



Trustees Open Forum – July 4 2008

An Open Forum was held in the Park room on Friday July 4. About 100 residents attended.

Two subjects were covered, the Access Control System and the resident's referendum on access and use of the facilities.

Keith Glover outlined how the system would operate and how residents can obtain entry cards or fobs. Use of the card or fob will allow entry to the facilities in the Clubhouse and remove the necessity for residents to sign in and out but guests will still need to be signed in and out. The system will allow us to make the pool and squash courts available from 07:00 on weekdays and 07.30 at weekends. These times have been chosen to still allow the cleaners to complete their work before residents have access. In answer to a question Keith confirmed that the access system and fire alarm system are linked and that in the event of a fire alarm the doors automatically unlock to allow emergency exit.

A small minority of residents felt that the restrictions on entry to children between 12 and 17 years of age were discriminatory and should be removed. It was explained that they were not intended to deny children access but simply to ensure that a responsible adult was with them after 20:00 or, alternatively, that they were allowed entry by a member of staff. The ages were chosen to be consistent with our bar policy and, as Keith had mentioned in his presentation, the operation of the system, including this aspect would be reviewed after the system had been in operation for a period. The Trustees are meeting with these residents to discuss their concerns further.

Paul Rogers then answered questions on the Residents Referendum. He explained that the ballot box would be locked at the close of the club on Sunday July 13 and that the votes would be counted by Ken Nixon, ex chairman of Cuddington Parish Council. Only Ken would see the individual ballot forms which would be destroyed after the count was completed.

Referendum Result

Just over half (53%) of Plot Owners returned forms on the Use of Facilities Referendum. A small number of forms were declared "spoiled" by the non-resident adjudicator, but this would not have affected the outcome of any of the five questions.

A substantial majority of respondents were in favour of questions 1 and 2a, and a substantial majority against questions 3a and 3b (hirings to non-resident commercial organisations for their commercial purposes). A more detailed result is on display on the notice board in the Clubhouse. As a result of the referendum vote on 3a/b the Puddleducks contract will not be renewed.

Ordinary General Meeting of Plot Owners

All residents will have received notice that this meeting will be held on Thursday September 11 at 19:30 in the Park Room. Residents are reminded that nominations for Trustee/Director and Resolutions for discussion at the meeting must be received by August 12 2008.

If any resident is interested in becoming a Trustee but is unsure of the role or would like to talk to any of the existing trustees we are more than happy to meet them. Please contact us through the office on 889263 or email us at trustees@delamerepark.co.uk



Dog Fouling

There have been numerous complaints from residents after finding dog faeces on the green and in the children's play area.

May we remind dog owners of the need to clear up their dogs mess and keep areas where children are playing clean – it is certainly not pleasant when children bring the mess home with them!



Coffee Mornings

Our last Coffee Morning, kindly hosted by Water Aerobics, was well-attended, and enjoyed by all. Why not come and relax and meet friends and neighbours at the next one? They run from 10.30 a.m. to 12.00 noon; drop in for a few minutes, or stay for the whole session. The next dates are:

August 2008 - Thursday 7 hosted by the Whist Club

September 2008 - Thursday 4 hosted by the Gardening Club

October 2008 - Thursday 2 hosted by the Mah Jongg Club

November 2008 - Thursday 6 hosted by the 39/45 Club

For further information, or if you need a lift to the Clubhouse, please telephone Maria (889728) or the Clubhouse (889263).

ThreeWays Pedestrian Path

Residents in this street have reported that the footpath to the Millennium gate is being used by cyclists and horses in a manner that takes no heed of pedestrians.

In consideration for others would residents please be mindful of pedestrians when using this footpath.

Concerts at the Liverpool Philharmonic

65 people went to the Philharmonic on July 10, and enjoyed the evening very much. The music was wonderful, and so was the conductor (or so the ladies thought!). Our next concert trips will be on:

Saturday October 4 - European Favourites

Thursday November 27 - Beethoven's Choral (No. 9) Symphony

We are now taking bookings for the October 4 concert. The cost will be approximately £25 each, including the coach fare (if we fill the coach). Tickets are on a 'first come, first served' basis. Payment with your orders, please. Contact Maria or Paul on 889728. The coach will leave the Clubhouse at 18:00 prompt, and the concert starts at 19:30.



The Lagoons

Residents are aware that the lagoons have been problematical for sometime, with leaks and blockages. In June we decided, as a first step to rectifying the problems, to drain the top lagoon in order to check it for leaks and remove debris. After we had done this we received a complaint from a resident that newts were breeding around the lagoon and it should not have been drained.

As you may be aware greater crested newts are a protected species and, having been alerted to their possible presence, we have a legal obligation to establish whether they are present. We instructed an ecologist at a cost £500 to inspect the lagoons and he has verbally confirmed that although there are newts present they are not of the greater crested variety. When he reports back to Vale Royal Council we should be given the go ahead to continue with the renovation programme, which will be completed in-line with his recommended methodology.

Bar Snacks

Following the Kitchen refurbishment we are serving bar snacks on Friday evening, Saturday and Sunday. Call in to see what's on offer from our new kitchen and enjoy some food and drink.

The trustees and bar staff would appreciate your constructive feedback on the choice, quality and presentation of the menu so that we can better provide what you want.

Community Groups

39/45 Club

The fishing trip on May 28 was enjoyed by the 11 members who took part. There were no green faces at the meeting on that same night! Our June meeting had an interesting talk by Mr Paul Deakinon on the Winsford Salt Mine. There were some very good slides. The speaker at the July meeting was Mr Peter Johnson on the subject of 'Clutter'. My wife was hoping that I would return with some wonderful ideas on how to deal with my clutter. Alas she was disappointed. Mr Johnston, a former schoolmaster, must be the king of clutter! He gave a most amusing talk on his experiences of living and teaching in Runcorn.

A trip has been organised on August 5 to the Severn Valley Railway. The cost is £18 including the coach and travel on the trains. If you are interested in joining us there may be a few seats available. Ring Ron Price on 881968 to find out.

The club annual bowls competition is taking place at Crowton on August 18.

At our next meeting on August 20 the speaker and demonstrator is Mr Terry Lewis on Birds of Prey. Weather permitting he hopes to be able to fly the birds outside. On September 17 the talk is on Lewis Carroll. To show we are not a group of 'male chauvinists' our speaker is a Mrs Rutter

Ladies' Club

30th Anniversary Party - At our July meeting 50 Ladies, members past and present celebrated in style, the order of the day was Pimm's, a light buffet, followed by strawberries and cream. Everyone dressed up for the occasion wearing party dresses, many with hats.

Entertainment for the evening was a background slide presentation showing photos of good times during past years, including Christmas shows, fashion parades, garden parties and summer visits. These were followed by some action shots taken on the evening. Many thanks to David Cooper for the truly professional job he did with the slides, with added sound effects and fireworks.

Gala Day - The welcome return of Fun Day after such a long break was well supported with Ladies' Club serving refreshments in the Park Room. A big thank you to everyone who donated cakes and scones, which were as ever baked to a deliciously high standard.

This year we are having a Summer break during August. Our next meeting will be on **Monday September 8** when Don Rustage of Boodle and Dunthorpe will talk on the subject of 'Diamonds'. We hope to see you there and as ever, new members and guests are always very welcome.

If anyone would like further information about Ladies' Club, please contact Elizabeth Hill, Tel: 889410 or email: 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 August 14 and 28, September 11 and 25 and October 9.

The Mah Jongg group would like to thank all those who contributed bric a brac for our stall on Gala Day. Items that were not sold on the day went to St Luke's Hospice charity shops.

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



Community Groups

Social Committee

Gala Day and Party in the Park

The success of the recent Fun Day was absolutely down to the wonderful response of Delamere Park Residents, their families and friends who, in vast numbers, came along with the prime intention of having a great time.

The superb attendance across the age spectrum, the overwhelming Community Spirit, the obvious fun, good humour and brilliant behaviour of everyone, the young and the old was fantastic. The organisers would like to say a big "Thank You" to those who made the event possible but more so to those who came along to have some fun.



Super Quiz - Saturday September 20

To be held in the Park Room doors open 19:30 for a prompt start at 20:00. Teams of no more than 6 (no extra points for less than 6). Age 14 and up. Each team will have a Joker to play on one round of their choosing. Scores to be put up after each round for all to see.

Cost is £24 per team to include supper. Anyone wanting to join a team can leave their names with Niki Bowman, 888959.

Team tickets on sale from September 1 at Reception; please give your team name when purchasing your ticket.

Closing date is Thursday September 18 for catering purposes.

Bonfire Night Celebrations

Please note that this will now take place on November 8.

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.

Gardening Club

Our visit to Bluebell Cottage and Lodge Nursery took place on a beautiful summers evening and was attended by 50 members and guests. Our summer social took place on July 21 which concluded our summer activities. The next speakers evening is on Monday September 22 when a talk will be given on 'The History of the English Apple'.

Garden, Craft and Produce Show

The Garden, Craft and Produce Show, held on Saturday July 12 in conjunction with Gala Day, proved to be a very successful venture, with over 200 entries from more than 70 exhibitors. A big Thank You to all who helped in any way, including Reception Staff, DPGC Committee, stewards, etc. (you know who you are!) and of course, to all the exhibitors.

The judges, local (but not resident) experts in their fields, were very impressed by the overall standard of exhibits. They have, of course, been thanked for their time and efforts. Congratulations to all class, section and overall winners and many thanks for your support.

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

Sports Clubs

Ballroom Dancing

New Dancing Sessions Starting Sunday Sept 7.

It's great fun and good exercise too!!

The dancing courses are recommencing on Sunday September 7 at 19:30 in the Park Room and will be arranged in two 4 week blocks.

19:30 Beginners Latin - concentrating on dances such as Salsa, Rumba, Samba, Cha Cha Cha, Mambo, Merengue. The selection will be tailored to suit the new learners. Some dancers who have attended previous courses will get the opportunity to learn the dances they have not done before.

20:15 Intermediate Level - adding new moves to the dances learnt on previous courses.

Come and join us if you are a new starter, improver or intermediate level dancer for courses which will take us up to Christmas party season and the Christmas Ball. 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



Ju Jitsu and Ladies Self Defence

After the August break, on September 3 the Ju-Jitsu club will start its regular Wednesday sessions at 19:00 in the clubhouse. All new members young and old are welcome and the first lesson is free!

In addition, following the successful trial in July, a women's self-defence course is envisaged for later this year.

For information please email jujitsu@delamerepark.co.uk

Circuit Training

Make a circuit session part of your weekly exercise plan, and keep you and your family healthy and fit.

Family Circuits - Thursday 18:00 to 19:00 Children aged 8-14 can attend with an adult.

Adults Circuits - Thursday 19:30 to 20:30

Afternoon Circuits - Monday 13:30 to 14:30 This session is aimed at beginners or those who want to do low impact exercise.

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

For more information about the sessions look at the poster in the club or phone Hilary on 07812 684979

Water Aerobics

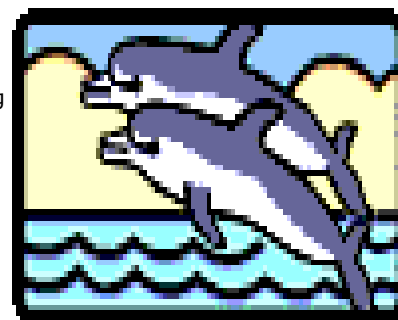
Come and join us: lively music, good exercise to your own ability with fun loving companions. Cost is £2 per person with all proceeds going to St Lukes Hospice.

We meet on:

Wednesdays 11:00 to Noon

Thursdays 20:00 to 21:00

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



Services

Reception Telephone Number - 889263

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 per container load
Leaf mould £1.50 per bag - £25.00 per 1 ton bag

Contact Reception 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 - Recommended 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.

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!

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.

Ice Lollies

Orange or Strawberry Split flavour Ice lollies for sale, 80p per pack of 8.

Contact Reception to place your order.

Next Issue

Deadline for the next edition is September 15 2008.

All contributions should be sent by email to news@Delamerepark.co.uk or left at Reception.