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# Park Life News

The Ladybridge Park Residents Newsletter

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**In this issue...Club News, Meals, Entertainment, Key Game, Karaoke, 'In It To Win It' cash prize competition, sneak preview of Silver Jubilee entertainment and more!!!**

Hello again,

I have recently been speaking to our club manager Lorraine about her first impressions of the Ladybridge Park residents Club. She told me that by and large she had been given a warm welcome and support from most of the residents on the estate. As she has made her own mark on the club she told me that although she realises that change is not always accepted by everyone, she is greatly encouraged by the positive feedback she has had from the majority of club uses. She is trying to get the club to be the vibrant heart of the community on estate and will encourage its use for every resident. She told me she realises that there is a lot of hard work still to be done but it will be worth it. She has now taken over the catering and this has given her the opportunity to bring in some of the people who do not usually use the club. Friday teas continue every week with a greater choice and Starting this month Sunday meals will be available on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month. Our best wishes and thanks to Lorraine and her staff for their efforts.

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The **Key Game** returns to Ladybridge Park but in a slightly different version. The game will be held on Friday evenings from the 11<sup>th</sup> July. Brief details are Tickets at £1 a strip will be for sale from 6pm in the club on the day of the game. At a random time between 8pm and 9pm the game will be played by drawing out one ticket. That player must be present in the club to play that game to continue. The player will be offered a number of similar keys from which they must choose one. If the key fits the door the player wins the cash prize. If the ticket holder is not present, or the key does not fit the door the prize is 'rolled over' until the following Friday. The 'wrong' key is eliminated so the following weeks the choice of key reduces until only one remains, or the prize has been won. Games start with a cash prize of £100, and increases each week by £10 per week until won. You have to be 18 or over to play the game and full rules will be displayed in the club. See Lawrie for tickets on the night.

**Coming Soon..**more details next month

The **Sportsman's Dinner** that will be held later this year as usual, with Jan Molby the ex Liverpool FC and Danish midfielder.

**Silver Jubilee Week** We celebrate our special week in September with lots of fun. **Sneak Preview** who do a mixture of 70's, 80's, and 90's music plus a Blues Brothers tribute, **Mark Peters Disco, 80's Theme Quiz, Danny's Karaoke** and the singer **Paula Delaney**. See next month's edition for full details.

**Flower Arranging** Classes arranged for 4<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> September

**Steam Train.** A day out with Lawrie's Travels. Whitby and a chance to experience the golden age of steam. Date not yet decided but if interested see Lawrie or leave him a message in the club.

**Childrens Party** Following the success of the June's Children's Party, Angela, Brendan and the team hope to repeat the experience soon. If you have not already told us of your interest for future parties contact Angela or leave a message for her at the club.

Q. What do you get if you cross a cat and a gorilla?

A. A pet that puts you out at night.

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## **Park Life extra**

**Silver Jubilee 1983 – 2008** Plans are in progress at the moment for our Silver Jubilee celebrations in September so look out for next months **Park Life News** for more details. I would still love to hear from any of the first residents on the estate, if we have any left on here from 1983. Or maybe if you have lived in more than one property on here? I would be also interested in seeing any early photographs on the estate from the 1980's. For this or any other information you can contact me by leaving a note with the Reception or Lorraine in the bar and mark it for the attention of Stuart, ParkLife News or e.mail it to me direct to [parklifenews@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:parklifenews@hotmail.co.uk)

**Fancy a coffee?** There has been a good response to the coffee machine now in the bar area so if you have not tried it out yet let me tell you that there is a range of coffees available. So if it is Cappuccino, Espresso, Latte, Ristretto or Regular the choice is yours. Each cup costs only 85p to residents (£1 Non residents) There is also a selection of luxury biscuits for 50 pence.

**Badminton** Alistair, a badminton coach living on the estate has offered to coach residents with little or no experience to play the game to a social level. A great way to do some exercise, nothing too strenuous and meeting some fellow residents. I have even dusted off my own racquet to join in. We meet in the main hall Tuesday evenings from 6.30pm until 9.00pm so please come along. Coaching is free but there is a small fee to cover the cost of the court we hire. Come along and see us for more information or just turn up on the night. All welcome, but we stress this is aimed at learners and those who have not played for a while. May I remind residents who are more competent in badminton or squash that outside clubs do use our facilities and usually welcome new members. Contact reception for which evenings they meet.

**If at first you don't succeed....then maybe skydiving isn't for you.**

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## **FUN QUIZ**

- 1) Which 2 countries hosted the Euro 2008 football finals?
- 2) What was the full name of Ronnie Barker's character in Porridge?
- 3) Author Sebastian Faulks has taken over writing books about which MI6 agent?
- 4) Jodie Prenger was in the news early in June this year. Why?.
- 5) Ball-pin, club, claw and bush are all types of what tool?.
- 6) Charlotte, Rooster, Cara and Pink Fur Apple are all varieties of which British grown vegetable?
- 7) What year was Stockport Town Hall officially opened?
- 8) Ex American First Lady Claudia Alta Taylor Johnson was more commonly known by which name?
- 9) How many local government electoral wards are there in the Metropolitan Borough of Stockport?
- 10) Domestic Oven temperatures 400°F and 200°C equal which Gas Mark?

(Answers on Page 6)

**You Choose.** In an attempt to cater for all our residents we are looking for new ideas and features for publication. Do you have a recipe to share? Or maybe a non alcoholic cocktail for the summer? Or maybe you would like to recommend a recently released film, book or DVD. Articles from children are also invited, together with written permission of their parent. Articles can be left with the Reception or bar staff and addressed to Stuart, Park Life News or sent direct by e. mail to [parklifenews@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:parklifenews@hotmail.co.uk)

**WALKING CLUB** Enjoy fresh air, beautiful scenery, good company and exercise with our very own walking club. This initiative of Trevor's has made good strides from when it was started a few months ago. July's walk is on Sunday the 6<sup>th</sup> and anyone interested should meet up at the club carpark at 9.00am. This walk is described as an easy 7 mile walk starting at Beeston in Cheshire, mainly on farmland and country lanes and 2 ½ miles beside the Shropshire Union Canal. There is also the chance to visit Beeston castle and an Ice Cream Farm.

Did you hear about the duck who went into the club and asked for a double whisky and told the barman to put it on his bill?

## **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**

7.30pm Wednesday **2<sup>nd</sup> July 2008 and Praise, Prayer and Pizza. (Topic – Praying for this area)** Come and join us in a Christian evening of praise and prayers followed by some fellowship over supper. Call in or contact Stuart and Sharon at The Vine, 53 Twining Brook Road All Welcome

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### **In It To Win It! £10 Prize competition**

Answer the 3 questions below for a chance of winning this months £10 prize.

1. Which Castle will the walking Group be able to visit on the 6<sup>th</sup> July?
2. When is The Vine's Praise Prayer and Pizza evening?
3. When does Alisair's badminton group meet?

Information for the answers are IN this newsletter and IN the Club. Put your answers on a piece of paper together with your name and address. Put it into an envelope and address it to Stuart, c/o Parklife News, IN IT TO WIN IT and leave it with the Reception or Bar Staff at the club.

Closing date noon Monday 14<sup>th</sup> July 2008. Remember you have to be IN IT TO WIN IT. (Open to Residents Only)

This Months '**IN IT TO WIN IT**' Competition is sponsored by The Vine Community Coffee Morning/Praise Prayer and Pizza Evening (Last Months winner R.Earnshaw of Twining Brook Road....Well Done!!

### **Club Vouchers/Mid Term Report.**

Those who were entitled to them should now have received your vouchers to use in the club. Please note they are to be used before the 5<sup>th</sup> October so you have plenty of time to use them. Use them over the bar for your usual tipples, or try them with something a bit different, for a meal or our sporting facilities. You should have received the Chairman's mid term update on current situation in the club and improved services. Well done to those involved for their hard work.

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**Wanted.. Baby's High Chair** Have you got a baby's high chair that you no longer need? If so please contact Lorraine at the club.

**Meals** have you been in for a Friday Tea recently? Lorraine has now taken over the catering at the club including the Friday teas. I went one Friday recently and found 8 yes 8 different choices on the menu. My wife had Lamb Shank and Butternut Squash while I opted for the Chicken Madras Curry (Robert style – named after a resident asked for spicier curries) Traditionalist would have found Fish, Chips and peas on the menu and vegetarians are also catered for. Presentation, quality and value for money is excellent, but don't take my word for it, try it out yourself. Soon. Lorraine recently had a Father's Day Sunday Dinner Special and is considering regular Sunday Meals. Updates in this publication as we get it.

### **SUMMER COOLER DRINKS**

Frozen Grape Squash (Resident's recipe)

Wash some grapes. Get an ice cube tray and pop one grape into each compartment. Top up the compartment with cold water and freeze for 4 hours. When frozen pop 4 ice cubes into a tumbler and fill with high juice squash in either strawberry, apple or tropical fruit flavours.

Classic Cola Float (Resident's recipe)

Get a large tumbler and add two scoops of Cornish Vanilla Ice Cream. Top the tumbler up with cold Cola. Add a straw to decorate and drink through

**Answers to this months quiz.** 1)Austria and Switzerland, 2)Norman Stanley Fletcher.3) James Bond, 4) She won the West End role of Nancy in the final of the BBC I'd Do Anything series, 5)Hammer, 6)Potato 7)1908 8) Lady Bird Johnson 9)21 10)Gas Mark 6  
Score 0-5 Must try harder, 6-7 Good 8-9 Excellent 10 Matermind

**Answers to last month's quiz.** 1) Beijing 2) 4<sup>th</sup> 3) Catherine Cookson, 4) Boris Johnson, 5) Blackpool, 6)198 miles, 7)John Barrowman, 8)Star Trek, 9)Soudan, 10)Cat .

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## **Regular Groups and Clubs**

Fancy a change? Come to one of our regular groups. Everyone welcome. Just turn up at the appointed time and place or contact reception for more details. **Due to the holiday season some clubs may be taking a break, please check first.**

### **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** is taking a break during the summer

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

**Salsa Class** with Lindsey restarts 7.45 2nd June. Beginners welcome

### **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**

**Tai Chi** Meet in the small hall from 10.30am to 12 noon.

**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.

### **Friday**

Fridays Teas restart 30<sup>th</sup> May - New menu

### **First Friday in the Month**

**Curry Night** meet in the Residents Lounge at 7.30pm

.....**Stop Press**..... Since page 6 was printed it has now been announced that **Sunday Meals** will be available in the club between 2pm and 6pm on each **1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month** starting on the 6<sup>th</sup> July 2008

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## **Ladybridge Park Entertainment**

In the Residents Lounge from 9.30pm unless stated

**Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> June 2008** Making a welcome return back to Ladybridge Park we have male vocalist **P.J. Stokes** with a mixture of swing, soul and pop. Something there for everyone.

**Friday 4<sup>th</sup> July 2008.** A bit of DIY entertainment with the ever popular **Danny's Karaoke**. A great deal of interest for this so starting a bit earlier than usual. Have you got the **X-Factor?** Open for all and the 10 to 18 year old especially welcome up to 9.00pm. (Danny will be back with his Karaoke for our 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary week in September)

**Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> July 2008** Making his first visit to Ladybridge Park we have versatile male vocalist **Sean Hourian**. Come and give him a warm welcome.

**Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> July 2008** Ladybridge Park brings back the top class **Sally-Anne Harman**. A lovely vocalist who did a great act last time she was here.

### **Coming Soon**

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> August 2008** By special arrangement with Lorraine, Ladybridge Park brings you something special with an evenings entertainment with a great band called Smudge.

**Silver Jubilee Week, Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> September to Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> September 2008.** Some great things happening during our Silver Jubilee Week, more details in next month's **Park Life News** and displayed in the club nearer the time.

**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 or e. mail parklifeneeds@hotmail.co.uk