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ASHLING PAVILION OFFICIALLY OPENED



The Ashling Pavilion was officially opened by the Right Worshipful the Mayor of Winchester, Councillor Neil Baxter, on Saturday 15th April 2006.



After the commemorative plaque was unveiled there was a small reception at which refreshments were excellently served by junior leaders of the youth club.

Shown in the picture, L to R, are WCC Councillor Neil Baxter, Parish Council Chairman, Mike Webber, and Parish Councillor Richard Hallett.

Denmead's new sports pavilion will be known as Ashling Pavilion and has been a major project for the parish council over the past two years. Apart from providing changing rooms and showers the pavilion has a separate suite for referees, a first aid room, club-room with a fully equipped kitchen and a room for the youth club. It has been in use for some time and has already attracted very favourable comments from visiting teams and referees from all over the area.

In addition the building encompasses a garage, workshop and compound for landscape management equipment, rest-room for groundstaff and stores for sports clubs equipment.

The contractor for this new purpose-built facility was R J Winnicott Ltd of Rowlands Castle and it was designed by Kanavan & Wingfield, Architects with maximum security and minimum maintenance in mind.

The final cost of this project will be in the region of £720,000. A large amount of Denmead's Open Space funds, that have come from developers who have built in Denmead, have been put into this project together with a very generous grant from Winchester City Council. The parish

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approached a number of Foundations and Charities but applications were turned down. It was therefore necessary to take out a Public Works loan to complete the funding.

Denmead now has a superb facility both for our sportsmen and women and the young people of Denmead.

2006/07 PARISH PRECEPT

The Denmead Parish Precept has risen to £301,457 for the Financial Year which commenced on 6 April, an increase of £91,159 compared with 2005/06 or a rise of 43.35%. How will the Precept be spent within the Parish and why is it necessary to make such a large increase? To illustrate the sums let us first of all examine how the £112.97 Parish Rate for a 'D' band property is made up.

Grounds Maintenance. The Denmead Parish Council (DPC) is responsible for the upkeep and maintenance of a considerable amount of land in and around Denmead. These areas, which are of great benefit to the residents of our village for sporting and recreational purposes, particularly for the young, include the Ashling Park Recreation Field/sports pitches, Goodman's Field, Kidmore Lane Recreation Field, Harvest Field, the Rookwood conservation area, various children's play areas/equipment, and over 10 miles of landscaped shrubberies and 'Greenways'. We are also responsible for the upkeep and management of the Denmead Burial Grounds.

The costs to look after these lands represent the largest single item within the 'D' Band Rate, totalling more than 38% or £43.23 of the £112.95. These costs comprise Grounds staff salaries, pension contributions and National Insurance contributions, together with vehicle/machinery running and upkeep costs, tool hire, personnel training, and cost of sundry materials.

Administration The task of administering and running a rural parish the size of Denmead has increased significantly in recent years as Parish Councils play a larger role in local government.

The administration costs amount to more than 36% of the precept or £41.06 of the 'D' Band rate being made up of administrative staff salaries, pension and NI contributions, general insurance premiums, parish office rent, telephone & IT costs, 'Parish Scene' publication, legal fees, subscriptions, audit fees and staff recruitment.

Ashling Pavilion The new sports pavilion in the Ashling Park Recreation Fields was completed during the past year after being several years in gestation. It is a fine building which provides excellent facilities for the many sports teams that use the adjacent sports pitches throughout the year as well as youth and other village clubs and societies. It also incorporates workshop, storage and facilities for our groundstaff.

The cost of the new pavilion was partly met by using £67,000 from Earmarked Reserves, a grant of £147,000 from Winchester City Council (WCC) and drawing down £222,000 from Open Spaces Funds built up by DPC, held by WCC. The balance was met by taking out a Public Work's Loan (PWL) of £300,000 repayable over 25 years. This will cost us £ 25,220 this year and represents 8.4% of the precept or £9.45 of the 'D' Band Rate.

Special Projects For the coming year these amount to just under £36,000, the largest of which is £20,000 towards the cost of re-surfacing the Parish owned tennis courts used by the Denmead Tennis Club and the general public. The Tennis Club is raising the balance. It also includes £6,000 for a replacement groundstaff vehicle, the cost of storage facilities for the local Girl Guides, provision of improved disabled access to the pavilion and Christmas lighting on the Green. In all these represent a little less than 12% of the precept and £13.37 of the 'D' Band rate.

Grants During the coming year the DPC will continue to provide grants in support of a number of local community groups and organisations which do so much to help make Denmead a village to be proud of. These include Denmead in Bloom, Denmead Environmental Group, War Memorial Hall, Denmead Festival, and Denmead Brass. These grants total £7,172 which is 2.4% of the precept and £2.69 of the 'D' band Rate.

Highways & General Purposes The major part of this part of the budget for this year will go towards the upkeep and power for the parish owned street lighting – over £53.00 for each of our 102 lights.

The cost of maintaining the burial grounds by the Groundstaff is borne by the Amenities budget though there is a small sum here for water and other materials. Together with the cost of emptying our dog bins, cleaning bus shelters and a small sum towards the upkeep of footpaths, the total cost is £2.8% of the precept and slightly more than £3.19 of the 'D' Band rate.

That is where the Denmead Precept will be spent, now let us look at why the it had to be increased by more than £90,000 compared with last year.

For the coming year the DPC has had to budget for a reduction in income compared with last year, of £54,577. The decrease in income for the coming year results from a £24,350 reduction in the surplus carried over from 2005/6, zero transfer from the Land Management Fund compared with the £21,100 in last year's budget, a £1,800 reduction in interest from our Earmarked Reserves, an anticipated reduction in income from sports clubs of £1,052 and the decision taken to 'ring fence' the income from burial ground fees, £6,275 last year, towards the future purchase of land for the extension of the Burial Grounds.

In addition to the reduction in income, as explained above, this year we have also had to budget for the following major new costs. The PWL repayment will cost £25,220; up to £6,000 for the replacement vehicle; there is provision of £6,000 for rates for the pavilion, though this is being challenged; increased insurance to cover the pavilion; £1,300 increase in the Highways budget and the £20,000 grant towards the tennis courts resurfacing. In all, these total more than £113.00. Savings elsewhere in the budget enabled the DPC to limit the increase to £91,159.

John Knight
Parish Councillor

NEW POLICE ARRANGEMENTS FOR DENMEAD

As from 1st April responsibility for policing Denmead has moved from Waterlooville to Meon Valley Police Station. The changes are as a result of reorganisation of policing structures in Hampshire that have been undertaken recently and a realignment of some areas to coincide with council boundaries. Both stations are part of an Operational Command Unit known as Central Hampshire under the command of Chief Superintendent Peter Goodall.

I have been appointed Inspector of the Winchester Rural area which includes responsibility for the policing of Denmead. The area is a large rural area covered by Winchester City Council (excluding the city of Winchester) and includes the police stations Meon Valley (situated in Bishops Waltham), Twyford and Alresford.

Sergeant Chris Stanton and Police Constables Ian Dawson and Clive Barham are the Neighbourhood Policing Team for Denmead. We have already attended some Parish Council meetings and spoken with Parish Councillors and hope to have further contact with them and Neighbourhood Watch representatives and meet some of the residents of Denmead over the coming months.

The telephone number to make contact with the police remains the same – 0845 0454545, and you can still attend Waterlooville Police Station to report crimes, pass on information and produce documents if this is more convenient. The front desk at Meon Valley Police Station is open Monday to Friday between 9am and 1pm.

Inspector Shaun Moore

DENMEAD HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

The **Denmead Village Show** taking place on Saturday 19 August from 11am to 5pm at The Lawns in Forest Road is the Society's 56th annual summer show.

This year's show promises to be even bigger and better than last year! Arena events include a falcon display and dog show and on the field attractions include farm animals, a Punch and Judy show, Trigger the Train, bouncy castle and slide, classic cars, Harley Davidsons, vintage bicycles and a traditional fairground organ. There will be many stalls and this year we have a separate marquee for crafts. The Portsmouth City Band will be playing near the tea tent where you can buy sandwiches and home made cakes. In the Pig & Skittle, our on field pub, you can enjoy the hog roast by A Hampshire Hog and a glass of Appledram cider, then have a go at the traditional game of skittles played with wooden cheeses instead of balls. The main attraction is the horticultural marquee with wonderful displays of vegetables, flowers, crafts, cooking and flower arranging. This is the opportunity for everyone to take part and enter something in the show. Schedules will be in Parkers and the Village News soon, so why not have a go and enter and you may be surprised at what you might win!

Our monthly meetings are held on the first Tuesday of each month at 7.30pm in All Saints Church Hall. There is a talk on a variety of gardening topics, a monthly raffle and the opportunity to have a cup of tea or coffee and a chat! Visitors and new members are always welcome.

For further information about the Society or the Show please contact Lynda Glenister on 9224 0558.

DENMEAD IN BLOOM

We are a small group of volunteers who try to make Denmead a more attractive place. We do the pretty bits that the council ground staff don't have the time or resources to undertake on top of their regular mowing, hedge cutting and maintenance routines. Spring bulbs on the village green, flowerbeds and the village centre containers are all planted and maintained by our volunteers. Other activities include Christmas tree recycling and picking up litter on our annual Denmead Spring Clean.

We run the Denmead in Bloom competition to encourage everyone to make the most of their own patch of Denmead. The entry form available from village shops and the community centre gives you more details so why not have a go this year? As part of the competition we are holding our Secret Gardens Open Day on Sunday 2nd July. If you are proud of your garden however large or small please consider opening it on that day. Visitors love seeing what other people have done with their back gardens and asking about the plants. This is our major fundraising event of the year and is a very enjoyable day.

We receive a grant from the Parish Council and rely on fundraising and sponsorship to top this up. If you would like to support us by making a donation or becoming a volunteer please contact DiB Coordinator, Liz Williams on 9226 9642.

CYCLE LANES

It seems that many Denmead residents are unsure about the way in which drivers and cyclists should 'use' the new cycle lanes which have recently appeared along Hambledon and Forest Roads.

These new cycle lanes have been introduced as a result of consultations between cycling representatives, Hampshire Highways Department and Parish Council to meet concerns that had been expressed by cyclists. They were worried that the new pedestrian refuges being introduced to improve pedestrian safety and to slow traffic would be hazardous to cyclists when vehicle drivers and cyclists both attempted to pass a refuge at the same time.

Forest and Hambledon Roads are not wide enough to have continuous cycle lanes throughout their length and hence, to meet these concerns, short 'advisory' cycle lanes have been marked out leading up to and through the pedestrian refuges. Unlike normal 'mandatory' cycle lanes which are edged by solid white lines and which vehicles are not allowed to drive over at any time, 'advisory' lanes, with dotted white edging, give priority to cyclists whilst they are using them. When there are no cyclists present, vehicles may drive along them.

The message to motorists is **'Give way to cyclists when they are using the new cycle lanes'**.

Cllr J Knight

DENMEAD COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

The Denmead Community Centre is the Old Village School, just off the Hambledon Road. When the school became surplus to requirements in 1976, HCC decided to demolish the building and develop the site for housing. This caused uproar in the village and the Association was formed to fight the proposal. An agreement was reached for the building to be leased to the village as a community centre in 1981. A tremendous amount of voluntary work turned the derelict shell into a suitable community centre and for the past 25 years this has been a valuable village amenity. The Association consists of a General Committee comprising a number of private members of the community, matched by a comparable number of organisations, who use the premises. This committee should meet four times a year. The Executive Committee run the organisation on their behalf and meet on the first Tuesday in each month. The original enthusiastic volunteers have now grown old and the younger members of the community have simply accepted the existence of the centre as of right.



As a consequence the Association is suffering and there is a desperate need for younger people to assist in the running of the Centre before it dies for lack of support. The executive committee is simply three or four enthusiasts where there is provision for a dozen members. The General Committee appears to have died completely as no one has attended the last two meetings. We are approaching a crucial time as our funds are dwindling and our expenses are rising so

we need to act to salvage the situation. With our Beer Fest, This is Denmead Exhibition, Quiz Nights and Forest Forge performances we do inject a social atmosphere into village life, but we need to do far more. Next year the lease is due for review and we need to act in preparation for this.

Our urgent needs are for volunteers to assist with marketing, IT and web design and IT, fund raising, event administration and a general willingness to help. We are blessed with excellent staff so the Centre is well run, although this probably counts against us because we have few people complaining, but our manager is retiring so an enthusiastic backing team for his replacement is essential.

If you feel you could help, contact our chairman Peter Webberley 92632645 or webberley@btinternet.com.

DENMEAD FESTIVAL ***26TH May to 3rd June 2006***

Festival box office 023 9225 1484 or email pgstallard@aol.com

**Farmers Market - Folk concert - An afternoon with Wendy Cope - Jazz concert
This is Denmead exhibition - Rock concert - Drama competition
Cycle treasure hunts - Village tea party - Denmead Brass in concert
Talks - Poetry workshops - Baby rhythm and toddler time - Musical 'Annie'
Organ recitals - Musical concert - Moviola cinema - Festival walks**

WATCH FOR POSTERS

DENMEAD BOWLING CLUB

The Denmead Bowling Club is holding an OPEN DAY on Sunday 9th. July 2006 commencing at 2pm.

All are welcome to come along and join in the fun. Entry is free for everyone.

There will be various fun events for all ages participate in. Tea, coffee and refreshments will also be available.

There will be a variety of stalls including, Craft, Tombola, Cake stall, Books, Games, and Bric a Back there will also be a raffle, and all the proceeds raised will go to the Captains charity, which this year is that very good cause, 'BREAST CANCER CARE'

The Club currently have 143 members of which 52 are ladies, and we are pleased to have 4 junior members under 18 years old. The Club is actively looking for new members, particularly from Denmead village. The club is situated in a corner of the King George V Playing Field, just behind the skate park area. There is a car park at the top end of Ashling Park Road which gives easy access to the club.

The Club was formed by a number of villagers who first approached the Parish Council with the idea. However their desire was stalled due to the lack of funding and the difficulty of finding a suitable site. With much help from the Parish Council these difficulties were overcome. On the 12th June 1990 a meeting was held in the church hall attended by 60 keen ladies and gentlemen and a mixed committee to start Denmead Bowling Club was formed. They set about raising funding to build a 'Green'.

The Parish Council offered a site and by July 1991, sufficient money had been raised to accept a tender to start construction of the 'Green'.

The first 'Wood' was bowled on the 30th May 1992. Initially the Club had an old caravan to provide some shelter but later the committee decided to purchase a 40ft Portacabin until planning permission had been obtained and sufficient funds could be found to fund the building of a pavilion. By September of that year it was decided to make a start on the foundations for the new pavilion. It was very fortunate that during the work, the application that had been made to the Foundation for Sport for a grant was approved, this together with funding from various other sources allowed the work to proceed apace.

With enthusiastic membership help and the very able assistance of Mr. Maurice Hibberd and Mr. Cliff Atkinson to oversee the work the pavilion was completed by the start of the 1994 season.

Should anyone be interested in joining or just to make enquiries about the Club they can contact the Membership Secretary, Edith Gunston on 02392 255467 or the Club Captain, Brian Coggins on 02392 251636.

VILLAGE DESIGN STATEMENT

During the period covered by this issue of the Parish Scene Denmead's Village Design Statement is expected to reach the stage of Public Consultation.

This gives everybody the opportunity to raise points about its content.

A Village Design Statement, once adopted, becomes part of the planning documentation for developers and planners to follow.

The Statement has to be produced by residents, not councils or council employees, and is expected to describe the character and features of the Parish.

Every effort has been made to involve as many residents as possible in the statement's creation. It is not allowed to go against anything contained in Winchester or higher level authority planning rules and documents.

The statement is currently waiting for special maps, to come from WCC, after which it is hoped the Planning portfolio holder will approve it going into the public consultation phase. Subsequently WCC will have to approve it after which it becomes part of the planning documentation.

Clive Buckle, Village Design Statement editor

DOES ANYBODY KNOW?

Assume Anthill Common is the triangular area bounded by Hambledon Road, School Lane and Uplands Road, it contains a small mystery.

Both the modern and 1870 Ordnance Survey maps show 'old fishponds' in roughly the area where the fields are today.

The tithe map of about 1840 does not list these ponds and neither does the documentation about the 1814 enclosures.

The 1870 enclosure documentation only shows the area without detail as the fields had been enclosed earlier. The 1870 enclosure sold off a number of house plots facing on to the roads and made provision for Uplands Road, School, Upper Crabbick and Thomsons Lanes to be made up and provided with ditches. It also lists three public dipping ponds - one more or less opposite Inhams Lane, one up by the Crabbick crossroad and a further one more or less opposite Forest Gate Farm. The ponds to be maintained by the church wardens and poor commissioners of Hambledon.

There is a book around which says the fish ponds belonged to the monks of Hambledon. Hampshire records office pours cold water on this story as Hambledon's lord of the manor was the bishop of Winchester and he would not let monks on to his territory! The archivist also pointed out the ponds were within the Royal Forest and were unlikely to be let out or sold off to monks.

Does anybody really know anything about the fishponds?

The Editor

THE ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY 2006

The Annual Parish Assembly was held in the War Memorial Hall on Tuesday 25th April 2006. By law this is the one public meeting that must be held each year. It gives the public the opportunity to comment and ask questions on any matter concerning the Parish.

As on previous occasions the meeting had a set theme. This year it was "Focus on the Community". Brief presentations were given by Denmead Festival, Denmead in Bloom, Denmead Future, Denmead Village Association, Denmead War Memorial Hall, Denmead Sports Partnership, Denmead Tennis Club and Denmead Children's Fund Project.

The meeting was sparsely attended with about 38 members of the public present. It may be that the football match on the television provided a better attraction. However there were also eleven parish councillors three district councillors and one county councillor present.

The evening was split in two by an informal session and refreshments. The first part was the presentation of the Parish Council's Annual report followed by a question and answer session for parish, district and county councillors. Members of the public raised questions on the general state of the roads in the parish, the development on the old petrol station in Hambledon Road and some expressed disappointment with the Information Board on the village green provided by Hampshire County Council.

After refreshments the Denmead groups, previously mentioned, gave excellent presentations on the work of their organisations during the last twelve months.

The excellent refreshments were provided by Denmead Evening Women's Institute.

Cllr M Webber, Chairman

COULD THIS BE YOU?

A couple of years ago there were four afternoons per month for the older generation to play bingo in the Memorial Hall. Now there is just one session per month - just because nobody came forward to run the other sessions.

It does not have to be bingo. It does not have to be in the Memorial Hall. There are lots of opportunities for those with some time to spare to do something both for themselves and others in the village.

Contact the Parish Council office to learn more.

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Flag flying days 2006

Fri 21 Apr Birthday of HRH The Queen
 Sun 23 Apr St George's Day
 Sat 10 Jun Birthday of HRH The Duke of Edinburgh
 Sat ?? Jun Queen's official birthday
 Fri 15 Sep Battle of Britain Day
 Sat 21 Oct Trafalgar Day
 Sat 11 Nov Armistice Day
 Sun 12 Nov Remembrance Day
 Tue 14 Nov Birthday of HRH The Prince of Wales
 NOTE: The flag will be lowered to half mast at 11.00am
 on both Armistice Day and Remembrance Day.

Parish Council Vacancy

The Parish Council has a vacancy for a Parish Councillor. Anyone willing to be co-opted should write to The Clerk, Denmead Parish Council, The Old School, School Lane, Denmead. PO7 6LU enclosing details of their interests and reasons for wishing to be a Parish Councillor.

Parish Council Meetings January to December 2006

All meetings begin at 7.30pm on the days shown in the column header unless otherwise indicated, at the Community Centre. Full details including venues are given in the timetable on the public noticeboard in the village centre.

Month	Amenities Wednesday	Finance Tuesday	Footpaths Tuesday	H & GP Wednesday	Parish Council Wednesday	Planning Wednesday
Jan	18	10	24			11, 25
Feb				1	15	8, 22
Mar	1	7	7	15	29	8, 22
Apr	12	11		26	25**	5, 19
May	24		30		10***	3, 17, 31
Jun		6		7	21	14, 28
Jul	5	18	18	19		12, 26
Aug					2	9, 23
Sep	13	5	19	27		6, 20
Oct	25				11	4, 18
Nov			7	8	22	1, 15, 29
Dec	6	5			19 Tues	13
*** Annual Parish Meeting				** Annual Parish Assembly		

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