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Park Life News

The Ladybridge Park Residents Newsletter

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2009

As we approach year end it is a time for reflection. In respect of the Club we are continuing to trade on a favourable basis despite the many problems caused by the recession. We cannot be complacent though as the building requires substantial annual maintenance charges. For example, both boilers will require replacing in the not too distant future at some considerable expense. Over the last 12 months many fees have been incurred in keeping the fabric of the building in good order aided by significant contributions by the Housekeeping team.

With regards to the levy, almost all the payments have been made, or are on the standing order arrangement which represents a huge improvement from previous years. There have been happy events such as Weddings, Anniversaries, Birthdays, several Christenings and sadly, one or two Funerals as well.

Turning to December, as usual we have a busy programme, it includes an excellent duo, Electric Red, who are here on Saturday 5th December and a great show singer, Sarah Dennis, who is with us on Saturday 19th December. We also have the annual Christmas Carol Evening on December 16th. This is arranged in conjunction with representatives from All Hallows Church and is always a great family event and very well

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On December 24th we have Paul Stevens returning – he is an excellent rock and roll singer – who always provides an excellent evenings entertainment. On Christmas Day the bar will be open as usual from midday to 3:00pm and there will no Friday teas. On Boxing Day we are having another Talent Night – several bands, including our own Theakston Five will be appearing and to round off the year we have Phil's Disco on New Years Eve. Whilst there will be no teas on Christmas Day, these will be available **on January 1st with a special seasonal menu, the bar will be open from 4:00pm.**



Quiz Night – returns on Thursday 17th December in a new format, starting at 9:15pm. This will be a **fun quiz** and will also be held on the 4 Thursdays in January on an initial trial basis. We are confident it will be successful but we do need as many people as possible to participate, individuals can attend and will be placed in teams.



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Annual General Meeting – This took place on Thursday 26th November when 62 residents were present. Several complimented the Management and Staff and all who had helped the Club to achieve excellent results. Our Accountant, David Hinchcliffe from Hallidays, went over the accounts and we are very grateful for his assistance at the meeting and throughout the year. Similarly, our thanks also go out to Mike Caplan, our solicitor, for his excellent work, both were unanimously re-appointed for the coming financial year.

Questions were asked over the increased wage bill but it was explained that this was as a result of the substantial increase in functions requiring additional hours. We do endeavour to retain the minimum staff for each event and are constantly scrutinising all expenses. The only other issue mentioned was the quiz, this lapsed in the summer for a variety of reasons, it was always agreed that we would re-commence the quiz in the future and it was agreed that the quiz will be re-vamped in a new format and with an earlier starting time. **Neil Rackham has kindly volunteered to be quiz master for an initial 5 week trial period commencing Thursday 17th December with 4 further Thursdays in January.**

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**



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Regular Groups and Clubs

Fancy a change? Come to one of our regular groups.

Just turn up at the appointed time and place or contact reception for more details

Monday

Keyboard Group Meet in the Residents Lounge 1.30m to 4.00pm

Bingo – every week from 9:15pm in the residents lounge.

Karate meet in the Large Hall 6.30pm to 8.00pm

Rodney's Meat Raffle in the Residents Lounge from 9.00pm to 10.30pm.

Tuesday

Gent's Coffee Morning: Meet in the Residents Lounge for an informal chat and a coffee (or tea) from 10.30am

Computer group: Meet in the Residents Lounge for an informal meeting for all levels at 7.30pm

Wednesday

Ladies Coffee Morning: Meet in the Residents Lounge from 10.30am for an informal chat and a coffee (or tea)

Thursday

Bridge for Beginners 7:00pm – 9:00pm – The Bridge for Beginners group would love to see more players. If you want to learn how to play bridge in a friendly and informal way, come along on Thursday evenings at 7:00pm - meet in the resident's lounge.

Fun Quiz – 9:15pm – recommencing 17th December and 4 weeks in January.

Friday

Arts and Craft Group: Meet in the Residents Lounge from 1.00pm to 4.00pm. For painting, drawing and other crafts join this friendly group.

Curry Night: (Usually the First Friday in the Month)

Meet in the Residents Lounge at 7.30pm