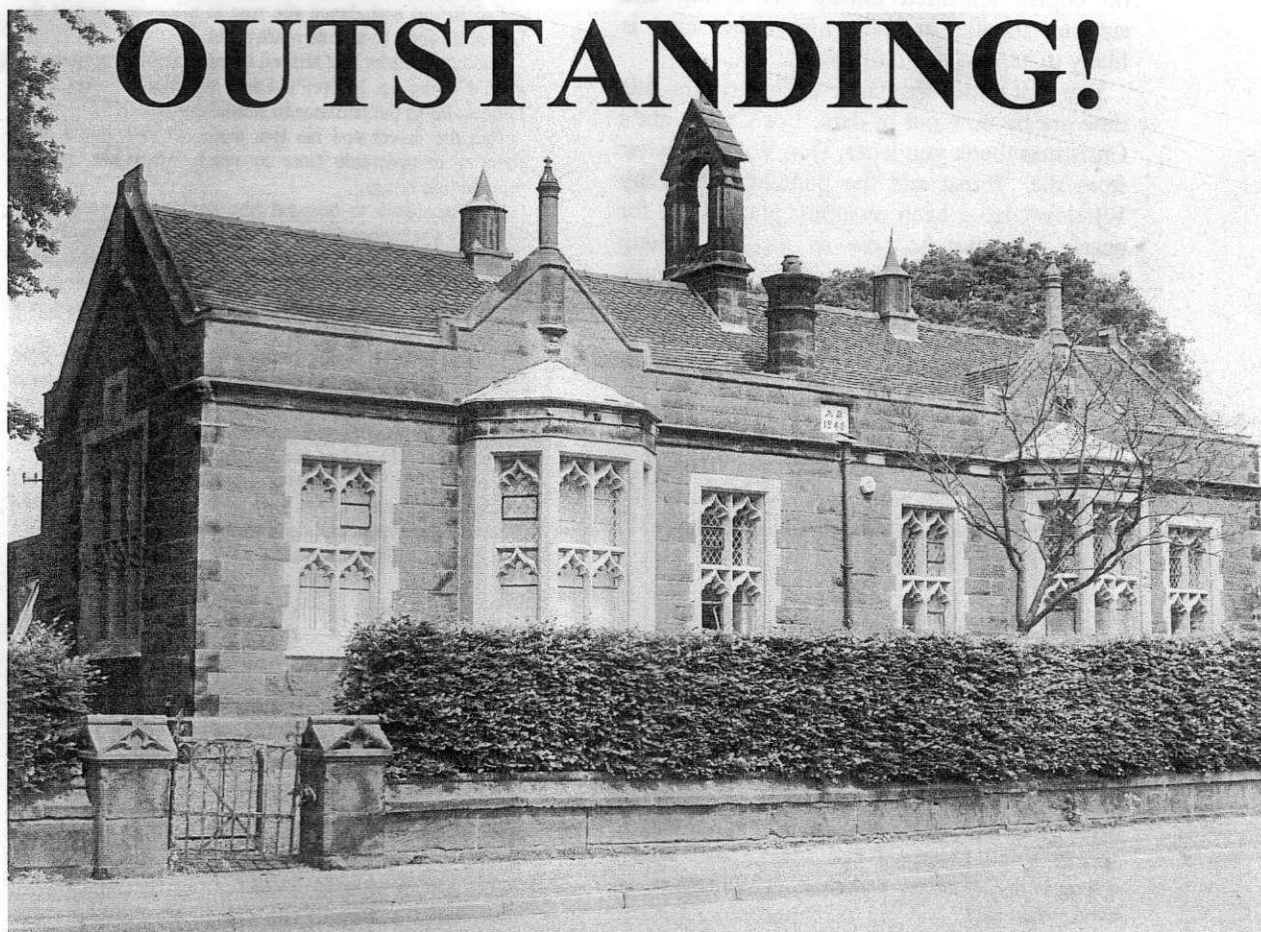


Delamere and Oakmere

News

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That was the verdict after Delamere Church of England Primary School underwent a two-day Ofsted inspection early in March. To be more precise the school was adjudged "outstanding in all areas", a truly magnificent achievement.

The result marked the culmination of a very good week for the school. The day before the inspection began the county authorities had once again reviewed the future of schools whose future had been threatened the year before. Though Delamere had made enormous strides since then, its future was by no means certain. This time, however, the progress had been recognised and the school was saved. It now seems that it can look forward with confidence and go on building on what the last two years have achieved.

A good deal of credit must go to the team of parents and friends of the school who, since the school first came under threat in 2007, have worked so hard to save it. Most credit, though, must go to headteacher Steve Docking whose commitment, drive and vision have done so much for Delamere School.

One evident weakness in the past was the falling school role. This has now been rectified: Delamere is now deservedly highly regarded in the district and parents are clamouring to send their children there.

[further details on p4]

HAPPY EASTER

The Future of Delamere & Oakmere News

Apologies for the late appearance of this issue, which should have come out at the beginning of February.

I have found it increasingly difficult to give the Newsletter the time and attention necessary to keep it going on a regular basis. Last year no copies appeared during the spring and summer months and I'm afraid the same is likely to happen again this year.

You will notice that some of the articles this time are by now out of date: Lee Cartwright's Christmas thank you letter, Don Wilson's letter from the forest and the popular "From my Window" have been awaiting publication for nearly two months now as well as a long overdue photo of the church Christingle service.

All being well, I hope to start the Newsletter again in the autumn.

Robin.

Congratulations to Lee and Suzanne Cartwright of Delamere Stores on the birth of a baby boy, Rowen Michael, on Saturday, 21st March. Rowen weighed in at 9lb 6oz.

Why not Delamere?

Regular watchers of the North West weather forecast on BBC 1 at 6.30 will have noticed that the map of the region often features its three major centres of culture and industry— Liverpool, Manchester and Cotebrook*.

Quite who decides on this choice of names is a mystery. Cotebrook I can understand, but what's so special about Liverpool and Manchester? What's wrong with Delamere, Oakmere, or Willington...or even Winsford?

R.

No Speed Limit near the School

People living in the houses just behind Delamere School frequently complain about the speed at which cars coming down Stoney Lane pass their houses.

The matter was raised at a recent Parish Council meeting – not for the first time, but it seems that the highways authority just isn't interested, despite the proximity of the school.

The subject was raised once before when a driver lost control and his car ended up smashing through a hedge in front of one of the houses, but it seems that it takes more than that to get a speed limit introduced.

If you're one of the people who regularly uses this road, please think of the people who live near the school.

* It rarely appears as two words now, but the correct form for our neighbouring village should be **Cote Brook**.

Walkers' SOS

Walking near the Old Pale with our dog earlier this year, Gloria met up with another dog-walker, a woman from Kelsall.

As they made their way up towards the towers from the Nettleford Wood* direction, the other dog ran into its owner from behind causing her to fall and dislocate her knee. She lay there unable to move and in agony.

Fortunately Gloria had her mobile phone but when she called for an ambulance she was at a loss to suggest the best route for it to take to reach them.

Another rambler had arrived by now and he suggested it should come up Morrey's Lane and along Forest Gate Lane as far as the entrance to Nettleford Wood**.

This the driver and his two assistants did, but it took them a considerable time to reach where the injured woman was lying.

She was taken to hospital (the dog having been taken home by a neighbour) and eventually made a full recovery.

The whole point of my telling this little anecdote is this: *what if she had been alone when the accident happened and what if Gloria had not just happened to have her phone with her?*

Lots of people walk through the forest and over Pale Heights at all times of the year and often accompanied only by a dog. If you are one of these it makes sense to carry a phone with you and also to have a pretty good idea of just where you are should the worst happen.

I telephoned the Forestry Commission for advice on emergency numbers, but was told the person who could help me was unavailable and would ring me back. Not for the first time I heard no more.

R.

** Another name question: Who knows the other, local name for Nettleford Wood?

Birdsong Walks

The meeting place for this year's birdsong walks is Hatchmere car park and picnic area.

If you want tea or coffee before we set off, bring a flask! There are loos and there are likely to be plenty of birds around while we wait for people to gather. One of our number will have a key to the car park, which would normally be locked c.4pm at this time of year.

The car park is opposite *The Carriers Inn* on the B5152, just north of the Hatchmere crossroads.

The plan is to make our way through Hatchmere Cheshire Wildlife trust reserve, starting north round the lake. We will then extend our walk into the forest proper, as much as birds and time allow.

A reminder of the dates and times:

Wed., 22nd April 5-7 pm

Sat. 9th May 5.30 am; breakfast 7.30 (£5) then walk on to Old Pale and Eddisbury Hill

Wed. 20th May 5-7pm

Wed. 10th June 5-7pm

Please bring waterproof footwear and bring binoculars if possible.

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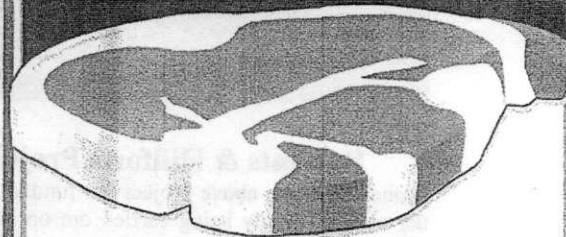
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Some extracts from the Ofsted Report:

Main findings

Delamere C of E Primary is an outstanding school. Since the last inspection the quality of education provided has been transformed and the school is now a vibrant hub of creativity and learning. The headteacher has very high expectations of what pupils and staff can achieve. This is exemplified by the attractive displays of pupils' work around the school and the high standards achieved. Parents are eager partners in their children's learning and the governors provide an excellent level of challenge and support. Together, this small community ensures that all pupils achieve outstandingly well.....

.....
The pupils are confident and courteous. Their behaviour is exemplary and parents report that their children 'love school'. Pupils have an excellent understanding of how to keep fit and healthy and they say that they feel safe in school. Pupils who attend the breakfast and after school clubs enjoy the excellent level of care provided for them. Parents appreciate the high quality of education and care the school provides and testify to the improvements made since the last inspection...

Inspection report: Delamere C of E Primary School, 03-04 March, 2009

See p12 for an earlier Inspection Report on Delamere School.

Children from Delamere School watching drystone waller Bernard Hannett at work at Eddisbury Hill Farm



Habitats & Hillforts Project

Money from the above project has funded much of the work currently being carried out on Eddisbury Hill. Neglected hedgerows have been replaced in some parts, in others restored by layering – a skilled task all too rarely undertaken these days.

Most noticeable, though, has been the rebuilding of the dry stone sandstone wall outside Eddisbury Hill Farm at the top of Black Hill. The rebuilding, a job lasting several weeks, has been carried out by Bernard Hannett (pictured above), Chairman of the Cheshire Branch of the Dry Stone Walling Association.

Delamere schoolchildren were lucky to have a talk and demonstration from Bernard as he worked on the wall in March.

Good Luck, Oakmere!

In April Oakmere Cricket Club embark on their first season in Division II of the Cheshire County Cricket League.

Below are their home fixtures for the season:

18th April... v Bollington
2nd May... v Heaton Mersey
16th May... v Mobberley
30th May... v Stockport Georgians
13th June... v Burnage
27th June... v Brooklands
4th July... v Christleton
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1st August... v Tattenhall
22nd August... v Bredbury St. Mark's
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Donald Frith

Many of the older residents of Delamere and Oakmere will be sorry to have heard of the sudden death of Donald Frith in December.

Donald was born at the Old Pale Farm, the family home, in 1934. When his mother and father retired and moved to a bungalow on The Ridge in the early 1960s, Donald took over the running of the farm and moved back to the Old Pale with his family.

Donald and his wife Christine remained there until 1989 when they in turn handed over the farm to their son David, moving firstly to Hartford and finally to Appleton.

Donald was fond of the countryside, photography and tennis, the latter an interest he had inherited from his father, but his greatest enthusiasm was for travel. When not travelling with Christine he would spend time attending lectures on travel and planning his and Christine's next trip.

Sadly it was on just such a trip – a cruise in the Mediterranean – that he was suddenly taken ill and died.

Donald was a devoted family man, husband, father and grandfather. Our deepest sympathy goes to Christine, who as many people will remember, was responsible for the establishing of the Delamere Golden Age Club, and to daughter Julia and son David and the four grandchildren.

Gwen Hall

Following an operation at the Countess of Chester Hospital Gwen Hall died unexpectedly on 30th January.

The daughter of a vet, she was born in 1916 in Frodsham. On her marriage she moved to Sandiway when she became a regular attender at Delamere Church. On the death of her husband Gwen and her sister moved to Little Budworth, but they continued their links with St. Peter's Delamere as well as attending St. Peter's, Little Budworth.

Despite her ninety-two years, Gwen never seemed old: she kept up a host of interests and remained fully active and still driving daily. In fact less than three years ago she went with two friends to Ireland, going all the way down to Cork with Gwen at the wheel.

She was a devout Christian and will be sadly missed by all her many friends and fellow church members in both Little Budworth and Delamere.

Flo Wright

Mrs Flo Wright of Dingle Lane, Kelsall passed away on 19th January.

She was born on 6th November 1912 at Arley Hall where her father was butler. She spent much of her first six years in and out of hospital for treatment to a TB hip, a condition which afflicted her for the rest of her life.

On leaving Arley Hall her father worked in service at Ashton Hayes and Vale Royal and the family moved firstly to Old Coach Road, Kelsall and then to Oakmere. From the age of eleven Flo went to Sandiway School, leaving at fourteen to go into service. Subsequently she worked as nanny/housekeeper for Dr Warburton in Sandiway.

In 1937 she married at Sandiway Church and in 1940 she and her husband Jack moved into the house in Dingle Lane which was to become her home for the next 68 years. They had two sons, Tony, who was born in 1939, and Alan, born in 1947. Sadly Alan died in 1992.

Flo took an active part in Delamere life (until the 1980s Dingle Lane was part of Delamere parish), attending St Peter's Church, and as a member of the Women's Institute and a founder member of the Golden Age Club. She was also a regular traveller on the many coach trips from the village.

In her younger days she loved dancing, cycling and tennis, all these despite her disability. She was also very talented at handicrafts – basketwork, crocheting, knitting, dressmaking and providing items for sales of work.

She was able to remain in her home, where she had lived alone since the death of her husband thirty years ago until November the 1st last year (five days before her 96th birthday) when she moved to The Oaklands at Littleton.

Our sympathies are with Tony and Gwen, their two children and two grandsons and to Alan's wife and two children.

Doris Pearson

Just before the Newsletter went to print I was saddened to hear of the death of Doris Pearson of Waste Lane, Oakmere.

Doris featured in the October/November Newsletter after she celebrated her 100th birthday in September.

She died in Northwich Infirmary on Saturday, 28th March.

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PARISH HOUSING NEEDS SURVEY RESULTS

We wanted to get an indication of the level of housing need in this area and the general level of support or otherwise for affordable housing. This is why a Parish Housing Needs Survey for Oakmere was conducted in October and one for Delamere was conducted in February.

Here is an overall summary of these Parish Housing Needs Surveys:

Oakmere: 71 households completed and returned responses, which represents a response rate of around 24%.

Delamere: 124 households completed and returned responses, which represents a response rate of around 25%.

These response rates are in line with the national average for such Surveys.

Oakmere: A total of 16 households, representing at least 45 people, considered themselves to be in housing need. 7 of these 16 households considered themselves in need now and 9 of these households anticipate that they will be in need within the next five years.

Delamere: A total of 34 households, representing at least 58 people, considered themselves to be in housing need. 9 of these 34 households considered themselves in need now and 25 of these households anticipate that they will be in need within the next five years.

Oakmere: *Excluding* those registering their own need for affordable housing, the average support for a small scheme of affordable housing for local people is 69%.

The data supports one scheme of around two affordable properties now and another scheme of around three within five years ie. before Autumn 2013.

Delamere: *Excluding* those registering their own need for affordable housing, the average support for a small scheme of affordable housing for local people is also 69%.

The data supports one scheme of around three affordable properties now and another scheme of around eight within five years ie. before Spring 2014.

The full Analysis Reports can be obtained from Phil Addison on 01606 867879 or e-mail phil.addison@valeroyal.gov.uk

So where do we go from here? Identifying small sites which prove to be acceptable to both Planners and the local community is a fundamental obstacle to rural housing development. Land has to be in an appropriate location. A site would have to meet many conditions, such as Highway access.

The price that can be paid for suitable land is from £5,000 per property, which would be enhanced with Grant Funding. If you require further information, please contact Phil Addison on 01606 867879 or e-mail phil.addison@valeroyal.gov.uk

If there are any land owners within the Parish interested in affordable homes provision please contact Phil Addison (contact details above) or your Parish Council.

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*The following three articles were sent in in January.
The fact that they are now in part out of date is the
fault of the editor, not the contributors!*

From My Window

During the recent severe weather more birdseed, mealworms and fat balls were put out on the bird table, in trees and, more importantly, on the ground.

This brought more wild birds to the garden: six blackbirds, four goldfinches on the niger seed feeders, four wood pigeons, four ring doves, four robins and over a dozen sparrows, thanks mainly to the nesting boxes with three compartments put up round the house. A pair of woodpeckers are regular visitors. There are also chaffinches and yellowhammers.

A pair of pheasants, who are with us all the year round, are looking well. The male was chasing the female round one day, spreading his wing feathers in a fan shape and running alongside her like a banking aeroplane. This went on for quite a while. The poor female wasn't interested – she just wanted to feed!

Blue tits and coal tits are doing well. Nest boxes need to be examined and cleaned out and placed well away from food stations.

D.D.

Happy New Year From All At Delamere Stores

I asked Robin if I could just write a short note to express my thanks to all who supported us over Christmas by buying your fruit and vegetables from us.

We stocked up well from Rob, the local farmer, and it paid off. On Christmas Eve we sold more veg than we would usually in a week and it was great to receive all the positive feedback on the local carrots and parsnips!

Sue Coward's pies have also been a great success. We bake the single pies daily in store, but we will also bake the dinner-plate pies and fruit pies for you if you give us a ring and place your order.

Sue Coward also makes hotpot dinners for two people just ready to pop in the oven which we will be selling in store, so come and try one for an easy-cooked home dinner.

Thank you again! It's going to be a tough year for many and local support is a must to keep our business progressing. We will continue to try to match and often beat supermarket prices for local veg and eggs and hope we can also give you local ingredients without you having to drive too far.

All the best,

Lee and Suzanne

Letter from the Forest

A traditional winter and the forest was at its best. The hoar frost on the trees and bushes just after Christmas was particularly spectacular, especially as it built up over several days and was then followed by crisp blue days with stunning sunsets and dawns....and then there was snow. What a change from the long, damp, grey days of previous winters. Visitors came from far and wide to experience the winter forest and we were surprisingly busy.

Forthcoming events:

April 7th & 8th and 14th & 15th.. Marvellous Minibeasts: Come & investigate the minibeasts that live in the forest. Play habitat games and draw what you have discovered.

Sessions are at: 11.00 12.00 1.30 and 2.00.

Costs: £2 per child (tickets from the Information Centre). Book in advance or on the day.

All children must be accompanied by an adult.

April 10th -13th.. When does spring *spring*?

Take part in our spring trail over the Easter bank holiday weekend and find out about how climate change is affecting the wildlife in the UK and what the Forestry Commission is doing to help.

Follow the trail and collect the clues and see if you can find out the secret word!

£1 from the Information Centre. The trail is suitable for families but does involve walking uphill over uneven ground. The views are worth the effort!

May 7th.. Dawn at Delamere. 6.00 am. Come and listen to the glorious morning birdsong.

May 25th-27th..Dragonflies: Discover the delightful dragonflies in Delamere Forest Park.

The **Summer Concerts** are selling well. Tickets for **Paul Weller** sold out within a few days; there are tickets still available for **The Doves** on 13th June and also for **Katherine Jenkins** on 14th June.

Tickets for all events except the summer Concerts are £3 per head.

In May there is a **Race for Life** around the forest in aid of Cancer Research. Details are on their website: www.raceforlife.org.uk

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His parents are hopeful that an operation can help him improve his life and we hope to raise the money needed to help him have this operation.

On 14th June we are planning to have a fund-raising walk. If you would like to join in, or if you feel you can make a contribution, however small, to the cost of the treatment, please contact Gloria Ackerley on 01829 752723 or at The Paddock, Stoney Lane, Delamere, Tarporley CW6 0SX

Thank you,

Gloria.

Just under sixty years ago Delamere School underwent what was then known as a General Inspection. Reading the report on the inspection provides an interesting insight into just how much things have changed over the years. The school was then an all-age school (5 – 15) and was to remain so until 1953.

Just as in 2009 the school was found to be outstanding, so in 1950 the report resulted in a telegram of congratulations from the then Minister of Education.

Ministry of Education
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on the
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This rural school is pleasantly situated in one of the most beautiful parts of Cheshire. The School building, of large sandstone blocks, has a dignified and pleasing appearance which is enhanced by the attractive garden which forms its frontage. The accommodation available for teaching purposes consists of three classrooms of average size, together with a smaller room, at the rear of the School, which is suitable for not more than 25 pupils. Since the issue of the last Report, in 1938, the roll has risen from 86 to 130, and should this steady increase continue, as is anticipated, difficulties of accommodation will arise in the near future.

The Head Master was appointed in 1935. He has devoted himself unsparingly to his School and under his thoughtful planning and good direction it is developing on sound and interesting lines. The staff, one of whom is the wife of the Head Master, work happily under his guidance, and as a result of their joint efforts the School is in a flourishing condition. The children are of neat appearance and friendly disposition. From an early age they learn to be self-reliant, to apply themselves eagerly to their work and to take pains with all they do. Their courteous manners reflect credit on the training given in the School.

The pupils are organised in four classes – one of Infants, two of Juniors and one of Seniors. The Infants are skilfully taught by a teacher who has a thorough understanding of their needs and who keeps them fully and happily occupied. In both classes of Juniors the stimulating and thorough teaching is effective in its results. The young pupils, who are delightfully responsive, work with obvious pleasure and most of them make good all-round progress. Dramatic activities are well developed and Art and handwork are closely associated with other lessons.

Although somewhat less responsive than the Juniors, the Senior pupils are, nevertheless, thoroughly interested in their work. Oral

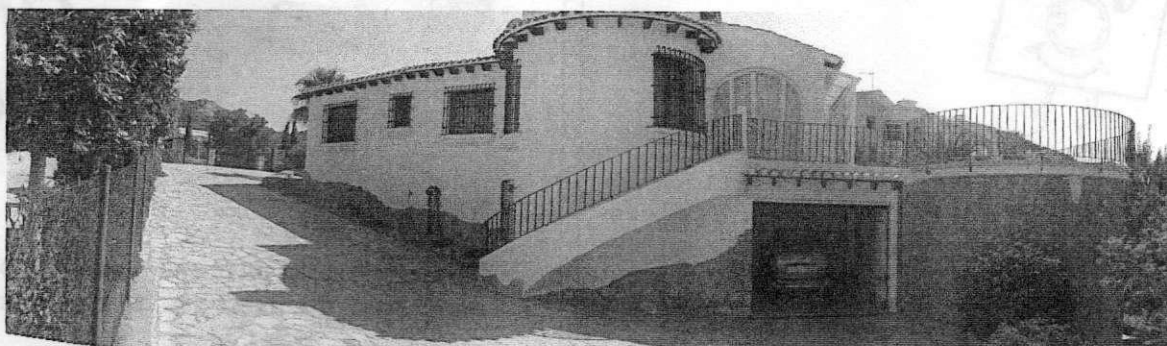
lessons have been largely replaced by discussions in which the pupils are encouraged to express their views. They work steadily and purposefully without undue supervision; many of them are able to handle useful books of reference and there is a creditable amount of group activity and independent work.

In planning the Courses of study the Head Master has drawn inspiration from the school surroundings to give reality to the curriculum through the medium of a rural "bias". Rural activities are well developed and the small school "estate" forms a focal point for many interesting studies. The School garden, which was recently extended, has many features of aesthetic and scientific interest. It is particularly satisfactory to find that all the pupils – boys and girls, Seniors, Juniors and even Infants – have appropriate shares in the work. Small live-stock (poultry, bees, pigs, goats and a calf) are kept under excellent conditions in pens and apparatus made at School. All these animals are, of course, school pets, but the biological and economic aspects of the work are given careful attention. These activities, together with visits to a local farm and expeditions in the surrounding country, provide material for profitable discussion and for illustration of and correlation with most of the other subjects of the curriculum. Excellent and well-illustrated accounts of an individual nature are entered in the pupils' note-books.

The School mid-day meal is taken by Staff and pupils together, under very pleasant conditions. The meal, an excellent one, is cooked in the School kitchen and served in the "dining-room" formed by drawing the partitions between the main class-rooms. The tables are attractively laid and the service of the meal is undertaken by the pupils themselves. The atmosphere is a pleasant one and the incidental Social training is invaluable.

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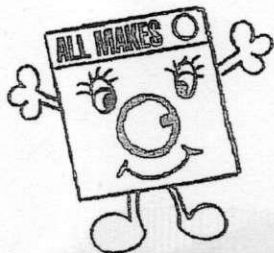
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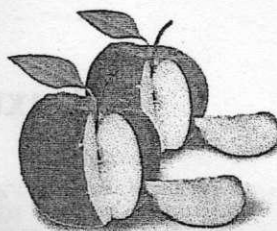
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Cheshire Place-names 2

Compiled by Lindy Timms

Below are the second set of 25 Cheshire place-names as they appeared in the December/January edition

26. Put a stop to it [4] 27. Out on a...[4] 28. A brave fruit [9] 29. Fungus worth money [11]
30. Blond hair goes horribly wrong [7 & 5] 31. Tony's prefix was 'almost strong' enough [8]
32. A calm sort of tree [6] 33. Where do you live?? [9] 34. You have to battle in this place [10]
35. and hearty[4] 36. Gregory continued the battle [10] 37. Mal steps out of this place [6]
38. Car boot? [4] 39. Hooligans at dawn [9] 40. Cashews cross the water [9]
41. How the farmer greets his cows [9] 42. Deposit from heavy smokers [6]
43. Wrap up warm to cross the stream [9] 44. Local river makes tasty sandwiches [9]
45. Do heavy currant cakes live here? [9] 46. Did Ironside's assistant fall in the lake? [8]
47. Deer crossing? [8] 48. This one's faulty [6] 49. Gone for a [6]
50. Does my backside look big in this? [11] **Answers Below:**

The following article, which appeared on 14th August, 1894 in the "Liverpool Mercury" was given to me by Don Wilson.

A Victorian visit to Delamere

Liverpool Naturalists' Field Club: On Saturday about 45 members and friends of this club visited Delamere forest, Cheshire, starting from Birkenhead by the 12:45 pm train. An interval of an hour in Chester gave the party ample time to lunch and walk to the station of the Cheshire Lines Railway near Northgate Street, whence they travelled to Delamere, which was reached at 2:42 pm.

Here the largest portion of the gathering followed Mr. Robert Newstead, the curator of the Chester Museum, who kindly offered his services as guide, and who conducted them by a pleasant route to the top of Eddisbury Hill, 575 feet above sea level, from which point a charming view was obtained over the great plain of Cheshire, with the encircling hills and distant mountains.

The old Roman Road, known as Watling Street, was next visited, where there is a splendid section exposed of the greatest interest to all antiquarians.*

On arrival at the inn at Delamere, where tea was arranged, it was found that time would permit a visit to Oakmere, and the majority strolled to this quiet sheet of water.

The botanical party – a small one – proceeded from the railway station through a portion of the forest, and then by lanes direct to Oakmere. Owing to a short but sharp shower of rain and the damp and flooded condition of the ground, it was impossible to do justice to this neighbourhood, but among the plants noticed were "Audromeda polifolia", the wild rosemary, "lycopodium inundatum", the marsh club-moss, "rhynchospora alba", the white beak sedge. Oakmere is about half a mile in length, situated in a depression surrounded mostly by heath ground and swampy hollows.

After tea at the Vale Royal Abbey Arms, a cordial vote of thanks was passed to Mr. Newstead for his services as guide over pleasant country, and the bouquet prize was awarded to Miss Fazackerley. All the bouquets were excellent in composition and arrangement. The enigma plant, "calluna vulgaris", the ling heather, was found and named by Miss M.E.Clementson, Miss Dora Clementson and Mr. Ed Davies.

The return journey was mainly remarkable for the speedy flit across Chester to catch the train to Birkenhead, and the delay on its way, after its departure. Liverpool was reached about 10:30.

[* The "splendid section" of Watling Street mentioned was still clearly visible until the 1960s when it was covered over. It lies in the trees along the public footpath about 150 yards west of the bend in Stoney Lane. The marks of the chariot wheels could be clearly seen making ruts in the sandstone as the chariots made their way up the rise in the ground. As schoolchildren we were taken to see them.

What a pity they are no longer visible!

RJ

Answers to the place-names quiz

26. Holt 27. Lymm 28. Daresbury 29. Mouldsworth 30...Brassey Green 31...Antrobus
32. Ashley 33...Wharfedale 34...Warrington
35...Hale 36...Peckforton 37...Norley
38...Sale 39...Mobberley 40...Knutsford
41...Allostock 42...Ashton 43. Cotebrook
44...Weaverham 45...Eccleston 46...Delamere
47...Hartford 48...Duddon 49. Burton
50...Broadbottom.

Once again the winner was Lorraine Roberts with 18 correct answers, though she (rightly) queried *Holt*, pointing out that it is over the border in Wales.

Delamere Church Christingle Service. Christmas Eve 2008.



Sunday School teacher Gloria Ackerley with members of the Sunday School:
Emily Marlow, Rebecca & Tom Whittaker-Axon, Christopher Marlow, Daisy Ackerley.

Alert observers may have spotted not one, but two, infant Jesuses. Granted this is a departure from orthodox teaching, but one of the Sunday school children had brought her doll specially when another was discovered that had been left over from the previous year. In order not to disappoint the owner of the new arrival, it was decided to let both appear in the tableau.

Many thanks to Lee Cartwright of Delamere Stores for his donation of a box of over 70 oranges for the Christingle Service.

Easter Services

St. Peter's Church, Delamere

Good Friday
Special Service at 10.30am

Easter Sunday
Holy Communion 8.00am, 10.30am and
6.30pm

Oakmere Methodist Church

Easter Sunday
Easter Sunday Service
Rev Charles Smith
10.45am

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 am: 6.09 7.09 7.38 8.21 10.17 11.17
 pm: 12.17 1.17 2.17 3.19 4.14 5.17
 6.12 7.12 8.12 9.15 11.00
 Delamere – Manchester
 c.75minutes

From Delamere to Chester

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Off-peak Returns ~ £4.70 Railcard £3.10
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 am: 12.18 7.44 8.47 10.31 11.31
 pm: 12.31 1.31 2.31 3.31 4.31 5.31 6.06
 6.31 7.01 8.32 9.31 10.31 11.31
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 Cuddington to Chester: 5 mins. earlier.
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 12.00 Return from Winsford; 1.30 Return from Northwich.

Tuesday

9.00am 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

9.00am 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]

9.00am Kingsley, Delamere, Norley, Crowton, Acton Bridge to Northwich. Return 11.30am

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