

June 2013

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Higher Denham Community Association Newsletter

Hall Schedule

- **Monday**
2.15pm - 3.30pm Keep Fit
5.15pm - 6.30pm Circuit Fitness
7.00pm - 10.30pm Line Dancing
- **Tuesday**
6.20pm - 7.20pm Zumba
- **Wednesday**
10.00am - 11.00am, Yoga
2.30pm - 4.00pm Adult Singing Club (most Wednesdays)
7.30pm - 9.00pm Yoga
- **Thursday**
9.45am - 11.15am Yoga
2.15pm - 3.30pm Keep Fit
- **Friday**
11.30am - 12.30pm Zumba Gold
(please note this class does not run on the last Friday of the month)

The Hall can be hired for functions and bookings are made via Sue Kelly on
01895 833842

Dear All,

Welcome to the June issue of the Resident Newsletter. Since the last one we have enjoyed two sunny Bank Holidays and the distinctive aroma of charcoal on BBQs over the weekends indicates that the better weather is on its way. Although, as I am writing and looking out at the heavy rain today, I am hoping that our summer isn't over and done with already!

This month you will find an update on what the Committee has been up to on your behalf over the past couple of months and some plans for the future. Open Gardens is prominent on Page 2 as the last one for 2013 is being held on Sunday 9th June. The one in May in support of the Air Ambulance was a success, no doubt helped by the sunshine, and we are keeping our fingers crossed for this one too as it is to raise funds for the National Garden Scheme and our own community gardens here in Higher Denham. We do hope many of you will go along to admire the gardens and to enjoy afternoon tea and some delicious cakes in the Hall in between visits.

We are sad to be saying goodbye to our Groundsman, Dom, who has made such a difference to the state of the field and the other communal grassed areas (on Page 2) and the regular Social Club Corner gives details on what they have coming up over the next couple of months.

The next Newsletter will be with you in mid July but please do get in contact if you have anything you would like to bring to our attention or items to include. Both are always welcome.

Best regards,

Jacqui McGowan - Editor

Update from the Committee

The Committee has met twice since the AGM and we thought you may like to hear what has been happening and discussed recently.

- Hall bookings are going well with a noticeable increase in the amount of children's parties and family gatherings. Please remember as a resident of Higher Denham you can enjoy discounted hall hire rates - availability and further information can be obtained from Sue Kelly on 01895 833842.
- The Committee is continuing to discuss how the Hall will be sustained in future years and as a starting point has agreed to enlist the help of a surveyor to provide an accurate assessment of the current condition of the Hall and a realistic remaining life span of the whole building.
- Bus Shelter - the only thing left to complete is the base and path that will run from opposite Side Road, along Lower Road, past the Millennium bench to the shelter and out to the car park. This will prevent the children from having to walk on the road to get to the shelter and their school transport pick up point. We are aiming to start this last piece of the project shortly.
- The work on the boundary of the field is almost complete and we have received lots of positive feedback saying how much better the area looks overall. All the dead trees, bushes, rubble and litter have been cleared and removed. New drainage has been put in which will prevent flooding at the beginning of Lower Road in the future and we are sure the residents living close by will welcome this. The area has been leveled off and re-seeded with new grass starting to appear already. Planting of trees and shrubs will begin in the Autumn to allow the area to settle and the new grass to become established.
- The transformation of the grassed area in front of the Hall will be started soon. The plan is to level this area and remove the old Silver Birch tree stumps. Raised flowerbeds will be built and low maintenance shrubs and plants will be added, giving the front of the Hall a much improved appearance for visitors driving in and out of Higher Denham and a better outlook for those living nearby.
- The recent Open Gardens in support of the Air Ambulance saw a good turnout of visitors and raised over £800 towards the charity. Thank you to everyone who supported it on the day.

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Final Open Gardens of 2013

Sunday 9th June



The final Open Gardens of 2013, in support of the National Garden Scheme and the Higher Denham Community Gardens, is on **Sunday 9th June, 1pm–5.30pm.**

There will be 4 gardens open to view on the day, with tea and cakes available in the Hall throughout the afternoon. Tickets: Adults: £5, Children: free



Di Gordon is organising the teas and would be delighted if you are able to bake or donate a cake, or can spare an hour or so helping to make the teas, serving and clearing away.



Di can be contacted on **01895 832321**

HDCA - New Grounds person needed

Our Groundsman, Dom, has made a fabulous difference to the Glebe Field and the grassed areas around the Hall and Social Club since he joined us last year. The field is in a much better condition and many people have commented saying it is looking its best ever and it is being used more than ever!

However, sadly for us, Dom will not be able to continue his work for the CA as he is about to finish his studies at University and will be going into full time employment. This means we have to look for someone to take over from Dom in the next month or so.

If you enjoy all aspects of gardening and have around 8 hours spare every week we would like to hear from you. Lawnmower, tools etc will be provided. If you are interested in hearing more about what is involved and the hourly rate, please contact the CA Chairman, David Ward on **07870 629114**.

The Committee would like to thank Dom on behalf of all the residents for all his hard work over the past year, and we wish him well for the future.

Social Club Corner

The **Live Music Event** on the field on **Sunday, 5th May** was a huge success with a large number of residents and their families and friends enjoying an afternoon of live music. The CA ran the BBQ during the event and raised a whopping **£400** towards community funds.



Oi Oi Comedy Club Night returns on **Saturday 6th July**. This belly laugh, rib tickling evening is for over 18's only and tickets, £5 each, must be purchased in advance from the Social Club Chief Bar Steward, Gary Kelly. Comedy starts at 8pm.

Colne Valley Park Festival

The Colne Valley Park Festival in Denham Country Park will be held on **Sunday 28th July from 11am to 4pm.**

Attractions this year will include a mini petting farm, canal boat trips, face painting, river dipping and fun fair rides. Display will include Bucks Search and Rescue dogs and chainsaw carving. Stalls will be open selling locally produced food, jewellery and cards and visitors will be able to wander around the park and discover the attractions which are there.

There will be lots going on throughout the day and entrance to the festival itself is free of charge (although parking is £2.50).

To find out more about this fantastic local event, go to www.colnevalleypark.org.uk/cvfest

Monthly Draw

May 2013	Winner (Ticket No.)
1st Prize £15	Mr DeVoil, Denham Heights (100)
2nd Prize £10	Mr Ward, Upper Rd (176)

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