



## News from The Trustees

As the newly elected Chair of DPML, I would like to extend my thanks to our previous Chairman for all the hard and sometimes unseen work he did around the park.

Listening to the comments from both staff and residents over the last months, has shown that we still have an opportunity to communicate better with the park in general, become more approachable, sharing both the wider vision and our plans for the future.

With this in mind, we held the third trustee surgery of the current financial year at the end of April and will continue by holding more of them over the coming months at different times and days in an attempt to reach a greater audience, especially from working residents. Not only do these give residents the opportunity to raise their concerns over the running and management of the park, but also provide an interactive forum for discussions on all aspects associated with DPML. In fact, it was really encouraging to see that several residents took the opportunity to actively promote a number of new community initiatives that will hopefully have a positive impact on us all. Whilst we look forward to meeting you at the next meeting, please do not hesitate to contact us through the office or the trustees email address with any comments or questions.

In addition to the above, you will also have seen a change to the reception desk area, that has been initiated as a result of internal staff meetings and by the receptionists requesting a better "layout/environment" to carry out their varied and daily work routines. I hope you see it as an improvement.

Over the coming months we will continue to try and maintain/improve the facilities, to ensure they are fit for purpose and provide a pleasant environment for us all to share. We are however, very aware of our responsibilities and will endeavour to not waste money on extravagancies or unnecessary expenditure that we feel does not support the best interests of the park.

Finally, may I remind all residents of the covenant agreement contained within their property deeds, and that if they are considering any changes to their property or plot, they need to advise the Trustees of their proposals and seek approval. The Trustees hold responsibility for the managed development of the estate and must give their permission before any work commences.

Best wishes for a wonderful summer  
Paul German

## 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. Contact Maria on 889728 for any further information.

The next coffee morning dates are:

- 7<sup>th</sup> June
- 5<sup>th</sup> July
- 2<sup>nd</sup> August
- 6<sup>th</sup> September



# Delamere Park Gala Day

Delamere Park, Cuddington, CW8 2UJ

**Free Entry!  
All Welcome**

## Saturday 7th July 2018

**12pm - 5pm**

**Music** ★ **Bar** ★ **Stalls** ★ **Rides** ★ **Food**  
**Activities** ★ **Bouncy Castle** ★ **Games**  
**Dog Show from 1pm** ★ **Afternoon Tea**

## 2018 Events Diary

*from Delamere Park Community Events Group*

Saturday 7 <sup>th</sup> July	Gala Day
Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup> July	Wimbledon and World Cup Finals <i>(Strawberries &amp; Champagne, Hotdogs &amp; Beer)</i>
Sunday 9 <sup>th</sup> September	Garden Safari and Scarecrow Trail
Saturday 22 <sup>nd</sup> September	Speakeasy Evening
Sunday 14 <sup>th</sup> October	Sunday Lunch
Wednesday 31 <sup>st</sup> October	Halloween Party
Saturday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November	Bonfire Night
Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup> November	Sunday Lunch

If you are interested in helping bring different events to the park, the newly formed Community Events Group would like to welcome you! We will have several meetings throughout the year to plan events for all interests and ages.

Email Fern Gresty for more details: fern.gresty@hotmail.co.uk

# Delamere Park Gala Day

## Fun Dog Show

All entry registrations taken on the day from 12.30pm  
Find us on the green at Delamere Park, CW8 2UJ

**£2 per class**

Sponsored by  
**Four Paws, Cuddington Tel: 01606 883311**  
(see Clubhouse notice board for more details)

## News from Estates Manager

Residents will be aware that John Muir recently resigned from the Trustee Board and his role as Chairman. I wish to place on record my thanks and appreciation for all John has done on behalf of DPML.

There have been a number of leaks in the Park Room recently and actions been taken to resolve this however the inclement weather in April has made resolving this issue difficult. Further repairs will be carried out as the weather allows. The external fascia boards are scheduled to be painted during May / June again when the weather is kind enough to allow us to proceed. A significant repair to the drains near the gardeners' compound has been carried out.

I would like to welcome back Mark Young, our cleaner, who was on long term sick leave but has now returned following successful surgery. Many residents will be delighted about Mark's return especially the early morning swimmers. It was also reported that Barbara Price has retired after many years' service and the Trustees thanked her and wished her well. A new pool of receptionists' cover is currently being recruited.

Trustees are now considering the following new projects as funding becomes available and will discuss and agree priorities:

- Air conditioning units in the bar area
- A sum towards eventual roof replacement
- A contribution towards a film projector
- Upgrade of reception area and notice boards

There is a newly formed Events Group which will be arranging new events and activities for residents following a number of requests. Be sure to look out for further information on the notice boards.

I would like to advise residents that a new Rijo branded coffee machine is available in reception which offers speciality coffees, tea, hot chocolate and hot milk at prices well below the equivalent offering at Costa Coffee, Starbucks, café Nero etc. so please come along and try them after a swim or other visit.

**Steve Hayes**  
Estate Manager

## Keep the Park Tidy



NO DOG POOP

**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.

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

## Indoor Bowls

The relaunch of Indoor Bowling has been very successful. We meet every Tuesday at 7.30pm and play in The Park Room. Anyone wishing to try indoor bowling please come along there are always bowls available. It's good to try a new game and enjoy friendly company. If you require further information phone Brenda on 01606 252655 or Marjorie on 01606 301847.



## Park PALs

Despite the uncertain weather we kept up our monthly meetings in the Clubhouse. In March we gathered at Gibson's Mill, Kingsley for Brunch. In April we went to the Plough at Whitegate for a substantial Sunday lunch. This month an eagle-eyed member spotted that 'A Little Night Music' was playing at the Storyhouse Chester and several of us went to the Sunday matinee. This was an opportunity to see the new building as well as enjoy the show.

A kind member has offered her garden for a Garden Party in July. We are planning to visit Mayfield Gardens in August and there is a possibility of a Carvery lunch in September. Why not come and join us? For more information please ring Barbara on 882533, Christine 301699 or Pam 889665.

## Mah Jongg



A small group of members meet at 1.30p.m. in the Clubhouse Lounge on the 2nd and last Thursday in the month. Since we really would like to welcome and help anyone who might be interested, we have decided to hold a training afternoon on Thursday, 12th July. On this afternoon we aim to offer individual training or you might just like to come along to watch and have a cup of tea with us. For any further details ring Pam on 889665 . or e-mail [mahjongg@delamerepark.co.uk](mailto:mahjongg@delamerepark.co.uk)

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Hello everyone,

Gardening has at last begun in earnest. Over the last few weeks end of April and into May the weather has improved a lot. The sun thingy in the sky is at last sending down some heat so the grass is growing like crazy. Blossom which was quite spectacular is over and now our summer bedding is coming through. This is truly a lovely time of the year. I have been watching the bluebells, the wood anemone and dandelion which have shown really well. Vegetables, fruit and tomatoes for those who grow them are well on the way to giving us a tasty harvest. Why not give some a try yourself, lettuce grown in a pot or a trough can be delicious.

Gardening Club is also well into the year's calendar of events and speakers. By the time this is read, members and friends will be looking forward to a 5 day holiday from June 24th with a gardening twist to Lincoln and surrounding area, with the Ely flower festival included.

We will have had our first garden visit to Bluebell Cottage Gardens of award winning designer Sue Beesley.

If you would like to come along to one of our meetings or join with us for the remainder of the year we would love to see you.

Over the next months this is what we will be up to:-

June 18<sup>th</sup> Anne Harrison's talk 'What's wrong with my plant' will help us identify all the bugs and diseases which can afflict our plants and flowers.

July 23<sup>rd</sup> Is our annual Summer Social open by ticket to gardening club members and their guests.

In July/August we hope to organise another Garden visit, date / venue yet to be confirmed, so listen out to gardening club emails. We do not have a meeting August.

September's delights are the rescheduled 2018 Garden Safari on Sunday September 9<sup>th</sup> and our meeting in the Park Room on September 24<sup>th</sup> is Nick Rowles from the Cheshire Wildlife Trust.

We hope to see you at any of these events

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

Lovely, sunshine, happy smiling children with lots to do. The Easter Egg Hunt organised by Squirrels in collaboration with the Ladies' Club (providing delicious teas), was a great success. The Park community working together to create a really lovely family day. Well Done everyone!!

Activities for the next few months:-

On Monday June 11<sup>th</sup>, Steven Lawson of FDR Law will be guiding us through some of the mysteries of Chancery with a talk entitled "Can Contentious Wills be Resolved". I gather that we are in for an interesting and thought provoking evening.

Our summer outing on the July 9<sup>th</sup> will be an elegant and sophisticated 'grown up' occasion when we board the "L'eau t Cuisine" to cruise and dine on the Shropshire Union Canal at Chester. A gourmet experience not to be missed!

In September (10<sup>th</sup>) our meeting will be a crafty affair. Jane Francis will demonstrate wet wool felting, a popular and rewarding hobby. Jane promises to set up a "have a go" table for anyone who would like to "have a go".

In November we celebrate 40 years of Delamere Park Ladies' Club. (Watch this space to discover how!). It would be good to hear from any founder, (early) members who might have reminiscences and photographs of "then and now". There must be lots of stories to tell.

So after 40 years, we are still going strong, to keep us active and vibrant for the next 40 years we would like to welcome new members. If you are interested, please contact us at [ladies@delamerepark.co.uk](mailto:ladies@delamerepark.co.uk) or phone Patsy Chuter 889140.

## Robins Kids Club

Robins Kids Club have teamed up with the Gardening Club to bring something new to the park, our very own **Scarecrow Trail!** We welcome residents and community groups to enter a Scarecrow into the trail which will run alongside the annual Garden Safari. Scarecrow Winners will be chosen by those who complete the trail on **Sunday 9th September**. FREE Scarecrow location maps and voting forms can be collected from reception on the day and we encourage all ages to get involved! It is just £5 to enter a Scarecrow and cash prizes will be given to our winners.

These are the dates Robins Kids Club is looking to open:

### 2018 Dates

Tuesday 2nd January 2018 – Friday 5th January 2018

Monday 19th February - Friday 23rd February

Tuesday 3rd April – Friday 13th April

Monday 28th May – Friday 1st June

Monday 23rd July- Friday 31st Aug

Monday 29th October – Friday 2nd November



To find out more about Robins Kids Club, call Alex on 07583 267511 or go to the Facebook page @robinskidsclub

## Delamere Park Clubs Socializing and Leisure

- 39/45
- Book Club
- 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
- 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)

## Volunteers sought



A number of people already kindly give some of their time to maintain the raised flower beds on the Green and at the Millennium Gate.

You may perhaps have noticed that the street signs around the Park are in need of some TLC – if you would be interested in giving some of your time along with a bucket, soap and water one Sunday morning:

– please contact Ella, Tel: 881771

## Mobile Library Visits



The Mobile Library stops at: Delamere Park Community Centre,  
10:10am – 10:25am  
Friday (3 week cycle), future dates are:  
8<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> Jun, 20<sup>th</sup> Jul, 10<sup>th</sup> & 31<sup>st</sup> Aug,  
21<sup>st</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 17<sup>th</sup> August 2018.

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