

# Delamere and Oakmere News



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Winter sun over Platt's Farm, by Gloria Ackerley

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**Forthcoming events****Church services****St Peter's Church, Delamere**

Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	8.00am	Holy Communion
	10.30am	Holy Communion with hymns
		No evening service
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	7:00pm	Mulled wine, mince pies and Carol Singing
Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup> December	8:00am	Holy Communion
	10:30am	Family Service with Children's Nativity
	6:30pm	Carols by Candlelight
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> December	4:00pm	Christingle Service
	11:30pm	Christmas Eve Holy Communion
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> December	8:00am	Christmas Day Holy Communion
	10:30am	Christmas Day Family Service with Holy Communion

**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, revdenise@btinternet.com).

**Delamere and District Golden Club**

November 13	Coach Trip to the Lowry Centre
November 27	Delamere School Children's Carols
December 11	Christmas Lunch with Carols

**All ages welcome!**

*For all queries regarding events and membership please call the Secretary June Budd on 01606 888117*

**W.I.**

Date	Speaker	Title	Competition
December 10 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Party		Christmas decoration (vegetable)
January 14 <sup>th</sup>	Beauty Barn	Skin Care	
February 11 <sup>th</sup>	Mr Cummins	Cheshire through the seasons	A cat (not real)
March 11 <sup>th</sup>	Linda Clark	Old Photos	
April 8 <sup>th</sup>	Jill Millward	Yummy chocolates	Group comp. to be announced
May 13 <sup>th</sup>	Members	Resolutions and Tasting evening	
June 10 <sup>th</sup>	EWM	Fashion Show	
July 8 <sup>th</sup>	Keith Burkett	Roberts Bakery	Edible cake decoration
September 9 <sup>th</sup>	Marshalls	Antiques	
October 14 <sup>th</sup>	Kate Cawley	Learning from my mistakes	Group comp. to be announced
November 11 <sup>th</sup>	AGM		
December 9 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Party		Home made Christmas decoration

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## Foreword

No, the snowy scene on the cover isn't this winter, though if this year's proves anything like the last we could be in for more of the same. Wrap up warm and enjoy the views! This picture of a wintry sun over Platt's Farm, seen from Stoney Lane, was captured by Gloria Ackerley. Take a look through your own photos of the area, and its people, and send us any that you think readers might enjoy. Without them the newsletter would look extremely dull! Our Webmaster wants more photos for the website too (see article below).

With the festive season fast approaching, keep an eye open for announcements about forthcoming events, and also for new activities taking place in the Community Centre.

The news from the two Parish Councils gives the latest information on Cheshire West and Chester's review of parish boundaries, the Forestry Commission's proposed developments at Linmere and Kingswood, Crown Estate's proposed development of the Marley site, and other planning applications. We have given a whole page to details of the plans for renovating the old Police Station and Magistrates' Court on Chester Road, which have at last been approved by Cheshire West and Chester. Other items include updates on improvements to the community website and on progress with getting faster broadband connections and mains gas.

This issue also contains two new items for our entertainment - a quiz, contributed by Janet Kite (the organist at St. Peter's), and a crossword, contributed by "Yeti". Why do crossword compilers always use pseudonyms? Perhaps there's a clue in the name.

**If you enjoy doing these** please email "More quizzes please!" and/or "More crosswords please!", or words to that effect, to [do\\_newseditor@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:do_newseditor@yahoo.co.uk), so that we can persuade the compilers to give us some more. Or maybe you would like to take a turn at doing one yourself?

## 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 early Spring.

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).

*do\_newseditor@yahoo.co.uk*  
or ring Clive George on 01606 882183

**Contributions always welcome!**



Ploughing a way through Stoney Lane in last year's snow  
by Gloria Ackerley

## Delamere Community Centre



### Coffee Mornings

Delamere Community Centre is offering a warm welcome to people to attend their coffee mornings which will be held on a Friday morning from 10 am - 12 noon starting on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December.

The first coffee morning will include advice and support about a range of issues about keeping well during the winter including advice about keeping warm, help with the costs of heating, falls prevention, help with shopping and collecting prescriptions. community transport. We are particularly interested in hearing about what would make life a bit easier during the winter months.

The second coffee morning will be held on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December with coffee, mince pies and you can also use the opportunity to post any last minute items as the post office will be open during all the coffee morning sessions.

There will be a further two coffee morning sessions to be held in January on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> January and Friday 10<sup>th</sup> January and activities will be planned during December for these dates.

If you would like transport to these events we will organise this and please phone Paula Cockroft on 01606 889741.

We are also keen to hear from people who would be willing to help and support people during the winter months and if you are interested please contact Cathy Boyd at (0788 151 0304) or Paula Cockroft at (01606889741).



## Letter from the Rector

November 2013

Dear Friends

At this time of year as dusk falls it's often possible to see and hear skeins of geese flying overhead in their familiar 'V' formation. Since the beginning of time, geese have migrated across continents and seas always flying in a 'V' and now scientists with computers have proved that flying this way is the most energy efficient way there is. Each goose takes it in turn to be the leader and then moves to rest on the outer edge of the flock. Co-operating in this way a flock can fly over 70% further than the same number of geese flying individually.

We can learn a lot from geese; working together, desiring the best for everyone, the strong supporting the weak, the rich supporting the poor, the powerful supporting the powerless. The Parish Plan for Delamere is being developed with groups coming together to draw up action plans and strategies so that everyone in our community will know they are valued, respected and appreciated. Much of the attitude today is for self-improvement, advancement, progression, get ahead, power, influence, prestige, all of which is easier if you know someone, or have an influential relative or friend who will help. TV advertising encourages us to give ourselves a treat anything from a chocolate bar to a new car – because we deserve it, we're 'worth it'. The Bible turns these theories on their head. Jesus says the very opposite is true. His kingdom is a kingdom of love it's not centred on thrones or palaces but in the hearts of his people, his kingdom is where service to others comes first.

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  
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## Community Centre News

### Slimming World

Slimming World is now at Delamere Community Centre on Wednesdays (5:30pm and 7:30 pm) and Thursdays (9:30 am). For further details contact Claire on 07817 725939.

### Other new activities

If anyone has any ideas/comments/suggestions for activities/events to be held at the centre, or if you are interested in joining the Delamere Community Association Management Committee, or volunteering to help, please contact:

Paula Cockroft 01606 889741  
Evelyn Macpherson 01606 301762

### Further information

For further information about the activities at the Community Centre, visit the website:

<http://www.delamereandoakmere.co.uk/>

### Community Centre activities and contacts

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Badminton (Tues 10 - 12am)	01606 883027
Badminton (Thurs evening)	01606 882708
Billiards/Snooker	01606 889741
Bingo (Sat 7.30)	01606 853861
Prize Bingo (4 <sup>th</sup> Tues of month)	01606 853861
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Bridge (Mon)	01606 882003
Bridge (Wed 7 - 10pm)	01606 888391
Dancing	01606 889411
Golden Club	01606 888117
Guides	01928 789010
Over 60 Keep Fit (Wed)	01606 882183
Slimming World	07817 725939
Whist (Thurs pm)	01606 888889
Whist (Fri pm)	01606 888889
WI (2 <sup>nd</sup> Tues of month)	01606 889174

### Brownies

Delamere Brownies are at risk of closing, unless a new leader can be found. If you might be able to help, please contact Heather Teiman: [heather.teiman@btinternet.com](mailto:heather.teiman@btinternet.com)



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## Quiz - Who lives or lived here?

By Janet Kite

1. 10 Downing Street
2. 11 Downing Street
3. 23 Railway Cuttings, East Cheam
4. Doubting Castle
5. Satis House
6. Wol's House
7. 221b Baker Street
8. Bag End
9. Oil Drum Lane, Shepherd's Bush
10. Manderley
11. In a shoe
12. Paddington Green
13. The Admiral Benbow
14. Batemans
15. Saltwood Castle
16. Prinsengracht 263-267 Amsterdam
17. 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
18. Highgrove
19. Chartwell
20. Hill Top
21. A hole
22. Lambeth Palace
23. Newstead Abbey
24. Pemberley
25. 52 Festive Road

Answers at the bottom of page 10



### Delamere Community Association Committee Meeting Dates 2013 - 2014

#### **2013**

Tuesday September 3rd 7:15 pm  
Tuesday November 5th 7:15 pm

#### **2014**

Tuesday January 7th 7:15 pm  
Tuesday March 4th 7:15 pm  
Tuesday May 6th 7:15 pm

#### **AGM**


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## Delamere Community Centre

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### Answers to quiz

1. The Prime Minister; 2. Chancellor of the Exchequer; 3. Tony Hancock; 4. Giant Despair; 5. Miss Havisham; 6. Owl; 7. Sherlock Holmes; 8. Bilbo Baggins; 9. Steptoe and Son; 10. Maxim de Winter; 11. The Old Woman; 12. Little Polly Perkins; 13. Jim Hawkins; 14. Rudyard Kipling; 15. Alan Clark; 16. Anne Frank; 17. President of the US; 18. Prince Charles; 19. Sir Winston Churchill; 20. Beatrix Potter; 21. The mole; 22. Archbishop of Canterbury; 23. Lord Byron; 24. Mr Darcy; 25. Mr Benn.

## **Parish Council news**

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

As we move from Autumn into Winter many of the issues that were on the Parish Council's table earlier in the year are still with us.

The main issue on the agenda remains the Local Governance Review of proposed Town/Parish council boundary changes. The key proposal, set out by Cheshire West and Chester, remains that of bringing Delamere and Oakmere together under one overall council's administration, while protecting their individuality as parishes. However, before this proposal can be taken further there is a need for the review to determine what the direction should be for Delamere residents close to the parish of Willington (Boothsdales, Willington Corner etc.) and whether they see their future in a stand alone Willington Parish or with one of the other neighbouring parishes such as Kelsall or Delamere. Willington residents have been surveyed for their views on this; concurrently residents in the Yeld and Waste Lane have been approached as to their views on future alignment. Residents could be forgiven for being somewhat bemused by the regular requests to complete surveys over the last few months, but the parish council has been impressed by the efforts the review team have gone to, to ensure that the end proposals for our parish reflect the wishes of its residents. As yet no final decisions have been made as to what will eventually be put forward for discussion in the final round of public consultation later this year.

The planning application for the Forestry Commission redevelopment of the Linmere visitors centre and Delamere Forest cabin development has now been approved by CW&C. Alongside Oakmere council we were active in ensuring the views of our residents were aired with both the Forestry Commission and the CW&C planners. Despite the application being approved we have signalled to the Forestry Commission that we would wish to continue our contribution to the development as it progresses, particularly in the area of traffic management on Station Road and the access to the new visitors centre.

The last few months have seen some major steps in producing a Parish plan for Delamere. Residents were asked to complete a survey (Yes - another one!) giving their views as to the key

developments they wished to see happening in the parish, as well as those they don't want. In September the Parish Plan team tested the key areas raised with those people attending an open-house meeting in the Community Centre. These areas are now being worked on to produce a timetable for the key actions to bring about identified improvements that can be practically developed by community action. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the team for all the effort they have given so far. It has been a considerable piece of work!

Finally planning remains high on the Parish Council agenda. We have recently opposed a planning application for further development on Stoney Lane. In association with the parish plan team we have also been collecting residents' views on the proposed development of the Marley site and ensuring that the site owners - Crown Agents - are aware of these. We and residents will have an opportunity to see if these have been taken on board at a further exhibition being organised by Crown Agents to set out their current thinking. The exhibition, which will be advertised locally, will be in the Community Centre towards the end of November.

You can keep up with these developments through attending our parish council meetings, or reviewing the minutes available on both the Delamere and Oakmere website or parish notice boards.

Harry Tonge  
Chair, Delamere Parish Council.



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

In my July 2013 letter I reported on the Community Governance Review and a draft recommendation that Oakmere and Delamere should be "grouped". There was only one small boundary change proposed, for Oakmere. Surprisingly, the recent report for Norley makes draft recommendations to move Oakmere's Northern boundary taking a number of properties on Gallowsclough Lane, Stoneyford Lane and Cheese Hill Lane, into Norley parish. A non-scientific poll of the residents of those properties, does not indicate any great desire to become part of the Norley parish, with some vehemently against the draft recommendation. We have written to CW&C and await further developments.

As you are probably aware, Crown Estates have held a pre-planning application consultation and will hold a second, on proposals for a largely residential development on the Marley Tile Site after more than a decade of the site being unused. The site is "brownfield" but is in the Greenbelt and there is some opposition locally to any residential development on Greenbelt land. OPC are taking a pragmatic approach and if the development does get planning permission are trying to influence what is provided and to maximise benefits to local residents. In addition to the normal planning considerations, traffic management issues and reference to the Oakmere Community Led Planning Framework, we have asked Crown Estates to consider: Mains Gas extended from the Four Oaks site, to the Marley site; Retirement Homes/Complex and medical facility; support for the Community Centre.

The planning application for the Forestry Commission redevelopment of the Linmere visitors centre and Delamere Forest cabin development has now been approved by CW&C. CW&C have also approved the application for renovation of the old Police Station and Magistrates' Court (see separate article).

Mid Cheshire Bridleways Association (MCBA) reported to OPC that a second grant has been obtained from Natural England, to complete work on the Oakmere Way. This new multi-user route will allow walkers, horse riders and cyclists to travel between Stoneyford Lane and Station Road. An extension to a permissive path alongside Stoneyford Lane, provided by the Forestry Commission, means that users will be

able to travel between Whitegate Way and Delamere Forest without having to negotiate roads except for crossing purposes. Access will also be made possible to Hornby's Rough in Oakmere, an area of woodland previously inaccessible. The Oakmere Way is due to be opened officially in the Spring of 2014.

Regarding Superfast Broadband, Connecting Cheshire are currently working with Openreach, BT's local network division to plan the deployment and begin the process of planning the 'how, where and when' with engineers surveying locations and analysing the best way to roll out the network. They are planning to release information on their deployment shortly, followed by specific information on those premises within phase 1 in early December with further announcements thereafter, and this will be shared across the county, including on their website, [www.connectingcheshire.org.uk](http://www.connectingcheshire.org.uk).

Bill McGibbon  
Chair, Oakmere Parish Council

### *So, what's a Webmaster?*

I must admit that when I saw the request in the D&O Newsletter seeking a webmaster for the Community Website I didn't know that there was a local website let alone what a webmaster did. Having spent some time browsing its pages and having some spare time on my hands I quickly decided that it was something well worth supporting, like this regular newsletter. Webmaster is a rather grand title but my role is really just to keep the website up to date and to help develop the site with a small group who manage the site on behalf of the Delamere and Oakmere Communities.

If you enjoy reading about your local area and finding out about what is going on then you will want to visit

<http://www.delamereandoakmere.co.uk/>

where you will find the latest news, events and information about the area. There are also pages about the Community Association, Parish Councils, Churches, Schools and local businesses; there is also useful advice and regular updates on Community Safety on the Home Watch page.

The website is evolving and recent changes include:

- The addition of an events calendar - this lists Community Association, Parish Council and other events coming up over the coming months, all in one place.



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- More frequent updates of new items on the website
- A news archive page – listing items that have appeared as “Latest News”

The website is for and about local people and is open to suggestions and contributions of news, articles, local community events, local businesses and photographs of the area. If you have something that you would like contribute you can contact me at

do\_webmaster2@yahoo.com

Bernie Holmes

PS: If anyone knows what happened to webmaster1 please let me know☺.

### ***Delamere parish plan***

Many thanks to everyone who came to the Community Meeting in September.

- We have collected together the results of all of our research and survey work and public consultations.
- Over a dozen volunteers have joined members of the steering group to write a draft Parish Plan, and an action plan for how all the issues should be dealt with.
- Finally, we will ask people to give us their views on the draft plan and actions.
- With input from the Parish Council, the steering group will consider all the comments and suggestions people submit on the draft plan.
- We will then create a final plan for formal approval and publication (expected to be early Spring).

Colin Stubbs

### ***Wildlife - a White-Letter Day***

The Old Pale Conservation Group have, for some time, been working with the Forestry Commission at Lob Slack Nursery to rejuvenate the Elm tree plantation near to Stoneyford Brook, in the hope that a colony of White-letter HairStreak butterflies might still exist there, although none have been seen for many years.

After returning from a visit to Frees Heath and Whixhall Moss in North Shropshire in July, and

having seen Silver Studded Blue, Large Heath Butterflies and rare White Faced Darter Dragonfly, three members including myself stopped at Stoneyford Lane to see if on this hot sunny day we could continue our luck at butterfly spotting. We were delighted after intense searching through binoculars to see three groups of butterflies flitting about in the tops of the Elm trees. This is characteristic behaviour of this species. The butterfly is specific to Elm and suffered terribly during the first epidemic of Dutch Elm disease, forty years ago, which killed thousands of trees. How history is repeating itself! 50% of the trees at Stoneyford are dying of Dutch Elm disease which has been prevalent this year. Several trees near to my home in Watling Drive have also died from the disease.



<http://butterfly-conservation.org/files/white-letter-hairstreak-underwing1-peter-eeles-web.jpg>

The foresters on the nursery are now working with the conservation group to replant the lost trees with varieties that are resistant to Dutch Elm disease. This may be the only chance the butterfly colony has of survival in this area.

David Wright

### ***Yet another Green Flag for the Little Wood***

The community woodland at Bowyer's Waste in Oakmere, locally known as the Little Wood, has achieved the Green Flag Award for the second year running. The award, presented by Keep Britain Tidy, recognises the best parks and green spaces across the country.

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variety of habitats and wildlife, with a boardwalk across the wetland area. Most of the trees are between 15 and 50 years old, though some are much older. They include birch, rowan, English oak, red oak, larch, Scots pine, western hemlock and Corsican pine. The presence of bluebells and other wildflowers suggests that part of the site may be ancient woodland. Old maps show it dating back at least as far as 1875, although some of the site was since used as a plantation by the Forestry Commission. The woods are full of birds, including woodpeckers and the occasional tawny owl. We are not sure whether the owls nest there - but they do in Station Road.



New resident in Station Road

### **Weaver Vale Artists**

A small group of local artists are inviting others with intermediate to advanced skills to join them in a new Art Society that meets in Acton Bridge. The group held its inaugural session on 11 November and will be meeting every Monday in the Parish Rooms, Hill Top Road, Acton Bridge, from 1.00pm until 5.00pm.



The sessions are solely for the purpose of painting in the company of like minded others in an informal and friendly environment, with no teaching element. It is intended to produce occasional exhibitions showing the work of all members. Demonstrations and talks by visiting artists are also planned. If you would like to join just take along your paints, brushes and paper to one of the sessions. For more information email [wvas@outlook.com](mailto:wvas@outlook.com) or visit Weaver Vale Art Society on Facebook.

### **100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of World War 1**

An exhibition of memorabilia is being planned to mark next year's 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the start of the first world war. If you have any artefacts, pictures, stories or any other memorabilia you would like to share, please contact Robin Ackerley:

01829 752723, [robin.ackerley@btinternet.com](mailto:robin.ackerley@btinternet.com)

### **Poetry corner - dreams**

*This issue's Golden poem from Mrs Thelma Ashbrook.*

#### **WHEN I WIN THE LOTTERY**

I'd like to be a millionaire I only need one figure, already I have all the noughts, need "ONE" to make it bigger.

My dresses would be haute couture, made specially in France. I'd not wear less than six inch heels - I don't know how I'd dance.

I'd buy a gold Ferrari and a Rolls, perhaps blue or pink. I haven't made my mind up yet I'll need to have a think.

I might have plastic surgery and get two pert new breasts, to peep out all provocative like, above my thermal vests.

You can all come to my mansion for supper one fine night. With money like what I'll have one has to do things right.

I'll not expect you to dress up and spend your hard-earned cash. Just wear your oldest diamonds, not anything too posh.

There'll maybe be a golf course and trees beside a pool, a patio to sit on, champagne to keep us cool.

Just silly dreams that won't come true, well it's all gone to my head. You can still come round and have some tea but you'll just get jam and bread.

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## ***Renovation of Police Station and Magistrates' Court***

At last, the dilapidated eyesore that is one of the most prominent buildings in Delamere and Oakmere is on the way to its long overdue make-over. In October plans to renovate the old Police Station and Magistrates' Court on Chester Road, Oakmere, were approved by Cheshire West & Chester Council. The central part of the building will be converted into 6 residential apartments, flanked by two 3-bedroom houses (previously occupied by the Magistrate and the resident Constable). The sprawling additions at the rear of the building that used to hold the Juvenile Court will be replaced with a new 3-bedroom house of complementary design. Ten new dwellings of similar design will be built on the adjacent land, with a terrace of four 3-bedroom town houses facing onto Chester Road, and six 4-bedroom semi-detached houses to the rear of the site. An access road will pass between the original building and the new terrace.

The historic building, which has been disused since 1987, was constructed in 1892 as the headquarters of the Cheshire Police Eddisbury Division. Originally the magistrates conducted their business up the road in the Abbey Arms. Four of the new apartments will be accessed by ascending the grand staircase that led to the Courtroom. The Police Inspector's office will be used as a bedroom in one of the ground floor apartments, while the cells will provide another. The back yard, through which the accused would pass on a separate route up to the Courtroom, will be turned into a courtyard garden.

The property is owned by Gerry Yeung OBE, a prominent Manchester businessman whose family runs the Yang Sing restaurant. He is the President of Disabled Living, one of the longest-established charities in the city, and a past President of the Manchester Chamber of Commerce.

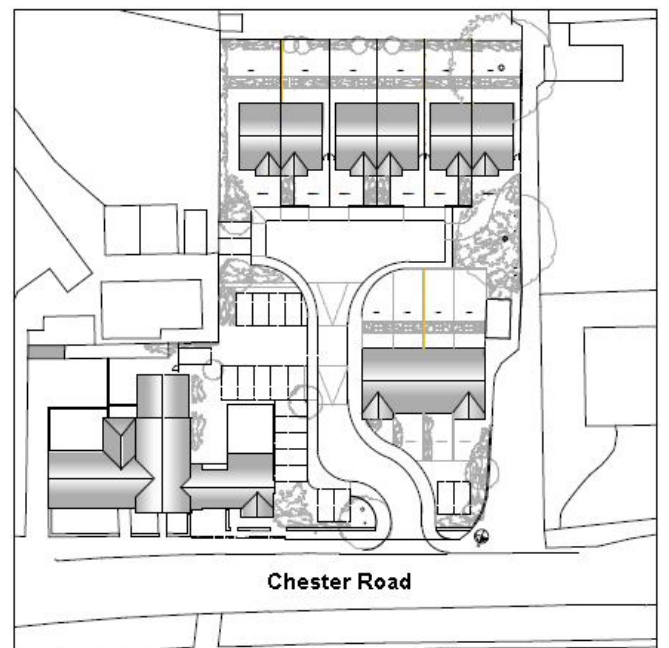
We can be sure that any deviations from the plans will soon be spotted, as the architect for the development, Nicola Gibson of NJG Design, lives only a few hundred yards away on Chester Road. Nicola is a valued member of the Community Association sub-committee that looked after the recent Community Centre refurbishment.



The building as it is now



The renovated building



Plan of the site

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**For further information please contact Gloria Ackerley 01829 752723.**

**P.S. We shall not be carol singing in the forest this year.**

### ***Broadband update***

Good news? Maybe. At the beginning of November, Connecting Cheshire issued a map showing the areas that are planned to be upgraded to high speed fibre-optic broadband between Spring 2014 and Summer 2015. All of Delamere and Oakmere are on the map! Good news indeed. Or maybe not. There is a footnote on the map saying it is 'for early indicative purposes only'.

Connecting Cheshire will be making a further announcement on 6th December, when they will make public which specific areas will be included in the first stage of implementation. Further announcements will follow. Dr Bob Clipperton, our local 'digital champion', is keeping the pressure on Connecting Cheshire to make sure that we don't get left behind.

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

Fulcrum, the company who extended the mains gas pipe from Sandiway to the Wainhomes

development on Chester Road, still haven't come up with potential costs to connect other parts of Oakmere either side of the pipe. Efforts are continuing to discuss this with them.

With respect to the area of Delamere around Station Road, the only hope for getting mains gas at sensible prices is to persuade the Crown Agents, if/when they apply for planning approval to develop the Marley site, to copy the Wainhomes example – and extend the pipe from Wainhomes. Certainly, Oakmere Parish Council will request this.

Informal comments were made by the developers at the first community consultation that they are discussing this with an unnamed infrastructure provider. Crown Estate have organised a second community consultation to discuss their revised plans (see below). If you see this in time, go along to register your interest.

Dr Bob Clipperton

### ***Marley site update***

In light of feedback received at the initial consultation, Crown Estate have carried out detailed technical work looking at the issues raised by the local community, and have revised their plans. The new proposals for development of the site include both market and affordable homes, with a proportion dedicated for older people. The scheme also provides an area for allotments or a community garden, children's play areas, and multi-use open space intended for the benefit of the whole Delamere and Oakmere community. Crown Estate have also begun investigations into the possibility of facilitating the delivery of gas mains and broadband to the area. A second community consultation in the Community Centre has been organised for Friday 22nd November (3pm to 7pm) and Saturday 23rd November (9pm to 1pm), to present details of the revised scheme.

### ***WANTED!***

Nylon stockings or tights for use as garden ties. Any condition. Can collect. Thank you!

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The Paddock (white bungalow top of Stoney Lane.)



## **UNDER NEW OWNERSHIP**

**The Legends café at J and S motorcycles in Oakmere is under new ownership.**

**We will be changing the name shortly and making improvements to the café area in the New Year. We hope you like the new name we felt the area did not feel quite the same with the old Fourways gone so we are bringing it back!**

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### **Add any of the following to your breakfast**

Two rashers of bacon **£1.00**

One sausage **50p**

A portion of chips **£1.50**

Hash brown **£1.00**

Toast **50p**

An egg **50p**

Fried mushrooms **50p**

Cheese **50p**

## **BREAKFAST BATCHES**

*Served all day*

Sausage, bacon or fried egg **£1.95**

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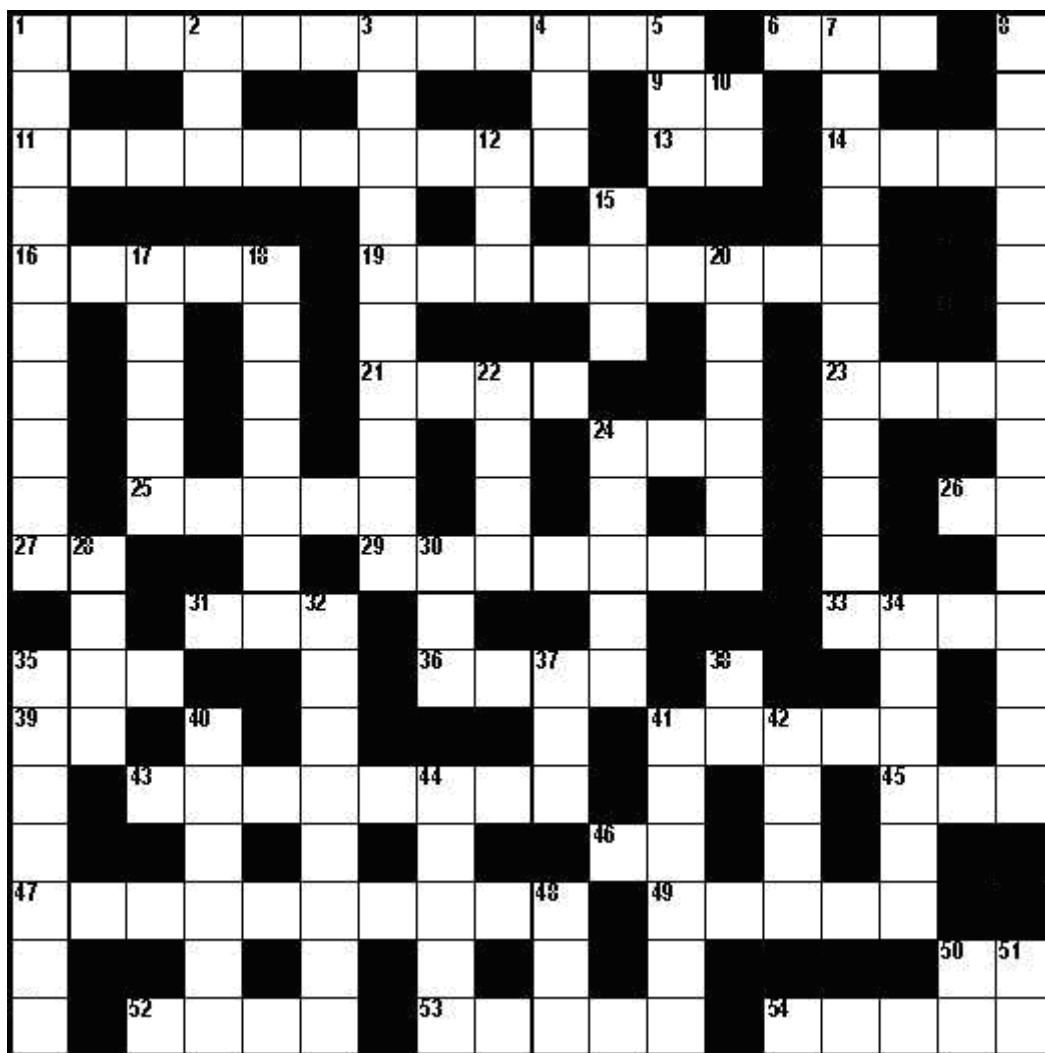
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## Jumbo Crossword

By Yeti

No prizes, other than fame! Send your answers to [do\\_newseditor@yahoo.uk](mailto:do_newseditor@yahoo.uk), or by post/hand to 71 Station Road, CW8 2HZ. The name of the "winner" (the first received with the right answers) will be published in the next issue, along with the answers.

The clues are mainly cryptic, but with some straight and general knowledge ones thrown in to confuse. Two of the answers are initials.



### Across

1. Dance mother, for Edward is uneasy (12)
6. Spanish gentleman taught at the university (3)
9. Horse's bridle part missing the hive resident (2)
11. Frothy drink maker from Christmases past (10)
13. In English or Italian – the answer will be the same! (2)
14. You may find otters among this weed (4)
16. The comfiest duck (5)
19. Sky no pie from this dish (9)
21. A celebration meal disturbs the weak (4)

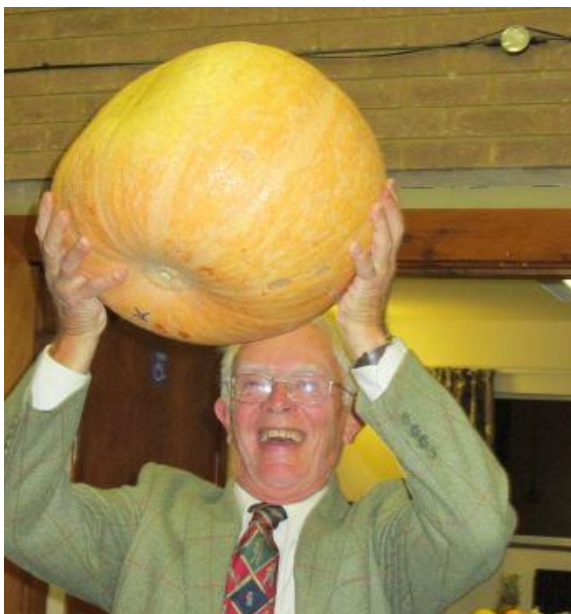
23. James's large fruit loses a small coin every time. (4)
24. The hoped for reaction on presenting a gift (3)
25. What this newsletter is. (5)
26. It sounds as if you can eat it, but you don't learn about this in cookery lessons (2)
27. Sulky response from a teenager? (2)
29. Did they hunt on horseback in the dark in Delamere Forest? (7)
31. 29 across of this inspired stories of gallantry and derring-do (3)
33. You need to change this tool to get your reward. (4)

35. These shirts will not be needed on the golf course this winter (3)
36. We have an old one, there's a new one nearby, leap differently over it. (4)
39. This senior service is not needed here. (2)
41. Change your robes if driving this Christmas! (5)
43. Disorder (8)
45. Entity – good word for Scrabble players (3)
46. See 13 across. This time in the other language! (2)
47. Went there often (10)
49. Letters found in run, especially in Viking countries. (5)
50. He, she, -- (2)
52. A local lake (4)
53. Puts rows in order (5)
54. Some do this strictly but we will do it in a 42 down (5)

#### Down

1. Takes apart (10)
2. Do half a 54 across at teatime (3)
3. Many residents do this (6,4)
4. A laddie's headgear (3)
5. Noise made in mild indigestion! (3)
7. Grade 2 accommodation first for rich people then injured miners, now flats (7,4)
8. \_\_ to all readers! (5, 9)
10. Sounds like this many letters (2)
12. The green woodpecker's favourite food (3)

15. To be had at the Abbey Arms, the Boot, the Fishpool and Forest View etc (3)
17. A fine Christmas present for a little girl around the start of revelry will amuse (5)
18. He is the root cause of many reforms (7)
20. 63,360 of these in a mile (6)
22. A fruitful bird, yet in danger of extinction (4)
24. Scots are dismissive concerning this pigment (5)
28. The ladies ignore the first warning (4)
30. This pan is inverted but no pancake falls – yawn! (3)
32. One half of us, separated by a road (8)
34. Did Jackie visit *her* in this alternative pantomime? (6)
35. Take a pig or a dog, you won't find one here (7)
37. Sounds like our shopkeeper, out in the field (3)
38. This is good if you play Monopoly this Christmas (2)
40. Are you going to serve posh soup in this unglazed pot? (6)
41. Keeps shops (6)
42. Christmas shop in one at the Hollies or come to this 54 across at the DCC (4)
44. Backwards or forwards it still keeps going round (5)
48. I hear it's all finished for this horse of muted colours (3)
50. The C.O. is this (2)
51. Not quite the top note of the scale (2)



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