



CPRA Walking Group 2013. For more pictures of Curzon Park, visit the website at www.cpraonline.org

COMMUNITY & SOCIAL

GLAN ABER TENNIS CLUB

The club continues to thrive and we are looking forward to some warm spring weather. The coaching programme runs throughout the year with minor interruptions for snow and flooding which was a slight problem this winter!

Claire will be retiring as Head Coach in April 2013 after 15 years at the Club. We are pleased that she will remain a member and continue to captain our Ladies A team.

There will also be weekly ladies' sessions on Mondays and mixed sessions on Fridays from 10.00-12.00 noon commencing 22nd April. Cost for members is £10 or non-members £12. There are also adult and junior courses starting too with details on request.

For further information, please contact Jo on 07875 108690.

CPRA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

7.30 pm Monday 20 May 2013

You will see details of the AGM on page 3. Do come along and catch up on the year's activities. As well as an opportunity to raise any issues of concern (or good news!), it also enables you to meet other CPRA members. Hope to see you there!

CHESTER CROQUET CLUB

After a long, wet summer and autumn last year and a dreary winter, everyone must be looking forward to warmer days and longer evenings. Now's the time to plan ahead. Why not try your hand at croquet? Perhaps you have played garden croquet with family or friends and would like to learn more about the game. Perhaps you have hung up your boots after playing a more strenuous sport and would like to switch to a game that involves challenge and skill but does not require the strength and stamina of more energetic activities. Perhaps the children have left home and you find you have more time for a new outdoor leisure activity. Perhaps you have just retired and would like to try something new. With its handicapping system, croquet is a game that can be played and enjoyed on equal terms by men and women of all ages and abilities.

Chester Croquet Club meets in Westminster Park off Hough Green in Chester. It is a friendly and successful club with about a hundred members and is always pleased to welcome new members of all standards from absolute beginners to more experienced players.

The next beginners' course will be held on Thursday evenings from 6.30 to 8.30 pm for six weeks from 2 May to 6 June 2013. The fee for the course is £30 but is free for new members joining the club at a full subscription of £52. Coaching is also available for

people who have played before and would like to improve their skills.

No previous knowledge of the game is needed and all equipment will be provided by the club. The only requirement is that players must wear flat-soled shoes.

If you would like to enroll or would like more information, please contact the course coach, Janet Davies, on 01244 350370.

COFFEE / LUNCH SOCIALS [11-2 CLUB]



Following the success of the March coffee/lunch get together, we have arranged to meet again at **Chester Golf Club** between **11 am and 2 pm** on:

Thursday 25 April - Joyce Cook has agreed to give a brief talk on her 'Memories of Curzon Park' at approx 11.15 am.

Monday 10 June - further details nearer the time.

This is an opportunity to meet up with neighbours and other residents, and is very relaxed. You can either stay for coffee or lunch or both! If you are staying for lunch, you can just go to the bar and order and pay for your lunch when you are ready.

Contact Rita Shaw on 678109 for further information or email cpraonline@gmail.com

WALKING GROUP



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

Sat May 11th. Chirk.

This walk will begin at 10.30 a.m. from the car park at Chirk Station. It will include the spectacular Chirk aqueduct and railway viaduct, and canal tunnel, with the outer section of our walk circling the equally spectacular castle. This is generally easy walking with one or two middling gradients.

The Hand Hotel will be our recommended venue for those wishing to stay on for lunch, with the option of a refreshment stop at the Castle.

Thurs 6th June. Chester.

Peter Bingham will be leading an easy stroll around the city centre, looking at how a selection of 20th century buildings have added to the life of the city.

The tour starts at 7.00 pm at the entry to the Golf Club, and will finish at The Architect pub in the centre of Chester.

(In case the Golf course bridge is not open by this date: contact Peter Bingham by email at p_bingham@btinternet.com, or telephone 674255, for joining instructions.)

Sat 6th July. Overton to Erbistock.

The 'Overton Yew Trees' walk follows the River Dee to Erbistock and has some lovely views.

An easy walk taking about two hours starting from the churchyard at Overton with its famous 12th-century yew trees to Erbistock and finishing at the White Horse Pub in Overton for those who would like lunch. Further details on the website.

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.

MID-WEEK WALKING GROUP



A number of residents have enquired about a mid-week walking group and therefore we have arranged some mid-week walks for May, June and July. The weekend walking group will continue as normal – see separate details.

The initial walks will generally take 1½ to 2 hours with optional refreshments at the end of the walk. To register your interest and/or to arrange car sharing, contact Roksana Fennell on 07765 404186 or email midweekwalking@cpraonline.org

Thursday 16 May: Duke's Drive and the Meadows

A flat walk along the Duke's Drive and around the Meadows. Meet at 10.30 am at the entrance to Duke's Drive on the Overleigh Roundabout. We shall stop for refreshments in Handbridge towards the end of the walk.

Thursday 12 June: Parkgate

A pleasant, fairly level walk beside the Dee estuary, returning along quiet tracks and lanes to Old Parkgate. Meet at the Old Baths Car Park off Boathouse Lane in Parkgate at 10.30 am.

Thursday 11 July: Delamere

An easy, mostly level, walk in Delamere via Pale Heights and the Old Pale, with a call in at the Visitor Centre café. Meet at Delamere Station car park at 10.30 am.

HIGHWAYS & OPEN SPACES

RAILWAY FOOTBRIDGE

We have recently been informed by our local Councillors that the matter is entirely in the hands of Network Rail who are currently investigating the slippage and foundation problems associated with the bridge structure. We have expressed our dismay at the length of time this is taking and the huge inconvenience to so many people, which is acknowledged. We are also informed that rail passenger transport on this line may be affected for a short time. We will continue to monitor progress.

We are also concerned at the 'permanent' flooding on the roadway entrance to the golf club, which could be a blocked drain and may be a health hazard. This problem has been reported many times with seemingly no action taken. Residents using this only access to the golf club are encouraged to complain to the council

about this flooding problem, which is particularly bad after heavy rain. The Golf Club will also be asked to support this complaint.

VERGES

The recent grass cutting and drier weather has made a huge difference to the general appearance of our verges. Vehicular damage is still evident in many places and perhaps, in this respect, all residents could assume responsibility for the appearance of their respective driveway entrances. The Councilors will be considering the erection of " No Parking on Grass Verge" signs in the area. The Green has had its first cut, the daffodils are in full bloom creating a splendid Spring picture.

TREES

Meetings have been held with the Principal Tree Officer of Streetscene, the department responsible for the maintenance and replacement of trees in Curzon Park. We will be requesting some replacement trees this year. Some dead trees have been removed and we have stressed the importance of adequate protection from vandalism for the new young replacement specimens.

It was reported that the deadline date for comments etc. in respect of the current application for a 'Practice Area' on the field adjacent to River Lane had been extended to April 15th.

MORRIS HOMES

Residents will hopefully have noticed that the large Hoarding Board advertisement for Curzon House, which has dominated the Curzon Park South 'skyline' for far too long, has finally been removed. The small 'pressure group' involved are to be congratulated for their persistence. Also, at last, after a long wait, some new signage for The Paddock has arrived which will no doubt please a number of residents.

CHESHIRE WEST & CHESTER

Meetings have been arranged for May with CW&C to discuss various future issues which will have a direct effect on CP residents and will include items such as :- Chester Rocks and other Racecourse commercial activities, rights of way - signing & enforcement, maintenance and Public Open Space issues.

CURZON PARK RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Annual General Meeting

**To be held at Chester Golf Club
at 7.30pm on Monday 20 May 2013**

(Please contact John Bowyer for more information: secretary@cpraonline.org / Tel 680865)

AGENDA

1. Apologies
2. Minutes of AGM held 21 May 2012
3. Report on the Association's activities 1 April 2012 – 31 March 2013
 - Chairman's Introduction
 - Highways and Open Spaces
 - Community and Social
 - Community Safety
4. Presentation of the Association's Accounts for the 12 months ending 31 March 2013
5. For the new Management Committee 2013-14*, the election of:
 - (i) Chair - *Geoff Brown offers himself for re-election*
 - (ii) Treasurer - *Open*
 - (iii) Secretary – *John Bowyer offers himself for re-election*
 - (iv) Ordinary Members [max 6 members]- *John Jones-Pritchard and Sian Paul, offer themselves for re-election.*
(Ben Smith & Alison Booth are standing down from the Management Committee)
6. Questions and comments

* 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 the 3 geographical "constituencies" plus a 4th for a member who is under 39 years of age at date of election.

COMMUNITY SAFETY

RECYCLING

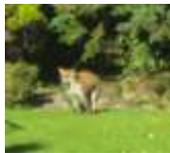


At a recent meeting with Councillors Razia Daniels and Neil Sullivan, the following issues were discussed:

- Damage to grass verges [partly due to other vehicles passing the recycling vehicle as the recycling is sorted at the kerbside]. Please be patient or avoid having to pass the recycling vehicle.
- Debris left after the boxes have been recycled. If it is particularly bad, please report it to CWaC on 0300 123 7026, but if it is only the odd piece, perhaps we should consider picking it up ourselves?
- Residents are reminded to keep their food waste containers in the locked position to deter vermin and foxes [see article below].

SUBURBAN FOXES

In March a new Curzon Park resident was alarmed to see a fox in their garden in the middle of the day, [see photo] particularly as they have a young child. In the light of recent news in the media, a reminder was sent to CPRA members via email about foxes, and we think it might be useful to repeat the advice for the benefit of all residents. There are mixed feelings about these [wild] animals but the general guidance in dealing with suburban/urban foxes would seem to be:



- Do not feed them as this will encourage them closer to your house. They will feed on vermin such as rats and mice so another good reason not to feed them.
- Backdoors should be kept closed particularly if you are not in that area of the house.
- Rubbish should be securely stored, particularly food, empty food containers [preferably rinsed out] and disposable nappies.
- Foxes generally shy away from humans and larger animals but pets such as rabbits and guinea pigs left outside at night could be vulnerable as could young kittens.
- Foxes will panic if they are trapped in a room or shed or garage so they need to be able to escape.

As one resident pointed out, it is worth bearing in mind that 4 fox attacks on children have been reported in the last ten years while there are 6,000 dog attacks on adults and children, requiring hospital treatment each year [figures from "Number Crunching" in Private Eye].

For those residents on the internet, further reading links are given on the CPRA website at <http://cp्राonline.wordpress.com/>

CPRA Community Safety contact: Liz Neeves
communitysafety@cp्राonline.org or Tel 07759477750.

Update from PCSO Fox:

I would continue to urge all homeowners to lock their doors and windows to prevent opportunistic burglaries, particularly before you go to bed at night. Also remember to put car keys in a safe place, out of sight, and activate any intruder alarm if you have one. Always leave your vehicle locked and secure. These simple precautions are an effective measure to safeguard your home and valuables.

To reduce the chances of becoming a victim, please record serial numbers and other identifying marking on property of value such as mobile phones, laptops and power tools. All serial numbers should then be registered on the immobilise database www.immobilise.com. If you contact me on christopher.fox@cheshire.pnn.police.uk I will also arrange to visit your address and register any push bikes on the property database. I also encourage residents to take a picture of any high value bikes for their records.

Police Surgeries are held in front of the Post Office on Chester Street, Saltney between 09.00 and 10.15 on the first Saturday of every month (local councillors are also in attendance).

The Police Meeting will also take place at the Golf Club at 19.00 on Monday 10th June.

Chris

Chris Fox
Local Officer for Curzon Park

USEFUL CONTACT DETAILS

Police www.cheshire.police.uk

Crime/Incident Reporting

Non-Emergency [new number] 101
Emergency [including culprits at the scene] 999

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