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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 as the Senior Luncheon is held)

The Hall can be hired for functions and bookings are made via **Sue Kelly on 01895 833842** (until 31st October) and **Jane Blyth on 01895 833378** thereafter

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Dear All,

Welcome to the October issue of the Higher Denham CA Resident Newsletter. It seems a long time since the last one in August when we were basking in the sunshine, although it did continue long enough for us to enjoy an "Indian summer" too. However as I write this issue I think we are now seeing a definite change as we head towards winter - and don't forget the clocks go **back** on **Sunday 27th October** which officially brings an end to British summer time.



This month's Newsletter gives an update on what the Committee has been discussing at recent meetings, which we hope you will find of interest, there's an article on a new recycling scheme for all residents (it probably means more plastic bins and boxes!) and news of recent changes to the CA Committee. Sue Kelly has managed the Hall for the past three years and has decided to step down. Many of you will know Sue and that she has been a real asset during her time on the Committee. You will find more on this and other changes later in the Newsletter.

The Social Club and CA are once again holding a joint Firework night event, with this year's being on **Saturday 9th November**. This is a real treat for all the family to come out and enjoy a fantastic display, bonfire and guy competition. The CA will be running the BBQ and we hope to see many of you there.

Finally, the last Newsletter of 2013 will be with you in mid December and dare I say it, Father Christmas and the tree may already be on the Hall roof by then!

Until the next issue.

Jacqui McGowan - Editor

Update from the Committee

We aim to keep residents up to date of items discussed at the monthly CA meetings through the Newsletter however, if you would like to read more details, the meeting minutes are displayed in the Hall window for your perusal. Items discussed at our September meeting included:

- The CA has contacted Chiltern Rail requesting they clean the path leading down from Denham Golf station as it can be quite slippery and dangerous and that they add a handrail for user's safety. No response has been received to date, however we will continue to pursue this important issue, particularly with the winter weather ahead of us.
- A local resident has kindly been storing the large sit on mower the CA purchased last year to cut the community field. We now need to find a permanent solution and have submitted plans to South Bucks District Council for a storage facility behind the community gardens. The proposed site will mean it is out of view of those living on Lower Road, and extra planting will be done around the storage area to provide further screening.
- Hall bookings continue to be strong and we are looking to build on this by advertising locally and highlighting the facilities the Hall has to offer.
- The new garden/planting area in front of the Hall has been agreed and work should start before Christmas. This will be a huge improvement and as the new plants become established it will transform the entrance to Higher Denham
- The CA has been discussing the life expectancy of the Hall which optimistically will be another 10 years, but more realistically another 5, before significant revenue will be needed for the roof and building structure. We are exploring the possibility of obtaining grants for a completely new, purpose built building fit for the 21st century. These enquiries are in their early stages, however we are keen to hear your views on this proposal and the facilities a new building would ideally have. Committee email and contact numbers can be found on Page 4. We will keep you informed as matters progress.

Changes to the CA Committee

Hall Management - Sue Kelly passes the baton

The HDCA committee are sad to say that Sue Kelly, who has managed the Hall and bookings for the past 3 years, has decided to step down. Sue has done a fantastic job during this time with bookings being at an all time high throughout the week and at weekends. Sue has also helped out with numerous BBQs to raise funds for the CA, with community events including Open Gardens and general gardening in the communal areas. We would like to thank Sue for everything she has done during her time on the Committee - she will be missed.

Resident **Jane Blyth**, from Side Road, will be taking over from Sue from 1st November and will be managing the Hall and bookings going forward. Jane has been co-opted onto the Committee and we are looking forward to her joining us. Jane can be contacted by telephone, email or through the CA website: **tel: 01895 833378**
email: jane_e_blyth@yahoo.co.uk **www.hdca.org.uk**

Community Gardens - Winter Tidy Up

Resident Di Gordon, who looks after the community gardens, will be organising gardening mornings over the next couple of weekends to prepare the flower beds for winter. These will be on **Sunday 3rd November and Saturday 9th November at 10.00am.**

If you can help out for an hour or so with some weeding and general tidying up Di would be delighted to see you. Please meet in the Hall car park and bring along a hand trowel or fork with you. Di can be contacted on **01895 832321.**



Changes to waste & recycling service

From Spring 2014 Bucks County Council are changing the way they collect resident's waste, stating it will be easier for us to recycle at home and recycle more than ever before. The main changes are:



- Food and garden waste mixed together will no longer be collected. All households will instead receive a weekly food waste collection.
- Households will have to subscribe to a chargeable garden waste collection service. **Only those that do subscribe will receive this service.**
- Small electrical items, batteries and textiles will be collected.
- Households will be provided with a blue lidded wheelie bin for plastics, cans, card, glass and cartons. Paper should be stored in any of your existing recycling boxes and must be kept separate from items above. Garden waste (if you subscribe) will be collected from the existing green bins. Every household will be provided with a food waste bin to keep outside in between collections and a kitchen caddy for daily use. General rubbish will be collected from the existing black wheelie bins.

Local roadshows are being held so that residents can ask any questions about the changes. The Denham roadshow is on **Thursday 14th November** at Denham Village Memorial Hall, 12pm - 4pm. More information about the new scheme can be found at: www.southbucks.gov.uk/waste or telephone **01895 837333.**

Monthly Draw Winners

August 2013	Winner (Ticket No.)
1st Prize £15	P Oliver, Middle Rd (129)
2nd Prize £10	P Mahoney, Station Approach (77)
September 2013	Winner (Ticket No.)
1st Prize £15	Mrs Leary, Middle Rd, (85)
2nd Prize £10	B Argent, Middle Cres (140)

Home to School Transport Problems for HD

As of September 2012, the council revised their home to school transport policy in a bid to save money. Full details of the policy can be found at http://www.buckscc.gov.uk/media/136111/Transport_Leaflet_Draft_V11.pdf

In essence, it means that only those children attending Chalfont Community College are entitled to free and guaranteed transport from Higher Denham. Any children selected for grammar schools can apply for a discretionary 'paid for' transport space but only on existing services where there is spare capacity and only from areas such as Denham Green and the A40. **New grammar school children are no longer being picked up from Higher Denham and will have to make their way to the bus stops in Denham Green and the A40 via Old Rectory Lane or the footpath running parallel with the railway line.**

A few local cases have highlighted this issue which has led to the policy being reviewed by the Cabinet Member responsible at Bucks County Council. However, we do not know how long this review will take or what the outcome will be so in the meantime "**Higher Denham Needs You**".

We are urging as many residents as possible to take action to ensure we have a strong enough voice. Whether you have been affected by the changes or have younger children who might be affected in the future, or even if you just disagree with withdrawing transport from Higher Denham for children selected for grammar schools and wish to support your community, **please get in touch with Bucks County Council.**

You can email the Deputy Leader of the Council & Cabinet Member for Education & Skills, Mr Mike Appleyard at: mappleyard@buckscc.gov.uk

It is also worth contacting our local County Councillor, Mr Roger Reed at roreed@buckscc.gov.uk so that he is aware of the level of dissatisfaction with the policy in Higher Denham.



Higher Denham Social Club

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Higher Denham Community Association

Presents

Firework and Bonfire Night

on the Community Field

Saturday 9th November 2013



Come and celebrate Firework Night with a Bang!

Social Club opens at 5.00pm & the BBQ will be running from 6.00pm

Firework display starts at: 7.00pm prompt

“Make a Guy” Competition

Come on kids, whoever makes the best guy to go on the Bonfire will win £25!

Bring your guy outside the Hall by 5.00pm for judging

Entry prices: Adults: £7.50, Children (4-16 years): £4.00 under 3 years: free

Family Ticket (2 adults & 2 children): £20

This event will go ahead whatever the weather!

And then it was dark....

A lamp post outside 18 Middle Road was damaged by a vehicle a number of weeks ago and had to be removed for safety reasons. The Parish Council are keen to hear from anyone who knows what happened to it. If you have any information please contact them on 01895 834709 or email: clerk@denhampc.co.uk



Social Club Corner

The Social Club have a variety of events planned up to the end of the year for everyone to enjoy. Firework night will be a joint event with the CA (details on page 3). Other dates for your diary are:

Quiz Night - 30th November. A chance to pit your wits against the other teams. Make up your own team or join one on the night.



7th December - Oi Oi Comedy Night returns to the Social Club. A gag filled, belly tickling night of laughter guaranteed. This is an advance ticket event (£5 each) and over 18's only.

24th December - Christmas Eve Party

31st December - New Years Eve Party

Trick or Treat...?



Although Halloween is still a couple of weeks away I wanted to make sure I didn't miss the regular "Trick or Treat" article in the Newsletter.

Some residents are happy to welcome ghoulish visitors on the night (we will be putting carved pumpkins outside 5 Middle Road) - however others are not.

If you do not want to be disturbed on the evening please display the attached poster in your window or porch way. If your children are planning to go "Trick or Treating" do 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. Happy Halloween!

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The next weekend Open Day is in March 2014, however prospective parents are urged not to wait until then before visiting, but to telephone and arrange a tour on a school day. This is the best way to get a really good "feel" for the school and the Head Teachers will be delighted to show you around and answer any questions.

Tours are available Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings during term time. To book an individual tour please telephone the school office.

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