

# Delamere and Oakmere

## News

Number 18

April/May 2008

### February Gales

*One night in late February an ash tree blew down and wrecked a car at the bottom of Black Hill.*



### And April Snow

*On the morning of April 6<sup>th</sup> Delamere and Oakmere woke to 4 inches of snow.*



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**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 16<sup>th</sup> March for April/May, etc. (if you would like them included in this diary).*

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or at: The Paddock, Stoney Lane, Delamere\*, Tarporley CW6 0SX*

*(\*not Kelsall)*

**Golden Age**  
**Wed., 16<sup>th</sup> April**

Talk on  
*Cheshire FM*  
*Local Radio*  
by Mike Worthington  
2.00pm

**Delamere Parish**  
**Council**  
**Mon., 21<sup>st</sup> April**  
Delamere School  
7.30pm

**Oakmere Parish**  
**Council**  
**Mon., 28<sup>th</sup> April**  
Church Room  
7.00pm

**Golden Age**  
**Wed., 30<sup>th</sup> April**  
Slides & Talk on  
*Hearing Dogs for Deaf People*  
2.00pm

**Community**  
**~Association**  
**Mon., 12<sup>th</sup> May**  
Committee Meeting  
7.15pm

**Women's Institute**  
**Tues., 13<sup>th</sup> May**  
Tasting Supper  
7.30pm

**Golden Age**  
**Wed., 14<sup>th</sup> May**  
Lunch + Entertainment  
12.30pm  
Ring Jim Emerton (01270 668934) for details

**Golden Age**  
**Wed., 28<sup>th</sup> May**  
Talk by Rev. Burgess  
*The Seven Deadly Sins*  
2.00pm

**Oakmere Parish**  
**Council**  
**Thurs., 29<sup>th</sup> May**  
Church Room  
7.00pm

**Women's Institute**  
**Tues., 10<sup>th</sup> June**  
Talk by Dr. Campbell  
on Tarporley Hospital  
& Chester Silver  
7.30pm

**Golden Age**  
**Wed., 11<sup>th</sup> June**  
Bingo  
2.00pm

**Golden Age**  
**Wed., 25<sup>th</sup> June**  
Talk on *Bee-Keeping*  
by Clive Richardson  
2.00pm

**Mon., 14<sup>th</sup> July**  
**Community**  
**Association**  
**AGM**  
7.30pm

**Golden Age**  
**Wed., 23<sup>rd</sup> July**  
*Coach Trip to*  
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Wed., 16<sup>th</sup> April ~ 5pm-7pm  
Wed., 28<sup>th</sup> May ~ 5pm-7pm  
Meet for these at Delamere Community Centre, Station Road, Delamere for a hot drink before proceeding to the forest.

Also an early-morning walk at 5.30am on Saturday, 10<sup>th</sup> May from Barnsbridge Gates, break for sausage sandwiches c.7.30am, then on to Eddisbury Hill.

Please contact Kay George on 01606 882183, or better [kaypgeorge@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:kaypgeorge@yahoo.co.uk) to book.

Charge: £1 for each evening; £5 for Saturday morning including breakfast.

Binoculars desirable.

**Letters, please....**

Write in to the Newsletter (address/e mail above), if you have any opinions, articles complaints etc. that you'd like to see included in the next edition.

## Golden Age Crisis

After thirty-six years' service to the over 60s of Delamere, Oakmere and the neighbouring area the Golden Age Club is in danger of folding.

Jean Riches, who has been Leader since 1989, plans to finish at the end of this year and, if no replacement is found by September, the future looks bleak. Not only that but John Grocott, who has been Treasurer for the past sixteen years and who now lives in Crewe, also plans to finish at the same time.

For thirty-six years the Golden Age Club has met fortnightly and has flourished throughout all that time, with regular talks by visiting, members' lunches, frequent coach trips, theatre visits and an annual Harvest Festival Service.

The Golden Age Club began life soon after the Community Centre was opened in 1974 by Harringtons M.D. George Holloway and it was his wife who was the original leader of the Club, which until recent times was a part of the W.R.V.S.

Mrs Holloway was succeeded by Christine Frith of the Old Pale and in 1985 Pat Wheeler, who had long been associated with the club, took over the running. In 1989 Pat was succeeded by Jean Riches, who has been the Club's leader ever since.

Not surprisingly after so many years' dedicated commitment Jean feels it is time to stand down and the search is now on for a successor. You have only to glance at the list of activities on the *What's On* page to appreciate how important the Golden Age Club is to the social life of the village and how great a gap would be left if it were to fold.

If you feel you can offer any help with either helping to run the club or acting as treasurer, please get in touch with Jean Riches (on 01606 882094), who will be happy to tell you what is involved.



*A happy group of Golden Age members back in April 1991. Can you identify them?*

### Quiz Night

Thanks to donations, raffle prizes and the generous support of those who attended the Quiz Night on 4<sup>th</sup> April, Network Gloria raised £150 towards its work in supporting

special needs children and families in Romania.

The Network's next fund-raising event will be a Barn Dance on 3<sup>rd</sup> October.

More details in the August edition.

## **New West Cheshire Council**

On May 1<sup>st</sup> elections will take place for the newly-formed West Cheshire Council.

Changes will take effect from 1<sup>st</sup> April, 2009. Until then the new Councils will act in a "shadow" capacity to make the necessary arrangements for the transfer from the existing Council to the new Council and the existing seven councils (among them Vale Royal) will continue to deliver their current services.

The Vale Royal area will have nine wards; the local ward, Eddisbury, will be the same as the current Cheshire County Council ward which is at present represented by Andrew Needham.

Constituents may vote for up to three candidates in their ward.

The Eddisbury candidates are:

Val Godfrey (Lib Dem)  
Mark Green (Lab)  
John Grimshaw (Con)  
Andrew Needham (Con)  
Barbara Roberts (Con)  
Nonny Shearer (Lab)  
David Speak (Lab)

## **Current Local Councillors Cheshire County Council**

### **Eddisbury**

Cllr Andrew Needham (Con)  
01829 732444  
[Andrew.Needham@cheshire.gov.uk](mailto:Andrew.Needham@cheshire.gov.uk)

### **Vale Royal Borough Council**

#### **Cuddington & Oakmere**

Cllr Glen Cunningham (Con)  
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[g Cunningham@valeroyal.gov.uk](mailto:g Cunningham@valeroyal.gov.uk)  
Cllr Val Godfrey (Lib Dem)  
01606 883385  
[v Godfrey@valeroyal.gov.uk](mailto:v Godfrey@valeroyal.gov.uk)  
Cllr David Parks-Smith (Con)  
01606 882007  
[dparkssmith@valeroyal.gov.uk](mailto:dparkssmith@valeroyal.gov.uk)

#### **Mara\***

Cllr John Grimshaw (Con)  
01829 752177  
[jgrimshaw@valeroyal.gov.uk](mailto:jgrimshaw@valeroyal.gov.uk)

Mara takes its name from the ancient hunting forest of Mara and Mondrum which once occupied most of Cheshire. The name is now used for the Vale Royal Borough Council ward which comprises Delamere, Eddisbury and Willington

Our two Parish Councils will be unaffected by these changes

### **Delamere Parish Council**

Clerk: Suzi Pollard 01829 740372  
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A.L. Knowles 2 Old Pale Cottages, Stoney Lane, Delamere, Tarporley  
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Delamere Parish Council meets at 7.30pm on the third Monday of each month\* at Delamere School.  
(\*except August)

The Delamere Noticeboard is outside Delamere Stores.

Delamere Parish Council has a vacancy for one new member. Contact Suzi Pollard on 01829 740372 if you are interested.

### **Oakmere Parish Council**

Clerk: Mrs Mary Carter Lynwood, Overdale Lane, Oakmere, Northwich CW8 2EL (01606 883645)

Mrs A. Ford (Chairman) Crabtree Green Farm, Stoneyford Lane, Oakmere, Northwich CW8 2HA  
Mr A. Overland (Vice-Chairman) Stonyford Cottage, Stoneyford Lane, Oakmere, Northwich CW8 2TF  
Mrs S. Alexander Stud Cottage, Farm Road, Oakmere, Northwich, Cheshire CW8 2HD  
Mrs K. MacVicker Forest Farm house, Gallowsclough Lane, Oakmere, Northwich CW8 2TG  
Mrs A. Lupton The Rowans, Hogshead Lane, Oakmere, Northwich CW8 2ET  
Mr R. Billows Pine Crest, Chester Road, Oakmere, Northwich CW8 2HB  
Mrs E. Houston Mere Crescent, Oakmere, Northwich  
CLERK: Mrs M. Carter Lynwood, Overdale Lane, Oakmere, Northwich CW8 2EL

Oakmere Parish Council meets at 7.00pm usually on one Monday each month in the Church Room. The Oakmere Noticeboard is at the main road end of Waste Lane.

#### **FOUND.**

In the Community Centre after the W.I. meeting on 8<sup>th</sup> April: A Parker Biro.  
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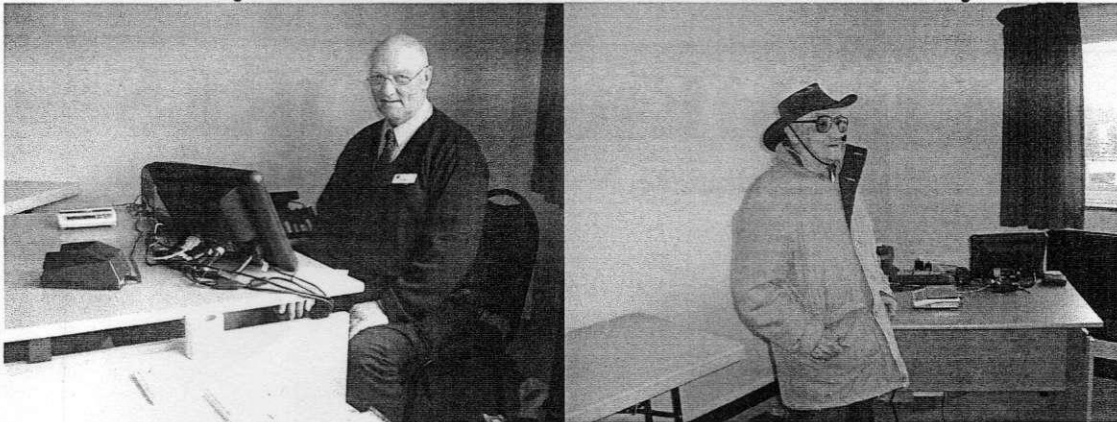
**7.00am - 2.00pm Sunday**

## Delamere Post Office: The Final Day...



*At work behind the post office counter for the last time is **Suzanne Cartwright**, while husband **Lee** is standing behind the shop counter.*

## ...First Day at the Outreach P.O. in the Community Centre.



*Post Office Supervisor **Chris Wilson** about to serve **Doug Mayers** of Frith Avenue, the new post office's first customer. Sub-postmaster Jonathan Royle, who hails from Plumley, usually does the Wednesday shift, while Supervisor Chris Wilson, also from Plumley comes on Fridays.*

### Delamere Outreach Post Office

Community Centre, Station Road

Tel: 01565 723712/ 0776 3254 163

**WEDNESDAY 9.30 – 2.00**

**FRIDAY 9.30 – 1.00**

*For the story behind the closure of Delamere Post Office please turn to p.8.*

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## How We Lost Our Post Office – The Full Story at last

Last September Delamere Community Association committee members Derek and Pat Wheeler received a phone call from a post office official, a Mr Sharma, who said that he would like to have a meeting with them to discuss the possible relocating of Delamere Post Office. When they met him on 26<sup>th</sup> September at the Community Centre, they pointed out that, as members of a committee, and notwithstanding that Derek was Vice-Chairman of the DCA, they felt they were unable to enter into any discussion or agree to any proposals without the sanction of the full committee.

The post office representative brushed aside their objections, stating that he didn't work with committees, only with individuals. What he had come to propose was that, with their agreement, the Post Office planned to move the Delamere branch away from its present site in Delamere Stores and place it in the Community Centre. Mr Sharma demanded their agreement to the proposal there and then. At Pat and Derek's insistence DCA Secretary Kay George, who happened to be in the Centre at the time, was called in and made aware of what they'd been told.

With a contemptuous disregard for democratic process the Post Office, through its representative, had placed them in an impossible situation: it was made quite clear that, if they said no, Delamere stood to lose its post office completely; the only alternative was to agree to something which they felt, rightly speaking, they had no authority to do. Deeply concerned at what they had been forced into, they had no option but to agree.

The following day Pat called an emergency meeting of the DCA officials and trustees and put them in the picture. They were informed that, at the Post Office's insistence, no word of the proposals was to be divulged to anyone outside the meeting until full confirmation (after the statutory period of "consultation") was made public in six weeks' time. Maintaining total secrecy, it was emphasised, was compulsory.

The DCA officials and trustees, however, were not the only ones who had been sworn to secrecy. Before meeting them Mr Sharma had already informed the Cartwrights of the proposed the closure and made it clear to them that, if any word of the plans got out, they would forfeit the compensation due to them when the branch closed.

That secrecy should be demanded in a matter that closely affects us all is very disturbing, but there is yet another factor lying behind post office closures that is not generally made public. I understand that under a directive on the *Harmonisation of Postal Services* (Directive 2002/39) our masters in Brussels have decreed that the UK government could allocate no more than 150 million pounds per annum to the Post Office. Unfortunately Post Office losses amount to 208 million pounds a year. Faced with a deficit of £58 million about which it could do nothing the Post Office had no alternative but to embark on a wholesale closure of branches throughout the country. What should be – and once was – a public service has become a victim of forces beyond our control.

[ The following poem was recently sent in to the Newsletter. I genuinely don't know the name of the author, but I entirely agree with the feelings expressed. R.]

*The time has come for everyone to act and score a goal  
To save our local shop/PO from going down a hole.  
The news we read was awful, so sad for Lee and Sue  
And now the act of saving them is down to me and you.*

*They've worked so hard from six to six, except on Christmas Day  
And had no time for anything, it's been all work, no play;  
Improvements made were maximum, the foods they sell are great  
And always there's a welcome smile, as if you are a mate.*

*Let's do our best to save them, it's not too late just yet.  
We need to do more shopping there, there's much that we could get-  
The gorgeous tasty sandwiches on every kind of bread,  
Freshly made with quality, you'll know that you've been fed.*

*If we all spent a fiver and went in twice a week,  
We could prevent the closure, stop the future looking bleak.  
We need to use the services – we pass them every day –  
It's so much more convenient than going to Sandiway,*

*Buy some stamps, some bacon, a tasty pie or two,  
It's really all quite simple, and down to me and you.  
I, for one, would perish without our local shop  
And mean to do my very best to save it from the chop! ANON.*



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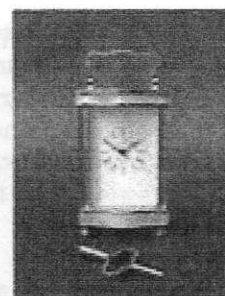
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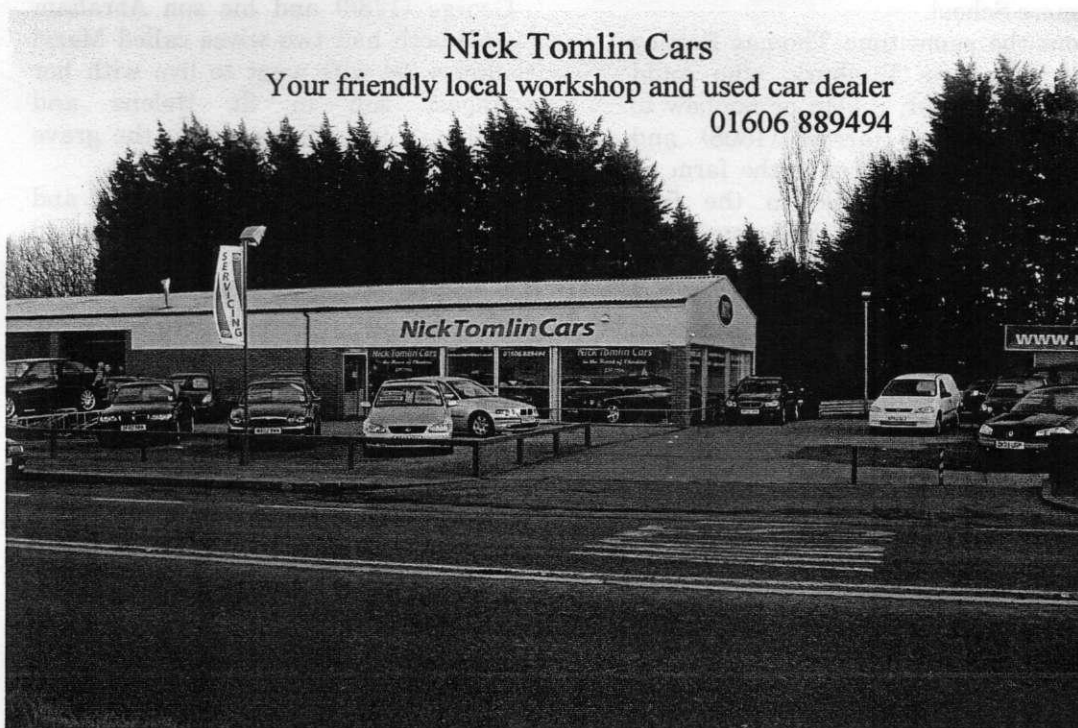
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### How the Bettleys Came to Delamere.

#### A Family History

Family History, as a hobby, is both fascinating and addictive and you find yourself inflicting snippets of historical knowledge on to your family and friends whether they want to hear it or not! Following an exchange of anecdotes, activated by articles in the 'Delamere and Oakmere News', the Editor has asked me to write a few words about the Bettley family and their 19<sup>th</sup> century connections to Oakmere.

Early records show a number of Bettleys in the Nantwich area and then a gradual movement towards the Tarporley district, the results of my research start with George Bettley who was born in Bunbury in 1786. Some time in the early 1800's he married a Mary from Little Budworth and they moved to the small 16 acre farm close to the Winsford road crossroads in Oakmere. They had two sons, George (1838) and Ralph (1840), both of whom could have been amongst the first pupils at Delamere School.

About the same time Thomas Bettley (1811) also from Bunbury, who could have been brother, cousin or nephew to George, married Harriet (1808) and came as a farm labourer to the farm on the opposite corner. So in the first recorded census in 1841 there they were, the two Bettleys.

Mary died in 1851 and young Ralph died aged 13 in 1853. Old George soon found himself a young Irish girl, Mary Blayne, who he married in 1851 not long after losing Mary. He was 64 and she 21. They went on to have 5 children the last

of which was born when old George was 74!

Thomas became landlord of the 'beerhouse' opened on the corner, eventually to become the 'Fishpool Inn'; the couple had no children and both lived there until their death, Thomas going back to working on the farm when he was older.

In the 1871 census the Enumerator has recorded the address for both families as Bettley's Corner, was this how it was known to locals at the time, I wonder?

Old George died in 1875, aged 88 and the first son from his second marriage, Abraham, who had been working in St Helens making glass, and at Winnington, came back to the farm. He had married Mary Gleave and when she died in 1890, Mary Rutter, both local girls. He had 8 children and lived until 1930. His grave is easily found in Delamere churchyard but I have yet to find that of old George, I think it must be where there are brambles and long grass.

George (1786) and his son Abraham (1853) both had two wives called Mary! George's 2<sup>nd</sup> wife went to live with her youngest son in St Helens and Abraham's two Marys are in the grave at Delamere.

George (1838) married Eliza Price and they lived at Whitegate where they had 5 children. Their son George (1880) married Mary Hitchin and went to live in Crewe and Liverpool before returning to Delamere between the World Wars with their children thereby starting the Bettley family you may know today.

*Marjorie Bettley.*

### Oakmere Parish Council

At a meeting on 31<sup>st</sup> March Mrs Elizabeth Houston was co-opted to serve on Oakmere Parish Council. Other councillors were very pleased that she had put herself forward.

In her early thirties and with a young family, she will bring a new perspective to discussions about schooling, the local countryside and environmental issues.

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### The Kingsley Garden Trail 2008 Saturday, 7<sup>th</sup> June

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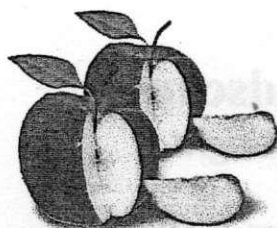
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### Marjorie Nixon

Marjorie Nixon passed away on 24<sup>th</sup> March. She was eighty-two. Marjorie was born on October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 1925 in Kelsall. Her father, Tom Walton, was for many years the gardener for Cleggs of Abbey Wood and Marjorie spent her childhood years living at Abbey Wood Cottage in Abbey Lane.

She and her younger brother, Arthur, both attended Delamere School, but at the age of eleven she went to the Verdin Grammar School in Winsford.

In 1944 at the age of eighteen she married Ernie Nixon and in 2004 they celebrated their Diamond Wedding with a party at The Fourways.

Last May, with their health failing, Marjorie and Ernie left Old Pale Cottages, their home for over twenty years, and moved to an old people's home near Sandbach and close to where their elder son David lives. Last October Ernie died at the age of ninety-two. In January with her condition clearly deteriorating Marjorie was moved to a nursing home at Elworth.

So, sadly, within less than six months both members of Delamere's longest marriage in recent times have departed and our deepest sympathies must go to sons Dave and Chris, daughter Doreen, and Ernie and Marjorie's six grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

### A Piece of W.I. History

*As Kirsty Lewis (nee Nixon) was looking through her late grandmother's mementoes she came across these lines, which had been written by one of the founder members to celebrate the W.I.'s 21<sup>st</sup> birthday in 1962. The lyrics (sung to the tune of 'Little brown jug') look back fondly to the days of rationing, knitting to help the war effort – and of course making jam!*

Some years ago in Delamere  
We looked around and said 'dear, dear!  
It's time we had a W.I.  
Our village maidens are too shy.

#### Chorus

Ha ha ha, he he he,  
'Tis our anniversary.  
Ha ha ha, let's have fun,  
For tonight we're twenty-one

Our Mrs Hardy took the chair,  
We all agreed that that was fair.  
She's guided us through peace and war,  
For we all take her word as law.

Tonight we'll think of years gone by,  
Of members selling Bennett's pie;  
Oh what a treat they seemed to be  
For we could get them ration free.

Remember too how jam we made  
How carefully the sugar weighed  
And stuck the labels on with care.  
To waste a scrap we would not dare.

We knitted everywhere we went,  
Our comforts to the troops we sent –  
To sit with idle hands was sin,  
Our knitting helped the war to win.

And then came peace and we were free  
To go on outings to the sea,  
Sitting in state in Wesses bus,  
What fun it was for all of us.

Do you remember Mrs Gray  
And how she loved to do a play?  
And how we fooled in pantomime  
To make you laugh at Christmas time.

And now we'll show you things we've done  
And how we made our simple fun,  
The pleasures that our friendship brings,  
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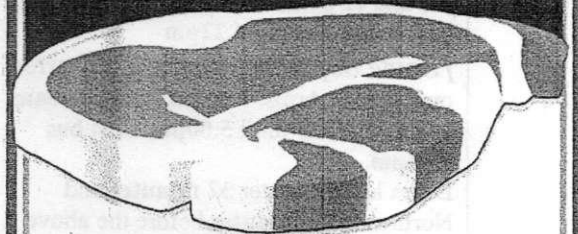
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 (Mon to Sat).

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 then every hour until  
 dep. 5.21 pm arr. 6.32 pm  
 then: 6.12 pm &  
 every hour until 9.12 pm  
 Last train @ 11.00 pm

#### From Delamere to Chester

Return Fare ~ £5.80 Snr. Cit. ~ £3.85  
Cheap Day Returns ~ £4.10 Snr. Cit. ~ £2.85  
 (Mon. to Sat).

dep. 10.31 am arr. 10.52 am  
 then every hour until dep. 11.31 pm  
 Cuddington to Manchester: 4 mins. later  
 Cuddington to Chester: 5 mins. earlier.

### Buses

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Single Full Fare: £2.40

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(Tuesdays only – to Northwich)

dep. Frith Avenue 9.20 am  
 Eddisbury HI Pk 9.30 am  
 Abbey Arms 9.35 am

then via Little Budworth, Whitegate,  
 Hartford to

Northwich Watling St. 10.37 am  
 Sainsburys 10.40 am

Return to Delamere:

dep. Sainsburys 12.20 pm  
 Watling St. Stand D 12.23 pm  
 arr. Delamere 1.35 pm

#### GHA Coaches

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 opp. Abbey Arms 7.40 am. Then 9.00 am  
 and every hour until 5.00 pm. Last bus  
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Buses leave Chester 32 minutes and  
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 times.

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10.30 am 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

9.30 am Crowton, Kingsley, Acton Bridge, Norley, Delamere to  
 Winsford Return 12.00 pm

12.30 pm Crowton, Acton Bridge, Kingsley, Norley, Delamere to  
 Northwich Return 3.00 pm

#### Wednesday

9.30 am Cote Brook, Oakmere, L. Budworth, Utkinton, Tarporley,  
 Delamere to Northwich  
 Return 12.30 pm

1.30 pm Tarporley, Oakmere, Delamere, Utkinton, L. Budworth, Cote  
 Brook to Winsford  
 Return 3.30 pm

#### Thursday [Bus 1]

9.30 am Kingsley, Delamere, Norley, Crowton, Acton Bridge to  
 Northwich. Return 11.30 am

### Other Routes

From Willington Corner ~ to Tarporley & Bunbury (via  
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## SPRING 2008 NEWSLETTER

2nd Edition

### HEAD TEACHER'S EASTER REVIEW

Easter is upon us after one of the shortest terms in the school calendar and one that has been a particularly enjoyable time with exciting events taking place. One fact that the children have discovered for their Easter assembly is that the next time we have Easter this early will be the year 2258!

A particular highlight this term was the whole school's visit to Stockley Farm and the creative work that came from this. I have also enjoyed working with our budding Year 6 animators whose ICT skills never cease to amaze me!

A select group of Dutch MEPs visited the school and were immensely impressed with the school and how well we had used our initial European

funding to develop the school's Garden of Inspiration. We have also now begun progress on a willow garden for the children and the school community to enjoy.

Next term we have a full and active programme that will enrich and enhance the children's learning further. This will be linked to our whole school topic on 'Rural Life'.

As environmentally responsible educators we feel it is vital that the children have a thorough understanding of the area in which they live and how their actions can have both positive and negative impact upon the environment that surrounds them. By creating opportunities linked to this, the children's understanding and awareness

will be embedded in their learning.

The children at Delamere CE Primary have the opportunity to take part in many exciting new educational opportunities both within and beyond the classroom. Our academic achievement is excellent and from April this year we will be in receipt of a £30,000 bursary over the next five years to further enhance our provision in order to develop creativity amongst our young learners. The bursary fund will be used to deliver a richer curriculum that will make the school an outstanding place to learn and grow up in.

The future is very bright for Delamere CE Primary and I am proud to be a part of it.

**Steve Docking**

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### TRAVEL PLAN

The School Travel Plan Group have been working hard on developing a two year plan for the school to improving our children's health and fitness. The travel plan grant will be spent on improving the school facilities with a secure cycle storage area, a parent waiting shelter and possibly minibus transportation.

In the Summer term the school will be running a Let's Bike scheme to teach the children cycling proficiency as well as fun initiatives such as a car free day during Walk to School Week and family cycling in Delamere Forest.



### ECO SCHOOLS

The importance of environmental awareness is one of the areas we pride ourselves on and we are currently working towards Green Flag Environmental Status after successfully gaining a Silver Award this term to become a leading Eco School.

We are also proud that our Head Teacher, Steve Docking, is chairing the group from our cluster schools to encourage children across the area to be more environmentally aware. A launch event on 4th July at Trafford Hall in Chester will invite children from the nine primary schools and Tarporley High school to come together and talk through green issues to promote a greener world for their respective schools.

### 'WALK' OF ART

Some of the children's artistic paintings of footwear have been gracing the walls of Timpson outlets in Northwich, Crewe and Chester drawing praise from customers alike. The paintings were presented as a gift of thanks to John Timpson, CBE following the attendance of the Head Teacher, Steve Docking, to a two day leadership course at the new Timpson National Training Centre last autumn.

On 19th March nine paintings were moved to be displayed in the main conference room of the centre which was officially opened by Dame Kathleen Ollerenshaw, former Lord Mayor of Manchester and legendary educationalist, and aunt of John Timpson (Chairman of Timpson Limited and Chair of the School Governors). She was accompanied at the ceremony by children in Year Six of the School.

John Timpson said he was delighted that the opening of this important training centre had given him an opportunity to introduce his aunt, Dame Kathleen, to the children of Delamere and to show off the excellent work being produced. He added "Delamere Primary School is being developed in to a Centre of Excellence, providing a wide range of education for children who benefit from the individual attention that a small school can provide".

Engaging children on their exciting learning journey...

### Dates for your Diary:

- **Mums and Tots Club:** Every Monday at school 1pm until 3pm: £1 entry fee
- **Classes:** Salsa Mondays, Pilates Wednesdays, Saturday Sports Club for Juniors/Tots commencing week of 7th April
- **Water-Colour Workshop:** Saturday, 19th April 2008 at 10am until Noon
- **Bags 2 School Day:** 9th May - please donate clean used clothes, shoes, bags, bedding (no bric-a-brac) in a black sack either Thursday evening or by 9am on the Friday
- **Soccer Camp:** May Half-Term (27th, 28th & 29th May) for children aged 5-11 years: £12.00 per child per day
- **Sports Day:** School Sports Day 7th June followed by barbecue (all welcome)
- **Junior Chefs:** 24th & 25th July for children aged 7-11: £22.00 per child per day



# SPRING 2008 NEWSLETTER



## SALSA KIDS

From Friday, 18th April for twelve weeks the children will spend an hour learning how to Salsa as part of their PE and dance curriculum for the Spring term.

A few Salsà facts, if you didn't know .....

**Fact:** The dance they say originated in Cuba through the mixture of Mambo, Danzón, Cuban Son, Guaquancó and other Cuban dance forms.

**Fact:** Salsa is a slot or spot dance, ie: partners do not need to travel over the dance floor.

**Fact:** Salsa is danced to music with a strong Afro-Caribbean rhythm influence.

**Fact:** The name 'Salsa' is the Spanish word for sauce of a spicy flavour.



## JUNIOR CHEF

At the start of the summer holidays, on 24th and 25th July, we have arranged a two day cooking course, run by a company called Junior Chefs for children aged between 7 and 11.

The class will run from 9am until 3pm and is open to pupils at the school as well as pupils from other primary schools who may be interested.

There is a maximum number of 30 children and the cost is £22.00 per child, per day. For further information, or to book a place, **please contact: Mrs Oliver at Delamere CE School on 01829 751450.**



## SOCCER FUN

**NEW!** We are trialling during the May half-term a Soccer Fun Camp run by Sports Wise, whose coaches are fully qualified and CRB checked. This will take place from Tuesday, 27th May until Thursday, 29th May from 10am until 3pm daily.

Children can attend daily or all three days at a cost of £12.00 per day. The course will be open to children aged between 5 and 11 years of age and open to all children in the area.

To be able to run this course we require a minimum of fifteen children. If this proves to be a success we hope to run these on a regular basis during holidays.

**Please contact: Julie Marlow on 01606 882740 to register your interest or request a booking form.**

## COMMUNITY CLASSES

The community evening classes continue to go well. Both Pilates and Salsa have been well attended and thoroughly enjoyed by everyone. If you missed the first set of classes it's not too late to join in! Both classes have a waiting list for beginners or if you have former experience in either one then please call Julie Marlow to see if you can join one of the established classes.

Two Saturday Watercolour Workshops have now been successfully completed. Don Wilson has kindly offered to run another one on Saturday, 19th April. Ten places are available, so early booking is essential. Junior Saturday Sports Club commenced in February. Although only a small group of children are attending, they are enjoying learning a variety of ball skills and games that

they can use at playtimes. We would like to increase the number of children who attend this club in order for it to remain open. So mums, give yourself a couple of hours break and send your child along, who knows it might tire them out for the remainder of the day!

Our classes are attended by all ages, our youngest is just 2 years of age and our oldest is 87. So come along and join in! Full details of the classes are listed opposite.

**We do require advanced booking and payment to ensure that there are the correct pupil/ teacher ratios and classes are not overcrowded. To obtain a booking form please contact: Julie Marlow on 01606 882740 or visit [www.delamereschool.com](http://www.delamereschool.com)**

## SPORTS RESULTS

The children this term have had the opportunity to take part in a number of inter-school competitions.

**Indoor Athletics:** 2nd overall out of the cluster schools.

**Hockey:** An excellent result, winning 3 out of the 4 league games, and finishing 3rd overall out of 11 teams at the inter-schools hockey tournament.

**Football:** Our football team continue to perform like Newcastle United, no wins but full of energy!

**Cross Country:** 200 children took part in a race held at Thomas Wedge Primary School in Chester. Eight of our children participated, with three of them finishing in the top twenty runners.

Well done to all the children who have taken part and helped us to achieve an Active Mark status (a national award for the delivery and participation in high quality PE).

**Sainsbury's Active Kids (& Tesco) Vouchers:** Lastly, please 'try something new today' and donate your Active Kids Vouchers and Tesco Computer Vouch-

**NEWS BULLET:** Don Wilson and fellow artists hope to exhibit their art at the School towards the end of June, followed by an auction to raise funds for the School. Watch out for further news in the Delamere & Oakmere News.

## COME SALSA

Adult classes recommence 7th April for 6 weeks until 19th May. There will be no class on Monday, 5th May.

Classes are every Monday evening, 6.30pm until 7.30pm (for beginners) and 7.45pm until 8.45pm.

6 Week Session costs £21.00.

A waiting list for Salsa has been opened. To add your name please call Julie Marlow on 01606 882740.

## PILATES

Adult classes recommence 9th April for 7 weeks until 21st May.

Every Wednesday evening from 7.30pm until 8.45pm.

7 Week Session costs £24.50. Advance booking and payment required.

A waiting list for Pilates has been opened. To add your name please call Julie Marlow on 01606 882740.

## SPORTS CLUB

Junior & Tots Saturday Sports Club every Saturday morning from 12th April for 5 weeks until 17th May, from 10am until 11.30am.

There will be no Club on Saturday, 3rd May.

Open to children aged between 2 and 11 years of age.

5 Week Session cost just £10.00 and includes a drink and snack. Pre-booking and payment is essential to retain correct number of CRB checked coaches.

## WATER-COLOUR WORKSHOP

Next Water-Colour Workshop will take place on Saturday, 19th April 2008 from 10am until Noon.

Cost is £10.00 per person and all painting materials are provided. Maximum of 10 places available, so early booking is essential.

Creating citizens who have a pride in their community