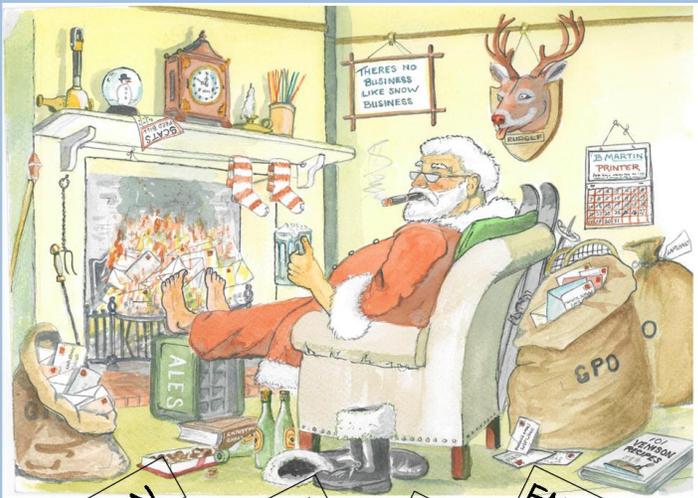


DNF Denmead Neighbourhood Forum

A Frontrunner community group, operating as a Working Party of the Parish Council, producing a Neighbourhood Plan for Denmead

Newsletter – January/February 2013

CHRISTMAS MAY BE OVER BUT WE ARE NOT PUTTING OUR FEET UP!



RECREATION **FACILITIES** **HOUSING** **EMPLOYMENT**

CONSULTATION 'DROP IN' SESSIONS AT FORMER NATWEST ON SATURDAY
2nd, 9th, 16th & 23rd
FEBRUARY
9.30am TO 1.30pm

WE NEED YOUR VIEWS

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“Every Saturday in February – watch the notice boards and web-site for more information.”

Our Schools in the community

Firstly on behalf of the team who are working on Denmead's **Neighbourhood Plan** thanks to all those Junior School parents who helped with the 'wall survey' when they attended the Parent's Evenings this term. It was a great way for the team to meet you and get your views on 'Recreation' and 178 parents, took part, sometimes contributing as families. This event was due to the permissions of the senior teaching staff that we were able to put up our stand and we hope to do this again next term.

For those who may be interested in the results, there was a clear indication that people had an active lifestyle with 62% indicating that they had used an indoor facility at some time, mainly weekly. It is perhaps unsurprising that most people used the Waterlooville facility (56%) for either swimming or fitness work, but of particular interest is that 30% of respondents would use a facility that was easier to get to or cheaper. Is this backing for a Sports Hall in Denmead? Out of doors, 53% of people recorded their use of Creech Woods, mainly for exercise in the open air or for children to use the play area. Dog walking was the third reason. There was also support for the option to try out new sports – perhaps this is because people have watched them during the Olympics? The Neighbourhood Plan team will give that some thought!

The children from both the Infants and Junior schools took part in the project to find out what our children liked and disliked about the village. Those contributions – some predictable, some really interesting - are now being examined and we will report on those at a later date. Meanwhile, many, many thanks are due to the staff who helped to develop the children's ideas.

How's the work progressing? Small teams of three or four people are doing the research into particular aspects of our community, on subjects such as Recreation, Employment, Infrastructure, and the Demographics of our changing community. It has been a challenge to get these started but the teams are now finding out the detail that is needed to produce a robust Plan. Care to join them? If so contact Neil Lander-Brinkley on 023 9225 1484.

MEANWHILE watch out for events in January and February where you can give us your views and help to manage the changes that time and society will inevitably bring, by helping to develop a robust NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN. *Remember, these will be held in the village centre, using the old Nat West bank premises, during February, where you will be able to **DROP IN** and talk to members of the Neighbourhood Plan team.*

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