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## **COMMUNITY & SOCIAL**

FUN DAYS ON THE GREEN.....QUIZ EVENINGS....  
THEATRE TRIPS.....LOCAL WALKS.....LUNCHESES...  
DINNERS....are some of the events CPRA has held since its formation in 2008. Members of the Social Working Group have enjoyed co-ordinating these events but feel the working group would be enhanced by some new ideas.

As a resident, have you enjoyed these events? Do you want more events like these? Or do you think we should be organising something different? Could you help in any way - ideas, skills, resources? Or would you just like to get to know more people in your community?

If you are interested in joining a very sociable 'Social Working Group' (or just assisting at some events) we are meeting for a light lunch at Chester Golf Club at **12.30 pm on Thursday 7 March** to discuss the way forward. Contact either Andrea Segrave 679496 or Jane Mercer 682128 or email [cpraonline@gmail.com](mailto:cpraonline@gmail.com) if you would like to join us for lunch or, if unavailable on that day, have ideas and would like to help with future events.

## **CAROLS ON THE GREEN**

It was with great regret that the Christmas Carols on the Green were cancelled, however, it was the only sensible option, as the grass was water logged due to the excessive rainfall in December and hope this didn't inconvenience anyone too much. Thank you so much for the kind offers of baking mince pies and help on the evening.

We are planning a bigger and better 'Christmas Carols on the Green' for this December. We have already booked a brass band and arranged a date for Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> December. Make an entry in your diaries!

## **WALKING GROUP**

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

### **Saturday 2nd February. A circuit around Christleton**

Meet in the car park at the Ring O' Bells Pub (centre of village) at **10.30 am**.

The walk is along the canal towpath and across fields, all flat, easy walking. It will take about one and a half hours.

Refreshments are available at the pub on return for those who would like them.

### **Saturday 2nd March. Bunbury**

Meet outside St Boniface church Bunbury at **10.30 am**. This is a flat circular walk crossing fields with views of the Sandstone trail and joining the canal at Beeston lock. We then return through some quiet country lanes.

The walk takes about 2 hours and there are a few stiles. The Dysart Arms in Bunbury is a lovely pub for anyone who wants refreshments afterwards.

Directions: Take the A51 from Chester towards Nantwich. Turn right in Alraham. As you drive into Bunbury, park by the green in front of the church.

### **Saturday 6th April. Eccleston to Aldford**

Meet at Eccleston ferry car park at **11.30 am**. This walk follows the river bank and then crosses fields to reach The Grosvenor Arms at Aldford.

There is one set of steps but otherwise the path is fairly easy although it can be muddy. It takes about one hour to walk in each direction.

Directions: Drive through Eccleston and follow the road down to the river.

Contact Jenny Plunkett [walking@cpraonline.org](mailto:walking@cpraonline.org) Tel 683814 for further information and car sharing. All are welcome both residents and visitors. Refreshment stops are optional.

## **HIGHWAYS & OPEN SPACES**

### **AUTUMN LEAVES**

#### ***"Now you see them - Now you don't"***

Congratulations are due to 'Streetscene' for an excellent performance on the very efficient clearance of leaves from grass verges and footways in the area. We have received many complimentary comments from 'long-standing' residents who rated the Autumn Leaves clearance the best ever!

## GRASS VERGES

"Oh Dear, Oh Dear"! From the sublime comment above, to the really awful state of some of our grass verges, due mostly to the "couldn't care less" attitude and behaviour of delivery and contractors' vehicles to properties in Curzon Park. For many years, the grass verges (some manicured privately) have been one of the main attractive features of the area. Of course, the inclement weather has exacerbated the problem, but perhaps residents who are expecting deliveries or contractors' vehicles could request drivers to respect the verges where possible, particularly in wet conditions. (see report CPRA Newsletter Issue 18, July 2012).

## YELLOW LINES CPS

Completion of the Yellow Line Parking Restriction in Curzon Park South is still not fully resolved due to parked cars prohibiting the completion of the work.

We are keeping up the pressure with the council who explained that there had been a delay in the appointment of a road-lining contractor by the new Term Contractor.

## TREES

We understand that 'Streetscene' are now responsible for the care, maintenance and replacement of trees in the area. Once we have established, (through the Tree Officer) the specimen of any tree that should be replaced, then we can proceed with an application to the Council to carry out this replacement.



## FOOTBRIDGE OVER THE DEE

We were informed by Councillor Neil Sullivan, that the opening of the new footbridge adjacent to the railway bridge (Golf Club location) had been delayed until mid-January, due to additional work to strengthen the pedestrian barriers for greater safety and security. (No mention of a Champagne Opening Ceremony!)

Unfortunately this has been further delayed by an embankment slip affecting the embankment and ramped path on the CP side. The Council are working with Network Rail to resolve this as soon as possible.

## RESIDENT GIVEN BRITISH EMPIRE MEDAL IN NEW YEAR'S HONOURS

Congratulations to Beryl Duggan of Argyll Avenue on being awarded the British Empire Medal (BEM) in the New Year's Honours. Beryl was recognised for setting up a helpline and fundraising for the British Retinitis Pigmentosa Society, which funds research into inherited diseases, which cause blindness. She first became involved with the Society in 1976 because her son Chris had been born blind due to retinitis pigmentosa.

Beryl also runs a craft club for visually impaired people

at Hoole United Reform Church every other Wednesday, takes groups of blind people on holiday to the Lake District and takes part in street collections along with her son and husband Jim. 37 years' voluntary work is an amazing achievement. Once again, congratulations Beryl, and all the best as you recover from your knee-replacement operation.

## ARE YOU A MEMBER OF CPRA?

Membership is **free** but donations enable us to print this newsletter and have insurance cover for our events, etc. You can register online at [www.CPRAonline.org](http://www.CPRAonline.org) or you can request a membership form **and make a donation** by contacting Sian Paul, Membership Secretary, on 683322.

## COMMUNITY & SAFETY

### BIKE REGISTER



To register your bike(s), email PCSO Fox at [christopher.fox@cheshire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:christopher.fox@cheshire.pnn.police.uk) or leave a message for him through 101. He will contact you to arrange a visit to your home when he will give you some security advice and take the details of your bike(s) for registration on the database.

CPRA Community Safety contact: Liz Neeves [communitysafety@cpaonline.org](mailto:communitysafety@cpaonline.org) or Tel 07759477750.

### Update from PCSO Fox:

After a increase in reports of thefts around Curzon Park during late December / early January, I am pleased to be able to report that a male has been arrested and charged for a burglary offence on 11th January in Curzon Park. In a number of the reported incidents, the doors of residences were left unlocked. I strongly advise that all residents ensure their house doors, garage doors, shed doors and car doors are locked even when they are in the property. If you see anything suspicious, you should let the Police know and we will ensure that it is checked. Obviously, if necessary, call 999 but if the call is not urgent, call the non-emergency number 101.

Local Councillors and myself carry out Surgeries on the first Saturday of every month. These take place on Chester Street outside the Post Office between 09.00 and 10.15 and outside Westminster Park Shops between 10.30 and 11.45. Please come along if you have any local Council or Police issues that you would like addressing.

The next Police Meeting is scheduled for 10th June at Chester Golf Club at 19.00 hours.

Many Thanks

Chris Fox  
Local Officer for Curzon Park