



Spring 2020

Your Parish

Danehill Parish Council Newsletter

Chairman's Message

It's been another busy time in the Parish, with lots getting done despite the biblical rain we've had.

I'd first like to start, however, with thanking a few people.

Sadly, Neil McPherson has decided to resign from the Council this month. I really appreciate all the hard work Neil put into the Parish Finances, among other things. I do hope we continue to see him show up to the odd meeting when he has time. Many thanks Neil.

Secondly, I'd like to thank Councillor Martin Lewer and Family for giving up their weekend to work on some maintenance /landscaping at the Burial Ground. It's an area we are targeting to improve this year, and Martin has gotten us off to a great start. Thanks Martin and Family.

I'm sure some of you will have also benefitted from the new path and lighting going up to Danehill Memorial Hall from the lower car park. Also the entrance to the car park should now be easier to navigate with its new surface.

Sadly, the same can't be said for our roads. Cllr Roy Galley has been made aware of the situation down School Lane, and is pushing ESCC for a solution. In the meantime, please continue to report any potholes through the ESCC website.

Finally, something we are all very much aware of, Corona Virus (or COVID-19). We are working closely with ESCC and Wealden Council on protocols for this. Please keep an eye on Notice Boards, our Facebook Page and the Council website for updates (the next one being our Annual Meeting scheduled for April).

We are working with the Church to put in place a volunteer system to help take care of the elderly in the Parish. The next several months could prove challenging for a lot of people.

My very best to all,

Rhodri Lewis Chairman

Recreation Car Park

Although the weather conditions for the first part of this year have been less than we would like, the Recreation Ground car park and footpath to the Memorial Hall has been renovated together with six new path lights. We are sure this will improve the safety and access to the hall

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Council Meeting Calendar

**All meetings have
been deferred
Until further
notice**

Councillors

Responsibilities

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George Powell		George@danehill-pc.org	Danehill Memorial Hall, Planning.

Local Help

IF YOU ARE SELF-ISOLATING DUE TO COVID19—WE WILL TRY TO HELP BY

Picking up Shopping; posting Mail, or we can just be a friendly voice at the end of the phone! If you are concerned just telephone or e-mail and someone will be in touch. We are also looking for volunteers to help others so should you be in a position where you are able to give, please get in touch- Paddy MacBain 01825 790269 vicar@allsaintsdanehill.org.uk or the Parish Council 01342 822404 clerk@danehill-pc.org

REMINDERS corona virus is contagious so please take every precaution to ensure you are only spreading kindness. Avoid physical contact (2 metres). Wash hands regular only and leave and leave all items on doorsteps. By contacting us you are agreeing for your contact details to be shared for this purpose between volunteer groups in compliance with data protection regulations but will not be passed on to external groups or for other purposes. Any queries just contact Paddy or the Parish Office.

Details of your local volunteer co-ordinator see below

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General queries can also be directed to the Vicar 01825 790269 vicar@allsaintedanehill.org.uk or the Clerk 01342 822404 parishclerk@hartfieldonline.com

Big Wealden Switch

This year Wealden District Council are running another collective switch to help local residents save money on their gas and electricity bills. Normally for internet users, a series of events to help those without internet get registered. To participate residents just need to Telephone Justin Bailey, Home Energy Efficiency Officer. W.D.C., 01323 443313. With an energy bill, or annual statement to hand.



Cancelled

Until

Further Notice

Community Library

Situated at Chelwood Gate Village Hall

Current situation

Please ring 01825 740562

VE Day 8th May 2020 & Annual Parish Meeting

CORONA VIRUS (COVID19) RESTRICTIONS

Regrettably this has been Cancelled

Spotlight on: - Ashdown Forest

A large area of the north eastern part of the parish is designated as Ashdown Forest. In Norman times this was a deer hunting forest now it is known for certain leisure activities (except drones and cycles)

Managed by the Forest Conservators, based just outside of the Parish at The Forest Centre, Colemans Hatch Road, Wych Cross. RH18 5JP.

Visit The Forest Centre when open or the Web site Ashdownforest.org for more information on the Forest Code.

With the main London to Eastbourne road (A22) passing through this part of the parish, a small number of residential properties line area.

Commercial business include:- **Llama Park** suitable for all the family including cafe shop and tourist information.

Pippingford Park used for Offices, Weddings, Fishing, Corporate and some ticket only public events.

Bonfires

It has been traditional in rural areas like our parish to dispose of unwanted household and garden waste with a bonfire.

There are no byelaws preventing bonfires, so if you decide to have one, you must not cause a statutory nuisance to neighbours or cause anti-social behaviour.

If you have a bonfire, we urge you to be extremely careful.

Burn as far away from your neighbours as possible: **Only burn dry material:** **Burn** in the evening when windows are closed: **Burn** in low wind conditions.

If a neighbour's house has become engulfed by your smoke, please put out your bonfire immediately.

Defibrillator Locations



**Heart
Defibrillator**

We have two

- 1 Outside Danehill Memorial Hall Main Entrance
- 2 Chelwood Gate Village Hall Church Entrance side

Useful Contact Details

WEALDLINK PASSENGER SERVICE

01892 771332

PARISH BOOKINGS

Chelwood Gate Village Hall.

01825 740562

Danehill Memorial Hall.

01825 791725

Recreation Grounds.

01342 822404

Village Library.

01825 740562

DH & CG. Social Club.

01825 790484

Ashdown Forest Health Centre

01342 822131

Home Security

In the light of recent events within the Parish it is felt that some ideas for security should be suggested. Condition of all door and window locks checked and replaced if necessary. Extra attention to patio doors.

Do not hang spare keys close to doors. Alarm systems to include garages and outbuildings. CCTV systems. Keep all gates closed at all times if possible. Keep all valuables in the house out of sight or in a safe. Do not leave packaging of recent purchases in view. Arrange for someone to watch the property while you are away.

Report anything suspicious to police and Social Media including any number plates or identifying details seen.

Join the Neighbourhood Watch (in the Know) web site to get regular information and advice to help everyone to be aware of local incidents.

At the end of last year Wealden Police allocated four PCSO's Choppin, De La Fuente McCallum and Matthews to cover Danehill, Fletching and Nutley. Contact details can be found by visiting www.police.uk and entering your post code or location.

Wealden District Council

Wealden D.C. has declared a climate emergency and is embarking on a series of actions where it can make a difference.

It is aiming to achieve net-zero carbon dioxide emissions by the Council and across the District by 2050- and pursue efforts for an earlier date.

Highlights of the areas where the District Council are targeting are

To encourage low carbon and renewable energy schemes.

Exploring options to promote and accelerate the take up of electric vehicles in the District.

Delivering domestic energy efficiency schemes to all Households.

Promote waste reduction, including implementing a plan to reduce single-use plastics.

Quote from Wealden DC "we need to work together as a Council and with Parishes, the County Council and the Government".

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Declaration on climate emergency It is now clear that the world has less than 12 years to switch away from fossil fuels to avoid the worst impacts of climate change. Reducing energy use and switching to clean energy will also increase energy security, improve air quality, minimise fuel poverty, boost the local economy and provide jobs and training.

It is proposed that Danehill Parish Council declares a climate emergency and commits to going carbon neutral by 2030. This will help to raise the profile of this vital issue and secure external support and funding. It is also proposed that the Council also signs up to any local initiatives to track our progress and link with other parishes and towns around the world, who are cutting emissions,

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CALL 105**



Or call us
24 hours a day on
0800 31 63 105

Power Cut?

Contact UK Power Networks free and they will keep you updated on progress in repairing the fault, likely time to fix the problem etc.

*Call 105, or 0800 31 63 105

* Text POWER & your postcode
To 80876

Anti-Social Driving
& Abandoned Vehicles

**Operation
Crackdown**

**DON'T
TOLERATE IT
REPORT
IT!**

Fed-up with Anti-social Driving? Report it
online at www.operationcrackdown.org it takes
5-10 minutes to complete form and is
anonymous