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# ***Park Life News***

The Ladybridge Park Residents Newsletter

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**2009**

January has now gone and, as ever, it was a quiet month with Christmas bills, economic recession coupled with poor weather, it was a poor time for the licensing trade and business in general. Nevertheless, our Club achieved reasonable returns, certainly better than in previous years.

On this subject, it is fair to say one or two questions were raised at the AGM on the subject of non-residents usage of the Club. When we took over management of the Club in November 2007 our policy was to improve the financial state of it, which was then dire, on a two-pronged basis.

The main policy being to attract more of our residents and their families back to using the Club, it is a community Club for all residents and it was clear from feedback from residents that changes were needed. These included improving the ambience, making the premises more customer friendly and the décor needed attention. The main task was to obtain a first class Manager who would greatly help in achieving these targets.

It is quite clear that Lorraine has proven to be an excellent choice both as Club Manager and especially with regard to her catering skills. This has been successful both in terms of numbers using the Club and bar takings, more remains to be done and hopefully this progress will be maintained this year.

The second aspect we agreed was to attract more non-residents to use the Club and its facilities when business is quiet. To reach this we have improved the function room and bookings have increased dramatically

Please Don't Throw Me Away!! You may want me later both from residents and non-residents. We also have other groups of badminton, darts, football and squash teams bringing invaluable revenue without disturbance to residents.

We appreciate a small number of residents would prefer to limit entry to residents only but frankly without the extra revenue generated by non-residents the levy would be substantially higher. Again, some would not mind paying the extra but all the feedback from surveys and discussions is that it is very much a minority view point. However, we are a democratic organisation and anyone can apply to join the Board at the AGM where support for alternative ideas can be gauged.

### CHALLENGE MATCH

On a lighter note, All Hallows Church had a social evening with us last year when we engaged them at cribbage, darts and a quiz, the Club turn out was fairly sparse and we were well beaten. They have approached us for a return fixture, probably on a Friday night in March. Hopefully we can persuade more residents to participate this time and free food will be available.



**Chads Theatre, Mellor Road, Cheadle Hulme**

**“The Life of Galileo” by Bertolt Brecht – An Intimate version by David Hare**

**From 21<sup>st</sup> to the 28<sup>th</sup> March 2009**

Come and be transported to Italy during the first half of the 17<sup>th</sup> century. The drama traces the revolution of science advanced by the physicist and astronomer Galileo.

**This unpublished script has been made available to Chads Theatre by Samuel French Inc., New York.**

**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

**Karate** meet in the Large Hall 6.30pm to 8.00pm

**Bingo** Meet in the Residents Lounge from 9:30pm

**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**

**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.

**Quiz Night:** Residents Lounge from 9.00pm. For those who want to exercise their brain or just have some fun.

**Fitness & Belly Dancing:** fitness starts at 7:00pm and then a separate belly dancing class commences at 8:00pm. Each separate class costs £4 or £6 if you attend both.

**Bridge For Beginners** 7:00PM – 9:00PM – Meet in the resident's lounge.

### **Usually The First Friday in the Month**

**Curry Night:** Meet in the Residents Lounge at 7.30pm

### **Club Charity**

Each year the Club supports a local Charity, generated from functions held at the Club. Last year it was Beechwood Cancer Care. We would appreciate your nominations for this years choice of local Charity. You can submit your nominations to the Club via email on:

[ladybridgepark@btconnect.com](mailto:ladybridgepark@btconnect.com)

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## **Community Notices**

The vast majority of dog owners are very careful in removing dog dirt but one or two are allowing their pet to foul the pavement and grass verges. Could these dog owners please ensure their dog does not foul the pavements and grass verges. The local Council impose a £1000 fine for this offence.

We would also appreciate any constructive suggestions or ideas on how to improve the facilities at the Club.

**Can You Help?** A couple of residents are taking up Crown Bowls and wonder if anyone else has any woods for sale, reasonable prices paid. Please reply by email or care of Reception.

## **Ladybridge Park Entertainment**

In the Residents Lounge from 9.30pm unless stated otherwise

### **FEBRUARY ARTISTS**

This month we have artists on three Saturday nights. The first one is **Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> February** when we have a first time entertainer in **Steve McLaren**, who is a brilliant **guitarist/singer**. He was seen by residents in an Agents showcase and we received excellent reports.

The following **Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> February** features **Chris Britten**. He has been here before and went down very well with his **comedy/vocal entertainment**. This is also the night of the **Senior Residents Party**, Lorraine has prepared an excellent choice of menus including soup, cocktails, roast turkey, salmon plus desserts. Tickets are only £8.50 and the party is subject to a minimum and maximum figure demand. **Tickets and menus are available from Reception and need to be purchased by Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> February.**

**Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> February** sees the return of **January**, she is a brilliant young **local singer** who had us spell bound when she appeared last year. She seems certain to have a great future and is excellent value and well worth seeing. She is currently performing in a show in Blackpool for one of Simon Cowell's companies.