



GREAT DENHAM PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Council does not meet in October, but there is still plenty for me to talk about.

Last month I reported that a planning application for the new school had been submitted, and I am hopeful that construction may start in November. I am also delighted to be able to report that a new head teacher has been appointed who will take up her duties in January. It will be a busy time for the head teacher with much to be achieved before the school opens its gates.

The provision of facilities in Great Denham is driven by the number of houses occupied, and only about 90 more houses need to be occupied before the new Village Centre should be laid out ready for construction to begin.

The building of the Country Park is still some way off, but I am able to advise that the developers are in initial discussions about the buildings and layout of the Park.

The new kick about area off Saxon Way has now been marked out with a fence and some wooden targets have been installed to enable ball games to be played.

Events which bring our community together are difficult to organise without a focal point such as a village hall. However, each year the Bedford Golf Club puts on a magnificent fireworks display for the community and the Parish Council is pleased to be co-sponsoring the event again this year. The display will take place on 2nd November and full details will be found on our notice boards and the Parish website shortly.

Another such event which could bring us all together is the Queen's Diamond Jubilee in June 2012. If you are a group hoping to celebrate the event in Great Denham, and you have any ideas which you believe could benefit from the support of the Parish Council, please let us know. You can contact us via the Clerk at gdclerk@hotmail.co.uk or use the contact details to be found on our website at www.greatdenham.bedsparishes.gov.uk

The bulb planting event due to take place on 15th October had to be cancelled at the eleventh hour due to the extremely dry condition of the soil. It was impossible to get a fork more than a few centimetres into the ground! I hope that we can reorganise this event when we have had a bit of rain to soften the ground, or it may be that we have to help things along a little with a rotivator.

Unfortunately the Parish Council has been reduced to four in number following the resignation of Sue Vint due work commitments. We hope to co-opt a new member in due course. If you would be interested in being co-opted please contact our Clerk at the above email address.

Dates for your diary:-

Monday 14th November – Parish Council meeting 7.30pm The Bedford Golf Club, Carnoustie Drive, Great Denham

Saturday 26th November – Community litter pick from 10am to 12 noon.

Full details of the above and other items of interest can be found on our notice boards in Kingswood Way and Greenkeepers Road and on our website

www.greatdenham.bedsparishes.gov.uk

Kind regards

Jim Weir – Chairman Great Denham Parish Council