

HIGHER DENHAM COMMUNITY



Higher Denham Christmas Light Switch on Friday 30th November 2018

Come and join us for a Christmas Sing-a-long around the Tree at 7pm followed by the turning on of the lights. Complimentary BBQ, mulled wine & mince pies from 6.30pm

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WHAT'S ON AT THE COMMUNITY HALL

- **Monday**
2.00pm - 3.15pm Keep Fit
5.15pm - 6.30pm Circuits
7.00pm - 10.00pm Line Dancing
- **Tuesday**
1.00pm - 4.00pm Craft Club
(2nd & 4th Tuesday of the month)
6.45pm - 8.00pm Yoga with Sally
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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David Ward, Chairman of Higher Denham Community CIO Committee, resigns. Jacqui McGowan elected as the new Chair

There are some events that you are fairly certain will happen some day but when they do, they still come as a shock and a surprise. And so it was for the rest of the Committee, when at the end of our November meeting, David announced that it would be the final one he would attend as he was stepping down as Chairman and resigning from the Committee with immediate effect. There has been no falling out; David's resignation is for understandable personal reasons.

David has been a member of the HDC CIO Committee, and prior to this the Higher Denham Community Association Committee, for many of years. He has held the position of Chairman since 2011.

He has led us on numerous projects and has driven many changes for the better during this time. As a Committee, we do not always all agree on everything—there would be no point in having a Committee if we did. As Chairman, David always tried to reach a consensus view, and on the rare occasions when that was not possible, the will of the majority prevailed whether or not he shared that view. In this way, he has played a critical role in the success of the CIO and his drive, determination and commitment has made a real difference within our community.

The CIO Committee would like to place on record our huge thanks to David for his leadership and contribution over the years. On this we do all agree.

At a specially convened meeting last Tuesday the Committee unanimously elected Jacqui McGowan as its new Chair. Jacqui has been a member of the Committee for more than eight years and served as the secretary for many of these. The Committee recognised that her experience and organising skills made her the ideal candidate to take over from David. As a reminder, the HDC CIO constitution provides that the Committee elect a chairperson from its ranks at the first meeting following the AGM each year.

David also led the New Hall Project sub-committee and with his departure, Ron James, our Treasurer, has agreed to take on this role until the next AGM in March 2019.

The Committee and the Newsletter team would like to wish
all our readers a very Merry Christmas
and Happy New Year



Share the Christmas Spirit with the Denham Divas — Wednesday 5th December 2018, 2.15pm to 3.30pm (doors open at 2.00pm) at the Higher Denham Community Hall. Entry by ticket only. For free tickets call Avril 01895 834205 or Penny 01895 832634

Comedy Night — Saturday 8th December 2018, 7.30pm to 10.00pm at the Higher Denham Social Club. Tickets £5 from Jon or Gary. Bar opens at 7.00pm.

Firework Night

This year's Firework event went well with a large number of people coming out to see the huge bonfire and the spectacular firework display. This is the biggest event in the HDCC calendar and we are delighted to say that this year's event made a £1300 profit. A lot of time and effort goes into organising Firework night and we would like to thank residents Des and Ryan Hall for running the firework display on the evening. We are sure that everyone that attended will agree they did a fantastic job!

Volunteers still required for VETS

VETS relies upon local volunteers providing their home number to the ambulance service, who would call the numbers in succession. If contacted and able to assist then no other numbers would be contacted.

It is very important to provide this list to the ambulance service ASAP and we need more volunteers PLEASE, ideally two or three from each road.

This is a 'best endeavour' system and no medical experience is required.

If you feel you may be able to help or require further information please contact local resident Cathy Bryant by email: katy1963@btinternet.com. Cathy is also happy to arrange basic life support [BLS] practice and guidance for any residents who may wish to have it.

Higher Denham History

We have received the following from former resident Andrew Lilley.

"I wonder whether there is an archive of Higher Denham? My grandparents moved there in 1920 where my father and uncle were both raised. I was born and brought up there and had an idyllic childhood. I am a sculptor and recently sculpted Sir James Martin of Martin Bakers Aircraft for the factory. I have many old pictures of Higher Denham, and many memories of famous residents such as Sir Douglas Bader."

Robert Urquhart of Lower Road, who is a photographer, is happy to start an archive. If any residents have photos stories or any information about Higher Denham, please get in touch by email: truphotography@btinternet.com.

Monthly Draw winners

October 2018

1st Prize £25 - R & F Grant, Lower Road (Ticket no. 41)
2nd Prize £10 - B Nichols, Lower Road (Ticket no. 16)

November 2018

1st Prize £25 - Mr/s Hodgson, Middle Road (Ticket no. 159)
2nd Prize £10 - T Crossley, Lower Road (Ticket no. 150)

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