



## Young CPRA residents enjoyed face painting by Alexandra Segrave at CPRA Family Fun Day

### COMMUNITY & SOCIAL

#### August Bank Holiday Family Fun Day

CPRA August Bank Holiday family fun event attracted more than 100 residents this year from all ages, and was greatly enjoyed by everyone. We raised over £100 for Association funds.



*CPRA youngsters in training for the 2012 Olympics – prizes were awarded to the winners.*

#### October Quiz Night – 24<sup>th</sup> October

After our highly successful supper and quiz night in February, we will be holding a similar event, again at the Bear & Billet, Lower Bridge Street, on the evening of Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> October, starting at 7.30 pm. Teams are picked on the night, so don't be afraid to come on your own, and in any case be prepared to find yourself matched up with contestants even more ignorant than you are! Tickets are limited to 36, are £10 to cover both meal and quiz, and available from Jim Shapton (tel: 678209 or [socials@cpraonline.org](mailto:socials@cpraonline.org)).

#### November Theatre Trip – 7<sup>th</sup> November

Our day trip to Salford Quays on 7<sup>th</sup> November, to include the afternoon matinée of Mrs Warren's Profession by George Bernard Shaw, has proved so popular that at the time of going to press only 5 of the original 50 places remain unsold. If you are interested, tickets are £32 each (for coach and theatre), please contact Andrea Segrave (tel: 679496) or Rita Shaw (tel: 678109).

*Welcome to the latest edition of the CPRA Newsletter.*

*I believe the association is making a real difference to both the community spirit and the environment of the area, as the reports below show. Some of you may not yet have participated in our various activities – please try to do so, or even suggest other possibilities. The provision and dissemination of information useful to residents is of extreme importance also, to which end much time and effort is given to this newsletter and the website. Please keep the information coming so that we may pass it on.*

Chris Pilsbury, Chairman

## **CPRA Walking Group**

Everyone is welcome. Refreshments after the walks are optional. Car-sharing is arranged where appropriate. Our future outings are:

### **Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> November Saltney Ferry /River Dee**

Meet at the Green at the top of Mount Pleasant at 10.30am. The walk will take us along the banks of the River Dee to Saltney Ferry Bridge, and we will return along the opposite bank. There will be a chance to stop for refreshments at Telfords Warehouse. It is easy level walking and will take about 2 hours (not including the refreshments). For further information contact, Janet Ashbrooke (tel: 683970 or: [ashbrookejanet@hotmail.com](mailto:ashbrookejanet@hotmail.com) )

### **Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> December Delamere Forest**

Get out for some fresh air after all that food and TV watching. Meet at Delamere Station at 10.30am. For those inclined to take the train, the 10.07 Manchester service from Chester will get you there. Refreshments after the walk will be at the Goshawk, Mouldsworth, also reachable with your train ticket. Contact: Jenny Plunkett (tel: 683814 or: [walking@cpraonline.org](mailto:walking@cpraonline.org))

### **Trick or Treat – Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> October**

This year Hallowe'en falls at the weekend. Whilst we appreciate that not everyone wants to join in with this custom, if you would like a visit from local families demanding a trick or treat (suitably disguised, of course!) please display a lit pumpkin lantern or any lamp on the outside of curtains or blinds and so it is visible from the pavement. This will indicate that you are prepared to join in and have some nice treats in store for your young visitors.

## **Carols at Christmas – 22<sup>nd</sup> December**

'Away in a Manger'...'Silent Night'...'Oh little town of Bethlehem'...

Everyone enjoys Carols at Christmas and this year we are planning to sing Carols on the Green (Greensway/Northway) on Tuesday 22nd December from 6pm. This will be a magical occasion for all the family to join in. Lanterns and torches will add to the atmosphere as will a warming fire to stand around. We are hoping that all you musicians will bring your instruments to accompany the singers and to finish we will be offering mince pies, roasted chestnuts and mulled wine. Make a note in your diary NOW.

## **HIGHWAYS & OPEN SPACES**

### **Lamp Post Maintenance**

All lamp posts are now the responsibility of the 'new' authority (including those in Dingle Bank), numbered and administered via Highways at Guilden Sutton. The entrance to the area has been enhanced by some repainting where lichen has been removed and *delicious* shiny black paint applied.

### **The leaves are about to fall in CP...**

We have liaised with the Council and 'cleansing' (i.e. road sweeping) in relation to leaves will take place on Fridays. We are advised that additional manpower will be provided when the leaves become particularly bad. We discussed the possibility of using cones (in parking bays) on the highway in order to do a 'thorough' job uninhibited by parked cars, and we are advised that this may be possible and implemented.

The Council have requested that Curzon Park residents who sweep the leaves outside their properties should leave the piles on the edge of the verge/roadside for collection, and avoid causing obstruction on either the road or the footway (which could be inherently dangerous to pedestrians).

Residents should also be aware that the mechanical sweeper may be called away from Curzon Park at any time to attend such incidents as Road Traffic Accidents and spillage clean ups etc.

### Wheelie Bins

A resident who recently had a hip operation has had trouble negotiating the new wheelie bins on the footway and confirms that this might affect others who are partially sighted, parents with pushchairs, etc. Barry Davies, Council Officer (Waste Management) will be asking contractors to replace bins (after emptying) on the edge of drives *within* the boundary of properties, and will be carrying out spot checks to ensure this is happening. Residents are requested to leave their bins either at the edge of their properties (within the boundary) or, if this is not convenient, on the grass verge, but not on the footpath.



Additionally, **overhanging vegetation** and overgrown hedges can be a real hazard for our neighbours.

### Catch The Buzz & Keep The Bus



A new *dee bee* service (DB2) has been introduced with an extended, new, easy-access service and revised timetable, through Curzon Park to and from the City Centre. The new timetable appears on the CPRA website or Tel 0871 200 22 33 for a timetable – a large print version is also available.



### Parking in Curzon Park

Residents continue to contact us regarding parking regulations and vehicle driver behaviour, so we recently met with Cllr Richard Short to discuss how we might best put forward proposals for improving the situation around Curzon Park. Richard gave us useful advice and we will be pursuing some thoughtful ideas that have been put to us by residents over the autumn and winter months.

### CPRA WEBSITE RELAUNCHED

We are pleased to report that we have re-launched our website and have it in a form that will enable us to keep it regularly updated. The aim is to include information on all the issues with which the Association is currently concerned and full details of our forthcoming social and other activities. General information of interest to residents, such as local history, the conservation area, and the local bus service will be permanent features. Please visit [www.cpraonline.org](http://www.cpraonline.org) to view the current content and, if you have any suggestions for additional material to be included, please email your suggestions to: [webmaster2@cpraonline.org](mailto:webmaster2@cpraonline.org) or contact Jim Shapton (tel: 678209).

### RACE COURSE EVENTS

Future events scheduled to take place at the Roodee are:

- Monday 26<sup>th</sup> & Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> October  
Circus Star.
- Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> November  
Lions Fireworks

### GARDENING SOCIETY

The suggestion of a CPRA Gardening Society has come to the attention of the Management Committee and we would like to understand the interest before forming this organisation. The purpose of a gardening society would be to share gardening tips and trade cuttings as well as purchasing gardening supplies in large quantities, thus enabling substantial financial savings for all involved. If you are interested in joining CPRA Gardening Society, please contact Chris Pilsbury (tel: 678076).

## COMMUNITY SAFETY

The next **Police Community Action Meeting** is on **Wednesday 11th November 2009** at 7.30pm at Chester Golf Club.

In the meantime, PCSO Christopher Fox is introducing Police Surgeries for Westminster and Curzon Park residents. These will take place once every three weeks at the Golf Club House in Westminster Park. The surgery will be an opportunity for residents to bring current issues or concerns to his attention, as he is conscious there is a lengthy gap between Community Action Meetings.

The surgeries will take place on the following Saturday Mornings between 10.30am to 11.30am and the dates for the next 4 months are:

- 24th October
- 14th November
- 5th December
- 16th January 2010

After a house burglary the Police provide security advice and complete a pack with residents, giving recommendations how they can improve their house security. PCSO Fox would like to offer this service to all residents who want house security advice.

This service would be by appointment and residents are asked to leave PCSO Fox a message, either via his email address [Christopher.Fox21087@cheshire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:Christopher.Fox21087@cheshire.pnn.police.uk) or on the Chester Outer Voicemail (0845 458 6375) for his attention, leaving their name and number. He will then contact you to arrange an appointment.

Remember to report **all** incidents to the Police, including minor ones. It would be helpful if you could also inform Liz Neeves, as she is keeping a record of incidents (tel:679888 or [communitysafety@cpraonline.org](mailto:communitysafety@cpraonline.org)).

## NOTICE BOARD

In future editions of this newsletter, we plan – space permitting – to reserve half a page or so for notices submitted by members or others, relating to forthcoming events or other matters that would be of interest to Curzon Park residents generally, including offers of unwanted goods. We will not confine it to happenings within the boundaries of Curzon Park, but would, for instance, include news of developments in Westminster Park. It is not intended for commercial advertising (except an occasional garage sale or the like), nor as space for other organisations to promote themselves on a regular basis. If you would like to place a notice in a future newsletter, please email your suggestions to [noticeboard@cpraonline.org](mailto:noticeboard@cpraonline.org).

### USEFUL CONTACT DETAILS

Police [www.cheshire.police.uk](http://www.cheshire.police.uk)

Community Action Team 0845 458 6375  
[Voicemail]  
[chester.outer.npt@cheshire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:chester.outer.npt@cheshire.pnn.police.uk)

Crime/Incident Reporting  
[Non-Emergency] 0845 458 0000  
Emergency [inc culprits at the scene] 999

Cheshire West and Chester Council  
[www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk](http://www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk)

General enquiries 0300 123 8 123  
[enquiries@cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk](mailto:enquiries@cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk)

Waste Collection 0300 123 7026  
[chester.waste@cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk](mailto:chester.waste@cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk)

Litter, dog fouling or graffiti 01244 402477

This newsletter is brought to you by funds raised by the CPRA Community and Social Working Group and donations offered by CPRA members. If you are not a member of the Association, we hope you will consider joining us - contact Liz Neeves on 679888 or email [secretary@cpraonline.org](mailto:secretary@cpraonline.org) for a membership form or visit our website [www.cpraonline.org](http://www.cpraonline.org).