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**A message from  
Jan Maddern - your Nash Mills Councillor on DBC.**



It is almost three years since I was elected to represent the people of Nash Mills on Dacorum Borough Council, and the last few months have been busier than ever! Of course, the most pressing issue we are facing at the moment is the fact that our Tesco Express at The Denes suffered a fire and will be closed for some time to come.

The stock room managed to contain the fire, but the smoke damage throughout the store has meant that the whole shop is now being stripped out and completely refitted. I have been in regular contact with the management who are overseeing the operation, and at the time of going to press the estimated schedule to reopen is mid-June, although they are hoping that it will be sooner than this. We still have three difficult planning applications that I am working on, the Mosque, Nash House and 143 Belswains Lane. The latter is due to be heard at the Development Management meeting on 24th May, and I will be speaking on behalf of local residents in opposition to the application in its current form.

Both the Mosque and Nash House are being scrutinised very carefully due to strong objections from several angles, but I will keep everyone posted as soon as I have news on either of these. I'm still working on various parking issues around Nash Mills and am pushing DBC officers for help with this. If you have any concerns, or would like to be kept up to date with the work I am doing around the community, please contact me or follow me on Facebook or Twitter:

Facebook: [www.facebook.com/Jan4Hemel](http://www.facebook.com/Jan4Hemel)

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### NEWS FROM ST MARYS CHURCH

As I write this, Easter is just a couple of weeks away, and more importantly the evenings are getting lighter which does mean that spring is just around the corner. After the cold weather and snow that we have had over the last few weeks it is good to see the wonderful display of snowdrops in the churchyard and the first signs of primroses. So why not take a walk down on a Saturday morning to have a look at them and then pop into the community café (which is open 10am -12noon) for a drink and some cake!

Looking back to the beginning of the year, on Sunday 7th January a special farewell service was held to wish a well-deserved and overdue retirement to our Rector David Lawson. Over 200 people attended this event including our local MP, Sir Mike Penning.

Over the next few months the search for David's replacement will commence, and hopefully by the time of the next newsletter I will have more to report.

Meanwhile our clergy team of two priests will be covering (with help from other local clergy) the four churches in our benefice.

We, once again, will be starting our Palm Sunday service at Florence Longman House on March 25th, and then walking along Weymouth Street to church to start our normal 10am service.

I list below all of our Holy Week and Easter services, and invite you to join us as we celebrate the risen Jesus over 2,000 years ago.

### **Holy Week**

Monday 26th March 8pm - Compline

Tuesday 27th March 8pm - Compline

Wednesday 28th March 8pm - Stations of the Cross at St Benedict's.

Thursday 29th March 8pm Holy Communion at St Benedict's.

Friday 30th March 12pm - Family Service

2-3pm - Stations of the Cross.

Sunday 1st April Easter Day - 10am Holy Communion & Sunday School.

Monday 2nd April Pilgrimage walk to St Albans.

More details concerning all services and events across our Benefice can be found on our web site which is [www.beneficeoflangelei.org.uk](http://www.beneficeoflangelei.org.uk)

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At Abbot's Hill, we pride ourselves on our pastoral care. The sense of being part of an extended family is frequently commented on by pupils, parents and staff alike. The School's ethos is one which places the well-being and success of the individual child at its centre, and this is reflected in many aspects of School life.

Our extra-curricular clubs offer a lively balance of sport, performing and creative arts, science and technology, journalism, problem-solving and debating. The school is involved in charitable and school partnership activities in the wider community. In such a nurturing environment, pupils grow naturally in confidence, are happy to embrace new challenges and eagerly take on increasing responsibilities. Pupils leave Abbot's Hill fully equipped to take on with passion the challenges and opportunities life has to offer. To experience Abbot's Hill for yourself, come along to one of our Open Events (full details are available on our website) or you can email our Registrar at [registrar@abbotshill.herts.sch.uk](mailto:registrar@abbotshill.herts.sch.uk) or call us on **01442 240333**.

## Additional Garden Waste Subscription



The 2018 Additional Garden Waste Subscription Service is now open, offering you the opportunity to buy additional green-lidded bins and have them collected on your normal garden waste collection day. Householders can purchase an unlimited number of 240-litre green-lidded bins for £25 per bin. The additional bins (including any extra bins that may have previously purchased from the Council) can be emptied through the seasonal subscription service which costs £50 per year for every additional green-lidded bin.

The additional green-lidded bins will be collected on the same day and at the same frequency as the normal green-lidded bin collections, typically from March to November.

The regular garden waste service currently provided to householders will remain unchanged; this additional service is simply an optional extra.

Green-lidded bins are for garden waste only, such as:

- grass/hedge cuttings
- leaves
- twigs/small branches
- flowers including cut flowers from bouquets etc.
- pruning's
- weeds
- small amounts of animal bedding made from straw, hay or woodchips (but not shredded paper)

Please note, all cardboard should be recycled in your blue-lidded bin and all food waste should go into food waste caddies. No plastic should ever go in your green-lidded bin.

For more information, to subscribe to the 2018 Additional Garden Waste Subscription Service, or to purchase additional bins and please visit:

[www.dacorum.gov.uk/extragreenbin](http://www.dacorum.gov.uk/extragreenbin)

## **The has Sprung' Quiz 2018**

- 1) Who is the Greek goddess of Spring?
- 2) What flower did the Victorians call a gilliflower?
- 3) What do crocuses grow from?
- 4) In which poem does the line - "April is the cruellest month, breeding" appear?
- 5) What is the French word for spring?
- 6) Where is the largest hot spring in the world?
- 7) Complete the following saying: "March comes in like a lion, .....?"
- 8) Which novel begins: "It was a bright cold day in April, and the clocks were striking thirteen"?
- 9) On average, how many spring tides are there each year?
- 10) The RHS Chelsea Flower Show is held in which month of the year? And what is the show's formal name?
- 11) Who painted La Primavera?
- 12) On the 1987 hit 'What have I done to deserve this?' who collaborated with Dusty Springfield?
- 13) Who composed the Rite of Spring?
- 14) According to the UK Kennel Club, the English springer spaniel belongs to which group of dogs?
- 15) Which event marks the beginning of Spring in the Northern Hemisphere?

Please post your entries for the 'The Spring has Sprung' Quiz to the Parish Clerk alternatively, email your entry to: [clerk@nashmillparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@nashmillparishcouncil.gov.uk) by 31st May 2018. The winning entry (drawn at random) with all 15 correct answers will win £10.00.

### Answers to 'Winter Warmer' Quiz

- 1) Hans Christian Andersen.
  - 2) Pyeongchang, South Korea.
  - 3) 26 December in the Latin Church and 27 December in Eastern Christianity.
  - 4) The Robin.
  - 5) Eight maids a-milking.
  - 6) Four (Past, Present, Yet-to-Come and Jacob Marley)
  - 7) 32°F.
  - 8) David Essex
  - 9) Oslo, Norway.
  - 10) The shortest day of the year - 21 December 2017.
  - 11) Scotland.
  - 12) Snowdrop.
  - 13) The Serpentine.
  - 14) The Snowman.
  - 15) Six.
  - 16) Frozen.
  - 17) Reindeer.
  - 18) False.
  - 19) Richard III.
  - 20) Prague.
- Thank you for all your entries and Congratulations to **John Lee, Meadow Road** who wins

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Hopefully the worst of the winter weather is over but the Park is still very wet as we found when we did our recent effort to clear some of the smaller entrances to the park. Even with the amount of rain that has fallen, the natural pond near the car park has still not shown any sign of water. This must be something to do with the amount of water extraction from the aquifers as in the not too distant past there has been water in the pond. It is getting to the point where we will take the fence down as it is not needed.

We installed a seat in memory of one of our keen members who passed away last year and his relatives helped to dig the holes for the supports so do take the opportunity for a short rest when walking in the park.

Several more welcome boards will be erected at entrances to the park to show the routes that can be walked to compliment the signposts erected last year. We have one more coppicing activity at the end of March with friends from Chipperfield and then we start the maintenance work on the rides. We have carried out a quick litter pick but cannot get to the debris in the middle of the hedges so hopefully people will stop throwing it in as whilst it is hidden during the summer in winter it is visible and unsightly. We know that many people do collect litter when walking through the park so thank you for that as it makes it easier for us and more enjoyable for users. The tricky part is getting people to stop dropping it in the first place.

The project to generate firewood bundles is going ahead with some of us working at Dens to split and bundle the timber ready for sale during the Autumn. Natural timber is far better than wood off cuts to start a fire and lasts longer. The income will go to support Dens. We now have some members splitting the timber from the Park who helped plant the trees in the first place some 20 years ago. As they say: what goes around comes around, or something like that. A few new members have joined us recently but we always have room for more so if you want to take part please give us a call or email. Enjoy the Park. Geoff Doole

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**STAYING SAFE TOGETHER IN NASH MILLS**

Join more than 10,000 people who are helping to protect our local communities in Dacorum. Neighbourhood Watch is one of the biggest and most successful crime prevention initiatives ever. Now involving more than 70,000 households in Hertfordshire, it is based on the simple idea that you and your neighbours can help to reduce crime and create a safer and better place to live, work and play.

By being a good neighbour, you can help make your community more secure by looking out for your neighbours; keeping an eye on their homes when they are out; watching out for those who are elderly or vulnerable; and receiving and sharing crime prevention advice to help keep you and your neighbours safe and your homes and property secure.

Neighbourhood Watch members receive regular local policing updates and alerts from their local policing team via email, using Hertfordshire's OWL system.

Your local policing team will keep you informed about what is happening locally and how you can help, for example to look out for stolen property or help find missing people. They will also tell you about local policing events; update you about crimes, incidents or concerning trends in your area; alert you to appeals for information or witnesses; and keep you up-to-date with the latest crime prevention information and advice to share with your friends and neighbours to help you to keep yourselves and your property safe.

Neighbourhood Watch members can do as much or as little as they like. You can also volunteer to be a street coordinator, looking after a number of homes and acting as a point of contact. There are several ways you can join: visit [www.OWL.co.uk](http://www.OWL.co.uk) to register online; email your local Watch Liaison Officer at [wlo@herts.pnn.police.uk](mailto:wlo@herts.pnn.police.uk) call the police non-emergency number (101) and ask to speak to your Watch Liaison Officer. Or you can contact me at: [ian.martin2@herts.pnn.police.uk](mailto:ian.martin2@herts.pnn.police.uk)



### **Fly Tipping Campaign**

A countywide fly-tipping campaign has launched this month, with the aim of reducing the number of fly-tipping incidents across Hertfordshire. The Hertfordshire Fly Tipping Group (HFTG) are raising awareness of what constitutes "fly-tipping", as well as letting Hertfordshire's residents and businesses know about their "duty of care".

On Thursday 15 March, shoppers were surprised to see fly-tipping take centre stage in Hemel Hempstead's town centre. Along with key stakeholders from the HFTG, including MP Sir Mike Penning, Police and Crime Commissioner David Lloyd, Hertfordshire's Chief Constable Charlie Hall and Dacorum's Mayor (Cllr David Collins) we showed our support for the campaign on both a local and countywide level. Our message was clear – "Let's scrap fly-tipping!"

MP for Hemel Hempstead, Sir Mike Penning, said, "Fly-tipping is massively affecting this wonderful part of the country that we live in. We all have a social responsibility that we know where our rubbish is going. Please don't fly-tip."

HFTG Chairman, Duncan Jones, said, "Approximately two thirds of fly-tipping incidents are household waste. Leaving items by bins or recycling banks, on the street or outside closed charity shops are all fly-tipping. In Hertfordshire, this amounts to thousands of fly-tipping incidents, costing Council Tax payers over £1 million to clean up and investigate."

Many people are unaware that not putting items in a suitable bin could land you with a fixed penalty notice of up to £400, or an unlimited fine if it goes to court. Since April 2017, 35 people have been prosecuted for fly-tipping offences in Hertfordshire and over 100 fixed penalty notices worth £300 have been issued. Besides disposing of waste yourself, the legal responsibility for your waste is still yours even when someone else is taking it away for you – this is known as your "duty of care".

Hertfordshire's Police and Crime Commissioner, David Lloyd, said: "All members of the public and businesses have a legal obligation, or duty of care, to carry out the necessary checks to ensure their waste is disposed of correctly. Failure to do so could result in them receiving an unlimited fine in court for a duty of care offence. Ultimately, if it's your waste, it's your responsibility."

"I've committed over £50,000 of funding this year to help local authorities combat fly-tipping through a combination of education and enforcement, such as covert CCTV cameras and leaflets." Hertfordshire's residents and businesses are encouraged to follow the campaign's SCRAP code, which provides a checklist to follow when arranging collections of waste.

Suspect all waste carriers - do not let them take your waste until they can prove they are legitimate. Check their waste carrier's registration details on the Environment Agency website or by calling **03708 506 506**. Refuse unsolicited offers to take your rubbish away. Ask what is going to happen to your rubbish and seek evidence that it is going to be disposed of appropriately. Paperwork should be obtained. Make sure you get a proper invoice, waste transfer note or a receipt for your waste removal – this should give a description of the waste and provide the waste carrier's contact details.

Hertfordshire Constabulary's Chief Constable, Charlie Hall, said, "Fly-tipping is a serious crime which can blight our communities across Hertfordshire. The police will continue to work alongside local authorities and will not hesitate to use our resources and skills to help prosecute serious and serial fly-tippers."

"If you see fly-tipping in action, call 999 and report it as a crime in progress. Record as many details as possible, such as the vehicle registration number and a description of the people involved. We do not advise approaching offenders, but if it is safe to get a video or photo of them in action, then that's great."

All incidents of fly-tipping, whether caught in the act or not, should be reported on Dacorum Borough Council's website so that we can investigate and clear the waste away. Dacorum Borough Council can also give help and advice to residents who may be unsure of how to arrange for their waste disposal needs. Fly-tipping is an unnecessary strain on both the environment and taxpayers.

## Hertfordshire Fostering and Adoption



There are over 900 children and young people in care in the county and many live with Hertfordshire's foster carers. Similarly, there are a number of children who need permanent homes through adoption.

Many people feel their gender identity or sexuality could present a barrier to them becoming foster carers or adopters. However, as many of HCC LGBT foster carers and adopters will tell you, these barriers are often perceived and not real.

Rona Howard is a transgender foster carer from Hemel Hempstead with over 15 years' experience. She currently cares for two teenage girls and recommends fostering, saying, "Don't be afraid to ask questions. In all my 15 years, I have never had any bad personal experiences, only support. The modern teenager is so open, able to accept and work things out for themselves. I would highly recommend fostering to others in the LGBT community. If you don't try, you'll never know. It's changed me. I hope it's made me a better person. I now have so many friends and so many wonderful experiences."

Each month, Hertfordshire County Council receives an average of 55 requests for new foster placements. The majority of these are needed for children over the age of 10 years, sibling groups and those with more complex needs. Foster carers are needed to provide both short-term and long-term care. In addition, adopters are also needed for children, particularly those who are able to care for sibling groups, children over the age of 4 years and younger children with complex health needs or developmental uncertainty. Anyone who fosters or adopts with Hertfordshire County Council can expect unrivalled support through the process, every step of the way.

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## **A Potted History of SSAFA**

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In 1885, Major Gildea founds the Soldiers' and Sailors' Families Association. When the Second Expeditionary Force set sail for Egypt in February 1885, Major (later Colonel Sir) James Gildea wrote a letter to The Times newspaper appealing for money and volunteers to help the military families left behind at home.

A fund was set up to provide allowances. Soon Her Royal Highness The Princess of Wales (the future Queen Alexandra) became the first president of what was then called the Soldiers' and Sailors' Families Association (SSFA). In 1892, SSFA sets up a nursing branch for serving families. Their nursing branch provided community nurses - later known as Alexandra Nurses - to look after the families of serving men in their own homes in the UK and abroad. They still provide some health services for serving Forces today.

Volunteers are at the heart of their work with the Armed Forces family. Meet inspiring people, gain some confidence and learn new skills as part of their volunteer network across the UK and on military bases around the world. Most of their volunteers support ex-service personnel and their dependents living in their community. If you live near a military base then you can also help the current Forces.

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