



News from The Trustees

The start of November on Delamere Park saw the days drawing in but relieved by the spectacular fireworks display and bonfire, bigger and better than ever. Thanks to all those involved in the organisation of this event without whom it wouldn't have been possible. There was an excellent attendance despite the inclement weather and you donated generously which enabled us to collect £1160 to offset the costs of the event. Afterwards many of you adjourned to the bar which reported a lively evening with record numbers.

This month Trustees have been looking at how we improve our IT systems to enable DPML to communicate more effectively and work more efficiently. We are also looking into how we can improve WIFI reception in the Clubhouse and conducting a feasibility study on provision of air conditioning in the bar area, a number of projects are likely to result and we will keep you informed as these are rolled out.

Trustees Andrew Bryson and Paul German recently held a highly successful and well attended surgery at the Clubhouse. This provided an opportunity for residents to raise concerns directly with Trustees in an informal atmosphere. The feedback you provided will shortly result in Trustees launching a number of new initiatives. A further evening Trustee surgery is planned before Christmas.

We will shortly be conducting a survey to determine the demand for childcare services on Delamere Park. Please take the time to complete the survey which is intended for grandparents as well as parents. The survey information will help inform Trustees future childcare strategy.

Christmas is approaching and with it the ever popular Children's Christmas party on Sunday 10th December starting at 3pm. The Bar will be running Christmas and New Year entertainment again this year.

Finally a big thank you to our volunteer gardeners who made such a splendid job of clearing and replanting the Millennium gate garden at the junction of Cuddington and Norley roads. What an improvement!

John Muir
Chair DPML

Bonfire Night Thanks



To the team who built the Bonfire.
To those who organised and set off the fireworks, what an amazing display it was, better than ever.
To the Bucket Collectors which brought in £1160.
To the Groups and individual folk who donated Raffle prizes, which raised £172.
For the donation of £70 from the sale of Hot Dogs, gratefully received.
To the Candy Floss lady who donated £60 which included her sales from Gala Day.
I am sure we will have enough Community Group Funds to pay DPML for the cost of Fireworks.
Iris Lyon - Community Group Chairman.



This year's Children's Christmas party will be taking place on Sunday 10th December 2017 from 3pm to 5pm in the Park Room and as usual there will be games, party food, dancing and a special visitor!

This event is open to children from 0-11, however if your child is aged under 5 then please remain in the room with your child.

As numbers are restricted this is a ticket only event and free tickets can be booked at Reception. Please do not book a ticket if you do not think you can come as last year we had to disappoint some families and turn them away as we sold out of tickets. If you realise after you have booked a ticket that you cannot make it, please let Reception know ASAP so we can offer this place to another child on the waiting list.

Volunteers to help set up the event and supervise on the day are welcome so if you can help please let Reception know.

Delamere Park Carol Service

The Delamere Park Carol Service will take place on Wednesday, 20 December 2017 at 7.30pm in the Park Room with Delamere Park Singers, everyone is invited.

Refreshments will be served at the end of the service, a contribution towards the cost of refreshments would be appreciated, any monies remaining will be given to St John's Church's chosen charity.

We look forward to welcoming you to this special evening



Bar Opening Hours

DAY	Date	HOURS	ACTIVITY
Friday	22 December '17	Normal Hours	
Saturday	23	Normal Hours	
Sunday	24 Christmas Eve	Noon - Midnight	
Monday	25 Christmas Day	Noon - 4:00pm	
Tuesday	26 Boxing Day	Noon - 11:30pm	Plot Draw
Wednesday	27	6:00pm - 11:00pm	No Quiz
Thursday	28	6:00pm - 11:00pm	
Friday	29	6:00pm - 11:30pm	
Saturday	30	Noon - 11:00pm	
Sunday	31 New Year's Eve	Noon - 1:00am	Party
Monday	1 New Year's Day	Noon - 11:00pm	
Tuesday	2 January '18	Return to Normal Hours	Plot Draw

Santa Claus is coming to Delamere Park



Tell your children to be good!

Santa with his Sleigh and Elves will be visiting the Park at 6.00p.m. on Tuesday 12th December playing Christmas carols and festive music.

Delamere Forest 41 Club will be collecting donations to support the local charities of St Luke's Hospice and The Joshua Tree.

News from Estates Manager

Repairs and maintenance

We have recently replaced the bar cellar chiller unit. The previous unit had failed having never been maintained since installation. I have taken out a maintenance contract on the new unit which is significantly more efficient and economical and will further reduce our electricity costs. Routine maintenance has been carried out on our emergency light system and a small number of illuminated exit signs have been replaced.

Swimming Pool

We are still awaiting the relocation of the Trend Air Handling Unit (AHU) controller to the office. The extra benches and coat hooks ordered some 7 weeks ago have now been fitted. New soap and shampoo holders have been fitted to each shower cubicle. New anti-slip matting has also been ordered.

Staffing

Two new receptionists have been recruited to replace Ann Dean who has now left and Greta Roper who leaves at the end of December. The two new ladies are of high caliber and will allow us to provide a comprehensive and professional 'front of house' service. In addition they will be able to handle delegated work freeing time for myself and the finance officer to focus on more specific project work.

Projects

Roof Report – a comprehensive roof survey has been undertaken and a report issued. The conclusion is that we can 'fix' the current issues by replacing all battens and felt but re-using existing tiles supplemented by new ones but with a much greater overhang than currently exists. The price of roof repair/replacement using this method would bring the cost down from £70k to £58k

Tennis court lights – The new LED floodlights have been ordered and are due to be installed first week of December. We will also upgrade the lights overlooking the car park and install extra sockets in the tennis courts.

Bar – I have been quoted for two new Mitsubishi air con units which would resolve the temperature issues in the bar without recourse to major expense / disruption. These units can heat as well as cool and are less expensive than the original proposal to extend the AHU system into the bar.

Trustees Surgery

Andrew Bryson and Paul German held a 'surgery' for residents on 20th October which was well received by all those attending. Residents have requested that more of these events be organised in the future.

Seasons Greetings

It just remains for me to wish you and your families the very best wishes for the forthcoming festive season from all the staff here at Delamere Park.

Steve Hayes
Estates Manager



Park PALs

The PALs are a group of singles from Delamere Park, meeting once a month to plan activities.

Recently there was a Treasure Hunt round Tarporley, several of us went out to the Bluebell Teashop in Barrow and also the Macmillan Coffee morning in the Clubhouse.

In October we enjoyed a hot pot supper in the Clubhouse, feasting on two huge pies from Cowards in Frodsham.

In November, a party went to 'The Spirit of Christmas' at Chester Cathedral and also the Neuromuscular Society lunch at Nunsmere.

We will be celebrating Christmas with tea and entertainment on 15th December at the Clubhouse.

Feeling lonely as the nights get longer? Join us at our monthly meetings in the Clubhouse at 7 p.m. For more information please ring Barbara on 882533, Christine 301699 or Pam 889665.

Art Group

Take the opportunity to join Richard Diggle who shall continue to teach and inspire the Art Group on Friday 8th Dec (2nd Friday of the month) 9.30am-12.30pm in the Park Room. Take a leap of faith armed with paint brush and water colours, enjoy the fellowship of the group and make new friends.

Whether you're just starting out or you've been painting for years Art Group is there



to help encourage you develop your creation of a potential master piece.

Phone: 889410 or Email johnhill@lineone.net

to book in or just turn up on the day to take part and enjoy the fun of painting.

Forthcoming meetings:

Friday: Dec 8th, Jan 12th, Feb 9th, Mar 9th

Looking forward to seeing you.

Mah Jongg

Join us in the warmth of the Clubhouse lounge & learn Mah Jongg, Asia's number one game played on the 2nd and last Thursday of the month at 1.30pm. Enjoy a warm drink and biscuits with new friends. No previous experience needed and personal guidance is given.



Phone 889410,

Email mahjongg@delamerepark.co.uk, or just turn up on the day.

Forth coming meetings are:

Thursday: Dec 7th, Jan 11th & 25th, Feb 8th & 22nd

Looking forward to seeing you.

Mobile Library Visits



The Mobile Library stops at: Delamere Park Community Centre, 10:10am – 10:25am

Friday (3 week cycle), future dates are: 1st & 22nd Dec / 12th Jan / 2nd & 23rd Feb.



Hi Everyone,

Autumn is drawing to a close and whilst the weather has been mild we have been able to do jobs in the garden and it's incredible to still see sweet peas and other flowers out now in the garden in November and the tree leaf colours especially with the sun behind are spectacular.

Right now we are in the middle of seed, bulb and plant selection from Suttons Seed catalogue which Gardening Club members get with discounts up to 50% for our 2018 season. Just one of the benefits from joining up.

Our 2018 Gardening Club holiday is being organised as I write and Fiona Goulden will be announcing the location to be Lincoln with the Ely flower festival one of the high points.

This will be sold out very quickly and is open to Park residents as well as Gardening Club members so you need to act quickly especially single rooms as these go first.

We will by now have had the film matinee on Sunday 19th November, so thank you to all who came. I hope you enjoyed the show.

The next main event for us will be our Christmas Party on Monday 18th December. This year we are hoping for a visit by someone very special at Christmas but we will have to see what happens. Anyway the food is good and it's party time.

Our club nights for the following few months are:

Monday January 22nd 2018, the start of our new programme and our 2018 enrolment night so if you would like to come along and join in then this is a great time to start

Our speaker is Tim Baxter on 'The Fantastic Plants of Ness'. We are hoping to make a visit to Ness Gardens later in the year.

February 26th our speaker Ray Bailey will be talking on '20 ways to enhance and improve your garden' so I am looking forward to that.

All the Committee would like to wish you a very Happy Christmas and hope you have a very enjoyable time with families and friends followed by the New Year celebrations and the start of 2018.

.For further information, contact Gardening Club through David Cooper, Email: garden@delamerepark.co.uk or Mike McNeal via Reception.

Happy Gardening!

News from Ladies' Club

Christmas is coming early to Delamere Park. Monday 4th December will see us donning our posh frocks and heading for the Clubhouse to begin celebrating the festive season in style!!



Mulled Wine to greet us, a sumptuous buffet supper, a glass of wine with that supper, and dancing to the music of "The Sisters in Song". We love to Party!.

Our outing to the lively rumbustious "Rock 'n Roll" Pantomime Sleeping Beauty at Theatre Clwyd on January 12th is sure to be a huge success. The music is great, the jokes are corny, the ending is happy. "OH YES WE WILL enjoy".

On the 8th of January, our talk is entitled "Women in Art History". Women have always demonstrated amazing talent in the world of Art, yet until the 20th century rarely achieved celebrity. Adrian Summer, our guest speaker is going to explain why, and introduce us to some of the talented female artists of the past.

Our AGM is on February 12th when we round up our year with reports of our activities and socialise with a complementary glass of wine.

We always welcome new members and visitors, so do come and join us, we meet on the second Monday of each month. Subs will be due on March 12th when our talk about dialects and accents in the British Isles is entitled "It 'aint what you say it's the way you say it".

For more information contact Janet Wilkinson on 889305 or

Email: ladies@delamerepark.co.uk

DP Robins - Kids' Holiday Club

We are a fun holiday club for children aged 3-10 years who want to enjoy a range of activities. The club is managed by childcare professionals who provide competent, qualified and complete supervision. We are a small friendly club with only 20 places each day and are now OFSTED registered

We will be open, Tuesday 2nd January - Friday 5th January.



Session times: 8am - 6pm
8am - 1pm
1pm - 2pm

For more information call Alexandra Robins on 07583267511

DP Youth Club Needs You!!

DP Youth Club has been a great success and we regularly see up to around 20 children every Friday night come along and relax with their friends, watch films or take part in activities whilst other youth clubs nearby have had to close.

The Youth Club relies on parent helpers and without these the club cannot run. A number of helpers have recently stepped down as their children are now too old to attend so we desperately need new helpers to keep the club running. The Youth Club is a huge asset to our community and there is a very real possibility that the club may have to close in the New Year unless more volunteers come forwards. It is not a huge demand on your time and with enough volunteers we are only required to help out around 4 sessions per school term – maybe less if we have enough helpers.

Please contact Youth Club via Reception if you can help – WE NEED YOU!!

Editors' Corner

Dear Residents,

After the success of the Gala Day 'After Party' including the fantastic Fish & Chips van!, we are thinking about arranging more social events throughout the year, using our excellent Park Room facilities.

We are looking for ideas to include all generations who live on the Park, so whether you want a children's disco, historical society or simply a night dancing, contact us at:

news@delamerepark.co.uk

And we'll be in touch.

Delamere Park Clubs Socializing and Leisure

- 39/45
- Art
- Book Club
- Bridge
- Coffee Morning
- Gardening Club
- Ladies' Club
- Mah Jongg
- Music Group
- Singers
- Social – Plot Draw
- Social – Quiz Night
- Whist
- Youth Club

Health, Fitness and Wellbeing

- Adult Swimming
- Children's Swimming Lessons
- Exercise Class – Pure Stretch
- Exercise Class – Circuit Training
- Exercise Class – Pilates
- Ju Jitsu
- Squash – Men's Team
- Squash – Ladies' Team
- Squash – Junior Coaching
- Table Tennis
- Water Aerobics
- Yoga

For further details regarding any of the clubs or activities listed above please contact Reception at the Clubhouse or check on the ParkEvents section of the website: www.delamerepark.co.uk

Coffee Mornings in the Clubhouse

Why not pop in for a tea or coffee and a chat with fellow residents between,

10.30am - 12.00 noon

The next coffee morning dates are:

December 7th and 18th

January 4th and 15th

February 1st and 19th

March 1st and 19th

Each coffee morning is hosted by a different Community Group. Contact Maria on 01606 889728 for any further information



From your Newsletter team.

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 (Spring) the deadline is Friday 16th February 2018. **Please contact Ella, Elizabeth or Lesley via email to: news@delamerepark.co.uk**