

# Parish Council Newsletter

February 2019



## An update from the Chairman

Happy new year to you all, we hope you had a good safe and enjoyable Christmas and new year, we had a busy end of 2018 and were really pleased with the feedback in regard to the Poppies and silhouettes, this will be an annual event.

We held a Christmas tree lighting up event that was very well attended so much so we ran out of mulled wine, thank you to all who attended we raised £120 for Willen Hospice and had lots of donations for the food bank. We will hopefully try and include other parts of the village this Christmas.

For 2019 there is still a lot going on however the bus issue looks like it has been resolved and Cllr Walker and others state that it is going well and that they have had some positive feedback. There will be some teething problems with a new service but Britannia hopes to settle these as soon as possible. Please continue to contact County Cllr Walker regarding any issues as he is happy to take this forward.

The Library is still with us thanks to Friends of Deanshanger Library (FoDL) who have worked extremely hard for this result. FoDL still need your help and support so please look out for the posters advertising upcoming events (further details inside).

We Have planted some new trees in Diswell Brook Way and I would like to take the opportunity to thank Cllr Spencer for her extremely hard work in getting this project delivered and Ian our handyman for his continued efforts in helping us to maintain the village.

We hope to enhance more areas of the village with bulbs and plants throughout the year and will look to see if we can plant more trees at a later date, if you have any suggestions please contact the clerk.

We are still challenged with the spending issues at NCC there is still decisions to be made as to what happens when the new Unitary Authority comes if we are aware of anything, we will keep you updated.

On a rather worrying note we are seeing vandalism and issues in the village that are disturbing and upsetting, this is inclusive but not limited to damage to the church, cars, fencing, items at the play group and in Springfield Park where paint was put on various parts of the kids play area. I ask you all to be vigilant and report any issues to the police on 101 or if urgent 999.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the groups and residence who have helped and support activity in our village you do make a difference, and also to all of you who make our village a nice place to live.

Happy 2019 to you all. Cllr Jim Wright Chairman Deanshanger Parish Council

## **Update from the clerk**

### ***Hayes Road Zebra Crossing***

NCC Highways have advised 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.

### ***Stratford Road Zebra Crossing***

The Zebra crossing on Stratford Road has been put in place by Redrow Developments with consultation from Northants County Council.

DPC have contacted them regarding this issue as we have had complaints regarding the lighting and they have advised us that the lighting is to the required standards as set out by Northants County Council.

We recommend that you report the issue on Northants Street Doctor.

## ***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**

## ***Road Gritting***

Northamptonshire Highways winter service have advised me of the following procedures for gritting the roads.

We did have exceptional weather conditions on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> January that were caused by freezing rain from 02.00hrs on Thursday morning.

Freezing rain rarely occurs and is often associated with the approach of warm air after a prolonged cold spell. Here the precipitation once again starts off as snow in the upper atmosphere, then it passes through a region of warm air which turns it to rain before finally passing through a thin layer of cold air just above the surface. The moisture cools to a temperature below freezing point, but the water droplets do not freeze themselves, and become super cooled. When the droplets strike the ground or any surface, they instantly freeze and coat everything in a film of ice. This coating will cover the grains of salt rendering them almost ineffective until the air temperature rises and the ice begins to melt. Road travel during a period of freezing rain will be severely disrupted and it is unsafe to send heavy gritting vehicles on to the network as they too will have little, if any, traction.

During adverse weather we get a significant increase in request for gritting. The Police/ Emergency services are always given priority.

If a road traffic collision (due to ice) or icy road is reported and the road is on a gritted route we get the warden out to go and check the road and they will then decide if it needs to be gritted. If the police report it and have closed the road for safety reasons then we ask the area team to send a gritter without sending a warden (provided gritters are not already out on a planned gritting action), and they can use any gritter as its for salting.

If there is a road traffic collision and it isn't on a gritting route, we would get the warden to attend first and if required they would only grit the scene of the road traffic collision. We should not be gritting just because it is requested, there needs to be a reason for it i.e. road traffic collision, Major water Leak, Fire Service putting down lots of water etc.

If there is an icy road reported and no road traffic collision and it's not on a gritting route, we do state the facts according to our policy. If this is not a precautionary gritted road and we are unable to grit the road and take no further action.

The 'Precautionary' gritting network was assessed in 2018 and the total length of roads gritted for this forthcoming season reduced from 1954km to 1543km (a reduction of 21%) and the gritting fleet reduced from 26 to 19 vehicles, with time taken to undertake gritting actions will be changed from 3 hours to 3.5 hours.

All roads removed from the 'Precautionary' priority network for Winter 2018/19 have been added to the 'Adverse' gritting network, which is treated in extreme weather conditions.

To explain this reasoning further, our winter service season runs from mid-October through to mid-April and is a cyclic operation, which involves careful planning prior to the start of each year. During severe weather we have dedicated staff that receives weather forecast updates and we operate on a 24 hours basis. Gritting is undertaken on the 'Precautionary' gritting routes whenever there is a forecast temperature of plus 0.5° in the 24 hour forecast period (midday to midday) and will take priority under snow conditions. The 'Adverse' network is pre-treated during daytime hours in advance of a high confidence forecast for snow or when the forecast temperatures are not forecast to rise above zero for 48 hours.

We recognise there will always be a safety element when driving in winter conditions, regardless of whether a road has been gritted or not, and so we do

advise drivers to never assume a road has been gritted and to drive accordingly. As with any change in policy we are monitoring the impact.

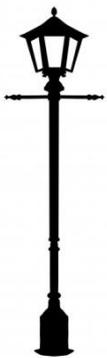
Both the routes and driving advice have been widely publicised since last year and we continue to remind customers via websites, press and social media.

To check routes and information about gritting in Northamptonshire go to [Northamptonshire.gov.uk](http://Northamptonshire.gov.uk)

**Rebecca Miller**

**Communications manager  
Northamptonshire Highways**

### **Street Lights- Parish Council**



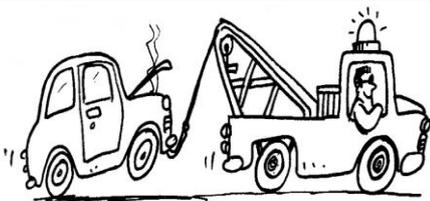
If you notice a street light that is out (or flickering or on all the time) please advise the parish council & we can get the contractors to look at it.

Please state the street name & the number on the post.

Email [clerk@deanshangerpc.com](mailto:clerk@deanshangerpc.com)

This may take up to 2 weeks to get fixed

### **Abandoned Vehicles – County Council**



Is there an abandoned, untaxed or nuisance vehicle outside your house? If so, contact E.L.V.I.S - the End of Life Vehicle Impound Scheme.

This is a joint operation between

Northamptonshire's Arson Task Force,

Northamptonshire Police, Northamptonshire

County Council and all the district and borough

councils in Northamptonshire. When you contact us, we will need the registration number, make and model, colour, location and the condition of the vehicle. The E.L.V.I.S team aim to inspect abandoned and nuisance cars within 24 hours of notification and remove them within 48 hours, if appropriate.

How do you report an abandoned vehicle?

- Report the problem [online](#)
- Email [elvis.recovery@northants.police.uk](mailto:elvis.recovery@northants.police.uk)
- Telephone E.L.V.I.S on 08456 121 999

## Rubbish-Fly tipping- District Council & Parish Council



Litter is a constant problem in the village and the Parish Council ask that you use the bins provided and teach your children to do the same.

There are lots of bins in the village some owned by the District Council and some by the Parish Council. The bins will be emptied every other week except during the school holidays when they will be emptied every week.

If you see an overflowing/broken bin please report to the clerk at [clerk@deanshangerpc.com](mailto:clerk@deanshangerpc.com)

The Parish Council employs a handyman whose tasks include litter picking the play areas, however his time is limited and he cannot keep the whole village litter free.

### **Fly Tipping**

Fly tipping should be reported to the District Council on [www.southnorthants.gov.uk/fly-tipping.htm](http://www.southnorthants.gov.uk/fly-tipping.htm)

## Dog Bins- Parish Council



We encourage all dog owners to clean up after their dog has fouled in a public place, as dog fouling is unpleasant & poses a public health risk. If the bin is full please report to the clerk at [clerk@deanshangerpc.com](mailto:clerk@deanshangerpc.com)

If possible do not leave your bag by the bin use another one especially in Springfield park where there are 5 dog bins that you can use, alternatively you can double bag it and take it home and put in your black bin.

## Dog Fouling- District Council

If your dog fouls in a public place & you do not clean it up & you will be breaking a Dog Control Order under the Clean Neighbourhoods & Environment Act 2005.

If an SNC council officer or any other authorised officer witnesses you not cleaning up after your dog, you may be given a fixed penalty of £75. If you refuse to pay the fixed penalty you may be taken to court & be fined up to £1000 plus court costs.

## Pot Holes & Road Repairs- County Council



### Pot Holes

Please report potholes to Northants County Council through the Street Doctor website.

[www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/streetdoctor](http://www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/streetdoctor)

If you don't report it, they may not know it is there.

### Road Repairs

You can check on any road repairs at [roadworks.org](http://roadworks.org) just pop in your postcode and you can see what's happening near you.

## Crime- Anti Social Behaviour- Police

	<p>If you witness or are the victim of a crime please report this to the Police on 999.</p> <p>If you feel that there is anti-social behaviour in your area please contacts the police on 101 to record the incident.</p> <p>Do not assume someone else will do it. Depending on other priorities the police may not be able to come out straight away, but it will be recorded so they can get a view of areas that may need extra regular monitoring.</p>
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## Parking in the Village- Everyone

	<p>Parking is another issue that raises concern. It is not illegal to park on the pavement and the police will only intervene if it is causing a dangerous obstruction.</p> <p>The Parish Council are liaising with the County Council with a view to getting bollards in front of the co-op to help with issues there.</p> <p>Yellow lines will not be enforced so these are not recommended.</p> <p>It comes down to each of us to park sensibly, avoid parking on pavements so that wheelchairs, mobility scooters, pushchair users and children can get by safely.</p> <p>Ensure there is enough room for emergency vehicles to get through.</p>
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## Overgrown vegetation blocking paths- County Council



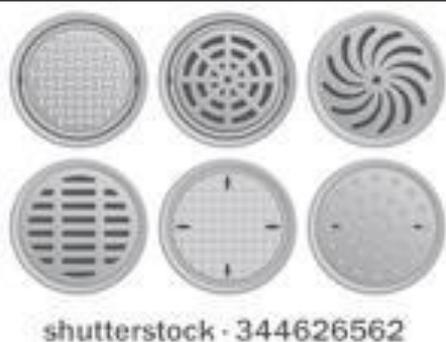
If any trees or bushes are overhanging the public paths then this needs to be reported to Northants County Council through the Street Doctor website. [www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/streetdoctor](http://www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/streetdoctor)  
They will inform the home/landowner to remove the overhanging vegetation.

## Play equipment- Parish Council



The play equipment is maintained by the Parish Council.  
The equipment has an annual inspection and any issues brought up in this inspection are dealt with. The play areas are also checked on a weekly basis and some of the areas have undergone some refurbishment.  
If you have any issues regarding the play areas and equipment please contact, the clerk on [clerk@deanshangerpc.com](mailto:clerk@deanshangerpc.com).

## Missing manhole covers- County Council/Anglian Water



Missing manhole covers needs to be reported to Northants County Council through the Street Doctor website.

[www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/streetdoctor](http://www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/streetdoctor)

Missing Water meter covers need to be reported to Anglian Water on 03457 91 91 55 or [Anglianwater.co.uk](http://Anglianwater.co.uk)

## Noise complaints – District Council- A list of what SNC deal with

	<p><b>Neighbour nuisance</b>--e.g. loud music, parties, barking dogs.</p> <p><b>DIY-</b> activities from domestic premises.</p> <p><b>Industrial and commercial premises-</b> e.g. noisy air conditioning or extractor plant, vehicle deliveries, ice cream chimes, music from licensed premises, bird scarers, motor sports.</p> <p><b>Intruder alarms</b> from all premises including fire alarms.</p> <p><b>Car alarms</b> including car stereos when the vehicle is stationary on private property.</p> <p><b>Noise from construction sites</b> e.g. radio, plant equipment.</p> <p><b>Anti-social behaviour</b> e.g. shouting, arguing, door slamming in domestic premises</p>
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## Noise complaints South Northants District Council do not deal with

Noise type	Responsible authority
Shouting, arguing in the street	Northamptonshire Police Phone - 03000 111 222
Fireworks	Northamptonshire Police Phone - 03000 111 222
Air traffic noise (non-military)	Civil Aviation Authority Phone - 01293 567171
Air traffic noise (military); Military low flying	Exempt
Ambulance/police sirens;	Not actionable by any authority
Children playing	Not actionable by any authority
Day to day activities e.g. conversations, flushing toilets, mowing the lawn, vacuuming at reasonable time of day	Not actionable by any authority

# DEANSHANGER PARISH COUNCIL VACANCY

Deanshanger Parish Council has a vacancy for a Parish Councillor which it is proposing 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:

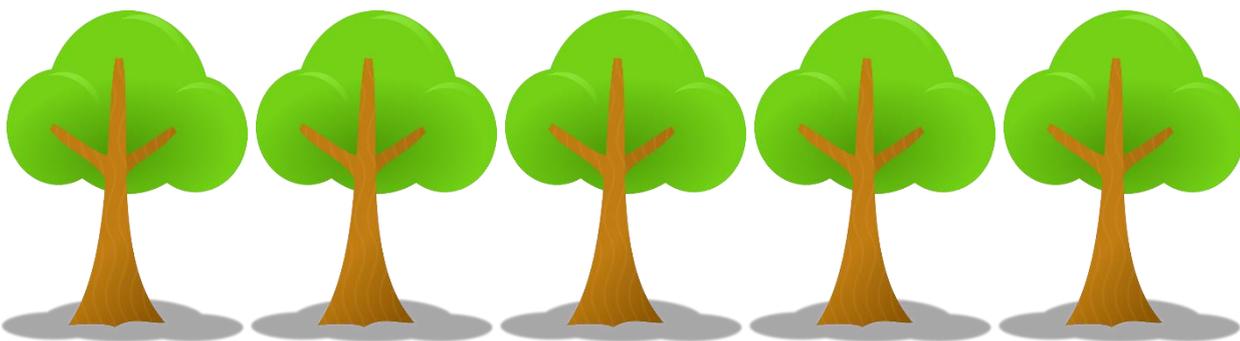
- 1. Be a British subject, a Commonwealth citizen or a Euro national and at least 18 years old.*
- 2. Be either a local government elector of the parish; or a person who a) has, during the whole of the 12 months up to the date of their appointment, occupied land or other premises as owner or tenant in 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.

## Wicken Wood -- New access restrictions

Anyone who walks in Wicken Wood may have seen the new gates and barriers stopping off some routes. If you can recall walking there in the past, I'd like to hear from you, in confidence:

Chris Coppock, [christophercoppock@live.co.uk](mailto:christophercoppock@live.co.uk). tel. 01908-265519



# Deanshanger Allotments Association



Founded in 2003

A limited number of full and half plots are currently available at our allotment sites in Deanshanger.

For further information, please send an email to [deanshangerallotments@gmail.com](mailto:deanshangerallotments@gmail.com) or telephone

01908 265413 to discuss your requirements.

You may also like to view our website at <https://deanshangerallotments.wordpress.com>

## Deanshanger in Bloom

We are waiting out the Winter whilst planning for the Spring. The planters will require replanting with summer colour once all threat of frost leaves us, which seems a long way off at the moment. We will be adding more plants to the bed on Stratford Road and continuing to add to our bee and butterfly friendly planting outside the Old School House.

We would like to send a big thank you to patrons of The Beehive who have been filling our collection pot with change. Our latest count up gave us over £80, so thank you very much.

We are contactable via our Facebook page and our email address [deanshangerinbloom@outlook.com](mailto:deanshangerinbloom@outlook.com).

# Haven Court Hymns

Join us to sing your favourite hymns.

We meet at 3.30 pm on the first Sunday of each month from November this changes to 6pm from April

Hymn books provided along with a warm welcome to our small, friendly group.



# 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'.

## Friends of Deanshanger Library

At our recent AGM David Aaronson stood down as chairman of the Friends and Jim Waddington was elected to take up this role. Although David will be remaining on the Friend's committee, we would all like to take this opportunity to thank him for the help, support and guidance he has given to the group over the years as chairman.

We would like to thank those of you who have completed the latest consultation by NCC. They are at last recognising that communities have different needs and libraries should be dealt with on an individual basis.

It is now over a year since the village rallied round to support our fight to save Deanshanger library from closure. It has been a long and challenging time for us all but we have at last got the result we wanted.

NCC have agreed to our proposals and although we have not yet signed a service level agreement, we have confirmation that Deanshanger library will remain open as part of the County's Statutory Provision. We have been told the new Unitary Authority will honour this agreement when it takes over the duty of running our part of the county in 2020.

The library will be manned by volunteers, who will be DBS checked (Data Baring Service) to ensure the safety of the children and vulnerable adults in our community. We will have complete access to NCC's updated computer system, enabling us to provide a full library service at last. There will be support available from NCC staff when needed.

We have received a grant from Deanshanger Parish Council, which will enable us to buy more equipment and furniture for the library but as this is a one-off grant, we will need to continue fund raising to maintain and improve the standards of our library.

We will be buying new books that will remain the property of our library and not be added to NCC's catalogue. These will mainly be fiction books particularly for older children as well as adults. Our shelves already contain new titles donated by villagers, these are labelled FoDL on the spine and are lent on a trust basis so do not need to be checked out on your card. Thank you to everyone that has brought books in for us, we still welcome any donation of good condition books for adults or children.

Until the agreement is signed, we have been asked to keep to our published opening hours. We will then be given the minimum number of hours we will be required to open by NCC and as long as we fulfil this obligation, we can then change the times/days to suit the village and volunteer hours. We are thinking of opening one evening a week to cater for those that work, perhaps a weekend session as well. All this depends on people using the library so if any of you have any ideas for activities you would like to organise/attend in the library please contact us: [friendsofdeanshangerlibrary@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofdeanshangerlibrary@gmail.com) or just pop in and have a chat. There are members of FoDL you can talk to at every library session. Just a note we are not able to open Tuesday or Thursday mornings from 10-12 as the Health Visitors use the library then for the baby clinic.

We have been in contact with those of you that volunteered at the meeting in December 2017 and throughout 2018 and once the agreement is signed and in place, we will be able to start bringing you into the library for training. Volunteers can choose a time/day that is convenient to them, working an hour

or more if they wish, so if you are thinking you might like to volunteer why not come down and see us.

Follow us on our Facebook page - Friends of Deanshanger Library – FoDL

### ***Opening Hours***

Wed 10am – 2pm, Thurs 2pm – 6pm, Friday 2pm – 6pm

### ***Activities***

Wed: Play and Learn 0-1yrs 10.15 – 11.15

Lunch Club 12.00 – 1.45pm (Bring your own lunch –drinks 50p)

Thurs: Rhymetime 0-5yrs 2.15pm-2.45pm

*Children's Craft and Activities are run on Thursdays in the school holidays – normally advertised in the school's Parent Mail or within the library*

Friday: Knit and Natter 2pm – 4pm 1st and 3rd Friday

Reading Group 2pm – 3pm 2nd Friday

Creative Writing 2pm – 4pm 4th Friday

Memories Group 2pm – 4pm when there is a 5th Friday in the Month

If you haven't completed the library consultation questionnaire, please do as it closes on 8th February.

Adults On-line:

<https://northamptonshire.citizenspace.com/bipm/librariesproposal/>

Children and Young People Online:

<https://northamptonshire.citizenspace.com/bipm/librariesproposalcyp/>

Paper copies are available in the library.

## Please put these dates in your diary

**Thursday 31st January  
It's National Storytelling  
Week**

So, we will be reading a selection of stories for all ages

3.30pm onwards

Thursday 28th March

**Mother's Day Craft**

3.30 – 5.30

**Thursday 21st February  
It's Competition Time**

Drawing/Colouring a picture with a theme of Spring or Space

**Thursday  
18th April  
Easter  
Crafts**

3.30 – 5.30

**Thursday 14th  
February  
Valentine's Day  
Heart Craft**

3.30 – 5.30

**Thursday 11th April  
Today's the day the Teddy Bears have  
their picnic**

Bring your favourite bear to join our picnic in the library

3.30 – 5.30

## DEANSHANGER MEMORIAL COMMUNITY CENTRE

Are you thinking of getting fit or starting a new interest for 2019?

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

## **DEANSHANGER METHODIST CHAPEL**

Many of the people in the village are aware of the Methodist Chapel and the role that we like to feel we play in the village. However, the village is growing at an amazing rate and there will possibly be some new residents who aren't aware of us.

Firstly, just a little bit of background about the chapel – we have actually been in the village in the existing building since 1892 and fifty years before that in a much simpler building. We are described as a Primitive Methodist Chapel and as such provide a simple and pared down form of worship.

Those who don't know us very well will discover that food is an important part of what we try to give to the community. We like to feel we 'feed the body as well as the soul'.

Our way of doing this is to provide Breakfast Communion four times a year in which we provide a full cooked buffet style breakfast which also includes juice, fruit and yoghurt and croissants, toast and preserves and tea and coffee. This begins at 8.15am followed by a very simple communion service which is held at the breakfast table at 9.15am.

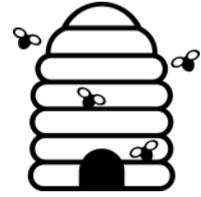
We also provide regular 'Drop In' lunches – a three course homemade meal at a very reasonable price these are held from March onwards until July and then returning from October to December and usually on the first Friday of the month.

We then have our 'Pop In' sessions which is a coffee morning (coffee or tea and homemade cake) with the extra twist of the option of a simple lunch of homemade soup and crusty bread. This usually runs from 10.30am to 1.30pm and we also provide a book stall, bric a brac or jewellery and a raffle.

During the year there are also coffee mornings in aid of Willen, Macmillan and other charities – these are provided by two members of our congregation and are also very well attended.

Our weekly services run from 10.30am each Sunday finishing at about 11.30am followed by coffee and biscuits and if you wish to attend you will always receive a warm welcome.

# The Beehive



Thank you for your support raising funds for the following events:

## **V.J Day**

This was a great success raising £1335 the funds going to the Royal British Legion and Help for Heroes.

## **Novembers Meat Raffle**

We raised £318.58 which went to the British Legion

## **Christmas Market & Fun /Night**

We raised £600 and this went to Deanshanger Pre-School

Other Meat Raffles continue to be a success and so far we have raised £33,646.34 for Willen Hospice.

Thank you to everyone who comes and supports these events.

## **Upcoming Events**

Wandering Brewer

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> Feb 8PM

Come down and sample hear about the brewing of Real Ale.

**Motown & Soul Disco**

Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb 8PM

## **Easter Weekend**

Good Friday April 19<sup>th</sup>

Open the door- Tickets on sale until 9.30pm and then the draw will take place.

Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> April from 8PM

Rush the bar

Easter Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> April

Meat Raffle for Willen Hospice. Tickets on sale till 2.30PM then the draw will take place.

Easter Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 3PM

Race Afternoon

Place your bets!!!

Hope to see you all in The Beehive.

*For further information contact Lorraine on 01908 262368*

## **Beavers, Cubs & Scouts - 2<sup>nd</sup> Deanshanger Scout Group**

### **Cub Pack Update – January 2019**

Since September 2018 when we last wrote an article, the cubs have as usual undertaken a wide range of diverse activities. The pack continues to grow through beavers moving on to cubs and has successfully recruited a number of young people from outside the group which has expanded the cub section to 38 young people.

We still have a number of vacancies so if your children are not presently involved but are interested why not bring them along for a trial. If you have children aged 8 or 9 who want to be part of the cub pack and participate in the sorts of activities described below contact us by e-mail ([alanbeal@mail.com](mailto:alanbeal@mail.com)) or call Alan or Lisa on 07802 323862 or 7739 410744 respectively.

Cubs meet on Wednesdays between 7.00pm and 8.30pm usually at the primary school

So what have we been up to since September ..... Cycling events and hikes featured in the programme early in the month whilst the nights were still light enough. This was followed by badge work covering the scientist badge – so lots of experiments were tried by the cubs. We also undertook our global awareness badge covering the work of charities around the world, including homelessness and sleeping rough, the benefits of recycling and renewable energy resources as well as (most cubs) sampling unusual foods from around the world.

November saw us on parade for Remembrance Day, camping in the New Forest, Hampshire for a weekend – where the cubs cooked on open fires, climbed Jacobs ladder (to a height of 30 metres above the ground), abseiled down a 30-metre wall and shot targets with .22 rifles.

The cubs later participated in a badge day where most gained an additional four badges (including computer usage, DIY, Entertainers and their Chefs Badges). The event was run at the school in Deanshanger and included over 100 cubs from across the district. A great opportunity to meet loads of other cubs and compare badges and leaders.

The cubs were joined by the beavers throughout December for 3 major events - the Christmas floats around the village, which helped us raise funds to make it all possible and an evening at Gravity in Milton Keynes bouncing on trampolines.

Looking ahead in 2019 the pack will participate in the District quiz followed by over half the pack visiting Belgium for a weekend to visit the battlefields, cemeteries and museums of WW1, to attend the last post ceremony at the Menin Gate where we have been granted the opportunity to lay a wreath (in front of some 1200 spectators). These activities build on the work done in the school to commemorate the ending of WW1 – 100 years ago. The trip will also include visiting a chocolate factory, the city of Bruges (climbing the Belfrey and a canal boat trip) and Ostend to visit a deep sea trawler museum. I'm told we'll also eat waffles and ice cream, as well as Belgium fries (probably not together).

Part of the programme between now and the Belgium visit will include making crosses for laying at selected sites in an around Ypres.

Our summer camp in July sees us returning to Bournemouth for a week so the cubs can experience visits to the beach, castles, the submarine museum and the dockyard in Portsmouth, to participate in archery, zip wires, swimming pools with flumes, visits to the lifeboat station in Poole as well as a range of more traditional scouting skills (map reading, fire lighting, pioneering and a hike across county).

As so often happens we've had to say good bye to a number of cubs during the period as they have reached the end of their time with us. We as leaders wish them well in their chosen pursuits and hope that their cub experiences have provided them with great memories and even a few new skills.



The 2nd Deanshanger Scout Group, like all Scout Groups, is solely run by volunteers, without which young people would not get the chances to participate in the activities that we offer. All our leaders put in an enormous amount of effort in planning and delivering the programmes and greatly appreciate any help, no matter how small you think it might be. We are seriously in need of your help to ensure that we can maintain and grow our group to enable us to provide the excellent quality of programmes which your young people have enjoyed over many years now, **this is a really serious appeal for your help**, please do not think that your contribution will not be enough, If you are available for 2 hours a week or 1 hour a year, please speak to myself or any Section Leader, who would be delighted to hear from you with any help or expertise you can offer.

We are being supported by the District and Regional teams to “Grow the Group” this initiative aims to involve you in your young person experience throughout their Scouting Journey from Beavers right up to Explorers and beyond!!

By supporting the group, you will be able to listen and interact with the young people and

- Encourage them to participate in activities on offer.
- Encourage them to try their best and grow as individuals.
- Encourage them to find the solutions to tasks themselves by working in a team.

Equally importantly by volunteering you will help the leaders provide support to the sections, which in turn means, the more adults involved, the more activities and fun we can provide for our young people.

As volunteers there is no better feeling in achieving the programme goals, ensuring young people have a great time, achieve their potential within the scout movement or knowing you have helped to sustain the group and its facilities Please therefore really consider what help you can provide.

If you are interested in becoming a Volunteer, or would simply like to discuss options please contact Martin Rayner, Group Scout Leader, on 07710 941429 who will be able to provide more information.

Thank you in advance for your support.

Martin Rayner  
Group Scout Leader

# Deanshanger Friendship Club

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

We meet in the Community Centre on the 4<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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](http://www.towcesterareadoor2door.com) or email [volunteer@towcesterareadoor2door.co.uk](mailto: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 the website that holds up to date meeting dates, minutes and useful information

Cllr Wright- Chairman-	<a href="mailto:j.wright@deanshangerpc.com">j.wright@deanshangerpc.com</a>
Cllr Pereira - Vice Chairman-	<a href="mailto:m.pereira@deanshangerpc.com">m.pereira@deanshangerpc.com</a>
<i>Cllr Hall- Chairman of Planning &amp; Highways Committee-</i>	
<a href="mailto:m.hall@deanshangerpc.com">m.hall@deanshangerpc.com</a>	
<i>Cllr Spencer- Chairman of Finance &amp; General Purposes Committee-</i>	
<a href="mailto:s.spencer@deanshangerpc.com">s.spencer@deanshangerpc.com</a>	
Cllr Dott-	<a href="mailto:a.dott@deanshangerpc.com">a.dott@deanshangerpc.com</a>
Cllr O'Dell-	<a href="mailto:d.odell@deanshangerpc.com">d.odell@deanshangerpc.com</a>
Cllr Hammond-	<a href="mailto:p.hammond@deanshangerpc.com">p.hammond@deanshangerpc.com</a>
Cllr Loveland-	<a href="mailto:d.loveland@deanshangerpc.com">d.loveland@deanshangerpc.com</a>
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Cllr Foskett	<a href="mailto:r.foskett@deanshangerpc.com">r.foskett@deanshangerpc.com</a>
Cllr Holloway	<a href="mailto:a.holloway@deanshangerpc.com">a.holloway@deanshangerpc.com</a>
Teresa Floyd – Clerk	<a href="mailto:clerk@deanshangerpc.com">clerk@deanshangerpc.com</a>

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 263295
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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