



DPML Amenity Lands

During October our Facilities Manager, Head Gardener and Mr Robert Price a well respected Arborialist, completed an inspection of all amenity land trees. As a result a series of actions were recommended. We must stress at this point they are only recommendations.

In making these recommendations the following factors were taken into account:

- Safety (including dead & diseased).
- Trees too close together resulting in die back, selective removal required.
- Trees with low branches impeding road traffic and pedestrians, pruning required.
- Trees obscuring street lighting require pruning.
- Trees planted in inappropriate places.

The analysis of the recommendations that follows is by location and the proposed action, anybody wishing to physically inspect

the trees should look for the following marking:

- One White Strip means that the tree will if possible be felled during 2008.
- Two White Strips means that the tree will if possible be felled during 2009.
- Three White Strips means that the tree will if possible be felled during 2010.
- A Yellow circle means that pruning will take place during 2008.

At the same time, as indicated, there will also be a programme of new tree planting using more appropriate trees.

If you wish to discuss, object or even add to the list please either write or call in to see Alan Baskerville your Facilities Manager before December 10 2007.

Please see table on Page 2 for more detail

Bus Service

An environmentally friendly way of going to Northwich if you haven't got a great deal of shopping or business to do is by bus from Weaverham. There is excellent parking just by the bus stop in Withens Lane. The buses run every ¼ hour at 06, 21, 36, and 51 minutes past the hour. The journey takes about a ¼ hour.

The return journey is from Stand C in Northwich at 03, 18, 33, 48 minutes past the hour. If you are one of the 'venerable citizens' it costs nothing as long as you show your pass.

OGM Minutes

These are now available from Reception.

Residents' Open Forum

The next open forum will be on Friday January 18 2008 in the Park Room at 19:30. The Trustees will update residents on progress on a number of issues including the bar and kitchen refurbishments.

If anyone has any specific issues they would like the Trustees to cover please let us know in writing by Friday January 4 at the latest.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Financial Update from OGM – Paul Rogers

In the October issue, it was noted that I would include a full statement in the December issue of the Newsletter. I do not consider it appropriate to 'burden' ParkTalk with a detailed statement, and have therefore produced a separate statement on VAT and Budget 07/08 issues which you may either read at (to keep down copying costs), or obtain a copy from, Reception from December 1. I hope this will clarify any misunderstandings at the OGM. I promise you though, this is not exactly 'light reading'.

My statement includes an update on the Adjudicator's response to our VAT appeal. Her ruling is, as feared, in favour of HMRC and against DPML. We are considering our next courses of action with our VAT consultants. As far as annual contributions are concerned, there is no change to the position outlined by me in my Budget proposals dated July 8 2007.

Christmas Draw

Buy your tickets at the Clubhouse Bar, £1 per ticket. A seasonal hamper is the first prize plus many others.

Carol Service

A Carol Service will be held in the Park Room on December 18 beginning at 19:30.

Proposed Tree Actions		Cut Down			Prune	New Trees
		Year 1	Year 2	Year 3		
DPW West Gardeners Compound	Chestnut	1	1			
DPW West Verge by Green	Chestnut	2	1	1		4
Corner of Denehurst & DPWW	Alder	1				
Outside number 55 DPWW	Chestnut	1				
Outside number 53 DPWW	Oak				1	
Outside 17 Denehurst	Lime	2	1		1	
Between Lawnesdale & Aspens	Sycamore	2				
Behind 4 The Aspens	Sycamore				1	
By 12 Denehurst	Silver Birch	2	2			
By 6 Denehurst	Silver Birch	1	1			
Entrance to Denehurst	Various		3		3	
DPW East Outside no 5	Silver Birch	1				
DPW East Outside no 8	Beech				1	
DPW East Corner of Yewlands	Maple		1			
The Stiles	Silver Birch	1				
Copperwood outside no 18	Silver Birch	1				
Cedarwood outside no 14	Maple		1			
Cedarwood outside no 7	Maple	1				
Cedarwood opposite no 7	Maple		1			
Cedarwood Corner of no 7	Beech	1				
Cedarwood Corner of no 7	Maple	1				
Cedarwood Corner of no 7	White Beam				1	
Cedarwood Corner of no 7	Sycamore		1			
Cedarwood no 5	Silver Birch	1				
Long Acre Corner	Maple	1	2			
Hollow Oak lane no 2	Beech	1				
Hollow Oak lane no 5	Maple		1			
Threeways	Willow				2	
Long Acre opposite no 34	Silver Birch	3				
Long Acre opposite no 24/16	Silver Birch	1				
Cobbles near no 19	Willow	1				
Long Acre in front of no 228	Silver Birch	2				
WestTrees outside no 9	Ash	2				1
WestTrees	Maple		1		2	
DPW West opposite no 53	Silver Birch				1	
DPW West opposite no 53	Maple	1				
DPW West opposite no 53	Crab Apple	2				
the Coppice outside no 4	Silver Birch	1				
the Coppice outside no 4	Chestnut	1				
the Coppice outside no 4	TBA					1
the Coppice outside no 6	Crab Apple	3				1
the Coppice outside no 8	Cherry	1				1
the Coppice outside no 20	Cottoneaster					2
the Coppice outside no 3	Ash	1				
The Dell	Ash	1	1	1		
The Dell	Oak				1	
The Downs	Maple	1	2	1		
The Downs	Ash	1	2			
DPW West by Hollow Oak	Silver Birch	4				
DPW West by Hollow Oak	White Beam		2			
Feature Tree (Conifer)	Conifer					1
Longacre no 16	Silver Birch				1	
TOTALS		47	24	3	15	11

Coffee Mornings

Our next Community Coffee Morning will be Thursday December 6 kindly hosted by the Mah Jongg Group – on a Christmas theme. Do come along, bring a neighbour or friend and have a relaxing cuppa before the Christmas frenzy gets under way!

Thursday 6th December (Mah Jongg)
Thursday 3rd January (Ladies Club)
Thursday 7th February (Gardening Club)

Additional Coffee Morning

Starting in January, and for the winter months, there will be an additional coffee morning on MONDAYS – so if you can't manage a Thursday morning, do come on Mondays, or best of all, come to both!

Monday 21st January
Monday 18th February
Monday 17th March
Monday 21st April

Wanted - Organiser/Co-ordinator

Job Description: We are looking for someone to become the lynchpin of our Community Coffee Mornings, organising a rota and coordinating the two or three people needed to set up and clear away after each Coffee Morning.

Conditions of Work: Very pleasant, in the Clubhouse, currently in the Bar.

Salary: The grateful thanks from all, particularly the regular attendees.

Other: No financial implications, as the coffee mornings are self-financing through donations. Would need to replenish supplies as required.

For further details, or if you need a lift on the morning, ring Maria on 889728 or Clubhouse Reception 889263

Clubhouse Bar - Christmas & New Year Opening Times

Christmas Eve
19:00 to 23:00. Special Plot Draw worth £75 which will be drawn until won.

Christmas Day
20:00 to 23:00.

Boxing Day
Noon to 23:00

New Years Eve
18:00 to 01:00

See in the New Year at the FREE disco. Fancy Dress preferred but not obligatory!

New Years Day
Noon to 20:00



Dog Owners

Following several complaints, can we please remind owners to be considerate to others and clear up any excrement caused by your dogs placing it in the bins provided.

St Luke's (Cheshire) Hospice

Liz and Bill Crafter would like to thank all those who attended their coffee morning on November 3. The total profit made on the day was £701 which included two generous donations. With matched funding from Barclays Bank Plc the total raised for the Hospice will be £1,402. Thank you for your continued support.

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39/45 Club

In October Mr Rotherham gave a very interesting talk on Fisherman's Friend. If you thought it would be about angling you were wrong. Most members came away with enough different flavours of the tablets to keep them free of throat tickles for years!

There was the usual visit to Norley Church for the Remembrance Service. This year it was on November 11th the true anniversary of the end of the first World War.

David Coxhead and Al Brooks carried up the wreath to the memorial as usual, They are beginning to wonder how they will manage when they are on their zimmers! Thirty members and guests met afterwards for a very good lunch at the Hare & Hounds. Most of them, I suspect, then went home to sleep it off!

Our annual dinner will again be held at Frodsham Golf Club on Thursday 17th January. Guests will be welcome. The usual Valentine Day's lunch will be held at The Cottage again. For those unromantics who don't know the date it is the 14th February!

Our very efficient secretary Norman Shelley is retiring at the end of this year. He will be sorely missed and a very hard act to follow. We thank him for his great contribution to the club during the past years.

Last meeting of the year will be on December 19.

For more information ring our contact number 888926

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Ladies' Club

At our October meeting, Barbara Hardy talked about cooking with pork and demonstrated three dishes, all quickly and easily prepared. The best part was the tasting of these afterwards!

In November, we heard Bob McGregor talk about "The Magic of Toys". This was a fascinating history of toys, illustrated with some magic tricks and illusions – a very entertaining evening.

The December meeting will be our Christmas Party (members only), when we will be wined, dined and entertained, thus ensuring a relaxing break from our Christmas preparations. Tickets £5 from Reception until 6th December only (to aid our catering).

Looking forward to January, we will have someone many of us may already know, Penny Tatt, who will speak to us about her arduous trek to Machu Picchu to raise funds for charity. This promises to be an interesting evening, so do come along and give us a try – all ladies are very welcome. We meet at 20:00 on the second Monday of the month, and you will be assured of a warm welcome.

If you would like any further information on any of the above, please contact Reception or Maria Rogers on 889728, or email ladies@delamerepark.co.uk or check the website www.delamerepark.co.uk.

Forthcoming Meetings/Events

December 10

Christmas Party

January 14

Penny Tatt, "Machu Picchu"

Concert Trip

Following the successful coach trip in October to the Classic FM Hall of Fame concert, we are organising a trip to the "Strauss Family" concert on Thursday April 10 2008 at the Liverpool Philharmonic Hall. The concert starts at 19:30 so we will be leaving the Clubhouse at 18:00 prompt. Tickets £20 + £5 coach (less if we sell all tickets and qualify for a discount!) If you are interested, please let me know as soon as possible. Out of 52 tickets; more than 30 have already gone within a week! The remainder are first come, first served. Waiting list after that for any cancellations.

Contact Maria Rogers on 889728 or e-mail ladies@delamerepark.co.uk

Mah Jongg

Sick of the same old card games? Why not try something different? Mah Jongg is an ancient Chinese games 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 December 13, January 10 and 31.

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

Homewatch

Christmas Warnings

This time of the year arrives with sensible warnings regarding your home and belongings. Christmas trees with presents placed around the base are very attractive, unfortunately be aware others may look into your sitting room through the windows and admire the presents for later collection.

Be careful when you are disposing of the boxes and wrappings. Make every attempt to crush all boxes to avoid advertising the fact that Santa bought you some expensive presents.

When arranging items to be delivered please ensure that you instruct the delivery company not to leave items by the front door. Arrange for them to be left with a neighbour for safe keeping.

As you would expect for this time of year Cheshire Police will be mounting the annual driving initiatives. Drinking and Driving can have a devastating effect on all families who are caught up in the results of the "Just one for the Road". We are urged to ensure this is a safe and Happy Christmas for all. If you fancy a drink why not walk round to the clubhouse!!

Vehicle Theft

On the increase is the stealing of cars when the keys are accessible having been left on a hall table and are within reach of a fishing rod or similar. Please put keys out of reach and separate house from car keys. It is bad enough to have your car stolen but knowing they have your house keys will leave you feeling uneasy and with the expense of changing locks.

Finally a sensible message, don't leave coats, bags and other items in your car. Petty thieves are on the lookout for anything they can easily sell in the lead up to Christmas.

Please be on your guard as theft from cars parked in Delamere forest is still prevalent.

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

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Social Committee

Bonfire Night

A huge, enthusiastic, and generous crowd turned out to make our first bonfire night in four years a fantastic evening. Over £900 was raised to finance the fireworks and with sufficient left over to give a donation to the children's Christmas Party.



We should all thank those who made this possible: the Trustees for their support; the Community Groups for providing raffle prizes; and Niki Bowman and her helpers for the hot dog sales. Special thanks go to Jonathan Dilnot and his team for building such a splendid bonfire and to Tony Stroud and his team for quite the most spectacular display of fireworks ever seen on Delamere Park.

On behalf of a large number of residents who so enjoyed the display and catering we would like to add our thanks to all those involved in organising this fantastic event.

Future events

Monday December 31 New Year's Eve Disco

A Gala Day will be held on Saturday 12th July 2008. This will be an extended version of Party in the Park, retaining the gazebo encampments, but with more of a Carnival atmosphere and extended towards an evening event.

Whist

Drives are arranged for December 8 and January 12.
For further information please email Whist@Delamerepark.co.uk or contact Helen Pattison on 889263

Gardening Club

Our gardening year is almost over and we conclude with the AGM and Christmas Social on Monday December 17. Food and Wine will be provided at £2 per ticket.

We will have a full programme for 2008 commencing with a speaker on Monday January 28. In the meantime we wish a Merry Christmas and a good New Year to all our members and residents.

For further information contact Brian Hoyland at garden@Delamerepark.co.uk

Squirrels

The new academic year at Squirrels has begun very well. We have lots of children on the register which is very encouraging as many pre-schools are struggling for members. It is good to know that we have a good reputation.

As we now have some two year olds a lot of the first half of term has been settling the new ones in which they have all done very well and seem very happy here. Our topic for last term was 'My World' to give the children an opportunity to talk about things that matter to them. This term has been Bonfire Night, Being Safe and now all about Christmas. The children have started to learn the words for the songs in the Nativity Play. This will be performed to parents and carers on Thursday December 13. Term will be finished off with a trip to see Father Christmas at WeaverVale Garden Centre.

Does anyone have an unwanted TV and video player that we could use for the children? We are hoping to obtain one for the days that the children stay longer at Squirrels as they need a little quiet time after lunch.

We always have spaces for any children moving onto the park and if anyone is interested or would just like to have a look around please call in and see us or phone on 010606 888782 and speak to Della or Lyn.

Notice Board

For Sale

X-Box Games

Project Gotham Racing II - £10

Star Wars Jedi Knight II - £8

The Hobbit - £8

DVD's

Van Helsing (12) - £7

Spiderman I (12) - £6

Call David on 882858

Childs Bike Seat (Fisher-Price)

Excellent condition, instruction manual included, used only once - £15



Call Alison on 8828583

Property Wanted

House or Bungalow on Delamere Park minimum 2 bedrooms.

We are cash buyers. Anything considered.

Please contact:

email: janandmike74@yahoo.co.uk

Tel: 01904 340871

Logs, Woodchip and Leaf Mould Sales

Prices effective from 1st January 2008

Logs and woodchip £1.80 per bag (50p delivery under 5 bags)

£1.50 for 10 bags or more.

£25.00 per container load.

Leaf mould

£25.00 per 1 ton bag.

£1.50 per log bag.

Last date for deliveries before Christmas is December 20th.

Contact Reception on 889263 to place your order.

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.

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.

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.

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

Board Games

Having that pre Christmas clearout? Do you have any unwanted children's/adult's board games that you would be willing to donate to the clubhouse for the use of residents whilst in the Bar area? If so please hand them in at reception where they will be most gratefully received.

Lost Property

Reception has a number of items found both in the Clubhouse and in the grounds of the Park. If you have lost something recently it may well be in their possession.

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 or hardcopy via reception. Deadline for the next edition is **January 15 2008**.

sports clubs

Circuit Training

How much do you value your health? Start TODAY. Make exercise a weekly habit by coming to circuits.

Government guidelines suggest that each of us should take part in 5 lots of moderate exercise for 30 minutes each week. With the nights drawing in, get out of the house and make a circuit session part of your weekly exercise plan. Keep you and your family healthy and fit.



'Body mass is commonly a matter of lifestyle choice' (Swiss Re 2004 cited by the Foresight Report 2007). According to this report it is unclear whether it is the environment that is abnormal and people's behaviour that is normal or vice versa, but most commentators believe the upward trend in weight is damaging human health.

Aerobics, step, or stretch and tone classes; circuits bring it all together, and include the all important core stability training. This helps improve postural muscles, which can help reduce backache. Whether you want to get healthy or get fit, this session can cover it all. Comfortable clothing, trainers and a bottle of water required.

NEW Family Circuits - Thursday - 6 to 7

Families come and exercise together - Mums and daughters, fathers and sons, all can exercise at the same time. Children aged 8 and up.



Adults - Thursday - 7.30 to 8.30

Low or high impact - if you want to keep healthy or get fit -Why not come and try circuits for yourself and bring a friend?

Monday Afternoon Circuits - 1.30 to 2.30

We started our Monday classes in September and have a keen group of exercisers. A low impact session

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

Water Aerobics

We exercise safely in water with a qualified instructor. It is a pleasant, fun way of shaping up and improving fitness and co-ordination. The routines are set to lively music for the feel good factor and are changed every six weeks so that we never become bored.

The charge is £2 per session and all the money we take goes to St Lukes Hospice a local charity in Winsford. We reached the end of our financial year in October and are proud to announce that we have donated £1,315.85p to St Lukes during that year and they have written to us with thanks for our continued support.

Our Christmas lunch is booked for Wednesday December 12 and so far, more than 20 of our members are booked in. The last class of the year will be also on Wednesday December 12 and we will resume Wednesday January 9 2008.

We wish both our teams of faithful, funloving water dancers a Very Merry Christmas and an even merrier New Year.

Please contact reception for further details or email sport@delamerepark.co.uk

Ballroom-Latin-Jive Dancing

Invitation – Sunday 23rd Dec

The Sunday Evening Dance Class would like to invite you to our Open Christmas Dance on Sunday December 23 at 7.30pm in the Park Room.

Anyone who dances already or has enjoyed the recent Strictly Dancing TV show, or if you're thinking of joining the class, come along and enjoy the music.

We'll be dancing to the waltz, salsa, jive, rumba, foxtrot, quickstep and mambo.

The next course will be starting in early January, so this is an opportunity to have a free taster of what you could learn.

There is no charge, just come along for a fun evening.

Open to residents, single or couples over 16 years.

If you would like to know more, call Steve or Kathy 01606 301845 or email sport@Delamerepark.co.uk



Are You Interested in Walking?

Calling all walkers!

Do you fancy Sunday morning walks along the many footpaths around the Park and an odd trip out for some different scenery?

If you are interested donning your walking boots, and joining others for a Sunday stroll, please put your name down on the form at Reception.

We are particularly interested to hear from anyone who would be willing to help out either as a coordinator or a walk leader - armed with a map or knowledge of the locality.