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# ***Park Life News***

The Ladybridge Park Residents Newsletter

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## **May 2010**

### **Hello Again**

Things are brightening up weather wise and lighter evenings are always welcome. Gardens are becoming more colourful and renovations, home improvements and extensions are taking place to make this a more pleasant estate.

**Planning Permission.** On the topic of extensions I have been asked to remind residents to check carefully with the Stockport Council Planning Department prior to extensions and external development of property. It will be necessary to give them the exact address of the property because there are variations of the requirement for planning permission within certain parts of the estate. **Also** residents are reminded that they need to obtain a letter of consent from the Office at the Residents Club for such extensions and external developments. This consent is a formality, if compliant with the requirements of the Stockport Council Planning Office. There is no charge for this letter but a copy is left on file and would be required to be seen when the property eventually is sold.

**Did you hear..** about the successful bonsai tree grower? He is so good that he is looking for a house with a smaller garden.



**Help wanted with Club Website.** Many thanks to Tony Priest for the help he has been to the club and the residents in the development and upkeep of the club website. This is an important tool in keeping residents informed of what is happening and gives other useful information. Unfortunately Tony is having to step down from this role and the club is looking for someone to replace him. Tony is willing to stay on and assist in the hand over. See next item for more details.

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## CLUB WEBSITE REQUEST

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Can anybody with any web design skills and knowledge and a couple of hours to spare each month please consider helping us maintain the [www.ladybridgepark.co.uk](http://www.ladybridgepark.co.uk) website. This is a voluntary position to help keep the clubs running costs down. The position is not only open to experienced workers but also may be of interest to someone who may be studying in this field who would relish the chance to work on a live website. We are also interested to hear about new ideas, content and layouts for the site, and would like to meet each month to discuss these and implement changes and improvements.

If you are interested in helping in this area, or want more information, please leave your contact details at the club for the attention of Brendan Foley, (Trustee) who will get back to you.

### **Levy Update**

The reaction from people I have spoken to seems that the 2010/11 levy obligation has been accepted with the acknowledgement of the hard work being done in keeping it down. I am grateful for the following information from Ann Gallo the Chairperson of the Board of Trustees on behalf of Manco.

'A very 'big thank' you to all of you who have heeded our request for prompt payments. Up to the deadline date for receiving the discount we have received nearly 200 full payments. As yet we have not received the information from the bank on standing order payments. It makes our job of running the office so much easier if we do not have to spend time on chasing this income and the cost this entails.' Ladybridge Park Management Company (Manco)

### **Neighbourhood Watch**

Police Resource Update

The area has a new beat officer by the name of Gareth Pemberton and also an additional PCSO called Adam Brown. They will be working alongside our other PCSO Janine Thompson and they should give the police an increased visibility on local streets

The club notice board contains the latest information, contact numbers and details of the monthly police surgeries held at the Waitrose store in the village.

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

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## **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

## **The Vine**

is also working with Vinelife Manchester Church in raising money for The Reckoning charity working in Uganda to provide financial help to start up businesses and take people out of poverty. For this there will be a **Car Wash** from 10.00am to 2.00pm on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> May (Bank holiday) at 53 Twining Brook Road. £5 per car and coffee and cake whilst you wait. Other times and dates on request.

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Spotlight on..... The Computer group

The Computer Group meet in the Residents Bar from 7.30pm to around 9.00pm on Tuesday evenings. The group is open to people with any level of computer knowledge or lack of it. The group meet to share ideas, skills, news and issues they may have with computing to enable members to improve and maintain their skills and solve and avoid problems. This is a self help group so one week you may require help with a problem and another week help someone with theirs. There is a small subscription of £1 per week and this goes to buy equipment. The group have a laptop and projector to help the meetings and also have a small number of books to borrow. If you think you may be interested please call in one Tuesday, you will be most welcome.

A full list of all the groups and their meeting times is on the website

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**HOUSE KEEPING TEAM** We are grateful to the house keeping team who work inside and outside the club to help keep costs down and make this a nicer place. They meet on a regular basis and welcome anyone to join them. On the 13<sup>th</sup> April they got together to tidy up the rear patio of the club, well done all those who took part in this and thank you. Also thanks for Dave Walker for clearing out the play area and Geoff Hadfield for sorting out the men's toilet. The date for painting the Reception area has been cancelled and a new date will be announced shortly. See notice board or contact Brendan Foley via the office for more details.

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## **Ladybridge Park Entertainment**

In the Residents Lounge from 9.15pm unless stated.

### **May Saturday Nights Entertainment**

**Bar Food Available during evenings with Saturday Night Entertainment**

Another packed month... Entertainment on 4 of the 5 Saturdays in May.

**Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> 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 8<sup>th</sup> May VE Day 65<sup>th</sup> Anniversary** themed nostalgic evening. A time to dress up in 40's style and be serenaded by a Heather Marie specially brought in for our entertainment special. A fun filled night with a quiz, singalong, music and that's not all because we will have food as well and its all free. So come on down for a night with a difference.

**Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> May Outer Limits.** A little bit different from our usual Saturday Night Entertainment we have a local 5 piece band that play a variety of music. This is their first time at Ladybridge Park

**Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> May Jennifer Jamieson.** Another new face to the club coming all the way from Blackpool. Jennifer has a good repertoire of songs from the 60's to present day plus songs from the shows

**Bollards...** The concrete bollards by the club are going to be replaced after recent incidents of cars driving through them. This will help to keep the club area safer.

**FIRE! Or rather Fire Prevention,** is our final item in this months packed edition. Greater Manchester Fire and Rescue Service provide a free Home Risk Fire Assessment on homes free of charge. The assessment will give you information on how to make your home safer and they will provide and fit at least one smoke detector per floor, also completely free. For further information or to book an assessment please call them on 0800 555 815.

**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***