# Delamere Park News



# December 2019

## Delamere Park Calendar 2020

An A4 sized 2020 calendar with unique photographs of Delamere Park scenes and events is available from Clubhouse reception for  $\pounds 5$ . Ideal stocking filler! Limited print run so buy soon to avoid disappointment. All profits will go to St Luke's Hospice.

# **Fitzsimmon's Trophy 2019**



**CONGRATULATIONS!** To the Bus Service Working Party who are very worthy winners of this year's Fitzsimmon's Trophy given in recognition of all their hard work and determination resulting in the introduction of a Wednesday bus service between Northwich and Frodsham calling in via Delamere Park.

Above Joan Hopkin, John Goulden and Jeanette Stockton receiving the trophy at the O.G.M. on behalf of the rest of the team, Janet Wilkinson, Raymond Petts, Brian Gibson, Fiona Goulden and Sarah Shepherd.

## **Bonfire Night Thanks**



A big thank you to everyone who supported the Bonfire & Fireworks event and for turning out on such a wet evening.

Special thanks go to the Bonfire team for building the huge bonfire and to the Gardeners for collecting the wood.

Also to the Firework team for putting on a spectacular firework show which even exceeded last year's display.

To the Bucket Collectors for giving up their time to collect donations towards future fireworks.

To the Community Groups for donating the raffle prizes.

Thank you to the Events team for the

Park date	es for	your	diary	
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- Sunday 8th December~Film Matinee The NutcrackerSaturday 14th December~Christmas Party (Live Band)Thursday 19th December~Film Mamma Mia! Here we go Again ! (PG)
- Friday 20th December~DP. Carol ServiceTuesday 31st December~New Year's Eve (Disco & Buffet)Sunday 12th January~Board Game Afternoon
- Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> January ~ Film Guardians of the Galaxy (12A)
- Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> January ~ Family Bingo Afternoon
- Friday 7th February~Silent DiscoThursday 20th February~Film Downton Abbey (PG)
- Sunday 23rd February~The Big BreakfastSunday 1st March~Film Matinee La Traviata
- 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

# Delamere Park Carol Service

Our annual Carol Service will be held on Friday 20 December 2019 at 7.30pm in the Park Room. The Service will be led by Rev. Hilary Merrington from St. John's Church, Norley. The Singers will, of course, be taking part in the Service, under the leadership of our Musical Director, Anne.

During the Service, a collection will be made which will be sent to a charity of the Church's choosing (after costs for refreshments have been deducted). Please give generously.

At the end of the Service, there will be wine, soft drinks, cake, biscuits and mince pies.We very much look forward to welcoming you to this very special evening.

# Santa Claus is coming to Delamere Park



Ho! Ho! Ho!

Santa Claus is coming to Delamere Park on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December from 6.00 p.m. with Delamere Forest 41 Club who will be collecting for the local charities – St Lukes 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	17	December '19	Normal Hours			Plot Draw
Wednesday	18		Normal Hours			Xmas Quiz
Thursday	19		Normal Hours			
Friday	20		Normal Hours			
Saturday	21		Normal Hours			
Sunday	22		Normal Hours			
Monday	23		Normal Hours			
Tuesday	24	Christmas Eve	18:00	-	Midnight	No Plot Draw
Wednesday	25	Christmas Day	Noon	-	16:00	No Quiz
Thursday	26	Boxing Day	Noon	-	23:00	
Friday	27		18:00	-	23:30	
Saturday	28		Noon	-	23:00	
Sunday	29		Noon	-	22:30	
Monday	30		18:00	-	23:00	
Tuesday	31	New Year's Eve	18:00	-	01:00	No Plot Draw
Wednesday	1	New Year's Day	Noon	-	23:00	No Quiz
Thursday	2	January '20	Return to Normal Hours			

# **News from The Trustees**

Dear Resident,

We know Community Groups have thanked the various people for all their hard work preparing and working on Bonfire night we would just like to add our thanks also.

With a lot of hard work and effort in particular by Lyndon, this has resulted in the majority of plot fees having now been collected. So thank you to all those Plot owners who paid so promptly and those who have paid in full or set up their standing orders. Please be assured the outstanding fees will be pursued with vigour, so if you have forgotten that yours are due please pay now.

We know that there are very responsible dog owners on The Park who exercise their dogs regularly on the green, however we have had some comments with regards to the Children's Play Area where the dogs often run to collect their play balls and similar so please can we ask you to avoid this area when exercising your dog.

Finally we would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a very Prosperous New Year.

Best wishes, The Trustees



**Delamere Park Bus Service** 



As you may be aware, Cheshire West and Chester council have provided a one day a week (Wednesday) limited bus service between Delamere Park, Northwich and Frodsham, which commenced on 31 July 2019.

The service is receiving regular patronage to both Northwich and Frodsham from Delamere Park residents. It is also successfully supporting a local new housing development (Eden Grange) by virtue of this new route. We intend to link up with other local communities to further increase the profile of this bus service.

Cheshire West and Chester are aware that we require greater than one day per week but we accept that the one day service was offered as a 12 month trial in the first instance.

The original Delamere Park survey revealed that most potential passengers would prefer a market day service, ie Thursday, and this is clearly what would be more beneficial to the residents, in addition to the need for greater than a single day per week bus service.

appetising hotdogs and to the ladies selling glow in the dark products.

So far the money raised by the bucket collection, the raffle, and profit from sale of hotdogs and glow in the dark products has raised a total of just over £1500.

This will be used to pay for next year's fireworks and to give a donation towards the Children's Christmas Party in December.

Iris Lyon - (Community Group Chairman)



We plan to contact John Ellis Jones at CWAC early in the new year to review the successful progress of the bus service so far and to consider any potential further enhancements that may be offered.

We will keep you informed of any developments

**Bus Service Working Party** 

# **Squirrels Pre-School**

We are having a Christmas sing-a-long through the ages with Sandiway Manor and the Squirrels children on Tuesday 10th December 1.30 - 2.30pm in the bar area, Tea / coffee mince pies served. Everyone welcome. For any details contact Sam at Squirrels :

Email: <u>squirrelspreschooldp@gmail.com</u> Mob: 07885243686

# Park PALs

A party of us went to Chester Storyhouse to see Cabaret, which was an excellent production.

Our October trip was to Daresbury, the birthplace of Lewis Carroll. After a meal at The Dormouse Café we visited All Saints Church where the author's father had been vicar. There was a lovely atmosphere with the bell ringers practising in the background, the exhibition space and the famous Alice window in stained glass.

This month we held a Harvest lunch at the Clubhouse, featuring three huge meat pies from Cowards in Frodsham. This was followed by a Beetle Drive which was carried out with a minimum of cheating and much laughter.

There will be our usual Christmas tea this month in the Clubhouse.

We are now meeting in the Lodge once a month, On your own? Come and join us, all singles welcome. For more information ring Barbara on 882533, Christine 301699 or Pam 889665.

## Mah Jongg

On the 12th December this Group will be holding their Annual Christmas Lunch and Points Day.

This is a very convivial affair. Between us we provide delicious eats followed of course by one or two glasses of wine.

Well fortified, we then embark on our usual play but in competition form culminating in a winner and lucky looser. Both win a prize.

Great Day - you are welcome to join us. Interested? Contact Pam 01606 889665



This new club has been running now for 6 months and it has been great to see it enjoyed by about a dozen or more enthusiasts, bringing knitting or crocheting items including jumpers, toys, tapestry work, patchwork quilt, felting, special occasion cards and a number bring pencils, paints and brushes for drawing or watercolour painting.

We have some expertise between us, plus other attendees will have some knowledge to share, so help and advice may always be available.

We will be starting again in the New Year and look forward to seeing some new friends join us. Our start date will be Friday January 24<sup>th</sup> and then we will meet 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Friday of month from 11:30am - 1:30pm in the Park Room.



#### Hi Everyone,

I hope by now it will have stopped raining. It has been so wet and the garden absolutely saturated and wind blown.

All our tender plants and frost tender plant pots will need to have been brought in or covered with fleece against the impending frost damage.

How picturesque the garden looks when undisturbed snow lies all about and we look forward to the New Year when the snowdrops, daffodils and bluebells show their lovely flowers again. At Gardening Club our seed order for 2020 has been submitted to Mr Fothergill's seed supplier at discount rates.

Soon we will start enrolment for the coming year, so if you would like to join, the best time is at our January meeting.

A day which everyone enjoys is the Charity Garden Safari. The 2020 event will be on Sunday June 28<sup>th</sup> and we are looking for residents to offer their gardens for inclusion in this event.

It doesn't need to be large, full of flowers or a great layout, anything is okay even just a front garden or patio. The proceeds are divided between the charities nominated by the garden owners, so please consider entering, the earlier you offer the more time you have to decide what you are going to show.

For the next few months our meetings dates are as follows:

**December 16<sup>th</sup>**, our year ends with the AGM and Christmas Party (<u>start time 7:30pm</u>). This is a ticket event open to members and invited guests when we serve a hot meat pie or lasagne meal followed by a selection of desserts, with entertainment and a chance for a good natter.

**January 27<sup>th</sup>** RHS Bridgewater Manchester is the new RHS garden at Worsley and we will have the deputy gardener to tell us all about how it was set up and what to expect on a visit.

<u>February 24th</u> Our speaker will talk about the Birds in our garden and how to attract them to stay, including advice on Bird Boxes.

We would love to see you at one of our meetings so why not come along and enjoy a Monday evening out. Initially as a visitor if you wish, and meetings start at 8pm in the Park Room. Contact Gardening Club through David Cooper Email: <u>garden@delamerepark.co.uk</u> or Mike McNeal through reception.

Happy gardening!

# Delamere Ladies' Christmas

20th NovemberCHATSWORTH TRIP2<sup>nd</sup> DecemberCHRISTMAS PARTY

**<u>17<sup>th</sup> January</u>** PANTOMIME

JANUARY 13<sup>th</sup> CHUTNEY AND CHEER Melanie Latham of Holly Cottage Preserves makes a range of pickles, chutneys, relishes, jams and marmalades, she will entertain us with funny stories while sharing some of her wares. There will be an opportunity to buy.

**<u>FEBRUARY 10<sup>TH</sup></u>** - LADIES CLUB AGM Come and join us for an informal evening chat about the past year over a glass of wine and look forwards to our exciting programme of events planned for 2020. Jingle Bells, Jingle Bells Jingle through the day Oh what fun to celebrate the Delamere Ladies' way Our Christmas outings start, with the Chatsworth

Yuletide Mart Oh what fun to celebrate the Delamere Ladies' way

Jingle Bells, Jingle Bells, Jingle bells are bright See our ladies all lit up, partying through the night

Jingle Bells, Jingle Bells Jingle bells are cold We're going to see a pantomime before the year is old.

Oh what fun to celebrate the Delamere Ladies' Way Jingle Bells , Jingle Bells , Jingle all the day



events planned for 2020. A warm welcome is always extended to new members.

Please contact: - Patsy Chuter Tel: 889140 or email: <u>ladies@delamerepark.co.uk</u>

## **Homewatch**

Dark nights and inclement weather, Winter is now with us....

# In the run up to Christmas, it is important to ensure that sheds and garages are secure, especially if you store expensive items in them.

With Christmas presents being delivered in highly obvious multi colour boxes, it is important to collapse the boxes not to advertise what expensive gifts have been acquired in the home by leaving the cartons by the roadside. Thus inviting unwanted visitors to break in to steal items.

Several residents have told me they have received telephone calls announcing that their emails or other devices even bank accounts have been infiltrated by Hackers and holding the individuals to a financial ransom.

The advice given by Fraud Division is as follows:

- **<u>DO NOT</u>** give any information to the caller, put the receiver down.
- **<u>DO NOT</u>** call any number that the caller may give you to substantiate the original call.

# **Events Group**

During the past 3 months we have held a number of events – a Scarecrow Trail, a Bingo Afternoon, a Super Quiz, not just 1 but 2 Big Breakfasts, a Shop Local evening, as well as 3 Film Night screenings (with 2 more still to come in December).

Details of events for the first 2 months of 2020 are listed elsewhere in this newsletter.

We would like to thank everyone who has attended one of our events - without your support we could achieve nothing.

We look forward to seeing you at our forthcoming events.

Best wishes for 2020 The Events Group



# **Indoor Bowls**

Indoor Bowls will recommence every Tuesday at 8pm with effect from Tuesday 14 January 2020.

# Water Aerobics

We are carrying on with Water Aerobics, in memory of our dear friend Ann Dean who had been running the group for many, many years. We will recommence on Wednesday, 8th January, and every subsequent Wednesday, 11 am to 12 noon. We give £2 each per session, all the monies collected go to St Luke's Hospice. Do come along for an hour of fun and exercise. If you want any more information, please contact either Sue on 883756 or Liz on 881893.

# **Ivengar Yoga**

The yoga class finishes for Christmas on 10th Dec. We start again on 7th Jan 2020.

# **Adult Swimming**

The last class for this year will be on Wednesday 27th November. The first class in 2020 will be on January 8<sup>th</sup> from 7.30pm to 8.30 pm.

Lynne Shelley (Instructor)

# <u>Coffee Mornings in the</u> <u>Clubhouse</u>

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:

December 5<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> (Mon) January 2<sup>nd</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> (Mon)



We look forward to seeing you then or on February  $14^{th}\,/\,28^{th},\,March\,13^{th}\,/\,\,27^{th}.$ 

Check the posteron the Clubhouse noticeboard 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 FREE of charge and open to any resident, any age. - **<u>DO NOT</u>** use the same telephone to call any help services as the phones do not disconnect callers for some time one may end up calling the caller due to a late disconnection of the line

Please be aware of the possible road conditions during the Winter months. Drive within the limits of the road condition. Drive safely.

Residents may have noticed recent news of a 20 mph speed limit signs to be erected on DP. Remember that "20 is PLENTY" There will be school aged children on our roads over the Christmas Period who could be learning to ride 2 wheeled bikes or playing in the "Snow". Please be aware of them and give plenty of space for them if you are a driver.

I wish you all a very Happy and Healthy & safe Christmas and New Year. It's a time to remember our friends who are no longer with us and perhaps say a prayer for them. We have lost so many this year.

David Bowker; DP Village Homewatch Coordinator

Crime stoppers. 0800 555 111 ; Action Fraud. 0300 123 2040





### Mobile Library Visits



The Mobile Library stops at: Delamere Park Community Centre, 10:10am – 10:25am Friday (3 week cycle), future dates are: 6<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> Dec / 17<sup>th</sup> Jan / 7<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> Feb.

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 (Spring) the deadline is Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2020. Please contact Ella, Elizabeth or Lesley via email to: news@delamerepark.co.uk