



Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all Delamere Park Residents



Clubhouse Access Control System

The Access Control System is now operational and all residents with cards or fobs should use them to gain access to the Clubhouse via the main door.

If you have not yet collected your card, or have not applied for one please do so as soon as possible so that you can gain easy access and do not need to rely on Reception or Bar staff to allow you entry.

The system has been installed to provide a better level of security for residents, their guests and staff and to allow access for early morning swimming or squash, but this depends on residents using the system effectively. Keeping to a few simple steps will help achieve this.

1. Use your card each time you enter the Club via the main door. Simply pass the card close to the reader at the left side of the door. This will unlock the door for you to enter. There will inevitably be times when we do not have a card with us. Please push the call button on the intercom above the card reader to speak to either reception or bar staff who can allow you in. If you come into the Club without using your card you must sign in at the reception desk. Please do this even if you are going only to the bar.
2. If you have guests with you they must be signed in at reception, whatever the reason for the visit.
3. Do not allow other residents to "tailgate" and follow you in without using their card. Groups of residents should each use their card when entering the building and not just follow the first person in the group. You don't need to wait until the door has closed before using your card.
4. Card readers are by the pool and squash court doors and need to be used to gain access.
5. To leave the Clubhouse simply press the switch to the right hand side of the main door.
6. The fire door in the Bar is just that and should be used only in the event of an emergency. Please do not use it to leave the bar or to go to the patio area. (In the event of the fire alarm sounding all the doors are automatically unlocked to allow speedy exit from the building.)

If you have any queries about the use of the system please speak to the Office.

Dog Fouling

Despite frequent reminders in previous editions, we are still receiving complaints from residents after they have found dog faeces on the green.

Please, please clear up your dogs mess especially in the areas where children play.

Lagoons

We reported in the August edition the problems with leakages and blockages in the Long Acre lagoons.

After quantifying the work required we have applied for a grant to Vale Royal Council. We expect to hear whether we have been successful by the end of the year.

Coffee Mornings

Why not take a break from your hectic Christmas and New Year preparations? Come for a tea or coffee between 10.30 and 12.00, and bring a friend along too.

Thursday December 4 hosted by Adult Swimming Group and Monday December 15
 Thursday January 8, hosted by Ladies' Club and Monday January 19
 Thursday February 5, hosted by Yoga Group

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

Bar Opening Times for Christmas

- Christmas Eve - 18:00 - 23:00
- Christmas Day - Noon - 14:00
- Christmas Night - 20:00 - 23:00
- Boxing Day - Noon - 23:00
- New Years Eve - 18:00 - 01:00 **Free Disco**



At the request of some residents, we have decided to open the bar on Christmas Day this year, for those of you wishing to have a drink before your meal. As this is the Festive period and we will be all eating Turkey sandwiches for days after Christmas, there will be NO BAR FOOD service during these times.

Newsletter

This edition has been delivered to all residents. Previously we asked residents to opt to either receive a paper copy through their door or electronically via the website having registered their email address.

We are naturally keen that all residents, if they want it, receive a copy via one of the means described. However despite numerous reminders there are still a significant number of residents who have not elected for either option. This may be deliberate which is fine. If not could we please ask those residents who do wish to receive a copy to do one of the following:

- To receive a **paper** copy delivered to your home contact Reception with your details
- To receive a copy **electronically** log onto the website at http://delamerepark.co.uk/talk_reg.asp and register your email address

Don't forget if subsequently you acquire a computer and wish to change from paper to electronic just log onto the website link shown above. Don't forget to advise Reception that you no longer wish to receive a paper copy.

Lastly a reminder to computer users to update their email address using the link shown above when they move to a new broadband provider.

Cars! Cars! Cars! (and any other vehicles!)

The clocks have gone back, Christmas is approaching and the dark mornings and evenings are here so please, when driving through the Park, please be extra careful, keep your speed down and keep a watch out for pedestrians.

Many of the properties on the Park have shared driveways or parking. Please be considerate to your neighbours and fellow residents when parking. Please make sure that fellow residents can park without difficulty and safely. If parking in your particular area is difficult there is always the club car park; but please let Reception know you are leaving your car and for how long.

Finally, one of the covenants we all sign up to when buying a property on the Park is not to leave unroadworthy vehicles in view on our properties. If you have such a vehicle please arrange for it to be removed before it becomes a nuisance and an eyesore. Again, it's all about having consideration for your fellow residents.

Lastly please do not park on grass verges or the Park's green areas. Particularly at this time of the year when the ground is soft considerable damage can be caused and is difficult to repair.

Additional Trustees Required

To maintain and improve this place we ALL call home.....

As most of you are aware, Paul Rogers announced his resignation as Trustee at the last OGM, leaving only 3...

As a new trustee, I thought it would be helpful for me to write a few lines to ask people to come forward to become a trustee and help us maintain and improve this place we ALL call home.

The work involved is not overwhelming and like many of you, both Jeannine and I work and have a young family. Our families are the reason why we do this and why we live here. The more Trustees we have the less each individual has to do. So please, if you can offer your time as a trustee or just for general assistance then please let us know. You can contact the trustees directly by email at: trustees@delamerepark.co.uk or telephone the office on 01606 889263 and we will call you back.

You could always come along to our informal meeting in the bar where we will be available for a chat about what it all involves. We will be there on Thursday December 11 from 19:30 until 21:30. We know the process of being elected can be off putting to some people, don't worry; we have the facility to co-opt individuals as Trustees until the next OGM.

We need Trustees and we need them now, this Park belongs to us all and we cannot do it alone. If you can, please help.

Many thanks. We look forward to hearing from/seeing you soon.

Lesley Sharkey



Paul Rogers

As noted above Paul Rogers resignation is effective on 11th December. On behalf of my fellow Trustees and all our residents I would like to thank Paul for the many hours of hard work he has put in on behalf of all of us. Despite not being a Trustee I'm sure you will continue to see him helping around the Clubhouse and we are grateful for his continuing help.

Jeannine Kolodziejwski

Sports Clubs

Water Aerobics

Our financial year ended on October 2 and the total amount raised for St Luke's Hospice during that year is £1,198. 95.

Our Christmas Lunch at the Tigers Head will be on December 17 and 31 of the group have confirmed they will be there. The last session before the Christmas break will be Thursday, December 4 and will resume in the New Year on Wednesday, January 7.

Come and join us for a fun filled hour of lively music, safe exercise while giving support to a local charity.

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



Community Groups

39/45 Club

Our speaker on September 17 was Mrs Rutter on Lewis Carroll. She was very knowledgeable about her subject and had gone all over the country to collect material for her talks. On October 15 Mr Black, who was booked to speak on environmental issues, had to go to Hungary. His wife, who was also an environmentalist, spoke in his place.

In November Mr Hayhurst's subject was Banking in a Gentler Age which was a very appropriate subject in the light of what has been happening in the banking world recently! There is no speaker at our December meeting. I am sure we will find enough to talk about in putting the world to rights! There will be no meeting in January as the dinner dance will take its place. Our speakers in 2009 will be Mark Bevan the former editor of the Northwich Guardian and Mrs Anne Draper speaking on 'The Problems with Women'

On November 6 the 39/45 club hosted the coffee morning. With such distinguished servers the morning was very well patronised. The Armistice Day service on Sunday November 9 was attended by many members of the 39/45 club. The vicar, the Reverend Peter Rugen, took the service at Norley. The church was full as the scouts and guides were attending this year. Our members contributed by giving some of the readings and as usual carrying the poppy wreath from the sanctuary to the memorial at the back of the church. The Vicar made good use of the youngsters in his service. Many of us felt it was a very fitting service for the occasion. After the service 30 members met for lunch at the Hare and Hounds in Crowton. It was, as we have come to expect, the usual excellent Sunday lunch. We are amazed that, unlike most group meals, we can select our choices when we arrive!

Our pool competition took place on November 17 and the winner was Walter Sales and runner up Norman Shelley. The annual dinner dance takes place at the Frodsham Golf Club on January 15. Our usual guests are welcome. The transport arrangements will be as usual.

Ladies' Club

At our November meeting, Laura Williams of Norley gave a brilliant demonstration on cake toppings with a Christmas theme. She made cake decorating look very simple and gave good tips on how to make use of the wide selection of materials that are available.

On November 24 we visited Chatsworth House which was decorated for Christmas, a wonderful day out shared by members and their friends, thanks go to Lee Hignett and Pam Taylor for organising this event.

Our Christmas Party will be on Monday December 8 when we will commence the evening in the usual way with a glass of mulled wine, followed by a luxury buffet, then entertainment with a magic theme to round off the evening. Tickets for this event are available from Reception and although the evening is for members only, there is still time to join at a reduced subscription which will take you up to our AGM in February.

Future dates for your diaries:

January 12 — It's all in a Name with David Greatorex
February 9 — AGM

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

Mah Jongg

New Year coming. 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 13:00 onwards, in the Park Room. Our next dates are January 8 and 29, February 12 and 26

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



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Social Committee

Carol Service

Come and join us for the Carol Service in the Park Room on Tuesday December 16 at 19:00. which will be taken by Norley's newly appointed Vicar, Pete Rugen. The service lasts about 30 minutes. Stay afterwards for a chat, glass of wine and mince pies.

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.

Community Groups

The Community groups would like to thank everybody including DPML staff who helped in any way to make the recent bonfire night celebrations such a success.



As those who attended know, due to weather conditions the display started 15 minutes early and unfortunately ended rather abruptly as a number of fireworks failed to ignite. Therefore it is intended to purchase a few more to supplement those that are left and have another display on New Years Eve at 19:00.

Bridge Club

Do you enjoy a relaxed game of Bridge?

If you do, join us on a Monday evening. We also play on one afternoon a week. The day varies to suit commitments. To find out the 'day of the week' and more information please call 301699.

Gardening Club

After enjoying a successful and social twelve months our last event will be the AGM and Christmas Social on Monday December 15, commencing at 20:00. Tickets will be available from Reception from December 1. Members £3 and Guests £4 which includes a free glass of wine, hot pot supper and mince pie.

Although the fiercely contested quiz will, as usual, be an intellectual challenge, it is difficult amidst the noise to remember that the prizes are only tubes of Smarties!!

Merry Christmas to all and let's look forward to meeting again in 2009. Our speakers programme is already complete.

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

Home Watch

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 Home Watch Officer, Liz Biddle call 01244 614291

For further details on Home Watch on the Park contact David Bowker at homewatch@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 - February 1 2009

Deadline for receipt of contributions is January 15 2009.

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

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Delamere Park community events timetable



December 2008

Community Group Or Sports Club	Meet Each Month On	Time	Week Numbers				
			1	2	3	4	5
			Dates in each Week				
Bridge	First 4 Mondays and Occasionally the last	19:00	1	8	15	-	-
Coffee Mornings	First Thursday/Third Monday	10:30	4	-	15	-	-
Gardening Club	Fourth Monday	20:00	-	-	15	-	-
Ladies Club	Second Monday	20:00	-	8	-	-	-
Mah Jongg	Second/Last Thursday	13:00	-	11	-	-	-
Social - Plot Draw	Every Tuesday	20:30 & 22:00	2	9	16	23	30
Social - Quiz Night	Every Wednesday	20:30	3	10	17	-	-
Social - Christmas Dance	-	19:30	6	-	-	-	-
Social - Carol Service	-	19:00	-	-	16	-	-
Squirrels - Children's Christmas Party	-	16:00	7	-	-	-	-
Whist	Usually First or Second Saturday	19:30	-	13	-	-	-
39/45	Third Wednesday	19:30	-	-	17	-	-
Adult Swimming	Every Wednesday	20:00	3	10	-	-	-
Ballroom Dancing	Every Sunday	19:30	7	14	21	-	-
Circuit Training-Adults/Beginners	Every Monday	13:30	1	8	15	-	-
Circuit Training-Adults/Juniors	Every Monday	18:00	1	-	-	-	-
Circuit Training-Adults	Every Thursday	19:30	4	11	18	-	-
Indoor Bowls	Every Tuesday	20:00	2	9	-	-	-
Ju Jitsu	Every Wednesday	19:00	3	10	17	-	-
Squash-Mens Team	Every Thursday) Winter	19:00	4	11	18	-	-
Squash- Ladies Team	Every Monday) Only	19:00	1	8	15	-	-
Squash-Junior Coaching	Every Sunday	16:45	7	14	21	-	-
Squash-Social	Second Tuesday	19:00	-	9	-	-	-
Table Tennis	Every Tuesday	18:00	2	9	-	-	-
Water Aerobics	Every Wednesday	11:00	3	-	-	-	-
Water-Aerobics	Every Thursday	20:00	4	-	-	-	-
Yoga	Every Tuesday Term Time Only	13:15	2	9	-	-	-

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Gardening Club	Fourth Monday	20:00	-	-	-	-	26
Ladies Club	Second Monday	20:00	-	-	12	-	-
Mah Jongg	Second/Last Thursday	13:00	-	8	-	-	29
Social-Plot Draw	Every Tuesday	20:30 22:00	-	6	13	20	27
Social-Quiz Night	Every Wednesday	20:30	-	7	14	21	28
Whist	Usually First or Second Saturday	19:30	-	10	-	-	-
39/45	Third Wednesday	19:30	-	-	-	21	-
Adult Swimming	Every Wednesday	20:00	-	-	-	21	28
Ballroom Dancing	Every Sunday	19:30	-	11	18	25	-
Circuit Training-Adults/Beginners	Every Monday	13:30	-	5	12	19	26
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