

# Delamere and Oakmere News



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Walk or ride the Oakmere Way (photo Bill McGibbon)

## In this issue:

- **Official opening of Oakmere Way**
- **Good Neighbours**
- **Appointment of Police Community Support Officer**

## Forthcoming events

### Church services

#### St Peter's Church, Delamere

##### Regular services

Every Sunday at 8am Holy Communion

On the first and third Sunday at 10.30am Holy Communion

On the second Sunday at 10.30am Family Service

On the fourth and fifth Sunday at 10.30am Morning Worship

Every fourth Sunday at 10.30am Sunday Club

Children are also welcome at all the services.

#### Oakmere Methodist Church

The people of Oakmere Methodist Church meet together in the main church at 10.45am every Sunday morning for a service led by a Methodist Local Preacher or Minister. One service a month includes the sacrament of Holy Communion, led by a Minister (Presbyter).

Contacts: Anne or Eric Wright (01829 732950) or Rev Denise Harding (01928 733180).

### Delamere and District Golden Club

- Sep 3 Delamere Derby
- Sep 17 Birthday Lunch and Steve Lucas
- Oct 1 Bingo (Yellow)
- Oct 15 Harvest Festival
- Oct 29 Halloween Lunch and buck Apple!
- Nov 12 Christmas Shopping Trip
- Nov 25 Delamere School Children
- Dec 10 Christmas Party with Entertainment

#### All ages welcome!

For all queries regarding events and membership please contact Gloria or Robin Ackerley, phone 01829 752723.

### W.I.

Date	Speaker	Title	Competition
August 19th	Garden Party	Grassendale, Abbey Lane	Quiz, raffle, bring-and-buy, refreshments
September 9th	Marshalls	Antiques	
October 14th	Kate Cawley	Learning from my mistakes	Group comp. to be announced
November 11th	AGM		
December 9th	Christmas Party		Home made Christmas decoration

President: Mrs B de Gaunza 01829 751788, Secretary: Mrs S Goodwin 888921, Treasurer: Mrs C Green 882264. Meetings are held at 7.30pm, every second Tuesday in the month except for August, at Delamere Community Centre

### Answers to Issue 30 crossword

**Across:** 1. robot 4. actor 7. ramps 10. lotion 11. shirty 12. impressed 15. do 17. 'am 18. hoist 19. ached 21. am 22. eddy 24. emperor 27. seraph 29. thriller 30. libor 31. delve 32. elbow

**Down:** 1. rolled 2. bat 3. troop 4. ashes 5. tar 6. rhythm 8. an 9. PS 13. maize 14. ether 16. ohm 17. add 20. Ed 21. abased 23. yellow 25. maple 26. ochre 28. hi 29. to



## Golden Club

We are delighted to announce that Robin and Gloria Ackerley have picked up the baton from Bob Parr and June Budd in organising the Golden Club. Very many thanks to Bob and June for all their sterling work, and to Robin and Gloria for stepping in. The programme is unchanged (see the 'Forthcoming events' section). All ages are welcome!



Bob, June, Gloria and Robin celebrate the handover  
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## Foreword

This summer (so far) has brought us some splendid weather for enjoying the countryside around us. With the opening of the Oakmere Way in April we can now enjoy even more of it. Bill McGibbon has given us the picture on the cover, and those below show some views along the route and the official opening by Stephen O'Brien MP. Photos provided by readers make a big contribution to the newsletter so please keep sending them in. Others in this issue include the Rector's induction by the Bishop of Chester, and the Easter horse trials at Kelsall Hill, Organsdale.

Also in this issue you will find articles about a local 'Good Neighbours' group that has been set up to help support elderly and other vulnerable people, a forthcoming visit from Cheshire's Police Commissioner (at which the Home Watch scheme will be re-launched), and the appointment of a new Police Community Support Officer for the area. We have another update on the availability of mains gas, while the chairs of our parish councils give us the latest news on the proposed development at the Marley site, the public inquiry on the Forestry Commission's plans, and another major new development that has been proposed - for up to 50 houses, at the junction of Quarry Lane and Willington Lane.

This time we have not one but two quizzes provided by readers, and another crossword (no prizes, just for fun).



## About the newsletter

Delamere and Oakmere News is published on a semi-regular basis three or four times a year. The next issue is planned for the late autumn in the run up to Christmas.

Articles, ideas for articles, news of recent events or forthcoming ones, advertisements, photographs, and any other contributions relevant to Delamere and/or Oakmere are all very welcome (inclusion subject to editorial discretion).

The newsletter is available in **full colour** on the Delamere and Oakmere Community website. You can also get a PDF file of the colour version by email (contact us if you would like a copy).

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or ring Clive George on 01606 882183

**Contributions always welcome!**



Stephen O'Brien MP cuts the green tape





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## ***Letter from the Rector***

July 2014

Dear Friends

Many thanks to everyone who supported the recent St Peter's Garden Party held on 5th July. It was lovely to see so many from our local community coming together to spend an afternoon in the sunshine. There was some splendid singing from our local school children and there were some magnificent cakes in the 'Bake Off' competition. It was a wonderful time of fellowship and fun. Many thanks to all those businesses, companies, our local store, the Community Centre and to all the individuals who generously supported and donated items for the stalls and prizes for the side shows your generosity is very much appreciated over £1,000 was raised for church funds.

I have just been leafing through my mother's scrap-book and found the following (there was no indication of where it came from or who wrote it):

There was once a young Italian boy who wanted to sing in the choir he went along to rehearsal but after a couple of visits the choir leader asked him to leave because his voice was so bad.

Then he decided that he wanted to learn to play the violin but he was so bad the neighbours asked him to stop.

He was very good at whittling wood so he went to work for the village carpenter making musical instruments. He began making violins; his name? Antonio Stradivari.

When we read about Peter in the Bible he often seems muddle headed, he makes mistakes, says the wrong thing jumps to the wrong conclusion and yet despite all his failings Jesus named him the 'rock' the strong one who would go on to build the early church. It is easy to become discouraged, to be put off when things don't go according to plan but God promises to be with us that whatever we have to face in life we don't face it alone in Deuteronomy 31:6 we read 'be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified ... for the Lord your God goes with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you.'

We warmly invite you to worship with us at St Peter's, each Sunday there are services at 8am

and 10.30am. On the 2nd Sunday of each month at 10.30am, we have a service for all the family.

Do contact me by telephone or email if you would like me to visit or pray for you.

Brian joins me in sending good wishes and blessings.

Elaine Ollman  
The Rectory, Chester Road, Delamere  
CW8 2HS

## ***Institution/induction of the Rector***

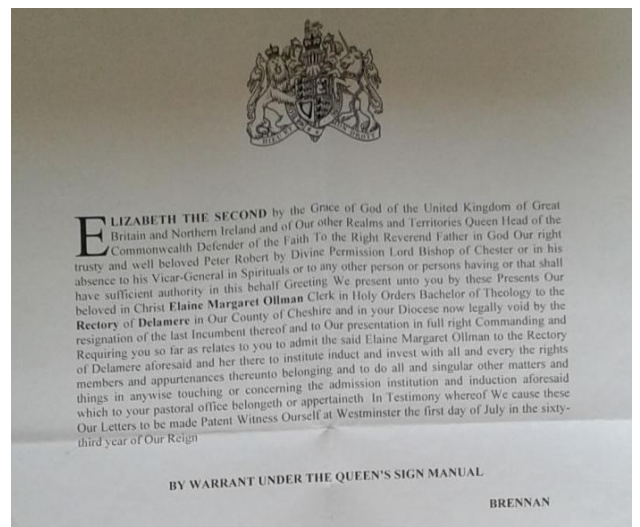
The Bishop of Chester came to St Peter's on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> July to preside at Morning Worship and officially appoint Rev. Elaine Ollman as incumbent Rector.



photo Carole Hassall

looking up to the Bishop

When Elaine was appointed two years ago it was with full spiritual responsibilities but more limited legal status. The new appointment had to be approved by the Crown (Delamere is the only Crown living in the Diocese).



Copy of the royal warrant - the Bishop has the original, bearing the Queen's signature

## Who are our Parish Councillors?

The volunteers who serve on parish councils don't have a great deal of power but they do have some, and are keen to help whenever they can. If you have a concern or a bright idea you can raise it at a council meeting (dates and times are on the noticeboards and the website) or speak to any councillor. At their July meeting Delamere councillors thought it might help if you knew what they look like. Here they are, along with the Clerk to the council (to whom any official correspondence should be sent).

### Robin Ackerley

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# “Quiz Night”

On  
Friday 5<sup>th</sup> September

Doors open 7.15 - Quiz starts at 7.45

Quiz Master Steve Lacey

Tickets are £6 per person

Includes quiz, buffet, complimentary tea, coffee & squash. You can bring your own alcoholic drinks/glasses if you prefer.

Quiz teams of between 4 – 6 people. If there are not 4 of you please do come along as you can still be part of a team.

Prizes for the winning team  
Raffle



Further information can be obtained from:

Mrs Paula Cockroft 01606 889741 email: [paulacockcroft@yahoo.com](mailto:paulacockcroft@yahoo.com)

### Answers to Cheshire places quiz:

1. Crewe, 2. Chester, 3. Farnham, 4. Hooton, 5. Hartford, 6. Rodee, 7. Middleswich, 8. Holmes Chapel, 9. Neston, 10. Halton, 11. Alderley Edge, 12. Prestbury, 13. Helsby, 14. Sandbach, 15. Hale, 16. Kelsall, 17. Wheelock, 18. Winsford, 19. Antrobus, 20. Acton Bridge.

### Answers to pets quiz:

Cats - Dr Johnson, Alice in Wonderland, The Clinton Family, Ernest Shackleton, Winston Churchill, The Thomas Family, Dogs - Elizabeth Barratt Browning, Dorothy (The Wizard of Oz), William Brown, George (Famous Five), The Darling Family (Peter Pan), HM The Queen, Mr Rochester, Monty Don, Punch, Three Men in a Boat, Lilyweyn the Great, Horses - Don Quixote, The Duke of Wellington, Belterophon, Tom Pierce, Dick Turpin, Roy Rogers, John Wayne, Napoleon.



## Community Centre News

After more than a decade of managing the accounts Yvonne has finally insisted on retiring (very many thanks to her for doing the job so well for so long), while Evelyn's term as Chair has also come to an end (very many thanks to her too). Following the Annual General Meeting on July 1st we now have a new Chair, Vice-Chair and Treasurer (Stephen Cockroft, Albert Powell and Clive George), while Paula continues as Secretary and Evelyn has the role of Assistant Treasurer.

### DCA Management Committee

Stephen Cockroft	(Chairperson)
Albert Powell	(Vice Chairperson)
Clive George	(Treasurer)
Evelyn McPherson	(Assistant Treasurer)
Paula Cockroft	(Secretary)
Norali Sikorowski	(Booking Secretary)
Brian Ollman	
Carole Reynolds	
Derek Wheeler	
Paul Jones	
Robin Ackerley	
Rosemary Powell	

### Trustees

Patricia Wheeler  
 Revd Elaine Oilman  
 David Rutter  
 Dr Tony Entwistle

*We need volunteers to join the DCA Management Committee or to help with the upkeep of the Community Centre (secretarial, gardening, decorating etc). If you are interested, please contact the Secretary on 01606 889741.*

The Community Centre now has a Yamaha electronic organ, generously donated by Rhona Jackson of Eddisbury Hill. It is very much appreciated.

A new **Art Class** has joined the list of regular activities at the Community Centre, each Tuesday from 1:30 pm to 3:30 pm. For further details contact Chris Beesley on 07773 982996. The other regular activities continue as in the list below, as well as the **drop-in coffee mornings** (on the last Friday of each month except August). There will be a special one in September in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support.

Another **quiz night** will be held on Friday 5th September. We hope it will be as successful as the last!

### Community Centre activities and contacts

Booking Secretary	01606 882114
Art class (Tues pm)	07773 982996
Badminton (Tues 10 - 12am)	01606 883027
Badminton (Thurs evening)	01606 882708
Billiards/Snooker	01606 882190
	01606 881631
Bingo (Sat 7.30)	01606 853861
Prize Bingo (4 <sup>th</sup> Tues of month)	01606 853861
Bowls (outdoor)	01606 889174
Bowls (indoor)	01829 760420
Bridge (Mon)	01606 76490
Bridge (Wed 7 - 10pm)	01606 888391
Dancing	01606 889411
Golden Club	01829 752723
Guides	01928 789010
Over 60 Keep Fit (Wed)	01606 888043
Slimming World	07817 725939
Whist (Thurs pm)	01606 888889
Whist (Fri pm)	01606 888889
WI (2 <sup>nd</sup> Tues of month)	01606 882183

## Parish Council news

### Delamere Parish Council Chairman's Letter

As this year's Chair of Delamere Parish Council I would like to thank Harry Tonge, the outgoing chair, for all the hard work and considerable skill that he has put into the job for the past 12 months. It will be a hard act to follow, made much easier by the able and dedicated assistance of this year's Vice Chair, Paula Cockroft, and our Clerk, Joanne Monks.

The coming year will be a momentous one for both our Parish Councils, since it will be the last year of their existence! In May 2015 they will be replaced by two newly elected councils, one for Delamere and Oakmere as a single parish, and one for Willington (including the area around Willington Corner that is currently in Delamere). Delamere and Oakmere councils are already holding informal joint meetings, and will be co-operating closely over the coming months in readiness for the change.

It is now just over two years since the Parish Council started the development of a parish plan, through an open meeting seeking volunteers to contribute to the process. A

steering group was formed, and in February of this year the Parish Council adopted the results of its work. The Delamere Parish Plan was launched at the Annual Parish Meeting in May, with copies having been distributed to all households in the parish. Now it's down to the Parish Council to co-ordinate the process of implementing the actions. This has already begun, particularly through the efforts of volunteer groups contributing to each of the action areas, and of the Delamere Community Association, which has the lead role for recreation and leisure.

Many of the actions in Delamere's parish plan are relevant to Oakmere, while many of the issues covered by Oakmere's Community-led Planning Framework are relevant to Delamere. One of the tasks of next year's unified parish council will be to consider how the two documents might be combined and perhaps extended, to steer the future development of the new parish as a whole.

Since the last issue of the newsletter we have received another major planning application, this one for up to 50 houses at the junction of Quarry Lane and Willington Lane near the border with Kelsall. We have objected to this on the grounds that it would have a significant impact on the character of the rural area and its views of open countryside, that the local school and medical facilities had insufficient capacity, and that the lanes and junctions would not be able to cope with the extra traffic. Along with Kelsall Parish Council, who raised similar objections, we asked for the application to be 'called in' for consideration by the CW&C Planning Committee rather than left in the hands of Council officers. This has been done, and the application is expected to go before the Committee in September.

We also await the outcome of the Forestry Commission's proposals for the Linnere visitor centre and holiday lodges, for which a public inquiry was held in June. After submitting a summary of residents' concerns in writing we went along to make sure they were noted, and listened with interest as the lawyers for the two sides attempted to destroy each other's arguments. The Inspector listened politely, but kept quiet about her conclusions. These were to be submitted to the Secretary of State (Eric Pickles), who is due to make a decision by November.

Along with Oakmere Parish Council we continue to take a keen interest in the proposals for the Marley site, which await a decision from CW&C. Other issues we have been dealing with recently include getting the Stoney Lane bus shelter replaced, a re-launch of the Homewatch scheme, and the possible introduction of speed limits through the forest and along Abbey Lane and Stable Lane.

As previous chairs have said, everyone is very welcome to come along to council meetings, whether it's just to hear about the issues, or to express any concerns or put forward new ideas. Dates and times are on the notice boards and the website

Clive George  
Chair, Delamere Parish Council

#### *Oakmere Parish Council Chairman's Letter*

Hello again, this is Bill McGibbon chair of Oakmere Parish Council for a second year.

Congratulations to Joanne Monks our Parish Clerk for passing the Certificate in Local Council Administration (CiLCA). This has allowed Oakmere Parish Council to adopt the General Power of Competence, which provides the council with a wider range of powers.

Our thanks go to Sylvia Alexander who has stepped down as an Oakmere Parish Councillor after seven years of dedicated service to the community.

The Community Governance Review process is moving towards completion as far as Oakmere & Delamere are concerned and our understanding is that the two parishes will be amalgamated into a single parish with two Wards. We know that Delamere's boundaries will change significantly, while Oakmere's boundaries will remain largely intact. The detail of the precise boundaries of Delamere and Oakmere are still to be determined. This is dependent on reviews of the surrounding parishes and is set to be finalised by October 2014. The amalgamation of Oakmere and Delamere Parish Councils is due to take place in 2015.

Crown Estates have now submitted their planning application, on proposals for a residential development on the Marley Tile site. Comments have been submitted by Oakmere Parish Council along with many other interested





**Opal Services** are run by RCS, a small local charity which provides support to older people living in the rural areas of West Cheshire, and especially for people who are socially isolated. Our services are run by volunteers, with the support of paid staff.

**Opal Clubs** (Email: [info@rcswc.org.uk](mailto:info@rcswc.org.uk)) are social clubs for older people who need support to get out and about. We provide transport and a hot mid-day meal, as well as a day of interesting activities. Clubs are run each week in Helsby, Kelsall, Malpas Tarporley and Tattenhall.



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**If you or someone you know** may benefit from any of our services, or you would like to be a volunteer, please contact one of our Organisers below who will in confidence provide more details about our services and the volunteer opportunities we offer.

#### **Opal Clubs**

Zoe Blocksidge 07562 619 275 (Helsby, Kelsall)  
 Carol Hitchen 07851 253 587 (Tarporley)  
 Brenda Platt 07851 104 210 (Malpas, Tattenhall)

#### **BreakTime, GoOnline, Courses**

Jean Toyn 07563 156 220  
 Carol Hitchen 07851 253 587



**WE ARE  
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The Delamere Community Association Coffee Morning on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> September will be in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support. If you would like to help or get involved by making cakes, biscuits etc in aid of Macmillan, please contact ...

Pat 01606 883631  
Paula 01606 889741



## Local Police Surgery

**Delamere Community Centre**

**28<sup>th</sup> August 2014, 6pm**

**With PCSO Phil Brandreth**

Ask a question, report a problem in your area, mention anything bothering you or simply just meet your local Police Community Support Officer (PCSO) for your area.

### Community Public Meeting and Relaunch of Home Watch



Delamere and Oakmere Parish Councils are holding a Community Engagement meeting to relaunch Home Watch for our Communities on Tuesday October 21st 7:00 pm at the Delamere Community Centre.

To be attended by ...  
Police Commissioner Mr. John Dwyer  
Home Watch Coordinators  
Police Community Support Officer Mr. Phil Brandreth  
Refreshments available



## BreakTime

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or

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parties. The status of this application is currently "Pending consideration".

Oakmere and Delamere Parish Councils have held a meeting with Fulcrum, the firm that laid the gas main from Sandiway to the Four Oaks site. The meeting was hosted by Cheshire West and Chester and the purpose of the meeting was a) to discuss the cost of connection to the gas main for various groups of houses on the route from Sandiway to the Four Oaks site and b) the cost of connection to a proposed gas main from the Four Oaks site to the Marley Tile site on the assumption that Crown Estates get their planning application approved.

Fulcrum were unable to discuss the proposed Four Oaks to Marley Tile site costs in any detail, as this was too hypothetical. They did provide budgetary costs for connection to the existing gas main from Sandiway to Four Oaks. This takes the form of "projects" to connect groups of houses along the route. Delamere residents should be able to use this information to get an indication of their potential costs. The possibility of grants to reduce the costs was also discussed and Cheshire West and Chester will investigate potential sources of funding. Please see the article in this edition of the D&O Newsletter and on the D&O Website for further information. Thanks go to Dr Bob Clipperton for bringing this meeting about.

This is the first Summer that the Oakmere Way has been open and it is proving very popular with walkers, riders and cyclists.

The planning application for the Forestry Commission redevelopment of the Linmere visitors centre and Delamere Forest cabin development is awaiting the outcome of a public enquiry. This is due in November 2014.

Superfast Broadband is imminent, for Oakmere and Delamere. BT Openreach have been seen placing new Green Cabinets and laying fibre cables in the parish. Further announcements can be found on their website,

[www.connectingcheshire.org.uk](http://www.connectingcheshire.org.uk)

Bill McGibbon  
Chair, Oakmere Parish Council

### ***New police presence***

Another issue that came up in the survey for the Delamere parish plan was a desire for greater police presence in the area. Our wish has been granted twice over, with the appointment of a

Police Community Support Officer for the area, and a forthcoming visit from Cheshire's Police and Crime Commissioner. A community engagement meeting with Commissioner John Dwyer will be held in the Community Centre at 7pm on 21<sup>st</sup> October, and will be used as an opportunity to re-launch the Home Watch scheme for Delamere and Oakmere.

Our new PCSO, Phil Brandreth, will be holding regular surgeries in the Community Centre, beginning on 28th August at 6pm, and plans a monthly visit to Friday coffee mornings. You can also get in touch with Phil (who is based at Frodsham police station) at:



*Phil.Brandreth@cheshire.pnn.police.uk*

### ***Good Neighbours***

*Jane Lowthion*

Following many positive responses to the question in the Delamere parish plan about volunteering to support vulnerable people in the community, a group of interested people have come together to form a Delamere and Oakmere 'Good Neighbour Group'.

After discussions about what we wanted to do and the group name, we went on to research what was already available locally. It became obvious that there is a great deal going on but still many vulnerable people who could do with some extra help.

The group realised that one cannot enter someone's home unless invited and also that basic training and insurance were necessary. We therefore decided to form a local group under the banner of the Ash-worth Time Bank who will provide the training and insurance we need and also be able to inform us of vulnerable people who are requesting help.

The group intend to work together so that no volunteer feels loaded down and everyone only volunteers for what they are able to give at any one time. We will meet regularly to ensure the group is a success and build on what is provided, dependent on local need. We will also work with other groups providing services



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locally to ensure no duplication of effort and a coordinated approach to meet the needs of our vulnerable neighbours.

The Revd Elaine Ollman and her husband Brian have very kindly offered a room in the rectory for our meetings.

If you are interested in joining us please contact Jane Lowthion on 01829751454 or email [jane.lowthion@btinternet.com](mailto:jane.lowthion@btinternet.com). You will be made very welcome.

### ***Bikes galore!***

Don't be alarmed if a rather large group of motorcyclists come down your road on 17<sup>th</sup> August. J&S have teamed up with Chef and Brewer Pubs to organise a 'Ride Out' in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support. Bikers will start with breakfast at the Blue Cap before heading off for a barbecue lunch at the Blacksmiths Arms in Henbury, then back to J&S for a closing raffle.

Macmillan say they wanted to organise something big that would raise lots of money for people in Cheshire who are affected by cancer, and got J&S on board because they are the motorcycle experts. They hope to raise as much as £7000 - from around 150 bikers!

### ***Open-air theatre at Stonyford***

Stonyford Cottage Gardens will be presenting an open-air production of 'The Taming of the Shrew' on 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> August.



Staged by Folksy Theatre, the production uses a minimal set, relying mainly on the natural beauty of the surroundings. See the Stonyford advert for more details.

### ***Le Tour de Delamere?***

It may not be in the same league as France's 'Tour de Yorkshire' but the *Tour of Britain* is coming to Cheshire and probably to Delamere.

It is the UK's biggest professional cycle race, attracting some of the world's top cyclists. Last year it was won by Sir Bradley Wiggins, with a Swiss rider coming second. At the time of going to press the precise route has not been published, but an indicative map on the organisers' website shows it going through Delamere on **Monday 8<sup>th</sup> September** (late morning), en route from Knowsley to Llandudno. I'm guessing that it will go through the forest along Ashton Road and then down Yeld Lane. Road closures should in theory last for no more than 20 minutes, organised by a police escort travelling with the riders.

### ***Mains gas update***

*Dr Bob Clipperton*

The possibility of extending mains gas into Delamere and Oakmere has become a little clearer following a meeting with CW&C officials and Fulcrum (the supplier for the Four Oaks development), also attended by Parish Councillors and Ward Councillor John Leather. The current situation is that any property whose boundary is within 20 metres of the pipeline from Cuddington to Four Oaks can ask for a connection (an application form can be found at [www.fulcrum.co.uk](http://www.fulcrum.co.uk)). Fulcrum also supplied potential costs to supply other properties in Oakmere via side branch pipes off the main pipeline, for example at Crabtree Green, Stonyford Lane, Farm Road and Waste Lane/Chrimes Drive/Mere Crescent. However, the ultimate cost of connection would depend on how many households join the scheme and some other commercial factors. Fulcrum will explore this further through a survey of relevant households, giving an indication of possible costs and potential savings.

Another important purpose of the meeting was to enquire whether CW&C can reduce costs to individual householders via grants or other means. The CW&C officials present have agreed to explore this.

With respect to Delamere, Fulcrum indicated that they are in discussions with AMEC, (for the Crown Agents developing Marley) to extend the 'Oakmere' pipe down Station Road to Marley. If/when that pipeline is in place, the same process described as above for Oakmere will be applied to Station Road and side properties - hopefully more quickly than with Oakmere.



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## ***Horse trials at Kelsall Hill***

If you managed to get to the Kelsall Hill Easter weekend horse trial at Organsdale that was advertised in the last issue you are unlikely to have been disappointed. Phil Latham has been kind enough to let us use some of the photos of the events, which attracted a record attendance in excellent weather.



Michael Owen (based at Kelsall Hill)



Tyler Cassells

Over 800 horses competed in the events, which included dressage, show jumping and cross country. All the course management team have worked at Olympic level, including course designer Captain Mark Phillips, who presented the prizes.

The next large horse trials event at Organsdale will be from 26th-28th September. At the Easter event spectators were only charged £5 for the car park, and many of us can even walk there!



Ben Hobday at the water complex



Hannah Bates at the water complex



# Oakmere Cricket Club

Overdale Lane, Oakmere, Northwich CW8 2EL



Oakmere CC have Senior Mens, Juniors and Ladies teams playing over the weekend and mid-week matches and Qualified Coaches provide structured training sessions across all teams.

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## **Forthcoming Events:**

### **Oakmere President's XI v Chairman's XI – Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> August**

A friendly match between the President's and Chairman's select sides. A relaxed atmosphere for people to enjoy some good cricket and a refreshing drink from the bar!

### **60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Ball – Friday 26<sup>th</sup> September**

This year marks our 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary and to celebrate we are hosting a Ball at Vale Royal Abbey Golf Club. Anyone interested in purchasing tickets (£35 ea), please contact [membership@oakmerecc.co.uk](mailto:membership@oakmerecc.co.uk)



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### Quiz: places in Cheshire area

1. Workers on a ship headed east.
2. Does the Queen keep her treasure in it?
3. Distant, north of a Scottish river.
4. Who is a learner?
5. A deer wades across the river here.
6. Vulgar drug.
7. A central place for one who studies the black arts.
8. I hear there are houses here and a small place of worship.
9. Nursery for birds – it's happening.
10. Large room unfinished, heavy weight follows.
11. Is it our shopkeeper who links this tree with the precipice?
12. Inter after the ironing's done.
13. This insect didn't go to heaven!
14. Smooth set, we hear.
15. Must be a healthy place.
16. Lavish 8<sup>th</sup> century book is everything.
17. In a cycle race you don't want this to happen.
18. Is awarded car.
19. Does an insect propel public transport?
20. Do drama on this river crossing.

Answers at the bottom of page 10

### Quiz - Pets

By Janet Kite

Who owned these cats? Hodge, Dinah, Socks, Mrs Chippy, Jock, Mog

Who owns/owned these dogs? Flush, Toto, Jumble, Bullseye, Timmy, Nana, Susan, Pilot, Nigel, Toby, Montmorency, Beddgelert

Who owned these horses? Rocinante, Copenhagen, Bucephalus, Pegasus, A grey mare, Black Bess, Trigger, Banner, Marengo

Answers at the bottom of page 10

### Obituary

Margaret Jeffs 1926 - 2014. Margaret Hood was born in Barnton. When she was still a girl the family moved to Linmere Farm, Delamere, and subsequently to Coronation Farm, Station Road.

Answers to crossword:

Across: 1. after, 4. light, 7. Spiderwoman, 8. longest, 11. ants, 12. snug, 13. craze, 16. taint  
Down: 1. Austria, 2. triplets, 3. rye, 4. few, 5. gemstone, 6. tan, 9. strange, 10. suggest, 13. ace, 14. sea

In 1947 she married Bob Jeffs and they had three children.

Throughout her time in Delamere she was a regular attender at Delamere Church and was one of the longest serving members of the church choir. Latterly, after Bob's death, she moved to Sandiway and finally to Barnton and still drove herself to Sunday services at Delamere.



This photo shows our Christmas choir last year. (Margaret is second left, white hair and glasses.)

Robin Ackerley

### Poetry corner

The tribute to Freda Worrall in the last issue reminded **David Keogh** of a poem he wrote in 2005, in memory of a great oak felled outside her home.

#### A Great Oak

All those years to come to this,  
Cold steel tearing through limbs.  
A giant, dismembered in a moment.  
Those great arms of weathered time,  
All those seasons suffered, rejoiced in,  
All those passing skies beyond knowing.  
The chattering jay, the cooing dove.  
Gone in this frosty morning.  
Flung, scattered on the iced earth,  
Just a confetti of scattered ages.  
Unrecognisable in heaps and stacks.  
Who would know such a giant fell here?  
And who will come tomorrow?  
For the view is opened, the cutters gone.  
But what of the jay, the dove, the wren?  
They will know this day  
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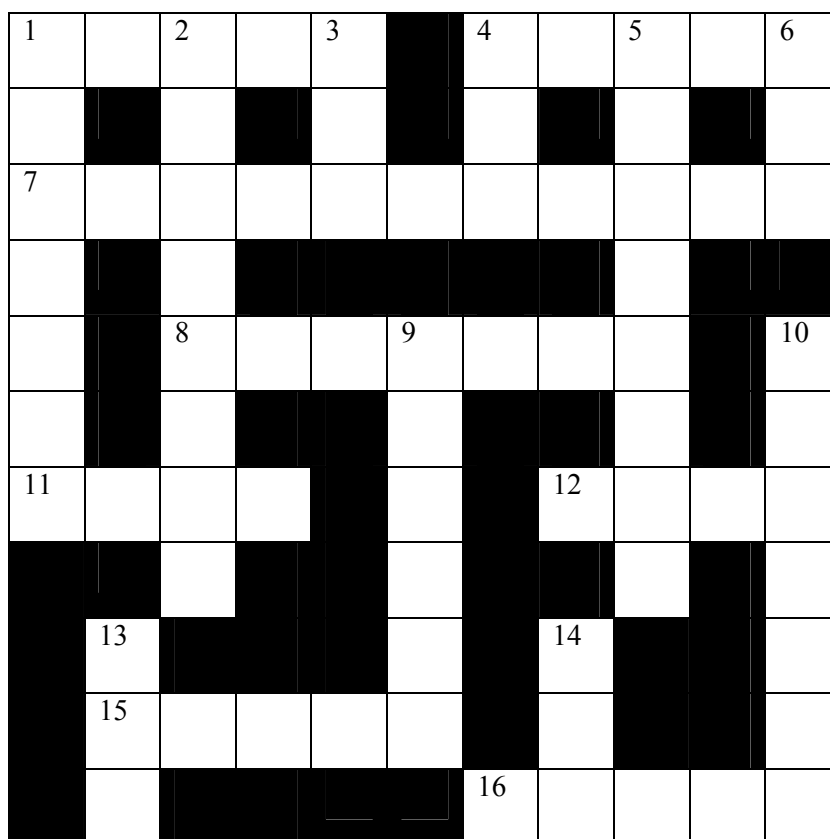
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1. The Queen follows the ship's stern later.
4. Tussle causes alarm, king leaves.
7. Female version of the superhero causes terror for phobics.
8. Fellow leaves the capital to be replaced by force going east in French – this jump wins in the sandpit.
11. Needs aren't started on for workers.
12. It's cosy in this room!
15. Initially closely cut to the ground – it's a seven day wonder.
16. Contamination! Swoon is avoided by serving tea in place of musical dynamic.

*Down:*

1. One of two countries, little Alexander's in the other one.
2. It's an inclusive trip, let's go with the three children!
3. Gave a funny smile I heard, when this bread is served.
4. Fever left this herb - not many left.
5. Woman went back and found the small rock, what a jewel!
6. Man leaves angle and gets tint in the sun.

9. Great angel falls short twice making country house with monastic associations.
10. Propose guests be arranged to include big ending.
13. Great! Top of the pack.
14. In these adverse conditions, its waves crash on the shore.

*Answers at the bottom of page 21*

**60 Plus!**

Over the last few months, members and supporters of Ash-worth Time Bank have asked if a group could be organised for theatre/cinema trips, visits, lunches, afternoon teas, weekends away or even holiday buddies. This would be especially beneficial for people who live alone, are widowed or new to the area, and would like to meet new people. If you would like to help or know of someone who would benefit, Susan or Caroline of the Time Bank would love to hear from you. Please phone 01829 751398 or email: [ash-worthtime@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:ash-worthtime@hotmail.co.uk) to express your interest. If a good response is received an informal information evening will be organised in early October.



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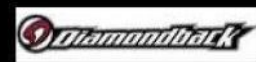
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