



News from The Trustees

We are approaching a busy time on the Park with the opening of the refurbished swimming pool imminent, Gala Day approaching on the 9th September and the AGM of Plot-owners called for the 21st September.

We have new changing rooms and showers and the pool has been re-tiled. Behind the scenes is where the big money has been spent in installing a state of the art ventilation system, new drains, two new industrial boilers and the control systems to make all this work. We now have swimming facilities that are second to none. The work has been completed on time and slightly under budget, no mean achievement, for which we must thank in particular our Estate Manager Steve Hayes, Ian Sharp the lead Trustee for the project, the consulting engineers and contractors.

If you haven't seen the new pool I'd encourage you to go down to the Clubhouse and take a look and make sure you've got your swimming things with you because once you've viewed the facilities you'll want to use them!

You may have seen the flyers for Gala Day which list some of the exciting activities on offer on the day. Some very hard work has gone on in the background to bring this event to you and I'd like to thank all the volunteers and DPML staff for their hard work and would encourage everybody to support the event

Put in your calendars the 21st September, the date of the DPML AGM of Plot-owners. Make sure your vote counts. If you're unable to attend on the night you can still vote by completing your voting slip and handing it into the Office. If you're unsure about how to do this, ask at the Office, they'll be happy to explain everything. This is your opportunity to help shape DPML policy and have your say in how your plot fee is spent. I look forward to seeing you all there.

Have you noticed the absence of a familiar face in the Office over the last few months? This is because Marjorie Landells retired at the end of June after many years of service with DPML. I'd like to thank Marjorie for her service over the years and wish her well in her richly deserved retirement.

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,

10.30am - 12.00 noon

The next coffee morning dates are:

- 7th September
- 5th October
- 2nd November
- 7th December



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

DP Gala Day 2017

Music, Food & Drink Festival

Saturday 9th September

20+ craft & food stalls, LIVE Music, Dog Show, Donkey Rides, Miniature Train, Kids Games, DP Stalls & More ...

*** YOU'RE INVITED ***

2-5pm on the Green

Open To All!

*** Programme ***

2pm - 5pm

- * Stalls Open
- * Live Music (Gresty's Wasters)
- * Donkey Rides
- * Miniature Train Rides
- * Bouncy Castle
- * Children's Games
- * Penalty Shootout
- * Tug of War
- * Afternoon Teas in the Park Room
- * Bar Open

** Fun Dog Show on the Green, registration 1.45pm **

6pm - 7.15pm

** Children's Disco in the Park Room (free event) **

8pm - midnight

** PARTY ON in the Park Room, Live Music ~ Pandas Can't Dance **
(tickets £10 inc. Fish & Chip Supper ~ Available from Reception)

MacMillan Coffee Morning

Macmillan World's Biggest Coffee Morning and Bazaar **Saturday 23rd September**. This super coffee morning and Bazaar is back with new stalls including the beautiful jewellery stall from previous years.

The coffee morning opens at 10.00am to 12.00 noon with an entrance of £3 which includes tea/coffee and wonderful cake. Please come along and give your support to the Vale Royal Macmillan fundraising team who have raised £233,742 in the 9 years since it was started.

We are a very small group of ladies and Delamere Park have supported us tremendously over this period. Please come along and enjoy a lovely morning.

Tickets will be available a few weeks before the coffee morning if you would like to purchase them prior to the event.

Thank you,
Brenda Mendham (Tel 01606 252655)



Bonfire Night - Saturday 4th November

This year's Bonfire Night will be held on **Saturday 4th November**. Every year the firework display gets more spectacular and this is made entirely possible by everyone's kind donations which are used to pay for the full cost of the fireworks.

Although DPML do not pay towards the fireworks, they do pay all other costs involved such as insurance, first aid cover and the hire of water bowsers.

So remember on the night, please give generously to the bucket collection, in this way we can ensure the standard is maintained.

If anyone would like to volunteer their help with Bonfire Night in anyway, please give your details in at Reception. We look forward to seeing you on the night.

Christian Aid Week 14-20th May 2017

Thank you very much to all on Delamere Park who gave so generously this year. Together we raised an impressive £778.04, increasing to £858.69 after recovering tax via Gift Aid.

Thanks again.
Julian Osborne, Dingle Way

News from Estates Manager (Steve Hayes)

"As I write this article the major project refurbishing the pool hall, plant room and changing rooms is drawing to an end. This completes a list of projects undertaken over the past few months unprecedented since the 'great fire of Delamere Park'.

It is our intention to re-open the pool on the 21st August on time and under budget providing all goes well with the final commissioning programme. We now have a pool we can be proud of which will serve us for many years into the future. It is hard to appreciate the true complexity of this project. The scale of the works in the boiler room and the gigantic ventilation plant sited in the specially strengthened loft area were significant achievements. It's not easy to bring a project of this size and complexity in on time and under budget but with goodwill and co-operation all round has helped and I would like to thank all residents for their patience whilst this work was underway.

But it doesn't stop there. The asbestos removal work and refurbishment of the Lodge building was completed earlier in the year.

New playground facilities were finished and have proved popular with the younger residents of the Park.

The new beer garden outside the bar has proved a popular spot for residents to relax and chat over a drink on the warmer summer days.

New industrial boilers have been installed in the plant room lowering our energy costs and improving the reliability of our heating.

Work has progressed on the Lagoons with resident and outside volunteer participation, including planting and repair of the pump.

The Office computer network has been upgraded and extended to better manage our administration and communications.

We maintained a varied programme of events (with the significant help of volunteers), including: Bonfire Night and the Children's Christmas Party and as I am writing this I am looking forward to a new look Gala Day including bands, fish and chips, a dog show, face painting and other events.

All in all a year of achievement."

Amenity Lands

May I respectfully remind plot holders whose plots are adjacent to amenity lands (paths in particular) that they signed a covenant that expressly stated that no obstruction can be placed on amenity lands.

That means not allowing vegetation, grass borders and shrubbery to overgrow on & over pathways.

Out of courtesy to all residents, those plots that are adjacent to council owned paths I would be grateful if you would please attend to any issues. Thank you.

Steve Hayes
Estates Manager



Delamere Park Singers

Delamere Park Singers have enjoyed a very happy year, singing in Frodsham, Davenham, Weaverham and Helsby. The latter part of the year will be filled with concerts leading to Christmas.

Saturday, 7 October 2017

Lady Lever Art Gallery, Port Sunlight, Wirral, 1.30pm – 2.00pm and 2.30pm – 3.00pm

Saturday, 25 November 2017

Tatton Park Mansion, 11.05am – 11.50am; 12.35pm – 1.20pm and 2.05pm – 2.50pm.

Wednesday, 20 December 2017

Carol Service in the Park Room, 7.30pm.

Your support at all of these events would be very much appreciated.

If you would like to come and join us, come along on a Wednesday morning at 10.30am in the Park Room. We look forward to meeting you.

Please contact Barbara Smith, 888844 for any further information.

Art Group

Art Group is pleased to welcome back the renowned Art teacher Richard Diggle on Friday the 8th September (2nd Friday of the month) 9.30 – 12.30 pm in the Park Room. Richard enjoys helping you to develop Art skills and appreciation that include Water Colouring and Drawing.

Whether you're just starting out or you've been painting for years Art Group can help to encourage and inspire you.

Phone: 889410 or email: johnhill@lineone.net to book in or just turn up on the day to take part and enjoy the fellowship of the group.

Forthcoming meetings: Friday 8th Sept, 13th Oct, 10th Nov, & 8th Dec

Looking forward to seeing you.



Mah Jongg

Please accept our invitation for you to meet us in the Clubhouse lounge at 1.30pm on the 2nd and or the last Thursday of the month to enjoy Mah Jongg. This game of skill, played with Domino like tiles, is enjoyed in China & world wide. Personal guidance is given and you will be able to join in from day one.

Phone: 889665 or email: 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 Sept 14th, 28th, Oct 12th, 26th, Nov 9th, 30th & Dec 7th.

Looking forward to seeing you.



Hi Everyone,

I hope you have all enjoyed your summer break although the weather has been mixed. Can you believe it's September already. The garden still has loads of colour and the veg is cropping galore now, so we are enjoying our beans, salad crops, tomatoes and the smell of cut sweet peas is lovely.

A big thank you to all who turned out to this year's Garden Safari and to those six homes who kindly opened their gardens. Thankfully the Sunday was a lovely sunny day. From the proceeds of this year's program sales we have contributed £150 to each of the four charities nominated by the six garden hosts.

A number of our members have just come back from an afternoon trip to Arley Hall and the herbaceous border there has put me to shame, it is certainly worth a viewing.

Our club nights for the next few months have swapped around due to speakers being unable to attend. We do have to book up a year in advance so changes are sometimes inevitable. Anyway I am pleased to say that the Monday September 25th meeting will now be Sue Beesley. Sue back from her awards at Tatton Park is a garden designer and nursery owner. Her talk will be on 'Transforming her Blue Bell Cottage Garden'.

Monday October 23rd will now be David Taylor who's subject will be 'Autumn Watch'. It will be interesting to hear which aspect of autumn watch it will be!

If you would like to come along to one of our meetings then we will be pleased to see you in the Park Room for 8:00pm start.

Also we hope to show the video from this year's Garden Safari and the 2017 Gardening Club holiday to the Salisbury area, so keep looking out for a date for those.

Contact Gardening Club through David Cooper, Email: garden@delamerepark.co.uk or contact chairman Mike McNeal 01606 882754 or ask at Reception for further information.

Happy Gardening!

News from Ladies' Club



THE LADIES CLUB SUMMER OUTING on the Music Train was a sell-out.

The food was ordered, the drinks chosen, the train time table in place, the jazz group was ready, transport to and from Cuddington station organised.

Posh frocks washed and ironed, shoes polished. What could possibly go wrong!!

THE RAIL UNION ANNOUNCED THAT THEY WERE STRIKING ON OUR OUTING DAY. The train wouldn't run!! Disaster? Calamity? Not for our intrepid committee. With only a week to go they organised music, food, the Clubhouse and everyone was notified of the change of plan.

"The Mojoes", a local group featuring Delamere Park's answer to Ringo Star entertained us with their brand of "easy listening jazz". The food was delicious with a terrific variety to suit everybody. A potential disaster was turned into a triumph. We all enjoyed a wonderful social evening. What a team!!

If Theresa May finds running the country a bit too much - we are poised and ready.

What's Next - We are serving teas with a "vintage" theme in the Clubhouse on Gala Day when we are also helping with the donkeys (who we hope aren't too vintage).

Our monthly meetings continue on September 11 with an interesting talk entitled "The Petty Pool Trust", an insight into the work of the Vocational and Outdoor Centre for young adults with learning disabilities.

On October 9, Sharon Richards will talk about some world-wide oral storytelling traditions.

Our legendary Christmas party is on December 4th when we will enjoy the music of "Sisters in Song".

Sounds Good? We would love to welcome new members so please call Janet Wilkinson on 889305 or email: ladies@delamerepark.co.uk to find out more.

Park PALS

Are you on your own and feel you could do with a bit more social life? Park Pals may be the answer for you. Set up by three residents two years ago, we meet once a month in the Clubhouse to discuss and plan activities. We all pitch in with ideas. For example, this year we have lunched at The Clink, Wilmslow, visited a Whitegate garden, enjoyed a garden party with Pimms and croquet. There were a lot of laughs on the way. A Treasure Hunt round Tarporley, a Harvest Supper, a Cream Tea, a Christmas concert at Chester Cathedral are planned for the future. We all live on the Park and usually car share on our outings. Why not come and join us?

For more information please ring Barbara on 882533, Christine 301699 or Pam 889665.

39/45 Club

At the meeting of the 39/45 Club on the 16th August the members had a very enjoyable time agreeing (by a large majority) it's new format with which all who attended were satisfied. We all await with interest to see what the future holds.

One of the major issues discussed was the proposed New Members Club. There was a majority agreement to provide "ring fenced" finance as and when the new Men's Club needed it to "get off the ground"

We will keep you posted!!

Doug Hanson and Stan Mendham Transitional Chairmen of the 39/45 Club

Delamere Park Clubs Socializing and Leisure

- 39/45
- 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
- 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

Editor's Corner



I'm sure everyone would like to join us in offering a 'Big Thankyou' to whoever planted the border near the Children's playground, shown in the photograph above, it has been very colourful and a joy to behold for everyone who walks that way.

A good example of what improvements can be made by a bit of teamwork.

Millennium Gate

One area which is in much need of some 'TLC' is the Millennium gate on the borders of the Park on Norley Road.

If anyone would like to volunteer some time to revamp the borders around the gate, then maybe we could proudly include a photograph of it in the next edition of the newsletter.

If you can spare some time to help with this task, please give your details in at Reception or email:

news@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: 8th & 29th Sep, 20th Oct, 10th Nov, 1st Dec.

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 (Winter) the deadline is Friday 17th November 2017.

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