



News from The Trustees

Spring is about to arrive on the Park and this year it will herald the start of work on some of the major projects we have all been looking forward to. And I would like to start by giving an update on the Pool Refurbishment project. You agreed at the AGM last year to proceed with the project and since then our consulting engineers, Hopkins Coats, who you will remember were engaged to manage the project on our behalf, have produced a detailed specification and drawings. The work has been tendered and we now have a preferred contractor. However the tenders have come in very much higher than the original estimate that we were given for the work and for this reason the Trustees have decided to call a meeting of Plot Owners at short notice so that all the facts can be put before you and to give you the opportunity to ask questions before we proceed. The Trustees, the Estate Manager and Hopkins Coats all want to press on with the work and are satisfied that the tender process was robust and that the price of the preferred bidder represents market value. We will be contacting you shortly to provide you with more information and to notify you of the date and time of the meeting.

You will have noticed that the play area has been cleared. This is because a health and safety check identified defects (mainly rotten timbers) with the existing play equipment. A drawing of how the new play area will look is on display in the Clubhouse and work is due to commence on Monday 6th March. If you have been in the Clubhouse recently you will also have noticed, that in response to your feedback, we now display an organisation chart identifying Trustees and staff of Delamere Park Management.

Finally I would like to thank all the employees of DPML and volunteers for their excellent work and with the aftermath of storm Doris fresh in our minds a special thank you to the gardeners for the efficient way they dealt with the fallen trees on the park.

John Muir
Chair DPML

Coffee Mornings in the Clubhouse

Why not pop in for a tea or coffee and a chat with fellow residents between,
10.30 - 12.00?

The next coffee morning dates are:

- 2nd March
- 20th March
- 6th April
- 4th May
- 1st June

Each coffee morning is hosted by a different Community Group. Contact Maria on 01606 889728 for any further information

DELAMERE PARK
EASTER TREASURE HUNT



Squirrels are running a **Family Easter Treasure Hunt** on Saturday 8th April, 12.30 – 3.30pm.

Start the hunt from Delamere Park Club House, just £2 per child.

Find the clues around the park, and look for Easter decorations along the way!

All children are welcome to come along and follow a treasure hunt around the park, and all entrants will receive a **delicious chocolate prize!**

We'll be serving **cream teas and cakes** in the Delamere Park clubhouse, and there will be a **second hand toy stall and Easter colour and crafts** to keep the family entertained. There's also an opportunity for new and prospective parents & grandparents to have a look around Squirrels Pre-School. We have spaces for September 2017. More information about this event to follow soon! Watch this space and check out Facebook page.



Organised by Squirrels & Delamere Park residents

www.squirrelsdelamerepark.co.uk
Find us on Facebook!

News from Estates Manager
(Steve Hayes)

Repairs and Maintenance

A series of repairs has been carried out throughout December and January including principally, emergency repairs to Squirrels / Lodge following the removal of asbestos. Residents will be aware of the extent of damage to the property that was incurred and the difficulty in sourcing contractors over the Christmas period to make good. However, we did manage to re-open the facility on 9th January. In addition we have carried out a number of electrical repairs to emergency light fittings throughout the site. Also further roof repairs were undertaken above the squash courts. I am awaiting prices for a full roof replacement but the repairs undertaken so far have been reasonably successful and bought us a little time to set funds aside for the future.

We have had some issues with the pool filtration pumps and these were replaced last week. The new pumps are more efficient and use less electricity than the previous ones so we should see some energy savings over the next few months.

Projects

1.Pool Hall, Plant Room and Shower Refurbishment

The project tender documents have been issued to 5 companies and are due back on 10th February. The timetable is then as follows:

<i>Appointment of contractor</i>	<i>17th February</i>
<i>Lead in period</i>	<i>4 weeks</i>
<i>Commence on site</i>	<i>20th March</i>
<i>Works duration</i>	<i>10 / 12 weeks</i>
<i>Project completion</i>	<i>early June</i>

There will be some disruption in reception area but it will be cordoned off adjacent the pool hall. It is my intention whilst the work is being undertaken to partially drain the pool, replace all missing mosaic tiles and professionally clean the pool tank. In addition I would take the opportunity to replace the pool hall lights with LED specification ones.

2. IT upgrade

The IT upgrade project has now been completed with all PCs networked and using the latest version of Office 365. We now have a connection with the gardener's compound so can communicate electronically with them. Also we have full control of the website and are able to upload documents and amend pages directly from the office rather than relying on the good offices of Andrew Long.

3. Play Area

The new play area equipment which was approved at the last Trustees meeting is being constructed off site and will be ready for installation in March. Displays of the new equipment are posted in the reception. We have managed to obtain a grant of £3,000 towards the cost of the play area from the local council and DPML would like to thank them for their contribution towards this project.

Gardening matters

The gardeners are now working to a new winter schedule which includes restoring the estate tree pruning programme, leaf clearing, edging off kerbs and various indoor works during inclement weather (e.g. painting Squirrels following re-instatement works). Also hedge cutting will resume shortly.



GALA DAY 2017



This year's Gala Day will be on Saturday 8th July, it is our once a year opportunity to come together on the Green for an afternoon of Family fun, this event can only happen if everyone gets involved, so please think what you and your family would like to do.

To make Gala Day successful we need your help in some way, no matter how small, help with planning, setting up, taking part or tidying away.

Similar to last year, all the different Community Groups will provide stalls and games for everyone's enjoyment and of course to boost their own fund raising.

In the evening we intend to have a family disco in the Clubhouse to round off the day.

If you are able to help then please either email: community@delamerepark.co.uk or Tel: Elizabeth on 889410 or leave your contact details at Reception.

The first planning meeting will take place late March / early April, so come on everyone we'd love to hear what ideas and help you can offer to make this a very special and sociable day for all.



News from Ladies' Club

Firstly, members of Ladies' Club would like to say a big thank you to our retiring Chairman, Janet Wilkinson for all the hard work and effort she has put in over the last 3 years to ensure our monthly meetings have run smoothly.

Our programme runs from March through to February, the first meeting of the current year is on March 13th when local artist Bernice Tackley talks about her life as an artist, designer and broadcaster.

We meet on the second Monday of the month at 8pm in the Park Room; membership is £10 for the year or if you're not sure about joining why not come as a visitor for just £2 which will be refundable if you decide to join.

So Ladies, whether you are new to the Park or have just had a break from Ladies' Club, why not come along to our next meeting to be entertained and have a chat with friends, old and new, over a glass of wine or a cup of coffee.

Below is our programme for the next three months, if you require any further information about Ladies' Club, please phone: 889410
or email: ladies@delamerepark.co.uk.

Mar 13th 'Artist, Designer & Broadcaster'
(Bernice Tackley)

Apr 10th 'Keeping Me in Stitches'
(Claire Mansfield)

May 8th 'The Seven Ages of Woman'
(Elizabeth Morris)

Mah Jongg

Spring approaches, leap to visit Mah Jongg for your enjoyment. Meeting in the Clubhouse lounge on the 2nd or last Thursday in the month at 1.30pm, learn to play Mah Jongg or just join us for a cup of tea or coffee with biscuits and watch the game unfold.

No previous experience needed as personal tuition is given.

Tel: 889665
or email: mahjongg@delamerepark.co.uk
to book in or just turn up to watch the game and experience the fellowship of the group.

Forthcoming meetings: Thursday Mar 9th, 30th, Apr 13th, 27th, May 11th, 25th

Looking forward to seeing you.

Letters to DPML

I noticed this Christmas that most villages now have their own real lit-up Christmas Tree, either outside their village hall or in some other prominent position. I have spoken to a number of other residents on the Park and we all agree that it would be a lovely idea if we could have our own this Christmas outside the Clubhouse.

Kind Regards,
Patsy Chuter (DP. Way West)

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Dear Editor,

Would it be possible to erect a notice board outside the Clubhouse as they have in Norley and Cuddington Village Hall?

Kindest Regards,  
Patsy Chuter (DP. Way West)

### News from the Gardening Club



A very happy new gardening year to you all.

After a fairly mild Winter, Spring and Summer are just around the corner and snowdrops, daffodils are showing their little heads again.

We have started enrolment of 2017/18 members but it's not too late to come along and join for this year, membership remains @ £8.

Our 2017 gardening calendar begins with a full programme of events, this includes:

Seven speaker nights and two party events with a local garden visit in May.

All our evenings are interesting, mostly with colourful photos.

So even if you are not that interested in gardening, this is a good enough reason, as well as a cup of tea and a chat.

Members are entitled to discounts with sponsored local garden centres on production of your current membership card, members also get discounts on seeds, plants and discounts on fertilizers, compost, weedkillers etc.

This all sounds like a good reason to come along as a visitor or maybe you would like to join.

We meet on the 4th Monday of the month @ 8:00pm in the Park Room. Keep an eye out for the poster at the clubhouse.

Our next few meetings are :

March 27<sup>th</sup> Climbing Plants by Anne Harrison

Anne is an excellent speaker and has great accompanying photos, so if you want to cover a fence or wall, come along and listen.

April 24<sup>th</sup> our speaker is Jenny Hendy with another interesting topic of 'A contemporary take on Country Containers.

Sure to be a hit for anyone wanting to fill a container / pot or whatever with colour.

By now we will have held our open to all film night

This was held on Monday evening 20th February.

To those who came I hope you enjoyed the 2016 Safari film and the other events of the night. Thank you for coming.



Garden Safari 2017



Also it's time again to think about the 2017 Garden Safari and the search for gardens to be on this year's list. The date this year is Sunday July 2<sup>nd</sup>. 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 boxes, tiny plots it doesn't matter, it's all for charity.

If you would like to take part or know someone on the Park who might please let us know.

For any information or to volunteer your garden Email: [garden@delamerepark.co.uk](mailto:garden@delamerepark.co.uk)  
or contact Chairman Mike McNeal 01606 882754 or ask at Reception

### Delamere Park Singers

Delamere Park Singers have been singing for five years, and are very pleased to be celebrating this 'milestone' and remembering many happy hours of music making together. We had our first meeting in February 2012 and can't believe how the time has passed so quickly.

Over these five years we have seen singers come and go – with memberships ranging from a few months to several years. We are extremely pleased to have a core of friends who continue to enjoy singing with us, with quite a few being original members.



We do endeavour to arrange a variety of concerts each year, and are delighted to have performed in many of the local residential homes, giving residents a lovely morning of song. In return we receive a warm welcome and lovely appreciation of the programmes we present. We have also ventured further afield and have been privileged to sing at Tatton Park, Anderton Boat Lift, Lady Lever Art Gallery and Dunham Massey.

Many of you will have heard us sing at Party on the Park and at the annual Carol Service – we are very pleased to be able to take part in both these activities.

The benefits of singing are well documented, not least the companionship and joy of music appreciation.

As well as enjoying our singing, we also raise funds for The Huntington's Disease Association and to date, have raised over £1,000.

If you would like to come and sing, we meet on a Wednesday morning in the Park Room, 10.30am – 11.30am. We pay £3 a week (paid on a monthly basis) which covers the cost of song sheets and helps towards expenses incurred by our Musical Director, Anne.

Anne and I look forward to meeting you.

Barbara Smith, 3 The Spinney. Tel: 01606 888844

### Delamere Park Clubs Socializing and Leisure

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Art

Book Club

Bridge

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

Childrens' Swimming Lessons

Exercise Class – Pure Stretch

Exercise Class – Circuit Training

Exercise Class – Pilates

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)

### Mobile Library Visits

The Mobile Library stops at:

Delamere Park Community Centre,

10:10am – 10:25am

Friday (3 week cycle), future dates are:

24<sup>th</sup> March, 5<sup>th</sup> May, 26<sup>th</sup> May, 16<sup>th</sup> June



*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 (Summer) the deadline is Friday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2017.*

*Please email [news@delamerepark.co.uk](mailto:news@delamerepark.co.uk)*