



## News from The Trustees

You will have noticed plenty of activity and steady progress on refurbishment of the pool facilities. It is unfortunate that the works programme has been extended due to the need to bring the investment decision back to the SGM. However the condition of the drains in the changing room, which only became fully apparent when the floor was excavated, provides justification that the decision we took at the SGM was absolutely the right one. There is some good news. We've managed to save £5K on wall coverings and lockers and we'll enjoy the ongoing benefit of around £5k per annum in reduced energy costs.

The new playground equipment and the multi-sport centre for older children have now been completed. Feedback received and usage levels show the new equipment has proved a big hit with users.

Trustees have recently agreed a policy of responding to resident's correspondence within 2 weeks to further improve communications. It may not always be possible to provide a substantive response within this time frame in which case an acknowledgement will be sent explaining this.

Turning to the future, Trustees are currently updating the long term financial and project plans to ensure we are in good shape to meet future needs. This will entail a review of our banking arrangements to ensure they are appropriate for the future and continue to offer best value. Trustees are receptive to hearing ideas from residents for new services or new/upgraded facilities as part of this review.

Finally congratulations to Jade Nield and Cameron and Jessica Simpson on attaining their Ju Jitsu black belts. This is a real achievement and a great example to youngsters on the Park of what can be achieved through participation in Park activities. Ju Jitsu classes are an excellent use of our club house facilities. Anyone interested in taking up Ju Jitsu or any of the many other varied activities available to residents should enquire at the Clubhouse.

John Muir  
Chair DPML

## 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:

1<sup>st</sup> June

6<sup>th</sup> July

3<sup>rd</sup> August

7<sup>th</sup> September

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



# \*\*\* Gala Day \*\*\* Saturday 9th September 2pm till late

## Note: Date has changed from July to September!

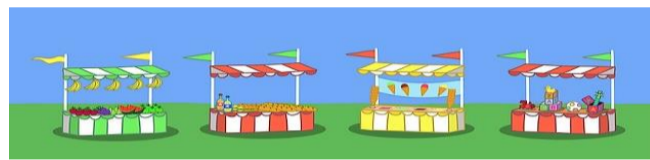
This year's Gala Day and Party on the Park will have a 'Food, Drink and Music Festival' theme.

The first Gala Day meeting will be held on *Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> June at 7:30pm in the Lodge.*

If you can offer any help, no matter how small then do come along or give your contact details in at Reception (or email: [communities@delamerepark.co.uk](mailto:communities@delamerepark.co.uk)).

We are hoping to have lots of food and drink stalls, lots of activities for the younger ones, two bands playing and a disco plus food and drink tastings and competitions galore.

This is Delamere Park's one day a year when we can all join in and have some fun, so think how you would like the day to take shape but remember this can only happen if everyone takes part.



## Easter Treasure Hunt A Great Success!

What a lovely day we had on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> April when, in collaboration with Delamere Park Ladies' Club and volunteers from across the Park we ran our first ever Easter Treasure Hunt

The hunt was picture based and gave local families a chance to follow clues around the whole of Delamere Park, exploring the nooks and crannies of our lovely estate, ending back at the Park Room to receive a chocolate treat.

The Ladies' Club did a spectacular job providing cream teas and refreshments open to all visitors for the afternoon and we were so grateful to everyone who collectively baked a delicious array of cakes and scones.

Our committee made sure the Park Room looked beautiful with the delightful vintage decor and original floral centrepieces for the tables. Alongside this we had our 'pre-loved' toy stall – and our children's Easter Crafts table – both of which proved very popular.

Luckily, we happened to select the sunniest, warmest day of the year which made the day even more special, and it was great to see the children playing out in the brand new play area, just unveiled by Delamere Park.

We would like again to thank everyone who worked with us to make the day such a huge success and such a lovely community event.

We would also like to thank everyone who came along and joined the fun. What made the event so special was seeing the mix of ages coming together and enjoying themselves.

In total we had 75 children take part in the treasure hunt, and a very busy afternoon of eating, drinking and enjoyment in the Park Room.

We look forward to more family events like this on the Park in the near future!



## Community Groups

The Community Group Committee meet every few months, our main aim is to preserve and improve the Community Spirit which exists on Delamere Park.

The committee is made up of a representative from each of the Community Groups plus a Trustee and sometimes the Estates Manager.

We discuss all sorts of topics and get involved in organising main events such as Gala Day and Bonfire Night.

If you would like to form a new activity group or even get involved in Community events, then please get in touch by emailing [communities@delamerepark.co.uk](mailto:communities@delamerepark.co.uk) or leave your contact details at Reception

## 39/45 Club Update

At the AGM of the 39-45 Club held on 17<sup>th</sup> May the decision was taken to formally disband the club on 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2017.

The members are hopeful that a new club open to all men on D.P. would be formed in the near future.

Such a club could be run on similar lines to the D.P. Ladies Club with monthly meetings held in the Park Room.

Stan Mendham, Doug Hanson and Derek Wright are to table proposals on 23/6/17 outlining the actions required to generate sufficient interest to start a new club.

## News from Estates Manager

(Steve Hayes)

Plant room, pool hall and changing room upgrade

I am pleased to be able to update you on the refurbishment work of the pool and changing rooms.

The Resident's survey of the choice of wall covering and flooring has now closed. Thank you to everyone who contributed towards the survey – the findings have been passed onto the Trustees and myself, and will be taken into consideration in making the final decision. The material originally specified for the changing room walls is no longer considered appropriate because of technical issues surrounding the bonding agent so the nearest equivalent colour will be used.

All changing rooms and toilets have now been stripped out and floor screeds removed and drainage channels dug. Steelwork is being manufactured ready to support the installation of the Air Handling Units. We are dependent upon the manufacturers for the construction and delivery of the AHU's which are bespoke units specifically designed for Delamere Park.

There will follow re-screeding of the floor to new drains, installation of new showers and sanitary fittings and a redecoration of the pool hall following removal of the existing heaters and dehumidifiers.

In addition a large amount of electrical and mechanical works will be completed in the plant room to enable the new ventilation system to operate correctly and to reduce future energy costs.

Finally it has been decided to include in the scope of the project the re-tile of the pool tank due to the poor condition of the existing tiles and to complement the upgrade of the changing areas.

I will update you further as the scheme progresses.

### Gardening issues

All of the gardening machinery has been serviced in preparation for the new Spring and Summer seasons and the gardeners will be undertaking the usual grass cutting programme and re-stocking the flower beds.

There has been an issue with the pump mechanism servicing the lagoons but this will be resolved shortly and the pools re-filled and the algae cleared.

### General election

Just a reminder that the Lodge will be in use all day on June 8th as a polling station.

## PILATES



Every Tuesday in the Park Room

7:30am - Mixed

9:00am - Beginners

7:30pm - Intermediate

Tel: Lesley on 07725 809100  
([www.pilatespluscheshire.com](http://www.pilatespluscheshire.com))

## News from Ladies' Club

### DELAMERE LADIES TAKE THE JAZZ TRAIN

This year, our summer outing is a journey with a difference. We join 'The Jazz Train' at Cuddington Railway Station on the evening of July 10th and will be entertained by Jazz on our journey through the Cheshire countryside; alighting at Plumley, we will stroll to The Golden Pheasant where a meal, a drink and more Jazz will be our entertainment for the evening.

Sounds good? We meet on the second Monday of each month; our activities include talks, outings parties and Theatre trips. The June meeting will be a talk by Claire Jackson entitled 'Looking after Feet'.

Interested? We love welcoming new members. To find out more contact Janet Wilkinson on 889305 or email [ladies@delamerepark.co.uk](mailto:ladies@delamerepark.co.uk). Membership is £10 a year.

GOOD NEWS – Janet has agreed to remain Chairman for a further year. Patsy Chuter, has joined the committee as her assistant. Lin Shone and Barbara Dymond have also joined the committee in various roles. We all look forwards to working with them to keep the Ladies' Club vibrant and active in our community. Judy Piper

### Art Group

**Art Group** is a newly formed group, to help you develop Art skills and appreciation that primarily include Water Colouring and Drawing.

We meet in the Park Room from 9.30am on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday monthly to draw & paint with tuition given.

Whether you're just starting out or you've been painting for years Art Group can help to encourage and inspire you.

To book in Phone 889410 or e-mail [johnhill@lineone.net](mailto:johnhill@lineone.net) or just turn up on the day to take part and enjoy the fellowship of the group.

Forthcoming meetings: Friday 9<sup>th</sup> June, 14<sup>th</sup> July, 11<sup>th</sup> Aug, 8<sup>th</sup> Sept, 13<sup>th</sup> Oct.



### Mah Jongg

Spring has arrived with an invitation for you, to join us in the Clubhouse lounge for 1.30pm on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and or the last Thursday of the month. Enjoy Mah Jongg over a cup of tea, coffee with biscuits and savor the occasion.

No previous experience needed and personal guidance is given.

Phone 889665, or e-mail [mahjongg@delamerepark.co.uk](mailto:mahjongg@delamerepark.co.uk) to book in or just turn up on the day to watch the game and experience the fellowship of the group.

Forthcoming meetings: Thursday May 25<sup>th</sup>, June 8<sup>th</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup>, July 6<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup>, Aug 10<sup>th</sup>.



Well the hour changed to British Summer time on 26th March and the days are now getting longer and warmer. Summer is here and doesn't the garden know it. Unfortunately just now the rain has forgotten we need water for the garden plants, daffodils have been and gone, tulips are just over and bluebells have carpeted the woodland again.

Seeds planted in the greenhouse or kitchen windowsill are getting taller and soon night frosts will have finished and we can get our flower seedlings into their final places for the summer displays. Vegetable and tomato seedlings are on the way to giving us some gorgeous tasty salads and meals over the coming months.

In Gardening Club we have begun our new year of events, but it's not too late to come along and join for this year. Give it a try as a visitor and see how you like it. This year's membership remains @ £8. Even if you are not that interested in gardening come for a listen and cup of tea and a chat. We meet on 4th Monday of the month @ 8:00pm in the Park Room. Keep an eye out for the poster at the Clubhouse.

Over the next months our events are scheduled as follows:

June 26th we are back to the Park Room when our speaker Les Smith will be giving an illustrated talk on 'The Fuchsia Year'. Fuchsia can be a hardy plant in the garden border or grown in containers over the summer. Tender varieties can be kept under cover to the following year. How this is done and what to do by month will be revealed by Les.

July brings us to our Summer Social and the Garden Safari. The Summer Social July 24th is by ticket, on sale in reception a week or so before the event, open to members and their guests.

The 2017 Garden Safari is scheduled this year for July 2nd. We still need some volunteers who would like to open their garden (front/back/patio). All money collected during the event is shared between the Charity choice of the garden hosts.

The gardens don't have to be pristine, full of flowers or large.

If you would like to take part or know someone on the Park who might please let us know.

And not forgetting from Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> to Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> June a number of our members and friends are off on the annual Gardening Club holiday visiting National Trust plus other venues in Salisbury and surrounding areas.

For any information or to volunteer your garden Email: [garden@delamerepark.co.uk](mailto:garden@delamerepark.co.uk) or contact chairman Mike McNeal 01606 882754 or ask at reception



### Delamere Park Youth Club

Since restarting in 2014 the youth club in Delamere Park (DPYC) has gone from strength to strength. While other youth clubs locally are struggling for numbers and even folding DPYC has grown in size each term. With a hard core of regulars, many of whom have attended over 50 times and lots of new faces it has become a focal point for young people to get to know each other in the Park.

DPYC runs on Friday evenings during school terms in The Lodge (mainly) or The Park Room (certain events) from 7:30pm till 9:00pm and is open to 9 to 15 year olds (inclusive). The cost is £1 and all monies are used to provide off-site events or equipment for the youth club. The majority of attendees are from Delamere Park, but with other youth clubs folding, young people from Cuddington and Norley also attend.

The aim of DPYC is 'to provide a safe and non-threatening environment for young people to relax, have fun, meet friends, play games and take part in organised activities'. Recently weekly events are now selected by the young people themselves, which is proving very popular and keeping the helpers on their toes! The range of events and activities that have been run at DPYC during the years is staggering. We are indebted to many individuals and other clubs in the Park for their support and assistance to make this happen. We have seen fantastic evenings were the generation gap in Delamere Park has been bridged by teaching Mah-jongg or how to use a smart device. Events are displayed on the very artistic notice board outside the Clubhouse and circulated by email to parents.

Of course DPYC wouldn't be possible without the helpers that give up their time to create the special environment on Friday evenings and do many other tasks behind the scenes. While most of these helpers are parents of young people attending, many are not. Thank you all on behalf of the young people for making the youth club possible and your energy and enthusiasm to keep it going.

If anyone is interested in helping out at DPYC please contact us on [youthclub@delamerepark.co.uk](mailto:youthclub@delamerepark.co.uk). We are also very happy to receive donations of old games or equipment that older 'young' people may no longer want.

Finally if you're 9 to 15 years old and;

- Want a place to meet friends and enjoy yourself without bugging your parents?
- Want to get out of the house, but not have to get cold and wet?
- Want to listen to music, play games and get involved in outdoor activities?
- Want to have special events in Delamere Park aimed at your age group?

Then you need join DPYC!



### PureStretch, Circuits & Stay Active

All available at Delamere Park

A full timetable can be found on my website.

([www.emmawilsonfitness.co.uk](http://www.emmawilsonfitness.co.uk))

### 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
- Childrens' Swimming Lessons
- Exercise Class – Pure Stretch
- Exercise Class – Circuit Training
- Exercise Class – Pilates
- Indoor Bowls
- 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](http://www.delamerepark.co.uk)

### Letters to the Editor

Hi there,

What a marvellous innovative piece of work the Delamere Park News, so professional and of course informative.

Many congratulations are due and deserved by the volunteers who create and put it together.

Such a far cry from when I was involved as a Trustee in the late 70's, early 80's! All power to your elbow; much appreciated.

Don Fitzsimmons (Threeways)

Many thanks for the latest newsletter, very informative.

B.Stockton

**Note:** The section 'Letters to DPML' has been replaced by 'Letters to the Editor',

'For any comments or concerns regarding the estate and its management please contact the Trustees at [trustees@delamerepark.co.uk](mailto:trustees@delamerepark.co.uk)'

### Mobile Library Visits



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

Friday (3 week cycle), future dates are: 16<sup>th</sup> Jun, 7<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> Jul, 18<sup>th</sup> Aug, 8<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 25<sup>th</sup> August 2017.

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