



Summer scenes in Curzon Park

COMMUNITY & SOCIAL

The Community and Social Working Group

is continuing to arrange coffee mornings at Chester Golf Club, with the option to stay on for a light lunch with friends old and new.

In April, Joyce Cook's fascinating talk on the history of Curzon Park as she knew it attracted an audience of more than 40 residents. This has inspired us to invite **Jo Sykes**, chairman of the Chester Mystery Plays company, to speak at our next event on 23 September. This will be an excellent opportunity to hear how the original medieval text and drama of the plays has been re-presented for a modern audience. Many CPRA members will have enjoyed the 2013 production, making this illustrated talk of particular interest.

The talk starts at 11 am, but do come along in plenty of time to have a coffee beforehand – and why not stay for lunch and a chat afterwards?

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. If you are on email, you also have the additional benefit of receiving security alerts. Register online at www.cpraonline.org or request a membership form and make a donation by contacting Sian Paul, membership secretary, on 683322.

CURZON PARK RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION ANNUAL DINNER



Join us for a Taste of Italy on

**FRIDAY, 16 AUGUST 2013
7.00 PM**

**For an Italian-inspired dinner at
CHESTER GOLF CLUB**

**Tickets £24 to include:
Aperitivo, Prima, Secondi, Dolci
(Welcome drink, starter, main course,
pudding/cheese, coffee & biscotti)**

**For tickets contact Andrea Seagrave on 679496 or
Roksana Fennell on 07765 404186
or email dinner@cpraonline.org**

HURRY – tickets are limited!

WALKING GROUPS

Weekend Walks



Saturday 3 August – Llandudno, Great Orme

Meet at 10.30am at the Great Orme tram station (LL30 2NB)

We plan to take the tram to the top of the Orme (cost £4.40). We will then take a circular walk around the top, with amazing views across to Anglesey, and then back down into the town. The walk is about two hours and not difficult as it is all downhill!

We will organise car sharing or it is possible to go by train if you want a scenic ride. (8.55 am train from Chester arrives Llandudno 10.06 am).

Saturday 7 September – Rhewl

Meet at 10.30am at the Drovers Arms Pub, Rhewl (near Ruthin, LL15 2UD)

This is a walk up the wooded Clywedog gorge, as featured in the Telegraph 50 great British walks. The walk is about four miles, two of them along by the river. It could be a bit muddy and there is a short steep climb up. The route back is not steep. The walk is across fields and there are lovely views of the Clwydian range. The Drovers Arms pub is at the end of the walk for those who want to stay on afterwards.

Saturday 5th October – Bunbury

Meet at 10.30am outside St Boniface Church, Bunbury CW6 9PN

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 two hours and there are a few stiles.

The Dysart Arms in Bunbury is a lovely pub for anyone who wants refreshments afterwards.

For further information and car sharing arrangements, contact **Jenny Plunkett** walking@cpraonline.org, or telephone 01244 683814.

Everyone welcome – both residents and visitors.

Refreshment stops are optional.

Mid-Week Walks



The new Mid-Week Walking Group's walks were enjoyed by several residents in May, June and July. The group will be continuing its monthly walks in September.

For further information, contact Roksana Fennell on 07765 404186 or email midweekwalking@cpraonline.org

HIGHWAYS & OPEN SPACES

Railway footbridge closure

We are sorry to report that the footbridge/cycleway access to the racecourse and city from CPN still remains closed. Network Rail is carrying out stabilization work to the foundations during night hours only. We are informed that work will continue until late summer. Further technical information concerning the work can be viewed on www.chestercyclecity.org

Grass verges

Following 'Damage to verges' reported in the April edition of the newsletter, we are pleased to report success by some residents who have received compensation from the companies responsible for causing the damage. The date, time and vehicle registration numbers were noted and liability was duly accepted by the offending companies.

Residents are encouraged to seek redress from companies when this damage occurs, whether delivery or contractors vehicles. There are some guidance notes on how to seek redress on our website - www.cpraonline.org.

The Council has no objection to residents looking after their own patch and it has been noticed that more and more residents are in fact keeping their verge in good order – what a difference it makes!

If you're lucky enough to be young and fit and cutting your own verge, why not offer to do your neighbour's verge too – especially if they might not be quite so young and fit themselves!

Racecourse

Following recent CPRA meetings with the Council, we discussed possible future Racecourse commercial ventures and the risk of further encroachment of the Public Open Space. The Council agreed that a new Racecourse Community Liaison Committee would be established and that CPRA would be invited to nominate a representative for this committee. The Chairman has kindly agreed to represent the interests of CPRA on this new committee. The date for the first meeting has not yet been decided.

Parking/Safety

Local PCSO for Curzon Park, Chris Fox, has reported that there will be increased vigilance on the illegal parking of vehicles at the junction of Mount Pleasant and Chester Street Saltney (main road). It is clearly a very dangerous junction where vehicles are parked on double yellow lines and exiting from Mount Pleasant on to the main road is extremely hazardous. We understand that an application has been made for CCTV cameras to be installed at this junction. Drivers beware!

Bag that Poo!

Residents have highlighted some on-going problems. The Council's Dog Warden has been contacted by CPRA and a visit to the area has resulted in notices of potential fines (£1000) being placed at regular intervals on lamp posts. Anyone noticing dog excrement should complete an Animal Fouling Report on line at www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk (which may serve to encourage regular patrols into Curzon Park). Alternatively, there is a priority telephone 0300 123 7026 for immediate attention. Guilty owners can be reported to the Community Enforcement team on 0300 123 7033. More procedural information can be viewed on our website www.cpraonline.org

COMMUNITY SAFETY

Alert from Trading Standards

It has been reported to Trading Standards that a company is cold calling residents, offering wills and providing potentially misleading advice on how to avoid care home charges. Trading Standards are concerned that residents may be misled into purchasing services which are not fit for purpose. The company creates a Lifetime or Family Trust to which you transfer the ownership of your home with the intention that, should you need to go into care in the future, your home cannot be sold to pay for those costs. If you receive an unsolicited call from someone offering this 'service', Trading Standards advise you to hang up and report the call to the Citizens' Advice Consumer Service on **08454 04 05 06**

Parcel Deliveries

Avoid having parcels left on your doorstep. It's probably best to arrange for delivery to a neighbour if you know you are going to be out when delivery is due to take place. Two residents have recently reported missing parcels.

Incident in Duke's Drive

We hope residents, who are registered members of CPRA, found the emails on the Police alerts helpful during the recent serious incident in Duke's Drive.

CPRA Community Safety contact: Liz Neeves
communitysafety@cpraonline.org or Tel 01244 679888.

Update from PCSO Chris Fox

There was an incident reported recently in Curzon Park where a resident had problems with **door to door tradesmen**. The tradesmen managed to convince the resident to allow them on to his roof to do repairs and then asked for money for work that was possibly unnecessary and sub standard. When Police and Trading Standards attended, it was clear that these workmen had not followed the procedures that they should do by law. I advise residents not to take on door to door tradesmen. However, if you choose to do so, a door to door salesman should provide a cancellation notice and a written quotation for the work to be undertaken. If this has not been done and you are unsure, contact Trading Standards on 08454 040506 or the Police on 101.



As Cheshire Police strives to combat **bike thefts** around Cheshire, a new system has been introduced. The Council have now funded the purchase of plastic **electronic tags** that can be placed down the seatpost tube of bikes. The tube will have a unique number that will show up when scanned by Police patrol with a scanner. This service is free of charge, and if you contact me via email on christopherfox@cheshire.pnn.police.uk leaving your name, address and telephone number, I will be happy to visit your address so we can get your bike registered. You can also phone 101 and leave a message to be passed on to me. Your frame must have an uninterrupted seatpost tube with a diameter of between 25.4mm and 32.0mm. It would also be helpful if you could remove your seatpost prior to my visit.

You may have noticed that the Council traffic wardens are enforcing the **parking restrictions** around Curzon Park on a more regular basis. Please be aware that the single and double yellow restrictions do not just apply to vehicles parked on the road, but also to the verges and areas behind the lines.

Police and Council Surgeries continue to be held on the first Saturday of every month and take place in the front of the Post Office on Chester Street, Saltney between 09.00-10.15, and at Westminster Park Shops between 10.30-11.45. Please feel free to come along and raise any local issues with myself or the local councillors.

A message from Jim Shapton, CPRA Chairman

Your Committee

To help ensure that as many people as possible have the opportunity to participate directly in CPRA's affairs, our constitution stipulates a maximum of three consecutive years' service on our Management Committee. This rule resulted in both Chairman, Geoff Brown, and Treasurer, Alison Booth, stepping down at this year's AGM in May. We're grateful to Geoff and Alison for their diligent and effective service to the Association and the community during their time in office.

Also stepping down this year was Ben Smith who, for the last two years, played an equally important and appreciated role, as editor of our newsletter. We're very pleased that Amanda White has taken over the reins.

Ben's departure does, however, leave vacant on the Committee the seat specifically reserved for a person under 39 years of age at time of appointment. If you would be interested in filling this vacancy, or know someone who may be, please contact our new Chairman, Jim Shapton on 678209, chairman@cpraonline.org, for an informal chat.

Add your support to the Friends of Westminster Park

Westminster Park, with its wide range of recreation facilities, is a valuable asset for all residents living in the area. The Friends of Westminster Park represent local residents and organisations with an interest in Westminster Park, and membership is immensely helpful in pursuing discussions with Cheshire West and Chester Council to maintain and improve the Park, and helping to raise external funds [eg Lottery] for improvements.

The annual subscription is only £2 per household and your support would be much appreciated. Please send your subscription, together with your name and contact details, to the treasurer, Jenny Szcylowski, 123 Hough Green, Chester CH4 8JR.



Dee Bee 2 – Bus Service

The low floor easy access bus service continues to be popular for a car-free trip to the city centre, or further to Cheshire Oaks and Ellesmere Port.

The service also stops at the Main Entrance to the Countess of Chester Hospital on both inbound and outbound trips. Access the timetable through the home page at www.cpraonline.org.

Do you have any news or information to share?

We hope you enjoy the quarterly newsletter. We provide a number of regular updates in every issue, but if you would like to see additional news/information/stories, please get in touch with Amanda White via the CPRA website (newsletter@cpraonline.org.)

We'll do our best to publish them, space permitting – after all, this is your newsletter and we'd love to hear from you.

Calling all budding photographers ...

If you're a keen amateur photographer and have some great shots of the area, please let us know – we'll feature them on our front page and wherever appropriate throughout the newsletter. Our next edition comes out in October – just as the leaves are turning – which should make for some stunning shots.

Happy reading!

Diary dates:

Saturday 3 August – Llandudno walk
Friday 16 August – CPRA Annual Dinner
Saturday 7 September – Rhewl walk
Monday 23 September – Chester Mystery Plays talk
Saturday 5 October – Bunbury walk

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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