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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  
2.15pm–3.30pm, Keep Fit

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

### Monthly Draw

3 August 09 (No. 546)

£10 N Purrott, Lower Rd  
£5 J Corrigan, Upper Rd  
£5 M Staines, Lower Rd  
£5 Mrs Knight, Side Rd

31 August 09 (No. 547)

£10 M Oliver, Upper Rd  
£5 J Hughes, Lower Rd  
£5 D Buckingham, Upper Rd  
£5 Mrs Cosgrove, Side Rd

Dear All,

Whether you've been lucky enough to travel to warmer places or have been enjoying the recent sunshine here in the UK, I hope you've had an opportunity to make the most of the Summer months since the last Newsletter.

The CA met in early September and I wanted to remind residents of the "Open Session" held at the beginning of every meeting. Residents are welcome to attend this part of the meeting and raise any matters of concern. (CA meetings are held on 3rd Thursday of the month, at 7.30pm in the Hall). If you would like an immediate response please email the HDCA beforehand with the details of the item to be raised to ensure this will be available for you on

the evening. Please do come along to one of our meetings if you have anything to raise.

Finally, as we approach the Autumn and Winter months this issue of the Newsletter covers a range of items from Neighbourhood Watch including car security, Halloween, a proposal for a "No Doorstep Selling Zone" throughout Denham and how as a Community we can input to Chiltern Railway.

As always please contact the CA with any items you would like to share with your fellow residents or matters relating to life in Higher Denham.

Best Regards

Jacqui McGowan, Editor

## "No Doorstep Selling Zone"

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As part of an ongoing crime reduction initiative to reduce doorstep crime and burglaries, Thames Valley Police have been working with South Bucks District Council to discourage unwelcome doorstep sales persons by setting up "No Doorstep Selling Zones" across the district.

The elderly are particularly vulnerable to doorstep conmen and where similar schemes have been successfully intro-

duced it has led to a sharp drop in doorstep crime and burglaries. A number of these Zones have already been set up across the South Bucks District and with the approval of Denham Parish Council, it is now proposed that the scheme should be developed throughout Denham. Residents should note that the scheme is not intended to deter local sales people such as Avon and Betterware. Following public consul-

tation it is intended to erect "No Doorstep Selling Zone" signs around the villages by the end of October.

If you would like further information or have any objections to this scheme please contact Nic Martin, Community Safety Project Officer at South Bucks District Council on **01895 837200** or email: [community.safety@southbucks.gov.uk](mailto:community.safety@southbucks.gov.uk)

## Car Thefts

Thieves are once again targeting BMWs in the local area, including Higher Denham. Several vehicles have been stolen from driveways and others have had their wheels removed. Residents are asked to be vigilant.

## Party on the Park IV

POTP IV, organised by members of the Higher Denham Social Club, took place on 30<sup>th</sup> August and was once again a huge success. Over 650 people attended on the day and, although the weather could have been kinder, was thoroughly enjoyed by residents of all ages. The CA ran a "Soft Toy" stall and raised a total of £152 towards Community Association funds. Thank you to everyone who donated the toys and supported the stall on the day.

## Halloween

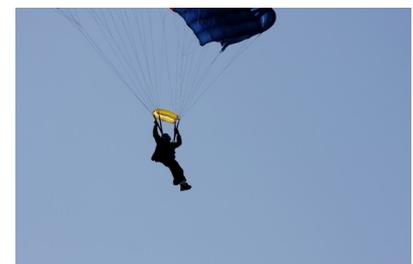
Halloween will soon be here and I have been asked to mention that whilst some residents are happy to receive ghoulish visitors on 31st October, the elderly or those with very young children can find it unsettling. If your children will be "trick or treating"



please encourage them to only call on neighbours and friends who do not mind being disturbed or those where it is obvious they celebrate Halloween (we'll be using illuminated pumpkins to welcome any ghosts and witches!) If you do not wish to be disturbed on the evening you may find displaying the attached poster useful.

## Is it a Bird, is it a Plane...?

Local Resident, Steve Gordon, took to the skies on 5th September to complete an Accelerated Free Fall Parachute Jump from 10,000 feet in support of the William Fleming Trust Fund. Residents may recall reading in the local press about 10 year old William Fleming, a Robertswood school pupil, who was orphaned last year when his father was fatally knocked off his bicycle whilst riding to work. William's mother had died the previous year from cancer. Sponsorship for Steve's parachute jump has so far raised over £600 for the Trust Fund. Any resident wishing to make a donation can still do so by calling Di Gordon on 01895 832321 or emailing [di.gordon@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:di.gordon@tiscali.co.uk)



Steve Gordon's 10,000 feet  
Free Fall Parachute jump

## Meet our local Police Constable Special Officers

Our local PCSO, Paul Dobbin, and his colleagues will be holding their monthly "Beat Surgery" in the Hall on Friday 9th October, 7.00pm-8.00pm. Please do go along and meet them if you have any concerns you would like to bring to their attention.

## Children on Bicycles

It's been great to see so many of the younger residents cycling around the village over the last couple of months, however now the earlier, darker evenings are here can parents please remind their children to be cautious when riding on the roads. Although they may be able to see cars on the road, often drivers cannot see them so easily.

## Chiltern Railways—your chance to give your views

One of the benefits of living in Higher Denham is the service provided by Chiltern Railways. Whilst this is used by a number of residents for work and social purposes Chiltern Railways still believe it is used mainly by golfers! The CA have been asked by residents for input on how we can do more as a Community to ensure we are fairly represented in our use of the railway. Chiltern consult twice a year on timetable changes and the CA will let you know when the next one will take place to ensure all residents have the opportunity to give their input so we can provide a consolidated response. If you have any suggestions on how we can ensure fair representation in the future please do let us know at: [committee\\_higherdenhamca@hotmail.com](mailto:committee_higherdenhamca@hotmail.com)