

Delamere and Oakmere

News

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UNWANTED EYESORE

Water Board's Filtration Plant will blight Fishpool Road

United Utilities, much in evidence in the area in recent months, have reached an advanced stage in their plans to build a filtration plant just off the Fishpool Road. The exact location is in the hollow to the left about 200 yards past Fishpool Road Farm. Lying on the borders of Delamere and Utkinton, this is a particularly attractive area. Judging by the plans, the proposed plant threatens to be particularly unattractive.

Objections to the proposals focus on two main issues: the choice and size of the site and the size of the main building. Both were raised at a meeting of Delamere Parish Council on 24th April and neither was answered to the satisfaction of the objectors by the United Utilities representative who attended. The company has several sites in the locality any one of which could have been chosen for the plant without such a damaging effect on the environment. True, using one of these would have been rather less convenient from a logistics angle, but, since United Utilities are spending ten million pounds (no, it's not a typing error!) on the project, they can hardly use the need to economise as a defence. The other objection was to the height of the main building: not only will it look ugly and wholly unsuited to the rural setting it will desecrate, but the proposed height - well over 30 feet - is an additional bone of contention. The company claims that the height is needed for the storage of chemicals. Are so many chemicals needed for the filtration process? If they are, and doubts have been raised about this, and if the project has to go ahead, as now appears almost inevitable, then why cannot the building be sunk well below ground level?

United Utilities' whole approach to the matter has done little to win them friends in the area. Not only have they failed to deal with objections, but in the initial planning application to the local council their applicant stated that none of the land was part of an agricultural holding. In fact it is part of Sidebottom Farm on Stable Lane and is being purchased from the owner. Incidentally the land in question falls just inside the Delamere boundary, although the principal victims live over the boundary, in Utkinton. Country dwellers have had quite enough of outsiders who come with grandiose schemes and bulldoze (sometimes quite literally) their way over objections from those who will have to live with the mess after they've retreated to suburbia.

Utkinton Parish Council is holding a Parish Council meeting in Cote Brook Village Hall on Tuesday, 13th June at 7.30pm. This will be an open meeting to which members of the public are invited; at the start a United Utilities representative has been invited to attend to answer questions.

It is claimed that the filtration plant is necessary to avoid the dangers posed by cryptosporidium (a small parasite which, if swallowed, can cause gastroenteritis). This *can* occur in drinking water, but outbreaks of illness as a result are rare. Nevertheless, in view of the health implications it is unlikely that Vale Royal will turn down the planning application, though many people feel that they have acceded too readily - and with too little regard for the wellbeing of some of their council tax payers - to the exact nature and location of the application.

The Proposed Site

Take a good look - it won't look like this for much longer.



What's On
June & July

***All events in Delamere
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unless indicated.***

All club/society secretaries:

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Fri., 2nd June

Police Surgery

PC Robin Fisher

See p.10 for details

6.00 – 8.00pm

Sun., 11th June

Stonyford Nursery

Open Day

See Ad. on p.13 for details.

Tues., 13th June

Women's Institute

Talk by Elizabeth Hickson

Essence

7.30pm

Wed., 14th June

Golden Age

Trip to Bridgemere with

Tea at Harveys

Members Only

Mon., 19th June

Meeting of

Delamere Parish

Council

Election of next year's officers

Venue to be announced

7.30pm

Mon., 26th June

**Delamere Community
Association**

A.G.M.

7.30pm

IMPORTANT

***All clubs/societies
should be represented.***

Wed., 28th

Golden Age

Talk by Mike Worthing

2.00pm

Tues., 11th July

Women's Institute

Mr. Rodgers on Station X

Competition:

A World War II Memento

7.30pm

Wed., 12th July

Golden Age

Lunch at 12.30

followed by a Talk by

Donald Lodge

Mon., 17th July

Meeting of

Delamere Parish

Council

Venue to be announced

7.30pm

Wed., 26th July

Golden Age

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For details contact :

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Bowyer's Waste

Dear Robin,

I was pleased to see in the Number 6 edition of the "Delamere & Oakmere News" that a grant is being used to improve Bowyer's Waste - The Little Wood. I and my husband walk our dog round the wood twice a day and have watched with interest as the wood has been improved. We have also spent many a walk discussing why some of the treetops have been left with crown-like shapes - thanks for clearing this up!

However I have been astounded and disappointed to see that the wood is used as a dumping ground for garden waste by some residents in the area. Whilst I can understand that garden waste will rot down I still do not think that this is acceptable especially as the council have now provided us with garden waste bins! I am not sure why people think that the rubbish that they do not want to see in their garden should be deposited in a wood for others to endure. What would happen if everyone in the area dumped their garden waste in the wood?

Unsurprisingly after the good weather over Easter weekend the wood appears to have filled up with mounds of hedge cuttings. Maybe some money should be spent on some "NO TIPPING" signs and then those dumping should re-think their actions!

Elizabeth Houston

Comment:

Unfortunately Bowyer's Waste is not the only place in the area where people choose to dump their garden waste. We are lucky to live in one of the loveliest parts of the country. What a pity that, while some are prepared to do their bit to look after the locality, others are content just to create an eyesore!

Newsletter Delivery

No fewer than 24 people now deliver the Newsletter around Oakmere, Delamere and Willington. This means that, thanks to their efforts, almost the whole parish is now covered.

Areas still not covered are:

Hogshead Lane, Oakmere Hall Flats & Courtyard, A49 from Oakmere Lights to Fox Bank.

Delamere Barn Dance Success

After serious doubts that the May 5th Barn Dance would ever attract enough people to get off the ground, it turned out to be a resounding success.

We needed a minimum of 50 people in order not to make a loss

and a week before, with only ten tickets sold, we were starting to get worried. We wished we'd heeded some wise advice, that "it's hard to organise anything like that in Delamere".

Then at the eleventh hour things fell into place; nearly sixty people came, including, encouragingly, lots of young people and all went well. Thanks to healthy ticket sales, several generous donations and a raffle we ended up making over £270 clear profit for our charity, Network Gloria.

Generous raffle prizes were donated by: The Chocolate Box (Blakemere), Delamere Stores, Eddisbury Fruit Farm, The Fishpool Inn, Harringtons Leisure, Kelsall Pharmacy, Morrisons and Thai Exclusive Design (Blakemere) as well as several private donors.

Not only did we make a healthy profit for our Romanian Charity but, just as important, we managed to arrange an event which was attended - and enjoyed - by local people.

As a result we're doing another dance - on Friday 6th October (at the Community Centre, of course). For details see the August/September Newsletter.

From My Window

A very busy time for our feathered friends. Young are being nurtured and hopefully will survive predators such as the magpie, kestrel, etc.

Robin Ackerley reports that a ring ouzel had spent some time in their garden on 12th and 13th April. A rare sighting in this part of the country. It is of the family of warblers, flycatchers and thrushes. It is a summer visitor from Mediterranean countries arriving in late March and leaving in September, coming to the wild hills, moorlands and wooded valleys of Britain. Apart from the distinctive white crescent on the breast it looks rather like a mountain blackbird. It is no great singer and is rather a shy bird. The song is just a repetition of piping notes, often delivered when perching on a rock or boulder. There is also a harsh alarm call. Like other members of the thrush family, in spring and summer it eats worms, insects and snails and in autumn, when preparing to migrate, takes berries and wild fruit. The nest is a grass cup either on or close to the ground and often near a stream. There are usually four eggs.

A cuckoo has been heard regularly on Eddisbury Hill Fort this spring.

Only one pair of swallows arrived back early in May, a couple of weeks later than usual. Hopefully this is not the beginning of a decline of this welcome visitor to our shores.

Yellowhammers, goldfinches, coal tits, overweight wood pigeons, ring doves and woody woodpecker are all happily visiting the garden. Not as welcome are the rabbits which are decimating the garden plants, but I would not wish them any harm.

On Saturday, while I was scooping out the duckweed from the pond, two round, cream-coloured small fish jumped out of the net. I quickly put them into the water. As we have not put any fish into the pond, where did they come from? The local aquarium said that a heron could possibly have dropped them in. I thought that herons took them out! Can anyone explain this conundrum?

Sparrows are returning to the bird table after not being seen for some months.

D.D.

Comment:

Where have all the swallows gone? After arriving a month ago, they stayed for a week and then disappeared. Rumour has it they've all gone to Spain. I don't blame them, Do you think they got a *cheep flight*?

Robin.

Black Hill Resurfaced

Now it looks really black again - apart that is from the edges, which are an unsightly concrete colour. There's no sign of the promised kerbs. As a result the water and debris pours down onto Station Road making the junction as dangerous as before.

Bill Rigby

Bill Rigby, who lived in Kingsley but was a regular attender at Oakmere Methodist Church, died recently in Warrington Hospital after a fall at home. He was 82.

Bill's sister, Vera, and all the family would like to thank most sincerely Reverend Ann Kenton and all members of and good friends from Oakmere Chapel and all good friends in the area for the kindness shown to Bill after his accident, for their prayers, cards and visits.

Vera would also like to thank all who attended the funeral for their condolences, cards, flowers and donations, Mrs. Ann Wright for the lovely flower arrangement in the Chapel, Henry Moss, the organist, and the British Legion representative.

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Cheshire Born...

Continued...

At last a follow-up to the articles in the December and February editions....

Aller...daddy longlegs
Baggin...a snack taken to work(usually in a bag?)
Blart...noise made by a cow/ talk loudly
Blue i'the bushes...twilight
Chats...small potatoes
Chilt...a (baby) girl
Chopse/Coss/Chunner
 grumble, tell off, etc.
Davey...I'm not sure, but I think it's bleak, lonely – of a place.

Djed...dead
Donderin'...rambling/confused (of an old person)

Ew/oo...she
Get agate o'...start doing something

Hedgecop...base of hedge/ small mound hedge stands on
Key-pawed...left-handed
Lads come ar'ouse...monkshood
Marefart...ragwort
Mester...mister (a mester= someone important)
Mither/Maiter...bother/pester or worry (ie. be anxious)
Mithered...confused
Monny...big-headed, often used of a little lad who's acting big (like a mon)

Nesh...unable to stand the cold
Nuwty...irritable
A Nuwt...a badly-behaved child
Okkert...Awkward

Pather...Walk over a clean floor with muddy feet

Pissimote...an ant
Rit...smallest one of a litter
Raungin'...fidgeting, restless
Scrike...cry

Scutch...couch grass
Shippon...cowshed
Skaw...school

Stale...handle of a rake, hoe or pikel

Snws...sticks or branches out of a hedge

Thrippers...ladder-like frame on front/back of a cart or lorry** to keep load on

Wesh...wash
Weyter...water

Yarn...heron

Yed...head
Yokkerton...Utkinton

Congratulations to Clive Robinson, who got most of these and who added some more, as did Nigel Nield.

From Clive:
Bass Brat Clemmed Crudle down
Pikel Powisie Wome

From Nigel:
Bing Cantin' Gawpin' Lozzack
Mizzack Sel Wicks

And the following saying:

Here's me and me dog's at Fratsham

In addition *wome* (see above) reminded me of the verb *wom it* and *cruddle* (or *croodle*) made me think of *thruich*.

Answers to the above please.

** *A lorry, or lurry* is a 4-wheeled horse-drawn trailer (A cart has just two wheels). In Cheshire the motorised version now is a *wagon*.

Animals:

Corf...calf

Feof...flea

Rappit...rabbit

Rot...rat

Sheppy...starling

Turwerd...toad

We're well on the way to producing our own Cheshire Dictionary. Please send in any words or sayings before mid-July.

Forest Praise

(but not in the forest)

(see photo on p.13)

Sunday, 21st May. 2.00pm.

The time set aside by St.Peter's Delamere and St.John's Ashton Hayes for their annual gathering in Delamere Forest. The six-strong Heptagon Group from Runcorn had been booked to provide the musical backing and everything seemed ready.

The weather, however, had other ideas. As the poet Robbie Burns remarked when he uncovered a fieldmouse's nest with his plough

The best-laid plans of mice and men

Gang oft agley.

It had rained all the day before and it continued on the Sunday. Everywhere was awash and the event seemed doomed to total failure. A late decision was made to transfer to Delamere Church; even the pets were invited.

As it turned out, what looked like being a disaster turned into a triumph. The church was full, the music sounded better even than it could have done out of doors, and the dogs, impressed no doubt by the occasion, behaved (almost) impeccably. It would be hard to imagine a better atmosphere or a more uplifting occasion.

As another eighteenth century poet wrote,
God moves in a mysterious way
His wonders to perform.

Post Office Petition

If the latest threat to the Post Office – to end the Card Account in 2010 – goes through, small local offices will not survive.

Support Delamere's excellent local post office by signing its petition next time you visit.

Delamere Parish Council A.G.M.

22nd May

In his report on the 2005/06 year the Chairman, Alan Knowles, referred to the following topics:

- The introduction of a Community Police Officer for Delamere
- The local newsletter, which had gone from strength to strength
- The production & delivery of the Delamere Information Booklet
- The arrival & installation of goalposts on land in Frith Avenue
- The resurfacing of Eddisbury Hill
- The replacement of water pipelines throughout the village
- The Rural Delivery Programme had funded refurbishment of the Community centre external boiler house & resurfacing the car park
- Delamere's entry in the Community Pride Competition
- What had been termed "Hollies 2" on Station Road had generated many phone calls
- *Go Ape* in the Forest had caused the Forest Forum to be re-started & the Forestry Commission was now aware of local feeling
- Plans for Delamere Forest Touring Caravan Park – caution lest we become a rural downmarket seaside type amenity
- Thanks to Vale Royal Borough Council for their support – particularly John Grimshaw for bringing us a wider perspective of events within Vale royal and advice on planning issues
- Thanks to the Clerk to the Parish Council, Jenny Harrison for all her work on its behalf.

Road Safety Petition

Over 80 people have signed the petition (see last Newsletter) at Eddisbury Fruit Farm and 150 at Delamere Stores. There are also copies at the School House Nursery and the School.

Have you signed yet?

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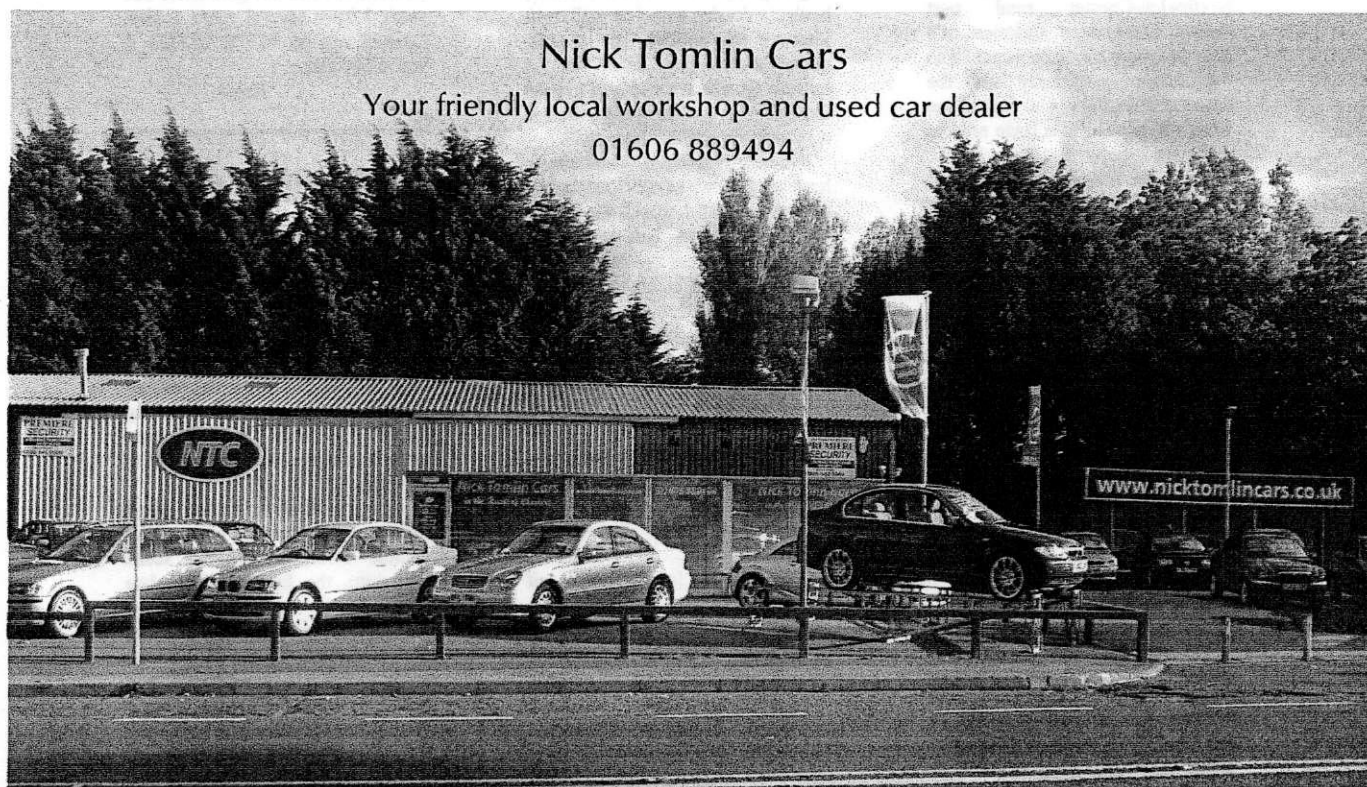
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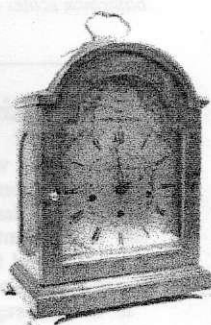
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Oakmere Sand

As you drive along the Northwich-Chester road past Crown Cottages at Oakmere it's hard to ignore the large entrance to the Fourways Quarry on the opposite side, but not so easy to see what's happened to a large area of Oakmere beyond. A glimpse through the hedges, however, will reveal that where once there were fields there is now water.

I recently arranged a meeting with the manager of the site (which is owned by Tarmac), Walter Thomas. He was extremely helpful and gave up an hour of his time going through the history of Tarmac's activities in the area. The Fourways Quarry is one of four sites in Delamere and Oakmere, among them the Marley Quarry which was taken over by Tarmac in 1990, though work finished there some five years ago. The latest part of the site to be opened is at Hogshead where an initial fifteen acres have recently been leased from the Forestry Commission.

Twenty thousand years ago a glacier moved down the west coast from Scotland, travelling inland at the Dee Estuary and depositing an eighty-foot-thick sheet of sand in the region. It is the particular nature of this sand that is of relevance today. Technically known as "terminal moraine" the spherical-shaped deposits are of exceptional quality for use in the construction industry, hence the appeal of the area for Tarmac. Every day since 1970, when the Fourways site opened, a stream of wagons have come to collect sand for the building industry in Manchester, Liverpool and Stoke-on-Trent.

Shortly after quarrying began in the early 70s the present lake began to form, as had happened with Marley Tiles' excavations some years before; the water table was just fifteen feet below the surface. After the extraction of ten million tons all dredging ceased in 2004, leaving a lake of about fifty acres and seventy feet deep. Now only dry material is extracted, taken from above the water table.

The whole site is heavily mechanised. Sand is transported by conveyor, washed and desilted with water from the lake and the particles graded by size. At any time there are thirty thousand tons on site ready for sale.

Tarmac is, rightly, very conscious of its obligations to the environment and the locality. Their site at Ottersbank, now worked out, is in the process of being restored to agricultural land with trees. When work at the Fourways Quarry ends in about eight or nine

years' time the same will apply - though restoration is also an ongoing business. Acoustic bunds, banks to deaden sound as well as to improve the outlook, are already under construction. Even wagons leaving the site are required to pass through a wheelwash before rejoining the public highway.

The new Hogshead Wood site is host to a new wholly automated tree-removal system. All the timber is then baled and used to provide electricity for a new biomass power generator at Ellesmere Port. The site is undergoing a phased development on the understanding that it will be replanted when quarrying has finished.

No plans have yet been made for the Fourways Quarry lake, which will of course remain, though as a potential leisure facility it has clearly much to offer.

The lake is a near neighbour of Oakmere Lake, a designated Ramsar site (a wetland of international ecological importance), which will feature in a later issue of this Newsletter.

The whole country has become much more aware of the importance of the environment in recent years and it's reassuring to know that in Tarmac we have on our doorstep a company which is so conscious of its duty to the area where it is working.

Footnote. Did you know that there is a public weighbridge at Fourways Quarry, where, for a fee of £4, you can weigh your trailer, or caravan, or even your horse if you can't get it to stand on the bathroom scales long enough.

Good Citizen Award

On May 18th Pat Wheeler of Station Road was invited to a Cheshire Constabulary Awards Evening in Ellesmere Port where she was presented with a Good Citizens Award for her services to Home Watch. Congratulations Pat!

It is encouraging to see that voluntary work of this kind is recognised and duly awarded by the authorities.

Vacancies

On the subject of Home Watch there are still vacancies for Co-ordinators for the following areas of Delamere: Delamere Grove, Eddisbury Hill Park, Organsdale, Saddler's Lane and Willington Road. Being a Home Watch Co-ordinator is not a particularly onerous job, but it is worthwhile. Anyone interested should contact John Gladstone on 01829 752651.

Incidentally, if you live in Delamere and you don't know who your local co-ordinator is, if you're

new to the area or have mislaid your Delamere Civil Parish Information booklet (published last year), I have several spare copies. Contact me on 01829 752723 if you'd like one.

Robin.

Accidentally Lost.... And Found!

One night last March the Chairman of Delamere Parish Council was awoken from his slumbers in the early hours by the sound of a car colliding with an oak tree outside his house. On arising he was just in time to see the car manoeuvring away from the verge and departing round the bend it had been unsuccessfully attempting to negotiate.

What the hapless driver didn't realise was that, while most of the vehicle evidently left the scene with him, the front number plate didn't. While this Newsletter (as yet) lacks a Lost & Found section, the aforesaid Chairman and myself, being public spirited citizens, feel it our duty to advertise the details of the number plate so that it can be restored to its rightful owner.

Here it is:

S361 VBA

Please get in touch if you are the owner - or if you know who is!

Police Surgery

On Friday, 2nd June P.C. Robin Fisher is holding a Police Surgery in Delamere Community Centre from 6.00 to 8.00pm.

This will be for the purpose of discussing any police-related issues. Should you wish to raise any matter with him before the meeting you can contact him at; PC 3294 Robin Fisher, Mickle Trafford Police Office. 0845 458 6394 (voice mail) or 0845 458 0000 or robin.fisher@cheshire.pnn.police.uk

The last issue of the Newsletter focused on traffic problems in the area - particularly speeding over Gresty's Hill, past the School and along Station Road, where speed restrictions are routinely ignored.

If you are concerned about this, here is the opportunity to make your feelings known. The more people who come to the meeting the more likely it is that the message will at last get through that we are genuinely worried about our roads and the people who speed along them. Or do the police and the highway authorities think we're just a bunch of country dwellers who don't really matter?

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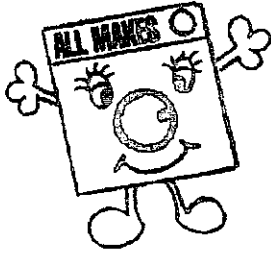
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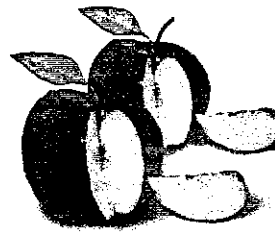
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Delamere School Anniversary News

After understandable delays owing to the dreadful spring weather, the school extension is now almost ready. It would be hard not to share Headteacher Steve Docking's enthusiasm as he shows visitors round.

A busy half term lies ahead as the school begins preparations for its 160th anniversary.

The following invitation is extended to all former pupils of Delamere School. If you know of anyone living outside the area who may not have heard what's happening, please pass on this invitation:

Dear

You have been invited to a celebration on July 14th at Delamere C.of E. Primary School to commence our 160th Anniversary.

There will be a picnic lunch from 12.30pm and we intend to put on a performance at 1.30pm to mark the occasion.

This year we have had a major building project and two new libraries built. If you attend the performance, you are invited to donate a book to the school. Please contact the school for information.

We really hope you can attend this event and look forward to seeing you.

From all at Delamere School.

RSVP to: Mrs. Carolyn Oliver Tel: 01829 751450

*Headteacher: Steve Docking, Delamere C of E Primary School,
Stoney Lane, Delamere, Tarporley CW6 0ST.*

"Forest" Praise in St. Peter's Church



Travel Information

Trains

Winter Timetable: from 11th December to 10th June

from Delamere to Manchester

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

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

dep. 10.19 am arr. 11.30 am

then every hour until

dep. 5.19 pm arr. 6.30 pm

then: 6.12 pm &

every hour until 9.12 pm

Last train @ 11.00 pm

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. 10.31 am arr. 10.50 am

then every hour until dep. 11.31 pm

Cuddington to Manchester: 4 mins. later

Cuddington to Chester: 5 mins. earlier.

Buses

Whitegate Travel

Single Full Fare: £2.40

(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 12.10 pm

Watling St. Stand D 12.23 pm

arr. Delamere 1.35 pm

GHA Coaches (formerly Arriva)

Before buying a return ticket on this route make sure it's valid for the return journey as this may not be run by the same company.

[Route 82] Mon - Sat ~ to Northwich

opp. Abbey Arms 8.00 am. Then 8.12 am and 12 past every hour until 4.12 pm Last buses: 5.17 & 6.22 pm

[Route 82] Mon - Sat ~ to Chester

opp. Abbey Arms 7.40 am. Then 9.00 am and every hour until 5.00 pm. Last bus 6.05 pm.

Buses leave Chester 32 minutes and Northwich 20 minutes before the above times.

[Route 230] Mon - Fri ~ to Winsford

Top End of Kelsall: 8.05 am, 9.50 am,

11.20 am, 1.20 pm & 3.25 pm

Dep. Winsford

8.30 am, 10.15 am, 12.00 pm, 2.00 pm & 4.35 pm

[Route X20] Tues, Thur, Sat ~ to Cheshire Oaks.

Top End of Kelsall: 9.44 am

Day Ticket Adult: £3.30

Child £1.60 Conc. £1.65

Rural Bus Service

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To book a journey please ring between 10.00 & 11.30 am the day before you wish to travel.

Fare: £2.20 each way/ £1.10 concessionary.

Monday [Bus 1]

9.00 am Cote Brook, Utkinton, L. Budworth, Tarporley, Delamere to Winsford. Return 12.00 pm

10.30 am Cote Brook, Oakmere, Utkinton, L. Budworth, Utkinton, Tarporley, Delamere to Northwich. Return 1.30 pm

Tuesday [Bus 1]

9.00 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]

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

Other Routes

The Sandstone Rambler (85)

Saturdays, Sundays, Bank Holidays 25th March - 25th September

From Delamere Stn. ~ to Tarporley (31 mins.)

via Barnsbridge, Mouldsworth, Ashton, Kelsall Top End, Summertrees, Utkinton, Tarporley, Bickerton, Cholmondeley Castle, Whitchurch (79 mins.): 9.40 am, 11.40 am, 1.40 pm, 4.40 pm

From Delamere Stn. ~. to Frodsham

(16 mins.): 10.30 am, 12.30 pm, 3.00 pm, 5.30 pm*

*to Runcorn at 5.56 pm

Cheap Day tickets: £3 Conc./Children £1.50

From Willington Corner ~ to Tarporley & Bunbury (via Beeston & Peckforton):

11.47 am, 5.01 pm

From Willington Corner ~ to Chester:

9.33 am, 10.32 am, 12.43 pm, 1.02 pm.

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