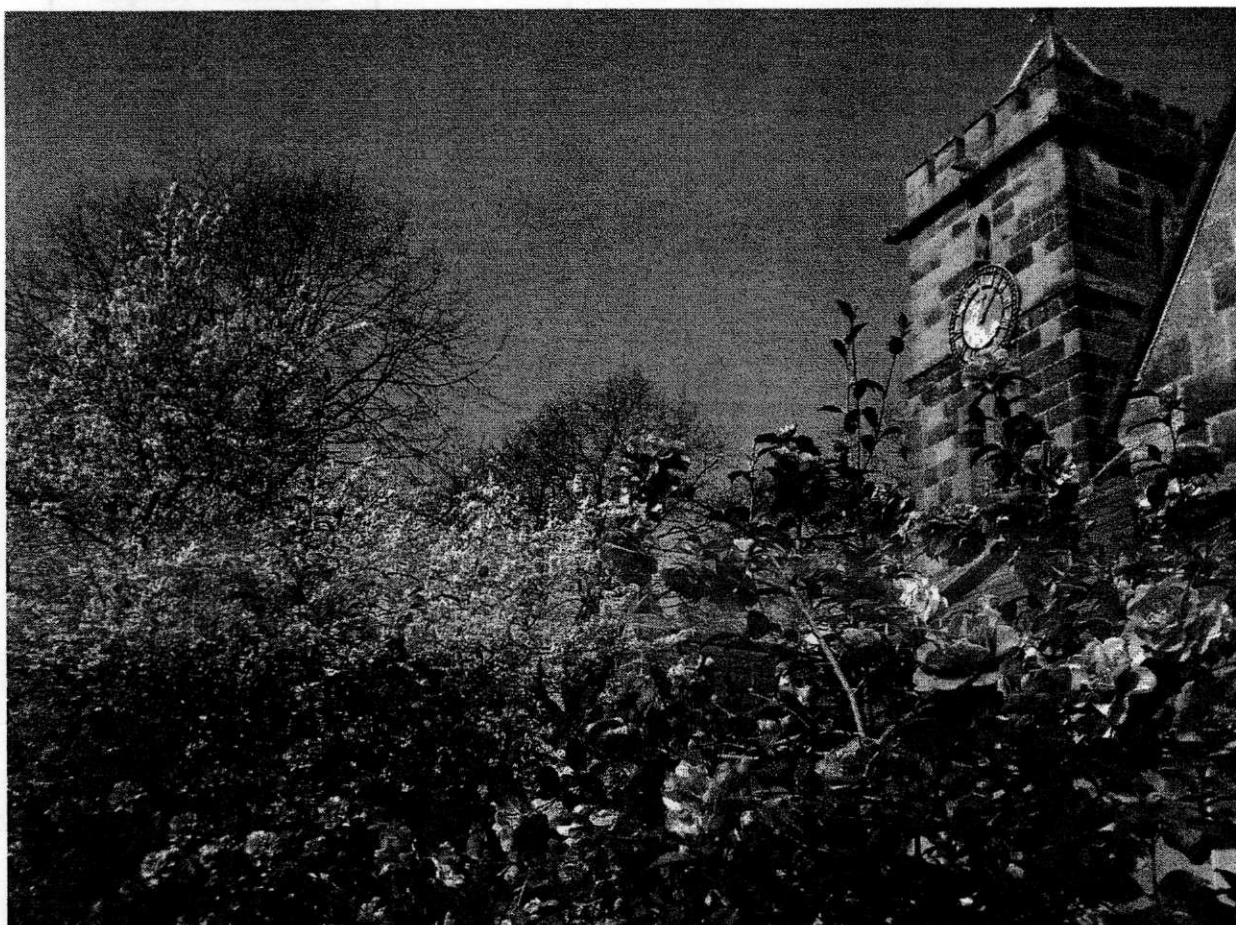


Delamere and Oakmere *News*

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Cherry Blossom and Camellia outside Delamere Church, Palm Sunday 2007

Easter Sunday Services

Delamere Church

8.00 am Holy Communion
10.30 am Family Communion
6.30 pm Evening Communion

Oakmere Methodist Church

10.45 am Easter Service,
including Communion

Happy Easter!

What's On
April/May

All events in Delamere Community Centre, unless indicated.

*All club/society secretaries
Please let me know well in advance the dates of your meetings for the following two months (ie, by 16th May for June/July, etc. (if you would like them included in this diary)).*

*Contact me on either:
01829 752723, or by e-mail:
robin.ackerley@btinternet.com
or at: The Paddock, Stoney Lane, Delamere*, Tarporley CW6 0SX
(*not Kelsall)*

Wednesday, 4th April

Golden Age

[Members only]

Lunch

followed by
Annual General Meeting
12.30pm

Monday, 9th April

Women's Institute

A Sainsbury's representative
hosts

A Tasting Evening
7.30pm

Tuesday, 10th April

Women's Institute

Games Evening
Group Competition
7.30pm

Monday, 16th April

Delamere Parish Council

A.G.M.

Delamere School
7.30pm

Wednesday, 18th April

Golden Age

Talk by a representative of
Hotter Shoes
All Welcome

Non-members should contact
Jean Riches (01606 882094) or
Jim Emerton (01270 668934)

Saturday, 28th April

Community

Association

Coffee Morning

10 – 11.30am

See below

Wednesday, 2nd May

Golden Age

Talk by Mr. Peter Clark on
Owls
with live specimens
2.00pm

Tuesday, 8th May

Women's Institute

Resolutions/ Mini-Show

7.30pm

Monday, 14th May

Delamere Community Association

Committee Meeting

7.15pm

Wednesday 16th May

Golden Age

Talk by Mr. Greatorex
"What's in a Name?"
The speaker will look up the
origins of members' names
2.00pm

Monday, 21st May

Delamere Parish Council Meeting

Delamere School
7.30pm

Wednesday, 30th May

Golden Age

Outing

Members only.

**Delamere & Oakmere News
Advance Notice**

I am due to go into hospital for a heart by-pass operation some time soon, but I don't as yet know when. This may well mean one or two editions will not be appearing this summer. Apologies for this.

Robin Ackerley

Friday, 13th April

Kelsall Youth Support

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is holding a

Spring Event

at

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for youngsters aged 12
to 18

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As series of sessions based on Fox Howl follows a pattern, established over many years, to recognise the wealth of birdsong in our woodland. Sessions are usually led by Prof. David Norman and Dr Joan Fairhurst. All are welcome, as we can break into smaller groups if appropriate. Binoculars and outdoor clothing essential. This year the sessions are being advertised through CAWOS and the Wildlife Trust to take advantage of the wealth of knowledge that can be shared. There will be a charge to contribute to equipment for the centre.

Wednesday 25th April: 5-7 pm

EARLY MIGRANT BIRDSONG

Sunday 20th May: 5.30 am

EARLY RISERS*

Wednesday 13th June: 5-7 pm

ESTABLISHED TERRITORIES

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5.30 am for a spectacular morning?

Monday, 9th April

The rewards are immense, including hot drinks and bacon butties at 7.30ish. For those with time the morning continues with a visit to Blakemere. **Please book for this one**, so we know when everyone is there, by contacting Kay George on 01606 882183, or

kaypgeorge@yahoo.co.uk

You are welcome to join individual sessions, although differentiating the songs does get more difficult as spring advances. For further information contact Kay George (see above).

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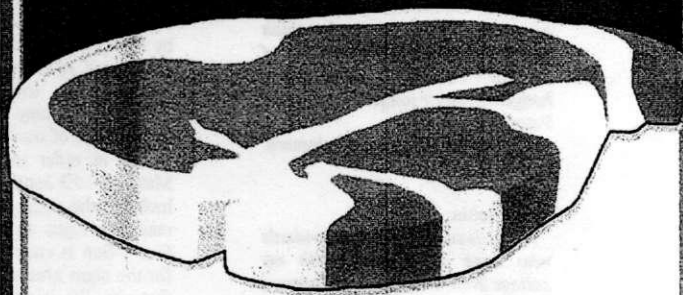
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Letters to the Editor

Dear Sir,

In support of your previously expressed views regarding the European Econet funded hedgerow restoration project, may I say how surprised I was when I witnessed the way it had been implemented next to the public footpath bordering the fields leading from the top of Stoney Lane towards Kelsall.

As the project is focused on restoration it is a pity that at least a section of the existing low dry-stone cavity wall, or 'hedge-cop', has not been unearthed and planted with blackthorn whips in keeping with traditional local practice.

By one section of the footpath, a large number of healthy mature hawthorns have been cut to the ground to make way for the planting of blackthorn whips, which I understand will take at least ten years to reach hedge height. Had it not been for your timely intervention at least another half dozen mature trees further along the path would have met the same fate.

The brush and debris left strewn across the path for weeks by the contractor would probably still be there now had it not been for a public minded landowner clearing it away.

As the project's managing agency, Cheshire County Council need to get a grasp quickly of all aspects of the project as it is rolled out across Cheshire if potential benefits are not to be outweighed by the destruction of many established trees and shrubs which provide habitat for a variety of wildlife whilst giving our hedgerows their unique character.

Peter Thompson,

Rowan House, Delamere.

Hello Robin,

A big thank you to the individuals who have assisted me with my college New Product Development project.

The information given will be used as a guide on how to develop the product I will be manufacturing.

Andrew Bell

Linnere Cottages, Delamere.

An Easter Message from
Oakmere Methodist
Church

Hello everyone,

A few years ago I was asked to address the Women's World Day of Prayer in Nantwich. The theme was South Africa. I told them the story of the two black Student ministers I met at a theological college in Cape Town.

One used to be a policeman while the other used to be an ANC member. Both of them came from different sides of the track and in the initial days both hated each other. One was widely regarded as a traitor to his black kin, while the other was regarded by the apartheid authorities as subversive.

It took many months for the men to develop an uneasy truce and even longer for them to work together. This was a costly journey for them both. They had to let go of their old ways of thinking, hating and being. Both had to die in their old selves and start a new life in Christ. This is the story, the experience of Easter.

Christ became like us, died for us and rose so that we too may die to our old selves and rise to a new life now. Jesus suffers what we suffer and conquers and transforms it. It was a costly process for Jesus, but it was done out of love for us.

The two students were asked to make a costly sacrifice in order to gain a new life together in Christ. It was because of their faith in Christ's death and resurrection that they could do this.

Few of us are asked to make such sacrifices, but we are offered - challenged - to a new life in Christ by dying to our old selves. We are challenged to become truer, more honest, more loving and more selfless. We may already know which parts of our life we need to die to in order to rise again. In Matthew 16:3 Jesus tells a group to look for the signs of the times, to read the signs to tell them that God's Son is amongst them. Look for the signs around you that show that new life is possible in Christ. Can you see them? Can you see them in yourself?

Happy Easter,

Yours in Christ,

Ann Kenton

News from Oakmere
Parish Council

During February 500 snowdrops 'in the green' were planted in the Little Wood by members of the Parish Council. This was made possible by a grant from the Econet Project, for the enhancement of the wood. It is hoped that the snowdrops will prosper and multiply, and give great pleasure for many years to come.

From My Window

During the winter months four pied wagtails have been visiting every day; their jaunty little bodies always bring a smile.

On the 8th February over a hundred crows were perched in a row of tall trees nearby, making a great noise.

Blackbirds are doing well: five of them (three males) are regular visitors. They love raisins.

It was a real thrill to see a goldfinch on the peanuts. They seemed to prefer these to the niger seeds.

1st March. Birds are inspecting the nestboxes. One used for years by blue tits has been taken over by a house sparrow.

The courting rituals are so amusing. A male woodpigeon put his beak into the ground and raised his rump in front of a female! She was not impressed! Similarly a male pheasant has been pestering a female for a week or two by parading by her side and spreading his wings and tail feathers. She keeps running away!

As I write today a woodpecker is swinging on the nut container.

I noticed a very dark female pheasant recently who had a lovely tuft on her head.

A lot of birds are ground feeders. Especially lovely to see are the yellowhammers. When I first saw one I thought it was a canary. The bright yellow heads are beautiful in the sunshine.

I have been woken up before dawn by a loud 'peep, peeping' and wonder which bird this can be.

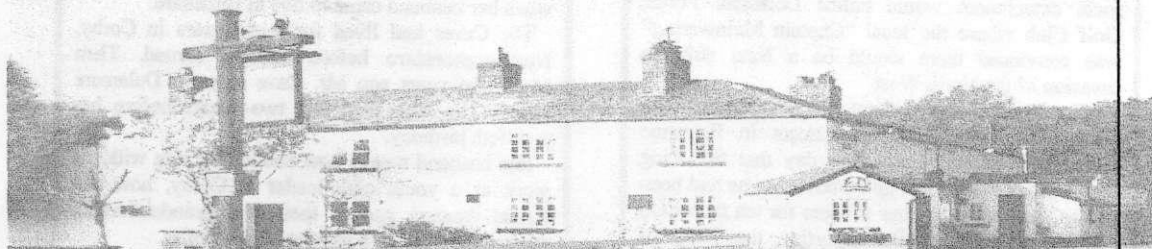
Greenfinches, chaffinches and collared doves are all pairing up. The robins have their dried mealworms on the bird table and chase off any interlopers.

The crows are still coming twice a day and dunking bread in water.

Soon the swallows will be back. I will be looking skyward every day. They may be earlier this year because of the warmer winter.

D.D.

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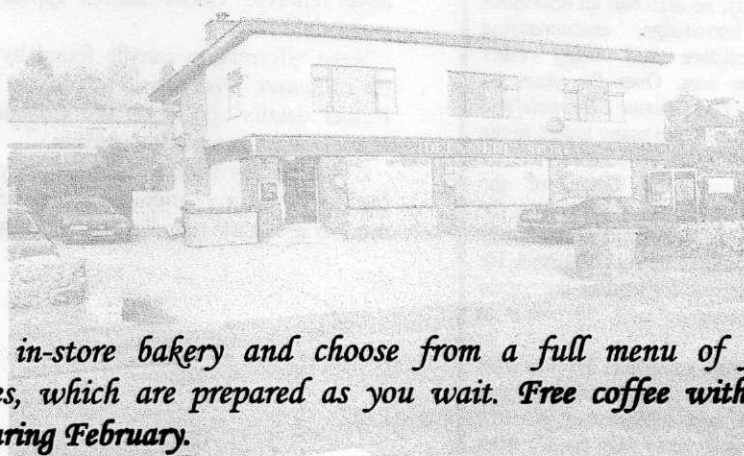
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Gordon Fergusson

Gordon Fergusson, who lived at Sandy Brow all his life, died on 21st January at the age of 81. He was educated at Radley College. At 16 he joined the Home Guard and in the school holidays he and the local detachment would patrol Delamere Forest Golf Club where the local "Captain Mainwaring" was convinced there would be a Nazi airborne invasion of the North West.

After Radley, Gordon went to Sandhurst and then served in the 12th Royal Lancers in Palestine between 1946 and 1948. The day that the King David Hotel was blown up by terrorists he had been due to meet some brother officers for tea there! On another occasion, whilst escorting the King of Jordan out of Palestine in a convoy of armoured cars, the British general (Windy Gale), who was in Gordon's car, handed Gordon his staff cap and said "You take the salutes, Gordon. I need a kip." Flattered at the time to be taking the general's salutes, Gordon only realised later that he was actually there to take any bullets should anyone have a pot shot.

Shortly after Palestine he was appointed ADC to General Anderson, the Governor of Gibraltar. It was here that he met his wife Marielou and they were married in 1950. Gordon having left the army, they returned to live at Sandy Brow and had three children, all of whom live in Cheshire.

Gordon pursued many interests and was particularly involved in running the racing stables at his home, which led to a succession of race horse trainers, including Joe Hartigan and Eric Cousins. He was also a keen golfer and played at Delamere regularly well into his 70s.

Gordon wrote two major histories of fox hunting. The first, *Hounds are Home*, the history of the Royal Calpe Hunt in Spain, was published in 1979. The second, *The Green Collars*, a history of the Tarporley Hunt Club, of which he was secretary for 27 years, was published in 1993. As any local history author will testify, he also had an enormous amount of useful knowledge, encompassing Cheshire families, folklore and many other historical details of the area. Over the years he wrote many articles for *The Chester Chronicle* and country magazines and submitted many letters to the national press.

He cared deeply about the fabric of the countryside and served on the CLA committee for many years, and when Oak Mere, part of the Sandy Brow estate, was made a SSSI he was delighted. He will also be well remembered for reading the names in the Book of Remembrance each November at Delamere Church.

He had many lovable characteristics. He was kind hearted, hospitable, enthusiastic and brave, a good storyteller and fun to be with. His greatest gift was perhaps that he was comfortable with people from all walks of life.

William Fergusson.

Gladys Emily Cave

The death occurred in February of Gladys Cave, wife of Walter Cave of Delamere Grove.

Mrs Cave spent the last five years of her life at a nursing home in Winsford to which she moved when her husband came to live in Delamere.

The Caves had lived for many years in Corby, Northamptonshire before moving abroad. Then some five years ago Mr. Cave came to Delamere Grove. His wife died just two weeks before her eightieth birthday.

Her husband recalls how she helped him with his work as a youth club leader in Corby, how she taught dancing and of their four grandchildren's memories of her as a wonderful storyteller.

Despite his sad loss, Mr. Cave has many positive things to say about his time living in Delamere. He describes his neighbours as "absolutely wonderful" and was full of praise for the way in which the vicar, Brian Perkes, conducted the funeral service at the church.

Lest We Forget

In the February/March issue I put in appeal for information about any of the names that appear on the two war memorials in Delamere Church. I'm still hoping to do an article on those who lost their lives in the next October/November issue.

Thanks to the efforts of Pat and Derek Wheeler quite a lot of details have come in, but the project is still far from complete.

Would the person who phoned me with some news but didn't get in touch again please do so?

Of particular would be news from those who have relatives whose names appear on the memorials.

Some information can be found by looking up *Delamere War Memorial* on the internet; further details appear on the *Commonwealth War Graves Commission* website.

If you've any further information, please let me know – my address, e-mail & phone number are at the top of p2 (What's On).

Robin.

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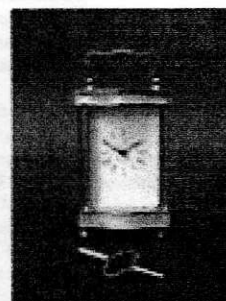
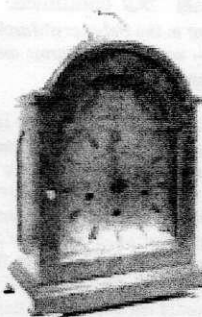
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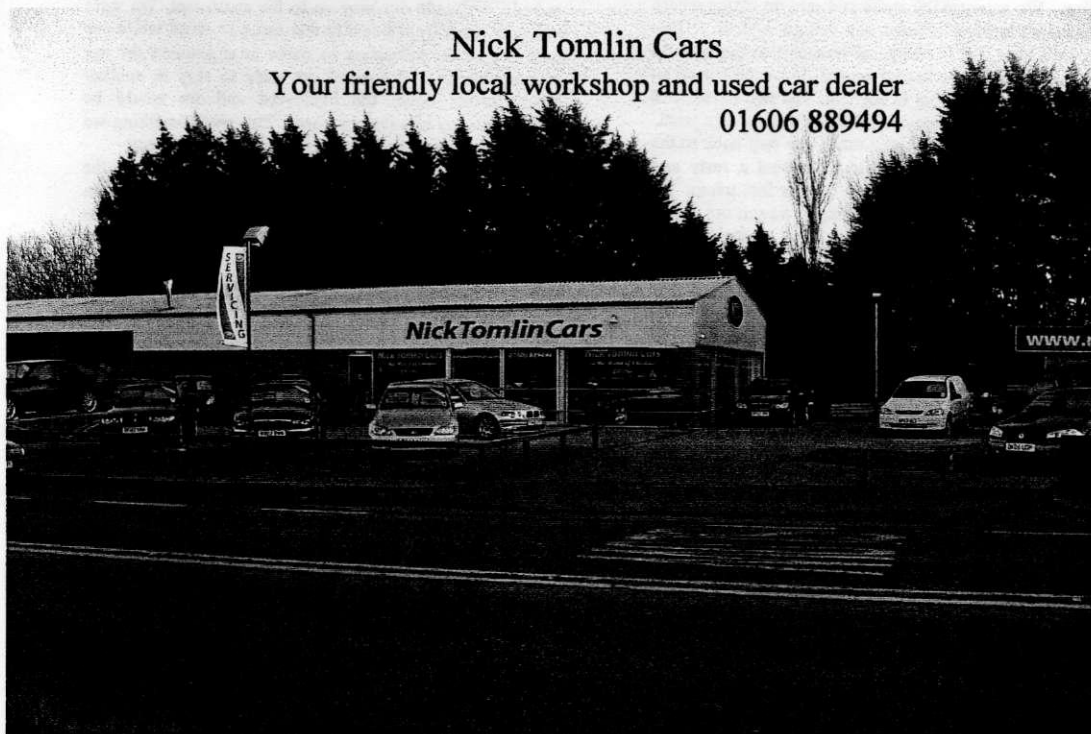
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Romania '93 continued.

By the end of the account in the February/March issue we had reached Romania – not without alarms on the way. The problems were to continue...

In the early hours of Easter Monday we drew into a lorry park on the southern edge of Arad, a town some 20 miles inside Romania. The park was not the one we had been recommended to go to. A Manchester truck driver we had met while queuing at the border had told us where the TIR park was. "Don't go into the other one!" he'd advised. "That's only for the Turkish trucks." This was the time of the war in the Balkans and all the HGVs from Turkey into western Europe which would normally travel through what was Yugoslavia were now coming up through Romania instead. Arriving as we had done in the dark, we had managed to choose the wrong park and woke up after a couple of hours' restless sleep to find ourselves surrounded by Turkish lorries. Visiting the toilets we realised why we had been advised against ending up where we had.

It was from there that we made our way to the town's only petrol station to fill up for the first part of our journey through Romania and it was then that we discovered that there was no diesel to be had anywhere in the region.

After the many mishaps on the way this was the last straw. Just as we were contemplating the possibility of aborting the whole expedition and returning to Hungary and then home, a car pulled onto the muddy forecourt. A man got out and came over to us. "Do you have a problem?" he asked in good English. We explained our predicament. "One of you come with me!" he ordered. As I was the one who had got us into this mess in the first place, I thought I should volunteer. I followed him to his car. His name, he said, was Nicu and he was a telephone engineer.

We drove back down the rough track towards the lorry park and then turned off and headed towards a ramshackle building. We went up the stairs and into an office where an important-looking official sat behind a desk. "This man," said Nicu, "is in charge of transport in the area." I smiled - I would have bowed as well if I hadn't been so stiff after a night sleeping in the cab. The two exchanged some words and then Nicu said, "I think we can help you".

We returned to our trucks and made our way back to the yard we had just left. There, hidden behind a rusty and ancient-looking lorry, was an even rustier fuel pump. We pushed the broken down Roman Diesel¹ wagon out of the way and filled our two vehicles with fuel, paying for it at the then going rate of 17p per litre.

We were on our way. Heading into the country was saw a roadside sign which wished us *DRUM BUN*, or Bon Voyage. The literal translation of *Drum Bun* is "good road", which hardly seemed appropriate. The roads, even the main roads, were riddled with potholes, though a few years later they were much improved. Ahead of us we could see the Transylvanian Mountains, snow-capped and forbidding-looking, through which we had to travel on our 300-mile journey down to Bucharest.

Travelling through rural Romania was, and still is in many ways, a fascinating experience. The main mode of transport was a cart, usually pulled by an emaciated horse, but occasionally mules, donkeys, oxen or even cows were used. The occupants, invariably a man and his wife, were small, swarthy and evidently impoverished. It was like turning back into an earlier century.

The towns were a different matter. Most, but not all, bore the signs of years of communist rule. Row after row of grey, squalid apartment blocks lined the streets separated from passing traffic only by banks of mud. Some

years before, Romanian dictator Nicolae Ceausescu had decreed that all Romanians, predominantly a rural, peasant population, should live in towns. Many villages outside the capital were razed to the ground and the unfortunate inhabitants were rehoused in hideous urban apartments. Pitesti, the capital of the Arges district, seemed the drabdest of the towns we passed through.

On the 60-mile journey from Pitesti to the capital, Bucuresti, along one of only two motorways in the country (but not much better than the ordinary roads), we saw no sign of any villages, but every so often we saw peasants working in the fields miles from the city homes from where they were driven each day to their workplace.

Our friends at *Children in Distress* had told us that their Bucharest agent, one Paul Kopinski, would arrange a night's accommodation for us before we left for our final destination. We had decided to use local knowledge to guide us to the agent's address. Reaching the outskirts of the city we hailed a taxi and explained what we had in mind. The driver would lead us to the address we were looking for in return for half the agreed fare; on arrival we would pay him the remaining sum. Finding your way through a strange city with a population of two million and very few road signs had been a daunting prospect and our plan, for once, worked perfectly. The cab stopped outside an imposing apartment block not far from the palace. We had arrived.

To construct his palace, next to the Pentagon the world's second largest building, Ceausescu destroyed 26 churches and over 7,000 homes in the oldest part of the city, bankrupting the country in the process. A wide boulevard stretched away from the palace for over a mile. By the time of the dictator's execution on Christmas Day, 1988 the project was still incomplete. It was in an apartment at the upper end of this boulevard, nearest the palace, that our agent Kopinski had his home.

Parking our two lorries, looking strangely out of place, outside, we made our way up to his apartment. We were received formally but coldly and made to stand while our host got on the telephone to make arrangements for our accommodation. It seemed we were to stay in another block further down the boulevard and we would be required to pay him for our board. This was something we had not expected, but we were in no position to argue.

I never did figure out the agent's precise role in the whole set-up and how he came to be working for an English church-based charity. What I did find out later was that his home was in a block that had once housed the favoured few in the old regime - the much-feared *Securitate*, or secret police, who had terrorised the ordinary people and were responsible for the tortures, imprisonments and disappearances under President Ceausescu.

We departed for our night's lodging, apparently a disused convent. We hadn't eaten properly for some days and managed to find a sort of restaurant on a corner of the boulevard. Our attempts to order food were hampered by our lack of Romanian and the restaurant's lack of a menu. It seemed that choice of food was a luxury unknown in post-revolutionary Romania: you ate what they happened to have available.

The further down the boulevard you went the drabber it became, from the impressive grandeur of the apartments nearest the palace to the unfinished, jerry-built structures at the other end, topped by huge rusting cranes. All development had come to an end three years before with the toppling of Ceausescu and what was left was an unfinished monument to an evil megalomaniac.

Early the next morning two of us walked up to the palace square. Armed guards patrolled the entrance. We were about to take a photograph of the scene when a guard turned in our direction, looking thoughtfully first at us and

¹ So called, not because they were built by the ancient Romans (though some of them looked like it), but because they were made in Roman, a town in eastern Romania.

then at his rifle. We decided that perhaps he didn't want his photo taking that day and moved on.

Travelling through the city the evening before we'd been struck by the lack of shops. Now we found one on the corner of the palace square. In any other capital this would be the home of the most prestigious department stores. Here, behind the grimy windows of a run-down establishment, all we could see for sale were rows of washing-up liquid, evidently that week's "special offer".

Returning to our lodgings we set off on the 120-mile journey to Cernavoda. The morning was foggy and cold and the journey tedious, even more so than the trip down to Bucharest. Apart from one moment of excitement when a lunatic overtook both our vehicles on a bend, forcing a horse and cart and a rather surprised-looking cyclist into the ditch on the other side, the ride was uneventful.

Cernavoda is a small town on the Danube, the home of a nuclear power station at the time still under construction by a Canadian company. *Children in Distress* had chosen the town as the venue of a hospice for local children suffering from AIDS, which was (and sadly still is) rife throughout Romania.

Our first call, however, was to be at the local secondary school for which we had a supply of educational goods – text books, exercise books, furniture, computers, etc. We had been advised that, before unloading anything, our cargo would have to be checked by the local custom officials. When they arrived, they demanded to see our documents. They examined our papers in the grim, unsmiling manner that passes for charm in the world of eastern European officials and then informed us through our interpreter that, before our cargo could be unloaded, we would have to go on to Constanta to the main customs office. Constanta is the main Romanian seaport on the Black Sea, another fifty miles away. Tired as we were and now well behind schedule, this was all we needed, but we had no choice.

Trying to look on the bright side I said that at least we would be able to see the Black Sea and, despite the lack of time, manage to do a spot of sightseeing. Unfortunately as we approached we could see that Constanta, like most Romanian towns, was shrouded by a curtain of dirty grey smog and, though the customs office was situated on the docks, of the black sea itself we saw no sign.

Our documents were inspected and stamped (everything in Romania has to have an official stamp) and we were free to return to Cernavoda and at long last begin to unload our goods.

In the next and, I promise, final instalment, we finally reach the school and then the children's hospice before starting our journey home ...

Over Fifty Years at the Golf Club

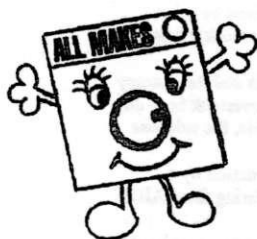
When he was still a little boy at Delamere School, Ellis Jones of Frith Avenue used to spend his time looking for golf balls at Delamere Golf Club. In 1948, at the age of eight he started caddying. When he left school at fifteen, choice of job presented no problem. He joined the club, becoming assistant professional and when, in 1989, he became the club professional he had been a scratch golfer for some time.

Now at last this popular and most likeable golfer has decided to retire. He finishes on 14th April. When I asked Ellis how he was going to spend his new-found leisure time, I could have guessed the answer – he thought he might play a little golf.

I'm sure all his many golfing friends and everyone who knows him in Delamere will wish him a long and very happy retirement.



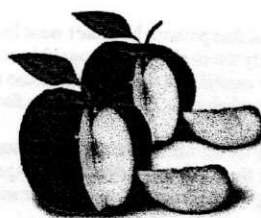
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Phil Wood on 01606 851240 or

woods dairy@tiscali.co.uk

Abbey Road Newsletters

People living in Abbey Road did not receive their February/March copies of *Delamere & Oakmere News*. Apologies. This was entirely my fault.

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Barn Dance

The Barn Dance at the Community Centre on 2nd March raised £370 for *Network Gloria*, which raises money for special needs families in Romania.

Thank you to those who supported the occasion and to the many people who gave generous donations.

Money raised in March will go towards buying an electric wheelchair for a Romanian invalid.

The next *Network Gloria* Barn Dance will be on Friday, 5th October.

Delamere Stores

Easter Opening Times

Good Friday 8am - 2pm

Saturday, 7th 6am - 6pm

Easter Sunday 8am - 12pm

Easter Monday 8am - 2pm

There will be no sandwich counter over the holiday weekend.

The Post Office

will be closed on Friday and Monday

Forest News

Walking through the forest near to Fox Howl the other day, I was struck by how many trees had been blown down in the January gale.

Simon Hough, Delamere Forest Recreation /Manager, tells me that 6,000 tons of timber came down.

Even now, at the end of March, some paths remain closed to walkers, but restoration work continues and paths are being re-opened on an almost daily basis.

Primrose Hill Revealed.

Just after the war trees were felled on the north side of Primrose Hill, so that Primrose Hill cottage came into view from the valley below for the first time in years.

In 1950 the hillside was replanted and eventually the view of - and from - the cottage disappeared. Now at last the trees have been cleared again, the 60-year cycle having been brought forward owing to the effects of the great gale.

If you go down to the woods in June prepare for a big surprise...

A Weekend of Music!

15th June - The Charlatans (a Northwich Band)

16th June - The Feeling

17th June - Mpeople

Gates open at 6.00pm

Robin.

Delamere C of E Primary School

Stoney Lane, Delamere, Tarporley CW6 0ST

Telephone 01829 751450

Head Teacher: Stephen Docking BA (Hons) NPQH

E-mail: admin@delamere.cheshire.sch.uk

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Delamere is a small, caring school where children are treated with respect and nurtured to achieve their true potential. We offer you...

- **Small class sizes in which children’s learning thrives.**
- **A caring family atmosphere. “It feels just as though your parents are looking after you” OFSTED 2006**
- **Close links with the Church. “Through exposure to the arts and visits to places of interest, children’s wider cultural awareness is strongly developed and, in keeping with the school’s denominational status, they are spiritually aware” OFSTED 2006**
- **OFSTED-Inspected Before and After School Club**
- **Extended learning opportunities. “The curriculum enriches children’s education by providing a good range of visits, visitors and extra-curricular activities. These experiences enhance children’s physical, social, cultural and aesthetic development well” OFSTED 2006**

We welcome parental visits. If you would like to view the school, please contact the Head Teacher Stephen Docking on 01829 751450

What’s On at Delamere School in April & May

16th April ~ INSET DAY
20th April ~ Netball Tournament
3rd May ~ Year 6 Conway Trip
Parents’ Meeting 6pm
12th May ~ Charity Football Match
21st May ~ Water Polo Tournament
Keyboard and recorder lessons every Monday.
Self Defence lessons every week.

The school hall is available for hire outside school hours throughout the year and the school field is available in the summer.

**The 'NEW' Delamere
Community Association
'100 Club'**

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**HAVE YOU GOT YOUR
NUMBER YET?**

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Time is running out!

Many of you will probably remember my article in the last issue of *Delamere & Oakmere News* about Delamere Community Association's intention to run a '100 Club'. Proceeds from the '100 Club' will contribute towards the general upkeep of the Community Centre.

As has already been proved, this is a very simple and FUN way for the DCA to fundraise, whilst at the same time giving chances to win great cash prizes during the six 'draws' that will take place throughout the year.

With the NEW '100 Club' there are 4 'normal' draws in the year and there is also the chance to win DOUBLE prize money in the July 2007 AGM 'Super Draw' and, additionally, There is to be a further draw for "on-winners" at the end of the '100 Club' year.

That's up to 6 chances in all, between May 2007 and April 2008, to win some super cash prizes and also support the upkeep of your local Community Centre – all for the sum of **£1 per month, i.e. £12 for the year!**

(If this venture is a success, it is hoped that the '100 Club' will go on to become an annual event within the Community.)

The Community centre serves Delamere and Oakmere well and is used morning, noon and night for very worthwhile Community involvement – there's Bridge, Indoors Bowls, Badminton, Golden Age, Keep Fit, Brownies, Whist, Snooker, Billiards, Military Whist, Women's Institute, various other meetings and social occasions ... and of course the ever-popular Prize Bingo.

In this day and age when we can find ourselves short of time and can invariably find it difficult to commit to helping, even though we would love to be able to support something as worthwhile as OUR own community Centre, you might find that £12 is a small donation for you to make, especially when there is a very good chance of some cash and some fun coming your way! Some of you out there must think so, as there has been a good take-up of numbers to date with lots of folk wanting to take part – but we do need MORE people to join.

The NEW '100 Club' starts 1st May 2007 and it would be helpful if application forms could be with the Treasurer as soon after 1st April 2007 as possible.

Please feel free to contact the DCA Treasurer if you want an application form or just more information.

Mrs Yvonne Billows, DCA Treasurer.

Over 50s Keep Fit Class

**Delamere Community Centre
Every Wednesday 10-11am**

£3

Everyone knows about the benefits of exercise in terms of improving health and fitness and sustaining independent living. What many over 50s do not realise is that it can also be fun and socially rewarding, non-exhausting and can generally contribute to one's confidence, self-esteem and sense of wellbeing.

It doesn't matter if you are a man or a woman, big or small, irrespective of your energy levels. Whether your interest is in weight management, fall prevention, reducing blood pressure, increasing mobility, preventing osteoporosis, diabetes, rehabilitation from surgery or just general fitness to help you join in your grandchildren's play, there will be something of value to you.

These classes are not competitive, do not require special clothing and are open to all. We try to address everyone's needs and aspirations through a structured exercise programme that draws on a wide variety of proven balances and movements drawn from Tae Chi, Yoga, Pilates and Circuit Training.

Don't delay until it is too late. Come along to a free taster session and, if it appeals, join us every Wednesday. You will be most welcome.

Dr. Richard Cox.

Coffee Morning

After the success of the autumn gathering, the Delamere Community Association plans to hold another coffee morning on **Saturday, 28th April, 2007** at the Community Centre from 10 to 11.30am.

It is again planned as a social occasion and fund-raising event. There will be a raffle, a cake stall, books and bric a brac. Any other ideas would be welcome. Please come and bring friends and family. Contributions to the raffle and stalls will be most welcome.

If you have any queries, please contact Kay George (Secretary) on 01606 882183, or at kaygeorge@yahoo.co.uk

Farm Sale

There will be a sale by auction of vintage steam engines, tractors and agricultural equipment (the property of the late Bernard Jeffs) at **11 am on Saturday, 14th April at Lodge Farm, Oakmere.**

For catalogues of the sale or further details contact Wright-Manley on 01829 262100 or www.wrightmanley.co.uk

Travel Information

Trains

From Delamere to Manchester

Return Fare ~ £9.65. Snr. Cit. ~ £6.35.

Cheap Day Returns ~ £7.40-Snr. Cit. ~ b£4.40
(Mon to Sat).

dep. 10.15 am arr. 11.30am

then every hour until

dep. 5.15pm arr. 6.30pm

then: 6.12pm &

every hour until 9.12pm

Last train @ 11.00pm

From Delamere to Chester

Return Fare ~ £5.55. Snr. Cit. ~ ££3.65

Cheap Day Returns ~ £4.10 Snr. Cit. ~ £2.70
(Mon. to Sat).

dep. 10.31am arr. 10.52am

then every hour until dep. 11.31pm

Cuddington to Manchester: 4 mins. later

Cuddington to Chester: 5 mins. earlier.

Buses

Whitegate Travel

Single Full Fare: £2.40

Free Travel after 9.30 with bus pass.

(Tuesdays only - to Northwich)

dep. Frith Avenue 9.20am

Eddisbury HI Pk 9.30am

Abbey Arms 9.35am

then via Little Budworth, Whitegate,

Hartford to

Northwich Watling St. 10.37am

Sainsburys 10.40am

Return to Delamere:

dep. Sainsburys 12.20pm

Watling St. Stand D 12.23pm

arr. Delamere 1.35pm

GHA Coaches

[Route 82] Mon - Sat ~ to Northwich

opp. Abbey Arms 8.00am. Then 8.12

am and 12 past every hour until 4.12pm

Last buses: 5.17 & 6.22pm

[Route 82] Mon - Sat ~ to Chester

opp. Abbey Arms 7.40am. Then 9.00am

and every hour until 5.00pm. Last bus

6.05pm.

Buses leave Chester 32 minutes and

Northwich 20 minutes before the above

times.

[Route 230] Mon - Fri ~ to Winsford

Top End of Kelsall: 8.05am, 9.50am,

11.20am, 1.20pm & 3.25pm

Dep. Winsford

8.30am, 10.15am, 12.00pm, 2.00pm &

4.35pm

[Route X20] Tues, Thur, Sat ~ to

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9.44am

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Monday

9.30am Cote Brook, Oakmere, L. Budworth, Utkinton, Tarporley,

Delamere to Winsford. Return 12.00pm

10.30am Cote Brook, Oakmere, Utkinton, L. Budworth, Utkinton,

Tarporley, Delamere to Northwich. Return 1.30 pm

12.00 Return from Winsford; 1.30 Return from Northwich.

Tuesday

9.30am Crowton, Kingsley, Acton Bridge, Norley, Delamere to

Winsford Return 12.00pm

12.30pm Crowton, Acton Bridge, Kingsley, Norley, Delamere to

Northwich Return 3.00pm

Wednesday

9.30am Cote Brook, Oakmere, L. Budworth, Utkinton, Tarporley,

Delamere to Northwich

Return 12.30pm

1.30pm Tarporley, Oakmere, Delamere, Utkinton, L. Budworth, Cote

Brook to Winsford

Return 3.30pm

Thursday [Bus 1]

9.30am Kingsley, Delamere, Norley, Crowton, Acton Bridge to

Northwich. Return 11.30am

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