



## **Amenities Committee 2007-08 Annual Parish Assembly report.**

This last year has seen a major overhaul in the format of the Amenities Committee so that the majority of the work is looked at by the relevant working party before going to committee. We now have three working parties : Landscape, Sport and Youth provision.

By working in this format we are able to take a more detailed look at the matter in question, visiting sites as required – even in the middle of a meeting if necessary – and making more informed recommendations and decisions.

As far as our extensive landscaping programme this is handled by the Landscape Working Party – reporting to Amenities as its parent committee and ably lead by Jerry Harrison who will report separately.

The Sports Working Party, led by Cllr Kevin Andreoli, looks at our policies to do with sport and liaises with the different sports clubs. We maintain good relations with the Bowls Club who have a lease on their ground in Ashling Park and carry out all their own maintenance. Tennis is another ‘sole user sport’ and as such we have a partnership with Denmead Tennis Club whereby we encourage the participation in tennis and they administer the courts for both public and club use. The club is now able to reap the benefits of the major work to the courts last year and are looking to revamp their Pavilion soon. This winter has seen three football clubs, all in different leagues, using Denmead as their home ground and we will shortly be entering the cricket season and the outdoor archery season.

The Youth Provision Working Party arose out of an amalgamation of the Playground Project Group and our other youth provision interests. The Parish Council continues to work towards an increase of youth provision particularly within the Denmead Youth Partnership. This Working Party includes members of Denmead Swings and Things, public, police and the Youth Service.

With regard to play provision we are currently looking at providing a new playground at ‘The Barn’ and recently held a public consultation on the matter. On other matters we are trying hard to ensure the continued provision of the Denmead Activity Nights (9 – 13 year olds) and a youth club for the older teenagers. However with the change of format at county level there are many issues still to address both to do with funding and with policy.

DAN (Denmead Activity Nights) provides a mixture of activities for 9 – 13 year olds on Termtime Tuesday nights together with organised trips out at half term and holidays. This last year has seen some major changes in staffing from the County Youth Service and I am happy to welcome Owen Rist to Denmead as our lead youth worker. Owen came to HCC from Calshot Activity Centre and has a wealth of qualifications in sports coaching and boundless enthusiasm with our livelier types! In house we have followed a varied programme of sporting, craft and life skill activities. Externally we have been on such varied trips as Thorpe Park, the Wizard of Oz, Intech, bowling and more than one trip to Calshot. You may see photos of our trips, etc here together with some of the young people’s works which I hope you will take time to look at.

Denmead Parish Council value the efforts and contributions of our young people and their achievements whether great or small and tonight we would like to show our public support for this with an award ceremony encompassing the achievements not only from our regular Youth activities but also from some of our Sports Clubs who do so much to encourage them to go on and achieve.

It is therefore with great pleasure that I welcome tonight Mr Shaun Gale, **Shaun Gale**, manager of [Havant & Waterlooville F.C.](#) in the [Conference South](#) league. Shaun started as a professional footballer in [Portsmouth](#) as a trainee before moving on. In August 2000 he returned to Havant and Waterlooville and in October 2007 he was appointed Manager to the Hawks – and what a successful season they have had since.

Tonight he has joined us to celebrate the achievements of our young people.