

New – Twinkletoes

Our new community group for parents/carers and children under 5 is being held in the Park Room at the Clubhouse, every Monday from 9.30am - 10.30am.

We'd absolutely LOVE to see anyone who fancies popping along for a coffee, chat and a play. (The group is solely for the residents of Delamere Park and is free to attend).

It's a lovely way for the children of Delamere Park to get to know each other and has also been a great way of connecting with some other parents on the Park and sharing advice and ideas around young children and babies.

We really look forward to seeing you and your lovely little people.

Laura Ireland

Garden Safari

CANCELLED

Unfortunately the Gardening Club have had to cancel this year's Garden Safari on Sunday 11th June due to a lack of gardens being available to open.

We usually need at least six gardens to make this event viable but this year only two garden owners have come forward.

In the past if one or two gardens are needed to make up the number then members of the committee would usually step but as we are short of four gardens this year we are unable to fill the gap.

We will try again next year and hope that more residents will be willing to open their gardens for this fund raising charity event.



Coffee Mornings

Attendance at our Coffee Mornings, held on the 1st Thursday of each month from 10:30 to 12:00, has now increased to around 45. The Sports and Lounge Bars are creaking at the seams! With the warmer weather approaching, we will be able to spill out into the covered area, so do come along and enjoy a chat.

Future dates, all Thursdays, are:

- June 1st
- July 6th
- August 3rd
- September 7th.



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DPML Useful Contacts

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Coronation Big Lunch Thanks ...

Many thanks to all Residents, Friends and Community Groups, for making our Coronation Party such a wonderful day to look back on, special thanks go to Trustee Phil for acting as compère and Master of Ceremonies throughout the afternoon, to David Rodliffe for providing background music, also Sarah and Pixie of Squirrels pre-school for organising games and prizes, Davenham Scouts for providing First Aid cover and last but not least, many thanks to Pam Taylor for organising , ‘ The Great Sausage Race ‘ for our canine friends.

Our new King Charles III would have been delighted at our celebration, as this is what he encouraged the Nation to do. The Community Spirit was certainly back on the Park, please keep it up by supporting future events. As Chair of the Community Groups I felt very proud of all the effort and planning for this event which was appreciated, judging by all the wonderful comments we have received.

Iris Lyon (Chair of Community Groups)



Events Group

**Film Night – Thursday 22nd June
(Operation Mincemeat)**

**Film Night – Thursday 20th July
(Living)**

Scarecrow Trail – Sunday 3rd Sept.

Film Nights:

“Operation Mincemeat” stars Colin Firth and Matthew Macfadyen. It is based on the true story of an attempt during WWII by the Allies to sow disinformation in an attempt to distract German attention from the planned invasion of Sicily in 1943 using the most unlikely of secret agents - a dead man's corpse.

“Living” stars **Bill Nighy** and **Aimee Lou Wood**. Set in London in 1953, Living gives us the story of an ordinary man, reduced by years of oppressive office routine to a shadowy existence. At the eleventh hour he makes a supreme effort to turn his dull life into something wonderful - into one he can say has been lived to the full.

Scarecrow Trail:



The Park's annual Scarecrow Trail will take place on **Sunday 3rd September**.

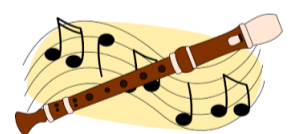
This year's theme will be:

“ Favourite Book / Comic Characters “

We would like to encourage residents to support this fun event by either getting creative and entering a scarecrow or by simply joining in the trail on the day.

More details will be available nearer the date.

Folk Club



Delamere Park Folk Club meet on the first and third Monday of each month in the Park Room at 7.30 pm.

Since its inception, the club has attracted a broad based and enthusiastic group of both performers and audience members who enjoy a great evening of entertainment, a drink and a chat.

I suppose it's fair to say the club is more of a Performing Arts platform rather than your traditional finger in the ear, Fair Isle pullover wearing bunch!!

If you are a musician, a story teller, comedian, poet, singer songwriter type, or any other performing artist then we would love to welcome you on a Monday evening.

If you just want to relax with friends and enjoy a fun night then you are very welcome.

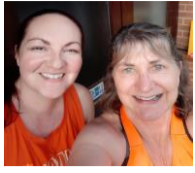
It's free and generally runs from 7.30pm to around 10.30pm.

Our next get together is **Monday 5th June**. Just turn up or if you require any further information, then please contact:

Brian Smith on 07963 826343.

Zumba

Come and join a fun, fitness dance class in the Park Room with Rachel and Kathryn.



No previous dance experience needed, just the ability to move, laugh and not take yourself seriously!

Just turn up in comfy clothes and trainers, Thursdays 7pm-8pm (except Film Nights). Suitable for all fitness levels. Pay as you go £5. For more information,

email: zumba@delamerepark.co.uk

Squirrels Pre-school



Squirrels are looking forward to a Hedgehog visit this term and learning more about local wildlife and their habitats!

The children have enjoyed growing their own herbs and are nearly ready to plant out and watch them grow over the next few months. If you have any additional herbs you would like to share with the children, please come round for a visit.

We have welcomed back Mini Dribblers to Squirrels this term, which is a fantastic company that teaches football skills to all the children. In addition, we have Diddi Dance, lead by the much beloved Katie, teaching the children different dance styles and languages.

A date for your diary is Squirrels Sports Day on **29th June 2023**, please come along and support the children.

We would also like to extend our invitation for readers to visit the setting and share their love of stories with the children. If interested please contact, Dawn and team:

squirrelspschool@delamerepark.co.uk

or tel: **01606 888782**.

Mah Jongg



This friendly group recently held their AGM and Points Day play with a delicious lunch. Members collectively contribute individual dishes and the whole day works well especially with the addition of free wine. Winners on this particular day also receive a prize

Why not join us? Thursday afternoons twice a month.

Queries contact : **Pam – Tel: 889665**

Gardening Club

After a most enjoyable Garden visit, with tea and cake, to Manley Knoll, the home of James Timpson, our next visit will be to RHS Bridgewater on Tuesday July 4th.

At our next meeting on **June 26th** the speaker will be Kate Brophy, a Rose specialist from Fryers, the topic being:

“Roses the basics and beyond”

We usually meet on the 4th Monday in the month. For more information,

email: garden@delamerepark.co.uk

Ladies' Club

Our Ladies are treated to a huge variety of interesting, amusing and informative talks. Melanie Latham delighted us all so much with her “Chutney and Cheer” that we invited her for a second visit, (I hope she realised what an honour that is). She did not disappoint, her light hearted and chatty approach resulted in another fun evening and many of us took samples of her delicious wares home to try.

JUNE 12TH – Our speaker this month brings a more serious note to the proceedings. Chris Green will talk about “The History of The Plague in the Village of Eyam in Derbyshire”, a serious topic indeed, but Chris has a wonderful talent for bringing history to life in a spellbinding way that will grab our attention. The plague came to Derbyshire from London, the heroic villagers of Eyam saw the danger of it spreading throughout Derbyshire so Locked Down! HANDS FACE SPACE?? History repeating itself! Do join us to find out how these heroic villagers coped, prepare to be educated by a great speaker in a way that you wish you had been at school!!

JULY 10TH – takes us on a wonderful trip to the National Memorial Arboretum. We leave Delamere Park at 8.30 am to arrive in time to attend the daily service of remembrance. This will be followed by coffee and a trip round some of the main monuments on a train. Leisure time to follow when you can eat in the restaurant, have a picnic, explore the grounds further and be ready at the coach to return to DP by 4.30. We look forwards to a beautiful sun drenched day. Here's hoping not a “drenched” day. Perish the thought, pessimism not allowed.

In September we have some changes “at the top”, Patsy is handing over the chairmanship of Ladies' Club to Pat Pilgrim and Sue will be passing on her ledgers and her abacus to Trish Lloyd.

Patsy has been our fabulous leader for 7 years. We have loved her caring, charming, charismatic style, her brilliant organisational skills, her unflappability, her friendly approach to us all. What more can I say, we are lucky to have had her leading us through many years of activities, fun, challenges, and the return from Covid, always with a smile. Thank you Patsy for all the hard work you have put in on our behalf.

Sue has always been in total control of the finances, and with humour but vigour, she curbs any over extravagant gestures to ensure that we are always in funds. Her efficiency has ensured that she leaves the committee with our accounts in good order. Thank you Sue, it's been great to work with you.

We look forwards to continuing our friendships with Patsy and Sue at future meetings and also to welcome new members. If you would like to join, just come along to a meeting, phone Patsy on 889140 or email ladies@delamerepark.co.uk, we would love to hear from you.

Park Hedgehogs

A bumper attendance of nearly 50 people at the Gardening Club meeting on 24th April enjoyed a talk on hedgehogs given by **Helen Gill** (pictured) who runs **Northwich Hedgehog Rescue**.



We were treated to a passionate and entertaining talk about the work she does to bring sick and injured native wild hedgehogs back to health and release them back into the wild and how we can all manage our gardens to help them thrive.

Helen runs the rescue from her home on a full-time basis, and relies entirely on donations to fund her work.

She brought one of her patients to the talk; a poor chap who had somehow got one of his front legs stuck in the crack of a broken green wheelie bin. Sadly, the leg is now permanently deformed so, as he would be unable to forage for food in the wild he will spend the rest of his life at Helen's rescue.

He was very popular with the residents, many of whom took the opportunity to hold a real live hedgehog for the first time!

It was a fantastic talk, and I'd like to share what Helen told me later that evening:

“There are only a few times I get ‘blown away’ – I was thanked individually and some said it was the best talk they had ever been to. Like I said, I just waffle on about a subject I love and it makes all the hard work worthwhile when people genuinely appreciate what we do.

The club made a donation of £60 and the members added another £115 in donations. Please give them my heartfelt thanks for their generosity; I honestly never thought

I would receive that much and it will go a long way towards an incubator for the rescue.”

Yes, a big thank you to all who attended and gave generously, and a big thank you to Helen for coming to Delamere Park and giving her talk.

Northwich Hedgehog Rescue is on **Facebook**, where you can follow Helen's posts about the 'hogs brought to the rescue, with amusing stories thrown in (and some sad ones too).

If you discover a sick or injured hedgehog, put it in a box and keep it warm in a blanket or towel with a plastic bottle full of warm water then phone Helen on 07816 096849 for advice.

Helen handed out plenty of information booklets at her talk; you can read or download your own copies from the website of the British Hedgehog Preservation Society, via this link:

<https://www.britishhedgehogs.org.uk>

We can all do our bit to help hedgehogs. Make sure they can get in and out of your garden (a CD size hole in the gate or fence is sufficient) and don't be too tidy - leave hedge undergrowth, piles of leaves, log stacks, woodpiles, patches of long grass, etc., undisturbed. If you can put out food (kitten biscuits, meat flavour) and water that's great too.

Please continue to share news with me about your hedgehog sightings or anything else hedgehog-related - send me an email to parkhogs@gmail.com

Thanks for reading; I'll post an update in the September Newsletter. **Ken Blakemore**

Park Pals

We started off spring with a salmon lunch in the Clubhouse which was much appreciated. This was organised by several members using outside caterers. In the Park Room beautifully decorated tables were set up in a square.

The next meeting was devoted to putting our membership on a more official footing and planning for the Coronation Picnic, but there was time for a fiendishly difficult quiz.

This was followed the next week by a group lunch on a Monday at the Blakemere Craft Centre Restaurant.

Members also were in charge of the April coffee morning which was well attended by residents of the Park.



The main event was, of course, the Coronation and here members pulled out all stops for the Sunday Picnic. Two gazebos were erected, festooned with Union Jacks, tables set up and decorated with flowers. There was a big cake, and the King and Queen were toasted. The sun shone, everybody was happy and we realised how lucky we are to live in such a community,

We are planning a garden visit some time in the summer.

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

Fitness & Wellbeing



FITNESS 4 ALL Tuesdays at 9.15 a.m.

PURE STRETCH: Thursdays 9.30 a.m.

All classes are held in the Park Room with our professional, qualified instructor **EMMA WILSON**.

You will need to book a class in advance, for more information,

email: fitness@delamerepark.co.uk

or contact:

Carolyn Beamson, Fitness & Wellbeing Community Group Rep: **07590 269 132**

Water Aerobics



We continue having fun as well as exercising in the pool on Wednesday mornings, 10.30 - 11.30. Come along and join us; you will be most welcome.

More information?

Contact **Sue on 07909 694367** or **Liz on 07864 786568**

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 (Autumn) the deadline is Friday 11th August 2023.

Please contact Ella or Elizabeth via email to: news@delamerepark.co.uk