

HIGHER DENHAM COMMUNITY

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WHAT'S ON AT THE COMMUNITY HALL

- **Monday**
2.00pm - 3.15pm Keep Fit
7.00pm - 10.00pm Line Dancing
- **Tuesday**
10.00am - 11.00am Sling Swing
1.00pm - 4.00pm Craft Club
(2nd & 4th Tuesday of the month)
6.00pm - 7.00pm Pilates
7.30pm - 9.00pm Yoga with Maya
5.00pm - 6.30pm Martin Baker
5-a-side Football (BST only)
- **Wednesday**
2.00pm - 3.30pm Singing
7.30pm - 9.00pm Yoga with Kim
6.30pm - 8.00pm Denham United
Football (BST only)
- **Thursday**
9.45am - 11.15am Yoga with Kim
6.00pm - 7.45pm Youth Club
- **Friday**
12.00pm - 2.00pm Over60s Lunch
Club (last Friday of the month)
- **Saturday**
9.30am - 11.30pm Irish Dancing
Denham Rangers under 11 Football

The Hall, Glebe Field and Misbourne Meeting Room can be hired for functions / meetings

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Higher Denham CIO AGM

Thank you to everyone who attended the meeting on 21st March. The new Committee was elected and their names are listed overleaf. Jacqui McGowan was re-elected Chair of the Committee at its first meeting on 18th April. Draft minutes of the AGM will be posted on the HDC website shortly. Meanwhile, here are the key points presented and discussed.

Neighbourhood Plan for Higher Denham — a meeting was held on 7th March when Councillor Sharon Williams shared areas in Higher Denham that could potentially be identified for development in the future. At the AGM, residents expressed their concern and frustration with the meeting, particularly around the lack of information on how the proposed sites were selected, the criteria used and what other options had been discounted. They felt it would have been useful for the Neighbourhood Planning Consultant to be present at the meeting, and Jacqui McGowan agreed to write to the Chair of the Denham Parish Council (DPC) to raise the matter.

Marilyn Heath has responded to say that their consultant will be at the **DPC AGM on Wednesday 8th May in the Denham Village Memorial Hall at 7.30pm**. Residents are strongly advised to attend to ask him any questions they have as this may be their only opportunity. For more information on the background to the Neighbourhood Plan, see the DPC website: www.denhambucks-pc.gov.uk

Security of the Hall, Car Park & Field— in the last couple of years we have been busy installing preventative measures including the bollards in the car park and the bund on the field. We have recently been discussing installing a gate of some sort on the entrance to the car park to keep travellers out and any roaming pigs and horses which have given us problems in the past. The gate is likely to include a height restrictive barrier. This will be decided and installed in the next couple of weeks.

There have also been several break in attempts on our mower shed. One was successful and resulted in around £1000 in the loss of items and damage to equipment. Another attempt was made recently and extra locks have been installed on the shed. The shed is covered by CCTV, however we will be installing an alarm system shortly in an attempt to deter thieves. It's not a cheap option but we feel that the cost will outweigh another potential loss and any damage to the shed and the equipment that is stored in there.

The Fly-tipping on Old Rectory Lane — residents will see that the rubbish the travellers left behind last year is still there, despite efforts from the Parish Council to get the landowner to clear it, and the assurances that this would start in July 2018 and be completed by July 2019. Councillor Julia Walsh, a Higher Denham resident, continues to champion the cause on our behalf.

Financial Update — Treasurer, Ron James, gave an update on the audited accounts for the year.

Income from the Hall and Field hire continues steadily with several new classes in the Hall, and the Denham Rangers Youth and Martin Baker Adult football teams regular users of the Glebe Field.

Expenditure on maintenance, rates, insurance and utilities was up, although overall costs were down. This was thanks to reduced outlay on Field maintenance and sundries, which were high the previous year due to the spend on protecting the Hall car park from trespassers.

New Hall Proposal — Ron also reported that the CIO had received a planning grant of almost £40k to take the project to the next stage. He showed an outline drawing of the new building and explained that there was still a work to be done to get to the planning approval process. There will be more details on this in a future Newsletter.

Bill Evans Cup— this year the Cup was presented to former Chairman, David Ward who has worked tirelessly in our community over the years. He has suggested and driven a huge number of projects which have enhanced our facilities and the area we live in.

There are so many to mention, including designing and building of the bus shelter, organising the clearing of all the trees, bushes and rubble along the field boundary, installing the new fence, building the mower shed, and having the foresight to install the bund and car park barriers against the occupancy by the travellers. David also had the vision for a new community building to replace the one that has served us well, and this vision is slowly becoming a reality.

Committee Meeting Minutes — requests were received from residents to re-instate the publication of the minutes on the HDC website. This has already been actioned and the minutes can be found under the *Keeping you informed* section. A printed copy is also posted on the Notice Board in the Hall car park.

Weeding of the bund — we are looking for residents to help weed the bund along the fence by the field on Sunday 19th May at 10.30am. If there are a number of people able to help it really will only take a short amount of time. The bund will then be planted with wild flower seeds.

New Pilates Class

Tuesdays 6.00 - 7.00 pm, commencing 30th April in the Community Hall. £10 a class (or pre-book a block at £8 a class). Bring a mat if you have one. To book a free trial class, email enquiries@studiophysique.co.uk

Monthly Draw winners

February 2019

1st Prize £25 - P McGowan, Middle Road (Ticket no. 91)
2nd Prize £10 - S Pond, Lower Road (Ticket no. 42)

March 2019

1st Prize £25 - M Magowan, Lower Road (Ticket no. 36)
2nd Prize £10 - D Hawkesworth, Lower Road (Ticket 139)

April 2019

1st Prize £25 - Mrs Ozturk, Middle Road (Ticket no. 64)
2nd Prize £10 - S Masters, Lower Road (Ticket no. 43)

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