

Delamere Park Carol Service



The Rev'd Canon Ron Iveson invites you to join him at an Ecumenical Carol Service to be held in the Park Room at 7:30 pm. on Wednesday 15th December. This year carols will be led by a local musician on keyboard.

Ron would be pleased if you would join him after the service when mulled wine and mince pies will be available. A collection will be taken, the balance of which, after wine costs, will be donated to St. Luke's Hospice.

Bonfire Night Thanks



A big thank you to all the folk who volunteered to assist in making Bonfire Night a successful event again this year.

The bucket collection amounted to £1356.79. (The most we have collected over the years.) The Raffle raised £203.70.

Thank you to Residents and friends for your generous donations. A cheque has been handed over to the Trustees for £1150, for the cost of the fireworks.

Iris Lyon - Chair of the Community Groups

Community Group News

How sad to hear at the age of 96 that Mr. Douglas Hanson had passed away.

Doug, was a true gentleman and was greatly respected by those who knew him.

In his time, Doug had done much voluntary work for the estate. He was the Treasurer for the Community Group for a number of years, in fact many years ago he looked into the cost of a piano, and it was agreed that we purchased the first piano for the then Baron Room, now called the Park Room.

Doug was a founder member of the 39/45 Club for men who had served in the forces, and who lived on the Park. He was a highly esteemed auditor and until quite recently had always audited the end of year accounts of Ladies' Club and Gardening Club.

We send our condolences to his wife Margaret and his family.

Coffee Mornings

It was good to see so many of you once more, plus some new faces. All are welcome, between 10:30 and 12:00 for a chat and a tea or coffee.

Future dates are :

December 2nd (Thu) and 20th (Mon)

January 6th (Thu) and 17th (Mon)

February 3rd (Thu) and 21st (Mon)

March 3rd (Thu) and 21st (Mon)

Maria and Paul
(889728)



Park Events for your diary

4 th December (Sat)	~	Belle Voci Concert
9 th December (Thu)	~	The Greatest Showman (sing- along)
15 th December (Wed)	~	Carol Service
17 th December (Fri)	~	Christmas Karaoke
31 st December (Fri)	~	New Year's Eve
20 th January (Thu)	~	Film Night
17 th February (Thu)	~	Film Night

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

Events Group

Since September the Events Group is delighted to have been able once again to facilitate both the Scarecrow Trail and the Pumpkin Trail; as well as to provide Burgers and Hot Dogs at the Scarecrow Trail and on Bonfire Night. And, of course, we were finally able to hold our first Big Breakfast for 21 months in mid-November - an event eagerly anticipated by many.

We have also held three Film Night screenings with a fourth - **The Greatest Showman** - scheduled for Thursday 9th December. In the New Year we have Film Nights scheduled for: Thursday 20th January, Thursday 17th February and Thursday 17th March. We will announce details of the films nearer the time but please put the dates in your diary now. Also in the planning we hope to organise another **Big Breakfast** in January, a **Bingo Afternoon** in February and a **Race Night** in March.

Lastly, and most importantly, we would like to say a massive **Thank You** to all those who participated in the Trails and to everyone who has attended any of our events. It was wonderful to see so many people out and able to enjoy themselves once again in a social setting.

Thank you for your continued support.

The Events Group email: events@delamerepark.co.uk



Santa Claus is coming to Delamere Park



Ho! Ho! Ho!

Santa Claus is coming to Delamere Park on Wednesday **8th December** and Thursday **9th December** from 6:00 pm. with Delamere Forest 41 Club who will be collecting for the local charities - St Luke's Hospice and The Joshua Tree.

Please make a note in your diaries so the children, and you, can meet Santa.

Bar Opening Hours

DAY	DATE	HOURS	ACTIVITY
Tuesday	21	December '21	Normal Hours
Wednesday	22		Normal Hours
Thursday	23		Normal Hours
Friday	24	Christmas Eve	17:00 - Midnight
Saturday	25	Christmas Day	Noon - 16:00
Sunday	26	Boxing Day	Noon - 23:00
Monday	27		17:00 - 23:00
Tuesday	28		17:00 - 23:00
Wednesday	29		18:00 - 23:00
Thursday	30		18:00 - 23:00
Friday	31	New Year's	17:00 - 01:00
Saturday	1	New Year's	Noon - 23:00
Sunday	2	January '22	Normal Sunday Hours
Monday	3		17:00 - 23:00
Tuesday	4		Return to Normal Hours

Fitzsimmons Trophy 2021



Congratulations go to Lynne Shelley pictured on the right of the photo receiving the Fitzsimmons Trophy from Marjorie Ruchat & Isobel Nicholson winners in 2020.

Lynne has lived on the Park for over 40 years and for most of that time she has held an 'Adult Swimming Group'

It all began soon after Lynne moved to Delamere Park in 1977 when Lynne and another resident started classes to teach Park Children to swim but she soon realised that quite a few of the parents couldn't swim either and that they had a real fear of the water, so Lynne decided to set up an Adult Swimming Group and has carried on teaching ever since until her recent retirement.

Lynne's aim was to help as many people as she could to enjoy the very special pool facility that we have on Delamere Park.

I'm sure everyone who knows Lynne will agree she has achieved her aim and is a very worthy winner of the Fitzsimmons Trophy which is awarded each year to a Resident who has made a significant contribution to Park life.



Bar Event

Friday 17th December

8:00 pm till late

Hope you can join us, event is free.

DPML Useful Contacts

Office Hours:

Monday to Friday 10 am – 5 pm

email: office@delamerepark.co.uk

Tel: 01606 - 212523

Property Changes:

email: property@delamerepark.co.uk

Trustees:

email: trustees@delamerepark.co.uk



Mah Jongg



We are delighted to be now back playing our favourite game on a regular basis. Since our resumption a few new members have joined us. They have all found it easy enough to pick up the format.

During December we hold our Christmas lunch complete with wine in the Park Room. This is followed by our regular play with a Points Competition followed by Prize Awards.

It is a very enjoyable festive occasion. Interested?

Contact: Pam Taylor - 889665

Park Hedgehogs

As we approach the end of 2021, here's a little round-up of what residents on the Park have emailed me at parkhogs@gmail.com, sharing what they've been doing during the year to help our hedgehogs, and the success it has brought. Thank you to everyone who's been in touch.

Delamere Parkway West:

This one has been seen with his mate.



The pair live in an overgrown part of the garden and enjoy munching hedgehog food bought from the garden centre and mealworms intended for the blackbirds!

The Cobbles:

They've made a hedgehog highway hole in their gate and hogs have come into the garden. Up to three visitors per night, and they've polished off hoards of slugs too!



Long Acre (not my garden!):

A hedgehog has built a den of leaves, grass, moss and general loose vegetation



in a corner between a roof tile and the wall. This was built in early October, so I'm sure that the den will be used as a place for him/her to hibernate – it may well be occupied by the time this newsletter is circulated.

Please keep an eye out for hedgehogs during the winter. Hibernation is not a continuous process, so in milder periods 'hogs may stir and come out of their hibernacle looking for food - there won't be many slugs about so a bowl of cat biscuits will be very well received.

If you are interested in helping hedgehogs thrive on Delamere Park, there's lots of information on the internet – here are two good websites where you can find out more:

<https://www.cheshirewildlifetrust.org.uk/how-help-hedgehogs>
<https://www.hedgehogstreet.org>

And if you wish to share news with me about your hedgehog sightings or anything else hedgehog-related, please send an email to parkhogs@gmail.com

If you don't have access to the internet and would like to get involved, please leave a request with Reception and I will get some printed leaflets to you.

Thanks for reading; have a great Christmas, and I'll post an update next March.

Ken Blakemore

Park PALs

The leaves are falling, the evenings are dark but life with the Pals has resumed its cheery pattern and we have been getting together and planning for the future.

Our monthly meetings are now being held in the afternoons.

In October we went to the garden centre on the A49 to sample their carvery restaurant. Later in the month a member organised an Autumn lunch. This involved procuring three huge meat pies from a Frodsham butcher which were cooked and transported to the Clubhouse. Tables were laid and decorated with flowers. Vegetables and puddings were supplied by members to provide a feast better than any restaurant. Everybody played a part.

A theatre outing has been organised to see 'Calendar Girls' and in February there is a trip to see 'Jersey Boys' in Manchester.

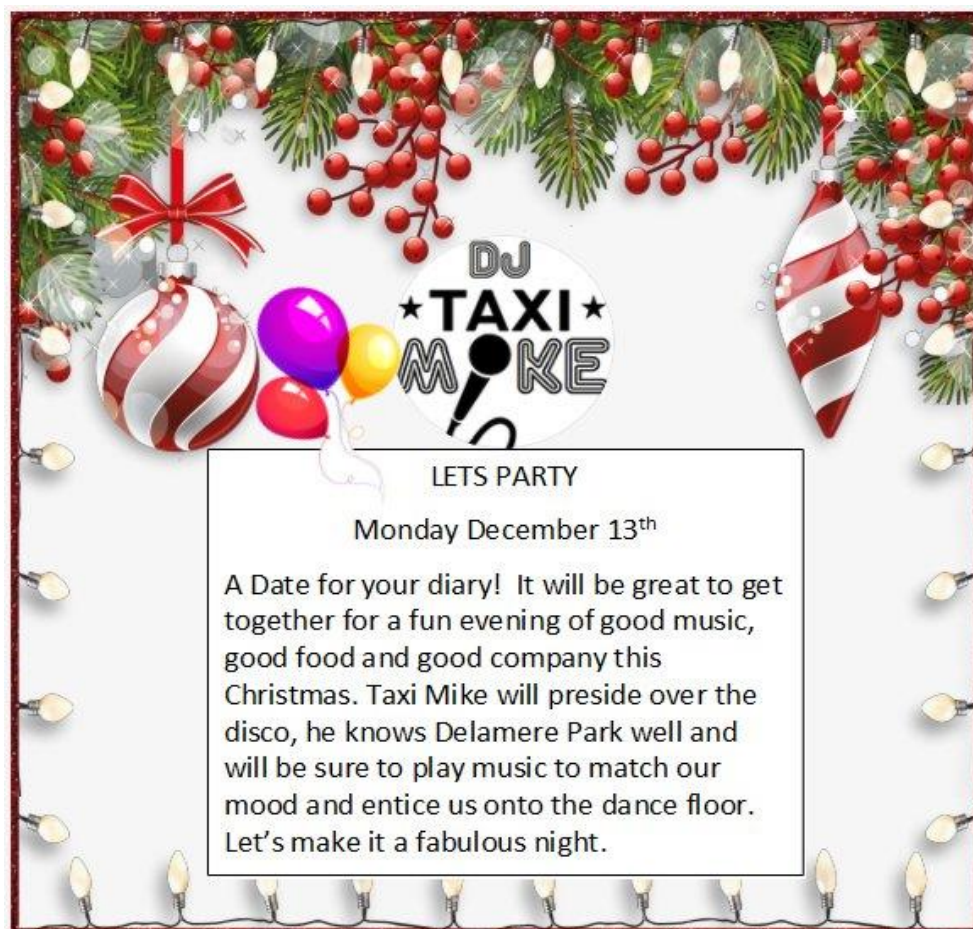
A Christmas tea and 'panto' is taking place in December.

On your own? Come and join us:

Phone: **Barbara 882533, Christine 301699 or Pam on 889665.**



Ladies' Club



We are offering hot food instead of the usual buffet this year.

Menu choices will be available when you book your ticket either from reception or at the next Ladies' Club meeting.

Cost £10. (Bring your own cutlery plate and dish).

MONDAY JANUARY 10TH at 8:00 pm Paul Stockton collects interesting and unusual objects which have been used in both agricultural and domestic settings. He will bring along a selection for us to marvel at, identify and discuss. Breaking new ground for some, a trip down memory lane for others. I must say it always seems strange to discover that objects from my youth turn out to be the museum pieces of today. Then I look in the mirror and realise so am I !!

MONDAY FEBRUARY 14TH at 8:00 pm – The Ladies' Club AGM, an informal evening to look back over the year enjoying a glass of wine in a relaxed atmosphere. If you have ideas for outings, speakers or events we would love to hear from you.

Ladies' Club always looks forward to meeting new members and welcoming existing ones.

For more information please contact: **Patsy Chuter 888140**
or contact ladies@delamerepark.co.uk.

Gardening Club

It seems strange to be writing about our forthcoming AGM and next year's programme when cosmos plants, amongst others, are still standing proud in our gardens.

However, our **AGM / Christmas Party** will be held on **December 6th** at a cost of £5 for members, £7 for invited guests.

In the New Year we will be starting off on Monday **24th January** with a talk by Paul Quigley (Ranger) about 'Norton Priory Walled Garden', followed in **February** with a talk by Anne Harrison on 'Colour in the Spring Garden'.

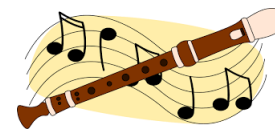
We usually meet on the 4th Monday in the month, all are made most welcome at our meetings, especially those new to the Park.

Mike McNeal

For more information, email: garden@delamerepark.co.uk



Folk Club



The first meetings of the Club have been a great success.

Meeting at 7:30 pm. on the 1st and 3rd Monday of each month all are welcome to come along to enjoy the free entertainment, and if they want, get involved and provide it! The atmosphere is relaxed and as close as the Park Room can get to the ambience of a "cafe-bar"!!

You'll hear anecdotes, poetry, and live music; and whilst you'll hear songs by Ralph McTell, Donovan, John Prine, the Houghton Weavers and so on, and popular music from the 80's to the current day, you'll also find performances of Medieval music, and maybe even the occasional rap. Guitars, harps, recorders, mandolins, wood blocks, tambourines and maracas all have featured so far!

As for the spoken word some anecdotes have been hugely interesting recollections of the members and many of the amazing poetry performances have been member-composed.

There's no membership fee - just turn up. It's a social event. If you've got an instrument bring it along....even if you choose not to play it !!! Hope to see you there.

Water Aerobics

The water-aerobics group meet weekly, (not weakly !) in the pool on Wednesday from 10:30 am to 11:30 am. All are welcome - swimmers and non-swimmers alike. It's a great fun way to keep fit. There's always plenty of laughter as we shimmy and jog along to inspiring music and respond to moves called out by the leader.

Keeping fit is not the group's only achievement; since August it has raised just short of £150 for St. Luke's Hospice.

Do come along and join us. We'd love to welcome you.

Delamere Park Clubs

Socializing and Leisure

- Arts & Crafts
- Ballroom Dancing
- Coffee Morning
- Folk Club
- Gardening Club
- Indoor Bowls
- Ladies' Club
- Mah Jongg
- Social – Plot Draw
- Social – Quiz Night
- Whist

Health, Fitness & Wellbeing

- Children's Swimming Lessons
- Exercise Class – PureStretch
- 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

Seasons Greetings from your Newsletter team

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 (Spring) the deadline is Friday 11th February 2022.

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