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Higher Denham Community Association Newsletter

Hall Schedule

- **Monday**
2.00pm - 3.15pm Keep Fit
5.15pm - 6.30pm Keep Fit
7.00pm - 10.00pm Line Dancing
- **Tuesday**
6.30pm - 7.30pm Fit Steps
- **Wednesday**
2.30pm - 4.00pm Adult Singing
7.30pm - 9.00pm Yoga *
- **Thursday**
9.45am - 11.15am Yoga *
2.00pm - 3.15pm Keep Fit
6.00pm - 8.00pm Youth Club
- **Friday**
11.30am - 12.30pm Zumba Gold
(this class does not run on the last Friday of the month when the Senior Luncheon is held)

* The Wednesday evening Yoga class is currently full. Spaces are available on Thursday mornings. For more information contact Kim Banner on 07928 354733

The Hall can be hired for functions — bookings are made via Jane Blyth on 01895 833378 or email jane_e_blyth@yahoo.co.uk

Hello everyone,

Welcome to 2015 and the January Newsletter. I do hope you had a great Christmas break and are looking forward to the new year ahead.

Here are some dates of upcoming meetings for your diary — read on for more details.

**Community Association Special General Meeting
Thursday 5th February 2015**

**Social Club Annual General Meeting
Thursday 12th March 2015**

**Community Association Annual General Meeting
Thursday 19th March 2015**

Please keep sending in your contributions — deadline for the next issue is 20th February.

Terri Urquhart, Editor — tdurquhart@btinternet.com / 07774 263304

Keeping you informed—update from the HDCA Committee

Community Association Annual General Meeting 2015 — this year's AGM will take place in the Hall on Thursday 19th March 2015, at 7.45pm for an 8.00pm start. The CA Chairman David Ward, and Treasurer Ron James, will give updates on the Committee's activities and finances over the past year. The Committee hopes you will attend the meeting and you are welcome to ask questions and make suggestions on the areas you think the CA should be focusing in the coming year.

We have kept you up to date on progress throughout 2014 via the Newsletter but hope you will come along on the evening to hear about what we have been doing in more detail. The CA Committee for the forthcoming year will be appointed at the AGM. If you would like to stand for election you should complete the form accompanying this Newsletter, stating your own name and address and those of a proposer and a seconder — both must sign the form.

Completed forms should be submitted to 5 Middle Road or the HDCA letterbox outside of the Hall no later than Friday 6th March 2015. The names of those standing for election will be shown on the Notice Board on Station Approach and in the Hall window one week before the AGM. Candidates should note that:

- ◆ HDCA Committee candidates and their supporters must be Higher Denham residents.
- ◆ Due to the Charity Commission's requirements relating to the sale of alcohol on charity premises, HDCA Committee members cannot be involved in the management of the Social Club — i.e. a person cannot be a member of both Committees.

Meetings are held on the third Thursday of each month in the Hall at 7.30pm, except August and December. If you have any questions about standing for election please do not hesitate to contact the Chairman, David Ward, on 07870 629114 or any of the other current committee members (details shown overleaf).

Featured in this issue

- ◇ **Community Association AGM**
- ◇ **Charitable Incorporated Organisations**
- ◇ **Social Club AGM and Subs**

More on the change to a Charitable Incorporated Organisation *by Ron James*

In the last Newsletter, I wrote about a new form of charitable organisation recently made possible by new government legislation, and explained the advantages in converting the HDCA to a new Charitable Incorporated Organisation, or CIO for short. Briefly, the advantages are that the trustees or Management Committee will no longer be personally responsible for any debts or other problems the charity may run into, and that increasingly major grants, for example for roof repairs or new buildings, are only being awarded to charities that are CIOs.

For these reasons your committee decided that HDCA should convert to CIO status. The first step in achieving this is for the membership – the residents of Higher Denham – to approve a new constitution. I have now finished adapting the model constitution for CIOs provided by the Charities Commission to a form suitable for use by HDCA. I have incorporated the same Objectives from our existing constitution together with the same rules on electing the committee (called Trustees in the new constitution), the rights of members to call special meetings etc, but retained the model clauses wherever they had the same effect as we had before.

The result is a longer, more legally worded document covering the same ground. The subjects come in a different order to before, reflecting the Charities Commission's main concern that Trustees avoid conflicts of interest and do not profit from being Trustees. This is, of course, in our existing constitution but comes later in that document.

The original intention was to include a copy of the proposed new constitution with this Newsletter, but because of its length and the vast amount of paper this would require, the plan is to post a copy in the Hall window, to make an email copy available to anyone who requests it (ask me or Jacqui) and to hold a meeting to review the document and to answer any questions, before we take a "postal" vote.

The special General Meeting will be held in the Hall on Thursday 5th February 2015 at 7.45pm for 8.00pm.

The Agenda will be:

1. Rationale for changing the HDCA Constitution dated 2012
2. Proposed changes to the HDCA
3. Q & A for residents
4. Next steps:
 - ◆ Residents invited to vote on changes to the constitution
 - ◆ One vote per household
 - ◆ Votes to be received no later than 9th February 2015

Higher Denham Social Club

The Social Club AGM will be held in the Club on Thursday 12th March at 7.45pm for an 8.00pm start. Please note that only members of the Social Club can attend its AGM.

Existing members are reminded that membership renewals are now due and should be paid by 1st February 2015.

All residents are welcome to apply for membership of the Social Club which gives you access to a range of events for all the family throughout the year, from Quiz and Comedy Nights to Live Music and much more, with members also enjoying very competitive bar prices

Monthly Draw – December 2014

1st Prize (£15) Mrs Alkhoory, Middle Road (ticket no. 080)
2nd Prize (£10) Mrs Shorey, Upper Road (ticket no. 182)

Resident Di Gordon will be visiting households in Higher Denham over the next few weeks so that subscriptions can be renewed.

We hope that the Community Association continues to receive your invaluable support and would welcome any new residents who would like to join the draw too.

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(Members of the Social Club only are permitted to attend its AGM)