



## Garden Safari

\*\*\* **Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> June** \*\*\*  
(1:30pm – 4:30pm)

We desperately need to get some home owners on board now so we can start planning for this year's event so please open your garden this year. Just let us know and we will tell you how simple it is.

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

Your garden doesn't need to be large, full of flowers or a great layout, anything is okay even just a front garden or patio.

The money collected is divided between the charities nominated by the garden owners taking part in the event

## Party on the Park



Community Groups have overwhelmingly voted to hold a Party on the Park this year rather than a Gala Day.

No firm date has yet been decided but we are hoping it will take place end of June / early July.

A Party on the Park is when everyone pitches their gazebo on the Green, brings a picnic, all to background music which adds to the party atmosphere.

Usually it's a low key affair with no outside participation, however effort is required to make this event happen.

We need to organize the music, put up the main marquee, sort out electricity supply, rope off areas on the Green, plus other miscellaneous tasks. All this will require help from Residents so please spare some time to help with the organization by contacting Reception or emailing your details to: [community@delamerepark.co.uk](mailto:community@delamerepark.co.uk)

**Without extra help this event cannot take place.**

## Pool Side Box

**This is an appeal to all adults and children on Delamere Park.**

It has come to my attention that some residents and their children are under the impression that the items in the pool side box are for the use of all residents.

**Please be aware the equipment in the box is not for general use !!**

In recent months the box has been vandalised and some of the expensive equipment inside destroyed.

All the swim-aid items in this **locked** box have been provided by, and are for the sole use of members of the adult swimming and water aerobics groups.

The destroyed equipment and even the box have now to be replaced and have to be paid for by the two groups, the cost of replacement items does not come from community funds.

We ask that all adults respect this property and that you make your children aware that the box and its contents are not for general use and should not be tampered with.

We hope that you can all understand, be sympathetic to and comply with this request.

Lynne Shelley (on behalf of the Adult Swimming and Water Aerobics group).

## **Park dates for your diary .....**

Saturday 14 <sup>th</sup> March	~	Race Night
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> March	~	Film Night 'JUDY' (12)
Saturday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	~	Karaoke Night ( Bar Event)
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> April	~	Film Night 'Knives Out' (12)
Sunday 26 <sup>th</sup> April	~	The BIG Breakfast
Saturday 16 <sup>th</sup> May	~	Spring Coffee Morning
Saturday 16 <sup>th</sup> May	~	Eurovision Night
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> May	~	Film Night 'Little Women' (U)
Sunday 14 <sup>th</sup> June	~	Film Matinee 'The Greatest Showman' sing – along (PG)

## **Future dates to save in your diary .....**

Sunday 6 <sup>th</sup> Sept.	~	Scarecrow Trail
Thurs 26 <sup>th</sup> Nov.	~	Shop Local Evening

More details of events will be available nearer the date via email or will be displayed on the Clubhouse notice board, all tickets available from Reception

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



## **SPRING COFFEE MORNING**

**Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> May 10.30-12.30**  
(in the Clubhouse)

Please join us to help raise funds for a local sewing group making reusable sanitary products for girls and women in countries across the world so that they can make the most of education and other opportunities every day of the year. These are provided by a charity called **DAYS FOR GIRLS** ([www.daysforgirls.org](http://www.daysforgirls.org)) who so far have reached over 1,000,000 women and girls and who also provide health education and income generating opportunities.

Come and find out more and bring your friends along we'd love to see you.

**Entrance £2.50 (includes drink and cake)**

**Raffle, Cake stall, Plant stall, Bric-a-brac and Face painting for the kids!**

## **The Lagoons**

DPML are into the second year of carrying out much overdue remedial work to the lagoons, which are an integral part of the amenity lands and original landscaping scheme of Delamere Park.



Currently, DPML are working with Groundworks.org and the Vale Royal Conservation volunteers to continue with the installation of railway sleepers in two of the lagoons to support the banks and stop soil erosion. The objective of the current work is to turn the lagoons into an attractive, wildlife friendly and low maintenance area for all residents to enjoy.

Many thanks to the seven volunteers who turned up on Saturday February 1st to help clear weeds and remove shrubs from the largest lagoon for storage prior to Groundworks.org and Vale Royal Conservation starting work to install the additional railway sleepers



## **Delamere Park Singers**



The Carol Service on 20 December 2019 was very much enjoyed, a wonderful mix of carols and readings. Our thanks to all those who did a reading, to Hilary for coming to lead the Service and particularly to Barbara Buckley for arranging the refreshments and readings. A donation of £75.00 has been sent to St Luke's Hospice.

Delamere Park Singers began in February 2012. We have been extremely fortunate to have sung at Lady Lever Art Gallery, Tatton Park, Lyme Park, as well as our quarterly visits to Residential / Nursing Homes.

We raise funds for the Merseyside Branch of the Huntington's Disease Association, this is from donations received at our concerts. To date we have raised £2,745.00.

We are looking forward to singing in 2020, our range of music goes from musicals to country to a bit of classical. We have a concert arranged for 14 August where we will be singing on board 'The Danny' when it will be based at Anderton Boat Lift for a short while. This will be an amazing experience for us and we hope you will 'save the day' and put it in your diaries to come along and support us.

We welcome all new residents to Delamere Park – if they or indeed any resident – would like to take up a new hobby in this new decade, then come along on a Wednesday morning, 10.30am in the Park Room and give us a try. We would very much like to meet you.

If you would like more information about the Singers, please ring Barbara Smith on 888844.

## **News from The Trustees**

Dear Resident,

We are preparing an extensive and detailed update which will incorporate Finances, which will be Q2 as Q2 provides a better picture of a projected year end, because of the nature of our finances we are front end loaded. The update will also include our new Operational Structural positions, update on the roof and more. This will be with you by the end of March.

We would like to take this opportunity to encourage all residents to come and use our bar facilities which of course other than our plot fees is the only other money generating revenue source we have. It is a very friendly environment and there are various events which take place during the year such as the weekly quiz which takes places on a Wednesday night not forgetting the Plot Draw every Tuesday where you have the chance of winning a valuable amount of money which increases on a weekly basis if it is not claimed.

Also please consider supporting the classes and events that are organized by the various Community Groups as they work so hard for all residents' enjoyment and there may be new classes starting up in the future that may be of interest.

For those of you who may not know we have two new gardeners, Aiden who has recently joined DPML and Chris who was a contract gardener last year but is now a staff member. They are both working exceptionally well together enhancing the Park and we have received many compliments from Plot-owners and residents alike.

Sadly yet again the trustees are obliged to write to you about dog fouling on Delamere Park amenity land.

There are plenty of dog 'poo' bins around the main green and one at the end of Denehurst Parkway, where it joins Cuddington Lane. If you are delegating the walking of your dog to another member of the family or third party it's your responsibility to ensure they have 'poo' bags and they collect and dispose of any mess made by the dog.

In the meantime we would like to wish you all a very Happy Easter.

**The Trustees**



## **Coffee Mornings**

On the first Thursday of each month, many of our Community Groups host a Coffee Morning in turn, from 10.30 to 12.00. Do come along for a sociable chat with fellow Park residents. In the winter months, there is also a meeting on the 3rd Monday of the month. Contact Maria on 889728 for any further information.

The next coffee morning dates are:

- 5<sup>th</sup> March
- 16<sup>th</sup> March (Mon)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> April
- 7<sup>th</sup> May
- 4<sup>th</sup> June



## Squirrels pre-school

A big thank you from Squirrels to all residents for the support and generosity in our fundraising efforts over the last couple of months. It really is greatly appreciated.

We have a toddler group every Monday 9.30-11.30am £2 please come and pop in.

Tuesday 8.30am-4.00pm  
Wednesday 9.00am-3.00pm  
Thursday 8.30am-4.00pm  
Friday 9.00am-3.00pm

Keep a lookout on our Facebook page for any upcoming events.

For any more details please ring Squirrels on 01606 888782.

## Mindfulness

After the winter break the monthly mindfulness drop in will return on:

**Thursday 26th of March at 7.45pm.**

Also May / June there will be a 4 week transition course aimed at younger residents who are moving to secondary school in September, more details available nearer the time.

For further information please Email:  
[Haynes\\_louise@outlook.com](mailto:Haynes_louise@outlook.com)



A number of residents have been enjoying this club on 2nd and 4th Friday mornings in the Park Room.

We are now into a new year with knitting or crocheting items including jumpers, toys, tapestry work, patchwork quilt, felting, special occasion cards, we even have someone bringing clay to do pottery work, a number bring pencils, paints and brushes for drawing or watercolour painting.

Between us we have some expertise and some knowledge to share on the different arts and crafts so help and advice may always be available.

It's all very informal and low key. You might have a job that you need to do so bring it along, a hole in a jumper to darn, a dress to alter, a picture you want to draw, anything.

We meet 2nd and 4th Friday of month from 11:30am – 1:30pm in the Park Room.

We look forward to seeing you on February 28th, March 13th + 27th, April 24th (due to Easter).

Check the poster on the Clubhouse notice board for any updates

Why not come along and tap into your creative side or just come for a cup of tea and a chat.

It is open FREE of Charge to any resident, any age. See you there! **Dave & Yvonne**

## Mobile Library Visits



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

Friday (3 week cycle), future dates are:

20<sup>th</sup> Mar / 8<sup>th</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> May.

\* **No service on 10<sup>th</sup> Apr (Good Friday)**



Hi everyone,

I remember writing in the December issue 'I hope by now it will have stopped raining. It is so wet and the garden absolutely saturated and wind blown'. Guess what, most of the UK is flooded and blown away by storms, the worst in 200 years.

Fortunately Delamere Park is on top of a hill, so winds - yes, floods - no. I hope all is well with you apart from a saturated ground.

Obviously not a lot can be done in the garden so attention has shifted to the greenhouse or kitchen windowsill where we can start those tiny seeds into life to give us nourishing food or colourful flowers. I hope you can give at least some lettuce a try if you have not grown anything before, so easy in a pot or window box. Why not have a go.

Gardening Club has started its new year enrolment so now is the best time to take advantage of the yearly membership @ £8 per person.

Over the next few months we have speakers :

**23<sup>rd</sup> March** – Garden design from speaker Sue Nicholas. Help with where to put hard landscape and our plants for maximum impact

**27<sup>th</sup> April** – Purely Pots from Lisa Newsham. Lisa who has a stall on Chester Market will help with planting up our pots.

**18<sup>th</sup> May** – We are planning a visit to a local garden called Brooklands in Mouldsworth. A ¾ acre country style NGS garden.

**28<sup>th</sup> June** – Sunday is our annual charity event. **The 2020 Garden Safari**, loved by all.

Contact Gardening Club Email: [garden@delamerepark.co.uk](mailto:garden@delamerepark.co.uk) or Mike McNeal through reception for further information.

Happy gardening!

## NEW!! – Ballroom Dancing

Coming soon, **Ballroom Dancing, classes for beginners** to be held weekly in the Park Room on Sundays, late afternoon or early evening.

Don't worry if you haven't got a partner, this won't be a problem. Start date still to be decided but when available will be sent out via email or displayed on the Clubhouse notice board.

If anyone is interested in taking part or finding out more, please email:  
[jane.burdett1@btinternet.com](mailto:jane.burdett1@btinternet.com)

## News from Ladies' Club

February is our end of year meeting when we report on the many and varied activities enjoyed over the past 12 months. Outings, Theatre Trips, Parties, demonstrations and talks have entertained, amused, educated, fascinated and introduced us to new ideas. The Ladies' Club continues to thrive and delight.

2020 is going to be another good year, enrolment is in March. If you are not already a member, £10 will introduce you to a year of activities to enjoy with like-minded friends.

We meet on the second Monday of the month at 8pm in the Park Room, all are welcome, do come and join us.

**9<sup>TH</sup> MARCH** – A bit of History, The Peterloo Massacre, took place in Manchester in 1819. What was it? Why did it happen? What were its consequences? Lynn Pegler will offer insights into the story using her talents as a playwright and performer to bring it all to life.

**6<sup>TH</sup> APRIL** – An amusing look at "Life as a Registrar" in Liverpool. Our speaker, Carol Codd performed the marriage ceremony for Ken Dodd; now there's a tataralicious tale to tell!!

**11<sup>TH</sup> MAY** – A more serious evening when we will be introduced to the work of the Charity "Blood Bikes" which is run for the speedy transportation of urgent medical supplies at any time night or day.

For further information, contact: Patsy Chuter 889140 or email [ladies@delamerepark.co.uk](mailto:ladies@delamerepark.co.uk)



## Mah - Jongg



Mah Jongg is played in the Bar area from 1.30pm on the 2nd and last Thursday of the month. We hold our AGM in April which is incorporated with a delicious lunch and wine. What is not to like? Contact 889665.

## Homewatch Report

Vigilance and Caution is called for with the amount of SCAM emails flying around. Please be aware of emails allegedly from; HMRC. AMAZON. BT. and other lesser known people.

If one receives a message either email, text / Whatsapp / Facebook, emails you do NOT recognize, **DO NOT OPEN**. Some residents have recently been caught out by these criminals.

We tend to assume that although we may not understand the Internet we are clever enough not to be taken in by such offers. One would be surprised to know the truth.

On another matter, with the inclement weather and lots of MUD on the surrounding roads from farms fields and buildings work, extra caution should be taken whilst driving.

On a personal note, I wish you all a safe, healthy new year.

Keep your properties secure and well illuminated during the hours of darkness. There are still plenty of opportunist thieves about looking for a living.

*David Bowker - DP Village Homewatch Coordinator*

## Water Aerobics

We started again on Wednesday 8 January with 10 members, 2 of whom were new. Do come along from 10:30am – 11:30am every Wednesday and see how much fun we have. There is lots of laughter and we try to do all the exercises in time to the music but only as far as our bodies let us!

We each give £2 which goes to St Luke's Hospice, a very worthwhile cause which is dear to many of us. Since the beginning of 2008 we have collected £9,100 which is amazing - over 4,500 visits of people enjoying themselves and keeping fit on our doorstep.

If you need any more information please contact either Sue on 883756 or Liz on 07864786568

## Park PALs

We celebrated Christmas with a tea in the Clubhouse that had a real party atmosphere. Members all contributed to the buffet. We played an old-fashioned party game and there was a quiz amid much laughter.

New Year's Day there was a Pizza and Wine Get together at a member's house. Another member celebrated her 80<sup>th</sup> birthday and we were invited to her home to celebrate.

We were saddened by the sudden death of Pam Turton who had always brought her own particular sparkle to our get togethers.

There will be a soup and sandwich lunch in the clubhouse at the end of February and we will be meeting next month to plan for the spring. On your own? Come and join us. Ring Barbara on 882533, Christine 301699 or Pam 889665.

## Iyengar Yoga



Tuesday 1.30 - 3.15 Term time only  
Qualified Iyengar Teacher: Sue Rennie

Email: [susaniyengaryoga@yahoo.com](mailto:susaniyengaryoga@yahoo.com)  
Mob: 07554 442215

## Delamere Park Clubs

### Socializing and Leisure

- Art & Crafts
- Book Club
- 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)

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 ( Summer) the deadline is Friday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2020.

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