

# Delamere and Oakmere News

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## SCHOOL CLOSURE THREAT

AT A MEETING AFTER SCHOOL ON TUESDAY, 12<sup>TH</sup> JUNE HEADMASTER STEVE DOCKING BROKE TO AN ASTONISHED GROUP OF PARENTS THE NEWS THAT DELAMERE SCHOOL IS BEING CONSIDERED FOR CLOSURE IN TWO YEARS' TIME.

The first inklings of this came when the county authorities held a meeting at the conference centre at Oulton Park in late January. Under the grandiose title of "Transforming Learning Communities" the meeting's aim was to present to governors and staff of schools in the Winsford, Middlewich and Tarporley areas the cost of running schools. The county officials were at pains to show how small schools were

*Robin Ackerley reports*

*Continued overleaf.*

*Thou shalt not shut this school.....*



*The two large tablets on which are inscribed the Ten Commandments and the Lord's Prayer were moved from Delamere Church to the school shortly after its opening in 1846. The date 1818 at the bottom of the second tablet indicates the date of the founding of St. Peter's Church.*

*Over a century and a half of Delamere children have looked on these tablets as they have gone about their work.*

therefore "at risk". It was soon apparent that the authority's notion of "transforming" schools was influenced not by educational considerations but solely by financial ones. Speakers at the conference also emphasised the problem of falling school numbers throughout the county. An initial decision, we were told, would be made in June.

It was emphasised, however, that any decision arrived at then would be *purely a provisional one*. There will now follow a period of consultation. Any responses or objections must be lodged with the authorities by Tuesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> July. On 16<sup>th</sup> July a Schools Select Panel will review submissions, reporting and making recommendations to the County Executive Committee, which will make a decision on 26<sup>th</sup> July.

Understandably the mood of the parents who had come into school last Tuesday afternoon to collect their children was one of shock, disbelief and anger, feelings shared by the school governors, who had only learned of the decision the night before.

The question in everyone's mind was WHY? There seems little logical reason why this lovely old school with an excellent reputation for its community spirit and the quality of its education should be threatened with closure.

**A listed building** Both the building and the land on which it stands are owned not by the County but by the Crown. Moreover they together with the playing-field can by statute be used *only for educational purposes* and can therefore be of no use to the authorities if the school closes. To add to their potential embarrassment the school is a Grade 11 listed building which means that no changes can be made to its structure, either internal or external. They will be left with a white elephant, a lasting monument to their folly and short-sightedness in closing the school

**Huge waste of money** Large sums of money – *taxpayers' money* – have been invested in Delamere School over the past eighteen months. The extension at the rear of the main building, housing a library and toilets was built at a cost of

£110,000. New IT facilities, including interactive whiteboards and new computers cost £30,000. At this very moment the finishing touches are being made to a garden area beneath the oak trees at a cost of £7,000. It has been estimated that the total cost of recent additions and improvements – all of them in themselves worthwhile projects – will have been somewhere in the region of £170,000. **AND ALL FOR NOTHING?**

One of the absurd ironies is that costly meetings at Oulton Park and Portal Golf Club and payment of the umpteen spin doctors whose job has been to sell the scheme throughout the area must have cost the County far more than they can hope to save by closing a few schools.

No one who visits Delamere School can fail to be impressed by the atmosphere – the whole place buzzes with enthusiasm, liveliness and creativity, the very essence of a successful educational establishment. The prestigious Artsmark Gold Award, given for creative work in the arts and writing and awarded to only about two percent of the county's schools, bears ample testimony to what has been achieved in the last year.

At a recent meeting with the County TLC Lead Officer, Margaret Gill, I suggested that quality of education must surely be a factor in determining a school's fate. *No, she said, quality of education had nothing to do with it.* There, I'm afraid, in a nutshell is what we are up against. If quality of education doesn't matter, what does?

What will happen to the 48 children who currently attend the school? Despite all their fine words the authorities merely look on them as statistics. They will be sent somewhere else... Delamere School is, of course, a Church of England school. If all the parents demanded, as is their right, to send them to a similar school, there could be problems. If the Church of England had any stomach for a fight (which I doubt), they would be raising hell (or, if not, at least a more appropriate equivalent) at the proposed closing of one of its schools.

#### **What can be done?**

Despite all the gloom the fight is not over yet. Public opinion is – certainly *should be* – a powerful factor in influencing our County Councillors with whom the ultimate decision must rest.

The closing of Delamere School would be yet another nail in the coffin of rural community life. The school has served the village for 160 years and must be allowed to continue to do so.

**Write to our local MP, Stephen O'Brien (House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA), and/or our County Councillor, Andrew Needham (3 Croft Close, Utkinton, Tarporley CW6 0XA). Write to the Queen, the local press, anybody. Make your voice heard! Do anything to stop this mindless act of educational vandalism. And do it soon! Decision day, conveniently for the education authority, is scheduled for just after the school closes for the summer holidays. D-Day for us is July 3<sup>rd</sup>.**

#### **The old and the new...**



*Children can work at the row of computers while light enters from the lovely old windows at the front of the building. On the wall above is some of the artwork which has just helped the school win the Artsmark Gold Award.*

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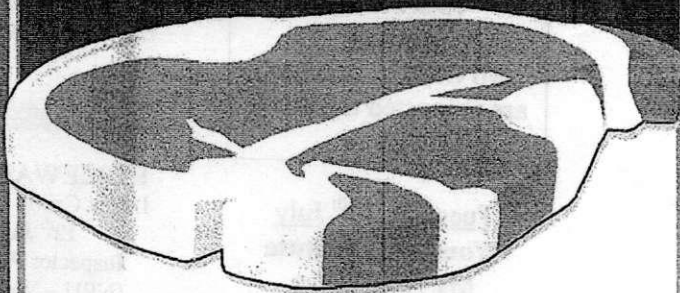
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advance the dates of your  
meetings for the following two  
months (ie, by 16<sup>th</sup> May  
for June/July, etc. (if you would  
like them included in this  
diary)).*

*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)*

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**Wednesday, 27<sup>th</sup> June**  
**Golden Age**  
Social Afternoon  
2.00pm

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**Delamere School  
invites you to the  
Opening of the  
NEW GARDEN**  
**Thursday, 28<sup>th</sup> June**  
at  
**3.00pm**

**Monday, 9<sup>th</sup> July**  
**Delamere Community  
Association**  
**A.G.M.**  
All Club Secretaries  
are requested to attend.  
7.15pm

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**Tuesday, 10<sup>th</sup> July**  
**Women's Institute**  
My Nine Lives  
Talk by Mrs Bradshaw  
7.30pm

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**Wednesday, 11<sup>th</sup> July**  
**Golden Age**  
Salad Lunch  
12.00 for 12.30pm

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### **Members Only**

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#### **Wednesday, 25<sup>th</sup> July** **Golden Age**

Outing to Llandudno  
Coach leaves Community  
Centre at 10.00am  
& leaves Llandudno at  
4.00pm

Tickets £6 froDelamere1m  
Jean Riches (01606 882094)

or  
Jim Emerton (01270  
668934)

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#### **Tuesday, 14<sup>th</sup> August** **Women's Institute**

Cream Tea  
+ Bring & Buy  
at Grassendale  
Abbey Lane  
2.30pm

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#### **Delamere & Oakmere News**

*I'm sorry the News has  
arrived over two weeks late this  
month. I knew that news about  
the school, whether good or  
bad, was due on 12<sup>th</sup> June. As it  
was clearly so important, I  
decided to wait till then.*

*I'd like to thank the many  
people who've inquired about  
my health. I'm feeling fine, but  
I'm due to go into Broad Green  
for a by-pass op. some time in  
July. This may affect the  
appearance/date of the next  
Newsletter – but as yet I can't  
tell.*

*Robin*

#### **HOMEWATCH NEWS**

Latest Crime Update, issued  
12<sup>th</sup> June from

Inspector Phil Hodgson  
(NPU – Western Rural)

A White Transit Van from  
Shrewsbury seen in  
Hargrave

Reg.no.Y541 GFT

Driver calling door to door  
asking for scrap. The  
vehicle had manhole covers  
in the back. Manhole covers  
have been disappearing

overnight in Thornton-le-  
moors & Mickle Trafford.

Also seen in Hargrave:  
A Transit Van W49 NRP  
Driver asking for scrap  
metal

Another vehicle N513 DJL.  
Two men with Irish accents  
asking for gardening work.

All the above vehicles are of  
interest. Please report any  
sightings to Inspector  
Hodgson (01244 614291)

#### **Tearoom Opens**

Last Easter Eddisbury  
Fruit Farm converted  
its groundfloor store to  
a smart new tearoom.

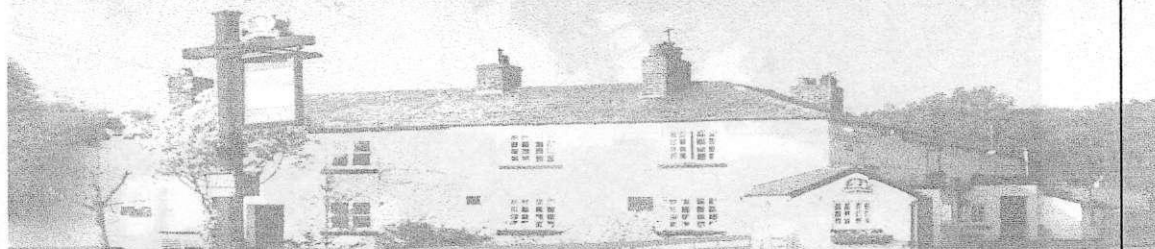
Open from 10am to  
5pm, the tearoom  
serves speciality teas,  
and snacks and is well  
worth a visit.

#### **Building Sand**

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which I don't need. Anyone is  
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*Robin.*

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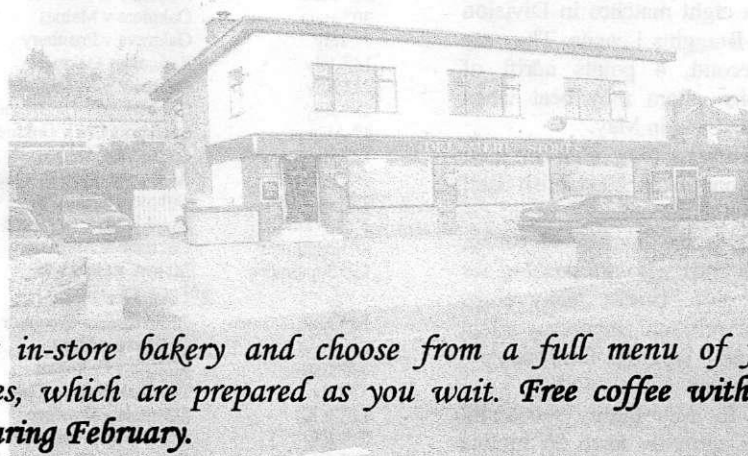
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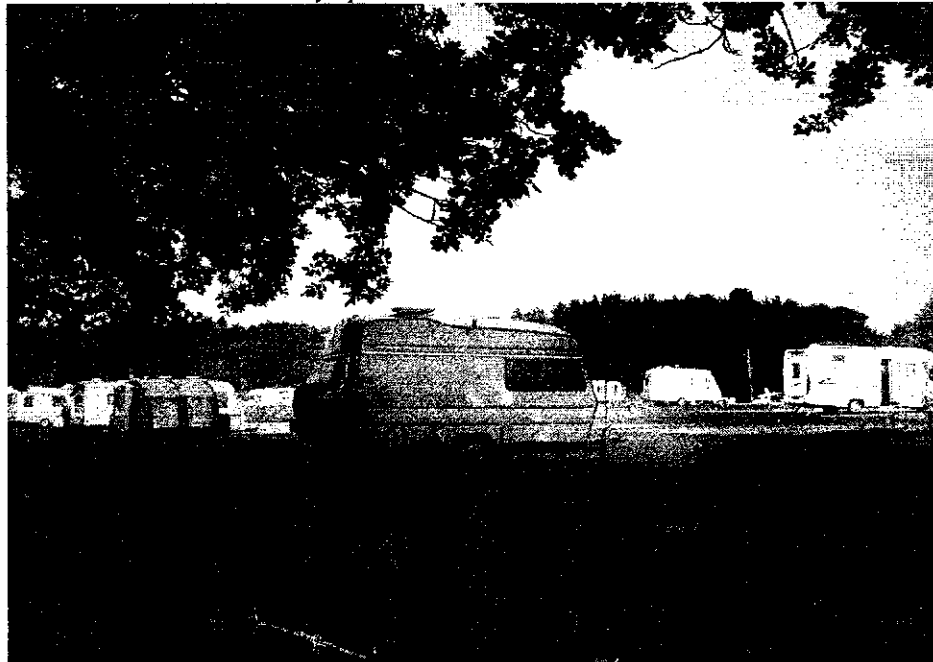
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*The newly-opened Delamere Forest Caravan Site*



The Camping and Caravan Club site just past the bridge on Station Road opened its gates at the end of May. It has already proved extremely popular with caravanners, being full at weekends and still busy throughout the week. The office, shop and washroom facilities have been thoughtfully laid out and the whole site appears well organised, so much so that only the most hardened Jeremy Clarksons of this world could object.

The site owners are happy to publicise any church or village activities, as people who stay at the site often like to become involved with local events.

#### Cricket

### **Oakmere's Great Start to the Season**

Oakmere C.C.'s 1<sup>st</sup> XI have started the season in style with five wins and only one defeat in their first eight matches in Division One of the Meller-Braggins League. They are currently lying second, 4 points adrift of Stockport Georgians whom they beat when they met at Overdale Lane in May.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> XI are also riding high in their division as the club continues to establish itself as one of the best-run in the county.

Most encouraging is the number of young, local players in the 2nds who are pushing for places in the top side. Unlike many clubs Oakmere does not rely on importing talent from outside the area – let alone the country – to realise their ambitions.

Credit must go to their highly successful youth policy: they currently have 55 juniors attached to the club. There will be a report on Oakmere's juniors as well as the Ladies' XI in a later issue.

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#### **1<sup>st</sup> XI Fixtures June- September**

16 <sup>th</sup> June	Oakmere v Brooklands
23 <sup>rd</sup> June	Alvanley v Oakmere
30 <sup>th</sup> June	Oakmere v Malpas
7 <sup>th</sup> July	Oakmere v Prestbury
14 <sup>th</sup> July	Runcorn v Oakmere
21 <sup>st</sup> July	Oakmere v Davenham
28 <sup>th</sup> July	Cholmondeley v Oakmere
4 <sup>th</sup> August	Stockport Gns v Oakmere
11 <sup>th</sup> August	Oakmere v Ashley
18 <sup>th</sup> August	Ashton-on-Mersey v Oakmere
25 <sup>th</sup> August	Oakmere v Marple
1 <sup>st</sup> September	Brooklands v Oakmere
8 <sup>th</sup> September	Oakmere v Alvanley
15 <sup>th</sup> September	Malpas v Oakmere

#### **2<sup>nd</sup> XI Fixtures**

16 <sup>th</sup> June	Brooklands v Oakmere
23 <sup>rd</sup> June	Oakmere v Mere
30 <sup>th</sup> June	Malpas v Oakmere
7 <sup>th</sup> July	Old Parkonians v Oakmere
14 <sup>th</sup> July	Oakmere v Runcorn
21 <sup>st</sup> July	Davenham v Oakmere
28 <sup>th</sup> July	Oakmere v Cholmondeley

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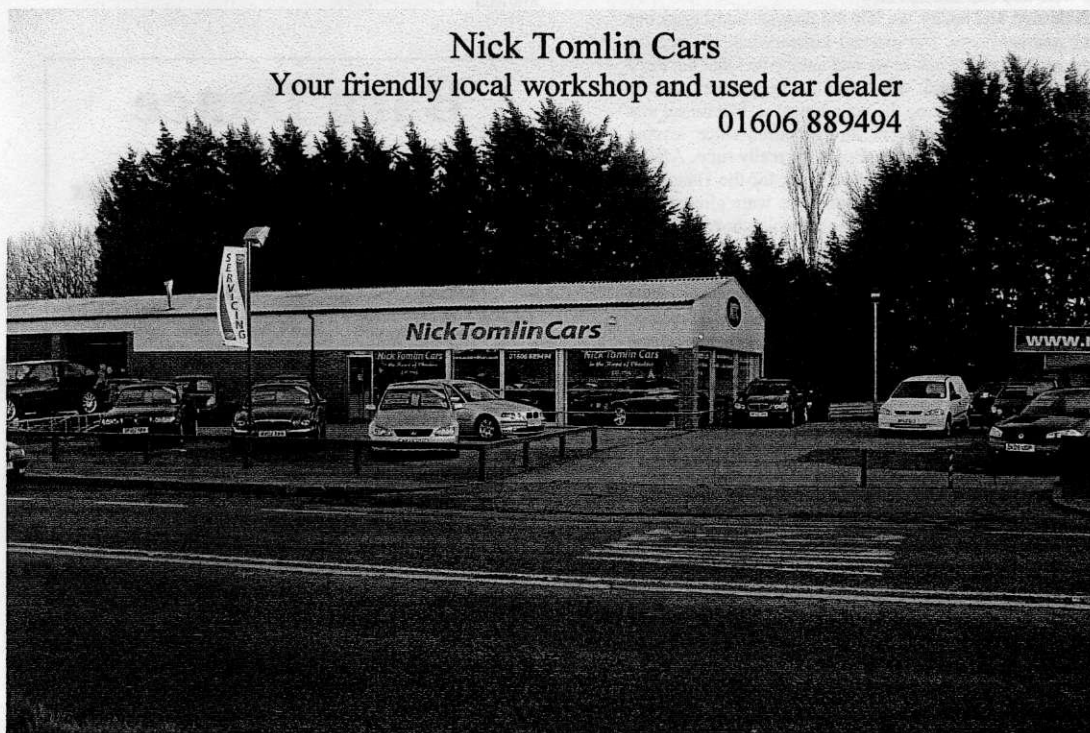
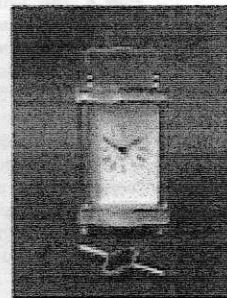
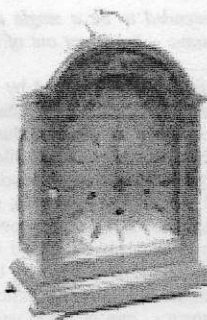
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## Romania '93

*Part 3. This was intended to be a single article in the December/January issue – but it got out of hand. This is the end of the story.....*

Schools in Romania are identified not by name but by number. The official title of the Cernavoda school with which we had made contact was School Number Two. It stood in the middle of what looked like a building site.

The actual building housed two separate schools, one for morning pupils and one for the afternoon, each with its own staff and headteacher. What we had been told about the state of schools in the country turned out to be no exaggeration and the collection of items we had brought – textbooks, old computers, stationery, file paper and unwanted PE equipment – was received with an alacrity and enthusiasm which only made us regret that we had not brought more.

The first part of our mission complete, we moved on to the hospice for which we had brought the bulk of our aid. Two or three years earlier a Methodist church in Barking, Essex had raised over a million pounds to build the St. Lawrence Hospice for terminally ill children.

All of the thirty or so children there were suffering from AIDS, the legacy of the Ceausescu regime and the scourge of Romania. None of the children could have been more than seven years old, for the sad reason that few survived much beyond infancy. We arrived at the hospice feeling a little apprehensive and wondering how we would cope with seeing rows of beds full of dying children. Instead we were welcomed into a bright and cheerful building with lively inmates full of bounce and energy, not at all like we had expected. One little chap spent most of our visit climbing up the walls with amazing agility. The nurses told us not to be fooled by what we saw: few of the children, they said, had a life expectancy longer than a few months. A little girl of two with a delightful smile particularly charmed us, but we were told that she was not expected to last long. Shortly after we got back to England we were told that she had died.

Saddened and weary we left the hospice and began our long journey home. Our original itinerary had allowed for a couple of days' break as we had anticipated that the three thousand-mile round trip would be rather taxing. Unforeseen delays along the way, however, had meant that we had not had a moment for relaxation since leaving England and by now all six of us were really tired. After a last night in Bucharest we set off back for the Hungarian border. We could not hang around: we were already two days behind schedule and we had the pleasures of a new term awaiting us in England.

As we motored north through Transylvania one of our drivers complained of feeling unwell. All one side of his face began to swell up quite alarmingly. Clearly we needed to get out of Romania and back to somewhere civilised very quickly. Approaching the frontier we saw the inevitable queue – this time to get *out* of the country. With a sick passenger, the last thing we needed was to spend a day in a line of lorries. This was where Steve really came into his own. Some people have a natural gift for negotiating and the language barrier clearly presented no problem to Steve. He somehow indicated to the frontier officials that we had a sick passenger on board and they, with a sympathy and natural gift for hospitality which we had banked on, just wanted to be rid of us. They waved us past the line of waiting vehicles and through passport control without a moment's delay. Naturally enough we decided not to inform the Hungarian officials that we were importing a sick person into their country.

We continued the journey home with relatively few mishaps – that is if you don't count one of the lorries taking the wrong road on leaving Germany and making a quick detour into Holland. We *did* make it home *and* in time for the start of term, but hardly refreshed after our Easter "holiday".

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Seven or eight months later we were at it again, planning the next trip. We went twice more – at Easter '94 and '95, teaming up with a nearby school and on these occasions visiting Comanesti, a small town in the north-east of Romania.

It was on the second of these trips that my wife Gloria, who is a special needs teacher, flew out to visit a special school in a neighbouring town. At that time most Romanian children with even the mildest disabilities were kept at home, often hidden away from neighbours and given no education or even stimulation of any kind. The school in Onesti, which Gloria went to, was something of a pioneer in special education and it welcomed the arrival of someone with innovative ways of tackling the problems they were meeting.

This was to be the first of, to date, fourteen visits that Gloria has made to the country. One of the early difficulties she encountered was the lack of communication between parents of handicapped children, how often they lived in isolation and ignorance of any possible help. So came about the creation of *Network Gloria: Parents for Parents*, so named by friends in Romania. Its aim, among other things, is to create links between families, and with therapists, to encourage openness about problems which were at one time taboo and to help families with particular difficulties.

The Network continues to thrive. There are two committees, one in Bucharest and another in Kent (where we used to live) and a growing number of supporters in Cheshire. Even today there is virtually no state provision for the education of severely disabled youngsters and families have to bear much of the cost of their medical care. In the early days we took aid, goods for which there was then a crying need. Today there is no call for this, but there is still desperate poverty in the country, the kinds of hardship of deprivation which we in England can hardly understand. We still support, through monthly sponsorship, many afflicted families. There are many more whom we know of and whom we could help if funds allowed.

## Barn Dance

*in aid of*

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*on*

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*at*

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### THE QUEST.

These are pictures of two Roman Brooches found last year in Delamere. The first one is a Polden Hill brooch made of a copper alloy the spring having long gone. The other brooch again made of a copper alloy is a Roman trumpet brooch but is in poor condition. Both of these brooches are early Roman and date circa 75AD-174AD, which is about 100 years earlier than the Wirral type which was shown in an earlier article of this newsletter. To date I have now found 3 Roman brooches but I still endeavour to find that elusive Roman coin.

I will be showing these finds and many others at the Church Garden Party on July 7<sup>th</sup>.

Alan Knowles.

Golden Brooch (top) Small Brooch (bottom)

## DELAMERE CHURCH GARDEN PARTY

Fishpool Inn. Saturday, July 7<sup>th</sup>  
2.30pm

The six-a-side Football Tournament will begin at 1.15pm and comprises the following teams:

Bunbury Cubs  
Bunbury Primary School  
Capenhurst Primary School A  
Capenhurst Primary School B  
Delamere Primary School A  
Delamere Primary School B  
Manor House Primary School  
Tarpotley Cubs

In addition to organising the Football Tournament, Mike Gore has, as usual, managed to come up with a fabulous set of prizes. These include:

- ❖ Two Family Tickets for a tour of Man. United ground & museum
- ❖ A £30 Harrington's voucher
- ❖ A £20 voucher towards a meal for two at *The Bluecap*
- ❖ Family Ticket for the Bala Railway
- ❖ Family Ticket for the Llangollen Railway
- ❖ Family Ticket for the Camelot Theme Park
- ❖ Family Ticket for Knowsley Safari Park
- ❖ A meat voucher for Dutton's, Kelsall
- ❖ An HSBC golf umbrella
- ❖ Family Ticket for Blackpool Tower & Circus
- ❖ Two Tickets for Chester Zoo
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- 'Dog and Owner Most Alike'
- 'Dog the Judge would most like to take home'
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- 'Fancy Dress'
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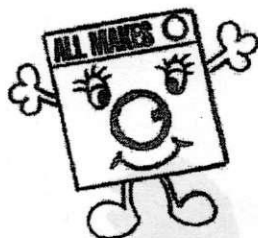
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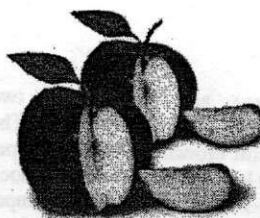
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## **Fishpool Road Disgrace**



*The filtration plant as it nears completion*

Residents of Fishpool Road are understandably angry at how the United Utilities site has developed over the last few months. They claim the main building is far bigger than it appeared on the original computer-generated plans that they were shown before work began. What's more the claim that the filtration unit was necessary to deal with the alleged threat of the cryptosporidium virus caused by cattle urine seeping through the soil has now been questioned. It appears that the unit has more to do with the major pipeline which runs through the area carrying water from Lake Vyrnwy to Liverpool. No mention was made of this when United Utilities representatives met local people in April of last year.

To make matters worse Fishpool Road has been closed to traffic to the great inconvenience of people who live in the area and on the road in particular **for over three weeks**. How long does it take to dig a hole in the road, put in the necessary pipework and resurface it? I've visited the site several times recently and seen little sign of urgent activity.

The impression United Utilities created a year ago of scant regard for the welfare of local people has been amply borne out by their behaviour in recent weeks.

One can only feel sympathy for anyone living in the vicinity whose outlook has been ruined by what has been created.

*N.B. This matter was front page news in 2 earlier editions of the Newsletter (No.7, June/July 2006 & No.11, Feb/March 2007. A few back copies are still available)*

## Oakmere Parish Council

### Chairman's Report 2006-07

One of the main concerns this year for the parish council has been the ambulance response times for the residents of Oakmere.

After discussions with Ian Moses from the ambulance service we came up with the 'glowsticks initiative' whereby every household in the parish of Oakmere was given a 'glowstick' with details of how to use it in an emergency. I can certainly vouch for their usefulness.

Work in the 'little wood' has been ongoing throughout the year. We have been fortunate in obtaining grants via Vale Royal Borough Council to maintain and improve the facilities for local residents to enjoy. Health and safety checks have been put in place to ensure walking through the woods is a pleasurable experience.

In July councillors visited the quarries in the parish and attended the Open Day in September. We were pleased to see Tarmac and Cheshire County Council's awareness of environmental issues and their partnership to promote the rural environment.

Throughout the year there have been many planning applications and highway matters. The Equestrian Centre/Polo Ground on Hogshead Lane is being monitored continually to ensure it complies with the conditions imposed by Vale Royal Borough Council.

Yet another appeal against the refusal of the housing development behind the 'old courthouse' has been turned down. Can we really lay this to rest?

In April we were pleased to have Tony Overland join our council. However we are sad to lose Tony Penney, who has decided to retire after a long service to the parish. We will miss his in-depth knowledge of Oakmere and the surrounding areas.

I would like to thank Councillor Val Godfrey, Councillor David Parks-Smith and Councillor Andrew Needham for their time and contributions and the parish councillors for their support.

Special thanks to our clerk Mary Carter for her hard work and dedication.

*Angela Lupton*

*Chairman Oakmere Parish Council*

## Delamere Parish Council

### New Clerk

Mrs Susie Pollard of Tarvin has been appointed Clerk to Delamere Parish Council. Mrs Pollard replaces Mrs Jenny Harrison, who has resigned from the post, but who has now become a member of the Council. Mrs Harrison and Robin Ackerley have taken up the places vacated by outgoing members Mrs Ann Sutton and Anthony Davies.

The Council would like to thank Jenny Harrison for her hard work and dedication over recent years.

### From My Window

April 14<sup>th</sup>. The beautiful sunny, warm weather brought out the buzzards with four floating high above.

The pond was full of tadpoles in the middle of April but they had disappeared by the end of the month.

A pair of mallards has been paying visits clearing the pond of duckweed. For the first time in many years a pair of thrushes has nested nearby and used material from the edge of the pond for their nest.

I saw my first swallow on the 2<sup>nd</sup> May and none since. I am worried that they cannot find the nesting sites they need.

Blackbirds and sparrows have done this year. A family of house sparrows took over a blue tits' nest box.

The male pheasant has two females with him and is looking as beautiful as ever. The jays are back stealing raisins I put out for the blackbirds and peanuts from the holders.

This year we are overrun with rabbits. They have eaten most of the annuals I planted and chicken wire has to be put round borders. It is depressing to see well-loved plants being eaten away, but I love to see the baby rabbits. You can get quite close to them. I don't want them harmed – it is their world as much as ours...

....Sunday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>. When I had finished writing this I went to water the borders and who should be hiding behind a hydrangea bush but a tiny rabbit! I managed to corner him with the water spray and picked him up. I wanted my husband to see him, but he was nowhere to be seen. The little rabbit just fitted into my hand. I talked to it gently because it was so scared. Then I took it back to the other rabbits on the edge of the wood. It made my day!

*D.D*

## Delamere School

Delamere C of E Primary School is a Grade II listed popular village school, located directly between Chester and Northwich. The school is situated on a three acre site and offers:

- A safe and caring environment for children to learn, play and develop.
- Extensive school grounds, including a wild area, playing field, garden and play ground with logged area and play area.
- Wrap around care is provided for pupils by a Breakfast Club and After School Club.
- An exciting range of after school club activities; including sporting activities, creative activities and a homework club.
- The children are taught in small class sizes.
- School provides healthy school dinners and snacks through the Healthy Schools initiative.
- The school recognises the different abilities of the pupils and provides SEN and Gifted and Talented provision.
- Pupils have the opportunity to participate in a wide range of sporting activities and competitions.
- Throughout the year pupils participate in a range of educational visits from local visits to Delamere Forest and to Manchester to visit the Science and Industry museum.
- An active Friends of Delamere School group, hosting coffee mornings for new parents to a wide range of money raising activities to support developments around the school for the children.
- The school receives enthusiastic and extensive support from parents, who actively work with staff to add value and generate funds for specific investments by supporting their children in various projects. A recent example is the sponsored swim raising nearly £800 towards the development of the community garden.
- The school is committed to the Arts and is working towards the Artsmark Gold.
- ICT
- Cheshire Learning Platform Project

## Delamere Community Association 100 Club Entries

Numbers are allocated according to date of receipt of entry

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|---------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1. Ron Billows            | 37. Barry Pinder           |
| 2. Yvonne billows         | 38. Sylvia Alexander       |
| 3. Charles Bateman        | 39. Sue Goodwin            |
| 4. Ralph Bailes           | 40. David Goodwin          |
| 5. Brenda Bailes          | 41. Mrs. B.J. Davies       |
| 6. June Budd              | 42. Jean Hampson           |
| 7. Robert Parr            | 43. Margaret Walley        |
| 8. Jean Garner            | 44. Mrs. Barbara Whiteside |
| 9. Derek Wheeler          | 45. Mrs. K. Wood           |
| 10. Maggie Matthews       | 46. Mrs. C. Green          |
| 11. Mike Gantley          | 47. Mr. Robert Alexander   |
| 12. Mrs. D.M. Jones       | 48. Mrs. E. Powell         |
| 13. Steve O'Brien         | 49. Walter Jackson         |
| 14. Lorraine Roberts      | 50. Jayne Bettley          |
| 15. Charlotte Christopher | 51. Jayne Bettley          |
| 16. Dennis Lorrman        | 52. Joan Myers             |
| 17. Dennis Lorrman        | 53. Jane Wright            |
| 18. Z. Bonikowski         | 54. David Wright           |
| 19. Monica S. Lewis       | 55. Steve Lacey            |
| 20. Margaret Christopher  | 56. Mr. T. Mee             |
| 21. John Evans            | 57. Paul Lewis             |
| 22. Paula Cockcroft       | 58. Terry Lea              |
| 23. Mrs. S. Rutter        | 59. Gerald Merry           |
| 24. Kay George            | 60. B. Postlewaite         |
| 25. Kay George            | 61. Ellie Heffernan        |
| 26. Paul Jones            | 62. Mrs. Joan Small        |
| 27. Mrs. Barbara Bettley  | 63. Susan Conway           |
| 28. Mrs. Barbara Bettley  | 64. Rhona Jackson          |
| 29. Mrs. G. M. Didsbury   | 65. Sheila Sutton          |
| 30. Robin Ackerley        | 66. Ian Sutton             |

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| 31. Gloria Ackerley      | 67. Stan Hubble          |
| 32. Thelma Jones         | 68. Stan Hubble          |
| 33. Margaret Robins      | 69. Mrs. Mary Rutter     |
| 34. Thomas Sheen         | 70. Mrs. Carol Evans     |
| 35. Brian Elson          | 71. Helen Van Duyvenbode |
| 36. Brian Elson          | 72. Colin Woodward       |
| 73. Mr. & Mrs. A. Davies | 74. Winston Sherman      |
| 75. Ron Billows          |                          |

**Draws to take place at DCA Committee Meetings in:**

**May 07**  
**July 07 SUPER DRAW**  
**Nov 07**  
**Jan 08**  
**March 08**  
**May 08 NON-WINNERS**

Winners will be notified ASAP after the relevant DCA Committee Meeting and all winnings will be paid by cheque.

Winning Numbers will be placed on the DCA Noticeboard and in *Delamere & Oakmere News*.

Delamere Community Association would like to thank everyone on this list for their support in this fundraising project and wish you 'Good Luck' in the forthcoming draws.

*Mrs. Y. Billows, DCA Treasurer.*

## Stonyford Cottage Nursery Open Day



*Stonyford's Tony and Jan Overland cut the National Garden Scheme's Birthday Cake*

Stonyford Nursery held its annual Open Day on behalf of the National Gardens Scheme on Sunday, June 10<sup>th</sup>. The many visitors to the gardens and garden centre helped raise over £700 for the NGS, which celebrated its 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary on the day. As in past years, the money will go to the Special Olympics and to various charities.

## 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 Hl 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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#### Monday

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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

### Other Routes

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