



Bulb Planting on the Green – 1st October 2011 – (For more pictures visit www.cpraonline.org)

COMMUNITY & SOCIAL

QUIZ NIGHT

Thanks to all who supported our quiz night at the Cross Keys on 7th October. The event raised much needed funds. We hope to repeat the event next year, when we promise the questions will be easier!

UPCOMING EVENTS:

CAROLS ON THE GREEN

Our popular evening of **CHRISTMAS MUSIC** will take place again this year on the Green (Northway/Greensway) at 6.00 p.m. on **Tuesday 20th December**. As in previous years there will be mulled wine and other appropriate refreshments available, as well as jam jar candles and refreshments for the children. All welcome.

THEATRE TRIP

We have made a block booking of tickets for a matinée performance of the musical **OLIVER** at the Palace Theatre Manchester on **Thursday 23rd February 2012**. Starring Neil Morrissey as Fagin, the show brings

vividly to life Dickens's timeless characters, with its ever-popular story of the boy who asked for more.

A coach will leave Curzon Park at 9.30 a.m. arriving in Manchester in good time to allow for local exploration or shopping activities, and for your own lunch arrangements. We expect to be back by around 6.30 p.m.

Tickets for what will be very good seats are available at £45 p.p., to include coach travel, and will be allocated on a first to pay basis. We must, in any event, confirm numbers before Christmas. PLEASE BOOK AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE. For tickets and further information, please contact Sian Paul (683322), Elizabeth Downey (676921), or Andrea Segrave (679496).



WALKING GROUP

The next scheduled walks are as follows:

Saturday 12th November. Rhewl (near Ruthin) - Meet at 10.30am at the Drovers Arms Pub Rhewl. This is a 4-mile walk up the wooded Clywedog Gorge, as featured in the Telegraph 50 great British walks, and includes lovely views of the Clwydian range.

Sunday 4th December. Tarporley. - Meet at 10.30 am at the car park behind The Rising Sun Pub. This walk is also about 4 miles, with some good views of Beeston Castle.

Wednesday 28th December. Dukes Drive and the Meadows Chester. - Meet at 10.30 am the entrance to Dukes drive on the Overleigh roundabout. A flat walk along the Dukes drive and around the meadows. A chance to walk off the extra pounds from the Christmas festivities.

As always, all are welcome and each walk ends in an opportunity to join in a sociable lunch (purely optional). Further details are available on our website or from **Jenny Plunkett (683814)** who also co-ordinates car sharing.

COMMUNITY SAFETY

SMARTWATER

You will have noticed the Smartwater signs appearing in Curzon Park. The Police are keen to promote the scheme and PCSO Fox says Smartwater run a special promotion for homewatch groups ordering 10 or more packs. A group of residents in CP have negotiated a substantial discount with Smartwater. For further information, please contact PCSO Fox at: Christopher.Fox@cheshire.pnn.police.uk or Tel 0845 458 6375.

POLICE COMMUNITY MEETING

The next police community meeting will be held on Monday 6 February at 7 pm at Chester Golf Club.

BEWARE OF TELEPHONE SCAM

Residents have recently received calls from callers claiming to be from the 'Microsoft Support Team' re possible problems with their computers and the 'Claims Verification Department' re a car accident. You are advised not to provide any personal details and to end the call as soon as possible.

PCSO Fox advises residents to remain vigilant during the darker days of winter and asks residents to report anything suspicious immediately to the Police [0845 458 0000 or 999].

WASTE RECYCLING CHANGES

Cheshire West and Chester Council will be introducing changes to their waste/recycling collection service in the near future. CPRA and some residents have expressed their concerns about the changes (the blue bin will be replaced by separate boxes with kerbside sorting) to Councillors Sullivan and Daniels and at the local Community Forum meeting in September. The Council has offered to meet with representatives about the proposed changes.

HIGHWAYS & OPEN SPACES

HELP TO PRESERVE YOUR VERGES

Please note as autumn turns into winter that the grass verges in Curzon Park are increasingly at risk from vehicles churning up the soil. This is a particular concern on Earlsway, where the kerbs are low and the drainage is poor.

We realize that thoughtless drivers use the verges as a passing lane and create a mess, but we do ask you, if you have a verge at the front of your home, to take care in running your own vehicles up on to the verge, and remind visiting traders and relatives or friends, of the best way of parking in your road.

CHESTER ROCKS

Overall, the event appears to have passed with minimal perceived security and parking issues.

The main reported area of concern related to noise pollution.

Curzon Park residents, alongside other immediate neighbours of the racecourse, carried the brunt of the noise. Based on Chester Ward data, this suggests an overall figure of some 28,000 population were affected to various degrees.

It should be pointed out, however, that despite considerable noise pollution, the overall event appears to have been well received by some residents.

The CPRA propose to contact the Licensing Authority to outline the local feedback collected. This will focus on the overall noise pollution and disruption for a number of people who were unable to enjoy tranquillity in their gardens during a very warm weekend.

Worryingly, the Council Environment team have registered the high cost impact of resourcing such monitoring over a weekend as an issue and the Racecourse have mooted self-monitoring. We will express concern over such a proposal in the light of the potential conflict of interest.

A detailed report of the above can be found on the website.

BLUE TIT TO THE RESCUE

As reported previously there is a leaf miner (moth) problem with the horse chestnut trees in Curzon Park, which has resulted in premature shedding of leaves. According to the press, the blue tit is 'flying to the defence' of these trees. They have started to eat the caterpillar as they are 'experts at finding any kind of insects on trees'. Please read the full article on the CPRA website under Working Groups / Highways & Open Spaces / Trees Updates, or follow the link below;

<http://cpraonline.wordpress.com/working-groups/working-group-4/threats-to-our-trees/trees-updates/>

We have arranged a meeting with the Tree Officer to discuss this and other tree issues in Curzon Park.

THE LEAVES ARE FALLING

A leaf collection operation will take place on a number of weekends starting **5/6 November** and subsequent weekends after that until completed. The Council have requested the residents who sweep the leaves outside their properties should leave the piles on the edge of the verge/roadside for collection and avoid causing obstruction on either the road or the footway (which could be inherently dangerous to pedestrians). Additionally, householders are asked not to sweep leaves from their own properties on to the road and verges. Please use garden waste recycling bins for all garden waste.

We are acutely aware that there has been a marked difference in the pattern of leaf fall over the past two years owing to the problem with the Horse chestnut leaf miner moth and certain parts of CP have experienced early and heavy leaf falls. This has been relayed to the Council with a request to re-evaluate their operating procedures. If in the meantime you have a problem, please contact us with specific details i.e. location and house numbers – please contact Andrea Seagrave via the website or telephone 679496 or email openspaces@cpaonline.org

POSSIBILITY OF MUCH NEEDED MAINTENANCE TO PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE

The Council has confirmed it does own and is responsible for the footbridge attached to the railway bridge. Network Rail is planning to refurbish the bridge next year and the Council inform us that they 'are looking to spend some money on improvements at the same time'. Their wish list is to repaint, carry out steelwork/welding repairs, replace timber deck treads and parapet steel mesh.

BONFIRE NIGHT & FIREWORKS SATURDAY, 5 NOVEMBER

PCSO Christopher Fox has been consulted regarding residents' concerns (emanating from Nov 2010) over inconsiderate parking in CP on this evening and he is taking steps in an endeavour to ensure the situation is more effectively controlled during the event.

NEW PARKING RESTRICTIONS

Owing to residents concerns over safety, yellow lines are to be introduced in both Selkirk Drive (entrance to Hough Green) and on Curzon Park North (prior to the Golf Club).

BULB PLANTING ON THE GREEN

On Saturday 1 October the Green was a hive of activity on a wonderful sunny autumn day, with around fifteen volunteers of all ages planting hundreds of snowdrop and daffodil bulbs - primarily within the main stands of trees, and with a little artistic interpretation by some! It was very well organized on the day by local resident Allan Hogan, with support from a number of other volunteers who arranged additional supplies of bulbs, and availability of much appreciated refreshments for the bulb planters.

Allan reports that the morning was 'very successful' and 'a good opportunity for us to get to know each other better', which it was. Our thanks to all those who helped and for the donation to the association that was received on the day. Thanks are also due to Cheshire West & Chester Council who helped finance this initiative.



CPRA MEMBERSHIP

Have you registered as a member of CPRA? Membership is FREE! Membership forms are available from our website www.CPRA.online.org or from Sian Paul; Tel 683322 or membership@cpaonline.org

RIVER DEE CLEAN UP

Congratulations to Tom McGovern and other residents of CP who successfully removed 16.5 tonnes of concrete, tyres and other rubbish from the riverbank.



USEFUL CONTACT DETAILS

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Crime/Incident Reporting
[Non-Emergency] 0845 458 0000
Emergency [including culprits at the scene] 999

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