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Your Parish

Danehill Parish Council Newsletter

Shop Shop Shop Shop Shop

The Farm Shop on Tour is now coming to Danehill every Friday with a range of produce available, from fruit and vegetables to hams, cheeses, biscuits and cereals etc.

When? Every Friday

10.00am - Noon at Chelwood Gate Village Hall
2.30pm - 4.30pm at Danehill Social Club

You can also pre-order goods packages by calling 01825 790331 by 12 noon the day before for pick up the next day.

The lack of a shop in our Parish is something that almost everyone misses, please make sure that you support this initiative.

And...apart from the Friday morning Fish Van and Tuesday evening Fish & Chip Van (both CGVH and Danehill Social), The Ashdown Forest Centre also has several meat offers - see p2.

FARM SHOP ON TOUR



Key Decisions/Information

- It was agreed to have the roundabout in the Danehill playground renovated
- Awaiting license from ESCC for speed indicators - clerk is following up
- Vacancy exists for a seat on the Parish Council - see pages 2 and 3
- Feasibility study for School Lane being undertaken by ESCC contractors regarding possible road safety initiatives (A275/School Lane)

Village Amenities & Facilities Workshops



The turnout for the two workshops on amenities last month was excellent, with some lively discussion, a fair amount of consensus in a few areas and some great ideas.

The meeting for users/prospective users was attended by roughly 60-70 people and the meeting for trustees and owners of the various facilities around 20 people.

During the coming months we will be analysing the ideas and putting together a questionnaire for all parishioners to complete to enable us to develop a forward-looking strategy for the facilities that will have parish-wide support.

The PC will keep everyone updated on progress via the website 'Facilities' page and via Facebook.

eMails

Please register for eMail if you would like to receive a digital copy of the newsletter instead of one through the post - the digital newsletter will usually get to you several days before the printed version. There is a link on the first page of the PC website 'Register for Electronic Updates', click on this link to send a message to the clerk quoting name, first line of address and postcode so we can take you off the distribution list for the printed version.

We will not provide your email address to any other party.

Contact clerk@danehill-pc.org to sign up or visit www.danehill-pc.org



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Important Decisions or Proceedings

The most important decisions or proceedings from recent meetings are summarised below. Full details are contained in the meeting minutes which can be accessed via the Danehill PC website www.danehill-pc.org or ask the clerk for a hard copy if you do not have access to the internet.

Facilities Review

Two workshops have now taken place for both users/prospective users and trustees/owners/managers. Both workshops were very well attended and discussions were open, transparent and rich in content. Action in Rural Sussex will be reviewing the output of both meetings and providing further feedback and possible next steps.

Traffic Speed Survey & Highways Proposals

Council agreed to apply for a licence for a SID for a number of locations see P3 for more information.

Councillor Emma Mills Resignation

Due to family and work commitments Cllr. Emma Mills has resigned - see P3 for more information,

Finger Post Signs

A relatively small matter but a highly visible one which has gone on for far too long. The contractor has, after well over 12 months, still to replace the signs around the village - he is being given seven working days to complete the job.

Danehill Village Memorial Hall Repair Quote

Current situation with Danehill Memorial Hall and consider actions and costs required. AP reported on recent meetings. A request for £200 for the temporary repair was outlined. The Council unanimously approved the £200 repair cost to be covered by DPC and continued support for the hall.

Chairman's Message

Sadly I have to report that Emma Mills has resigned from your Parish Council as she is starting her own advisory business. Emma has made a significant contribution over the past year particularly regarding Danehill Primary School and the Memorial Hall. I would like to thank Emma for her support in helping us and we wish her every success in her new venture. We therefore have a vacancy on the Council and if any Parishioners are interested in joining us, please contact our Clerk, Emma Fulham, who will give you an overview of what is involved. Ideally we would like to fill this vacancy with another Danehill resident as Chelwood Gate is in danger of being over-represented.

During the summer we held two meetings regarding the Parish Facilities Review, at which a number of ideas were put forward and discussed. During the coming months we will be analysing the ideas and putting together a questionnaire for all parishioners to complete to enable us to develop a forward-looking strategy for the facilities that will have parish wide support.

You may have noticed that the open area on Jubilee Green has been levelled and reseeded. It should be ready for use in the spring of next year. You should also have started to notice that some of the finger posts in the Parish have been renovated, which is part of our plan to ensure that the Parish is properly maintained. However, we can all contribute to the well being and safety of our villages by ensuring that our hedges are regularly trimmed back to ensure that pavements are passable, signs are not obscured and vehicles are not parked on pavements or in a position on the road that makes it difficult for cars to get in and out of driveways safely.

Enjoy the rich autumnal colours and make a note in your diaries that the Conservators of Ashdown Forest will be giving a presentation at our Council Meeting on 19th October - you are all very welcome to attend.

Andrew Goodburn

Sandy Lane - Fairfax Properties

A number of households in Chelwood Gate have received a flyer from Fairfax Properties Ltd regarding a proposal to develop land immediately adjoining the north side of Sandy Lane for additional new housing. The proposal was briefly discussed at the September PC meeting but no information on the Fairfax proposal had been received by Wealden DC or the Parish Council. It was generally considered that the proposal had very little chance of being seriously considered due to the current planning policies of Wealden DC particularly that no additional houses would be permitted within 400m of the Ashdown Forest. Should further information on the proposal become available the PC would consider further in more detail.

Ashdown Forest Meat

Do you know that the conservators of Ashdown Forest also sell Beef and Hogget ?

Galloway cattle are renowned for their hardiness and their ability to convert poor quality moorland grazing into best beef. Grazing of the internationally important heathlands of Ashdown Forest with cattle is a vital part of the conservation work that maintains this endangered habitat and its specialist wildlife.



The Hebridean is a breed of sheep with an historical reputation for producing delicious mutton. The Hebrideans from the Conservators' flock are particularly slow growing, fed on the natural heathland vegetation of the Forest and definitely in a class of their own.

Special offers on meat packages are available - visit the Ashdown Forest website www.ashdownforest.org or contact the Forest Centre on 01342 823583 or e-mail: conservators@ashdownforest.org

Conservators of Ashdown Forest

The Conservators of the Ashdown Forest will be presenting at the October PC meeting, covering the "way forward" with regard to Governance, Funding and Interaction with local Parishes. Funding proposals will include a request for funds from the PC - please come to hear their proposal and make your views known.



Parish Council Grant Requests

The PC receives a number of requests for funding during the year in varying formats and levels of detail. It is crucial that we address these in a structured and transparent manner in order to do justice to the requests as well as being able to plan and execute precepts/budgets correctly. To this end we have adopted a new request form - please visit www.danehill-pc.org or contact the clerk.

Village Market

Saturday 18th Nov.2017 - 10am-2pm - Danehill Memorial Hall

Oliver Cromwell may have banned the celebration of Christmas in the fashion people had become accustomed to but he could never have got in the way of the Danehill and Chelwood Gate Christmas Market!

Stock up on unique festive gifts for your loved ones (or yourself) along with local produce/hampers whilst indulging in a mince pie and mulled wine.

A great way to celebrate the festive period whilst supporting your local suppliers.

Catherine Crouch

Parish Councillor Vacancy - Apply Now!

Following the resignation of Cllr Emma Mills due to other commitments the Council has notified WDC of the vacancy and following on from that advertisement period concluding can now look to co opt another person into the role. Emma brought a family perspective and coming from Danehill provided local information especially for planning matters as she sat on the planning committee and will be missed.

Anyone interested in the role can contact the Clerk Emma Fulham Tel: 01342 822404 email: clerk@danehill-pc.org for more information. Being a parish councillor can be extremely rewarding. It is hoped the Council will be able to co opt for this vacancy in the autumn.

Emma Fulham

Chelwood Gate Village Hall

CGVH is managed by a team of volunteers who apart from the regular bookings organise money-raising for their Hall and charity events during the year. There are a number of interesting events coming up, including:

Jumble Sale - Oct 14th. Doors open at 2 pm. If you have any unwanted items of clothing or bric-a-brac (no electrical items) please deliver to the hall during the morning or ring Jean for a collection on 01825 740562 by Thursday 12th. Also if you would like to offer help please ring Jean

Quiz Evening - Oct 18th, with Quiz master John James Starting 7.30pm for 8pm This is the third quiz evening in the present format which appears to be popular. If you can enter a team of 4 persons or would like to team up with others please ring Jean 01825 740562.

Whist Drive - Monthly Whist Drives take place on the first Friday of the month at 7.30 pm to raise money for the Hall. Tony Pipe is the organiser, since 1970 (Tel.01825 791852) - anyone can enter a team or may be able to join others to make a team on the night.

Xmas Lights - December 8th 6.30pm. The 51st Annual Christmas Tree Lighting features an evening of entertainment usually by Children from Danehill School, Danehill Hand-bell ringers and anyone who is willing to entertain. If you can sing or play an instrument why not contact Mike Fishlock 01825 740746 to arrange a spot in the programme. This is an evening run by the children (and others) for the children and is well supported. The proceeds will go to The Peanut Children's Ward at The Queen Victoria Hospital, East Grinstead. Collection boxes will also be in shops, pubs and other venues in our Parish, Nutley and Horsted Keynes.

Church Lane - Double Yellow Lines

ESCC is responding to objections from neighbours following on from the consultation period - DPC await to hear from ESCC to confirm when works can commence.

Key Dates

There are a number of events taking place in the run up to Xmas - please see below for details:

October

Clay Pigeon Shoot - Black Ven Farm, TN22 3EH 8th Oct - 11.00am - 6.00pm in aid of Nutley Pre-School

Jumble Sale - CGVH - 14th Oct - 2.00pm

Quiz Night - CGVH - 18th October 7.30pm

November

Whist Drive - CGVH - 3rd Nov - 7.30pm

Charity Race Night - In support of 'Dreams Come True' Nov 11th Danehill Social Club

Xmas Village Market - 18th Nov DVMH

December

Whist Drive - CGVH - 1st Dec - 7.30pm

Concert: In Yer Face - 2nd Dec Danehill Social Club

Christmas Tree Lighting - 8th Dec 6.30pm

Xmas Concert: Dec 10th Rok School (finishes by 9.00pm)

Sussex Police - "In The Know"

This is an email information/alert service providing details on what's happening in the area - see:

<https://sussex.police.uk> & <https://www.intheknow.community/>

Freshfield Lane - SE Water Works

South East Water presented full details on the works planned for Freshfield Lane at the September PC meeting. Further information regarding the works are available via a dedicated webpage for the scheme:

- <https://corporate.southeastwater.co.uk/about-us/water-mains-work-in-freshfield-lane-danehill-haywards-health>

Highways Proposals

Following the results of the recent speed survey in Danehill & Chelwood Gate a number of initiatives were evaluated and quotes requested and reviewed.

After some discussion the Council agreed to apply for a licence for a Speed Indication Display (SID) for the following locations in the first instance:

- A275 north of School Lane
- Beaconsfield Road near Nursery Cottage
- School Lane east bound.

The Council then considered the project and costs involved.

The Council agreed unanimously to approve up to £4000 excluding VAT and delegated the final details and the sign off of the contract to Neil Macleod and Andrew Pattison.

The Council also considered the options re the manning of the unit. The Council unanimously agreed the Council would advertise and arrange familiarisation with volunteers and would arrange the logistics in the first instance.

Emma Fulham

Jubilee Green

A reminder that the grass surface will be off-limits for about 3 months as we level and re-seed the surface.

Village Market PC Surgeries

Come and talk to a Parish Councillor. Chat about what you are happy/unhappy with in the Parish.

Next date: Sat 18th November 10am-2pm DVMH.

Emergency Plan Update

This is being uploaded to the Danehill PC website and posted outside both village halls. The plan provides important information on what to do, assembly points, communication updates and the most important telephone numbers in the event of a major incident.

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Responsibilities

Chairman & Burial Ground & Memorial
Chelwood Gate Village Hall
Chairman of Planning Committee
Ashdown Forest Parish Liaison Panel,
Emergency Planning & Wealdlink
Danehill Rec & Jubilee Green (including
Chelwood Gate Village Green)
Highways & Footpaths
Communications
Danehill Village Hall & Primary School
Chairman of Finance Committee

Defibrillator Siting



We have two:

1. Outside Danehill Village Memorial Hall Main Entrance
2. On the side of Chelwood Gate Village Hall (currently car park side - shortly to be moved to Church Entrance side)

What Does The Parish Council Do?

County Council, District Council, Parish Council? Here's a simple guide to what responsibilities the various councils hold. (source: www.gov.uk)

County Council

Responsible for services across the whole of a county:

- education
- transport
- planning
- fire and public safety
- social care
- libraries
- waste management
- trading standards

District Council

Covers a smaller area than County. Usually responsible for:

- rubbish collection
- recycling
- Council Tax collections
- housing
- planning applications
- environmental health including noise pollution

Parish Council

Below District & County. They help on local issues such as:

- allotments, trees on parish grounds
- bus shelters
- burial grounds
- community centres
- play areas and play equipment
- grants to help local organisations
- consultation on neighbourhood planning

**POWER CUT?
CALL 105**



Power Cut?

One of the drawbacks of living in a rural area is the number of power cuts. 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**



Fed Up With Anti-Social Driving?

Report it online at www.operationcrackdown.org
It takes 5-10 minutes to complete the form and is anonymous. You can even follow up and see what action was taken.

**POST
OFFICE**

Services are available every Friday

Chelwood Gate Village Hall:
10.00 - 12.00 (10am to Noon)

Danehill Social Club:
14.30 - 16.30 (2.30pm to 4.30pm)

Useful Contact Details

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01892 771332
PARISH BOOKINGS
Chelwood Gate Village Hall
01825 740562
Danehill Village Hall
01825 790797
Recreation Ground
01825 740731

Calendar

19th Oct 2017	PC Meeting 7.30pm DS
30th Nov 2017	PC Meeting 7.30pm CGVH
tbd Jan 2017	PC Meeting 7.30pm DS (see website)

DS=Danehill School CGVH = Chelwood Gate Village Hall