

Dear Resident,

Aren't the light evenings great. It really makes one feel like going out for evening walk, or just popping out to meet up with friends. Amazing how much better it makes us feel.

We are busy preparing for our Annual Parish Meeting being held in the Denham Village Memorial Hall, Village Road, on the 8th May at 7:30pm. We have invited our Local Area Technician to come along and update us on Highway issues and our County Cllr to update us on the Unitary. We have also invited the Fire and Rescue Service so you can find out more about the work they do besides putting out fires; such as providing and installing fire alarms for the elderly. They also take on apprentices so do come along to find out more about the job? The Colne Valley Park team may also be there. The Police in conjunction with the Community Safety team will have a stall so you can raise any concerns you may have with them. We will have a 'volunteering' stall with opportunities to join our Good Neighbours Scheme, Litter Picking Groups, Events Team or help in our office.

Some of you may have noticed that we have started grass and hedge cutting. Besides this there has been some tree felling along the front boundary of the allotments and we are looking to replant trees there later this year.

There have been some rumours flying around about **Denham Youth Club** closing due to the Parish Council withdrawing its funding. We would assure you that is NOT the case. The club organisers advised us they closed due to dwindling membership. Unfortunately we no longer have a Parish Councillor involved in youth work but if you feel you could help organise a youth club, please contact us.

You may have noticed that Transport for Bucks (TFB) have done some remedial work and raised the bank on the **A412** to stop water flowing onto the footpath from the highway. We are waiting to see how much this alleviates the flooding whilst we wait for the drainage problems to be fixed on the highway.

The **Neighbourhood Plan** continues to evolve and we urge you to write in with your views if you have anything you wish us to consider. Have you concerns about future development where you reside? Would you be concerned or welcome more industry, office blocks, housing, youth and sports centres or community facilities? What if the Green Belt was lifted? Please tell us your views and don't miss this opportunity to influence future development, don't leave it to others – GET INVOLVED contact clerk@denhambucks-pc.gov.uk.

Events:

- **Wednesday 8 May, 7:30pm - Annual Parish Meeting** Denham Village Memorial Hall, Village Road. Find out about our achievements over the past year and the future challenges we face. **Please show us your support and attend this event.**
- **Sunday 12th May, 3-5pm - Afternoon Social with Bingo** at the New Denham Community Centre, we'd like to thank them for providing us with free use of their main hall allowing us to hold more Sunday social events for older people. Sunday can seem a long day particularly if you have no family around so please come along. Also, we welcome volunteers to help set up and clear down the hall from 2pm.
- **Sunday 19 May, 2pm Beating the Bounds Walk.** Join us for this annual event which takes place over a ten-year period with each yearly walk taking in another part of our boundary. This year we'll walk 'Route 7' starting at St Mary's Church in Denham Village and returning to Denham Village Green for tea and cakes.
- **Sunday 19 May, 2-5pm Jazz on the village green** by 'Love that Jazz' Vocals by Lea Lyle
- **Sunday 16 June, 2-5pm Jazz on the village green**
- **Saturday 29 June Armed Forces Day**

Denham Parish Council meets on the 2nd 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