



We would like to thank those of you who took the trouble to vote in the election of Trustees. We look forward to your continued support during the coming year, which looks as though it will be a challenging one for us all.

As new Trustees we are committed to an open style of representation and improved two-way communication. We are planning to hold an open meeting in late November once we have found our feet and completed the handover from the existing Trustees. We also intend to hold regular informal surgeries when Trustees will be available to discuss residents' concerns. In order to obtain a clearer view of how residents would like to see the facilities develop and to assist us in setting priorities we shall be circulating a questionnaire as soon as possible.

We will however be dependent on the support of residents in resolving the issues facing their facility. We are very pleased to have already received kind offers of support and assistance from the three candidates whom you did not elect. They are Anne German, John Bickley and Chris Davey.

For the Trustees to meet the expectations and demands of the residents it will be necessary to commit considerable resources and expertise. There is no doubt that the residents of the Park have much to offer in terms of skills and knowledge and we would like to draw on these so that we can minimise costs and achieve more in less time than the five of us could achieve alone. This can be in the form of expertise in areas of concern or offers

of general assistance in undertaking the tasks to develop the facilities of Delamere Park. Please make any offers of assistance via the office. This is a genuine and serious request for assistance; we wish to involve as many residents as possible in the development and operation of Delamere Park facilities.

In preparation for the handover from the existing Trustees in early October the new Trustees have agreed the following areas of prime responsibility.

Jeannine Kolodziejcki	Chair and Administration/ Personnel
Keith Glover	Company Secretary/ Estates and Buildings/ Legal
Lester Bowman	Bar/Communications/ Community Groups
Steve Denton	Health and Safety/ External Relations
Ray Balmer	Finance

As we said at the head of this note we see the next year as being challenging for all of us. However, with your help we are certain that we can move Delamere Park forward. We intend to issue a fuller newsletter with more detail on our plans, hopefully in early November.

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Gardening Club

On Monday 24th July our summer social was well attended and the cheese and wine refreshments were excellent. A viewing of the 2006 Garden Safari C.D. was enjoyed on the big screen by the forty-five members present.

CLUBHOUSE GARDENS – Members have continued to weed/dead head the frontage of the Clubhouse and the dahlias are still giving a beautiful show of colour; this should continue until the first frosts so, based on this performance, it is likely that we will plant dahlias on an annual basis.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS –

Monday 23rd Oct	Speaker R. Fairweather Chrysanthemums.
Monday 27th Nov	Speaker D. Cummins Springtime in Tuscany.
Monday 18th Dec	Speaker A.G.M. and Christmas Social.

Social Committee

A reminder that the next event has changed from Saturday, 7th October to **FRIDAY, 13TH OCTOBER** and will be a Barn Dance (Hoot 'n' Anny), 8pm to midnight in the Function room. Dancing will be to 'Madcap'. Refreshments are chilli jacket potato or rice/chocolate brownie. Tickets will be limited so hurry on down to reception or bar and get yours, price £12.50 each.

The next event after the Barn Dance will be on **SUNDAY, 26th NOVEMBER**, and will take the form of a casual wine tasting by De Fine Wines, a selection of their best selling festive wines to see you through the Christmas season. It will be held in the Function room, 2-6pm and will be very different from the one we had in May. More details later.

A reminder for your diaries of the Christmas Social on Friday, 8th December.

Squash

Delamere Park Squash season gets off to a flying start!

The first social squash evening was held on Tuesday 12th September and new players enjoyed a good run out. Social squash will take place on the second Tuesday of each month, 7pm till 9pm. Come along and make some new friends and keep fit at the same time.

The internal leagues started on 17th September. 28 people have signed up for the adult leagues and 8 juniors for their league. It is not too late to join. You can make a flying challenge into the leagues at any time, or join at the start of a new month. Each league session runs for a month, so there is plenty of time to get your games played, with players at all levels.

Junior coaching started on 24th September and will be held each Sunday, from 4.45 till 6pm. A qualified coach will help juniors through a series of levels, with certificates to mark progress. Get your children involved. Each session costs £3 and equipment is provided.

For the more serious player, the men and women's North West and Cheshire Counties Leagues have started. If you want to see the action come along on a Monday or Thursday night – see fixture list at squash courts. If you want to be considered for the teams let Chris Hardy or Jean Jones know.

Let us all make squash a great success on the Park, please get involved.

For information about squash, contact Chris Hardy 882072.

A Date For Your Diary

St Luke's (Cheshire) Hospice Annual Coffee Morning

At 5 Orchard Dene - Liz and Bill Crafter's home

On Saturday 4th November 10am-2pm

Come and buy your Christmas cards, home produce and fancy goods.

Entrance £1 to include coffee and biscuit.

Barclays Bank have agreed to match what we make £ for £

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Homewatch

CHILD SEAT BELT REGULATIONS – A CHANGE IN THE LAW!

If you have children or grandchildren who travel in your cars, you should be aware of the new regulations.

Until now the law has stated that parents should use child seats and boosters "if they are available". The rules have now been tightened as most cars now have rear seat belts which are used to fix the child seats in place.

You are responsible for passengers under 14 to ensure they are belted in before you set off.

The new regulations state that children under 3 must always use the correct restraint in the front or rear of cars, vans and other goods vehicles where belts are fitted. Children from their 3rd birthday up to 135cm in height or their 12th birthday, whichever they reach first, must now also use the correct restraint in vehicles where belts are fitted.

There are four basic types of child restraint:

Rear facing baby seats for babies weighing up to 13kg (approx up to 9 months)

Forward facing child seats for children weighing 9 kg to 18kg (approx. 9 months to 4 years)

Booster seats for children weighing 15kg to 25kg (approx. 4 years to 6 years)

Booster cushions for children from 22kg to 36 kg (from 6 years approx.)

It will be illegal to use a rear facing baby seat in the front of the car if it is fitted with a passenger airbag.

These regulations could mean the difference between life and death if you are involved in an accident. I hope this helps explain the new rules. Don't get a £30 fixed penalty notice but more importantly look after your children and grandchildren.

Warning to Residents in Tarporley and surrounding areas of Vale Royal

FAKE £50 NOTES!

On Saturday 19th August 2006, daytime, 4 fake Scottish £50 notes were passed in shops in Tarporley.

Please be on the look out and warn anyone who could be affected.

Liz Biddle Home watch Officer 01244 614291

TO REPORT A CRIME TO THE POLICE – 0845 458 00

David A. Bowker
(DP Homewatch Village co-ordinator).

THE SQUIRRELS PRE-SCHOOL

September is the start of the new year and we have several new starters at Squirrels. Ten children left us to go to "big school" and we wish them all lots of luck. Our numbers are good for the coming year but there is always space for more.

We pride ourselves on giving the children at Squirrels a happy and settled routine with a chance to play and socialise with other children, as well as have a constructive morning to help prepare them for school. They have the opportunity to paint, draw, dress up, play in sand and water, enjoy the

environment and at the same time be looked after by a very caring and experienced staff.

Squirrels Pre-School was very pleased to be able to donate a new changing table and swimming aids to the newly re-furbished swimming pool, we hope that these will benefit all the children on Delamere Park. It is very encouraging to see the new Clubhouse in use again after the terrible fire in 2004 and for the residents to have their "community centre" back in use.

If anyone is interested in Squirrels for their child or grandchild please contact Della or Lyn on 01606 888782 between 9am and 12 noon or call in to see us.

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39/45 Club

The visit to Aintree Racecourse, home of the Grand National, on the 29th August was a great success. The weather was kind to us and our guide, Reg Green, had an encyclopaedic knowledge of horse racing at Aintree. However it was rather tiring on the feet as we stood for two hours!

Albert Hughes won the bowls competition held on a beautiful hot day. About 12 attended the bowls at Prestatyn Bowling centre.

Our September speaker was Reg Green on 'Aintree racecourse'. Those who hadn't been on the outing were at least sitting to listen; for us others it was a revision exercise. Many of us found that our memories aren't what they were!

Some of the club will go to the Remembrance Service this year on November 12th at a local church and then on for lunch at the Hare and Hounds. **If you care to join us at the lunch please phone 882762.** Places are limited.

The programme for the following months is:-

October: Roger Burgess- 'Oddities of Cheshire'.

November: Mr Bevan talking on 'The fall of the Grey Egerton House at Oulton Park'.

Although the 39/45 club bought the pool table and the indoor bowls mat, their use is not restricted to members of the club. On Monday and Friday lunchtimes (12 to 2) a group plays pool and during the holidays we were pleased to welcome some younger members to play with us. Why not come and join us? On Tuesday evenings from 8pm bowls are played in the Function Room. We would welcome more to join us.

You don't need to be an expert. Most of us aren't.

For more information ring our contact number 888926

Mah Jongg

Month by month we are gradually gaining more players of this interesting game. We play the American version, which adds a challenge! The current members wanted more than just one afternoon a month and so we are now meeting twice a month. We meet on a Thursday, in the function room, from 1pm onwards.

Dates for the remainder of this year are Sept 26th, Oct 12th and 26th, Nov 16th and 30th, and Dec 14th.

New members welcome. No experience necessary. Interested? Want more information? Ring Niki on 888959.

Delamere Park Children's Christmas Party

We are pleased to announce that this year there will be a party for the children of the park. Squirrels Pre-School is kindly supporting this event and also we have been given a donation by the Social Committee. We would like to thank them both very much.

The party is on SUNDAY 10TH DECEMBER commencing at 4pm and finishing at 6.30pm.

This year we have been fortunate to book a touring pantomime who will be doing a production of Jack and the Beanstalk. It is aimed at the age group of 3-11 years.

In order to know what size of audience we are catering for please could all interested parties complete the form below and post in the box at the reception desk in the clubhouse.

Book early to avoid disappointment!

Look forward to seeing you there!

Louise Key

Delamere Park Children's Christmas Party Booking Form	
Name.....	
Address.....	
Age.....	
Number of adults in accompaniment.....	
Any special dietary requirements.....	

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Ladies Club

In August we enjoyed a get-together with members and their friends in the Function Room for a Strawberry Sparkle with a wonderful cold buffet, strawberries and wine.

In September Mike Stevenson gave a very interesting talk and slide show on "A Journey through the Himalayas to Zanskar." He and his son, Ben who is a Geologist took the difficult journey to deliver 118 pairs of skis to the village of Zanskar to help the children to get to school more easily during the 9 snowy months of the year. It would normally take them 4 hours to walk there and back. He also told of his amazing return journey from Zanskar with Ben which took many many days, suffering altitude sickness and lack of food and extremely difficult terrain in sub-zero temperatures. An amazing story!

We have a number of speakers booked for the Autumn.

9 October - Janice Brock will give a talk on "My Precious Gift". She is an internationally known painter.

We are also planning to have a Book Sale at the meeting on 9 October. If anybody on the Park has any books they no longer require Maria Rogers of 10 Denehurst Parkway will take them in to be sold at 50p each in aid of St Luke's Hospice. Any books that are not sold on the night will be available in reception on Tuesday 10 October.

13 November - David Cummings will be giving a talk on "The day the sky fell in" - the story of the eruption of Mount Vesuvius.

Thursday 7 December - Evening coach trip to "Tatton by Candlelight". Cost for evening plus coach £9.50. An opportunity to walk through the beautifully decorated Mansion State rooms by candlelight. Music, entertainment and Gift Fair in a traditional Christmas setting.

11 December - Christmas Party

We are always pleased to welcome new members. We meet on the 2nd Monday of each month at 8.00 p.m. Do come along, meet your neighbours and listen to some interesting speakers.

Please see website for any Ladies Club updates
www.delamerepark.co.uk

Sports & Leisure Association

The Association was established earlier this year to promote a range of leisure activities for residents. Over the past few months the SLA has been successful in starting up the Ju jitsu sessions on a Wednesday evening, running a week of summer activities on the Park and recently starting Circuit Training sessions for both Young Residents and Adults on Thursday evenings. It is also hoped to establish a table tennis club in the near future.

If anyone has an interest which they wish to develop or are able to offer their time and skills to provide additional opportunities for other residents please contact sport@delamerepark.co.uk or leave details at reception.

Ju Jitsu

Learn self defence with our black belt instructor who is teaching the martial art of JU JITSU on Wednesday evenings at 6.45pm - 8.15pm in the function room.

The Club has now been running since June with more than a dozen regular members who have improved their fitness, self-confidence and discipline. New members are always welcome so if you would like to come along to watch or try it out for a couple of weeks before making your mind up - just turn up to any of the sessions in loose comfortable clothes. Children must be 7 years to 16 years and boys and girls are welcome.

Sessions run every Wednesday, including school holidays, and the fee is £3 per session. NMA membership/insurance will be required after joining the club.

For further information please see the Notice Board, web site or telephone Adam on 01606 882153.

Summer Playscheme

The summer playscheme, held in partnership with VRBC, was very successful and hopefully we will be able to build on this next summer with even more opportunities for our young residents to while away the summer days!

This summer there were between 10-20 young people at each session with some returning for every session! All seemed to enjoy it and 10 (which was the maximum VRBC could take) took part in a Vale Royal Mini Olympics, where two of the Delamere Park team achieved second places in the Egg + Spoon race and 400 metres respectively.

Circuit Training

Circuit training on a Thursday evening is now up and running – literally!

Sessions are held for juniors from 6.30 to 7.15pm and for adults from 8-9pm.

The cost is £2 per session and the work out can be as strenuous as you like it, catering for all levels of fitness. A bonus for the young trainers is the supply of advice and guidance on fitness and nutrition – very useful for course work in PE!

There is no need to reserve a place – just turn up on the night. For further details, see the clubhouse noticeboard, check out the website www.delamerepark.co.uk or ask at reception.

Table Tennis

After a false start – we hope to commence the table tennis sessions on Tuesday 3rd October from 6 to 8pm. Players, experienced or not, from the age of 12 to 100 are very welcome. The sessions are held to provide enjoyment and develop your skills in the game. Coaching tips are available but the emphasis is on fun and enjoyment. – no previous experience is required. If there is enough interest we hope to eventually set up a team to play in local leagues.

We are also hoping to bring in a system in the near future, which will allow residents to book out the table and equipment whenever the function room is available. However due to concerns about safety and supervision, this requires trustee approval and we hope to discuss this with them in the very near future.

For more details see the clubhouse noticeboard and check out the website.

New Reception Telephone Number

Tel: 01606 889263

Club Reception

Reception is open from 10am to 10pm every day and in addition to providing a welcoming face to residents and guests alike, the receptionists are able to advise and assist residents in answering queries and booking any of the sports facilities. They also provide photocopying and fax facilities to residents at a small charge.

Swimming Pool

The most popular feature of the Park's many leisure facilities is undoubtedly the heated indoor swimming pool which provides the opportunity for residents of all ages to exercise and develop aquatic skills or simply just enjoy splashing around. The pool has a depth of 1m to 1m 40cm, is maintained at an average temperature of 80°F and is open daily from 10am to 10pm.

Squash Courts

The club also had two brand new glass backed squash courts which are open from 10am to 10pm every day and can be enjoyed by residents of all ages. In addition to the "friendly" games between neighbours and friends, there is also a thriving squash section on the Park which runs men's and ladies teams and ladders which cater for all standards.

Bar Opening Hours

The new clubhouse has two bars with a wide range of beers, spirits and wines which is open every evening and weekend. The sports bar has a pool table and dartboard and also a projector and screen which shows all the major sporting events.

	open	close	open	close
Monday	12:00	14:00	19:00	23:00
Tuesday			19:00	23:00
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Friday	12:00	14:00	18:00	23:00
Saturday	12:00			23:00
Sunday	12:00			23:00