

Planted areas in Delamere Park

The Gardening Team are undertaking a trial of "refurbishing" a small number of the existing planted areas at various locations around the Park.

They have already completed a small area at the entrance to the Clubhouse and will be moving onto 3 or 4 other locations over the coming months.

These include

- (1) junction of Delamere Park Way / The Coppice (make-over of 2 corner beds)
- (2) Junction Hollow Oak Lane / Three Ways(new rose bed)
- (3) Junc Norley Road/DPW @ Park entrance (rebuild/replace brickwork planter).
- (4) o/s Clubhouse entrance (make-over of bed with new raised planters)

In some instances they are introducing raised (sleeper) flower beds with new hard & soft landscaping elements, and in others simply replacing the whole bed with new soil & plants. To date the work at the Clubhouse building has met with general approval, so they intend to undertake a larger area around the Flag pole on the opposite side.

Ultimately there are cost and time limitations to what is possible, but if the feedback is positive, we may be able to organise a programme of bed improvements over the coming months / years. In the meantime we have devised a rolling programme of maintenance which will see all the 50+ existing cultivated beds in the Park, weeded and any dead or dying plants replaced on a regular basis.

At the same time, we are moving onto tree maintenance within the Park which will include replacement of those saplings which are showing signs of distress or dying and their replacement with new trees over the coming months.



Money raised at the 2015 Bonfire Event

Many thanks to the volunteers and kind donations that made this event a spectacular evening for us all to enjoy.

The excellent raffles prizes which were kindly donated by the users groups helped to raise £186. Thanks to Jeff and Sandra Prest for their hard work on the green and surrounding area, the bucket collection raised £1158.74, making the total amount of money raised - £1344.74p.

£100 of this was donated to the children's Christmas party and the remaining money will be put towards next years firework display.

The next edition of the Newsletter will be published April / May 2016. The deadline for news stories / content is 15th April.

Contact Ella, Lesley or Emma—news@delamerepark.co.uk

Park News

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Hold this space...

Would you like to sponsor an edition?

Contact news@delamerepark.co.uk

Volunteers needed....



Delamere Park Gala Day 25th June 2016

If you have any experience with charity work, organising school events or are just available to give a helping hand...then WE NEED YOU. We would greatly appreciate any offer of assistance for helping with the preparation for the Delamere Park Gala day 2016 to make this event a truly memorable one for us all.

If you have any ideas for the day such as sport activities/ face painting/ music suggestions/ vintage car or motorbike enthusiast's/ beer tent / pet corner...we would like to hear your thoughts...what would you like to see and enjoy to make the day a huge success?

If any group would like to book a stall for cakes / sweets / crafts / plants and flowers / bric a brac / books etc...then please contact Barbara or Emma on the following email address; news@delamere.co.uk

Pilates On Park

Tuesday's from 23rd February
(Replaces Wednesday's 12.30pm class)

7.30 am Early Bird

9.30 am Morning Practise

7.30pm Evening Practise

Tel: Lesley 07725 809100

Booking not necessary - but appreciated

Water Colour Painting Class

Why not come and join us on the second Friday in the month at 9.30 am until 1.00 pm in our class?

We welcome all abilities from beginner to the accomplished and the charge is £10 per lesson. For further information please contact Anne on 01606 882803.

Contact Ella, Lesley or Emma—news@delamerepark.co.uk

Park Correspondence

“Air your views...”

A letter to the editors,

The Trustees of DPML would like to offer their sincere thanks to the new editors of Park News for coming forward and taking on the production of the newsletter. I am sure residents will agree that the first issues have been very interesting and informative and we view it as a great way to keep residents aware of happenings in the park. We aim to provide regular trustee updates in future issues.

Thank you!

Dear Editors,

During my walks around the park my heart is always gladdened by the sight and sound of trees around the area, these along with other greenery and green spaces on Delamere Park help make it a lovely place to live.

Accordingly I would like to use the letters page to remind residents that there are hundreds of Tree Protection Orders in place all around Delamere Park. I am sure we all understand that sometimes trees have to be cut back or even cut down but care should be taken that doing so does not contravene a TPO. If anyone is in doubt about a tree they should contact the DP Office or the Council who maintain records.

There are hefty financial penalties involved for those who do contravene a TPO – and contravention is not limited to actually cutting a tree down but may also include lopping and topping. In other words you do not have to obliterate a tree in order to ‘destroy’ it. It is sufficient for the tree to be rendered useless as an amenity or as something worth preserving.

I trust that most of us would be happy that where trees do have to be cut down that these would be replaced by new trees. Otherwise the wonderfully verdant nature of the Park will change over time - so let's all strive to keep the Park a green place.

Yours truly

Alan, The Spinney

To whom it may concern,

I read with interest the suggestion in the last news letter that a notice board be erected outside of the club house and I whole heartedly agree with this idea. Not everyone who lives here regularly visits the club house but we are still interested in Park news and events. And as good as this news letter is it only comes out every couple of months, so how do we get this organised?
Anonymous.

Hi Editors,

Another suggestion for the location of the squirrel family would be on the green, at the end of Delamere Park Way West and Badgers Set....it could be safer here and away from any possible damage. Also, on this piece of green we used to have a park bench, could this be replaced?
Ella, The Spinney.

The DPML Children's 2015 Christmas Party

This event was a huge success again with around 50 resident children (plus parents and grandparents!) enjoying a party tea, games, a disco and even a visit from Santa. The Trustees would like to thank all involved in the organization of the party for giving up their time to make sure this important event in the Park's calendar can continue. These events rely on volunteers so if anyone is able to be involved in the organization of the 2016 party please leave your details at reception.

Thanks

Carla

Dear Editors,

I was delighted to finally the moss being cleaned off the paths a few weeks ago. I am however slightly concerned about the state that some of the paths have been left in. The moss has now been cleared and the slip hazard reduced, but parts of the tarmac on some pathways has been pulled up which is now causing a trip hazard.

I do hope that this will be rectified in the near future?

Regards, Anon.

The views expressed in the above letters are not representative of DPML or the Trustees.

Contact Ella, Lesley or Emma—news@delamerepark.co.uk



Want to play cricket?

We have over the years enjoyed a vibrant cricket scene.

However things have been neglected over the last few years and not much has happened. Our cricket nets were bequeathed to Delamere Park by former resident Tim Bush and his family as a resource for all to enjoy.

Just five years ago residents got together to play our great summer game. Weekly net sessions led to fun matches and were much enjoyed.

It's our aim to reboot Cricket on the Park.

The nets might not be in the best shape right now but we are hoping with the help of the trustees to improve things. We already have kit and will always endeavour to have enough of everything to make our enjoyment safe.

So initially we are looking for likeminded adult residents to join with us and get the ball rolling. We do hope that in the future children's participation can be accommodated with all consideration for their safety.

If you are looking for some summer fun please let us know on the email below or give our lovely receptionists your details

Enthusiasm is a prerequisite, if you can bat or bowl even better.
Tim, Denis, Pete and Darren cricketondp@gmail.com

Contact Ella, Lesley or Emma—news@delamerepark.co.uk

3945 Club

The '3945 Club' enjoyed an Annual Hot Pot Supper in December 2015 held in the Park Room, when 25 sat down to supper.

In January the monthly speaker was Geoff Scargill, from Cheadle, Cheshire. He gave an illustrated talk on 'The Channel Islands and German Occupation during World War 2' after which we adjourned for our normal buffet supper and drinks prior to the meeting proper, 24 members attended.

On 22nd January we held our Annual Dinner for wives and friends at Sandiway Golf Club, when over 50 sat down to evening dinner. Entertainment was provided by Kevin Jay of Frodsham.

On 17th February, the speaker will be John Jackson of Delamere Park, who will give a talk and slides on an 'Antipodean Holiday', after which we will have our buffet supper and drinks.

Arrangements are in hand for a visit to Manchester City Football Club, date to fixed shortly.

The meeting for March will be held on Wednesday 16th, when the speaker will be Judith Walmsley from Gatley. Judith is a serving Policewoman in the Greater Manchester force and will talk about 'Social Services', once again this will be followed by buffet and drinks.

Problem with SPAM from the DPML "News@Delamerepark.com" site

It would appear an increasing number of Delamere Park residents have received SPAM emails from the address "News@Delamerepark.com" or similar and recipients are advised to exercise caution. If you do open such communiqués you are not likely to see anything relating to Delamere Park matters, but instead are pointed at a "link" which if opened will take you to another web site with a possible virus .

There is no immediate answer or solution to what is a recognised worldwide internet problem (SPAM). However, residents receiving such SPAM emails **SHOULD NOT** open the emails, any link or attachments and immediately delete the message. In addition residents may wish to check their own PC 's are protected with a suitable "virus checker" and also update any system passwords which they may have in place.

The correct DPML News address is news@delamerepark.co.uk. The DPML Estates Team also send to residents regular emails / planning notifications using office@delamerepark.co.uk

To ensure that these emails reach you correctly please make sure that these two addresses are in your computers Safe Senders List.

DP Book Club

For our January meeting we read "All the Light We Cannot See" by Anthony Doerr.

At first glance this looked like yet another awful tale of war however it turned out to be an at times moving story of two lives which seemed to be worlds apart but which yet came together and influenced one another. Written in beautiful and evocative prose it reminds us that focusing on small lives may help illuminate the vastness of history.

We gave this book: ★★★★★

Putative Film Club

Would anyone be interested in starting a film club/society on the Park? Various schemes exist to help and advise on setting up one from scratch. If you think you would like to be involved in investigating the potential for an on-the-Park club please contact news@delemerepark.co.uk

Tuesday Morning Tennis

We are a small group who meet at 10am at the Clubhouse every Tuesday morning and play tennis. If the weather is bad we move into the Park Room and play table tennis . Afterwards we relax with a coffee and chat.

If you would like to join us please either contact Pam Taylor on 01606 889665 or just turn up on Tuesday morning where you will be assured of a warm welcome.

Contact Ella, Lesley or Emma—news@delamerepark.co.uk

Delamere Park Singers



Delamere Park singers began in January 2012 and our first concert took place in June of that year. We sing two concerts, three times a year at residential / nursing home and perform a different program depending on the season. At these concerts we ask for a donation for our charity—Huntington's disease and to date we have raised £1090 for which we are very proud.

As well as our normal concerts, we also take part in the party on the park in summer and the Christmas carol service in December. The carol service just passed was well attended with about seventy people in the congregation. Donations from this are given to the Church's charity - £25.00 was given for 2015.

We are also delighted to have been asked to sing at Tatton Park for the past three Christmas seasons. This is a wonderful experience for all of us.

On a weekly basis we meet every Wednesday morning at 10.30am in the Park Room for an hour of singing. If you feel you would like to come and give us a try, there would be a warm welcome from the singers, Anne and myself; Barbara Smith.

Clubhouse & Park Room at Christmas

Residents were reminded how wonderful the Park Room can look for a small gathering/celebration from the pictures of the Water Aerobics lunch held on 16th December 2015.

Please enquire at Reception if you want to find out more about booking the room to celebrate such occasions.



Aqua Aerobics Group

The Vice President of St Luke's Hospice Bill Crafter has sent a very warm letter of thanks to the Aqua Aerobics Group, through the Group Leader Ann, for their generous support which since January 2008 has donated a total of £7368.48 including the most recent donation of £179.29.

The group donates every 4-5 weeks says Ann.....once the box is full and feels heavy! Well done to everyone involved for a marvellous achievement.

Aqua Aerobics takes place on Wednesday morning 11.00am -12.00pm.

Contact Ella, Lesley or Emma—news@delamerepark.co.uk

Forthcoming events:

Stitch Knit and Natter

New social club starting Wednesday 24th February at 7pm. Beginners and veterans invited to share in the "knowledge". Enjoy a cup of tea and piece of cake and make new friends. For details of venue please contact Patsy on 07703 818482.

Rummikub

The group meets on Friday's at 2pm in the Club House. No previous experience needed.

Water Aerobics - Wednesdays at 11am

Cost is £2, all of which is donated to St Luke's Hospice. Please bring a pair of cotton trainer socks as the bottom of the pool can be slippery.

Delamere Park Pals (DPP)

DPP will meet on Thursday 25th Feb at 19:00 in the Bar. Meanwhile, we are meeting for 'Brunch' at Gibson's Mill at 11:30 on Friday 12th February, for anyone who lives alone on DP.

Please contact Christine (301699), Pam (889665) or Barbara (882533) for further details.

Ladies' Club

We meet on the second Monday of each month at 8pm in the Park Room. March is the start of our new yearly programme which includes a variety of speakers and events, so why not come along and join in, sharing an enjoyable evening, finishing off with a friendly chat over a cup of tea.

Membership for the year is £10 or if unsure why not try out first as a visitor with a fee of £2 per meeting, which is refundable when you join.

14th March - 'A Laugh on the Ocean Wave' - Brian Price

11th April - 'Chester Uncovered' - Stephen Shakeshaft

9th May - 'The Wilmslow Green Room' - Pat Barrow

If you would like further information please contact Janet Wilkinson on 889305 or email: ladies@delamerepark.co.uk

Youth Club

Children aged 9-15 are welcomed to join us at the Youth Club in the Lodge every Friday from 7.30 - 9.30pm for activities, games, chat and fun. Entry is £1.

Mah Jongg

Xīnnián kuàilè 'New Year happiness!' Feb 2016 starts the Chinese year, of the Monkey.

Join the Mah Jongg group in the lounge bar at 1.30pm on the 2nd and or the last Thursday of the month to enjoy the game with friends and be refreshed with a cup of tea or coffee.

No previous experience needed and personal guidance is given.

Phone 889410 or e-mail mahjongg@delamerepark.co.uk to book a game or just turn up on the day to watch or experience the fun of the game.

Forthcoming meetings are Thursday Feb 11th, 25th, March 10th, 31th, April 14th, 28th

We look forward to seeing you.

Delamere Park Singers

The singers have a busy schedule throughout April and May and will be performing on the below dates:

20th April - 11am Retirement Home (Venue TBC)

24th April - 7pm at Delamere Park Clubhouse

27th April - 11am at Winding Retirement Home in Helsby.

14th May—1pm at Lady Lever Art Gallery in Port Sunlight.

Delamere Park Gardeners Tour

19th to 23rd June 2016. Huntingdon near Cambridge and the surrounding area.

Cost: £434 per person sharing a twin/double room. Single supplement £60 per person. For full details please see the noticeboard in Delamere Park Club House reception.

Local Village News

Saturday 11th June 2016 - Cuddington and Sandiway Gala Day will take place on Norley Road Playing Field.

See the notice board in the clubhouse for the day's events. (A great way to get into high spirits for the Delamere Park Gala day!)

Information on all groups, classes and activities that meet regularly are available through Delamere Park reception or online at www.delamerepark.co.uk

GARDENING CLUB

A very happy new gardening year to you all as enrolment of members begins.

Our 2016 gardening calendar begins with a full programme of events. This years membership remains @ £8. This includes:

- 8 speaker nights and two party events.
- Entitlement to discounts with sponsored garden centres on production of your current membership card
- Also as members we get discounts through Suttons for seeds and plants.
- Discounts of fertilizers, compost, weed killers etc from a tie up with Helsby Village Produce Association.

This all sounds like a good reason to come along and decide whether you would like to join us!

We meet on the fourth Monday of the month at 8:00pm in the Park room. Keep an eye out for the poster at the clubhouse.

Our first meeting on a cold windy January was Carol Madden talk with 'Wonderful Winter' flowering plants.

On February 22nd we have a talk on The Smokies and Blue Ridge Mountains of Virginia. I am told it is copiously illustrated with the spring wild flowers of that area including Triliums, Orchids, Tree Magonilias, Tulip Tree's in flower and a couple of black bears met en route!

On March 21st our speaker is from the Pettypool Trust and he will be talking on growing vegetables through the year. Sure to be a hit for anything from window box's to veg plots.

We are arranging for a number of members to go on this years gardening club Holiday which is to Cambridge National Trust Halls and Gardens. The date will be on June 19th—23rd.

Also we must start to consider gardens to be open for 2016 Garden Safari. The date this year is June 12th.

All money collected during the event is shared between the Charity choice of the garden hosts. The gardens don't have to be pristine or large. Window box's, tiny plots it doesn't matter, It's for charity. If you would like to take part or know someone on the Park please let us know.

For any information or to volunteer your garden contact chairman Mike McNeal 01606

Music Community Group

Have you got a guitar gathering dust in the spare room?

Is there a saxophone giving you disapproving looks every time you walk past?

Is your fine voice only ever heard in the bathroom?

This is a new group for musicians of all abilities to get together and find music we can enjoy playing.

We hope to help each other improve our playing, and put those neglected instruments to good use. But most of all, to enjoy music.

Whatever you play, guitar (electric or acoustic), bass, brass, wind, keyboards, drums, vocals or anything else, we'd love to see you.

We're open to any style of music, Rock, Blues, Jazz, Pop, Rock 'n' Roll, you name it, we're happy to try anything, and don't worry if you're inexperienced or rusty, we can improve together.

We meet in the Lodge every Tuesday from 8.00 until 9.30 p.m., we'd love to see you there.

For more information please contact Darren: darren@darrenjs.plus.com or Dave: awesome60s@gmail.com

