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Park Life News

The Ladybridge Park Residents Newsletter

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Hello Again

The weather seems to be a bit of a mix as I write this in July with most days a mixture of sunshine and heavy showers. As summer moves on the hoped for triumphs at the World Cup and Wimbledon fail to materialise – well there is always next year. However there was some local joy when Stockport's Liam Broady was half of the Wimbledon Boys Doubles Champions.

Vacancy for Director on Board of Trustees. Due to business and family commitments Dan Atenyam has resigned a director leaving a vacancy on the board of directors. The remaining board members are looking for a volunteer to opt onto the board. Ideally they are looking for someone with accounting/book-keeping skills. As with all directors this work is unpaid but vital in the efficient running of the club and it's finances and helping the local community. The position does not require excessive time and is capable of being done by someone even if they are already in employment. Anyone who is interested should contact the office with their details and someone from the Board of directors will contact. Finally a big thank you for the work carried out by Dan on behalf of this community and best wishes to him and his family

CLUB FINANCES Contrary to national and local trends the club's finances have steadily improved over the last 3 years culminating in a small profit in the last financial year. This has helped the Trustees re-negotiate the terms of the loan from the brewery to the clubs favour regarding barrel discount and paying off part of the loan. The new contract shortens the terms of the loan and this should be paid off within five years.

Did you hear..about the car mechanic who went to the psychiatrist? He lay under the couch.

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Spotlight on..... Saturday Night Entertainment

Trustee Lawrie Spencer answers some questions about Saturday Night Entertainment .

Is the cost of the artist paid out of the levy? No. It is important to note that the Saturday night entertainment is self-funding. When there is entertainment on there is an increase in residents attending the club and an increase in the bar takings. It is the aim of the trustees to encourage the residents to use the facilities. The cost of an artist varies depending on their own fees and the time of year, with Christmas and New Year being particularly expensive. The artist fee is taken from the increased revenue raised and a close watch is kept to ensure that there is no financial burden passed on to the residents via the levy.

Why does the frequency of artists sometimes change from the usual twice a month? There are various reasons, sometimes there are 5 Saturdays in the month, or we may have a special event, or we may get a good artist that we can not fit into our usual schedule. We also look at the expected number who will attend, for instance we get less people in during summer due to holidays. Again it is a money situation, we have to make money on when an artist is on and the frequency seems right at this time.

How do choose an artist? We listen to what people tell us and if an artist appears and is popular, people ask us to rebook them. We also get recommendations from residents who have seen an act elsewhere and there is also an agency. We are also mindful of costs and value for money. Some acts are extremely popular and we will be welcoming back favourites January, Smudge, Electric Red and Paul Stevens in the near future. And we are going to have a 38 strong male harmony group appearing soon so we do like to have a bit of variety.

The Vine

Community Coffee Morning, is closed until the 2nd September for renovations. Breakfast is coming..... more next month

Neighbourhood Watch News – sadly there has been a spate of break-ins over the last few weeks so may we once again remind all residents to ensure their properties are secured. If you have a uPVC front door the police advise you to check that it locks automatically on closing since this has been one of the ways easy access has been gained. Thieves simply open the door. Lean in and take whatever is to hand, car keys, wallets, jackets, etc. A number of vehicles have also been stolen or had property removed, including the syphoning of petrol. Please ensure all items are hidden from view, do not leave windows down, even partially and double check the doors and boot are locked. – Be vigilant.

The Cheese and Wine Evening held recently was well attended. Ann Gallo for the Trustees said 'There was a lovely friendly atmosphere and several new faces. We really want people to see this as the community centre on the estate'. Well done to all those who worked hard to make the evening a success.

Age Concern Stockport visited the club in July giving a presentation to residents of the work that they do. The event was well attended and as well as the talk Age Concern also left books titled, '**Products and Services**' that gives details of many services including Insurance, Holidays and Wills etc and 'and **Useful Contacts**' gives addresses and telephone numbers of many organisations including health and legal matters, social issues, consumer issues and much more . Some of these books were left at the office so please call in if you want one or you can get them directly from Age Concern at their information point at the Pop In 8 – 16 Lower Hillgate Stockport (Tel 0161 477 1213)

If there is any other group or organisation that you think should do a presentation at the club? Contact the office and give details and the suggestion will be considered and arrangements made if possible.

Music Group Trustee Brendan Foley tells me that that he and others have an informal instrument/singing group meeting at the club. This is usually on Wednesday, but sometimes on a Tuesday. Very informal and for a bit of fun. During some recent good weather they were playing on the patio at the rear of the club... I am sure they had nothing to do with the recent rain. Contact Brendan if you are interest in joining in or want to know more or call in at the club on a Wednesday evening.

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Ladybridge Park Entertainment

In the Residents Lounge from **9.15pm** unless stated.

AUGUST Saturday Nights Entertainment

Bar Food Available during evenings with Saturday Night Entertainment

Saturday 31st July Karaoke Night from 8.30 pm onwards. Your chance to entertain. Our own **Theakeston Five** are making an appearance too.

Saturday 7th August Brad Leigh Scott. Recording artist Brad is from sunny Blackpool and is a cabaret and show singer. More info and videos of Brad can be found at www.bradleighscott.co.uk but come down on the night and see him live.

Saturday 21st August Paula Jay Paula is from Royton and when she isn't performing she can be found singing in an Abba tribute band. Maybe she will give us a song or two made famous by Abba during her act

Fund raising Event..Nepalese Celebration Cancelled The event advertised in the club for the 6th August has unfortunately been cancelled but may be rescheduled before mid September. This is an excellent opportunity to help bring water to the people in Nepal by building wells. If you would be interested in attending such an evening of music, a Nepalese dance display, and a Nepalese buffet and more please contact the office and leave a message for Brendan. This event will only take place if sufficient people show interest.

This is a great cause and I urge you to consider supporting it. Just think how lucky we are to turn on a tap for clean drinking water. For more information visit www.payit4wd.ezweb123.com

Residents Library. Finally a reminder that there is a residents library in the reception area of the club. It is a free service for residents. Make a choice and take home to read, but please remember to bring them back when you have finished them for other residents to read.

This Months Park Life News edited by Stuart Hardman. *Need a Large Print edition or e.mailed copy? Leave a note for Stuart at the club*