



News from Ladies Club



We are 40 years old this year and to mark the occasion the committee are organizing a special celebration in conjunction with our November speaker Peter Turner who promises us "an Entertaining Evening" of magic and mystery.

More details later but **SAVE THE DATE;**
Monday November 12th

In September Jane Francis will demonstrate "felting", an increasingly popular hobby. There will also be an opportunity for ladies to "have a go". **SAVE THE DATE;**
Monday September 10th

October is the month of ghouls, ghosts and things that go bump in the night so Jean Finney's talk about "Witches and Superstitions" will capture the mood of dark moonlit nights and Halloween. **THE DATE TO SAVE; Monday October 8th**

MORE DATES TO SAVE

December 3rd Ladies Club Christmas Party

Friday January 11th, an outing to Theatre Clwyd to see the Rock and Roll Pantomime "Dick Whittington". Tickets will be £32 each which includes the cost of the coach. Initially tickets will be for Ladies' Club, Family and Friends. However there will be a waiting list for non-members who fancy the outing. £5 deposit per ticket secures a seat.

Wednesday March 20th, an outing to the Palace Theatre Manchester to see "Les Miserables". We have Circle seats booked at £55.50 each, the coach will be extra, the price dependent on numbers. Tickets are open to all Delamere Park Residents, Family and Friends. £10 deposit per ticket secures a seat on a first come first serve basis.

To book either or both events please contact Judy Piper 888312; email j.piper121@btinternet.com; or post an envelope containing your deposit, name address and contact number to me at 4 Paddock Walk.

MESSAGE FROM PATSY CHUTER (our Chair)
"I would like to say what a successful year we have had so far, with some brilliant speakers and wonderful events. Our group is open to all ladies on the Park so please feel free to come and join us. We will be sending a list of our forthcoming speakers out by email before our September Meeting and would look forward to seeing anyone who would like to come along."

For more information contact:
Patsy Chuter 889140 or email ladies@delamerepark.co.uk

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:

- 6th September
- 4th October
- 15th October
- 1st & 19th Nov



Future Events



** Scarecrow Trail & BBQ ** Sunday 9th September



- Saturday 22nd September ~ Macmillan Coffee Morning
- Saturday 22nd September ~ Speakeasy Evening
- Saturday 6th October ~ A Soul Music Night
- Sunday 14th October ~ Sunday Lunch
- Thursday 18th October ~ Shop Local Evening
- Saturday 20th October ~ Super Quiz Night
- Wednesday 31st October ~ Halloween Party
- Saturday 10th November ~ Bonfire Night
- Sunday 18th November ~ Sunday Lunch
- Friday 30th November ~ Guess the Wine

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: fern.gresty@hotmail.co.uk

News from The Trustees

Since the last newsletter, the trustees and DPML management have all been working hard to continue providing a service that we can both be proud of and quite rightly expect. I would therefore like to update you on several issues that are subject to the result of misinformation and rumour from around the Park. The trustees feel it is now time to set the record straight.

1. Since, the SGM in May and the resolution to keep the Grounds Maintenance in-house, we have been working hard to put in place the necessary changes that over time will deliver what we believe will be an improved quality/level of service. This has included; - a change in management style, the creation of a new Steering group to help define new working schedules and objectives, regular review meetings and a greater focus on what is being delivered. We have developed and implemented a new summer work schedule (to be used until September), that will be monitored and evolved over the coming weeks, whilst also looking into what is required from an autumn/winter schedule.

2. As a result of planting trees on the verges of Delamere Park Way West, DPML and your trustees are being taken to court on 14th September by one of our residents to force the estate to remove them, as they are un-wanted. The Trustees and DPML, vigorously contest this action as we take our responsibilities seriously and understand our duty to protect the layout and aesthetics of the "common" land around the Park. In our opinion, and I hope the majority of residents agree, it is the abundance of trees and quality of the common land that attracted us to the estate in the first place.

3. Squirrels pre-school nursery. Over the last few months many inaccuracies have been spread around the Park relating to the treatment of Squirrels and their usage of the Lodge. As part of an initiative to improve upon the level of activities available to children on the Park, the trustees agreed, that in addition to Squirrels, an alternative user group would be allowed access to use the Lodge during holiday periods to run a children's club. At this time Squirrels did not see providing this additional service as part of their portfolio. Unfortunately, this has created a lot of unnecessary animosity and ill feeling. The trustees see the extra service being offered as a real and positive addition to the Park and want to encourage such activities that support the enhancement of the Park. In order to try and resolve these issues, DPML have proposed the setting up of separate management agreements between each group and the estate to clarify both their relationship with the estate and agree terms. As part of this agreement the trustees are also requesting that the two primary groups cover the basic running costs of the Lodge and that the policy of past trustees not to enforce the terms and costs of the previous lease is re-assessed. Currently, Squirrels are using the Lodge on the back of a lease dated in 2010, with an annual rent of £12 and a requirement to pay all associated bills. Whilst, they have been paying for the gas and their own telephone/broadband line, no other utilities/rates etc. have been re-charged. Over the last few years DPML, (before one off costs /improvements to the building, which amounted to £12k last year) have been subsidising the use of the Lodge to the tune of approximately £2000 per annum. The trustees feel fully justified in raising the question of whether this continued support is justified, both within the current economic climate and in light of the number of Park children benefiting from the service.

In conclusion the trustees value the input and opinions of all plot holders and request that any correspondence is channelled correctly through the office so it can be logged, administered and followed through correctly. Thank you.

Paul German (Chair of Trustees)

News from Estates Manager

I would like to update residents regarding recent maintenance events. There have been issues with water pressure to the header tank serving the showers. As this equipment is still under warranty Hopkins Coats / Trentons were contacted for repairs to or replacement of the unit concerned. Once it was established that the issue was not connected to the incoming supply pressure then contractors arrived to resolve the issue. The cause was a small piece of plastic and a build up of debris in the booster tank which prevented the tank valve from opening and thereby stopping it from re-filling. This has now been resolved.

On Saturday 11th August I was called to site as there was a burning smell emanating from the pool plant room. On entering the room I found a small rubber ball which had been forced into the circulation pipework and had caused one of the pool pumps to overheat and burn out. The object was removed and power to the building was restored. However the pool remained closed until a new pump could be fitted. This was completed on Monday 13th August and the pool re-opened. I would like to request to all residents using the pool to observe the byelaw which calls for no ball games in the pool area.

The Planned Preventative Maintenance regime continues to identify and rectify minor maintenance issues before they become significant.

A number of light fittings have been replaced with LED in the reception corridor.

The tennis court cable supporting the net has been replaced on no.2 court.

The newly formed Events Group 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 and in leaflets available from reception.

I would like to remind residents that a Rijo branded coffee machine is available in reception which offers speciality coffees, tea and hot chocolate 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)

Macmillan Coffee Morning



MACMILLAN BIGGEST COFFEE MORNING IN THE WORLD - **SATURDAY 22nd SEPTEMBER** 10.00AM TO 12 NOON

A date for your diary 22nd September. Once again there will be a range of very interesting stalls including the fabulous jewellery stall by popular demand and Gifts for all Seasons which were very successful last year plus many more new stalls. Please come along and enjoy a wonderful morning with your friends whilst supporting this worthwhile charity. Tickets will be available from the Clubhouse or on the door at £3 which includes tea or coffee and cake. From a brief exit poll last year what people liked most was the wonderful Delamere Park friendly atmosphere! If you require further information please phone Brenda 01606 252655.

Squirrels Pre-School

Squirrels are looking forward to September with the exciting news of our new manager, Sam Shimmin, we wish her well in her new role.



Calling All Parents & Grandparents!
Are you looking for a Pre-School?

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- Small, quiet and friendly setting
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Call us now to book a free taster session!

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59 Delamere Park Way West
Cuddington
CW8 2UJ
Telephone: 01606 888782
Email: squirrels@delamerepark.co.uk
www.squirrelsdelamerepark.co.uk

Registered Charity Number: 1016400

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Indoor Bowls

Indoor Bowling meets every Tuesday in The Park Room at 8.00pm. 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 please phone Brenda on 01606 252655 or Marjorie on 01606 301847.



Iyengar Yoga

Tuesday 1:30 - 3:15pm
Starts again 4th September

Why not come and try yoga in our friendly class. Beginners and those with more experience are most welcome. Any questions contact: Sue Rennie, 888324 / 07554 442215

Delamere Park Golf Society

To all residents interested in playing golf, we have a golf society on the Park established 25 years ago, our aim is to provide low cost golf, we have four events a year at local clubs, membership is free. All details of how to join can be found on our website: www.dpgs.co.uk We look forward to seeing new faces.

Mah Jongg

Just a reminder that Mah Jongg is played on the second and last Thursday of the month commencing at 1.30pm in the Clubhouse. Although the game is of Chinese origin and is played with tiles as opposed to playing cards, we play the American version with Jokers. Why not consider joining this small friendly group and have a really enjoyable afternoon. We also hold two excellent lunches during the year. Interested? Ring 889665 or email mahjongg@delamerepark.co.uk



Hi Everyone,
Well, what can I say!! The weather has been the absolute ruling force for weeks now and it is just beginning to cool down and actually rain some wet stuff for us.

It has been totally impossible to keep many of our gardens watered sufficiently to keep them green and probably you, like me have pots full of yellow withered plants. Also many plants in the borders are suffering the same. Keep them watered though and you might be surprised that they will send out new shoots which you can then prune back to and then remove all the dead areas.

Grass is certainly a survivor and as soon as the rains come it will begin to show green again. I'm sure you have all been enjoying getting out your barbecues, having parties, games or whatever in your garden even if it's just relaxing in a chair under a sun shade with a nice cold drink.

In June, many of our members and other residents enjoyed the perfect (almost too hot) weather during this year's annual coach holiday to Lincolnshire and the Ely Flower Festival.

Already the 2019 holiday to Hampshire is being booked up, so if you are interested get a message through Gardening Club or direct to Fiona Goulden. Anyone wishing to book needs to let Fiona have their deposit of £100 with your request – cheques made out to Delamere Park Gardening Club. This is because the holiday company have had an option on the hotel booking for a long time and we need to be able to confirm that we have enough numbers to firm up the booking.

I am really sorry to report that this year's **Garden Safari has unfortunately been cancelled due to the hot weather and lack of garden hosts volunteering.** I know many of you enjoy this annual charity event on the Park so I hope we can get it going again for 2019.

We will however be joining with the younger residents on the Park as they plan a scarecrow trail and competition on Sunday 9th September.

Following the Summer break, our club nights for the next few months are as follows:

September 24th our guest speaker is Nick Rowles from the Cheshire Wildlife Trust who will be talking about insects and animals in our gardens and the work of the Trust.

October 22nd another wildlife speaker – Clive Richardson on a very, very important insect in our gardens, 'The Year of the Bee Keeper'

November 26th Judy Popley a favourite speaker of ours who will be talking about 'Gardens Well Worth a Visit'. I am sure there will be at least one garden that you will be enthused to go and visit.

If you would like to come along to one of our meetings we will be pleased to see you in the Park Room for an 8:00pm start.

Contact Gardening Club through

David Cooper, Email: garden@delamerepark.co.uk or Mike McNeal through Reception for further information.

Happy gardening!



News from Park PALs

It was bad luck that the only morning it rained in July was the day of our Garden Party. Undeterred Pam, Christine and Barbara transferred everything to the Park Room and a magnificent feast was assembled. We had all contributed and specially appreciated were the barbecue cooked sausages served in a bun with melt in the mouth onions.

In August a large group visited Mayfield Gardens at Bunbury Heath where we were warmly welcomed by the owner who provided tea and cakes.

We are planning a Carvery lunch at the Riverside and an afternoon tea at the Bluebell Cafe, Barrow. A group is going to The Spirit of Christmas concert at Chester Cathedral in November.

Feeling lonely? Come and join us. For more information please ring Barbara on 882533, Christine 301699 or Pam 889665.



Health & Fitness

SEPTEMBER SIZZLER – SHAPE UP with Emma Wilson Fitness!

What better way to welcome the Autumn and say goodbye to cream teas, BBQ's, Beer, Prosecco and Pimms (not forever of course!)

A chance to re-set and re-charge your body and prepare for the BIG party at the end of the year with an online fat loss, health & wellbeing course. A perfect way to get to work and rid your body of the excesses of this marvellous sunny summer! ALL online - so no need to leave your own home

Do you want to have more energy? Sleep better? See improved health markers; lower blood pressure, lower blood sugar and cholesterol, improve your joint & bone health? This group can help! I provide exercise videos that you can do in the comfort of your own home to help you shed the pounds, stay active and make you burn more energy on a daily basis.

There are various classes I have at Delamere Park clubhouse on your doorstep, along with others on my website. www.emmawilsonfitness.co.uk if you want to come along!

Monday

9.30am – PureStretch
6.00pm – Circuits

Thursday

9.15am – HIIT Circuits
10.15am – Stay Active (gentle approach to exercise)
6.00pm – Circuits

Next online course starts on 5th September for 30 days. For more information contact Emma on 07971 596529 or email getfit@emmawilsonfitness.co.uk

DPML & Useful Contacts

All general enquirers such as booking park facilities, estate upkeep
reception@delamerepark.co.uk

Reception phone: 01606 889263

Monday to Friday 3.00pm to 10.00pm

Weekends 10.00am to 10.00pm

Property changes / planning approval:
office@delamerepark.co.uk

Steve Hayes:

estatesmanager@delamerepark.co.uk

Trustees:

trustees@delamerepark.co.uk

Homewatch:

To contact the Police;

NON - EMERGENCIES 101 ,
ASK TO BE PUT THROUGH TO THE LOCAL NEIGHBOURHOOD OFFICER;

This call may be put through to an answer machine; Your call will be returned.

Also email;

northwich.lpu@cheshire.pnn.police.uk

EMERGENCIES ONLY 999....

To report an incident anonymously ring crimestoppers; 0800 555 111

ACTION FRAUD; Advice on how to avoid being a victim. 0300 123 2040 .

Homewatch is mostly common sense by each person. If in doubt Report it however don't let the opportunity arise for the crime / theft, or whatever to be committed against oneself.

Keep safe ... Beware and enjoy the rest of the summer holidays and good weather.

David Bowker.

D P Homewatch Village Coordinator

Delamere Park Singers

We have had a really happy year singing. On 11 July, we sang at Elmhurst in Winsford as part of the NHS 70th celebrations.

Our Spring and Summer concerts at various locations have been enjoyed by both the residents and the Singers. We continue to raise funds for Huntington's Disease.

In September we start to rehearse for our Winter programme, as shown below. Do please come and support us at one or all of these events.

We are always delighted to welcome new members. We meet on a Wednesday morning, 10.30am – 11.30am in the Park Room. £3 a session.

Please ring Barbara Smith, 888844, if you would like to know more.

Dates for Diary

Singing at Lady Lever Art Gallery:

Saturday, 10 November 2018

1.30pm – 2.00pm

2.30pm – 3.00pm

Singing at Tatton Park Mansion:

Sunday, 2 December 2018

11.05am – 11.50am

12.35pm – 1.20pm

2.05pm – 2.50pm

Singing at Lyme Park:

Sunday, 9 December 2018

12pm & 2pm

Delamere Park Carol Service:

Friday, 21 December 2018, 7.30pm

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 (Winter) the deadline is Friday 16th November 2018.

Please contact Ella, Elizabeth or Lesley via email to: news@delamerepark.co.uk