

Parish Council Newsletter

Autumn/Winter 2019



An update from the Chairman

Welcome to our newsletter, I cannot believe how quickly the year has gone. We are now fast approaching the winter and am sure it will not be too long before we see Christmas advertised in the shops.

As always it has been a busy eventful year with a lot of change coming our way including, we hope a decision on the whole Brexit debate and a solution to our local council issues at Northampton.

In regard to our village it's been yet another busy time with a number of events around the village, we had our 1st Armed Forces Day and have purchased a flag pole so that we can celebrate this and other events.

We have held the very successful outdoor cinema that was attended by approx. 400 people. I am extremely proud of the way that this went, it was very well attended and had a fantastic family feel. Everyone took their litter home and all left safe and sound, we would like your opinion on holding any future events for the whole village.

The local pub and clubs have also held events that have been well attended and has helped us keeping our village a very social busy place to live.

We have had the local West Northamptonshire strategic plan and are now collating comments and feedback to this plan, your thoughts comments feedback and suggestions are required so that this can be responded to in a way that is inclusive of all that live in our village.

You may be aware by now that a consultation is being planned in regard to the development of the fields to the south of the village and the fields at the back of Glebe road. This is a very big development that will bring yet more change to our village, we are told this may be just one of a number of plans out there and we will keep you updated through the parish website

Events coming in the next couple of months are the annual Feast, our Christmas trees and the big light up outside the parish offices and the Remembrance Day Parade, the RBL local branch want to make this a bigger parade this year, so look out for information from them in regard to what is going to happen along with various other things linked to this event.

To end please have a good safe and healthy lead up to our Christmas celebrations, prep for winter remember on the dark nights to take care be aware of vulnerable road users and others.

Jim

Update from the clerk

Hayes Road Zebra Crossing

As advised in the last newsletter, NCC Highways have told DPC that the financial crisis at NCC means the funding has yet to be secured. Any spend now has to go through a stringent process for approval, so ultimately if NCC does not give approval for the budget the scheme may not proceed.

However, DPC had been notified that the Zebra Crossing had been given the go-ahead but due to a complaint this has again been put on hold.

We will of course keep you informed.

Dog Poop



Thank you to all of those who continue to dispose of your dog poop responsibly.

The Parish Council own and empty 25 dog poop bins in Deanshanger with a further 4 dealt with by Persimmon, if one dog poop bin is full please use another, there is no reason to pile the bags on top and around the bin.

The dog poop bins are emptied by a licenced contractor however there seems to be a number of people who use the rubbish bins for dog poop, **please stop**. Our handyman empties the rubbish bins and he should not have to dispose of your dog poop, please use the correct bins for the correct waste. **Thank you**

Traffic Calming Measures

I often get asked about speed bumps and other traffic calming measures that could be put in the village. This is the responsibility of Northamptonshire Highways with whom I liaise with on these matters.

A recent request has prompted NCC Highways to advise me that they no longer provide raised traffic calming features without a proven need such as collision history/excessive speed or pedestrian safety concerns, as well as ongoing future maintenance costs, the potential for claims for vehicle damage or the likelihood of ground borne vibration, with which neighbouring properties are affected and likely to object. Therefor any requests should bear these details in mind before submitting a request.

Open Air Cinema

Oh, what a night!!!

DPC were very proud to present this free event for the village, the film shown was The Greatest Showman and was seen by over 400 people.

Thank you to all who attended, please let us know if you would like to have this event again next year.

Street lights



The nights are drawing in so please let me know if you see any street lights not working, I will get them reported. The best way to contact me is by email on clerk@deanshangerpc.com or 01908 566373.

I will need the street name and the number on the street light to be able to report them.

New member of our team

We have welcomed a new member to our team Cllr Anne Thompson, her pen profile can be viewed at deanshangerparishcouncil.org.uk along with details of the other councillors.

We still have vacancies so which we hope to fill by co-option. The Parish Council would, therefore, like to invite suitably qualified individuals to apply for this vacancy.

To qualify as a co-opted Councillor an individual must fulfil the following qualifications:

- 1. Be a British subject, a Commonwealth citizen or a Euro national and at least 18 years old.*
- 2. Be either a local government elector of the parish; or a person who a) has, during the whole of the 12 months up to the date of their appointment, occupied land or other premises as owner or tenant in the parish or b) has, during the same period, resided in that area or within three miles thereof, or c) has during the same period, had his/her principal or only place of work in that area.*

If you meet the required criteria and would like to apply, please submit your application in writing to Teresa Floyd, Clerk to Deanshanger Parish Council at 3 Hayes Road Deanshanger, outlining what interests you about the role and what you feel you can bring to it.

New guide to care and support in Northamptonshire – a crucial time for information

A new, updated Northamptonshire Care Services Directory has been published recently in association with Northamptonshire County Council. It gives readers crucial information on how to access, and pay for, care services throughout Northamptonshire.

You may have seen there's a huge amount in the media at the moment about the crisis in social care. If you're growing concerned about your care options, or just want some more information on what your choices may be, this Directory can help. With information to help you understand your options, where to go for advice and how the paying for care system works, the Northamptonshire Care Services Directory can support you to make informed decisions.

The new edition of the Northamptonshire Care Services Directory and accompanying website give information on all aspects of arranging care and support in Northamptonshire. It includes how to stay independent for as long as possible, the different care and support options available and what to look for when choosing a care provider. It also offers guidance on important issues such as paying for care and what financial assistance may be available from the local authority. There are comprehensive listings of all registered care services throughout Northamptonshire, plus checklists to help you ask the right questions when visiting services.

For a free copy of Northamptonshire Care Services Directory contact the Northamptonshire Customer Service Centre on 0300 126 1000. It is also available throughout the region from outlets including carers' centres, hospitals, GP surgeries and Age UK. It can be downloaded from www.carechoices.co.uk and is available in spoken word.

Robert Chamberlain, Managing Director of the Directory's publisher, Care Choices, commented: "This is an invaluable source of information for anyone considering short- or long-term care in Northamptonshire and contains vital information to help people decide what type of care and support is best for them.

"With the current crisis in social care, finding a care service for yourself or a loved one that meets their needs and is affordable can be a daunting and unfamiliar task. This new Northamptonshire Care Services Directory has been compiled to help people understand the process and offer them reassurance at every step of their journey."

Care Choices is the UK's largest independent publisher for social care and adults with additional needs. It is also the largest publisher of care directories for local authorities in England.

Deanshanger Allotments Association



Founded in 2003

Full and half plots are currently available for rent at our three allotment sites in Deanshanger. Depending on where you live, there is a site convenient for you - whether in Church Lane (centre of the village), Puxley Road (far end of the village) or Northfields (near the entrance to the village). Each site has slightly different characteristics, meeting different needs.

By way of example, our new site at Northfields offers plenty of choice on plot location and the opportunity to create an allotment within a growing community. With unrestricted views over open countryside, you can enjoy growing your own in a tranquil setting.

For further information, please send an email to

deanshangerallotments@gmail.com

or telephone Jane on 01908 265413 to discuss your requirements.

You may also like to view our website at

<https://deanshangerallotments.wordpress.com/>

Haven Court Hymns

Songs of Praise will be held at Haven Court at 3.30 pm from first Sunday in October. Service taken by James, our Rector. Everyone most welcome. Choose your favourite hymn. Take communion. A really warm and friendly hour.



Haven Court Darts

On Monday & Friday afternoons 2pm-4pm Haven Court hosts a friendly game of darts with Tea & Biscuits

This is open to all and you would be very welcome



Kay's Keep Fit

Kay's fit-ball and Body tone classes are run at Deanshanger Community Centre on Weds evenings from 6-6.45pm and 7-8pm.

Fit-ball is a toning class designed to improve your core strength which in turn helps with posture, mobility and muscle strength. We use a stability ball for the 45min class and incorporate a quick warm up and cool down.

Body tone is a class designed to exercise all the main muscle groups in the arms, bums, tummies, legs, chests etc. we use hand weights, resistance bands and the fit-balls during the work out. In working these groups of muscles, we are toning and strengthening them, leaving us less prone to back, leg, neck problems.

Both sessions are extremely good for anyone trying to get/keep fit. We have all levels of fitness and age. If you are interested please visit my Facebook page 'Kay's keep fit'.



Deanshanger in Bloom

Deanshanger in Bloom have been working hard to keep the summer colour well watered over the past months. Any help with this is always appreciated. Please let us know if you can assist.

The planters will be changed during September and October to planting that will see the village through the cooler months.

Discussions are already underway to plan for next year's displays.

We can be contacted on deanshangerinbloom@outlook.com or via the Facebook page.

Friends of Deanshanger Library

Good news for the library. Those of you who are regular users know that there are now new books being purchased for us by NCC. These include Adult and Children's Fiction plus Children's Non-Fiction provided to support this year's Summer Reading Challenge "Space Chase".

This is a country-wide event run by the Reading Agency, which encourages children to continue reading through the school summer holidays. We had over 40 children sign up for the challenge, and those that achieved the target of reading 6 books and went to "Infinity and Beyond" received a medal and certificate. We also ran children's space themed craft activities on Thursdays through the holiday as well as guest visits by Kosmic Kate who landed in the library to tell us all about the universe beyond our planet.

We are now open on a Saturday morning from 10am to 12noon. We run two sessions then, Rhyme Time for Under 2's from 10:45 – 11:15am and Bounce and Rhyme for Over 2's from 11:20 – 11:50.

We also have children's games such as Hungry Hippo, What am I, and Labyrinth, for adults and children to share together, a range of Jigsaw puzzles for all ages, plus books of course.

Please put these dates in your diary for our up-coming events.

Halloween *Thu 31st October 3pm-5pm.*

No pumpkin carving but please join us for some spooky crafts



Bonfire night *Sat 2nd 10am -12 noon.*

Make edible bonfires, create your own firework display with chalks on black paper



Poppy crafts *Sat 9th November. 10am -noon*



Advent crafts *Sat 30th November 10am -12noon*



If you are looking for a place to meet and chat with friend's pop in the library, we have a comfy sofa and can offer you Tea/Coffee/Hot Chocolate for 50p

Opening Hours

Wed 10:00am – 2:00pm

Thu and Fri 2:00pm – 6:00pm

Sat 10:00am – 12:00noon

We hope to see you soon – The Friends of Deanshanger Library

Deanshanger Sport Club

Deanshanger Sports club is situated on Folly Road playing field, parking and access is via Little London.
Please note the upcoming events:

Feast

After Party

Bruiser Band

8PM

5th October

Family

Halloween
Party

6.30pm

26th October

Fireworks

Night

6PM

9th November

Children's
Christmas Party

4PM

24th December

80's Family New Years Eve Party

7PM

31st December

DEANSHANGER MEMORIAL COMMUNITY CENTRE

Deanshanger Memorial Community Centre is at the heart of the village and can offer you many opportunities to achieve your goal.

There is a varied selection of classes – Keep Fit, Ballroom Dancing, Yoga, Zumba and Tai Chi are just a few examples of the choices available. These are all advertised on the 'Events List' in the blue noticeboard outside the community centre with all the contact names and numbers that you require. There is a dedicated dance class held mainly in after school hours 5-6 days a week in the main hall.

It is also worth taking note that the selection of classes changes throughout the year with new classes being added to the list as they come up.

There is also a regular children's group held in the main hall every Friday morning (with the exception of school holidays etc) throughout the year.

The local W.I. group has closed but is being replaced by a new club on the second Thursday of the month which will offer a new and varied selection of speakers and activities – look out for details.

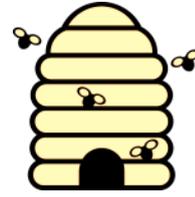
For those who are new to the village there are two halls available for other events such as children's parties with the main hall having space for bigger parties with bouncy castles and the smaller hall for smaller groups of children. We can also accommodate parties for those of us' who are over 25 or so' for special birthdays with the availability of a bar.

There are several upcoming events to look out for this year – including charity events and coffee mornings table top sales and a craft show in the summer.

For booking parties, events and for any other details – contact June Lake (Centre Manager) on 01908 562949

The Beehive

15 years!!!



Thank you for your support over the last 15 years, here's to the next 15!

Darts & Dominos

We need you for our teams.

If you fancy playing either darts or domino's or even both, please give your name behind the bar.

Pub trips

Weymouth 18-89 club was a great success and enjoyed by all so look out for the next trip.

Upcoming Events

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| Saturday 2nd November | Halloween Disco , don't forget your costumes, coemption for best costume! |
| Saturday 9th November | Skiffle Band-Mungo Jungo . Come down and have a sing-a-long |
| Thursday 5th December | Christmas Market & Fun Night for charity .
Come along and grab a gift and have some fun raising money |
| Sunday 15th December | Grand Christmas Draw from 7PM .
Lots of prizes to be won so start buying your boxes now |
| Tuesday 31st December | New Year's Eve Disco
Celebrate the New Year in the Beehive. NO tickets needed |

Hope to see you all in The Beehive.

For further information contact Lorraine on 01908 262368

Deanshanger Friendship Club

The club is for anybody that has retired or over 60.

We meet in the Community Centre on the 4th Tuesday of each month, between 2pm and 4pm.

Each month we have a speaker on various subjects ending with a cup of tea/coffee, biscuits and a raffle.

We also run coaches about 6 times a year to places of interest/shopping, (cost of coach to be paid)

We end the year with a Christmas lunch with entertainment, all included in the £5 per year membership fee.

We have a webpage at www.deanshanger.com. Click on the Deanshanger Friendship tab.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you require any more information.

Erica Bird 01908 564114

Voluntary Drivers urgently needed in Deanshanger

TADD is a long-established local charity operating a door to door community transport service for the people in the SNC area. The service enables members to attend medically related appointments and services, is affordable and allows them to retain independence in the absence of suitable public transport and avoid reliance on family, friends and neighbours.

For the first time in over 30 years, the charity has a waiting list of over 100 for membership due to a shortage of volunteer drivers. There are a number of areas and villages in the TADD catchment area, including Deanshanger and surrounding villages where we have a shortage of drivers, which means we have to use drivers from much further afield. This goes against the principle and cost effectiveness of volunteering to support one's local community

Drivers need to have access to a car, be available on a fairly regular basis for a minimum of half a day a week and complete a DBS check. Mileage is reimbursed at the HMRC rate, insurance premiums are not affected and journeys are allocated weekly by mutual agreement.

To learn more about volunteering for TADD visit www.towcesterareadoor2door.com or email volunteer@towcesterareadoor2door.co.uk

Ways to contact your local Parish Council

All councillors have an email address as shown below and you are welcome to email us anytime and we will look to support you or point you in the direction of someone who can. There is also the website that holds up to date meeting dates, minutes and useful information

Name of Councillor	Email Address
Cllr Wright- Chairman-	j.wright@deanshangerpc.com
Cllr Pereira - Vice Chairman-	m.pereira@deanshangerpc.com
Cllr Hall- Chairman of Planning & Highways Committee-	m.hall@deanshangerpc.com
Cllr Spencer- Chairman of Finance & General Purposes Committee-	s.spencer@deanshangerpc.com
Cllr Dott	a.dott@deanshangerpc.com
Cllr Hammond	p.hammond@deanshangerpc.com
Cllr Loveland-	d.loveland@deanshangerpc.com
Cllr Rodrigo	r.rodrido@deanshangerpc.com
Cllr Holloway	a.holloway@deanshangerpc.com
Cllr Thompson	a.thompson@deanshangerpc.com
Clerk	
Teresa Floyd	clerk@deanshangerpc.com

Parish councils have powers to provide some facilities themselves, or they can contribute towards their provision by others. There are large variations in the services provided by parishes depending on the size and location.

Parish councils have the power to precept (tax) their residents to support their operations and to carry out local projects. The exercise of powers is at the discretion of the council, but they are legally obliged to exercise duties.

Attending formal meetings

The meetings are to conduct council business, these are formal & a code of conduct is to be followed.

The public are welcome to attend the meetings, there is a section of the meetings which is closed and a 15-minute public forum is opened.

We welcome you to come and listen, take part in the public forum & hear first-hand the decisions that are made based on the work performed outside the meetings.

Deanshanger Parish Council

Formal meetings

- Full Council meeting
- Finance Committee Meeting
- Highways & Planning meeting

You will see the meetings advertised on the 11 notice boards in the village as well as on the Parish website <http://www.deanshangerparishcouncil.org.uk>

Useful Telephone Numbers

Clerk to the Parish Council	01908 566373
South Northamptonshire Council	01327 322322
Northamptonshire County Council	0300 126 1000
Police – non-emergency	101 or 03000 111222
The Beehive	01908 262368
Holy Trinity Church (Revd James Pennington)	01908 262371
Methodist Chapel (Revd Margaret Goodall)	01908 510661
Library	0300 126 1000
Elizabeth Woodville School	01908 563468
Deanshanger Primary School	01908 268920
Deanshanger Village Pre-school	01908 571252
Willow Tree Pre-school	079 7973 6791
County Councillor – Allen Walker	01908 260302
District Councillor – Dennis Loveland & Allen Walker	01908 262867 01908 260302
Doctors Surgeries – Stonedean Practice	01908 261155
Stony Medical Centre	01908 260382
Deanshanger Chemist (Jardines Pharmacy)	01908 569998
Deanshanger Sports Club & Play Field Assoc	01908 567137
Deanshanger Community Centre (June Lake)	01908 562949
Deanshanger Village Heritage Society	01908 564725
Deanshanger Allotment Association	01908 265413
Street Doctor (Road / Footpath / Drain Repair)	0300 126 1000 01908 567109
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