

HIGHER DENHAM COMMUNITY

NEWSLETTER

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WHAT'S ON AT THE COMMUNITY HALL & GLEBE FIELD

See the back page for details of activities currently held at the Hall / Glebe Field.

For information about hiring the Hall, The Glebe Field and The Misbourne Meeting Room please contact Jane Blyth: 07548 260709 or email higherdenhamhall@gmail.com

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Higher Denham Community CIO Annual General Meeting

Dear Residents

The CIO Annual General Meeting was held last month and I thought the Newsletter would be a good opportunity to update you on what was discussed and some changes within the Committee for the forthcoming year.

- As always, the main priority for the year has been the upkeep of the Hall, Glebe Field and the Community Gardens.
- New classes are starting very soon and further details can be found later in the Newsletter. These are "Bounce" classes on Wednesdays and Fridays and "Pop Pilates" on Thursdays.
- The Hall and Field have been well used over the past year. The Youth Football Team, Denham Rangers, has been using the Field for the past eight years and has confirmed this season will be their last and they will be finishing very shortly.
- The final two defibrillators are up and running, bringing a total of four within our community. This was only possible due to the CIO purchasing one, three being donated by residents, and Martin Baker providing the storage cabinets and electrical supply for the last two.
- A vehicle activated speed sign has been installed outside the Hall, with Martin Baker covering the cost. We have a new boundary gate at the entrance to Higher Denham, we installed a flag pole in the Community Garden and Bucks CC has provided an additional dog waste bin outside the Hall.
- Plans for the new Community Hall and Social Club are progressing well and residents will be kept up to date with what is happening.
- The Treasurer, Ron James, gave an update on the accounts. Income was £24,808, slightly down from last year. Expenditure was higher at £19,849, with an overall profit for the year of £4,959.
- Each year the **Bill Evans Cup** is presented to someone who has gone above and beyond within our community. This year it was presented as a joint Award to Liz and Charlie McClelland for all their help at our community events. They have been involved in organising, taking the lead, or behind the scenes with Bonfire Night, the Queen's Platinum Jubilee and the King's Coronation events.

Changes to the CIO Committee

Members **Nadeline Barrett** and **Ursula Henry** decided not to stand for re-election at the AGM due to other commitments and I would like to thank them both for all they have done during their time on the Committee. They have attended our monthly meetings and helped at numerous community events including Bonfire Night, the Queen's Platinum Jubilee and the King's Coronation.

Sue Dover and **Liz McClelland** were elected to join the Committee at the AGM, and **David Ward** took over as Chair at the first meeting last month. **Orlaith Carney** was co-opted onto the Committee after the AGM and has taken on the role of Secretary.

Meetings are held on the 3rd Wednesday of every month at 7.30pm in the Misbourne meeting room in the Community Hall. Residents are welcome to join the Public Session at the start of meetings to raise or discuss any items of concern.

Ron James gave advance notice that this is his last year on the Committee and would be stepping down at the next AGM. The role of Treasurer will then be vacant.

Terri Urquhart, our Newsletter Editor, has decided to step down after 10 years. Terri has done a fantastic job writing the Newsletter and keeping residents up to date with all that has been going on. Our thanks go to Terri for all she has done over the years.

The CIO Committee is looking for someone to take over from Terri. If you are interested in becoming the new Editor, please contact one of the members to discuss what's involved. The residents' WhatsApp groups will be used to keep everyone up to date until a new Editor is in place.

I am sure many of you are aware that I decided to step down from the CIO at the AGM too. Having been part of it for the past 15 years, firstly as a Committee member, then Secretary and finally as the Chair for the past five years, I feel now is the right time for me to step aside.

The CIO has achieved so much during this time with major improvements to our community facilities like the upkeep of the children's play equipment and the Field which are the best in the area; grass verge management; installation of the bus shelter; field fence and bund; defibrillators; adult gym equipment and the community CCTV and ANPR.

These are just some of the things that have been done – the list goes on and on.

I am very proud of everything we have achieved over the years and I would like to thank you, the residents, for all your support during this time and for the kind messages I have received since stepping down at the AGM.

I wish the new CIO Committee every success for the future in everything they do and as they progress the plans for the new community building. I am sure they will continue to strive forward for the benefit of all the residents of Higher Denham and the wonderful sense of community that we have.

Best regards, Jacqui McGowan

From the Editor

First of all, I would like to take this opportunity on behalf of the Committee, residents and myself to thank Jacqui for all her hard work and support over the 15 years and the many events she has led for the community.

Another of her roles during this time was Editor of the Newsletter. It is hard to believe that I took over from her 10 years ago, and now seems a good time for me to pass it on to someone new.

Thank you to everyone who has been in touch over the years with contributions, and all the positives comments and support I have had during this time.

Wishing you all well, Terri Urquhart

Higher Denham WhatsApp groups

The HD Important Updates is a 'broadcast only' group. This is to ensure that information and updates for residents do not get lost in questions and comments, which should be posted on The Higher Denham Chat Group. If you want to be added to either group, please get in touch with Jacqui McGowan on **07876 391349**.

Monthly Draw

Volunteers have been visiting households in Higher Denham in recent weeks to collect subscriptions.

The annual fee is £10.00, with monthly prizes of £25 & £10 (£50 & £25 in December). We hope that many of you will participate in the Draw to help support the upkeep of our Community facilities. Tickets can be bought with cash or by credit/debit card. If you still need to sign up, please contact one of the Committee.

Open Gardens

Wind in the Willows, along with 5 Side Road, will be open on **Sunday 26th May**, from 2.00pm - 5.00pm.



Admission: Adult: £6.00 Child: Free. This also includes admission to 11 Ashcroft Drive in Denham Green.

Refreshments will be served in the Community Hall. If you are able to make or donate a cake, please contact Diana Gordon on **07752 062325**.

New Classes at the Hall

POP PILATES

Join Kassia for **POP Pilates**, a dance on the mat where strength meets flexibility. Starting Thursday 23rd May, at 19.30. For more information see:

www.facebook.com/PopPilatesKassia

((BOUNCE))

Classes starting on Wednesday 5th June at 19.30 and Friday 7th June at 18.00, offer various styles of fitness on the trampoline from cardio to body-flow, circuits to strength. This is a child friendly class.

The workout is the same, with a relaxed atmosphere meaning you can tend to your child as necessary during the class. Please note, you do not have to have children with you to attend these classes.

For details see: www.bouncefitbody.com and to book go to: <https://bookwhen.com/bouncedenham1>

Denham Village Fayre

Denham Village Fayre has been held annually in Village Road, and is a Charter Fair with its origin in the 15th century when a market was held in Cheapside (Lane).

After pausing the Fayre for several years due to the Coronavirus crisis, it will be back on Bank Holiday **Monday, 27th May**, 10.00am - 4.00pm.

Wander down into Denham Village to join the fun!

Fairground Rides
Punch & Judy
Children's Corner
Classic Cars
Tombola's Raffle
Entertainment
Independent Stalls
Street Food Vendors

Drinks served by the Village Pubs and much more!

For the latest information go to:
www.denhamvillagefayre.org.uk



What's On at the Community Hall / Glebe Field

Monday	Zumba	1100-1200	07788 563572
	Line dancing	1900-2100	07952815076
Tuesday	Craft Club	1330-1530	07795 109812 (2 nd and 4 th Tuesdays)
	Fitness (Sasha)	1830-1930	07805 847316
	Line dancing	2000-2200	07952 815076
Wednesday	Gymnastics 4-9 years	1630-1800	07824 617555
	Adult Bounce	1845-1945	
Thursday	POP Pilates	1915-2030	07776 5922152
Friday	Over 60s Lunch Club	1200-1500	01895 833256 (Last Friday of the month)
	Adult Bounce	1800-1900	