

## In and Around Article April 2019

Dear Resident,

As I'm writing this the sun is shining after a few days of heavy winds, hail stones and rain. It never ceases to amaze me how we can experience four seasons in one day.

Work has now finished on resurfacing the **Pyghtle footpath** and we have been approached by many residents thanking us for persevering in our efforts to get this actioned. It is also great to be able to say a big thank you to the Transport for Bucks (tfb) workforce who were extremely polite and considerate towards those still using the footpath whilst the works were in progress. A win all round!

The **A412 footpath** continues to challenge us and despite the sandbags, water was flowing down the high road at such a rate of knots that the sandbags were overwhelmed. A survey of the drains along this stretch of road was carried out over two years ago and we are still awaiting notification of what course of action tfb will be taking as all the drains along this part of the A412 are blocked from previous road works or other debris and we will continue to pursue Bucks County Council / tfb to do remedial works.

To the satisfaction of plot holders, we have placed a Portakabin with toilet and storage facilities on site at the **Denham Allotments**. This was sponsored by Denham Parish Council and Skyline Management Company to whom we would like to express our gratitude for their generosity. Since we handed over management of the allotments to a plot holders committee they have gone from strength to strength and are being managed on a self-sufficient basis. This year is the Centenary of the allotments and their committee members are hoping to be able to hold an event to celebrate this.

The two **bus stops on the A412** near the junction with Village Road, have now had solar lighting installed which has made a significant improvement, besides the work we had done to stop them flooding.

By the time you read this, our **Outdoor Gym** Equipment should be in place on the Way & Tillard recreation ground which is located off Cheapside Lane, behind Denham Infant School. It is planned to hold a special opening event during Easter, so keep a look out for the information posters and come and join us.

On the third Sunday in March we held another **Bingo and Social** event in the New Denham Community Hall which was very much enjoyed by all who attended. We would like to thank the hall committee for again providing this venue free of charge and their continued support for this event.

Many of you living close the Oxford Road have been experiencing the effects of dust around your properties resulting in dirty cars and windows and not being able to open windows. If you are concerned about the dust please call and report them to the 24/7 Environment Agency Hotline on **0800 80 70 60**.

We continue to work, alongside residents, on the **Neighbourhood Plan** and urge you to write in with your views if you've anything you wish us to take into consideration. Have you any concerns about future development in the area you reside? Would you be concerned if the house next door was replaced by a block of flats, or would you welcome that development? Would it concern you if the Green Belt was lifted? Should we provide more facilities for the youth or other sections of our community? Do you want more industry, office blocks & housing or Sports fields and a Community Centre? Please tell us your views. Do not miss this opportunity to influence future development plans. Please don't just leave it to others – GET INVOLVED email <a href="clerk@denhambucks-pc.gov.uk">clerk@denhambucks-pc.gov.uk</a> for more information even if you missed the meetings.

- Wednesday 8 May 7:30pm Annual Parish Meeting A date for your diary. This event is being held in the Denham Village Memorial Hall, Village Road, and we hope there will be some community stalls.
- Sunday 12th May 3-5pm Afternoon Social with Bingo, New Denham Community Centre,
- Sunday 19 May 2pm Beating the Bounds. Join us for this pleasant annual event which takes place over a ten-year period with each yearly walk taking in another part of our boundary. This year the event will walk 'Route 7' starting at St Mary's Church in Denham Village and returning down the Pyghtle to Denham Village Green where tea and cakes will be provided.
- Sunday 19 May 2 5pm Jazz on the village green by 'Love that Jazz' Vocals by Lea Lyle

Denham Parish Council meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of every month (except August) at 7.30pm in the Parish Office at the rear of Denham Village Memorial Hall, Village Road, Denham. Residents are always welcome to attend.

Marilyn Heath Chairman, Denham Parish Council