



GREAT DENHAM PARISH COUNCIL

September saw the opening of Great Denham Primary School and Family Learning Centre. This is a great milestone in the development of Great Denham which will create a real sense of community. The school has welcomed over 140 children from pre-school age up to those in year four and I am sure this will prove to be an exciting and enjoyable time for all those concerned.

Work on the Park & Ride site, which parents will in due course be able to use for drop off and pick up times, is progressing and I have been advised by the Planning Department that they hope it will be open in January of 2013. Meanwhile, I would ask all those who need to drive their children to the school to be considerate to residents until such time as this parking becomes available.

Great Denham Parish Council has been listening to local residents and feel that everyone would benefit if a Residents Association is set up to address the needs and concerns of those living within Great Denham. The Association would be totally separate to the Parish Council. However if there was anything which was raised by residents at meetings which the Council could assist with, these will be forwarded and actioned accordingly.

Of course we want as many people to be involved in the Association as possible and to attend meetings but it may be beneficial that we have an official representative in each street or area. Both Housing Associations and the Management Company – within the new development - are onboard and North Herts Homes have already contacted their residents and many have said they would be interested in taking part.

If you are interested please email on greatdenhamresidents@hotmail.co.uk specifying your name, address and contact details. In addition, all residents are welcome to use the email address to put forward comments and raise issues. We envisage meeting once a quarter and hope the first meeting will take place in November.

The landscaped roundabout has been cleared of the many weeds which sprang up following all the rain and we have arranged for it to be kept that way for the rest of the growing season. I have received applications for the post of handy man and I hope someone will soon be appointed to keep the whole Parish looking spic and span.

Some of you may have noticed we have installed a third bench seat along the riverside walk. The old log bench was badly damaged and has been replaced with one that, as well as being made from recycled materials, should last for many years.

The next meeting of the Parish Council (1st October) may well have taken place by the time you read this, and if you were unable to come along I hope we can welcome you to the final meeting of the year on 12th November.

There are a number of ways to keep in touch with what is happening in Great Denham - including the Biddenham Bulletin, of course. You can visit our website (www.greatdenham.bedsparishes.gov.uk) or check the notice boards in Kingswood Way and Greenkeepers Road. A third board should already have been installed further along Kingswood Way, but this has been delayed. If you are a parishioner you can also sign up to receive email updates which our clerk, Roz Buchanan, sends out periodically to those who are happy to provide their email address. Please contact her at gdclerk@hotmail.co.uk You can ask to be removed from the circulation list at any time.

Kind regards
Jim Weir

Chairman - Great Denham Parish Council