



Meet the Trustees

Thursday December 14 at 7:30pm



The Trustees will be holding the first open Forum in the Function Room where a progress report will be given, followed by a discussion on matters arising. If there is a specific issue you wish to raise it would be appreciated if you could provide this by December 7th in writing to Reception or by email at trustees@delamerepark.co.uk We look forward to meeting you on the night.

To remind you where questions should be directed the trustees have the following responsibilities:

Jeannine Kolodziejski

Chair, Administration and Personnel



Keith Glover

Company Secretary, Estates, Buildings and Legal



Lester Bowman

Bar, Communications and Community Groups



Steve Denton

Health & Safety and External Relations



Ray Balmer

Finance



Retiring Trustees

A formal vote of thanks to the retiring Trustees is appropriate. Following the clubhouse fire, Tim Winder, David Whitby and Graham Simpson had an enormous task on their hands and were unstinting in the efforts they put into the job. Denis Stevenson and Tony Fitzsimmons volunteered much welcomed assistance.

The team saw the Park through probably its most difficult time ever, and it is a real credit to them that we have emerged with an excellent foundation for building an even stronger community in the future. I'm sure we all join in expressing our sincere thanks to them all, with perhaps a special mention of the outstanding service from David Whitby who filled the Trustee role for no less than 13 years!

Gentlemen, thank you from everybody on the Park.

Following the meeting residents are reminded that they can contact the trustees using a book held for this purpose in Club Reception or by email at trustees@delamerepark.co.uk Both mediums are regularly reviewed by the Trustees, so please do not hesitate if you wish to bring anything to their attention.

Residents Questionnaire

A questionnaire should have been delivered through your door by the time you receive this newsletter. If not please contact reception for a copy. The trustees would be most grateful if you would take the time to complete as this will enable them to better understand the residents needs and wants. Please return to reception by December 8.

Clubhouse - Building Issues

We are, at long last, making some progress remedying the problems with the showers. One cubicle in each changing room has had the push button valve replaced with a manual valve to test whether, as our Builders have suggested, low water pressure is causing the push button valves to be problematic. If the change is successful our current intention is to similarly replace all of the push button valves.

There have also been some problems with the slipperiness of the tiles surrounding the pool. We shall be using squeegees regularly to remove excess water and are investigating what other steps we can take to reduce the risk. In the meantime can we ask all pool users to take care and will all parents please ensure that their children walk and do not run round the pool perimeter.

The showers are the most evident of a number of problems we have with the building. We are approaching the end of the 12 month "Warranty" period and we shall be drawing up a snagging list with our Quantity Surveyors and meeting with the Builders hopefully to resolve the outstanding issues and rectify the current problems.

Inevitably, as a building is put into use, a number of design and practical issues arise. These will be addressed over time as finances and priorities allow.

Brian Elton Retirement

Brian, our Estate Manager, has informed the trustees that he intends to retire at the end of February 2007.

It had been Brian's intention to retire a couple of years ago but after the fire he decided to postpone it in order to help the then Trustees get the Club back up and running. February next year will mark the first anniversary of the reopening of the Club and Brian feels that then is appropriate time to move on.

We are sure that you will want to join both past and present Trustees in thanking Brian for his efforts in helping develop Delamere Park over the last 7 years and wish him well for a very long and happy retirement and continued residence on the Park from where he can continue to keep an eye on things!

The Trustees are currently considering the shape of the future organisation that we need to take DPML forward and will keep you informed.

Finance Report - December 2006

The unaudited Accounts for 2005/6 indicate a surplus on operational trading of £28000 in line with the figure stated at the OGM.

The current unaudited paid and committed expenditure on the rebuild at £800000 is in line with the figure stated at the OGM. This figure has fully utilised the funds generated by the insurance payment and surpluses for 2003/4, 2004/5 and 2005/6. Any further expenditure will have to be funded by a loan.

The position on the VAT claim for the rebuild is unchanged from that reported at the OGM, (i.e. £77928 outstanding). Should DPML be unsuccessful with the claim it is proposed that a loan be taken out with repayment over a period of 10/15 years. For 2006/7 the position on plotholder's contributions is very healthy with ALL contributions received! Current operational income/expenditure is in line with budget.

Pathways and Pavements

It has been noticed, in various areas around "the park" that shrubs and hedges etc belonging to residents are overhanging the pathways and pavements. Would residents please ensure these are cut back to ensure a clear right of way for all.

DPML's gardeners may be available to help with larger more difficult works but there would be a charge and residents would have to be responsible for disposing of the cuttings / debris etc as we do not have the storage space.

All works would be assessed on an individual basis by the head gardener and a cost prepared and agreed prior to any works being undertaken.

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Mah Jongg

An interesting game, played with tiles instead of cards. If you have nothing to do on these miserable winter afternoons come and join us and learn a new game. We meet on the second and last Thursday of every month, from 13:00 onwards in the function room. Upcoming dates are Dec 14, Jan 11 and 25. **New members are always welcome. No experience necessary. Interested and want more information then ring Niki on 888959.**

Yoga

The Yoga class meets each Tuesday (in term time) at 13:15 in the function room. We shall be holding our last lesson before finishing for the Christmas holiday on December 12. The class resumes on Tuesday January 9 2007.

For more information contact the teacher Susan Rennie on 888324

Calling all Budding Ballerina's

Jeannine Kolodziejcki is trying to organise ballet/tap lessons to begin after Christmas and to be held, hopefully, in the function room. The cost of the session will be £2.75 for a half hour lesson.

Please leave your contact details and the age of your child(ren) and your preferred day at reception.

Table Tennis

Thanks to the kind generosity of Mike and Fiona Dean and Darren and Sarah Shepherd who provided the tables, and to Charlie Downend one of our younger residents, who has given up his time every Tuesday for the past two months to set up the tables and supervise the sessions, a rich seam of talent was unearthed at the table tennis sessions on Tuesday evenings.

However the level of interest has not been as high as hoped for and as such these open sessions on a Tuesday evening will be discontinued. It is unfair to expect Charlie to give up two hours of his time every week for 3 or 4 people, so a different

Ju Jitsu Club

Our club is to compete in its first competition. On Sunday 10th December the Delamere Park Ju-Jitsu Club will be taking part in a Back To Back Competition in Northwich. We hope they do well and wish them Good Luck!

Please note that the Wednesday sessions are continuing up to the Christmas break. The last session will be on 13th December and classes will restart in the New Year on 3rd January 2007.

The Club has approaching 20 regular members over a range of ages. Anyone interested can watch for a session or try it out for a couple of weeks before deciding to join. Just come along to any of the sessions in loose comfortable clothes and talk to our black belt instructor Adam Forshaw.

- Wednesdays 18:45 – 20:15.
- Children 7 years to 16 years. Boys and Girls welcome.
- Cost £3 per session. NMA membership/insurance required after joining the club.

"I like coming to Ju-Jitsu because it's fun and good exercise" – Callum (age 7)

"It's good because you can work towards the different coloured belts and go in for competitions" – Alex (age 13)

"It's cool" – Ben (age 9)

For further information see the Notice Board, the web site, sport@delamerepark.co.uk or contact Adam on 01606 882153.

approach will now be taken to allow table tennis enthusiasts to develop their skills.

Residents will now be able to make use of the tables, whenever the function room is available and not being used by other groups, by booking them out at reception

The Trustees have agreed to allow anyone over the age of sixteen to play unaccompanied with younger players requiring an adult over the age of 18 to take responsibility for their safety and behaviour. Playing equipment can also be loaned at reception. Full details of how to book and when the hall is free are available at Reception.

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Social Committee

Wine tasting

Sunday November 26 - 14:00 to 18:00

Taste your Christmas Wines in the function room with DeFine wines of Sandiway. Twenty wines available to sample plus nibbles. Call in anytime, admission £2 on the door which includes a free wine tasting glass.

Christmas Social

Friday December 8 at 20:00

To be held in the function room with the Park's live band The Four Diamonds. Tickets priced at £6 are now available from the bar and reception. Please note food will not be served at this event.

Carol Service

Wednesday December 20 at 19:30

Do come along and join us in the function room to sing your favourite carols and afterwards stay for a glass of wine and a mince pie.

Complementary Hogmanay Disco

Sunday December 31 at 19:00

By way of thanking you for your custom and support since the clubhouse re-opened this event is being funded by the Bar and Social Committee. So come along to the function room to welcome in 2007 in style. Music played will suit all tastes.

Children's Christmas Party (age 3-11)

Sunday December 10 at 16:00

This party is taking place thanks to the support of Squirrels Pre-School and the Social Committee. The Highlight will be a performance of Jack and the Beanstalk from a touring company. To get an indication of numbers please advise reception of proposed attendees using the form below.

Delamere Park Children's Christmas Party Booking Form	
Name.....	
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Address.....	
Age.....	
Number of adults in accompaniment.....	
Any special dietary requirements.....	
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We are up and running once more and going from strength to strength. Thanks to Myra who came to the rescue keeping our group, as it's always been, safe exercise with fun. All of us agree that it's great to be back and I'm sure St Lukes Hospice are as grateful to Myra as we all are because in the first six weeks of our return we raised a massive £173.

Our Christmas Lunch, which continued to be held despite no club or pool, will take place at The Forest View on Wednesday, December 13. We expect a large turnout and with the numbers already approaching 30 we are all set for another great party!

Myra and I would like to thank all of you who have given your support and wish all the group members, past, present and future a very, very Happy Christmas.

For further information please contact Ann Dean at water@delamerepark.co.uk

Residents Band - Four of Diamonds

Interest has been shown in occasional Karaoke nights in the Bar - so if you have any CDG's and a Karaoke player and are prepared to loan them out contact Brian on 888844. The Band will provide Microphones and Amplifiers.

Keep Music Live !!

The Group give discounted rates for events organised by Delamere Park Residents - so help Keep Music Live!!

Can you play Keyboard?

The Group is auditioning for a Keyboard player.

For further information please contact Dave on 881893.

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39/45 Club

There was a good attendance at the Remembrance Service at Norley as usual. The Reverend Canon Dick Gilpin gave a very good and appropriate address. The uniformed youth organisations were in attendance. Many remarked how well the young people conducted themselves during the service. Thirty two members and friends of the club enjoyed the lunch at the Hare and Hounds.

On the November 8 an excellent visit was organised by Ron Price to the Pilkington Glassworks.

Since the last Newsletter we have had two good talks. In October Roger Burgess spoke on 'Oddities of Cheshire' and in November Mark Bevan talked on The Fall of the Gray Egerton House in Oulton Park. With recent attention on the First World War the human costs were brought home to us by the fact that the two sons, and would be heirs of the family, were killed in the war. This led to the fall of the line.

The annual pool competition was held on Monday November 20 with twelve Members taking part. The winner was Harry Ryder and runner up John Walters.

Forthcoming meetings:

December 20 - Monthly meeting - no speaker planned. We have a 'Natter Night'

January 11 - The Annual Dinner of the 39/45 Club members, wives and guests at Frodsham Golf Club. If you would like to join us details can be obtained from Norman Shelley phone 882988. Bookings by December 20.

January 17 - Monthly meeting - no speaker planned. We have a 'Natter Night'

Whist

A Whist Drive will be held in the function room on Saturday December 9 at 19:00, entry on the night by ticket available at reception or the bar.

For further information please contact Helen Pattison on 889263.

Circuit training for Adults and Juniors

Circuit training is one of the best forms of all round exercise. Classes are running on your doorstep in the club function room so come and enjoy a weekly workout.

What is circuit training?

A number of exercise stations are set up around the room. Following the route gives a well-rounded approach to exercise that can work on everything from endurance, agility, and strength to flexibility with coach guidance to help you along your way.

Who is it suitable for?

Each exercise is designed for a wide range of abilities, so anyone can benefit from circuit training so come along whether you are a footballer, a mother of 3, at the office all day, retired, or a student at school or college. There are at least 3 options for each exercise, from simple to advanced and you can also choose how much effort you put in - from gently stepping to racing through!

Where and when?

Kids circuits, from year 6 primary age 10/11 and upwards, at 6.30 until 7.30, and adults circuits from 8 until 9, every Thursday, in the function room, no need to join - just pay £2 at the door.

Classes are open to Park members, and any friends they wish to bring with them.

Why not come down and have a try? For more information about circuit training classes look at the poster in the club or phone Hilary on 07812 684979 or email hilaryhep@hotmail.co.uk

There will be no class on Thursday December 14 due to a Trustees meeting, or on December 28 otherwise classes will run weekly as normal.

Indoor Bowls

On Tuesday evening from 20:00 bowls is 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. Whilst the 39/45 club paid for the new mat it is available for use by any group at other times when the function room is free. For more information ring our contact number 888926

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Ladies Club

A big THANK YOU to all who donated and/or bought books at our Booksale in October. We raised £86.50, and then with the injection of some further books we continued our sale at Liz & Bill Crafter's coffee morning in aid of St. Luke's Hospice where a further £30 was raised.

In November, we welcomed Tom Cummings who spoke to us about the eruption of Vesuvius. The fascinating talk described the enormity of the eruption, and showed how many artefacts of daily life have been preserved in the lava. The many beautiful slides enhanced our understanding of the scale of the disaster and showed the magnificent setting of the volcano.

We have organised a trip to Tatton Hall on Thursday December 7, meeting at the Clubhouse at 18:20 for a prompt 18:30 departure. Our tour of the Mansion, "Tatton by Candlelight", is at 19:30. There is a café/restaurant, a craft fair, and a shop with Christmas comestibles to roam around, and the bus will leave Tatton at 21:30.

We have a few seats available on the coach, and the trip is open to all. If you would like to come, please contact Jenny Lever on 882062 as soon as possible. The cost is £9.50, inclusive of coach and Mansion tour.

Squirrels

The last term of the year is always a very busy one but lots of fun. The children put on a Nativity play for the parents and carers at the end of term. This is a very enjoyable event, the children learn their songs well and the parents go to a lot of trouble with the costumes.

On the last day of term we take the children to visit Father Christmas in Delamere Forest. The children have a short walk and hang their Christmas wishes on the Wish Tree. Before going into the Grotto to receive their own tiny Christmas Tree from Father Christmas.

The children make lots of decorations, cards and gifts during December and we make sure that Squirrels is decorated for the festive season.

In January 2007 we hope to open for one full day a week which helps the children going to school next September to be ready for a full day.

If anyone is interested in Squirrels for their children or grandchildren please phone Della or Lynn on 888782 between 09:00 and 12:00.

Our December meeting is our Christmas Party, members only, and we look forward to a merry evening. Admission is ticket only, to assist us in the catering.

All of our speakers during 2006 have been excellent, and a couple have been exceptional! We welcomed two new members in the Autumn, and are always delighted to welcome more. Do give us a try in the New Year! Our meetings are held on the second Monday of each month, starting at 20:00. We start the year in January with "The History of Roberts' Bakery".

Forthcoming Meetings/Events

- December 7 Trip, Tatton Hall by Candlelight
December 11 Christmas Party - Alan Dowes
"Monologues and Music" Humorous
Folk Group. (Ticket only in
advance)
January 8 History of Roberts' Bakery

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

Gardening Club

Our monthly speakers evenings have continued to be well attended. On October 23 R.Fairweather gave a talk / demo on chrysanthemums and on November 27 it was D.Cummings on Springtime in Tuscany.

On November 9 the beautiful show of dahlias in the clubhouse garden came to an end with the arrival of the first frosts. The dahlias were cut down and the garden weeded by a working party of our members.

Forthcoming Events

Monday December 18 - AGM and Christmas Social. Please collect tickets at Reception. New members welcome.

Monday January 22 - Speaker's evening 'Landscape Design'

The 2007 Speakers' programme is almost complete and the coach trips and local evening visits are being planned.

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St Luke's (Cheshire) Hospice – Annual Coffee Morning

Liz and Bill Crafter would like to thank the residents of Delamere Park who so generously supported this recent event at their home.

The magnificent sum of £830.47 was raised and with Barclays Bank Plc matching funding (up to £750), we are set to increase this to £1,580.47.

Homewatch

Cuddington continues to experience problems with anti social behaviour. Arrests have been made and the police are to pursue ASBO's against some of the main offenders. Patrols will continue around Forest Road and the shops.

More reports of vans driving around the local area eyeing up properties. Latest is a white van containing two males and one female.

Residents are urged to be on the look out for two examples of confidence tricksters who are operating in the area.

The first is a company claiming to offer free checks for dampness in your property. One of the names they use is Nationwide Property Protection. The claim is if you do not have any dampness they will issue you a certificate. This is a ruse to gain access to your home and the inevitable diagnosis that you do have a problem. Grossly inflated charges for fixing the non-existent problem are then quoted.

The second scam relates to a company called PDS (Parcel Delivery Service). They post a card through your door suggesting they were unable to deliver a parcel for you, and that you need to call 0906 66111911, which is a Premium Rate line. On no account should you call this number. By the time you hear the recorded message you will have been charged £15. If you do receive a card through your door please contact Royal Mail Fraud on 0207 2396655, or the Premium Rate Service Regulator, ICSTIS, at www.icstis.org.uk.

Please relay any relevant information regarding these or any other issues to PC Paul Welsh at Frodsham Police Station on 0845 458 6393.

To report a crime to the Police call 0845 458 0000

To contact our HomeWatch Officer, Liz Biddle call 01244 614291

David Bowker - DP HomeWatch Village coordinator

Delamere Park Babies and Toddlers Group

Fancy a change of toys to play with? Would like to meet and play with other babies and toddlers? Then come along to our group on every Monday 1.15pm to 3.00pm in the Squirrels Pre-School building opposite the Delamere Park Clubhouse.

Open all year including school holidays. Bring an adult with you and they can have a chat and a cup of tea whilst you play. We look forward to seeing you there.

Charity Trek in Peru

Resident Penny Tatt has just completed a charity trek in Peru. Penny, a speech and language therapist works in the community with adults with acquired neurological disorders and is splitting the £2500 she has raised between the local branches of the Dysphasia Support Group, Speakability, Motor Neurone Disease Association, Parkinsons Disease Association and the Multiple Sclerosis Society.

She describes the trip as 'tough but magic'. The trek crossed three Andes peaks, the highest being 4200m. The highlight was undoubtedly reaching Machu Picchu, the legendary Lost City of the Incas.

Penny thanks fellow residents for their support. If there are others who wish support her charities she can be contacted on 888613.

Logs, Woodchip and Leaf Mould Sales

Logs and woodchip £1.50 per bag (50p delivery under 5 bags).
£1.30 for 10 bags or more.

Leaf mould £25.00 per 1 ton bag.
£1.50 per log bag.

Contact Reception on 889263 to place your order.

Clubhouse Function Room

A reminder that this room can be hired for private parties at a cost of £50 for the evening.

Clubhouse Bar - Casual Staff

The bar is looking for staff to work on a casual basis to cover special events or when the permanent staff are absent. For further details contact Barry on 07903 460626.

Clubhouse - Dressing Rooms

For safety and security reasons the dressing rooms have to be locked at 10pm. Please help the receptionists by vacating the area in good time.

Clubhouse Facilities - Bookings

In order to use the time of our administrative staff more effectively it has been decided to take bookings for the club facilities (including squash and tennis courts) only after 2pm. Would you please help us to control administrative costs by complying with this request.

Reception Telephone Number 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 Christmas & New Year Opening Hours

Christmas Day	20:00 to 23:00 - <i>Can be later than 23:00 if required</i>
Boxing Day	20:00 to 23:00 <i>Can be later than 23:00 if required</i>
New years Eve	Normal opening hours, with Complementary Disco to see in the New Year
New Years Day	Open all day from Noon

All contributions for future editions of this newsletter should be sent to news@delamerepark.co.uk or hardcopy via reception. Deadline for the next edition is January 20 2007.