



Join us on Tuesday, 7<sup>th</sup> June for a Thomas Harrison Achitectural Walk including the Grosvenor Bridge

## **A busy Spring for CPRA including:**

**Royal Wedding Party plans for 29<sup>th</sup> April**

**AGM and Landscape Architecture/Urban Design presentation on 16<sup>th</sup> May**

**Thomas Harrison Architectural walk on 7<sup>th</sup> June**

**The First CPRA Dinner on 30<sup>th</sup> June**

### **COMMUNITY & SOCIAL**

#### **ROYAL WEDDING STREET PARTY**

Join us on the Green (Northway/Greensway) 4:00-6:00pm on 29<sup>th</sup> April for afternoon tea of sandwiches and cakes with tea, coffee and soft drinks, **free of charge**, thanks to the successful grant application from CWAC. There will be a licensed bar, live music from a highly entertaining professional duo, a raffle, prizes for children aged 10 and under for the best home-made tiara (girls) and crown (boys), and a wedding card-making competition for all children.

If you would like to come along you **must** be in possession of a (free) ticket **obtained in advance** from either Andrea Segrave (Tel: 679496) or Jane Mercer (Tel: 682128). Numbers are necessarily limited, and priority given to CPRA members and their guests staying with them. Please apply no later than 16<sup>th</sup> April. Any remaining tickets will be available to other residents after that date.



## NOTICE

**Annual General Meeting of the Curzon Park Residents' Association  
to be held at St Mark's Church Hall, St. Mark's Road, Chester  
at 7.30pm on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2011**

### AGENDA

1. Report on the Association's activities since 1<sup>st</sup> April 2010.
2. Presentation of the Association's Accounts for the 12 months ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2011.
3. For the new Management Committee 2010-11\*, the election of:
  - (i) Chair - Geoff Brown offers himself for re-election.
  - (ii) Treasurer - Alison Booth offers herself for re-election.
  - (iii) No fewer than two, nor more than six, ordinary members.
  - (iv) Secretary - Liz Neeves offers herself for re-election.
4. Questions and comments from the floor

There will be an opportunity to discuss the issue of verge and pavement parking at the end of the meeting.

\* *NOTE:* The Association's constitution requires that all Management Committee members stand down at each AGM and that all 9 seats are subject to election. Of the 6 vacancies for ordinary members, one is required to be reserved for residents of each of three geographical "constituencies" plus a fourth for a member who is under 39 years of age at date of election. In common with other retiring members of the management committee who have served three terms, Liz Neeves is eligible for re-election only if there are otherwise insufficient nominees to make up a committee of six or more.

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### **Managing Townscape Change for better or worse?**

Following the formal part of the AGM, **Martin Band, Landscape Architect and Urban Designer** [and resident of Curzon Park] will give a brief introduction to the profession of Landscape Architecture/Urban Design and how practitioners influence changes in towns and cities. His talk will be illustrated with project examples both local to Chester and also from overseas, concluding with a current project of significance to Chester, the St. Werburgh Street / Cathedral Gardens' proposals.

#### **WALKING GROUP**

Monthly walks continue during the spring and summer – the next 3 walks are:

##### **Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> May. Bunbury**

Meet at 10:30am outside St Boniface Church Bunbury. A flat circular walk, crossing fields with views of the Sandstone Trail, joining the canal at Beeston Lock, and returning through quiet country lanes to the excellent Dysart Arms in Bunbury (about 2 hours).

##### **Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> June. Chester City**

Meet at 7pm outside Chester Golf Club. Peter Bingham will take us on an easy stroll

to celebrate Georgian Architect of Chester Thomas Harrison (1744 – 1829), who left a fine legacy of buildings and structures in Chester including his Grosvenor Bridge and the Castle. After looking at some of his work in the city centre we will finish at the Commercial Hotel, also designed by Harrison.

##### **Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> July. Moel Famau**

Meet at 10:30am at the higher car park (Bwlch Pen Barras.) The walk is on a generally steady gradient with some steeper stretches towards the summit, but should be OK for the moderately fit. It will take about an hour to the top and less to come back down! On a good day the views are superb.

More details are available on our website, or for further information contact Jenny Plunkett on Tel: 683814. Everyone welcome!

**MID SUMMER DINNER**

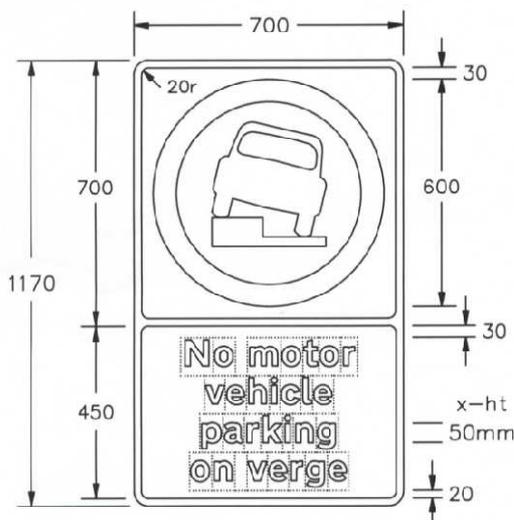
CPRA’s first members’ dinner will be held at Chester Golf Club on **Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> June** at 7:30pm for 8pm. In addition to the renowned cuisine, this venue is hard to beat for its outlook on a summer’s evening. Tickets are £20 for two courses plus coffee and can be obtained from Rita Shaw (Tel: 678109) or Melody Reynolds (Tel: 680036), no later than Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> June.

**HIGHWAYS & OPEN SPACES**

**PARKING ON VERGES & PAVEMENTS**

One concern that has been continually raised has been the obstruction of pavements and damage to grass verges caused by vehicles parking wholly or partially off the roadway. Such behaviour by motorists is already illegal in some parts of our neighbourhood, but the current signs show a minimal level of fine and there is no enforcement

The government has recently authorised local councils to erect a new, more prominent form of street sign designating areas where such parking behaviour constitutes an offence – as per below:



There is a corresponding sign showing the end of the prohibition zone. Knowing the level of concern among local residents, one of our councillors has suggested that CPRA

might wish to approach the Council to have the whole of Curzon Park (with the possible exception of Mount Pleasant) designated for this purpose, with an enforcement campaign to follow.

We know that some residents feel that in their roads, stopping people from parking on verges and pavements will lead to obstruction of the roadway and greater difficulty in moving in and out of their own drives albeit, of course, that obstructing the highway is a separate criminal offence in any event.

There is potential to have some parts of Curzon Park, such as Curzon Park North, Curzon Park South and Earlsway, where obstruction is less of an issue, designated as areas where verge and pavement parking is an offence, but the effect will be to make it legal elsewhere. It will also lead to a proliferation of signs showing where the prohibition zone begins and ends.

The CPRA Management Committee does not feel it has a mandate to take any particular line with the Council over this issue, but if it does not put forward a balanced view on behalf of residents, the Council will make its own decision based on its need to protect verges, and particularly pavements, from damage that will have to be made good at public expense. Please let us have your views, either by telephoning or emailing Andrea Segrave (Tel: 679496, [openspaces@cpraonline.org](mailto:openspaces@cpraonline.org)) or by attending our AGM at which we intend to allow some time for discussion of the issue.

**£3m EXTRA CASH - POTHOLE REPAIRS**

The Council has introduced a new reporting system. To report a problem, visit the Council’s website: [www.cheshirewestandcheshire.gov.uk](http://www.cheshirewestandcheshire.gov.uk) and select ‘Your Services’, then ‘Report It’ and then ‘Highways Fault Reporting’. Alternatively, call 0300 123 8123 (option 5 for Highways) and ensure you are given a reference number. This information is available on the CPRA website.

**BULB PLANTING**

The Highways Superintendent apologies for the contractors action in an early mowing of the grass verges which took out some of the

crocus we had planted, just as they were appearing on the surface. Prior to this we had requested that the verges were not cut for two consecutive mowings and a strip be left to enable the bluebells to establish.

### **CYCLING ISSUES**

Views have been given to Cheshire West and Chester Council on cycling routes into the city centre, and the first phase construction of a Toucan Crossing on Hough Green has now started. We are pleased that the Council listened to us and agreed to save two Lime trees that they had planned to fell, but as yet no response has been received regarding route signage from the crossing into the city centre. We continue to press for an answer.



### **MOUNT PLEASANT GARDEN WASTE**

We have liaised with the Council to provide bins for those wishing to avail themselves of the above. Pat Davies has approached residents and is formulating a list for onward transmission. If you have not signed up and want one, then get in touch with Pat on Tel: 680368.

### **CHESTER RACECOURSE CONCERT**

A rock concert is planned on the weekend of 2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> July on the Racecourse. Further details are available from Chester Racecourse (Tel: 304602) or on

[www.chester-rocks.com](http://www.chester-rocks.com). We are currently in contact with the Police and the Racecourse concerning the noise levels and potential parking problems resulting from the event.

### **NOVEMBER PARKING PROBLEMS**

In discussions with PCSO Christopher Fox, he has agreed to consider for 2011 the use of cones in some areas of Curzon Park to alleviate the parking problems encountered by residents during the firework display on the Racecourse last year.

### **DB2 BUS SERVICE**

Discussions are on-going with GHA Coaches Limited. The purpose is to adequately maintain and improve, where possible, the existing service. In the meantime, residents should be aware of potential disruption due to ongoing road works within the route.

### **COMMUNITY SAFETY**

At the recent Police Community Action meeting, parking problems caused by the Fireworks Display in November were discussed – see article above. The Police are also to look at the regular parking problem in Selkirk Drive which creates a hazard for drivers approaching the junction with Hough Green.

Police Surgeries will be 10.30 – 11.30am at the Golf Club House / Café in Westminster Park on:

Wed 27 <sup>th</sup> April	Sat 14 <sup>th</sup> May
Wed 1 <sup>st</sup> June	Wed 6 <sup>th</sup> July
Sat 23 <sup>rd</sup> July	Wed 10 <sup>th</sup> August

### **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 [including culprits at the scene] 999  
 Cheshire West and Chester Council  
[www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk](http://www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk)  
 General enquiries 0300 123 8123  
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