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& OAKMERE

NEWS

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FORTHCOMING EVENTS

ST PETER'S CHURCH, DELAMERE

REGULAR SERVICES

EVERY SUNDAY

8am - Holy Communion

SECOND SUNDAY

10:30 - Family Service

OTHER SUNDAYS

10:30am - Holy Communion

EASTER SERVICES

24TH MARCH, MAUNDY THURSDAY

7pm - Holy Communion

25TH MARCH, GOOD FRIDAY

10.30am - Morning Worship

27TH MARCH, EASTER DAY

8am - Holy Communion

10am - Easter Egg hunt

10.30am - Holy Communion for all the family

THE WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Date	Speaker	Title	Competition
APRIL 12TH	Liz Weston	Autobiography of a Common Woman - Part II	to be announced
MAY 10TH	-	75th Birthday Celebration, Resolutions	-
JUNE 14TH	Les Pickford	Drawing Cartoons	-
JULY 12TH	Jean Harding	ACWW - Country Women of the World	A single rose
SEPT 13TH	Cleo Sadler	Snugbury's Ice Cream	to be announced

President: Lorraine Roberts 889188, Secretary: Mrs S Goodwin 888921, Treasurer: Mrs C Green 882264. Meetings are held at 7.30pm, every second Tuesday in the month except for August, at Delamere Community Centre. <https://twitter.com/delamerewi>, <https://www.facebook.com/DelamereWI>

OAKMERE METHODIST CHURCH

In the main church at 10.45am every Sunday morning for a service led by a Methodist Local Preacher or Minister. One service a month includes the sacrament of Holy Communion, led by a Minister (Presbyter). *Contacts: Anne or Eric Wright (01829 732950) or Rev Denise Harding (01928 733180).*

DELAMERE AND DISTRICT GOLDEN CLUB

MARCH 23RD, 2-4PM

Speaker: Mr. Peter Ashburner of Wright Marshall Fine Art

APRIL 13TH, 1-4PM

Lunch followed by AGM

APRIL 27TH, 2-4PM

Happy Harmony Choir with cakes and afternoon tea

MAY 11TH

Summer Outing to the Anderton Boat Lift

MAY 25TH, 2-4PM

Card Bingo (Please bring an orange item for the sales table)

JUNE 8TH, 2-4PM

Guess the baby photo Quiz

JUNE 22ND, 2-4PM

Speaker and Musician Jon Baddeley: 'Musical Nostalgia Time'

JULY 6TH, 2-4PM

"Play Your Cards Right" (as seen on television)

JULY 20TH, 2PM

Garden Party at The Paddock

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There is some local history in this issue, with an article about the pipeline that

runs through the parish carrying Liverpool's water supply. We have also got some more nature notes from Cheshire Wildlife Trust, and a report on what has been happening on the field adjacent to the United Utilities borehole on Station Road. There is plenty of news about Community Centre activities as well as from the Parish Council, including the provision of a potentially life-saving defibrillator on the Community Centre's outside wall. We have another crossword, another quiz, another poem, and this time, a humorous story too.

The Community Website

A small group formed by the Parish Council, the DCA and other local volunteers is in the process of developing a new smart-phone friendly website, which should be up and running by the time you get the next issue of the News. The aim is to transfer the content of the

present site and then start adding new features, such as support for local businesses, links to social media and a fuller coverage of DCA activities. If you have any other ideas for getting the most out of the website as a community resource please contact the editor.

ANSWERS TO CROSSWORD

Across: 7. ultimate, 8. news, 9. strict, 10. revolt, 11. awesome, 13. anger, 15. waver, 17. contest, 19. revert, 21. raider, 23. kepi, 24. swatches
Down: 1. plot, 2. limits, 3. ragtime, 4. pear, 5. uneven, 6. swelters, 12. whatever, 14. journal, 16. even if, 18. twitch, 20. toss, 22. eyed

ANSWERS TO THE QUIZ

1. Bloodstone, 2. John Philip Sousa, 3. Monty Python's Flying Circus, 4. Cambridgeshire, 5. Little Women, 6. Jarro, 7. Carmen, 8. Lamb, 9. Dr Jeckyll & Mr Hyde, The Best Years of Our Lives, 10. Alice's Adventures in Wonderland

ABOUT THE NEWSLETTER

Delamere and Oakmere News is published three times a year with the support of the Parish Council. The next issue is due in July!

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Articles, ideas for articles, news of recent events or forthcoming ones, advertisements, photographs and any other contributions relevant to Delamere and/or Oakmere are all very welcome (inclusion subject to editorial discretion).

The newsletter is available to view on the Delamere and Oakmere Community website and you can also get a PDF file by email (contact us if you would like a copy).

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St. Peter's Notice Board



From the Registers – November 2015 to January 2016

We said farewell to:

January Alex Timpson
 Cyril Thompson

Christmas Wreaths and Floral Tributes:

In line with other local graveyards and cemeteries any Christmas Wreaths remaining in the Churchyard will be removed at the end of February 2016.

Maundy Thursday – 24th March

The children from Delamere School will be in church for their Easter Service.

There will be a service of Holy Communion at 7pm

Good Friday - 25th March

On Good Friday there will be a service of Morning Worship at 10.30am followed by coffee and hot cross buns at The Rectory.

Easter Day – 27th March

On Easter Day there will be a service of Holy Communion at 8am and an Easter Egg hunt for the children from 10am with a service of Holy Communion for all the family at 10.30am.



LETTER FROM THE RECTOR

February 2016

Dear Friends

Many thanks to everyone who supported the St Peter's fundraising evening held recently at Delamere Community Centre. David Cummings transported us around the world with his stunning pictures of the wildlife and scenery. It was wonderful to have the support of so many from our local community and over £400 was raised for church funds. On the St Peter's Notice Board page you will see all the details of our Lent and Easter Services.

I am sure that you are aware that next year 2017, God willing, we will be celebrating the 200th Anniversary of the consecration of St Peter's Church here in Delamere. To mark the occasion we would like to have the church clock refurbished and repainted. To restore the clock faces to their former glory would be a way of showing that the clock is still cherished, valued and respected.

Delamere & Oakmere Parish Council has generously given us a grant and we have applied for funding from a charitable trust and Cheshire West & Chester Council, the local school Delamere Church of England Primary Academy has also pledged support.

We have set up a fund for the clock and if you would like to make a contribution towards this project then gifts may be passed to the Churchwardens (Mr Glyn Roberts & Mrs Pat Wheeler) or to me or left in a marked envelope on the plate in church (cheques made payable to St Peter's PCC). If you are a tax payer then please consider adding Gift Aid to your donation which will enable us to

claim a further 25% from HMRC at no additional cost to yourself.

Any monies remaining in the account when the refurbishment is complete will be used to ensure the viability and upkeep of the clock mechanism in the future and for other work that may be required to keep the building in good order. Similarly if for some good reason the refurbishment of the clock is unable to go ahead we will apply any monies raised for other work that may be required to maintain the building.

The clock has been providing both visual and acoustic information to the locality continuously since it was originally installed by public subscription in 1897 to commemorate Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee. The clock is part of the rich heritage of Delamere that should be secured for future generations.

We warmly invite you to worship with us at St Peter's, each Sunday there are services at 8am and 10.30am. Usually on the 2nd Sunday of each month at 10.30am, we have a service for all the family.

Do contact me by telephone or email if you would like me to visit or pray for you.

Brian joins me in sending good wishes and blessings

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through to Sunday 17th April

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Refurbishments

The floor in the Main Hall, which has served us well since the Centre opened 45 years ago, is being replaced. At the same time, we are replacing the doors between the Main Hall and Bowling Room. The work will be finished by the end of March, so why not pop in for a look?

Coffee mornings

Our monthly Drop-in Coffee Mornings on the last Friday of each month might be a good opportunity to do just that.



Quiz night

In response to popular demand another Quiz Night will be held on Friday 6th May (quizmaster Steve Lacey). For further information and bookings contact Steve (steve@slamonline.co.uk or 01270 780777) or visit the website for a booking form.

Women's Institute

The WI now have their own page on the Delamere and Oakmere website (<http://www.delamereandoakmere.co.uk/community-association/activities-and-contacts/104>), and are also on Facebook and Twitter (<https://www.facebook.com/DelamereWI> and <https://twitter.com/delamerewi>).

Golden Club

The Kelsall Scottish Dancers gave a performance in the Community Centre on 27th January, organised by the Golden Club.



After the break the audience joined in, with great enthusiasm but rather less skill.



The WI Christmas Party



The Main Hall is now available for bookings at the weekend, with the exception of Sunday mornings. The Meeting and Bowling Rooms are also available when not in use by our regular societies. So if you have a children's party, anniversary or fund raising event that might be appropriate, why not consider the Centre? The rates for using these facilities are very reasonable, especially for DCA members. For details ring Bookings on the number above or have a look at the website.

Using the community Centre

Activities run by affiliated groups include Bowls, Snooker, Bridge, Whist, Keep Fit, Badminton, the local Women's Institute and the Golden Club. Other regular activities include an Art Class, Slimming World and a Pilates class. If you are interested in any of these, details and contacts can be found below and on the community website (www.delamereand-akmere.co.uk).

The Centre also houses an outreach Post Office, which is open on Wednesday and Friday mornings.

Recently the long standing Saturday evening Bingo sessions came to an end. The Association would like to thank Albert and Rosemary Powell for their service of over 30 years, not just organising their successful and popular bingo sessions, but the many other things they have contributed over those years.

Activities and contacts

Bookings	01606 883631
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Billiards/Snooker	01606 882190
	01606 620070
Bowls (outdoor)	01928 571674
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The defibrillator has arrived! It has now been installed on the front wall of the Community Centre and is ready to use. We are in the process of arranging a demonstration. Once a date has been arranged a notice will be displayed on the Community Centre door and also on the website. Secretaries of groups who use the Centre will also be notified. The demonstration will probably take place after the new floor has been laid in mid to late March. See below for more information about the defibrillator.

We learned recently that Cheshire West and Chester Council have decided to withhold the New Homes Bonus. The Parish Council has, however, kept the previously allocated fund in reserve and has formed a working group to identify suitable projects for its use. Watch this space!

In autumn 2017 Delamere Church will be celebrating its two hundredth anniversary. To commemorate the event the church intends, among other plans, to renovate the church clock. The Parish Council has agreed to make a donation of £1000 towards the cost of the restoration.

After years of pressure from both the former councils (Delamere and Oakmere) CWAC has at last agreed to a speed limit along the B5152. This will be 40mph

through the forest linking with the existing limit along Station Road and then continuing along part of Abbey Lane. The limit will then be 50mph along the remainder of Abbey Lane, continuing along Fishpool Lane and Stable Lane as far as the junction with the A49 in Cote Brook. The road has in recent years increasingly been used by cars heading for Runcorn and Liverpool and any restriction will be welcomed by people living in its neighbourhood.

At the January Parish Council meeting Councillor Katherine MacVicker announced her decision to retire from the council. Katherine served Oakmere Parish Council for 25 years before becoming a member of the joint council and was a conscientious and highly regarded local councillor. We shall certainly miss her presence at future meetings. In recognition of her service members held a dinner in her honour at the Carriers Inn.

As a result of her retirement a vacancy occurs in the Oakmere Ward of the Parish Council. Anyone interested should contact the clerk, Joanne Monks on delamereandoakmereclerk@yahoo.co.uk

Robin Ackerley
Chair, Delamere and Oakmere
Parish Council



Hearty good news! The Parish Council has been given a grant by the British Heart Foundation to install a defibrillator at the Community Centre (mounted on the outside wall near the front door). It is a portable device that can be used by any member of the public to help restart the heart when someone has a cardiac arrest. It is simple to use, and although a training kit is provided, you don't need training to use it. The key advice from the BHF is to call 999 and send someone to get the defibrillator. If you have been trained in CPR, apply it until the defibrillator arrives. When it is opened it tells you what to do. *If you would like to join a training session contact Clive George (clivegeorge@btinternet.com).*

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HISTORY IN THE PIPELINE

Many readers will have looked along the railway line from the bridge at Delamere station, wondering what those huge pipes are.



Many others will know exactly what they are – Liverpool’s water supply. They bring the water all the way from Lake Vyrnwy, an artificial lake in Powys that was created for the purpose in the 1880s. The pipes are known as the Vyrnwy Aqueduct, which comes via Oswestry, Malpas and Tarporley to enter Delamere on the edge of Cotebrook, before heading off to tunnel under the Mersey and on to a reservoir at Prescot.



The aqueduct is only visible where it crosses the railway line, and you won’t

find it on a current Ordnance Survey map, but its underground route is marked on the 1910 OS map (available at <http://maps.cheshire.gov.uk/tithemaps/TwinMaps.aspx>).

After feeding an underground reservoir to the west of Cotebrook the aqueduct passes under Stable Lane at the junction with Sadler’s Lane, then cuts across the fields to meet Fishpool Road at the bend by Ottersbank and Fishpool Lane Farm. From there it runs along Fishpool Road and the Oakmere side of Abbey Lane and Station Road until it veers east to cross the railway line. It re-joins the road a little further on in the forest, to follow it as far as the Hatchmere crossroads. Apart from the railway crossing the only visible structures are a series of air valves at summits in the undulating pipeline (to release trapped air) and sluice valves (to close sections of the aqueduct for maintenance work).



When the aqueduct was laid it cut through the Roman road from Chester to Manchester at the foot of Eddisbury Hill. The road is shown on the 1910 OS map, along with the aqueduct. It was recorded as being up to 13 metres wide with a gravel surface of considerable depth,

mixed with broken stones. Other 19th century records report that another section of the Roman road was visible nearby where it passed Thieves' Moss.

When the 68-mile aqueduct was opened in 1891 it was the longest in the world, supplying Liverpool with up to eighteen million gallons of water a day, flowing under gravity through a single 1 metre diameter pipe. It now carries nearly three times as much, through the addition of two extra pipes (in 1905 and 1938) and the introduction of booster pumps to increase the pressure. A phased programme of renovation is currently under way, to remove deposits from the inside of the pipes.



The creation of Lake Vyrnwy is a story in itself. The dam to retain the water broke another world record, the highest masonry dam that had ever been built (144 feet high, and 127 feet thick at the base). The Liverpool Corporation spared no expense from its corporate-funded coffers in building it, decorating the top with masonry arches and two small towers, and erecting a Gothic-style fairy castle to house the Water Bailiff's quarters above the water outlet system.



When the reservoir was filled it submerged the village of Llanwddyn, including the church, the chapel, the post office, three inns, ten farmhouses, 37 houses and the country estate of Eunant Hall. A new village of Llanwddyn was built for the residents, further down the valley in front of the new dam. Deceased residents were re-housed in the new church cemetery. The old village can still be seen under the water in times of drought when the water level falls.

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Flaxmere restoration

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Bog Asphodel at Flaxmere, Ian Dosset

A recently created external bund around the southern end of the site, made of peat, is helping to further retain clean water on the site and stop ingress of nutrient-rich water from surrounding fields.

Spring will bring new plant growth to the bund and a more secure future for the mossland species that rely upon wetter habitat.



If you would like more information on the Flaxmere project please contact Katie Piercy, Delamere Mossland Officer, kpiercy@cheshirewt.org.uk. For more information on the Delamere dragons project or to volunteer, contact cmeredith@cheshirewt.org.uk or 01948 820728. The projects are funded by WREN Biodiversity Action Fund and the Heritage Lottery Fund.

Delamere's Mystery Wildlife...

Anthony Davies has alerted us to the fact that John Lewis sell a range of Spode tableware known as Rural Delamere. Judging by the company's choice of pictures, Delamere is famed for its pheasants and its deer. Has anyone seen them?



*Doolittle Moss, Chris Meredith*

Delamere's Dragons

The first signs of spring are in full view as you walk around Delamere Forest, snowdrops bursting through the soil, blossom on blackthorn bushes and the leaves appearing on hawthorn. It won't be long until a new generation of dragonflies will appear.

Despite occasional freezing temperatures and a lot of rain, dragonfly larvae have been patiently waiting out the winter months hidden from view deep under water. Near the surface of the water the temperature may change drastically as it freezes overnight only to be thawed by the sun. However, deeper in the water the temperature remains much more stable, which is where you'll find many insects over winter, sheltering in the dead vegetation at the bottom of the pools.

At this time of year the early flying dragonfly and damselfly species are starting to become more active as mosslands and ponds warm up. They will soon be upon the greatest change they will experience in their life, emerging as winged adults from their larval skin.

By April the meres and mosses scattered throughout Delamere will start to come to life with the vibrant green of new plant growth and the whirr of thousands of pairs of wings. As the final year of the white-faced darter dragonfly reintroduction gets underway we just hope that the weather dries up in time for May, giving emerging adult white-faced darters the best possible start to their life on the wing.

*Emerging dragonfly,
Alison Betts**Male white-faced darter, Greg Osborn*

Do you have difficulty getting to the doctors or to do the weekly shop? Or do you know someone who does? If so Cheshire Community Action would like to hear from you. They are carrying out a survey to investigate how they might help. If you use a computer or a smartphone go to:

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/communitytransport2016>

Otherwise, contact Mrs Chris Davenport on 01244 400222 and ask her to send you a copy of the questionnaire.

Smyle please...

Cheshire West & Chester Council have introduced a scheme for using a smartphone or computer to report environmental problems such as littering or potholes, and get them to report back on the action they take.

To make use of it go to
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for plant table sale!

This sale and Coffee Morning will take place on Saturday 7th May at Delamere Community Centre for St.Peter's Church Funds.

If you have any plants you would like to donate or any empty pots or containers please contact Robin Ackerley (01829 752723).

Posters will appear with further details... See you there!

THE STATION ROAD BOREHOLE FIELD

As many residents will be all too aware, United Utilities have stripped the vegetation off the field alongside the borehole site on Station Road. There has been something of a local outcry about this, over the loss of natural habitat for wildflowers and other wildlife, and concern about what United Utilities might be planning to do with the site.

Following a phone call to United Utilities asking for an explanation they have written to the Parish Council. They have assured us that they have no immediate or medium term plans to develop the site, with no intention of building anything. The only other work they plan to do in the foreseeable future is to erect a fence in front of the borehole building itself. This will not prevent pedestrian access on the field. There is no public right of way through the field, but there has been unrestricted access for at least 30 years, providing an extremely popular route for walkers between Station Road, Eddisbury Hill Park, the hill itself and Delamere Forest.

The land is part of the Safeguard Zone which protects water quality around the borehole, and needs to be inspected

regularly. The unmanaged vegetation was hampering this, and United Utilities considered several solutions.

These included letting the field for horse grazing, which would have entailed fencing it off and restricting public access. Aware of the site's popularity among walkers, they chose instead to have the vegetation cut back twice a year, in spring and autumn. Once the new regime has settled down we may see wildflowers growing there again.



A common spotted orchid before the field was stripped, Bridget Austin



The field being stripped, Bridget Austin

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Oakmere Cricket Club



Oakmere CC has Senior Mens, Ladies and Junior teams playing matches over the weekend and mid-week. Qualified Coaches also provide structured training sessions across all teams during the week.

This season's outdoor training will commence as per below with Matches starting in mid-April.

- **Senior Nets: Tuesday 5th April 6.30pm**
- **Junior Nets: Wednesday 6th April**
 - Under 11s 6pm – 7pm**
 - Under 13s/15s 7pm – 8pm**
- **Ladies Nets: Monday 4th April 6.30pm**

New Players and Spectators are always welcome!

If you are interested in playing cricket or want to find out more about the Club please contact secretary@oakmerecc.co.uk for more details or visit our website at www.oakmerecc.co.uk

Location: Overdale Lane, Oakmere, Northwich CW8 2EL



Cheshire Womens Cricket League



CONGRATULATIONS!



We can imagine Jean and John Garner's delight when a very royal indeed, Royal Mail delivered this! Mr and Mrs Garner were full of praise for the right royal treatment they received at the Abbey Arms, where the celebrations for their 60th wedding anniversary were held. Congratulations from us all!



LOST & FOUND *Gloria Ackerley*

The night before Christmas Eve two hens were found alone and confused in the dark, in a place unknown to them. Other hens there had already gone into their coop and they had nowhere to go. Luckily they were spotted, and one was put into a dog cage and the other into a cat basket in a shed. They were given a week's worming programme and a further two weeks' observation to make sure they were healthy before joining the flock. They were rejected, so were put

into a small ark not usually used in the winter. They soon began to lay one brown and one white egg nearly every day, and one day even laid three eggs just to say thank you. In the afternoons they roam about the garden with the other hens, but sometimes they get pecked. They peck back. They seem to be happy, but would like it to be known that dumping unwanted chickens for somebody else to look after is not fair on the chickens or their new carers.





Cheshire Police are offering kits through which you can mark valuable items in or around your home so that they can be traced if they are stolen. The kit includes stickers that can be displayed as a deterrent.

If you would like a kit, contact a member of the Parish Council or PCSO Ryan Reid (at one of his drop-ins or at ryan.reid21364@cheshire.pnn.police.uk).

Poetry Corner

The 'Have a Go' book

by Thelma Ashbrook

I just watched a cooking programme
and I'm raring now to go.
Have I got the right ingredients?
I'm afraid the answer's 'No'.

I'll just use something else instead.
Will that be really wise?
But there always comes a time in life
when you have to improvise.

When I've finished with my masterpiece
it's not quite what you'd wish.
I've improvised so many things
it's now a different dish.

The Donkey

Retrieved from the internet by Dr Bob Clipperton

A man bought a donkey from a preacher. The preacher told the man that this donkey had been trained in a unique way. The only way to make the donkey go was to say, "Hallelujah!". And the only way to make the donkey stop was to say, "Amen!".

The man was pleased with his purchase and immediately got on the animal to try out the preacher's instructions. "Hallelujah," said the man. The donkey began to trot. Amen!" shouted the man. The donkey stopped immediately. "This is great!" said the man. With a "Hallelujah", he rode off very proud of his new purchase.

The man travelled for a long time through some mountains. Soon he was heading toward a cliff. He could not remember the word to make the donkey stop. "Stop," said the man. "Halt!" he cried. The donkey just kept going. "Oh, no... Bible!... Church!... Please Stop!!" begged the man. The donkey began to trot faster. He was getting closer and closer to the cliff edge.

Finally, in desperation, the man said a prayer. "Please, dear Lord. Please make this donkey stop before I go off the end of this mountain. In Jesus name, AMEN". The donkey came to an abrupt stop, just one step from the edge of the cliff. Wiping his brow, the man looked up to thank God and whispered, "Hallelujah".





LOCAL POLICE DROP IN

Delamere Community Centre

Saturday 9th April 2016

Saturday 14th May 2016

at 1pm

With PCSO Ryan Reid

Ask a question, report a problem in your area, mention anything bothering you or simply just meet your local Police Community Support Officer (PCSO).



Friday 6th May

Delamere Community Centre 

7.15pm - Quiz starts at 7.45pm

Quiz Master Steve Lacey

Tickets £4 per person

Prizes & Raffle

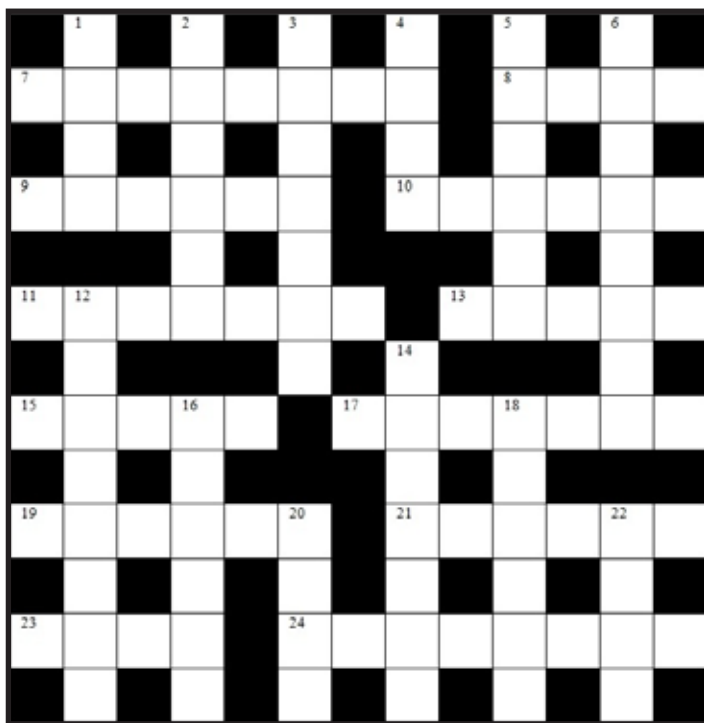
Tickets from Steve Lacey

01270 780777

steve@slamonline.co.uk

MARCH QUIZ

1. March has 2 birthstones; one is aquamarine but what is the other?
2. Who was known as the March King?
3. And his Liberty Bell March was used as the theme tune for which iconic TV programme?
4. In which county is the market town of March?
5. In which book are the March sisters the main characters?
6. From which town did unemployed shipyard workers march to London in 1936?
7. From which opera does the March of the Toreadors come?
8. According to the poem by Lorie Hill, March roars in like a lion and goes out like what?
9. Fredric March won two Oscars for best actor – but for which films?
10. In which book does the March Hare enjoy a Tea Party?



Across

7. Final one friend after the United Lodge of Theosophists (8)
8. Points of current interest (4)
9. Severe mixed up critters lost queen (6)
10. Rebel about what makes electricity charge (6)
11. Wonderful or total sounding (7)
13. Risk initially removed, leaving strong emotion (5)
15. Hesitate to undulate on river (5)
17. Competition with Italian exam (7)
19. Concerning French green, go back to how it was (6)
21. German article follows man, I hear, may in pursuit of the Ark (6)
23. Fish turns into peaked hat (4)
24. Looks out south first, for samples (8)

Down

1. Plan quiet destiny (4)
2. Restricts boundaries (6)
3. Scrap tempo for this rhythmic music (7)
4. Soft on ear, fruit sounds like couple (4)
5. International organisation initially fair but becomes rough (6)
6. Pullovers lose top mark, replaced by learner, but wearer's still too hot (8)
Which always! Teenage response (8)
12. Publication included "Adjourn all proceedings!" (7)
14. Whether or not smooth intermediate frequency is abbreviated... ..after tea
16. Tabitha goes to tick off rare birds (6)
20. To throw up on steamship (4)
22. It sounds like I had looked (4)



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Adult social care gateway team	0300 123 7034
Benefits	0300 123 7021
Blue badges	0300 123 7040
Building control	0300 123 7027
Business rates	0300 123 7023
Children's Services	0300 123 8123
Cemeteries and crematoria	01244 977381
Charisma card	0300 123 7044
Concessionary travel	0300 123 7025
Council and democracy	0300 123 7028
Council tax	0300 123 7022
Environmental health (including pest control)	0300 123 7038
Fraud hotline	0300 123 7030
HELP (Local welfare assistance)	0300 123 7065
Highways	0300 123 7036
Housing solutions advice line	0300 123 2442
Parish council hotline	0300 123 7049
Parking (general enquiries)	0300 123 7024
Payments	0300 123 7029
Planning and building control	0300 123 7027
Press and media enquiries	01244 972216
Registration of births, marriages and deaths	0300 123 7037
Schools and free school meals	0300 123 7039
Streetscene	0300 123 7026
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