

**From the Editors**

We would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who has contributed items for the Newsletters over the past 18 months, especially to the Community Groups and the Trustees. Throughout the lockdown they have done their utmost to keep us all in touch.

Hopefully, in the coming months we will see a return to a more normal life across the Park. We would therefore, ask all residents to support the Community Groups and any social activities which the different groups organise for the well-being and enjoyment of all residents on the Park. The groups are run by volunteers.

We are all lucky enough to live on the Park and to have access to its facilities centred around the Clubhouse. The more residents make use of the facilities, as well as the activities arranged by the groups, the more we may hope to foster a true spirit of community.

Once again thank you to all contributors.

*The Editors*

**Events / Film Nights**

The Events Group are aiming to resume film nights in October, please see list of films and dates below, more details on times and ticket purchases will be available nearer the date, via email and on the Clubhouse notice board.

**Thursday 14th October**  
"Wild Rose"

**Thursday 11th November**  
"Misbehaviour"

**Saturday 27th November (matinee)**  
"Alice's Adventures in Wonderland"  
(Royal Ballet)

**Thursday 9th December**  
"The Greatest Showman"  
(Sing-a-long)

Other events we are planning to organise for your enjoyment include a Big Breakfast in October, Halloween Pumpkin Trail and a Christmas Afternoon Tea in December.

*The Events Group*

Email: [events@delamerepark.co.uk](mailto:events@delamerepark.co.uk)



**Coffee Mornings**

At last! We will resume our meetings on Thursday 2nd September. Just pop in between 10.30 and 12.00 for a chat and a tea or coffee. We will make use of the outdoor covered area if possible to be as safe as possible for all. Hope to see you then.

Future dates are :

September 2<sup>nd</sup> (Thu)

October 7<sup>th</sup> (Thu) and, 18<sup>th</sup> (Mon)

November 4<sup>th</sup> (Thu) and 15<sup>th</sup> (Mon)

December 2<sup>nd</sup> (Thu) and 20<sup>th</sup> (Mon)



*Maria and Paul (889728)*

Come and join us for a .....  
**Picnic on the Park**  
**Saturday 4th September**

**Scarecrow Trail**  
starts 12 noon  
(Trail maps from Reception)

\* Prize for the Best Scarecrow \*

\* Bar Open from 12 noon \*  
(4 pint pitchers available to take out)

**BBQ**  
2pm - 4pm

\* Gazebos welcome on the Green \*

**Picnic on the Park**  
2pm - 8pm

\* Music by Taxi Mike \*  
(4pm - 8pm)

**Hedgehogs on the Park**

Hello again! I hope you are all doing well and getting out and about a bit more!



Exciting news! We've got the Hat-Trick of Hedgehogs! Yes, three hedgehogs spent some time in my front garden one night at the end of July, as you can see in this photo

The two on the rock were performing pre-mating rituals - great news that they are breeding around this part of the Park. The other, smaller, one was playing gooseberry!

Well, three's a crowd!

I hope you've seen some around where you live; please let me know.

Now, have you got a pond in your garden?

If so, this can spell DANGER of drowning for a hedgehog if it falls in. Can you please ensure there is a means of enabling them to climb out - such as a sloping log or plank, or some stones.

We are fortunate that there are lots of hedgehogs living around the Long Acre Lagoons, but you will see plenty of ways for them to escape from the water.

Hedgehogs are officially classified as 'vulnerable to extinction' in the Red List for British Mammals so we need to do all we can around the Park to help them.

As we approach autumn in the next few months, hedgehogs will be feeding up in preparation for hibernation, so please continue to put food out.

And, of course, don't be too tidy in your garden - leave undergrowth undisturbed - hogs will be looking for a suitable place to hibernate over the winter ahead.

If you are interested in helping hedgehogs thrive on Delamere Park, there's lots of information on the internet - here are two good websites where you can find out more:

<https://www.cheshirewildlifetrust.org.uk/how-help-hedgehogs>

<https://www.hedgehogstreet.org>

And if you wish to share news with me about your hedgehog sightings or anything else hedgehog-related, please send an email to: [parkhogs@gmail.com](mailto:parkhogs@gmail.com)

If you don't have access to the internet and would like to help, please leave a request with Reception and I will get some printed leaflets to you.

Thanks for reading; I'll post an update in the December Newsletter.

*Ken Blakemore*

**Bonfire Night**



All being well, this year's Bonfire & Firework display will be held on:

**Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> November**

The firework display starts at 6:30pm, followed by lighting of the Bonfire at 7:00pm, please make a note in your diary.

There will be a Bucket Collection on the Night which is a very important task as the money collected pays towards next year's fireworks.

If anyone is able to volunteer their help with the collection, please send your contact details to:

Email: [community@delamerepark.co.uk](mailto:community@delamerepark.co.uk)

**Bar Event**

**Karaoke Night**

**Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> September**  
7:45pm till late

Hope you can join us, event is free.

**News from the Trustees**

We had a very positive meeting with the Community Groups with regards to the framework document and now the majority of groups are starting up again which is fantastic news.

*The Trustees*

**O.G.M. of Plot Owners**

Please note the date for the O.G.M of Plot Owners has been rescheduled to:

**Tuesday 28th September 2021**  
at 19:00 in the Park Room

**P.C.S.O. Surgeries for Delamere Park**

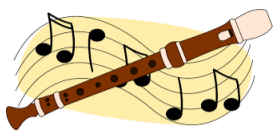
Michelle Gillett the local P.C.S.O has asked if the dates of her resident surgeries could be included in the Park newsletter.

**Please make a note of surgery dates for this year to be held in car park**

28 <sup>th</sup> Aug (Sat)	19:00 - 20:00
2 <sup>nd</sup> Oct (Sat)	12:00 - 13:00
20 <sup>th</sup> Nov (Sat)	19:00 - 20:00
11 <sup>th</sup> Dec (Sat)	19:00 - 20:00



## **New – Delamere Park Folk Club**



We are very pleased to announce that the inaugural meeting of the Delamere Park Folk Club will take place on Monday, 4th October 2021 at 7.30pm – 9.30pm in the Park Room and fortnightly thereafter. The Bar will be open for drinks.

We look forward to welcoming all those who like folk music, like to sing, play an instrument, read a poem or just wish to come along and enjoy a pleasant evening.

If you have an instrument, do bring it with you. Players of all abilities are encouraged to join in, from beginners to the experienced.

If you have any queries, please contact:

**Brian Smith on 07963 826343 or 888844.**

EVERYONE IS VERY WELCOME.

## **Fitness & Wellbeing**

The Fitness & Wellbeing Community Group is delighted to announce the return of fitness instructor Emma Wilson to teach Pure Stretch to Delamere Park residents.



Pure Stretch is a unique fusion of pilates and yoga to help strengthen and lengthen your limbs, joints and muscles.

Improving your flexibility, your core strength, your balance and posture, this class will leave you feeling re-set, re-charged and relaxed.

Ease away aches & strains from busy lives & working from home.

A restorative exercise for your physical pension!

The classes are held at 9:30am on Thursday mornings in the Park Room. Classes are available to all residents but must be pre-booked prior to class.

Please book online at:

[www:emmawilsonfitness.com](http://www.emmawilsonfitness.com)

Email: [fitness@delamerepark.co.uk](mailto:fitness@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)

## **Park Pals – September 2021**

At last, we feel that life is getting back to normal. It may be a new normal but it is certainly better than the last 17 months!

In July we were able to fulfil a lunch date which had been postponed three times over two years. As you can see from the photo we had a lovely meal at Nunsmere Hall Hotel and its lovely surroundings.



A second outing was to Claybank Farm at Norley to visit a garden newly opened under the NGS scheme. It was a brilliant day and we were able to wander in the grounds, see a magnificent herbaceous border and marvel at the lake which had been managed to make the best of Mother Nature. The owner told us that it had now become a breeding area for toads which were so numerous in the spring that the main road had been designated a toad crossing point. We enjoyed tea in a newly planted orchard. Altogether a lovely day.

We are having our first meeting in the Clubhouse to make plans for the future.

On your own? Come and join us.

**Phone: Barbara on 882533, Christine 301699 or Pam 889665**

## **News from Ladies' Club**

**September 13th** is celebration time for the Ladies' Club when we welcome everyone back to our monthly get togethers!! Wowie have we waited a long time for this!!

To get the evening off to a good start we will be serving Prosecco on the Green from 7.30 pm, weather permitting!!

As previously billed Carole Codd will entertain us with "Anecdotes of a Registrar" drawing on her 32 years of service which included presiding over the wedding ceremony of a certain Ken Dodd. Her talk has been described as "Amusing and Informative". Sounds like just the thing to get our programme off to a good start!!

**11th October** we will be entertained by our own Vanessa Duffy and her colleagues from Davenham Players. To date, we don't know what they intend to do. However, I'm sure they have something good up their sleeve. Surprises are usually fun!!

**8th November** - Judy Popley will bring us "My Life at Granada TV". Working as a continuity assistant and researcher, I gather she has lots of gossipy and amusing anecdotes about her work and the stars that she worked with. Not to be missed!!

We look forwards to welcoming our existing members and any other ladies, who are DP residents and would like to join us. For more information about the club, please contact:

**Patsy Chuter on 889140 or email: [ladies@delamerepark.co.uk](mailto:ladies@delamerepark.co.uk)**

## **Gardening Club**

After a disappointing August let us hope that September brings us an Indian summer.

Our Club events began with a successful evening visit in late June to a local garden in Mouldsworth. The refreshments were a delicious addition to a pleasant evening.

In July we had a relaxed social evening in the Park Room with time to catch up and of course, the obligatory quiz.

We usually meet on the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday in the month and our program until the end of the year is:

**27<sup>th</sup> September** a talk entitled **In the Shade** by Carol Madden.

**25<sup>th</sup> October** Ray Bailey will discuss **Enjoy your Garden in Winter**

**22<sup>nd</sup> November**, Judy Popley will talk on **The Snowdrop**

Our AGM / Christmas Party is on **Monday 6th December**

We are looking forward to resuming Gardening Club activities and welcoming new members to our friendly society.

**Mike McNeal**

For more information, email: [garden@delamerepark.co.uk](mailto:garden@delamerepark.co.uk)



## **Mah Jongg**



**Hallelujah**, we have now resumed our delightful game. We have had two sessions and are well back into the swing of things some of us being a little rusty after lockdown.

We also had a new member join us who has learned the game quickly and is thoroughly enjoying both the game and the company.

If you would like to join us or even just come and watch, we meet at 1.30pm in the Lounge every second and last Thursday in the month.

**Contact: Pam Taylor 01606 889665**

## **Delamere Park Singers**



It is with a heavy heart and much regret that Anne and I feel the time has come to disband Delamere Park Singers.

As we all emerge from such a momentous year, many of our Singers are finding their routines have altered and these new routines and health issues are the priority.

Over the 10 years we have been singing, we feel we have given much pleasure to our local community and raised much needed funds for our charity Huntington's Disease.

Anne and I have much appreciated the enthusiasm and willingness of our Singers to go the extra mile, some have been with us right from day one.

Anne and I want to send our thanks to all Singers who have been part of our Choir past and present and to remember all the wonderful events we have enjoyed together.

We wish everyone good health and contentment in the future.

**Barbara and Anne**

## **Delamere Park Clubs Socializing and Leisure**

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

## **Health, Fitness & Wellbeing**

- Children's Swimming Lessons
- Exercise Class – PureStretch
- Squash - Men's team
- Squash – Ladies' team
- Squash – Junior Coaching
- 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 12<sup>th</sup> November 2021*

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