

ANNUAL CAROL SERVICE

The Service, will be led by the Rev. Jane Parry, and will follow a similar format to the previous two years. Prosecco, soft drinks and mince pies will be served following the Service. There will be a retiring collection which will be donated to St Luke's Hospice after deduction of the drinks cost charged by the bar.

WEDNESDAY 10TH DECEMBER
7.30pm. in the PARK ROOM

Santa's Visit to Delamere Park

Ho! Ho! Ho!

Santa and the elves visited Delamere Park earlier than usual on 23rd November.

This year they collected for Hope House Children's Hospice..

The amount raised was £578 which was an amazing amount yet again.

We are participating in the Hope House "Quality Moments Matter" fundraising activity which means that for every £1 we collect it is doubled by local businesses.

We would like to thank everyone who donated and hope you all have a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Coffee Mornings

Our monthly Coffee Mornings fill both Sports and Lounge bars with around 50 people attending regularly.

We meet on the first Thursday of each month, from 10.30 to 12.00. Then from October to March, we also meet on the third Monday of each month. All are welcome. Do come and join us for a friendly chat.

NOTE: The first January meeting is on the second Thursday, and not on January 1st.

Future dates are :

Thursday 4th December
Monday 15th December



Thursday 8th January

Monday 19th January
Thursday 5th February
Monday 16th February
Thursday 5th March

Maria and Paul (889728)



Christmas is always a magical time at Squirrels Pre-School as the children eagerly await Father Christmas!

On Thursday, 4th December, we'll celebrate Tree Dressing Day by decorating a small Christmas tree outside the pre-school to remind us of the importance of caring for trees.

In the New Year, we're launching our own Forest School, led by our manager Victoria. To support this, we're fundraising for equipment—raffle tickets for a Christmas Hamper are on sale now.


Park dates for your diary ...

6 th December (Sat)	~	Christmas Garyoke in the Bar
7 th December (Sun)	~	Film Matinee (Royal Ballet-Romeo & Juliet)
10 th December (Wed)	~	Family Carol Service
14 th December (Sun)	~	Children's Christmas Film
19 th December (Sat)	~	Gresty's Wasters in the Bar
31 st December (Wed)	~	New Year's Eve
22 nd January (Thu)	~	Film Night (Downton Abbey: The Grand Finale)
8 th February (Sun)	~	Family Bingo Afternoon
14 th February (Sat)	~	Live Band Night (Angie Palmer & Band)
19 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 / Bar

Gardening Club & Bulb Planting Event

The arrival of winter has suddenly sent the garden into sleep mode, as the leaves are swept away our thoughts turn to more seasonal activities.

However, the Gardening Club is still active and recently forty residents and children led by Bob Capel and the gardening team planted hundreds of bulbs around the estate, we are looking forward to a colourful Spring!



On **December 15th** we have our AGM and Christmas Party, tickets £7 for members, £10 for invited guests, followed on **January 26th** by a talk on the Arboretum and Woodlands at Foxhills. **February 23rd** Richard Lewis will give an illustrated talk on Pruning Ornamental Shrubs, then in March we have a fascinating talk entitled, Goose Grease and Brown Paper given by Kath Reynolds. As always visitors and new members are always welcome.

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


Festive Bar Opening Hours

DAY	DATE	HOURS		ACTIVITY
Tuesday	23	December '25	Normal Hours	Plot Draw
Wednesday	24	Christmas Eve	13:00 - 23:00	
Thursday	25	Christmas Day	Noon - 15:00	
Friday	26	Boxing Day	13:00 - 22:30	
Saturday	27		Normal Hours	
Sunday	28		Normal Hours	
Monday	29		Normal Hours	
Tuesday	30		Normal Hours	Plot Draw
Wednesday	31	New Year's Eve	13:00 - 00:30	
Thursday	1	New Year's Day	14:00 - 22:30	
Friday	2	January '26	Normal Hours	
Saturday	3		Normal Hours	
Sunday	4		Normal Hours	
Monday	5		Normal Hours	

For more information on Office / Reception and Pool Opening Hours over the Festive Season follow the link to the Delamere Park website:
<https://www.delamerepark.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2025/11/2025-Christmas-and-New-Year-opening-hours-for-website-1.pdf>

Bar Entertainment Group

The Bar Entertainment Group would like to thank everyone who came to see Run For Cover on Sat 22nd November, we hope everyone enjoyed what is always a great night.

We have a couple of events in the New Year, firstly we are welcoming back Angie Palmer and her band on **14th February**, last time it was a great night! Next, is Jaywalkers, a professional three piece Americana, Blues and Country style band, on **18th April**. For information: www.Jaywalkers.co.uk More details will follow in due course.

Best wishes to everyone for Christmas and New Year, and thank you for supporting us.

Bar Event**Garyoke Night**

Saturday 6th December

7:30pm – late in the Clubhouse Bar

Free to Attend

Come sing, dance & have a great time !

Bonfire Night Thanks

Many thanks to everyone involved in organising another successful Bonfire Night, once again the fireworks were spectacular.

Special thanks go to:

- The Gardeners
- The Bonfire team
- The Firework team
- The Bucket Collectors
- The Community Groups for donating raffle prizes



Thank you also to everyone who contributed to the bucket collection and bought raffle tickets, we are pleased to report that the total sum raised on the night was **£2066.56** (bucket collection £1723.56 raffle £343) which will be put towards the cost of next year's fireworks.

We hope to see you all again next year!

DPML Useful Contacts**Reception Hours:**

Monday to Thursday 1 pm – 6 pm
Friday 1 pm – 5 pm
Saturday 10 am – 1 pm
Sunday 10 am – 1pm

Email: Reception@delamerepark.co.uk
Tel: 01606 212523

Office Hours:

Monday to Friday 10 am – 4 pm
Email: Office@delamerepark.co.uk
Tel: 01606 212523

Any property change requests, objections or comments to property changes, and all property sales communications should be sent to: Property@delamerepark.co.uk

Park Pals

The Park Pals group was formed for the benefit of people on the Park who live alone. The objective of the group is to provide friendship and companionship. The group has been very successful and we currently have 33 members.

The group's activities include a monthly meeting on the third Thursday of every month at the Clubhouse at 2pm. Guest speakers often attend the meeting and a wide variety of other activities are arranged including meals out, theatre trips, garden visits etc.

Over the past few months, the group has enjoyed afternoon tea at the Bluebell Cafe, a theatre visit to see 'Come from away', as well as an extremely interesting talk at the Club by the Learning Officer of West Cheshire Museums to remind us what life was like in the 1950s and 1970s!

At our November meeting we had a quiz and in December we are planning a hot lunch at the Club.

We warmly welcome new members. Further information can be obtained from Reception at the Clubhouse.

FOLK CLUB

Folk Club meets on the first and the third Monday of every month with the exception of the Christmas meeting which this year is on: **Wednesday 17th December**

Come along, as audience or artist, and see what you could be missing.

Dave: 07789 973555

Zumba



Improve Your Fitness!

Join us at Zumba classes!

Thursdays @ 7pm to 7.50pm

Fitness Dance for All
Pay-as-you-go £5

For Information contact
zumba@delamerepark.co.uk

Singing Group



Delamere Park Singers have been meeting together on Tuesday afternoons for 18 months and we now have 36 members. Rehearsals are very much enjoyed and it's a great way to come together and make new friends.

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas (well 'sound like Christmas') at the moment in the Clubhouse on Tuesday afternoons as we prepare for our two Christmas concerts.

Alongside more traditional carols the singers are enjoying rehearsing a number of well known classics, and are delighted to be singing as part of the annual Carol Service at the Clubhouse on Wednesday 10th December. They are also looking forward to joining forces with the Weaverham Community Choir on Wednesday 17th December at the Owley Wood Club, singing a feast of songs!

For more information contact:

singers@delamerepark.co.uk

Events Group

As well as our October and November Film Nights we held an enjoyable and successful Super Quiz Night in October.

During the next quarter, as well as the monthly Film Nights shown in the calendar elsewhere in this newsletter, we will be hosting another Family Bingo Afternoon in February, compered by the inimitable Taxi Mike. If you attended last year's event - especially with your children - and enjoyed it, please spread the word amongst your peers.

Looking slightly ahead, in March we will be doing a Race Night as well as another Film Night Opera matinee.

Further details on all of our events will be circulated nearer the time.

The Events Group would like to say a huge Thank You to everyone who has supported us (and the Clubhouse) by coming to an event during 2025. Your support makes what we do even more worthwhile.

Remember, please get in touch if you would like to join our friendly team of volunteers, without whom none of these things happen.

Please also get in touch if you wish to discuss any ideas you might have for an event.

We hope to see you at some point before the next newsletter.

Best wishes for Christmas and the New Year from us all in the Events Group

If you have any ideas for future events please let us know, by contacting:
events@delamerepark.co.uk We hope to see you soon.

News from Ladies' Club

We extend a warm welcome to new and existing members to join us every 2nd Monday of the month in our Park Room.

Looking at the next few months here is a brief overview of our programme.

December 8th – Christmas Party Night with live band and delicious food, this is open to members only and is a night we look forward to.

January 12th – Tales from the Walled City of Chester (earlier start time of 7.30pm) Green Badge Tour guide John Brennan will lead us through over 2000 years of the history of the city of Chester. From its Roman origins to a medieval boom town through to the thriving city we see today. John will share some of the stories of the people and places which make Chester such a fascinating city.

February 9th – AGM (This is open to members only.)

Please email us at admin@dpladiesclub.org for more information
We look forward to welcoming you.

Hedgehogs are back on the Park!

Tuesday 7th October 2025 was a momentous day for hedgehogs on Delamere Park! Three wild rescued hedgehogs were 'donated' by **Northwich Hedgehog Rescue** and released in various locations around DP.



Helen Gill, who runs the rescue from her home in Northwich, brings rescued sick and injured 'hogs back to full health prior to their release back into the wild.

The release was supported by our FM Tim Cookson, with the locations being chosen by Helen, and my wife Liz and me.

Liz and I purchased three 'Hog Houses' from Helen for their release, and continue to monitor them and top up the food.

Maybe the 'hogs will choose to use them for hibernation this winter. Five more Hog Houses were purchased by residents so hopefully the three released 'hogs (which are not related to each other) will integrate into their surroundings and breed with native Park 'hogs and boost our diminished hedgehog population.



Helen was very impressed by the hedgehog-friendly layout of the Park and the abundance of suitable habitats, and there is a good chance that more rescued 'hogs may be released here in the future.

Helen runs Northwich Hedgehog Rescue, a rescue service for the rehabilitation of our native wild hedgehogs. She runs it from her home near B&Q in Northwich, and relies entirely on donations (equipment, food, money, etc.) to fund her work, together with help from her small team of foster carers. You can find out more about her work here, and how you can help: <https://northwichhedgehogrescue.co.uk/> and on Facebook and Instagram.

Finally, **thank you** to those residents who are continuing to supply me with their used/unwanted newspapers, instead of putting them in the CWAC recycling bin. Liz and I then take them to the Rescue for Helen and her foster carers to use as bedding for the hedgehogs in their pods during their rehabilitation. Please keep them coming, it's a much more useful way of recycling!

Ken Blakemore

P.S. If you do see a hedgehog or have any hog-related news of your own please get in touch by sending an email to parkhogs@gmail.com

Mah Jongg



This Group has enjoyed a very convivial year. We also have had some new members join us.

The Group has sparked an interest with some members of the Tarporley U3A. Several of their members have recently visited the Clubhouse to watch the game. We have for the time being, also loaned them a set for them to practice on. Looks like they might start a U3A Group, thanks to us.

Anyway, Christmas is nearing so we are now looking forward to our Xmas meeting in December, where we also enjoy a lunch and wine.

You don't know what you are missing!

Contact: Pam Taylor 889665

Water Aerobics



We are all getting fit and toned for the Christmas festivities, so we can enjoy that extra glass or two of prosecco, not to mention a mince pie or two or ... and not feel guilty!

Numbers are gradually increasing and we have about 8/9 each Wednesday morning, 10.30 - 11.30 am. All welcome, so come and give it a go.

We finish on the 17th December and resume 7th January. Voluntary contributions invited for St Luke's Hospice.

For more information, please contact, **Liz: 07864786568 or Sue: 07909694367**

Iyengar Yoga



The yoga class will finish for the Christmas holiday on **9th December**.

We start again in the new year on,

Tuesday 6th January 11 am – 12:30pm

New members and beginners most welcome. For more information

email: yoga@delamerepark.co.uk

Fitness & Wellbeing



FITNESS 4 ALL: Tuesdays at 9:15 a.m.

Keep your muscles strong and joints healthy, so you can continue to live the life you love.

PURE STRETCH: Thursdays at 9:30 a.m.

Ready to give your body the freedom it deserves? Try a PureStretch class and discover the power of flexibility, balance, mobility, improved nerve health and reduced aches & pains.

Chairs can be used for the exercises at both Tuesday and Thursday classes

email: fitness@delamerepark.co.uk

contact: Carolyn Beamson 07590 269 132 (Fitness & Wellbeing Comm / Grp. Rep)



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 13th February 2026



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