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Park Life News

The Ladybridge Park Residents Newsletter

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***April 2010
Easter
Greetings***



Hello Again

The year is moving on apace and Easter is upon us. For me this is a great time of the year. Firstly as a Christian it celebrates an important event in our lives and this is reflected in special services in churches. It is a time for new beginnings especially in our gardens as flowers start to bloom and the grass requires cutting. A time for warmer weather and unpacking those summer clothes that have been put away since last year. This is the time for shedding those winter blues, go walking instead of driving and pottering around in the garden. This world will be a friendlier place if we take time to stop and say hello to our neighbours. Let's make a special effort to say 'Hello' and make Ladybridge Park the friendly estate.

First up is late news from the EGM.

There was an Extraordinary General Meeting for residents in the Residents Lounge on Thursday 25th March to give the management committee the opportunity to inform the residents of the proposed budget and levy charges for the forthcoming financial year. The main interest was the proposed charges to the residents in the form of the annual levy. The amount has remained the same as 2009/10 at **£190 per household** with a **£20 discount for early payment**. Your levy statement will be delivered early in April and further details are contained with that. It was recognised that the hard work of the Trustees and staff with the support of the residents had been instrumental in keeping the club's operational costs down during a difficult financial climate. A motion from the floor for a more detailed breakdown of the finances in future was adopted.

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That Time of Year Again

As mentioned on page one about this time of the year being good for warmer weather and flowering gardens, however, it is also the time for those levy bills to fall on our doorsteps. I am thankful for Ann Gallo, the Chairperson of the Trustees and Office Administrator for sending us an advance copy of an important notice that will be levy statement sent out for the 2010/2011 financial year.

Levy Notices March 2010

Dear Resident

Here we are at 'THAT TIME' of the year again, when we issue the invoice for the club's management charges for the coming year. You will realise that the statement itself looks slightly different and, in line with our tightening of business practice, we are including, on the reverse, an outline of *Terms and Conditions of Payment*. Please read these carefully. In the past, if action was needed against a plot holder failing to pay their levy, the club had to bear the cost. We have learned that, by stating clearly our policy, this will no longer be the case. If payment is not made within 60 days of request, the plot holder will have to bear any costs incurred. We, the Trustees, feel that this is fairer to all those of you who pay your dues on time. It also means that the club can work in a more business-like manner and keep costs down. We will still take into account anyone who is experiencing financial difficulties, (if you contact us in person) but, by paying a small regular amount every month, this should alleviate such problems as far as possible.

We have to state, however, that, in line with the Deed of Covenant, *the Trustees do not have the authority to waive these payments by any plot holder for any reason*.

Regards,

Ann Gallo (Chair/Office Administrator)

In it to win it Competition. No competition this month but look out for another soon. Last Month we had the prize of 2 Tickets to see Quartet at Chad's Theatre. These were won by Belinda Brunt of Twining Brook Road. Well done and we hope you enjoyed the show. Answers were a) 13th March, b) £9.95 and c) 25th March

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Neighbourhood Watch

I was saddened to hear that several addresses on the estate have been the target to minor vandalism recently. I use the word minor only in regard to the value of the damage caused and not in it's effects to the victims. Victims often are traumatised when such crimes occur. The Police have been informed of these recent events.

Also remember to be security conscious at this time of year, locking and closing windows as well as doors when you leave home. Garden equipment and tools can be expensive to replace so keep them locked away

Please be a good neighbour and report anything suspicious to the police.

A reminder of contact details are

Police non-emergency number - 872 5050 (24 hr) requesting a police response

Cheadle Heath police station – 856 9829 (7 days a week, 8am - 11pm) for general information

The Vine

Community Coffee Morning, Each **Thursday Morning from 9am to 11am** at The Vine, 53 Twining Brook Road Cheadle Hulme. Come and meet your neighbours. Free Coffee/Tea/Cake etc.All Welcome

Club Reception Area Facelift

The latest target for the Housekeeping Team in their ongoing quest to improve the club will be the Reception Area. Previous work to the Small Hall, the Residents Lounge and the Sports Bar kept costs at a minimum, thanks to people giving their expertise and/or time to help in the tasks. We need your help once more when we turn to improving the entrance to the club in the reception area. If you have not helped before come along we will always find you something useful to do. No info of the date this is going to happen yet, but it will be soon. If you are interested leave your details at the office or with one of the Trustees and they will let you know when a date has been arranged. The more work that is done in house, the less we need to pay out and this helps keep running costs down.

Library Revamp

As part of the reception facelift the club wants to revamp the library area and renew and increase the stock. If you have any unwanted books suitable for the library please retain them as we will want them soon.

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Ladybridge Park Entertainment

In the Residents Lounge from 9.15pm unless stated.

April Saturday Nights Entertainment

Bar Food Available during evenings with Saturday Night Entertainment

Saturday 3rd April Lucy Jackson.

Our Easter Weekend entertainment brings a new face to Ladybridge Park. Lucy was seen performing recently and was recommended for an appearance here. Sings various songs from the 60's to present including the Carpenters and Celine Dion

Saturday 17th April Gaz Jenkins. Gaz is from south Wales and another new face to Ladybridge Park. He has sung with bands and has been described as a show singer whose repertoire includes swing and soul songs.

Coming Soon

Saturday 1st May Electric Red May Bank Holiday weekend entertainment. Mick Jones from Smudge is joined by singer Danielle Reddings for what promises to be a good night.

Saturday 8th May VE Day 65th Anniversary themed evening. A time to dress up in 40's style and be serenaded by a Heather Marie specially brought in for our entertainment. More details in the separate advertisement with this newsletter



Spotlight on..... Thursday's **Quiz Night**

The Thursday night quiz was relaunched this year and is proving to be popular. It is held in the Resident's Lounge from 9.15pm. A team normally consists of 4 but variations in numbers may vary but the prize is always the same for the winning team, 4 bottles of wine. Entrance fee is 50p per person with the money going towards the prizes. New teams are welcome and if you are alone see the quiz master and he will find a team to 'adopt' you. This is a fun 'general knowledge' quiz with themed rounds, and finishes around 11.00pm. Come along on Thursday soon.

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