

Welcome to our Autumn newsletter. The glorious summer weather is well and truly gone now but don't worry – we have a great newsletter for you to enjoy and lots of fun events to look forward to over the coming months. [Read on ...](#)

WALKING GROUPS

WEEKEND WALKS

LLANGOLLEN

Saturday 6 October 2018

– led by Dave and Jenny

CHRISTLETON

Saturday 3 November 2018

– led by Mary and Janet

NANT MILL AND CHRISTMAS LUNCH AT THE PANT-YR-OCHAIN

Saturday 1 December 2018

– led by Jim Shapton

CHESTER CITY AND SURROUNDS

Saturday 5 January 2019

– led by Dave and Jenny



Photo courtesy of CPRA resident Dave Plunkett

MID-WEEK WALKS

WILLINGTON

Thursday 18 October 2018

– led by Jenny Plunkett and Janet Ashbrooke

LLANGOLLEN

Tuesday 20 November 2018

– led by Carol Macrae

If you'd like more details, please contact John Jones-Pritchard for Weekend Walks on 01244 674813/07876 381652, or Carol Macrae for Mid-Week Walks on 01244 674611/07913 352056.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Coffee Morning

Monday 15 October 10am – 12 noon

Chester Golf Club



Come along to hear local resident Andrew Cracknell who will be giving a talk on Climbing Kilimanjaro for Farm Africa.



No.1 Bus Pub Crawl

Not so much a crawl as a glide between pubs along the route of the bus to Wrexham, but not actually going that far!

Meet on Thursday 8 November in time for the 1134 bus from Grosvenor Road bus stop, outside the cemetery. First stop Pulford. Buy a Day Saver ticket.

Contact John Bowyer on 07787 688871 for more details.

Social Bridge

Anybody interested in playing Social Bridge at Chester Golf club?

There will be a charge of £3 per person to cover hire of the card room. We plan to play every other week on an evening to suit most people, so please tell us your preferred day. Hope to start early November.

Contact Jacky Arrowsmith on 01244 677266 or John Bowyer on 07887 688871.

Carols on the Green

Thursday 20 December Starts 6pm

This year we'll be singing outside, warming ourselves with **mulled wine** and **mince pies**, hopefully under the stars on a clear and frosty night.

Our new social events co-ordinator

Meet Jayne Rowe, who is our new social events coordinator, having joined the management committee in May in the slot specifically reserved for a member who is under 39. Jayne moved to Earlsway 12 months ago and was delighted to find an active residents' association with which to involve herself and get to know more of her neighbours.

Jayne's aim, with the full support of the committee and the Social Events working group, is to encourage more of the younger element among our members to become actively involved with the Association, particularly on the social side. Jayne would welcome ideas for activities that would appeal to young adults as well as to young families. If you have any suggestions or would like to participate in planning events, contact her via socials@cpraonline.org



Do you value CPRA and its newsletter?

CPRA wouldn't exist without the active participation of a cross-section of residents who volunteer, but this is not an indefinite commitment.

Our newsletter editor, Amanda White, wishes to stand down after six years in the job, so we're looking for a **new editor**. If you're interested in helping to sustain what has become an invaluable community asset please get in touch. Alternatively, we also have a vacancy on our **management committee**.

Email newsletter@cpraonline.org.uk without obligation if you're interested in either role.

SUMMER EVENTS ROUND UP



Garden Trail

The CPRA second Garden Trail took place on Sunday 30 June. The weather was wonderful (seems hard to imagine now!) and everyone enjoyed the tour of four very different gardens – each one spectacular.

Our thanks go to the owners for sharing them with the members who attended.

Jacky and Christine hope to build another CPRA Garden Trail in 2019, so look out for more information on this. If you'd be willing to open your garden, please contact one of them.

There will also be a garden trip in Spring to see the snowdrops - keep an eye out for further details.

It's all Greek to me...

Approximately 70 residents enjoyed the sunshine on the last day of summer on the terrace of Chester Golf Club, before being ushered into the main clubhouse for a two-course Greek-themed dinner.

Whilst the flags on the tables and the bunting around the room were definitely Greek, the background music – from the latest Mamma Mia! film – was less so! At least the film was filmed in Greece ...

After a short welcome speech by CPRA chairman Jim Shapton, guests tucked into a choice of lamb, chicken or salmon, all cooked in a Greek style, followed by desserts and coffee. The food was excellent and very good value for money – and we've had many comments from people who attended to say how much they enjoyed it. Thank you to everyone who took the time to send an email to tell us how much you enjoyed the evening.



PlusBus

Do you need door-to-door accessible transport?

The PlusBus service is designed to provide an accessible door-to-door transport service for those people who find using public transport difficult.

You can register for PlusBus if you are aged 80+ and/or have mobility difficulties. PlusBus vehicles are fully accessible and drivers are trained to nationally accredited standards.

Call 0151 357 4420, email: cheshire@ectcharity.co.uk or visit www.ectcharity.co.uk

Around Curzon Park – report from the Highways committee

After a cold and windy start to the year, we had the hottest summer for a long time and Curzon Park was looking at its best. Now autumn is here – and we're back to wet and windy!

We have not yet seen the overall action plan promised from the Council and we continue to press for the definitive plan for trees, hedges and grass management. There has been some evidence that certain specific areas have been tidied but little beyond this.

Our litter picking team, coordinated and led by Colin and Chris Kemp, has smartened up the area considerably, and we would again stress that if every resident were to 'adopt' their own front verge with a review each Wednesday prior to or directly after the Refuse collection, we would have a more permanent solution.

To supplement this, we are considering the introduction of a couple more strategically placed litter bins (suitable to accommodate both our litter and dog waste). Clearly, these would need to be accessible for litter bag changing by the Council street team, and hence close to a road.

New members to the Group are always welcome – as are any further volunteers for our litter-picking team.

MONTHLY STREET SURGERY

Our local Councillors, Razia Daniels and Neil Sullivan, would like to remind residents that they hold monthly street surgeries on the first Saturday of every month, along with PCSO Tim Cooper.

SALTNEY POST OFFICE: 9-10.15am

WESTMINSTER PARK SHOPS: 10.30-11.45am

OLD DEE BRIDGE, HANDBRIDGE: 12 noon-1pm

Contact either Councillor Razia Daniels on 01244 312392 / 07481 234411, email: razia.daniels@cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk or Councillor Neil Sullivan on 01244 671099 / 07709 376876, email: neil.sullivan@cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk

WESTERN RELIEF ROAD

Our councillors report that they are continuing to push for the long-contemplated Western Relief Road to come to fruition, and its inclusion in the major transport scheme in the North West.

Supporting comments have been submitted to the development study within the Cheshire & Warrington Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP) Transport Strategy which will hopefully identify a new route to relieve the congestion in Chester. Flintshire Council is now reported to be willing to work with CW&C over this issue. This is important for Curzon Park, as it should provide some relief from the potentially serious congestion likely to result from the Wrexham Road housing developments.

Buses for Curzon Park

The demise of the DB2 bus service has left a significant number of residents who were users of that service disappointed and inconvenienced. While its withdrawal is claimed to have been justified by minimal usage at certain times of day, there is reason to think that some provision focused on actual need would be used.

The CPRA has approached our local councillors to see what can be done. They have agreed to attend a consultation meeting along with the council officer chiefly responsible for public transport provision. This has now been arranged for 2.30pm on Friday 2 November at Chester Golf Club. It's obviously important that as many people as possible with an interest in this issue attend, as a low turnout would confirm the view that the original assessment was correct. If you are one of those concerned and may know others who may not have seen this notice, please make them aware.



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