

**Future Park Events**



We hope this finds everyone healthy and in good spirits. We are finally seeing some light at the end of the tunnel.

Everyone in the Events Group is looking forward to being able to continue to bring some sociability and fun back into our community at the earliest opportunity.

Government advice allowing we have plans for the autumn running through to Christmas including Big Breakfasts, a Scarecrow Trail, a Last Night of the Proms jolly, a Super Quiz, a Shop Local event, a Board Game afternoon, a Christmas Tea as well as a season of Film Nights.

But we all have to keep positive and stay well until then.

See you soon we hope! We've missed you!

The Events Group

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

**Proposed New Folk Club**

Brian Smith and Dave Rodliffe are interested in setting up a Folk Club on Delamere Park. As a start, they would like to try to assess the level of interest there might be.

Subject to Trustee permission, their idea is to hold this club in an evening, say from 7.30pm - 10.00pm. on a weekly basis. This would be for like minded people who enjoy singing, playing an instrument, reciting poetry etc. etc., either modern or traditional.

If you feel you would like to take part, please contact Brian Smith on 888844 or Dave Rodliffe on 881893.

**Message from Vale Royal**

**Lions**

“Thank you to the Delamere Park Residents for all their support which enables the Lions to help local worthy causes. The sum raised from the Easter Egg Raffle was £42.14”

The egg was given to the winner and she subsequently decided to donate the Easter egg to Danebridge Medical Centre in Northwich where the NHS staff were working throughout the Easter Break.



**Coffee Mornings**

Sadly we are unable to hold our monthly gatherings at present. We will resume when we are permitted to do so. In the meantime, keep well, and best wishes.

Maria and Paul (889728).



**VE Day Celebrations on the Park**



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

*Extract from:* [Delamere Park Residents Newsletter – APRIL 2004](#)

(a month after 'the Great Fire of Delamere Park')

Much hard work has been going on behind the scenes in the weeks since the fire. Myself, my fellow trustees and our site manager, Mr. Brian Elton have all been putting in long hours. We are still “walking through treacle” as we continue to negotiate with our insurers who have verbally agreed that we have a claim. The actual amount and the method of payment have still to be finalised. I would like to take this opportunity to say a huge thank you to all who have been involved and to all of the residents who have written in with offers of help and support.

THANK YOU ALL

The trustees, quite naturally, have been under pressure following the fire but, despite the fact that their positions are voluntary, they have stood their ground and risen to the task of ensuring that the Delamere Park clubhouse and all the facilities will be restored to their former glory as soon as possible. We can only reinstate what we had before, that is the limit of our insurer's liability, as with any insurance settlement, you may only claim for what you lost. However compliance with modern building regulations will ensure some improvement in the fabric of what we had before.

To be continued .....

**News from The Trustees**

Hello All,

We hope that you are all staying safe and well during this Covid-19 period.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all our residents/plot owners who are volunteering their services to help others on the Park and also to the local businesses who continue to do home deliveries it is so much appreciated by all.

Just a reminder that Lucy our Head of Office Services continues to work Monday to Friday from 10am - 5pm if you require any assistance with the collection of prescriptions, shopping etc. as she will make contact with our volunteers. She can be contacted **ONLY** by e-mail or telephone.

Contact details are:

[office@delamerepark.co.uk](mailto:office@delamerepark.co.uk)  
or 01606 212523.

Stay safe and well.

The Trustees

**Fly Tipping**

We have been asked to remind residents that the area to the right of the path as you walk onto Woods Lane from The Dell is private land and therefore strictly not for tipping rubbish or garden refuse. It has been noted recently that this has been occurring.

We would appreciate it greatly if you could respect this outer verge.

Thank you

**Green Bin Collection**

*Latest update from CWAC website:*

Garden waste collections will resume from 4 June 2020. Please put your green bin out by 7am on your normal scheduled collection day. **(This Friday 5<sup>th</sup> June)**

Unfortunately, we can only empty your garden waste bin once on your scheduled collection day. Excess garden waste can be composted or taken to your nearest recycling centre. Household waste and recycling collections will continue as normal.

**Keep the Park Tidy**



**ALWAYS** remember to put your litter in the bins provided, please don't leave your cans, bottles, crisp packets and sweet wrappers around the Green and Playground areas for others to clean up.

If recycled rubbish blows around outside your house, please pick it up and place in your recycle waste.

Dog owners, **NEVER** leave home to walk your dog without your poop-a-scoop bags, **ALWAYS** clean up after your dog, otherwise you may receive a fixed penalty fine of £80 or a maximum fine of £1000.

We are very fortunate to live in such lovely surroundings. **Please keep the Park tidy!**

## Squirrels Pre-school



Squirrels pre-School is currently closed due to Covid-19, but we are hoping to open when the Lockdown is eased and it is safe for the staff and children to return. The welfare of our children, staff and that of Delamere Park residents is our main priority.

We are currently registering children 2-5yrs old for the Autumn Term 2020 and places are filling up fast. Any resident with a child/grand-child/niece/nephew who is interested in that child attending Squirrels, please email your interest to us and we will send you details (DP residents' children/relatives will be prioritised).

Also, we are looking for a DP resident who loves working with children to join our team at Squirrels and help us out for a few hours a week to cover lunchtime.

For all enquiries please email us at:-

[squirrelsprechooldp@gmail.com](mailto:squirrelsprechooldp@gmail.com)

## Park PALS

We may have been in lock down but it does not mean that the PALS were idle. Thanks to e-mail, every day there is something to gladden our hearts – a joke, a tip, a quiz, a funny video, information on streamed shows and we have our own Bard. A member who wishes to remain anonymous sends us verses on her life events which range from the factual to the ridiculous. A bonus has been deliveries of fresh food from local stores. Definitely a case of use it or lose it.

In the last four weeks a 'techie' member has introduced us to Zoom and every Friday we can get together to exchange news. On Thursday evenings we clap the heroes of the NHS. The weather has been kind and members have been out in their gardens and walking, meeting and chatting at a distance. VE day was also celebrated at a distance. We are ever conscious of the thousands of workers who are battling with the corona virus and are thankful for the peace and calm that is provided by Delamere Park.

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

## Mah Jongg



This group miss playing our Mah Jongg game  
I don't think life will ever be quite the same  
We start with a Charleston - no it isn't a dance  
But when you do it, you do take a chance  
We cannot forget our Craks, Bams and Dots  
There is nothing quite like it, we love it just lots  
Oh the thrill of rolling the dice  
Thinking finding a Joker would be rather nice  
Those Dragons must be somewhere lying low  
And where did all those Flowers go?  
During a game we might pick up some Soap  
Could be good with 2 more we would certainly cope  
Twice a year we would have our Points Day  
With goodies and wine, before starting to play  
The North, South, East and West winds now  
have blown away  
Oh do all come back quickly on a bright new day.  
Anon



Hi everyone,

At Gardening Club we should have enjoyed speakers from 23<sup>rd</sup> March covering garden design, help with planting up our pots and had a visit to a local garden at Mouldsworth. It has been quite a shock to the system for many of us to be self-isolating at home.

THANK YOU TO ALL THOSE WHO HAVE HELPED US SELF ISOLATORS AND HELPED WITH OUR SHOPPING etc.

Thankfully the weather has been really lovely and we have been able to enjoy at least sitting in our gardens if not doing actual gardening.

I hope some of you have taken the time to sow or plant some of your own vegetables or fruit so you can taste the lovely produce when it starts to be ready to eat.

Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> June should be the 2020 Garden Safari, which will have to be postponed till a later date.

Members have been treated to various communications during the last months.

1st April was our virtual Grand National featuring some local brown sheep with a white line down their face (Welsh Balwen). Obviously an April Fool although the virtual Grand National on TV was not at all as good as this one.

We have been looking at photos of scenes of animals and wild flowers, even listening to the sound of a cuckoo, all via email, as a couple have been going on cycle rides or walking for their daily exercise and emailing to those stuck at home. Also a few quiz style emails have been sent.

A member arranged earlier on for a bulk delivery of compost bags and fertilizer etc. to help get seeds underway.

Another member has arranged for a plant share of tomato, flower and other veg plants before we were told that garden centres could open again.

Obviously we don't know when we will be able to actually meet again but this Community will survive and thrive because of the nature and good will of the people living here and the fact that we live in such a lovely place. Please look after yourselves and keep well.

Contact Gardening Club through,

David Cooper, Email: [garden@delamerepark.co.uk](mailto:garden@delamerepark.co.uk) or

Mike McNeal via Reception for further information

Happy gardening!



## News from Ladies' Club

As we are slowly taking the first tentative steps towards a more normal lifestyle, our committee members are continuing to help out where they can, visiting our older members and shopping for those more vulnerable ones. Please be assured we are here for you if you need us. If anyone is feeling lonely or needs help or knows anyone who might appreciate a visit or a phone call, please contact us.

We still don't have any idea when we will be able to get together again for our Monday meetings, but be assured that our committee will be ready with the usual mix of great speakers and social activities, raring to go!! It will certainly be a special occasion!!

In the meantime, KEEP WELL, KEEP SMILING, KEEP CALM AND CARRY ON!

For information about the Ladies' Club:

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

## Book Club

In April the Book Club broke new ground, possibly like many of you out there, with its first ever Zoom meeting. A few teething troubles aside it went well - and it was good to see everyone enjoying a glass of wine (or two) to help with the ambience.

Our book for that meeting was Nikki Owen's **Subject 375** - the first part of a thrilling trilogy full of murder, conspiracy, mental illness and murder. Our book for May's meeting was Adrienne Brodeur's **Wild Game: My Mother, Her Lover and Me**, a real life memoir, narrated by the daughter, of her mother's affair with her husband's closest friend. The daughter, the author Adrienne, who was 14 at the time became involved one night when her mother woke her to tell her "Ben Souther just kissed me". Intriguing stuff - stranger than fiction indeed.

Our members' reading preferences are diverse and here are a few of the books that some of our members have most enjoyed during these past few weeks of lockdown:

**Heresy** by S J Parris - a historical thriller set during the reign of Elizabeth I. (Patsy)

**The Dutch House** by Ann Patchett - an immersive family saga set in an unusual house in the Philadelphia countryside. (Vanessa)

**The Mirror and the Light** by Hilary Mantel - the final instalment of the Wolf Hall trilogy. (John)

**Prelude** by Isaac Asimov - the first part of the classic science fiction Foundation series, unfolding against the backdrop of a crumbling Galactic Empire. (Pauline)

**Miss Austen** by Gill Hornby - a novel built around the question of why Cassandra burned a treasure trove of letters written by her sister, Jane Austen. (Ella)

**Instructions for a Heatwave** by Maggie O'Farrell - in the long hot summer of 1976 a dysfunctional family come together to try to understand why their father never came back from going out one morning to buy a newspaper. (Felicity)

**Harry's Game** by Gerald Seymour - a thriller set during the Troubles in Northern Ireland. (Richard)

**Normal People** by Sally Rooney - a love story ... as recently seen on BBC. (Toni)

If you've got the time and inclination give one of them a try.  
You never know you might find reading to be addictive.

Best wishes to everyone. Keep well.  
Alan (07943 063 479)



Our last meeting was Friday March 13th and we did not expect to not be seeing each other again on our usual fortnightly meetings.

During the period of lock down to now we have not seen each other except for a few of us during our exercise walks around the Park and surrounding roads.

A virtual Easter Egg Hunt was arranged for the children on the Park, even adults could join in.

A film from around the Park was emailed. It had strategically placed Easter eggs for children to see and then collect an egg from parents.

It had worksheets on how to make a basket to put the eggs in and colouring sheets, it even had a recipe for children to make muffins.

I think all our members are in other clubs on the Park and so will have received communication through them but we hope to arrange an internet Zoom meeting soon so we can see what we have all been up to during days of lock down.

We expect that loads of knitting or painting has been completed. A lot have exchanged jigsaw puzzles to keep us amused.

Whatever you have been doing, keep it up and look after yourselves.

Keep the virus locked out and stay healthy.

Dave+Yvonne

## 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)

## Mobile Library Visits

Currently, all CWAC libraries remain closed due to Covid-19, please check CWAC website for updates.

The Mobile Library stops at: Delamere Park Community Centre,

10:10am – 10:25am



Friday (3 week cycle), future dates:  
12<sup>th</sup> Jun, 3<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> Jul, 14<sup>th</sup> Aug, 4<sup>th</sup> Sep.

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 (Autumn) the deadline is Friday 14<sup>th</sup> August 2020.

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