



Great Denham News

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August 2016

GATEWAY FEATURE

Great Denham Community Hall

The new community hall currently under construction has a revised target date for handover to the PC as 23rd September. The trustees then need a couple of weeks to get the hall ready for the first bookings. They now expect the hall to be open from 10th October.

The hall will be officially opened late October but should be fully active from the 10th.

If you visit Great Denham Community Hall Facebook page or their website www.greatdenhamcommunityhall.co.uk

you can see in detail what's available



All the "first fix" elements of the audio visual, the kitchen fit out, CCTV, Wi-Fi and Data points around the hall have taken place. There will be a 4metre wide screen in the main hall (Saxon Hall) and a 3metre wide screen in the first floor hall (Wessex Hall). Both halls will also be fitted with HD projection equipment. Sixty Five inch Monitors in

meeting rooms as well as audio systems and connectivity for devices.



Windows Installed



Wessex Hall Screed Flooring Laid

Screed Flooring Ground Floor



Following a vote from shoppers Sainsbury's are now supporting the Great Denham Community Hall Charity Registered Charity Number: 1166224 This will mean help for fundraising and support throughout the year – thank you Sainsbury's Local Store.

Once the hall is open the Trustees are encouraging everyone to drop in and see the facilities available before any official opening day. Watch out for notices of drop-in days when the kettle will be on all day.

Job Opportunities



Registered Charity No: 1166224

Hall Supervisor x 2

Job share vacancy - 25 hours per week per person

A local job opportunity not to be missed offering flexible hours, real content and the chance to play your part in the further development of our Great Denham community.

As the first and last point of contact for individuals and groups renting the Great Denham Community Hall (GDCH) we are looking for two individuals with great organisational and customer relationship skills.

You will be responsible for working effectively in a job share partnership to respond to enquiries; show the hall to prospective hirers; maintain an accurate hall rental calendar; ensure the hall is set up appropriately for larger functions; coordinate prompt opening and secure closing of the hall.

In addition, the Hall Supervisor role is responsible for ensuring that all bookings administration is managed efficiently and in a timely manner including regular reporting to the GDCH Trustees. The successful candidates will need to coordinate and supervise part-time and volunteer workers as part of the normal running of the hall.

We welcome applications from candidates with the communication and organisation skills necessary to be successful in the role. Previous experience in events management and hospitality an advantage; basic IT skills essential.

Applications must be received no later than Friday 2nd September 2016. Please submit your CV, either by email or post, together with a covering letter setting out why you believe you have the skills and experience necessary, to:

gdclerk@hotmail.co.uk or to Clerk to Trustees, 18 Biddenham Turn, Biddenham, Bedfordshire MK40 4AT

For job description please go to;

<http://www.greatdenham.bedsparishes.gov.uk/parish-news/> or view Parish Notice Boards.

"Great Denham Community Hall is here to build, develop and bring the community together as a focal point within the village by hosting events and sessions. The Community Hall comprises of two large halls and two meeting rooms accompanied by a kitchen, bar and supplementary facilities".

COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW (16/8/2016)

Due to the rapid growth in the size of our community the Parish Council has requested that the number of parish councillors (currently set as a maximum of five) be increased. In order to achieve this, a Community Governance Review must take place and Bedford Borough Council has started this process and issued the Terms of Reference and a timetable for the Review.

The Parish Council requested that the Borough reconsider the timetable but this has not proved possible and so the initial consultation period will end on 14th September. A community meeting to explain the review and its significance will take place as part of our Parish Council meeting on Monday 5th September at 7.30pm in Great Denham Primary School, Greenkeepers Road, MK40 4AT. Please come along if you can. You can go to <http://www.greatdenham.bedsparishes.gov.uk/assets/documents/cgr-poster>

to a document which gives you further information about the Review and you can view the terms of reference on;

<http://www.greatdenham.bedsparishes.gov.uk/assets/documents/cgr-terms-of-ref-gd>

Community Governance Reviews are able to consider various matters and someone, unknown, has requested that the boundary of our parish be reviewed to exclude an area known as Holme Island. The Parish Council has only asked that the number of councillors be increased and so we are at a loss to know why this has been included as the boundary was set by the Secretary of State in 2007 using the River Great Ouse as the natural, and obvious, boundary. Find out more at PC meeting 5th September Great Denham Primary School 7:30 pm.

BT Openreach - Latest Update on Fibre BB

We have received the following update from BT:-



"I'm pleased to advise that cabinet 145, off the Bedford exchange, is currently going through commissioning which, all being well, should complete and be ready for orders within the next 3 weeks. I will set the next review date for 31/08 when we'll be back in touch with the latest news no later than 4pm."

We will, as usual, keep you informed and will publish any updates received from BT.

CCTV OPERATION



The Great Denham CCTV system has been installed and is recording. The system comprises one camera covering the south (Anglia Way) entrance to the development, one camera covering the entrance at the bus gate end of Greenkeepers Road, two cameras covering the Kingswood Way/Carnoustie Drive entrance, and three cameras covering the district centre (Mercia Road/Saxon Way). There is still one or two outstanding items to be completed e.g. fine adjustments to the camera angles, providing 'CCTV in operation' warning signs.

The capital cost of the system has largely been funded by David Wilson Homes as one of the facilities to be provided by the developer but the parish council has also contributed. In addition the parish council has to pay an annual fee to the Bedford CCTV Centre to cover the recording etc. costs and an annual system maintenance charge.

The use of CCTV and CCTV recordings can be a sensitive issue (privacy) and there are some legal niceties and constraints. Please note the following:

- The Great Denham CCTV system was intended primarily as a crime and anti-social behaviour deterrent and was designed and installed to cover the main development entrance areas and the district centre. It is not a video surveillance system in that the camera footage is not usually viewed in real time by the CCTV centre people.
- CCTV images are not available to anyone just on request. Setting aside any legal angles unrestricted access would place a considerable and impracticable time and cost burden on the CCTV centre staff.
- CCTV may help in an investigation but an incident must be reported to the police who may ask the CCTV Centre to provide footage coverage for the time of the incident.
- Viewing CCTV footage is expensive in time and the police would only request this if there was a reasonably compact time frame

for the offence and the police time required was proportionate to the offence.

- The camera footage is normally only retained for 30 days unless the police request otherwise for any reason e.g. an incident or a crime.
- The parish council has seen the cameras working at the CCTV Centre and has asked the system supplier and the CCTV centre to make some small adjustments to maximise coverage and picture quality, within the system design limits, whilst maintaining residents' privacy.



The minor adjustments etc. to the 7 camera's positioning will be made over the next few weeks but for all practical purposes the systems is now operational.

CCTV can only be a deterrent and everybody in Great Denham should continue to take care of their own property and possessions i.e. follow the police crime

prevention advice. Keep in touch with Neighbourhood Watch GreatDenhamNHW@gmail.com If you should see or suffer a crime or incident then contact the police as set out on the Bedfordshire Police web site.

<http://www.bedfordshire.police.uk/>

Please see Residents Association Newsletter over following two pages:



Great Denham Residents' Association Update August 2016

RA Public meeting

We will be holding a public meeting soon at the Community Hall so please come along to discuss any topic you wish relating to GD and also to see the new hall Date time to be confirmed!

If you wish to join our Residents' Association e-mail distribution list, or provide your thoughts and comments on any local issues, please get in touch by email to greatdenhamresidents@hotmail.co.uk or visit our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/Greatdenham.co.uk

Great Denham Business Promotion Day

While the District Centre is growing apace, we know there are plenty of small businesses operating locally that could do with spreading the word. We are therefore intending to host a day on a Sunday in October for these traders to show off their services and products.

If you're a local trader and would like a stall get in touch at greatdenhamresidents@hotmail.co.uk

If you're a resident who would come along, what sort of services do you want to see there so you can put a face to the name of your local trader?

David Wilson update

Country Park Pavilion

A contractor has now been approved and build should start at the turn of the year with an opening date in Autumn 2017.

Recycling

DWH is going to provide a proper recycling facility, in the large car park, hopefully by the end of the Autumn. Details will follow once known. The bottle bank is now located in this car park.

Cycle Path

Barratt's will have finished building in the relevant areas soon so it is hoped the Cycle Path will be complete by the end of the year.

Developer Eyes

DWH has employed Developer Eyes to assist with the plan for the adoption of Greenkeepers and Saxon Way.

Residents will have seen improvements to the kerbs etc and it is understood the drains will at last be cleared in the next month or two.

DE is also looking into a number of other issues such as the unfinished pathway along the golf course, the state of the rotting woodwork at the older play areas, and the mysterious fenced off path to nowhere near the steel play area.

DWH will enter into a 12 month plan with Bedford Borough Council before being able to formally pass the roads over to the Council.

Building work across Anglia Way

We understand from Takeley that practical completion on the build of the six new retail units is scheduled for 16 December, with early access to the retail units for fitting out available from 7 November.

Takeley are talking to a number of potential tenants, and details will be announced as soon as they are available.

The building will include 6 residential flats above, which will be advertised later in the year. The scheme involves a private gated area behind the building.

Kingswood Way – retail units

The Pharmacy building is open from 8:30am to 6:30pm Monday to Friday and 9am to 1pm on Saturday

Since many surgeries now operate EPS2 (electronic prescriptions) people can nominate The Village Pharmacy as their choice for dispensing of prescriptions for all surgeries in town, not just the Village Medical Centre. Patients can collect a form from the pharmacy to nominate it as their choice. This can also be done on-line through the Village Medical Centre's "systmonline" patient record service.

Medivet, and the recently opened Dental Centre, have taken two of the other three units. The Dental Centre has an open day on Monday 12th September for residents to call in and find out more.

The final unit remains available. Stimpson Eves are the contact if you are interested.

Further information will be circulated once known.

Bus services

We now have three bus services. The number 8 running through Queen's Park to the bus station as it has for years, the number 11 running direct to the train station every half an hour via Bromham Road, and the number 24 running to the town centre via Kempston and Bedford hospital.

Not that many people seem to be using the two new services (11 and 24) and it would be great to know why. What would make you take advantage of these commercial services? If we don't use them they will disappear so we want to know what changes to timetables etc might help make them successful?

Also commuters may want to utilise www.plusbus.info/bedford to secure a reduced season ticket fare.

Parking and Yellow lines

Parking on all sides of the school remains crowded to say the least. Yellow lines were extended along Greenkeepers, but do we really want a development full of yellow lines?

On the other side of the school, there was some confusion over the proposal for a traffic order impacting on Muirfield. The intention was to provide parking restrictions for a few hours a day to encourage parents not to park in residential roads at school drop off time but, instead, to use the public car park provided.

Clearly the safety of the children is paramount. Using the car park and walking along pavements to the road crossing to the school entrance provides full protection, so please use this option if you can.

The new Barratt's development opposite Sainsbury's, and the many houses still to be built will increase the pressure on local roads so please use our allocated parking spaces if at all possible.

It's inevitable that there will be on-the-road parking, but this is one of the few issues we, as residents, can improve ourselves. Can we please ask everyone to park sensibly and considerately so that we avoid parked cars becoming an obstacle or hazard to other drivers/cyclists/pedestrians/residents?

Neighbourhood Watch

We are pleased to report that Neighbourhood Watch has grown in the last few months with lots of new members signing up, which shows that residents are really committed to making sure that Great Denham remains a great place to

live and helps ensure it stays a safe environment for growing families.

Being aware of what is going on in the local area, taking simple crime reduction precautions to prevent and reduce crime, plus being alert to anything suspicious in an area and reporting it to 101, is all it takes.

Of course, we are always looking for new residents to join us and become members, so if haven't signed up or you live in any of the areas listed below we would love to hear from you; the more eyes and ears we have will help us achieve and maintain the goals we have for Great Denham.

Archer Street, Ashwick Mead, Billing Way, Carnoustie Drive, Downham Close, Elmswell Place, Great Portway, Kingswood Way, Lytham Place, Mentmore Close, Muirfield, Prestwick Road, Simms Close, St Mellion Drive, Wessex Close

If you'd be interested in getting a little more involved in your community and consider coming on board as a Street Coordinator, please contact us on our new email GreatDenhamNHW@gmail.com, or visit our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/Great-Denham-Neighbourhood-Watch-1735473910072678/>

Community Youth Club

Aldwyck

Staff members from Aldwyck have started a youth club which has been operating on Tuesday nights. Have your children attended? Did they enjoy it? What would they want from a weekly youth club going forward?

Contacts:

Parish Councillors: Responsibilities:

Andy Brown Planning / Infrastructure

- Neighbourhood Plan
- Building Development / Planning Applications
- Siting of Roads; footpaths; Cycle-ways CCTV (Installation / Maintenance)

andyabrowngdpc@gmail.com

Tony Harrison Safety & Wellbeing

- Street wardens / Parish (Special) Constables
- Crime Stats/Police Liaison/ Neighbourhood Watch/CCTV
- Street Lighting/Highways BBC
- Anti-Social Behaviour Reporting

tony.harrison5@gmail.com

Donna Parsons Pride in Great Denham – Residents Association

- Pathways (Weeding / Cleanliness)/Litter Picks
- Handyman/Landscaping/Horticulture
- Fencing/Tree Planting/Signage
- Dog Fouling/Fly Tipping
- Parking/Bins
- Links to Housing Associations

donnaparsons.pc@gmail.com

Meet The Community Hall Trustees



Tony Cortese: Chair of Charity and sits on Finance Committee



Gemma Dille: Secretary and sits on Marketing and Operations Committee



Chris Ruvolo-Jones: sits on Marketing and Operations and Building Management Committees



Paula Dunne: sits on Marketing and Operations and Building Management Committees



Debbie Taylor: sits on Marketing and Operations Committee



Sue Murray: sits on Building Management & Finance Committees



Jennifer Grimshaw: sits on Marketing and Operations and Community Engagement Committees



Martin Stuart: sits on Finance Committee

Martin Stuart Local Services

- Great Denham Community Hall
- Bus Service
- Country Park/Play Areas
- Retail Liaison (partnering for a cleaner GD)

ms.consulting@btinternet.com

Jim Weir (Chair) Communication -Residents/BBC/Developer/Services

jrweir@btinternet.com

- Newsletters/Social Media/Website
- BT Infrastructure Issues
- Structured approach to holding developer to account – on issues
- Press/Radio/Events/Community Development

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<https://twitter.com/GtDenhamPC>

<https://www.facebook.com/GreatDenhamParishCouncil>

Next PC Meeting: - Parish Council Meeting - Great Denham School Sep 5th 7:30pm



Jim Weir: Vice Chair, Treasurer and sits on Building Management and Finance Committees



Suzette Maguire: sits on Community Engagement Committee



David Maguire: sits on Community Engagement Committee



Pfungwa Tekeshe: sits on Community Engagement Committee



Will Sinclair: sits on Building Management Committee.



Rachel Smith: sits on Marketing and Operations Committee