



## Trustees Open Forum

**The next Open Forum will be held on Friday July 4 at 19:30 in the Park Room.**

The next Open Forum will deal with just two issues; the forthcoming referendum on the use of Delamere Park's facilities and the introduction of the Access Control System.

As you are aware, after the last OGM, a working group was set up to look at who should have access to our facilities. The working group was chaired by Paul Rogers, a Trustee, and comprised representatives of Community Groups and interested residents. They have now completed their work and in mid June a voting form will be issued so that all plot owners can have their say in who should be able to use our facilities. Voting will open immediately after the voting forms are issued but the Trustees will be happy to answer any questions you may have at the Open Forum. Voting will close on Sunday 13th July, the day after the Gala Day. Please exercise your right to vote. We want the vote to represent the view of the vast majority of plot owners so that the Trustees can accurately reflect your views

in the decisions they take in the future. Watch out for the form dropping through your letter box.

At the last Open Forum we told you that we were investigating the installation of an Access Control System and this was welcomed. The system has now been installed. The benefits will be that we can, to a large extent, prevent unauthorised access to our building and allow residents more flexible access to use the pool and other facilities. Before the Open Forum we will issue a special edition of Park Talk which will explain how the system will work and we will go through this in detail at the Forum and answer any questions you may have. We expect the system to be fully up and running by the beginning of September. If you want access to the Clubhouse you will need to register yourself and your family members on the system so please take the trouble to read the special edition of Park Talk and, if possible, attend the Open Forum.

## History of Delamere Park by David Coxhead

Further to the item in the February 2008 edition of Park Talk it can be confirmed that the book now titled 'The History of Delamere House and Delamere Park' will be published in the first two weeks of July.

There will be two launches one of an evening and one on a Saturday morning.

The cost of the book will be £18 or £16 for those attending the signing and those that have ordered direct from the publishers.

For further details contact David on 01606 889438 or at [dandf@uwclub.net](mailto:dandf@uwclub.net).

## Concert in Park Room

Our second live concert will take place in the Park Room on Sunday June 8 commencing at 16:00 prompt. This is again presented by Wen Zhou Li, and will feature 6 highly gifted students from the Chetham's School of Music and the Royal Northern College of Music.

The programme will include music by composers such as Schubert, Sarasate and Paganini, and will also include a duo performance with violin and viola.

Proceeds from the concert will help support the students' Italian Summer Music School, a registered charity.

Tickets are £5.00 each and are available from Reception.

Further details available from Maria Rogers on 889728.

## Attention Dog Owners

Complaints are still being received regarding dog excrement not being picked up by owners. Could you please ensure that you take a plastic bag with you when you take your dog for a walk and place it in the bins provided.

Do you have a dog which is prone to bark if left alone in your garden? If so, please do your best not to leave it outside for long periods as constant barking is inconsiderate to your neighbours and disturbs their right to the quiet enjoyment of their own property.

## Spare Chairs

DPML has 22 bentwood chairs surplus to requirements. If any resident can make use of them for an organisation they are connected with we will be happy to donate them. They can be viewed in the Lodge building if you wish. Please contact Reception if you are interested.

## Potential Refurbishment of the Children's Play Area



As part of our aim to provide facilities for all age groups on the Park the Trustees would like to investigate the possibility of replacing the existing children's play area which is now over ten years old. The project would only go ahead if we could obtain funding from sources such as the Lottery and local or national government grants since we have been advised that the total costs involved could be in excess of £40,000 which we certainly could not fund entirely from plot owners resources.

The first step would be to undertake preliminary designs and costings and approach the various bodies about funding possibilities. We could employ "Groundwork Cheshire", one of 50 charitable trusts which work in partnership with local communities to improve their local environment, to undertake this for us but even this would be at a cost somewhere in the region of £5,000. Obviously we are reluctant to commit plot owners funds to such expenditure which is purely speculative at this stage since grant funding may not be available without which the project would not proceed.

In the circumstances the Trustees would like to hear from any residents who have relevant expertise in areas such as leisure projects and/or acquiring funding and who would be prepared to help us take this possible project forward.

If you are able to help or would like further information please leave your contact details at Reception or email us at trustees@delamerepark.co.uk.

## Attention Parents

There have been further reports of young children playing in the lagoons and streams near the clubhouse. This is both annoying to the residents of the nearby properties and, of course, dangerous so please make your children aware.

## Coffee Mornings

Many thanks to all the Groups that have hosted the various Coffee Mornings in the last year.

The Coffee Mornings held on the first Thursday of the month will continue throughout the Summer on the dates shown below.

Over and above the Thursday meetings there has been an additional day in each month where we have held a coffee morning. The last of these will be held on June 16 after which they will be suspended for the summer months.

You can be assured of a warm welcome at our coffee mornings. Do please come along between 10.30 and 12.00, either alone or with a neighbour or friend. For further information, or if you need a lift to the Clubhouse, please telephone Maria (889728) or the Clubhouse (889263).

### Upcoming Dates

#### June 2008

Thursday June 5 at 10:30  
hosted by the Ladies Club

Monday June 16 at 10:30

#### July 2008

Thursday July 3 at 10:30  
hosted by Water Aerobics

#### August 2008

Thursday August 7 at 10:30 hosted by the Whist Club

#### September 2008

Thursday September 4 at 10:30 hosted by the Mah Jongg Club



## Concert Outings

**Our visit to the Liverpool Philharmonic Hall in April was a great success, and we are now looking forward to the next one, on Thursday July 10, "Russian White Nights". Tickets are all sold out, but if you want to put down your name for any possible late cancellations, please contact Maria. We meet at the Clubhouse at 5.45 p.m. for a 6.00 p.m. prompt departure.**

**We are now preparing next season's trips, and plan to organise the following trips to the Liverpool Philharmonic.**

- 1. Saturday October 4 2008 – "European Favourites"**
- 2. Thursday November 27 2008 – Beethoven No. 9 "Choral" Symphony**
- 3. Thursday April 23 2009 – "Royal Fireworks"**
- 4. Thursday May 14 2009 – "Pictures at an Exhibition"**

**If you think you might be interested, and have not already registered with me your interest in any of the above, please let me know, and I will include your details for future notification.**

**For further details, ring Maria (889728) or leave a note at Reception.**

# community groups

## 39/45 Club

Lyndon Taylor gave us another very interesting talk on Sharks at our April meeting. He is a source of talks to the club all of which are well prepared.

Our May meeting was postponed for a week because it clashed with the live Champions League final between Manchester United and Chelsea. As a result Graham Simpson has had to wait an extra week to become the next Chairman of the 39/45 Club. We thank Walter Sayles for his work of the past year as Chairman.

Ron Price has booked another fishing trip on the 28th May. The previous trip was very successful. As it is the same night as our rearranged meeting and if the weather has been rough on the trip we may see one or two greenish faces at the meeting!

One of the few members of the club who was active in the Second World War celebrated his 65th Wedding Anniversary. We wish Wilf and Vera Furber many more years together.

As this is being written the result of the match, after a hard fought struggle, has been declared. Trust the M.U. supporters have now come back to earth and the Chelsea fans have got over their sad loss and thoughts of being cheated!

## 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:

June 12 and 26

July 10 and 31

August 14 and 28

**For further information e-mail mahjongg@delamerepark.co.uk, ring Niki on 888959 or just turn up on the day – we look forward to seeing you!**

**At the Gala Day on July 12 our group are having a Bric-A-Brac stall. We would welcome any items in good condition. We will only have one table, so we are stipulating that no item should be bigger than approximately a dinner plate in diameter. The exception being children's toys.**

**We would be grateful if you would start putting any items to one side and nearer the time, please ring Niki on 888959 or Lee on 882082 and we'll arrange for collection.**

## Social Committee

We had a very successful May Ball on 10th, with 83 folks attending. It was good to see everyone dressed up.

### Karaoke Evening – Saturday June 7 at 20:00

This will be held in the bar and admission is free! It will be run by Chris Yould who many will recall was a previous Bar Manager.

### Gala/Fun Day/Party on the Park – Saturday July 12 at 14:00

The Gala/Fun Day will be from 14:00 to 16:00 and will be opened at 2 p.m. by our oldest resident, Monica Booth. Events planned were mentioned in the last Park Talk.

The Army display is static; other events include a tombola; bottle stall; cake stall; bric-a-brac; pool competition; adult swimming video; decorated plant pots; golf (with pinpong balls!)

A reminder that if you have a classic car or motorcycle and would like to show your vehicle, please contact the organisers through Reception.

At 16:00 the Party on the Park will commence. Music will be by The Four of Diamonds from 18:00.

Remember to bring your gazebo in the morning to stake your plot.

### Super Quiz – Saturday September 20

Make a note of this in your diary. More details in the next Park Talk.

The social committee are looking for volunteers to join them. If you would like to be part of a friendly and enthusiastic team then please contact Social@delamerepark.co.uk or Liz on 881893.

## Garden, Craft and Produce Show - July 12

You will have seen the details of this show in the last Park News. Arrangements are continuing apace, and this is to tell you that entry forms will be available from Reception at the Clubhouse from Monday June 16 or from Pat Sweetingham on 888667. They can also be obtained (and returned) via email from sweetp\_flower@yahoo.co.uk. The entry form will also include details of staging etc.

Please note there are one or two very minor amendments to classes.

Please support this venture by entering as many classes as possible. It is open to all residents and their immediate families (including children aged 3-16), so please encourage all your neighbours and families to participate!

## community groups

### Ladies' Club

This year Ladies' Club will be celebrating its 30th Anniversary at our Summer Party on Monday July 14, members and guests are warmly invited to come along and join in the fun.

If anyone has photographs of Ladies' Club events over the last 30 years then please get in touch as we would love to take a copy to display on the evening.

Tickets for the Summer Party will be available at our June meeting, then from Reception until July 4.

Other dates for your diary are:

**June 5** - Community Coffee morning (10:30 – 12:00)

**June 9** - 'Claire's Florists' talk and demo by Lisa

**July 12** - Gala Day, Ladies Club will be serving refreshments in the Park Room from 2:00 – 4:00pm

If anyone would like further information about Ladies' Club, please contact Elizabeth Hill, Tel: 889410 or email: ladies@delamerepark.co.uk

### Gardening Club

After our events in May i.e. our trip to the Spalding Flower Festival, Garden Safari and the Plant Sale we now look forward to June and July.

On Monday June 23 we have arranged a visit to Blue Bell Cottage Gardens and Lodge Lane Nursery planning to arrive at 19:00. Travel will be in members own cars.

On Saturday July 12 will be the Delamere Park Gala day when the club will be organising a Craft, Garden and Produce show which will include Vegetables, Fruit, Flowers, Plants, Cookery, Handicrafts and Hobbies with sections for juniors aged from 3 to 16. For a list of categories see the April issue of Park Talk.

On July 21 will be our Summer Social and tickets will be available from July 12. Look out for posters on club notice boards for further details.

**For further information contact Reception on 889263, Brian Hoyland on 888550 or at garden@Delamerepark.co.uk**

## sports clubs



### Cricket

Our first match took place on Tuesday 20 May at Kingsley resulting in a narrow victory for a strong Kingsley line-up but an enjoyable evening was had by all. Delamere Park stars were Jeremy Casey with a stunning display of 6 hitting, Ed Chadwick with a blistering spell with the new ball and an athletic performance behind the stumps by Peter Hudson !!

This will be followed by fixtures on 8 June and 13 July and other dates tbc.

In the meantime net practice takes place every Tuesday night adjacent to the tennis courts. All welcome.

There is a great spirit developing amongst our players are we are keen to build on this.

**Anybody interested in playing cricket please call Robin Calvert on 07771 556360**

### Water Aerobics

Come and join us: lively music, good exercise to your own ability with fun loving companions. We meet:

**Wednesdays 11:00 to Noon**

**Thursdays 20:00 to 21:00**

Cost is £2 per person with all proceeds going to St Lukes Hospice.

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



# sports clubs

## Circuit Training

**Spring is in the air and with summer round the corner, why not get out of the house and get fit for enjoying summer**

Government guidelines recommend that each of us should take part in 5 lots of exercise for 30 minutes each week, at a moderate intensity. Make a circuit session part of your weekly exercise plan, and keep you and your family healthy and fit.

### Family Circuits - Thursday - 6 to 7pm

Children aged 14 plus and any adults can exercise together. Children aged 8-14 can come with an adult. Whether you are fit or unfit, there is something for all.

### Adults Circuits - Thursday - 7.30 to 8.30pm

Come and join our regulars for our weekly circuit session in the Park Room. If you want to keep healthy or get fit - why not come and try it yourself and bring a friend?

### Monday Afternoon Circuits - 1.30 to 2.30pm

This session is aimed at beginners or those who want to do low impact exercise. Exercises include low impact cardiovascular, toning, stretching and core stability training; this helps improve postural muscles, which can help reduce backache. Whether you want to keep healthy or get fit, this session can cover it all.

For all sessions, comfortable clothing, trainers and a bottle of water required.

**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)**



## Ballroom-Latin-Jive Dancing

**Dancing Practice Sessions Come and join us – bring your favourite music**

The dancing courses will recommence in September but over the Summer Holiday period practise sessions are taking place every Sunday at the usual time in the Park Room.

They are operating on a casual drop in basis for anyone. Whatever your ability come and have a drink and a dance.

So come and join us if you are a new starters, improvers and intermediate level dancers at what ever time suits you from 7.30pm.

Open to residents and residents' guests, single or couples over 16 years.

For information call Kathy or Steve on 01606 301845 or email [sport@Delamerepark.co.uk](mailto:sport@Delamerepark.co.uk)



## Ju Jitsu for Young People & Adults



Ju Jitsu is alive and kicking at Delamere Park and looking for new members. Look out for a high quality demonstration at the Gala/Fun Day on the Sat 12th July - if you think it's for you come along and try it out.

Ju Jitsu can increase fitness and help self defence. The Junior Class has been extended to include Adults. This will run in parallel with the Juniors Session and is open to adults either with some martial arts experience or complete beginners.

Junior Beginners and Restarters are also very welcome.

Ju Jitsu Classes are run with qualified black belt trainer Sensi Adam Forshaw and an assistant Black belt trainer

**Every Wednesday 7pm - 8.30pm in the Park Room**

**For information please contact Sensi Forshaw on 01606 882153 or email [sport@delamerepark.co.uk](mailto:sport@delamerepark.co.uk)**



## Logs, Woodchip and Leaf Mould Sales

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 bag.

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 clean and tidy and all tables and chairs stored.

## 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 Telephone Number 01606 889263**

## 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.

## 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](mailto:news@delamerepark.co.uk) or hardcopy via reception. Deadline for the next edition is **July 15 2008**.