



# Plot Holders OGM

Firstly we would like to thank all those residents who attended the OGM on September 6. Whilst we anticipated a high turnout the numbers were well in excess of our expectations. This led to difficulties for many people hearing all of the discussions which took place. Knowing that our own sound system was unable to cope with a large meeting with questions from the floor we had arranged to borrow another system but even this proved ineffective. We will take steps to ensure our own system is upgraded well before next year's OGM and, in the event of another high attendance will have plans in place to close the bar if necessary. To all those residents affected please accept our apologies.

Whilst full minutes will be available in due course the outcome of the agenda items are outlined below.

## Approval of the Minutes of last year's OGM

Taken as read

## Reports from the Directors

These were circulated with the agenda.

## Insurance Claim

Keith Glover, as promised, updated residents on the potential claim against our previous insurance brokers. Those enquiries which were possible had been completed and discussions held with our solicitors, the outcome of which was that there was very little likelihood of success. Therefore Keith would be recommending to the next Board meeting that no further action be taken. Whilst this will no doubt be a disappointment to many residents there is clearly no point in throwing good money after bad.

## Bar and Kitchen Project

Lester Bowman presented the proposals from the project groups detailing the revised layout and furnishings of the bar and the kitchen fit out. Whilst the bar proposals were generally welcomed there were concerns about the need for as extensive a kitchen as proposed. The Trustees will now revisit the kitchen proposals to reflect residents wishes.

## Budget

Steve Denton, in Paul Rogers absence, presented the budget. Following advice from our VAT specialists Steve was able to put forward a revised, lower budget as a result of splitting the overall charge between the amenity lands upkeep, not subject to VAT and the remainder which is, potentially, subject to VAT. It was explained that our VAT position is subject to a decision by the HMRC adjudicator whose decision is not likely to be received until early next year. In the meantime the Trustees have to be prudent and cater for a decision which requires us to add VAT to the non amenity lands element of the contributions. As the VAT

situation is particularly complex we will not comment further until Paul's return from holiday and he will include a full report in the December edition of the Newsletter.

The amended budget was put to the vote. The votes in the room were 88 votes in favour to 65 against. Had the proxy votes been added the result would have been 130 votes to 73. It is reasonable to assume that those in favour of the original budget would have been in favour of the slightly reduced budget as presented on the night but, even without the proxy votes the amended budget was approved.

However, there was discussion at the OGM about a £56,000 VAT refund which had been previously reported. For confirmation, this was a refund already paid for the rebuilding work, is fully accounted for in the accounts to end of September 2007, and will not impact the budget for the coming year.

## Election of new Trustees

There were two nominations for the two vacancies and therefore Paul Rogers and Sarah Gething were elected without the need for a vote. We welcome Paul's continuing contribution and Sarah to the team.

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## Newsletter Content

**In order to make the content of the Newsletter more relevant and interesting and therefore more widely read we would appreciate ideas from residents (however wacky) that they would like to see included.**

**Such items could include:**

- **Items for sale**
- **Births, deaths and marriages**
- **Goodbye to those that are leaving the park and hello to new residents**
- **Articles relevant to the local area**
- **Extracts from other local publications such as Round Tower (subject to permission)**

**So please give this some thought sending your ideas to [news@delamerepark.co.uk](mailto:news@delamerepark.co.uk) or hand them in to reception.**

## Plot holders OGM continued...

### Resolutions

There was a prolonged discussion on both resolutions. On the first the Trustees explained that it was their view and that of DPML's solicitors that, if passed, there would be a significant impact on many current activities which would have to be stopped even though it was accepted that this was not the intention of the proposers.

On the second resolution there were views expressed both for and against with many welcoming the Puddleducks lessons and many feeling that this compromised the rights of residents for use of the facilities.

The vote on resolution two was taken first and the votes were 77 in favour and 99 against including proxies. After this result was announced the proposers of resolution one decided to withdraw it and no vote was taken.

### Fitzsimmons Trophy

Jeannine Kolodziejski said that a number of nominations had been received and it had been decided by the Trustees to award the trophy to David Vickers and Andrew Long for producing the revamped Park News and for designing, maintaining and updating the Delamere Park website ([www.delamerepark.co.uk](http://www.delamerepark.co.uk)). Both recipients accepted the trophy and were thanked by the Trustees.

### The meeting then closed.

Thank you again for your patience on the night if you were present and your contributions to a lively OGM.

## Working Party

The Trustees said, both prior to the OGM and during the debate on Resolution One that the constructive way forward to agree on future access and use of DPML facilities was to establish a project group to include Community groups, a representative from the supporters of the resolution and other stakeholders to identify and put to residents a number of different options in a form of referendum.

We will now move to establish that Group and its Terms of Reference as quickly as we can. If you wish to be involved please write to the Trustees with your reasons for wanting to be involved by October 8 at the latest. We will seek to put together as representative a group as possible, without it becoming too large and unwieldy, to move the issue forward.

## Coffee Mornings

Our monthly coffee mornings are becoming part of the life of Delamere Park – spread the word, bring along your friends and neighbours for a chat and tea or coffee in a relaxed, sociable atmosphere from 10.30 a.m. to 12.00 noon.

**Thursday 1st November, hosted by Yoga and Swimming**

**Thursday 6th December, hosted by Mah jongg**  
**Contact Maria on 889728, or Clubhouse Reception 889263**

## Job Vacancy

A person is being sought to undertake general administrative duties in the DPML office. The position is part time (approx 12-15 hours a week by arrangement). For further details please contact Alan Baskerville on 889263. Closing date is October 8.

## St Luke's Hospice

The annual coffee morning in aid of this Cheshire Hospice will be held at the home of Liz and Bill Crafter (5 Orchard Dene) on November 3 between 10:00 and 13:00.

Entrance will be £1 which includes coffee and biscuits. Please come and buy your Christmas cards, home produce and fancy goods for this very worthy cause.

Barclays Bank have pledged to match what we make £ for £.

## Norley C.E Primary School - Open Days

To see what the school can offer do please come along to our Open Days on Tuesday October 9 between 9.30 – 11.30am and 13:30 -15:00 and on Thursday November 15 between 19:00 and 20:30 or feel free to make an appointment at a time to suit yourself to see what we can offer your child

The school believes in an individual approach, offering small class sizes and a creative curriculum. In addition we have access to a before and after school and holiday club and a range of pre-school provision.

Please note that following the change in status to an aided school, residents of Delamere Park are now within the school's catchment area.

## Book Sales

We made £63 at the Book Sale in July/August. THANK YOU to all who donated and/or bought books. Please continue to donate books in a clean condition. Add your books to those on display (if ongoing at the time) or leave them at Clubhouse Reception (889263). The Book Sales are usually the last week of the month and the first week of the next month, leading up to the monthly Coffee Mornings.



# community groups

## Ladies' Club

Our August "Strawberry Sparkle" was very well attended. We enjoyed generous portions of strawberries, cream and meringues, as well as sparkling wine. It was an ideal opportunity to catch up with friends, and was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

In September, Pauline Ellwood talked to us about Interior Design, it was very interesting and made us all want to find a room to redecorate or change! Especially as she will come out to your home and give free advice.

We sometimes need some inspiration to liven up our cooking. This could be provided by Barbara Hardy in October when she demonstrates ways of cooking with pork.

November provides us with the opportunity to hear about "The Magic of Toys", by Bob McGregor – perhaps it will give some of us ideas for Christmas presents for younger members of the family?

Looking forward, in December we have our Christmas Party (members only), which is one of the highlights of the year.

New members are always welcome – perhaps you came to the Strawberry Sparkle and enjoyed it? Do come and give us a try. We meet on the second Monday of each month at 20:00 and you will be assured of a warm welcome.

### Concert Trip

On Wednesday October 10 we are going to the Liverpool Philharmonic Hall for a concert, from the "Classic FM Hall of Fame" series. Tickets are all sold out. We meet at the Clubhouse at 17:45 for a prompt 18:00 departure. The concert starts at 19:30.

### Theatre Trip

There will be a theatre trip to see "Dad's Army" on Wednesday December 19 at the Lowry Theatre, Salford. Meet at the Clubhouse at 17:45 for a prompt 18:00 departure. Tickets are now sold out but Jenny Leaver on 882620 is keeping a reserve list.

### Forthcoming Events

October 1	Chester – 2000 Years of History" (Diane Nowell)
October 8	Ladies In Pigs" – cookery demonstration by Barbara Hardy
November 12	The Magic of Toys" – Bob McGregor
December 10	Christmas Party (Members only)

**If you would like any further information on any of the above, please contact Reception, or Maria on 889728, or by e-mail to ladies@delamerepark.co.uk**

## Babies and Toddlers

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 2.45pm 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.**

## Social Committee

Those who attended the Greyhound Race Night on 15th September had a great time.

### Bonfire Night



The Community Groups will be hosting a bonfire night on Saturday November 3. The fire will be lit at 18:30 and the fireworks will commence at 19:15. To cover the cost of the fireworks and later in the year the children's Christmas party we would appreciate every adult who attends to contribute a £1 (children free). Food will be available to be purchased on the night.

If you have something we can use on the fire then please take this to the site of the fire on November 3 between 10:00 and 13:00. If you have something bulky then we may be able to collect. Please ring reception on 889263 to arrange.

We would like some help in various areas including building the fire, selling raffle tickets, assisting in the bucket collection and selling hot dogs.

You will be working alongside residents who have experience in all these activities. If you can help please leave your name and telephone number at Reception, for the attention of Peter Lund, Community Groups Chairman.

### Christmas Party

The Christmas Party is on Saturday December 1. Tickets will be limited and available from reception after November 15.

### Future events

Saturday November 3	Bonfire night
Saturday December 1	Xmas dance
Monday December 31	New Year's Eve Disco
Saturday January 26 2008	Burns Night

**Further ahead in 2008 there will be a Gala/Fun day on Saturday July 12.**



## 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.

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## Clubhouse Bar - Casual Staff

The bar is looking for staff to work on a casual basis whenever the need arises. For further details contact Barry on 07903 460626.

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## Clubhouse - Park Room

This room can be hired for private parties at a cost of £50 for the evening. Should the bar takings exceed £100 then the £50 will be refunded providing the room is left as it was found.

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## Clubhouse Facilities - Bookings

In order to use the time of our administrative staff more effectively bookings for the club facilities (including squash and tennis courts) will only be taken after 2pm.

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## Reception - Additional Services

We have a folder for babysitters, gardeners, tree felling, discos, taxis, electricians etc. If anyone has any services that they can personally recommend, please leave details at reception.

**Reception Telephone Number 01606 889263**

## Free Greenhouse

Would any resident like a greenhouse with one or two panes missing? Call reception on 889263 to arrange delivery.

## Gardening News

Some of you may have noticed that 'beds' are being dug over. They will not remain in this state for long as replanting is being planned.

## Volunteers

Would anyone be interested in joining a volunteer service in either accompanying or driving any residents to the clubhouse who may be interested in coffee mornings etc. and are unable to get to the clubhouse. If you are in the position that you feel you could help in any way, please leave details at reception.

## Coffee and Chat

Coffee and tea is available at reception in the afternoons and evenings, please feel free to come in and have a chat and familiarise yourselves with what goes on in the Clubhouse. You may be surprised at the many activities on offer!

All contributions for future editions of this newsletter should be sent to [news@delamerepark.co.uk](mailto:news@delamerepark.co.uk) or hardcopy via reception. Deadline for the next edition is **November 15th 2007**.

# community groups

## Bridge

The inaugural meeting of the club will take place on Monday October 15 in the Park Room.

Our regular meetings are held in the Park Room on the 1st and 3rd Mondays of the month commencing at 19:00.

All are welcome novice or experienced.

Interested? E-mail [Bridge@delamerepark.co.uk](mailto:Bridge@delamerepark.co.uk), ring Leo on 301699 or just turn up on the day – we look forward to seeing you!

## 39/45 Club

Mrs Bradford gave a very interesting talk on how her mother, with her as a very young child, escaped the advance of the Japanese and brought them both safely to India and ultimately home to England.

Eleven stalwarts of the club braved the elements and went fishing at Conwy. The weather was fine and the sea was reasonably calm. From what was reported the fish stocks were not seriously depleted but most had an enjoyable day.

A visit was made to see the workings of the Queensway tunnel. In spite of it being 70 years old it still serves its purpose. Unfortunately only 5 members and one courageous wife braved the 181 plus steps during the 2½ hour tour. It was a great pity, as those on the tour found it a fascinating visit. In 1935 when it was opened it was a magnificent pioneering construction which has stood the test of time.

On September 17 there was a visit to the Adelphi Hotel in Liverpool for lunch followed by a tour of the hotel. It says something that this was over-subscribed.

On September 20 there was a visit to Prestatyn to play at the indoor bowls arena. I suspect many go for the lunch.

Although there is no speaker for October 17 we will still meet for a 'natter'

We shall, as usual, be attending the Armistice Day Service at Norley Church followed by luncheon at the Hare & Hounds. This year it is on November 11 the true anniversary of the end of the first World War.

Our speaker for November 21 will be a Mr A. Black and the topic 'Speak Out and Listen'.

**For more information ring our contact number 888926**

## Yoga

The Yoga class meets each Tuesday (in term time) at 13:15 in the Park room.

For more information email [yoga@Delamerepark.co.uk](mailto:yoga@Delamerepark.co.uk) or contact the teacher Susan Rennie on 888324.

## Gardening Club

Gardening days are becoming shorter; early morning frosts and leaves galore are just around the corner. To entertain our members during the autumn months we have the following speakers:-

### Monday October 22

Richard Grimes advising us on Plants for Winter Colour.

### Monday November 26

Gardeners' Question Time

We have a panel of Reaseheath experts answering any questions. Wine and nibbles will be provided. Tickets £2.50. All Park residents and friends will be welcome.

Tickets and question forms will be available from reception from November 1.

We close 2007 with our AGM and Christmas Social on Monday December 17.

**For further information contact Brian Hoyland at [garden@Delamerepark.co.uk](mailto:garden@Delamerepark.co.uk)**

## Whist

Drives are arranged for October 13 and November 10.

**For further information please email [Whist@Delamerepark.co.uk](mailto:Whist@Delamerepark.co.uk) or contact Helen Pattison on 889263**

## Homewatch

Please relay any relevant information 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

For further information email David Bowker at [homewatch@Delamerepark.co.uk](mailto:homewatch@Delamerepark.co.uk)

## Mah Jongg

Sick of the same old card games? Why not try something different? Mah Jongg is an ancient Chinese game that uses tiles instead of cards, and makes for a fun, interesting game! It is very sociable and is a great way to spend a rainy afternoon. No need to bring anything – everything provided. Learn this addictive game in an afternoon!

We meet on the second and last Thursdays of the month from 1pm onwards, in the Park Room. Our next dates are October 11 and 25, November 8 and 29, and December 13.

**Interested? E-mail [mahjongg@delamerepark.co.uk](mailto:mahjongg@delamerepark.co.uk), ring Niki on 888959, or just turn up on the day – we look forward to seeing you!**

# sports clubs

## Squash

The junior squash coaching with Alan Williams has restarted. There are two one hour sessions starting at 17:00.

The second session is for older juniors. Anybody who was in this group last year please turn up at 18:00 all others at 17:00. Alan will set out the groups for subsequent lessons. There is a minimum age of 7 years and the cost is £3 per hour.

It is an excellent opportunity to learn a great sport with a great coach.

**If you would like to know more then please contact Helen Bullimore on 301086**

## Ballroom-Latin-Jive Dancing

The Evening Dance Sessions have kicked off to the music of the 40's, 50's, and to the latest downloads! Ladies are learning their spins and the men think they're in control!

We now have a friendly group of residents of all abilities from beginners to serious "Strictly" contenders, enjoying practising waltz, salsa, jive, merengue and more.

You can still join us from October 7 for the second half of the 8 week course. Come on ladies don't take no for an answer, get your partners on their feet for a couple of hours fun and exercise.

Open to residents, single or couples over 16 years and is held on Sunday evenings from 19:30 in the Park Room. £6 per person.

**If you would like to know more, call Steve or Kathy 01606 301845 or email [sport@Delamerepark.co.uk](mailto:sport@Delamerepark.co.uk)**

## Water Aerobics

As from Wednesday September 5 with 12 of our members we are back on track with our twice weekly sessions. We are inspired by the support of our members who have told us how much they enjoy our fun filled routines and how much they have missed attending during August but Myra and Ann needed a break too!!!

Our aim is to give a fun filled hour of safe exercise to very lively music. We change the routine every 6 weeks. You can do the routine at a pace that suits you with the advantage of a qualified instructor if you have a problem.

We ask for a payment of £2 per session but would like to stress that Ann and Myra receive nothing from these payments, and all the money is donated to our local charity, St Lukes Hospice.

Because of limited space in the pool, Wednesday sessions are limited to residents only however on Thursdays it may be possible to bring a guest.

Wednesday 11.00 to 12:00

Thursday 20:00 to 21:00

Please contact reception for further details.

## Circuit Training

Classes are as follows:

### Monday

- Adult sessions between 13:30 and 14:30

### Thursday

- Family sessions between 18:00 and 19:00
- Adult sessions between 19:30 and 20:30

**For more information about the sessions look at the poster in the club or phone Hilary on 07812 684979 or email [hilaryhep@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:hilaryhep@hotmail.co.uk)**

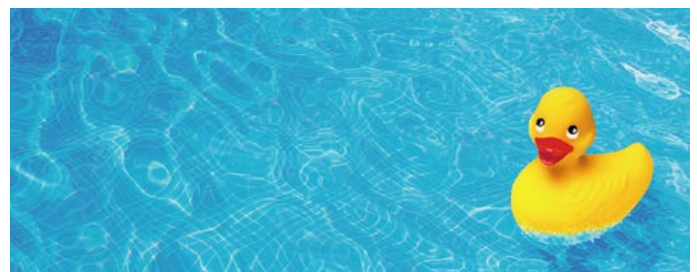
## Junior Dance

We are hoping to begin an under 16's course shortly starting at 18:30 on Sundays in the Park Room. If you are interested in joining please call Steve or Kathy on 01606 301845.

## Puddleducks

### Swimming for the under 5's

Classes are now underway and run in term time on Tuesdays from 11:45 to 14:15 and from 15:45 to 17:15. Contact reception for more details.



## Indoor Bowls

**Our regular Friday sessions will restart on October 5 starting at 14:00.**

**Please come along and enjoy a few hours of short mat bowling in the Park Room.**

**For more information contact Arthur on 889309.**

## Ju Jitsu Club

A reminder that Ju Jitsu Classes run between 19:00 and 20:30 on Wednesdays.

**For further information see the notice board, web site, email [sport@Delamerepark.co.uk](mailto:sport@Delamerepark.co.uk) or contact Adam Forshaw 01606 882153.**