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# Higher Denham Community Association Newsletter

## Hall Event Schedule

- **Monday**  
10am - 11.30am, Toddler Group  
2.15pm - 3.30pm, Keep Fit  
7.00pm - 10.30pm Line Dancing
- **Tuesday**  
6.00pm - 7.00pm, Zumba\*  
**\*Note: NEW CLASS TIME!!!**
- **Wednesday**  
3pm-4.15pm Adult Singing Club  
6.00pm - 9.00pm, Yoga
- **Thursday**  
9.45am - 11.15am, Yoga  
2.15pm - 3.30pm, Keep Fit  
6.00pm - 7.00pm, Zumba\*  
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The Hall can be hired for functions and bookings are made via Sue Kelly on **01895 833842**.

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Dear Residents,

Welcome to the October CA Newsletter. As I have been writing the articles for this issue it seems odd that I'm talking about Halloween and Bonfire Night while sitting in temperatures of 80 degrees or more - higher than we had in August! I hope you are enjoying the last burst of sunshine for the year and making the most of the garden and using the BBQ (before both are hidden under frost, or even snow..)

This issue is as packed as ever and you will find important information from resident Norman Dennis regarding HS2 and the debate on the proposed scheme in Parliament on Thursday 13th October and what you can do to add your voice in the run up to it taking place. There is an update from the CA on what's been happening since the last issue, news of a CA Community evening in November which we hope you will come and support, a call for more gardens to be available for "Open Gardens" in 2012 and regulars such as the "Social Club corner" and the "Denham Trading Post".

I hope you enjoy reading this issue - as always your comments and items for future Newsletters are welcome.

Best regards,  
Jacqui McGowan - Editor

## Update from the CA

The Committee met for the first time since July on 15th September (there's no meeting in August due to the holiday period) and we would like to share with you a number of items that were discussed as well as some others that have progressed since the last Newsletter.

- Many residents will be aware of numerous requests and discussions for more than 10 years around the provision of a bus shelter in Higher Denham for both bus users and children waiting for their school transport in the mornings. We are delighted to tell you that the Parish Council have agreed in principle to part fund a shelter based on the design shown in the July Newsletter. We hope to get this project underway as soon as possible and will keep you updated on progress.
- The CA Monthly Draw has run for many years and was originally set up to help fund maintenance of the Hall and continues to do so today. Half of the contributions raised through the scheme are paid out to participants over the course of the year as prizes with the remaining used for maintenance purposes. There are currently some 220 residents who take part in the draw and it is an invaluable source of income for the Hall to help meet a never ending amount of items need attention at some point or other. Resident Sandy Grover has been the Draw Co-ordinator for many years and has decided now is the time to step down from administering the draw. While we are sorry to hear her decision we would like to thank Sandy for all her help for a very long period of time. The CA are keen to continue with the draw and hope that those of you who have supported it in the past will do so going forward. The scheme will essentially be run in the same way but will change from 4 monthly prizes of 1 payment of £10 and 3 of £5 to 2 slightly larger ones of £15 and £10 respectively. The winners will be drawn at the monthly CA meeting and publicised in the usual way through the Newsletter and via the Notice Board on Station Approach. The yearly contribution will remain at £12.50 per entry. If you would like to join the Building Fund Draw please email the CA or contact one of the Committee members and we will add you to the list of people to be visited for their yearly subscription in the next few weeks.
- There have been 5 reported car thefts and 4 burglaries in the local area during the month of September with incidents likely to be on the increase over the coming months as the early dark evenings are now here. Residents are very aware of the problem we face with house and car thefts and we have received several enquiries asking about the possibility of installing CCTV in Higher Denham to help keep the area we live in safe and secure. The CA are investigating the practicalities and cost of installing a scheme which will monitor the 3 entry points into Higher Denham, but one which will not be monitored or record vehicle speed. We will provide an update in the near future.

## Community Social Evening -



A number of residents who completed the recent CA survey made a request for community events to be held in the Hall and in response to this the CA are busying organising their first event— a Family Race Night on **Saturday 19th November**.

The Hall will be open at 7pm for race goers to study the form and place their bets on the first race of the evening which will be showing on a big screen. This promises to be a great evening for all the family to have some fun trying their luck on their chosen filly, whether it be “Red Rum” or “Eyeore”. The Club bar will be open for refreshments. Entry: £5 adults, children free. All proceeds raised will go towards the Hall running costs. Please do come along and support this community event, which we hope will be the first of many, and let us know what others you would like to see in the future.

## Zumba Class - Time Changes

The Zumba classes on Tuesday and Thursday evenings have been brought forward to start at **6.00pm** with immediate effect— to make way for the Table Tennis club who will be using the Hall later on those evenings. A reminder that Zumba Gold classes take place in the Hall every Friday at 11.30am (except the last one in the month) and are lower impact and a slower pace. Everyone welcome at all of these very popular classes (£6 per class).

## Party on the Park 2011

Despite the unpredictable weather in the lead up to Party on the Park it was once again a success with a heavy downpour during the afternoon failing to dampen the party spirits. Visitors enjoyed a fabulous line up of music throughout the afternoon and evening. The CA's Tombola stall was well supported throughout the afternoon and raised £100 towards CA funds. Thank you to everyone who donated an array of items for the stall.

The POTP organisers have asked that a big thank you is extended to local Indian restaurant, the Chambeli, in Denham Green who stepped in at very short notice to serve a large number of very hungry people during the evening - thank you!

## Trick or Treat...?



Although Halloween is still a few weeks away I wanted to make sure I didn't miss the regular “Trick or Treat” article in the Newsletter. At 5 Middle Road we will be busy carving pumpkins (with a competition on who's is the best..) to welcome ghoulish visitors on the night. Not all residents enjoy the occasion - if you would rather not have visitors please display the attached poster in your window or porchway so that people know you do not want to be disturbed. If your children are planning to go “Trick or Treating” please make sure they only visit houses of friends and neighbours they know and to be respectful of households who do not greet them at the door.

## Open Gardens - More gardens needed!

Open Gardens has been a resounding success again throughout 2011 with the final one of the year being the best to date in terms of funds raised. The organisers are keen to have more gardens open next year to help maintain visitor numbers and increase interest even further. Gardens do not have to be “perfect” by any means, visitors just appreciate a variety to walk round and enjoy on the afternoon. If you would consider opening your garden next year and would like to hear more about what it entails please contact Ron James at

## Social Club Corner

The Social Club have a full calendar of events in the run up to the end of the year, with something for everyone, adults and children alike. Dates for your diary!

**Friday 7th October - NOT TO BE MISSED!** — back by popular demand, the fantastic duo “Mouth on a Stick” will be performing once again at the Club, covering hits and album tracks from the last 4 decades. Doors open from 7.00pm, music starts 9.00pm.

**Saturday 8th October** - Real Ale Night returns to the Club with up to 6 ales on offer with complimentary snacks on the bar.

**Thursday 27th October - Ladies Vie evening.** Following on from the success of last years event the SC are once again hosting a Ladies Vie evening. This year's event will support a local children's hospice, Helen & Douglas House and the Higher Denham CA - see separate flyer enclosed for details.

**Firework Night, Saturday 5th November:** The Social Club have enlisted the help of a professional firework company to make sure the evening goes with a bang!. **This event will go ahead regardless of the weather**, so if it's raining bring your wellies and waterproofs to enjoy a firework extravaganza on the field. The bar will be open and the CA will be running a BBQ and serving mulled wine throughout the evening. Entry £6 per adult, £2 per child or £15 per family ticket (2 adults and up to 3 children).



## “Have Your Say Meeting”

Our local PCSO's will be available in the Hall on **Friday 21st October, 6.30pm-7.30pm** to meet with residents to discuss any matters of concern regarding home, car and personal security, speeding etc - please do go along and meet with them - no appointments necessary.

## Monthly Draw

1 August 2011	(No. 572)
1st	£10 Mr Gorrige, Middle Rd (150)
2nd	£5 P Martin, Lower Rd (138)
3rd	£5 R Phillips, Middle Rd (26)
4th	£5 D Farley, Upper Rd (175)

### Useful Numbers:

Thames Valley Police: 08458 505 505  
Bucks CC Highways: 0845 230 2882  
South Bucks DC: 01895 837200

Railway Police: 0800 40 50 40  
Water Leaks: 0800 376 5325  
Parish County Council: 01895 834709

## HS2—Parliamentary Debate Success

CAMPAIGNERS against HS2 have unexpectedly persuaded parliament to hold a debate on the project. Less than a month after we were told that we would have to start our petition from scratch because of new rules, a parliamentary committee has agreed to allow a debate anyway.

Our STOP HS2 petition which reached 104,000 signatures had been deemed invalid by the Government, just as the magic figure of 100,000 signatures was achieved. The rules on petitions were changed, with paper petitions which counted for over half of the signatures no longer able to be counted and the valid online signatures unable to be transferred!

The new e-petitions system introduced by the government in August had stated that any subject that receives the backing of 100,000 people through its dedicated website would automatically trigger a parliamentary debate. But the newly-formed Backbench Business Committee (BBC) appears to have used its own discretionary judgment to push for the HS2 debate to take place anyway.

It is a big boost for local residents who had feared that such a high-profile discussion in the House of Commons would not be possible prior to transport secretary Philip Hammond announcing his final decision in December.

**The scheduled HS2 debate is due to take place on Thursday October 13th**

## We still need your support

As well as continuing to raise awareness, our main aim now is to keep putting pressure on MPs. We would urge you to WRITE AGAIN and KEEP WRITING to your MP to keep raising the issues surrounding HS2. We must keep reminding them it is a top priority for them to deal with.

Please can you now ask Dominic Grieve our local MP to speak on your behalf in the debate. His email address is: [dominic.grieve.mp@parliament.uk](mailto:dominic.grieve.mp@parliament.uk)

The consultation may have closed but the fight is not over yet and with your help there is a great deal more we can do. It is also vital to involve more MPs from across the country - particularly those who are not along the route. This can be achieved on a large scale if all our friends, family and colleagues can be persuaded to write to their local MPs too.

PLEASE SPREAD THE WORD AND ASK EVERYONE YOU KNOW TO GET INVOLVED.

There is an excellent new website that will look up an MP, create and even send a letter for you! It couldn't be easier and only takes a few seconds! Please use and forward this link to everyone you know.

**Just click this link:** [www.highspeedrail.org.uk](http://www.highspeedrail.org.uk) and follow the instructions, to tell your MP what you think.

## A reminder about high Speed 2!

It's the Government's proposed 250mph railway line from London to Birmingham, Manchester and Leeds - tearing through some of the most cherished and unspoilt countryside in Britain.

This proposed new railway with a Heathrow spur planned to cut across Denham will cost the country £32 billion - equivalent to £51 million from every parliamentary constituency, and about £1,000 per household so **it will affect you!**

That's money that could be much better spent on things like health, education and regional development. Think how many schools, hospitals and care homes could be funded with just a fraction of that money.

## Why are we so strong in our opposition?

The benefits of High Speed 2 are greatly exaggerated

The permanent environmental damage is ignored

The technology is totally unproven

There are much cheaper, better and more environmentally responsible ways of both improving our transport infrastructure and closing the North-South divide

For further information or help please contact Norman Dennis by email: [norman.dennis@btinternet.com](mailto:norman.dennis@btinternet.com)

**Well done to all our supporters!**

**HD Trading Post****STUDYWISE**

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01895 834337 or 07900697413.

It will cost you only £20 per hour.

So hurry up & book your place soon, we have only a limited number of places available.

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