

Residents will recall receiving a form from Neighbourhood Action Group (NAG) in July requesting input on what was perceived to be the top 3 main areas of concern in the Denham area.

Around 350 replies were received and the results have been published on the Thames Valley Police website The 3 new priorities are:

1. Speeding—in particular Denham Green Lane,

A40 Oxford Road, Moorfield Road and around Denham village.

2. Parking—this is a new priority and the main roads identified are Skylard Road, Newtown Road Tilehouse Way and some roads in Higher Denham.

3. Street Lighting - the decision to switch these off is a hot topic and NAG will be looking to how to influence the decision.

The Thames Valley Police website has an area specifically for matters relating to Denham and includes a useful monthly update with items that will be of interest to residents. Details can be found at: www.thamesvalley.police.uk/home

Under the "My Area" section enter your postcode and the Denham neighbourhood pages will appear.

“Not in my Neighbourhood” Initiative

This initiative involves local authorities, police and NAG working together to address issues around the local area. Environmental visual audits (EVA's) take place, which put simply, is a walk around a particular route or area identifying any visual problems. Any problems are rectified by informing the relevant body eg. County council for road issues. NAG are holding 2 EVA's in November; one in Denham Green and the other in New Denham. The Committee believe Higher Denham would benefit from such a scheme and will be contacting NAG to find out how our village can be included— we'll keep you updated.

MacMillan Coffee Event

I have been asked to include a huge “Thank you” in the Newsletter to residents for all their help and support that went into making the Macmillan Coffee Event on 27th September such a successful and enjoyable experience. The total raised was £436.00 which will be matched by the Abbey National's Charitable Trust Scheme making the grand total of **£872.00**. Macmillan sent a special thank you to organizer on the day, Anne Ling, and all helpers saying “You've done brilliantly in the face of recession and your support is greatly appreciated”. Well deserved praise indeed!



New Yoga Class

A new yoga class will be held in the Hall on Thursday morning, 9.45am– 11.15am, starting from 5th November. It is a general/beginners class and a few spaces are still available. Contact Kim Banner on **01895 820267** for further information.

Remember, remember 5th November...



The HD Social Club will be holding their annual Firework Display on **Saturday 7th November**. Doors open at 6.00pm, fireworks display starts at 7.15pm. BBQ and hot refreshments will be available. This year's display is

expected to be as spectacular as ever and is always enjoyed by residents of all ages.

The Social Club are also hosting a Designer Jewellery Party in support of the NSPCC on Wednesday **25th November** at 7pm. A great way to do some Christmas shopping whilst supporting a good cause.

Denham Parish Council Newsletter

Denham Parish Council produce their annual “Denham Today” magazine which is distributed to all households in Denham, usually in June. Quarterly newsletters are produced in March, September and December. The latest quarterly Newsletter is now available, and although it will not be distributed to households, is available from the Parish Council Offices, a wide range of local outlets eg. shops, GP surgeries, or you can download a copy from www.denhampc.co.uk. The Newsletter contains some important planning issues for Denham, eg Deluxe Studios and the Inn on the Green Public House as well as other items of interest.

Geology & Conservation Work

Bucks Earth Heritage Group are looking for people to assist with their conservation work at Northmoor Hill Local Nature Reserve (opposite Denham Aerodrome), and are also offering to lead a short walk around the site towards the end of the day's work to show the interesting geology. Dates scheduled for work are Sunday 25th October and Wednesday 4th November. If you are interested in helping or joining one of the walks contact Jill Eyers at: j.eyers@btopenworld.com

Clean it up....

Dog owners will be pleased to hear that a new Dog Waste Bin has been installed in Broken Gate Lane/Farm Road by the entrance to Munden's Farm. Can residents who take their dogs down the Bridleway clear up after their pets—the majority of dog owners are considerate to their fellow residents but it's surprising how many don't bother to clear up leaving behind a nasty pile for everyone to see (or step in if they don't!).

Community Association Joins the Web

Residents may be aware of the Bucksinfo.net server that is available for community organizations to produce their own website. The CA now have their own area on the server which gives background information on the CA, current activities in the Hall, dates of upcoming events (eg. Open Gardens 2010), copies of previous Newsletters and points of contact. Do take a look at. and let me know what you think: www.bucksinfo.net/hdca

Do something amazing...



The National Blood Service desperately need more donors as current levels are particularly low. A mobile unit will be at Martin Bakers on Monday 26th October 9.30-12.30 and 14.00-16.30. To make an appointment please call 0300 123 23 23.