

**Scarecrow Trail & BBQ****Sunday 6th September**

Trail maps will be sent via email to Residents on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> September, **please print your own copy**

Limited paper copies will be available by Clubhouse entrance from Noon on the day.

BBQ – 3pm onwards, prize giving at 4pm, all happening at front of Clubhouse.  
(Bar will be open early.)

**Future Events**

A note, of hope, from the Events Group

Once again, we hope that this finds everyone healthy and in good spirits. Possibly, just possibly, we are beginning to see a flickering of light at the end of the tunnel as more people venture forth into the community at large and find that, while it is a bit different to how it was back in February, it is not really all that scary.

With that in mind the Events Group is looking forward to hosting our first event since March. This will be the annual **Scarecrow Trail and BBQ on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> September**. Details have already been emailed and advertised at the Clubhouse.

Subject to a satisfactory risk assessment which meets all government guidelines, we are planning to trial, as a 'dipping-a-toe-in-the-water' exercise, a Film Night in the Park Room on **Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> October at 19.30**. The planned film will be **Knives Out** (which we had originally hoped to screen in April).

Due to the ongoing restrictions, tickets will be limited to a maximum of 30 for this first screening to ensure that we are able to manage the evening and make everyone feel as comfortable as possible. We envisage using tables to allow attendees to "bubble" easily and we hope that table service for drinks will be provided by the Bar.

Booking and payment for tickets will be done by email or telephone directly with the Events Group. Further details will follow by email in the near future.

If this is successful we plan to stage further Film Nights up to the end of the year.

We all have to keep positive and continue to stay well.

We've missed you! But this time we really do hope to see you soon!

Contact Events Group via email to:  
[events@delamerepark.co.uk](mailto:events@delamerepark.co.uk)

**Coffee Mornings**

Things are slowly getting back towards normality. We look forward to resuming our Coffee Mornings when we are permitted to do so. In the meantime, keep well, and best wishes. Maria and Paul (889728).

**News from Ladies' Club**

Unfortunately all the lovely things that we had planned for this year have had to be cancelled. We very much hope to resume our meetings early next year – the programme is in place – the ladies are more than ready but so far the virus has failed to co-operate! Like a difficult unwanted guest outstaying its welcome, Covid-19 is sticking around for far too long.

In the light of this adversity and in the spirit of "Keep Calm and Amuse Yourself", a very successful, enjoyable, socially distanced get together was held on the Green in early August. It was great to see everyone smiling in the sunshine, and these gatherings will continue at intervals for as long as the weather holds. Do join us even if you aren't yet a member, it might be a good opportunity to find out more about us in an informal setting.



There won't be a Christmas Party, but before the season is over we do hope to have a celebratory event with a drop of Fizz just to remind ourselves of how lucky we are to live on the Park and enjoy companionship in our beautiful surroundings. The committee would again like to be a good neighbour to everyone in need of help so please contact us if there is anything that we can do.

For more information about the Ladies Club, please contact Patsy Chuter on 889140. Or email [ladies@delamerepark.co.uk](mailto:ladies@delamerepark.co.uk)

**News from the past .....**

*Extract from:* [Delamere Park Residents Newsletter – APRIL 2006](#)  
(a month after the opening of the new Clubhouse)

**Thank You**

The Trustees would like to take this opportunity to thank User Groups and individuals who have given freely of their time, as well as making donations towards equipment for the new Clubhouse.

- The Ladies Club for their donation of the leather settees and pouffe for the Reception area. The Group compiled and published a cookery book that was a sell out, as well as other fund raising activities, enabling them to make their generous donation.
- The Gardening Club for the work in obtaining a grant towards replanting around the Clubhouse as well as the people power put in by Brian Hoyland and club members in the replanting process.
- The 39/45 Club for their donation of the Pool Table for the Sports Bar and the work involved in locating a suitable one. The group have been holding raffles and fund raising over the months since the fire.
- The Whist Group members for monies donated for the purchase of new crockery to be used in the Clubhouse.
- The User Group collectively for offering other groups a loan to help out initially, and for the donation of a kettle, tea pot and other kitchen sundries.
- Bob Capel for the plants and planters, and for his generous offer of maintaining them. Also to Mr and Mrs Lapworth for the plant situated in the swimming pool area.
- To the residents who have donated some beautiful pictures, and to those that have worked on frames, hangings etc.
- Chris Wood, who has donated not only some pictures but also a garden bench in memory of his father, Bob.
- The residents who revamped the flagpole and managed to 'fly the flag' again!!
- The sewing team, Jill Lunt, Carol Bird, Barbara Price and Greta Roper and the men who patiently positioned and repositioned! the curtain rails.
- The ever-faithful ladies who came in to add a sparkling touch after the hard graft of intensive cleaning.
- The many DIY volunteers, who gave so freely of their time, and a special thanks to John Walters and Ron Price, who have worked daily for what seems like weeks.
- Once again, our 'deliverers' who go out in all weathers at short notice.

The Social Committee and the Yoga group have requested a 'wish' list from the Trustees, as they would like to make a contribution towards equipment required in the Clubhouse. The Ladies Club, Gardening Club, 39/45 Club and User Group have suggested that they may be able to offer more donations if required.

We would also like to thank the many residents who have donated various items over the last two years.

**Bonfire Night**

Due to current Covid-19 restrictions it is unlikely that DPML will be able to have a bonfire this year, which would have been on Nov 7th. It goes without saying that if government guidance changes and DPML determine they can run the bonfire in accordance with any such changed guidance then Plot Owners will be informed accordingly.

**Bar Hours**

NEW BAR HOURS (INSIDE & OUTSIDE)

FROM FRIDAY 21st AUGUST

Friday Hours: 4:30pm – 10:30pm

Saturday and Sunday Hours: 3:30pm – 10:30pm

Indoor reservations for the Sports Bar and Lounge will be available to all residents to book in advance by sending an e-mail to: [bar@delamerepark.co.uk](mailto:bar@delamerepark.co.uk)

**Swimming Pool**

After a lot of work by all concerned we are finally in a position to re-open the swimming pool on a limited basis from **Monday 24th August**.

The Pool bookings calendar is now live on the DPML website at <http://www.delamerepark.co.uk/parksport/booking-procedures/swimming-pool-bookings/>

This gives a "read only" view and it isn't possible to book on line. However it does update every few minutes so is a live view of what is available.

To book a slot, please: Tel: 01606-212523  
Or email: [reception@delamerepark.co.uk](mailto:reception@delamerepark.co.uk)

**DPML Useful Contacts****Office Hours**

Monday to Friday 10am – 5pm  
email: [office@delamerepark.co.uk](mailto:office@delamerepark.co.uk)  
Tel: 01606 - 212523

**Property Changes:**

email: [property@delamerepark.co.uk](mailto:property@delamerepark.co.uk)

**Trustees:**

email: [trustees@delamerepark.co.uk](mailto:trustees@delamerepark.co.uk)

**Mobile Library Visits**

The Mobile Library Service is currently unavailable.

Check website for further updates:  
[www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/](http://www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/)

## Squirrels Pre-school

Squirrels Pre-school are delighted to announce that we will be opening Monday-Friday from 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2020 and still have some spaces available for children aged 2-5 years old. We have implemented a very thorough risk assessment, and are confident that our setting complies with all the local authority and Government guidelines required to operate safely. We would like to thank everyone who has supported us during this very strange and unprecedented crisis especially the parents, our staff, DPML Trustees and DP plot-holders.

As well as providing much needed day care for the children of 'key workers' living on Delamere Park (and in the surrounding area) during the Covid-19 "Lockdown"; Squirrels have made some much needed improvements to the Lodge/Schoolroom. We have painted and decorated both rooms (many thanks to the committee members, plot-holders and staff who helped), put up new notice boards, and had new radiators installed in the school room. The old wooden doors at the main entrance are being replaced with a brand new double glazed, frosted glass double door. The front and both sides of wooden cladding are being replaced with new brown UPVC cladding which will improve the appearance and the thermal efficiency of the building. All these improvements have been funded by Squirrels preschool through fundraising and a hard-won government grant. We do hope that everyone on the Park will approve of the work we have had done and look forward to welcoming our new intake of 'baby Squirrels' in September.

Squirrels management committee



**Squirrels**  
Pre-School Nursery

The Lodge 59 Delamere Parkway West  
Delamere  
Park CW8 2UJ

We still have some availability for a few 3-5 year old baby squirrels to join us in September. And we are really excited to announce that we will be open 5 days a week throughout the school term!

**NEW Autumn Term Opening hours 02/09/2020 - 18/12/2020**

Monday 9.00-15.00  
Tuesday - Thursday 8.30-15.30  
Friday 9.00-15.00

We have government funded\* and private places available. Please get in touch with Pixie Spencer if you would like to visit the setting or require further information.

Mob. 07771 501 732  
Or in Term Time Squirrels Preschool Email: [SquirrelsPreschool@delamerepark.co.uk](mailto:SquirrelsPreschool@delamerepark.co.uk)  
mob. 07873881622

\*Hourly surcharges supplement applies.

## Mah - Jongg



*Our tiles are languishing in their case  
Locked in the filing cabinet which is their  
base*

*Soon they will be covered with dust  
Getting them out soon is a priority must  
We are all so sad that we have been  
unable to play*

*So greatly look forward to a future day.*



## PET DOGS OF DELAMERE PARK



During Lockdown it became increasingly noticeable about the numbers of owners out walking with their dogs on the Park. So why not introduce them to everybody via the DP Newsletter I thought. So here we go. All are dearly loved and an integral part of family life.

Many dog folk are to be found on the Green around 9.30a.m. each morning where they congregate for a chat whilst allowing their dogs freedom to play and socialize with each other.

Liz is usually to be found here. She is one of the mainstays of the dog fraternity since she walks the dogs of owners who go out to work. She also accommodates those pets whose owners are able to go on holiday knowing that their beloved pet is left behind in good hands. Liz has 3 dogs of her own. Two Newfoundlands and a Border Collie. They are IMOLA 8 years, PEPA 2 years and TIG 11 years. All of them enjoy lots of treats. However, PEPA is the mischievous one. Liz says she can unscrew a plug out of a socket. Heavens above!

Now BARNEY is a very happy Heinz 57 dog with a very waggy tail. He is owned by Joan and Andy and is 14 ½ years of age. His favourite food is cheese and his owners report that he likes to "herd" them when they are out for a walk. This mischievous dog can hear the fridge door being opened even though he might be behind a closed door. He hates all Postmen apart from Postman Tony who feeds him dog biscuits.

Lyn owns a 3 ½ year old Golden Retriever called BISCUIT. She says he is a really good dog who loves children particularly babies because they usually hold out food in their sticky fingers to him. However, BISCUIT does have some history. He apparently managed to get hold of a whole packet of Lyn's mother's sleeping tablets when he was just 6 months old. He then kept falling asleep and had to be taken to the Vets where he was made to vomit. Lyn was then advised by the Vet to keep him walking. Not surprisingly.

Now: What about JAGS. He is a 10 year old Jack Russell/Whippet cross. The favourite food of this lucky dog is sausage of which I am sure he gets plenty, owing to the occupation of his owners Darren and Sarah. He has a cuddly fox as a toy. He is often walked up to the Clubhouse by his owners whereupon he feasts on mini cheddar biscuits which Kris buys in especially for him. Can't be bad....lucky dog.

PEPPI is a small Bichon Frise dog who has a 2 headed monster as a toy. He has two girlfriends, Hope and Luna. His favourite trait is to try and drape himself round owner Barbara's neck while she is watching TV. She describes it as being like a stole.

It's wonderful to report that ALBY is yet another rescue dog aged 9 years. He was rehomed from Manchester Dogs Home by Roger and his family, having spent a long time being kennelled there. He is a black cross Springer Spaniel/Retriever. ALBY likes men more than women (Are they kinder to him?). This boy is really good with children. His favourite trait is unwrapping parcels at Christmas and chewing the wrapping paper.

CHARLIE is a 9 year old Springer Spaniel. He lives with Pauline and family. His favourite foods are cold hot dogs and Brussels sprouts. What! His favourite toy is a stuffed duck which he loves so much that he tries to tear it to bits. CHARLIE is really unusual in that he really does not like going out for a walk at teatime. He will dig his feet in and just refuse to go.

Pixie and Gary have a 5 ½ year old Cavalier King Charles Spaniel called BIGGLES. (Maybe you could guess dad's occupation). BIGGLES is described as full of personality, I'll second that. His favourite food is dark liver sausage that I'm told he will kill for. He "talks" to try and persuade his owners to give him treats. This naughty boy managed to get hold of their daughter's teeth straightening brace which was chewed up and never again found. It is suspected to be buried somewhere in the flower beds.

LEXI and AILSA are two 1 year old teacup Yorkies. Both are owned by Margaret who used to carry them round when very small in a haversack on her back. If one of them brings in a stick then the other one wants to steal it. As soon as they both hear their owner's squeaky chair being pushed away from the table, they both know it is time for their meal. AILSA also thinks that she is part werewolf since she barks at the moon when let out last thing at night.

HOPE is my own dog. More about her next time and many other dog details and stories. Unfortunately have had to leave out some I had hoped to include this time due to lack of space.

Pam Taylor

## Community Groups

Community Spirit has been a very important part of our lives over the last few months especially for those living alone.

Although we haven't been able to meet face to face, it has been amazing to see how many Community Groups are still thriving and have kept in contact regularly via phone, email and using internet software such as Zoom and we do hope when the Clubhouse is fully open, that we can soon get back to some normality.

Over recent years a few groups have had to close due to lack of support but on a positive note other new groups have formed e.g. Arts & Crafts, Ballroom Dancing, Mindfulness and Events Group

Maybe over the lockdown you have discovered a new pastime or even rediscovered a hobby you used to enjoy, would you like to share your new found pastime with others?

If so then help and advice is available and also financial assistance if required to get the group up and running.

If you are interested in starting up a new Community Group, please email: [community@delamerepark.co.uk](mailto:community@delamerepark.co.uk) for more information

## Park PALs

We continue in good spirits enjoying the gradual relaxation from lockdown. Some of us meet on Zoom every week and exchange tips and activities. Zoom participants even met for an ice cream and coffee morning in a member's garden. Some have managed a game of tennis.

Our resident poet has continued to entertain us with the odd ode or two and videos are circulated on the internet ranging from the sublime to the downright ridiculous. Where would we be without technology?

In this way information and problems are circulated and speedily resolved: a wasp nest exterminated, a trip to the hospital arranged.

Local businesses have continued with their sterling work of deliveries.

For many of us they have proved to be a lifeline.



We look forward to the new 'normal' when we can all get together again.

On your own? Come and join us. Ring Barbara on 882533, Christine 301699 or Pam 889665.

## Gardening Club

Currently, Gardening Club meetings have had to be put on hold until the situation improves and the Park Room becomes available.

In the meantime keep gardening and stay safe.

Contact Gardening Club through,  
Email: [garden@delamerepark.co.uk](mailto:garden@delamerepark.co.uk)

## Delamere Park Clubs

### Socializing and Leisure

- Art & Crafts
- Book Club
- Ballroom Dancing
- Coffee Morning
- Gardening Club
- Indoor Bowls
- Ladies' Club
- Mah Jongg
- Singers
- Social - Plot Draw
- Social - Quiz Night
- Whist

### Health, Fitness & Wellbeing

- Adult Swimming
- Children's Swimming Lessons
- Exercise Class - PureStretch
- Exercise Class - Circuits
- Mindfulness
- Squash - Men's team
- Squash - Ladies' team
- Squash - Junior Coaching
- Table Tennis
- Water Aerobics
- Yoga

For further details about any of the clubs or activities listed above, please contact Reception or check on the Delamere Park website: [www.delamerepark.co.uk](http://www.delamerepark.co.uk)

## News Team postscript ...

Dear Residents, the newsletter gives us all the opportunity to communicate with each other. If you have anything you wish to include in the next newsletter (Winter) the deadline is Friday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2020.

**Please contact Ella or Elizabeth via email to: [news@delamerepark.co.uk](mailto:news@delamerepark.co.uk)**