



## News from The Trustees

“As the newly elected Chair of DPML I thought it might be useful to set out some of the Trustees priorities for the future.

First we'd like to communicate better. We plan to do this by increasing Trustee and Staff visibility. Who we are, what we do, by improving our IT systems including the DPML Web Site and by setting a target to be able to communicate electronically with 90% of residents while continuing to reach out to those who do not have email. We've already started with the IT upgrade and will shortly be contacting residents for those missing email addresses. And we see communication as a two-way street. We'd like to hear from residents too by way of feedback on how we're doing what improvements you'd like to see ideas for new activities/facilities and anything else that you'd care to share with us.

We will continue to maintain and improve our buildings and facilities to ensure they are fit for purpose for existing and potential new activities. Those of you who use the pool may have noticed the new hypolyser electrochlorination unit improving swimming pool water quality and lowering our costs. Visitors to the clubhouse will have noticed the upgrade to the patio area outside the bar, and the repairs to the soffits, fascias and roof. The first stage of improvement work to the lagoons has been carried out by the gardeners with the help of volunteers. Next year will see further activity as work begins on the swimming pool and changing room - major improvements that you authorised at the recent AGM. We'll continue to keep you informed about the progress of these and other projects as they proceed.

Finally, we'll support our Estates Manager, staff and volunteers by giving them the tools and the training to do the job and deliver these priorities and all the other good work.

Best wishes, John Muir.”

## Coffee Mornings in the Clubhouse

Why not pop in for a pre-Christmas relaxing cuppa on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> December, 10.30 - 12.00?

Then in the New Year, the next dates are:

- 5<sup>th</sup> January
- 16<sup>th</sup> January
- 2<sup>nd</sup> February
- 20<sup>th</sup> February
- 2<sup>nd</sup> March
- 20<sup>th</sup> March

Each coffee morning is hosted by a different Community Group. Come along for a social chat with fellow Park residents. Contact Maria 01606 889728 for any further information



## DPML Children's Christmas Party

This will be held on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2016 from 3-5pm in the Park Room.

Resident's children and grandchildren aged under 11 are invited to come and join us for entertainment, games, prizes, party food and a visit from a very special guest..... Bring along a decorated picture or collage for a chance to win our 'Best Decorated Father Christmas' Competition. Tickets available from Reception now – free of charge

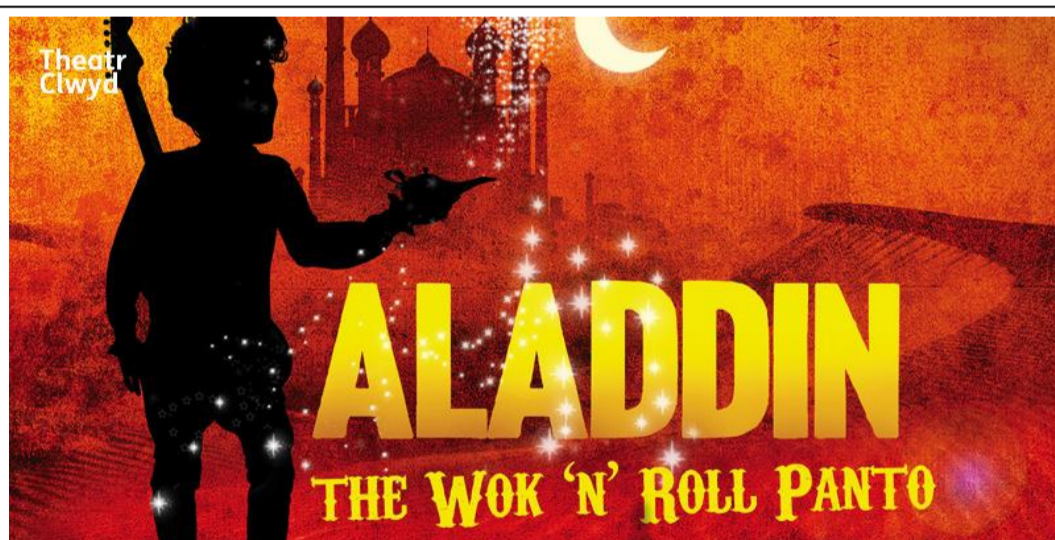
Please note: children under school age must be accompanied by a parent or guardian at all times



## Delamere Park Carol Service



The Delamere Park Carol Service will take place on Tuesday, 20 December 2016 at 7.30pm in the Park Room. The Rev. Peter Rugen from St John's Church, Norley, will lead the service and The Delamere Park Singers will lead the singing of the carols. Refreshments will be served at the end of the service. Donations are requested to cover the cost of the refreshments and any monies remaining will be given to St John's Church's chosen charity. We hope to see you at this Service. Barbara Smith - Delamere Park Singers – 01606 888844



## Pantomime Trip 2017

Tickets are still available for a visit to Theatre Clwyd on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2017 to see

### ALADDIN - The Wok 'N' Roll Panto

With over twenty classic rock and soul songs, including *I'm a Believer*, *Reach Out*, *ABC* and *Lean on Me*.

It should be a great evening out and fun for all the family. It is open to all at a cost of £20 per head and this includes entrance ticket and coach fare. The coach will leave Delamere Park Clubhouse @ 5:30pm on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2017.

Contact Judy Piper ASAP to book your places on 01606 888312 or email [j.piper121@btinternet.com](mailto:j.piper121@btinternet.com)

## News from Steve Hayes - Estates Manager

A series of repairs has been carried out throughout August and September including repairs to de-humidifiers and associated pipe work, pool hall windows, emergency light fittings and electrical repairs following February testing and disabled change toilet. PIRs have been fitted to main Ladies and Gents toilets to save energy. Various joinery works were completed in October (principally ventilation for plant room door and soffits around the clubhouse perimeter). In addition, two extra emergency lights have been fitted externally on the escape route from the function room to the assembly point in the car park which was not previously illuminated.

A PPM contract has been established with Propertyserve who will carry out all standard PPM checks including legionella tests. This enables us to be proactive picking up maintenance and compliance issues and fixing them before they become serious.

### Projects

1. Pool Hall, Plant Room and Shower Refurbishment – A letter of intent was sent to Hopkins Coats (Consulting Engineers) after the AGM and they are now progressing with detailed drawings and preparation of tender documentation.

2. IT upgrade - The website domain has been moved from 123 Reg to Hart internet giving our IT consultant hosting support for emails and the website and also remote access to fix any problems. This will save us money and enhance the capability of the web site.

3. Hypolyser - This has now been installed and is working well with no teething problems. The unit has made a big improvement to the pool water quality which is now continuously monitored and because it uses salt we have been able to cease ordering stabilized chlorine resulting in ongoing saving of over £2k per year.

4. Tennis Court lights - I have a quote from our PPM contractors to convert the existing lights to LED.

Gardening matters – The patio upgrade has now been completed including removal of one large conifer and opening up and leveling work to make the area more open and accessible to residents (particularly those with mobility issues).

Lagoons – a visit by Pete Attwood from Groundwork Trust was arranged and together with the gardeners and a small group of interested residents some remedial works to the lagoons have been undertaken. Further work is planned if you would like to volunteer to take part please contact me at the office.

## Mobile Library Visits

The Mobile Library stops at:

Delamere Park Community Centre,

10:10am – 10:25am

Friday (Week 3)

Starting on 9<sup>th</sup> December 2016



## Money raised at the 2016 Bonfire Event

Many thanks to those who volunteered and to all of those whose kind donations helped make this event a spectacular evening for all of us to enjoy. Thank you to the bucketeers whose hard work on the green and surrounding areas collected £1129.76 and also thanks to the Community Groups for their donations of prizes for the raffle which raised a further £253.03. These combined with a contribution of £50.00 from the Youth Group for sales of hot dogs made the total money raised £1432.79.

## Bucket Collection

Some residents are under the impression that DPML pay for the fireworks.

This is NOT the case. All monies collected on the night go towards next year's fireworks and the Children's Christmas Party.

So please always give generously.

## Letters to DPML

"I would like to suggest (again) that a residents' notice board be erected outside the Clubhouse. I understand this suggestion has been made before, but as yet, I haven't seen any response.

Perhaps you would give it your consideration and respond.

Kindest regards"

Lesley Kelly – Dingle Way

"I have previously mentioned that there used to be a bench on the green space by Badgers Sett. When will this be replaced?

Regards

Ella Magnus – The Spinney"

## Mah Jongg

Do join us in the club house lounge on the 2nd and or the last Thursday monthly, at 1.30pm to enjoy Mah Jongg. Or just join us for a cup of tea, coffee with biscuits and watch the game unfold.

No previous experience needed and personal guidance is given.

Phone 889665, or 889410 or e-mail [mahjongg@delamerepark.co.uk](mailto:mahjongg@delamerepark.co.uk) to book in or just turn up on the day to watch the game and experience the fellowship of the group.

Forthcoming meetings: Thursday Nov 24th, Dec 8th, 29th, Jan 12th, 26th, Feb 9th, 23rd

Looking forward to seeing you.

Tel 889665, or e-mail [mahjongg@delamerepark.co.uk](mailto:mahjongg@delamerepark.co.uk) for more information

## News from the Gardening Club

The Gardening Club would like to wish everyone A Very Happy Christmas.



Our 2016 Gardening Club calendar is almost ending after a full programme of enjoyable events. Our last event of 2016 will be our AGM and Christmas Party on Monday 12th December 2016. This is open to anyone by ticket which will be on sale at Reception from Monday 28th November. Tickets are £4 for members and £6 for non-members. This is a great evening out and food second to none. Following the short AGM business is an excellent hot pie supper and desserts with a free glass of wine.

Why not join the Gardening Club? Why don't you come along and join in. You don't have to be a gardener. You don't have to do anything special just come along and enjoy yourself.

Annual Membership for 2017 is just £8 and this includes:

- o Approximately 8 quality guest speaker nights and two party events.
- o Access to an annual holiday event which takes in great cities and National Trust type garden visits.
- o Organised visits to nearby gardens of interest.
- o Entitlement to discounts with sponsored garden centres on production of your current membership card and up to 50% discount through Suttons for seeds and plants as well as discounts on fertilizers, compost, weed-killers etc.

This all sounds like a good reason to come along and decide whether you would like to join us. Look out for a special introductory event early 2017. We meet Monday evenings mostly on 4th Monday of the week @ 8:00pm in the Park Room. Keep an eye out for the poster at the Clubhouse.

Our 2017 gardening year commences January 23rd 2017 with new year enrolment of members at a cost of only £8 for a full year's entertainment. This first meeting also includes a guest speaker, Tim Lever, with an illustrated talk on 'Within sight of Snowdonia: at home with alpines' which is sure to include some great images of Snowdonia

2017's holiday arrangement is a 5-day coach and hotel trip to Wiltshire, visiting Salisbury, National Trust Lacock Abbey and Stourhead Gardens. The dates will be 18th-22nd June leaving from Delamere Park at a cost of approximately £450pp in a double room. Again this is open to any Delamere Park resident. Places are still available.

To find out more about this or the Gardening Club email David Cooper at [garden@delamerepark.co.uk](mailto:garden@delamerepark.co.uk) or contact the chairman Mike McNeal on 01606 882754 or ask at Reception.

## Bar Opening Hours

Friday	23	December '16	Normal Hours		
Saturday	24	Christmas Eve	Noon	-	Midnight
Sunday	25	Christmas Day	Noon	-	3:00pm
		~	8:00pm	-	10:30pm
Monday	26	Boxing Day	Noon	-	11:00pm
Tuesday	27	Bank Holiday	Noon	-	11:30pm
Wednesday	28		6:00pm	-	11:00pm
Thursday	29		6:00pm	-	11:00pm
Friday	30		6:00pm	-	11:30pm
Saturday	31	New Year's Eve	Noon	-	1:00am
Sunday	1	New Year's Day	Noon	-	10:30pm
Monday	2	January '17	Return to Normal Hours		

## Ladies' Club

We meet on the second Monday of each month at 8pm in the Park Room and our programme for the next 3 months is as follows:

December 5<sup>th</sup> - Christmas Party (members only) - Entertainment by The Abba Twins  
 January 9<sup>th</sup> - The Secrets of Handwriting - Susan Ord (Graphologist)  
 February 13<sup>th</sup> - A.G.M.

Tickets for the Christmas Party are available from Reception and although the party is for members only, there is still time to join at the reduced rate which covers membership through to renewal in March.

Do come along to any of our meetings to share in an enjoyable evening, finishing off with a friendly chat over a cup of tea. If you would like further information, please email: [ladies@delamerepark.co.uk](mailto:ladies@delamerepark.co.uk) or contact Janet Wilkinson on 01606 889305

## 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)



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 17<sup>th</sup> February 2017.

"Apologies" if you have sent an item for this newsletter and it hasn't appeared. This may be due to the recent transfer of internet service provider.

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