



CPRA Diamond Jubilee Garden Party – (For more pictures visit www.cpraonline.org)

A message from Geoff Brown CPRA Chairman:

The past few months have proved to be a very busy and eventful time for the Association, with the AGM, the Diamond Jubilee event and the CPRA Annual Dinner coming together. These events were all well organised and well supported. This success is in large measure due to those who worked on the day and in the preceding months planning and preparing. On behalf of all the Association members we offer them our congratulations and thanks.

Events such as these are an asset to our community. There are many opportunities where members could be more involved in these events. If you are interested in exploring how you could contribute to the success of future events, please contact the committee via the details on this newsletter. On behalf of the Management Committee we would like to offer our particular thanks to Jim Shapton who has led the Social events Working Group with commitment, diligence and skill and is now stepping down from that particular role.

COMMUNITY & SOCIAL

To celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee we managed, on Monday 4 June, to turn the Green into something resembling a scene from Midsommer Murders – albeit without

bodies other than the 300 or so live ones lucky enough to secure tickets. In spite of contrary expectations, the sun shone and the day was warm. Gazebos stood tall, bunting flapped; tea, beer, wine, and assorted other liquids flowed, cakes scones, and ice creams were scooped, races run, children carried on ponies, faces painted, raffle prizes drawn, crowns fitted to young heads, the band played, and PCSO Fox turned up with a prison van, handcuffs at the ready (just for inspection, of course). To top it all, a magnificent celebration cake was shared out and proved more than enough for the assembled throng.

The nine members of the organising group are very grateful to have received so many expressions of appreciation. The Committee would also like to acknowledge the contributions of those other members who helped on the day, made voluntary donations to our funds, or provided delicious home-made cakes and scones at their own expense, making it a real community effort. We must also gratefully acknowledge financial help from CWAC via Councillors' budgets (£250), and from the Westminster Foundation (£100).

The second event of the month was our Dinner at Chester Golf Club, on Wednesday 20th. Again this event was well supported,

and proved as popular as last year's experiment, so establishing itself as a likely annual fixture for the future. A highlight of the evening was the grand raffle, with exceptional prizes donated by local businesses. It's only right that we acknowledge their generosity here and encourage you in turn to support them whenever you can.

Handbridge Interiors – an interior designer specializing in modern - country house interiors. Anne provides advice and supply of upholstery, loose covers, curtains, lighting and wallpaper. Tel. Anne Everitt on 01352 762133 / Mob 07914 012488. Local customers and references supplied.

Ocean Bathrooms (Saltney) – family company offering bathrooms, wet rooms and tiles. Complete design and installation experts. Tel. 677875 / www.oceansbathrooms.co.uk

Passion Flowers (Saltney) – friendly family run business with almost daily delivery of high quality Dutch flowers. Free local delivery if you spend £25 (Tel. 677888).

W Edge & Sons Butchers, Handbridge – owned for three generations by the Edge family, Bruce and his team offer excellent service and produce of the highest quality at this award winning butcher. Tel: 675156

DeliKate - Handbridge. Ideal for home cooked food when time is precious. Parties, occasions, events all catered for. Tel: 677112 / www.delikate.com

Saltney Auto Supplies (Car parts & Accessories) – a family run business open seven days a week. Danny is a skilled vehicle mechanic and former AA patrolman offering expert advice. Tel: 671951 / www.saltneyautosupplies.co.uk

LawnQuest – Antony runs a small business offering a personalized professional lawn care service – from £14. He currently works for a number of residents in the area tending their lawns. Tel: 0151 355 7696 / www.lawnquest.co.uk

Eden's of Handbridge – buy locally sourced fruit and veg wherever possible. For busy people and convenience, consider their veg/fruit box. Kevin says he will tailor fruit and veg to individual needs and deliver it to your front door. Tel: 675122 / www.edensofhandbridge.co.uk

Bunting Queen – new to Handbridge selling Annie Sloan Chalk Paint (currently running workshops to transform your furniture) also giftware, cards and bunting for all occasions - weddings, childrens birthdays etc.

Call Lucy on 680827 / Mob: 07882 190040
www.BuntingQueen.co.uk



It's particularly pleasing to report that as well as furthering our principal aim of developing a community spirit in Curzon Park, the two June events raised in excess of £1000 for Association funds. This is enough to meet the cost of our newsletters, insurance, and other expenses, well into 2013. Thank you again, to all who contributed financially either through participation or donation.



The Community and Social Working Group needs some fresh faces and fresh minds. If you are interested in helping and would like to know what might be involved, please call Andrea Segrave (679496) or Geoff Brown (682020).



WALKING GROUP

The next walks planned (additional details on our website) are as follows:

Sunday August 5th - Parkgate. Meet at The Old Baths car park off Boathouse Lane, Parkgate. at 10.30 am. This is a pleasant generally flat ramble beside the Dee

estuary, with bird-watching opportunities, returning along quiet tracks and lanes to Old Parkgate.

Saturday 8th September – Whitford. A gently undulating walk offering fabulous views of Liverpool Bay, the Dee Estuary, and across Cheshire to the Pennine foothills. It will also take in the Pharos (lighthouse), built by the Romans as a navigation aid. Meet at Whitford village centre at 10.45 a.m.

Walks planned for the rest of the year are:

Saturday 6th October – Loggerheads

Saturday 3rd November - East bank of the Mersey (Liverpool Pier Head to Otterspool Park)

Saturday 1 December - A circuit around the outside of Chester Centre.

Contact Jenny Plunkett

(walking@cpraonline.org Tel: 683814) for further information and car sharing. All are welcome, both residents and visitors. Refreshment stops are optional.

COMMUNITY & SAFETY

Update from PCSO Fox:

On 29th May the Olympic Torch came to Chester, attracting people from all over the area. Residents of Curzon Park expressed concern that Curzon Park could be used as a car park for the event. As a result of these concerns, the Council Wardens and I ensured we were in attendance around the location to prevent illegal or anti social parking. 'No waiting' cones were placed out on Curzon Park North and South ensuring that there was a passing clearway for motorists on both roads. Advice was also issued to motorists on how to park their vehicles legally and socially. One parking ticket was issued to a motorist parked on double yellow lines on Curzon Park North but in general there were few parking issues as our actions proved successful. I will also look to carry out similar actions when the Roodee Bonfire event occurs to ensure that problems don't occur at this event either.

If you do not currently receive the 'CPRA Online' security emails, you can register your email address on the CPRA website

www.cpra.online.org by completing a membership form.

CPRA Community Safety contact: Liz Neeves communitysafety@cpraonline.org or Tel 679888.

Important Message from PCSO Fox

As a result of recent incidents in the area, residents are advised to take even greater care than normal with their security. Ensure all doors to your property and vehicles are locked at all times, alarms set and car keys not kept in visible locations. If you see anything suspicious, please let the Police know immediately on **101**, the Police non-emergency number.

HIGHWAYS & OPEN SPACES

GRASS CUTTING

We are in contact with our local councillors about the poor quality of grass cutting. **The weather has been partly responsible but there are also issues around the quality and frequency of cut eg the green on Greensway/Northway where members of CPRA had to cut the grass with their own domestic mowers prior to the Jubilee Event. However, we understand these quality issues are going to be addressed with future cuts but we will continue to monitor this.**

CHESTER ROCKS

We are currently awaiting analysis from CW&C Environment Team monitoring noise output and will report our findings in the next Newsletter.

For non-computer users, you may wish to forward resident feedback on the event to Mr. Bob Gill, 4 Curzon Park North.

VERGE DAMAGE EARLSWAY

A resident who had witnessed a commercial van demolish the verge requested that the Association seek reinstatement. Fortunately, the company, after prompting, were true to their word, "*we seek to lead the industry by instilling pride in our people creating value for our stakeholders and sharing responsibility for our world*", addressed their responsibilities and made arrangements for the verge to be re-turfed.

HOGWEED SPRAYING

Gary Hulmes (Street Scene Supervisor) thanks residents for allowing his team to enter their properties to spray the Hogweed. He reports that the plants have greatly decreased this year owing to spraying on a yearly basis. He offers to repeat this exercise if residents wish him to do so.

PARKING SERVICES

After a disappointing meeting with the interim head of the department, we were left with no alternative but to call a meeting with our Councillors to stress that we do not receive an acceptable level of service in Curzon Park and Mount Pleasant where single and double lines exist. We are now noticing a great improvement (thanks to their support), you may wish to consider completing an on-line form (see how below) or writing to Solutions Team, 4th Floor, HQ, Nicholas Street, Chester, CH1 2NP to report any infringements yourself. Doing so will hopefully reinforce our requirement for continued 'service' in the area and will help control illegal, dangerous and antisocial parking. We have, again, requested 'no parking on verges/footway signs', but have received a response from Parking Services stating that 'we do not have a problem with verge parking in the area'.

TO REPORT INFRINGEMENTS:-

Go on to the CW&C website and use their on-line form. Click 'contact us', Click A-Z of Council Services. Then select 'Parking'. Click 'Report Parking issues on-line' and complete form. Please make sure to have sufficient information - date and time of infringement, road and house number location, perceived contravention e.g. parking on double lines etc., your contact details - you do not need to speak to the vehicle owner in preparing the report so it is, and remains, confidential.



More pictures from the Diamond Jubilee Event can be found on the CPRA website.



USEFUL CONTACT DETAILS

Police www.cheshire.police.uk
Community Action Team 0845 458 6375
chester.outer.npt@cheshire.pnn.police.uk

Crime/Incident Reporting
Non-Emergency [new number] 101
Emergency [including culprits at the scene] 999

Cheshire West and Chester Council
www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk

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General enquiries 0300 123 8123
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Waste Collection, Litter 0300 123 7026
chester.waste@cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk