



## Ordinary General Meeting of Plot Owners - September 11 2008

The OGM was held on September 11 and approximately 160 residents attended.

There were no resolutions and no nominations for the two trustee vacancies. One nomination was left at the office before the closing date but for some reason was not received by the Trustees. This nomination was from Lesley Sharkey who has indicated her willingness to be co-opted to the Trustees so this was done at the next formal trustee meeting.

The main business of the evening was to discuss and vote on the budget for the coming year. Paul Rogers explained that, following a meeting with a senior representative from HMRC it was clear that the Revenue were of the view that VAT was payable on the full annual contributions although no formal assessment has been received as yet. A suitable contingency has been included in the budget for this.

Apart from this contingency the budget increase over last year was 3.3%. After a number of questions were answered by Paul the proposed budget was approved by an overwhelming majority.

At the close of his presentation Paul said that he had given his fellow trustees three months notice of his intention to resign. Paul said that he was spending 50-60% of his time on DPML issues and he was not prepared to continue to do this. The fact that a small minority of residents failed to appreciate the hard work by all the Trustees was also a factor in his decision.

This led to a number of residents expressing their wish that Paul continue in his role and suggesting that ways needed to be found to lighten the load on trustees to encourage more residents to become involved in running the affairs of the Park. Jeannine Kolodziejcki, chair of trustees, said that this would be considered. A number of residents also expressed their thanks to the Trustees for all their hard work. This was appreciated.

The Fitzsimmons Trophy was awarded to Brian Hoyland, his wife and their team of helpers from the Gardening Club for their work in planting and maintaining the beds around the Clubhouse. The award was warmly welcomed by the meeting. The meeting was then closed.

There are now four trustees, including Lesley Sharkey, and following Paul's resignation being effective this will reduce to three. We all benefit from living in an attractive environment with facilities that most people would envy and the Trustees would therefore ask all residents to consider whether there are ways in which they can contribute, either actively supporting the Trustees or by being co-opted as a Trustee or passively in supporting the activities on offer through the hard work of the Community Groups and their members. If you wish to support the Trustees actively or are prepared to be co-opted please address a note to Jeannine at the office indicating how you think you may be able to help.

Formal minutes of the meeting will be available in due course.

### Coffee Mornings

Coffee mornings are held on the first Thursday of each month, A warm welcome awaits you; come between 10.30 and 12.00.

Between now and April we are holding an extra coffee morning on the third Monday of each month. The dates for 2008 are:

#### October

Thursday **2**, hosted by the Mah Jongg Group and Monday **20**

#### November

Thursday **6**, hosted by the 39/45 Club and Monday **17**

#### December

Thursday **4**, hosted by the Adult Swim Group and Monday **15**

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

### Children's Christmas Party

Can you spare some time to help organise the Delamere Park Children's Christmas Party?

We are desperately seeking volunteers to help form a planning committee or just to simply offer help on the day.

Louise Key (a busy working Mum of 3) has organised the event in recent years but has now handed over the reigns and we thank her for her time and effort. Sixty children attended the event last year and had a wonderful time. We really would like to give our children a party again this year but unless parents/grandparents volunteer we will be unable to do so.

We will be grateful for help from anyone so please be generous with your time so that we can share the workload. Anyone willing to assist please leave your name with Reception or speak with Georgina Hulse or Jeannine Kolodziejcki.

## Amateur Dramatics

We are looking at the possibility of launching a Delamere Park Amateur Dramatics Group.

If you have any expertise in this field - which is not limited to acting but extends to all aspects including script writing, painting, lighting etc..., or if you just want to get involved then contact: **Dave on 07935 952760.**

## Dog Fouling

Despite the notice in the August edition, we are still receiving complaints from residents after finding dog faeces on the green and in the children's play area.

May we remind dog owners yet again of the need to clear up their dogs mess and keep areas where children are playing clean.

## Veteran Cycle Ride

Two residents of the Park once again rode the ' Bert Bailey Memorial 100' which is a one hundred mile cycle ride for veteran cyclists who are over the age of 65 years. This year is the 43rd running of this event.

It began because Bert Bailey felt there were not enough rides for older veterans and after his death the ride continued in his name. Starting at Kinnerton, through Overton to Llandrinio, then Overton back to Kinnerton. The course has to be completed in twelve hours. Tom Dean, aged 74yrs from The Cobbles and Rod Pearce aged 69yrs from Westrees, completed the course in 8½ hours. A great achievement!

## Concert in the Clubhouse

On Saturday October 11 Musicians from the National Children's Orchestra of Great Britain (NCO) are holding a fundraising Concert in The Park Room at the Residents club from 19:00 to 21:30.

The bar will open at 19:00 and the performance commences at 19:30. There will be an interval of 20/30 minutes.

The young musicians are aged from 12 - 18yrs have all played in the NCO and are members of either the Cheshire or Liverpool Philharmonic youth orchestras. There will be a varied programme of solo performances on violin, viola, flute, clarinet, oboe, saxophone, tuba and trumpet. Pieces include works by Bizet, Bach, Vivaldi, Faure and Glinka.

The Head of Music from the Grange School, Mr Andrew Millinchip, will be accompanying the Musicians and it should be a highly entertaining and professional concert.

The concert is suitable for all ages and it is hoped that a large number of people will come along and support the event. Tickets are available from Reception and are £5 each.

## Concerts at the Liverpool Philharmonic

Our next visit to the Liverpool Philharmonic Hall is on Saturday October 4. We meet at the Clubhouse at 17:45 for a 18:00 prompt departure.

The next concert is Beethoven's "Choral" Symphony on Thursday November 27, conducted by Vladimir Ashkenazy.

The cost (based on filling the coach) is £25 per person, and we are now taking bookings.

As we need to confirm our booking by October 23, please contact Maria (889728) or Reception at the Clubhouse (889263) straight away to secure your place.

Cheques are to be made out to "Delamere Park Social Committee" please.

### Next year's concert trips will be:

Thursday April 23 - "Royal Fireworks"

Thursday May 14 - "Pictures at an Exhibition"

If you think you might be interested and have not already registered your interest, please let Maria know and we will include your details for future notifications.



# Community Groups

## 39/45 Club

As usual the Summer Social on the July 18 was well attended. An enjoyable evening was had by all. Ron Price once again arranged an interesting trip by coach to the Severn Valley Railway. Although he might have organised the weather better everybody enjoyed the day. On August 18 the annual bowls competition was held. Eleven members attended to show their prowess. The well deserved winner was Ron Price with Tony Walsh as runner up. The winner of the 'also-rans' plate was very worthily John Walters who organised the competition and the catering.

Our meeting on August 20 was held in the Park Room. This was to accommodate the ladies who were invited and all were entertained by Mr Terry Lewis with a display of birds of prey. Mr Lewis was an enthusiast and had brought along six or seven birds ranging from a tawny owl to a bird with a wingspan of some six feet. They sat well-behaved on their perches unlike some of the audience! It was a most enjoyable evening.

On the October 15 Arnold Black is speaking on environmental issues. In November a Mr Hayhurst's subject is Banking in a Gentler Age. It sounds a very appropriate subject in the light of what has been happening.

Armistice Day this year is on Sunday November 9. A new vicar has been appointed for the Parishes of Norley, Kingsley and Crowton. At the moment it is not known where the service will be held. One thing we do know is that we shall be meeting after the service for lunch at the Hare and Hounds in Crowton.

**For further information on the 39/45 club please email [3945@delamerepark.co.uk](mailto:3945@delamerepark.co.uk) or leave your name at Reception.**

## Ladies' Club

On September 8 we had our first meeting after the Summer break, a talk on Diamonds by Don Rustage from Boodles of Chester, this was well attended by over 30 ladies. It was fascinating to learn about the different types of diamonds and hear some of the amusing tales from the world of gems and about the colourful characters he had met during his long career with Boodles. Don had also brought along diamond pendants, bracelets and rings for everyone to try on, including a diamond solitaire with a retail value of £23,000, which certainly brought a sparkle to the evening.

For the future, Lee Hignett and Pam Taylor have kindly offered to organise an extra event for Ladies' Club, a daytime visit to Chatsworth House on Monday November 24, when the house will be decorated for Christmas, members and guests will be welcome, there are a few seats left on the coach, so if interested please contact Lee, (882082) or Pam, (889665) to book your place.

**October 13** ~ Medicinal Herbalism (Mandy Cutbill)  
**November 10** ~ Cake Toppings (Laura Williams)  
**November 24** ~ Daytime visit to Chatsworth House  
**December 8** ~ Christmas Party

**If anyone would like further information about the Ladies' Club, please contact Elizabeth Hill on 889410 or email [ladies@delamerepark.co.uk](mailto:ladies@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 9 and 30, November 13 and 27 and the Christmas Party on Dec 11.

**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!**



# Community Groups

## Social Committee

### Bonfire Night Celebrations - November 8

The Community Groups will be hosting a bonfire night on Saturday November 8. 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.

Hot dogs will also be on sale in the Park Room, still only £1 each.

If you have items for burning (i.e. pruning conifers etc.,) please bring them to the site on November 8 between 10:00 and 13:00.

If you have items too bulky we may be able to collect. Please ring reception on 889263 to arrange. If you would like to help in any way please leave your name and telephone number at the reception desk for the attention of Peter Lund.



### Christmas Social-December 6

The Christmas Social will be held on Saturday December 6 with music by the Four of Diamonds.

**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](mailto:Social@delamerepark.co.uk) or Liz on 881893.**

## Bridge Club

Why not come and enjoy a relaxed and friendly game of rubber bridge? We meet in the Park Room on the first, third and occasional fifth Monday each Monday at 19:00. On the second and fourth Monday we play in the Lodge. All levels of players are welcome.

**For more information please call 301699.**

## Gardening Club

Since the flurry of activities in July we have enjoyed our August 'quiet period'.

At the recent DPML OGM Brian and June Hoyland were awarded the Fitzsimmons Trophy, this was accepted on behalf of all Gardening Club Members who participated in the planting and weeding sessions in the clubhouse gardens.

### Forthcoming Events

October 27 - Mediterranean Gardens  
 November 24 - Gardeners Question Time  
 December 15 - AGM and Christmas Social

## Homewatch

Please continue to be on the lookout for suspicious cars and individuals. Last month there was an afternoon burglary on the Park so please continue to be vigilant. In addition the police would be grateful if you could please report any instances of cold callers offering gardening and vermin control services.

**Please relay any relevant information to PC Frank Lea at Frodsham Police Station on 0845 458 6393**

**To report a crime to the Police call 0845 4580000**

**To contact our HomeWatch Officer, Liz Biddle call 01244 614291**

**For further details on Homewatch on the Park contact David Bowker at: [homewatch@delamerepark.co.uk](mailto:homewatch@delamerepark.co.uk)**

## Sports Clubs

### Ballroom Dancing

**Would you like to learn Salsa?**

**Sunday Evenings from 19:30 in the Park Room.**

If you are interested in learning Salsa dancing before the Christmas party season – please contact 01606 301845 for information about a Mini Salsa Course.

The regular Ballroom and Latin dancing course will begin on Sunday November 2 at 19:30 in the Park Room leading up to Christmas.

Come and join us if you are a new starter, improver or intermediate level dancer for lessons which will be tailored to the different levels of the group.

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

It's great fun and it's good exercise too!!

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



### Circuit Training

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

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

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

**Adults Circuits** - Thursday 19:30 to 20:30

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 or email [hilaryhep@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:hilaryhep@hotmail.co.uk)**

### Water Aerobics

Our classes resumed on September 4 with 10 of us anxious to return to our previous levels of fitness.

We were pleased to inform the group that we had, during the summer, donated a further £360.60 to St Lukes Hospice, giving us grand total of £1,000 since the start of our financial year and we still have another month to go. We and the hospice are very pleased with this result bearing in mind we only have a ten month year.

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](mailto: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 14:00.

### 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.

## Next Edition - December 1 2008

**Deadline for receipt of contributions is November 15 2008.**

These should be sent by email to [news@Delamerepark.co.uk](mailto:news@Delamerepark.co.uk) or left at Reception.

# park dates

Delamere Park community events timetable



## October 2008

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			Dates in each Week				
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Gardening Club	Fourth Monday	20:00	-	-	-	-	27
Ladies Club	Second Monday	20:00	-	-	13	-	-
Mah Jongg	Second/Last Thursday	13:00	-	9	-	-	30
Social-Plot Draw	Every Tuesday	20:00	-	7	14	21	28
Social-Quiz Night	Every Wednesday	20:30	1	8	15	22	29
Whist	Usually First or Second Saturday	19:30	4	-	-	-	-
39/45	Third Wednesday	19:30	-	-	15	-	-
Adult Swimming	Every Wednesday	20:00	1	8	15	22	29
Ballroom Dancing	Every Sunday	19:30	-	5	12	19	26
Circuit Training-Adults/Beginners	Every Monday	13:30	-	6	13	20	27
Circuit Training-Adults/Juniors	Every Monday	18:00	-	6	13	20	27
Circuit Training-Adults	Every Thursday	19:30	2	9	16	23	30
Indoor Bowls	Every Tuesday	20:00	-	7	14	21	28
Ju Jitsu	Every Wednesday	19:00	1	8	15	22	29
Squash-Mens Team	Every Thursday ) <b>Winter</b>	19:00	2	9	16	23	30
Squash- Ladies Team	Every Monday ) <b>Only</b>	19:00	-	6	13	20	27
Squash-Junior Coaching	Every Sunday	16:45	-	5	12	19	26
Squash-Social	Second Tuesday	19:00	-	-	14	-	-
Table Tennis	Every Tuesday	18:00	-	7	14	21	28
Water Aerobics	Every Wednesday	11:00	1	8	15	22	29
Water-Aerobics	Every Thursday	20:00	2	9	16	23	30
Yoga	Every Tuesday <b>Term Time Only</b>	13:15	-	7	14	21	28

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Mah Jongg	Second/Last Thursday	13:00	-	-	13	-	27
Social-Plot Draw	Every Tuesday	20:00	-	4	11	18	25
Social-Quiz Night	Every Wednesday	20:30	-	5	12	19	26
Social-Bonfire Night	-	18:30	-	8	-	-	-
Whist	Usually First or Second Saturday	19:30	1	-	-	-	-
39/45	Third Wednesday	19:30	-	-	19	-	-
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