



CPRA Ruthin Walk – November 2011 – (For more pictures visit [www.cpraonline.org](http://www.cpraonline.org))

## COMMUNITY & SOCIAL

### CAROLS ON THE GREEN



Thanks to all who supported our annual concert on the Green on 20<sup>th</sup> December. Numbers were in excess of last year's impressive turnout in spite of the absence, this year, of atmospheric snow and bitter cold! Our seasonal refreshments sold out, making a useful contribution to Association funds. (See photographs from the evening on the back page of this newsletter or visit the website).

The occasion also provided the opportunity to try our new marquee, purchased with the benefit of a grant from CWAC. This is of much more robust construction than the one that collapsed on us at the royal wedding street party, and should stand us in good stead for a few years to come, not least for

our Queen's Jubilee event now in the planning.

### WALKING GROUP

The first three outings of 2012 are planned to be as follows:

Saturday 4th February - Gresford. Meet at **10.30 am** at the car park off Gresford High Street by the pond. This is a fairly flat walk with a few small hills around the Gresford area. It will take two hours or a little more, and there will be a chance to have lunch afterwards at the Pant Yr Ochain Hall Hotel.

Saturday 3rd March - South Wirral. Meet at **10.20 am** at Hooton Station (10.01 am train from Chester or 80p for the Station car park). The walking is generally flat and easy and will take about two hours. Refreshments will be at the Hooton Hotel.

Sunday 1st April – Aldford. Meet at **11.30 am** at Eccleston ferry car park (Drive

through Eccleston and follow the road down to the river). This is a flat walk along the banks of the river Dee to Aldford with a stop at The Grosvenor Arms for refreshments. We then return along the same route. 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.

Contact Jenny Plunkett  
([walking@cptraonline.org](mailto:walking@cptraonline.org) tel: 683814) for further information and car sharing, or visit our website. All are welcome, both one-offs and regulars, residents and visitors. Refreshment stops are optional.

## COMMUNITY SAFETY

### BEAT MEETING\* with your Neighbourhood Officers

Monday 6 February at 7 pm  
Chester Golf Club

This is an opportunity for residents to speak about their concerns to the local Police team.

\* previously called Police Community Action Meeting

Following the quiet autumn, unfortunately over the Christmas period there were some thefts from garages and sheds involving bikes, golf equipment and alcohol, so make sure your garage and/or shed are secure and if necessary store smaller, more expensive items in the house.



Also, according to Cheshire Police, most thefts from motor vehicles could easily be avoided if we take two basic precautions:

1. Make sure there are **no valuable objects left on view** inside your vehicle. Check your vehicle as you leave for handbags, wallets, phones, and sat-nav devices left on display.
2. **Lock your vehicle securely!** Many reported thefts occur from insecure vehicles, which gives the thief the chance to steal from you with the minimum of effort and noise.

Please note that the Police Non-Emergency phone number is now **101**.

## HIGHWAYS & OPEN SPACES

### FIREWORK EVENING IN CURZON PARK (Nov 5)



Our PCSO, Christopher Fox, single-handedly policed the entire area requesting car owners to park responsibly. He personally placed cones along areas of CPN and CPS to allow passing points for drivers, which prevented the gridlock of last year and the verges becoming akin to a dual carriageway. Unfortunately, Parking Services failed to 'turn-up' and assist despite prior requests for their involvement. This resulted in some antisocial parking in the area with a number of cars parked on the verges and on double yellow lines. The sheer volume of cars entering the area over a two-hour period was staggering. Without Christopher Fox's input, the next day would inevitably have uncovered substantial verge damage.

We have written to our Councillors requesting that adequate controls are put in place for future events such as these and that the active participation of Parking Services is ensured in order to protect our residential area.

### A BIG THANK YOU

To all residents who are adhering to our plea to preserve our verges (previous Newsletter) by advising relatives, friends and workmen of the best way of parking in the road to avoid decimating the verges, particularly when they are most vulnerable. We have received supportive emails to the effect that many residents are doing just that!

### BLUE TITS

We reported that perhaps the blue tit is 'flying to the defence of the trees' and may help prevent the leaf minor affecting our horse chestnut trees. The Tree Department of Cheshire West and Chester Council read our article and offered us six blue tit boxes. Watch out for the 'installation team' placing these in our trees!



## LEAF CLEARANCE 2011



We were delighted with the response we had to this years' clearance. Andy Moulton and his team worked tirelessly for a number of weekends to clear the area and ensure the verges and footways were cleared of leaves. The CPRA did not receive one negative observation during the entire operation – a resounding success!

## BRIDGE UP-DATE

We are informed by Cheshire West and Chester Council that maintenance work is planned for 2012 on the footbridge across the river. We have no details yet to the extent of the work or the timing, but are monitoring the situation.

## OPPORTUNITIES

If anyone feels that they would like to get involved with any of these issues and represent the residents of CP in aspects affecting the area, then please get in touch – we would very much like to hear from you. Please visit the website for contact details: [www.cpraonline.org](http://www.cpraonline.org)

## ARE YOU A MEMBER OF CPRA?

**If not, have you considered the benefits of being a member?**

- **If you're on email, you will receive regular information, including security alerts.**
- **The more members we have, the stronger our voice with the statutory authorities, e.g. highways and tree maintenance.**
- **Supports your local community and you make new friends!**

**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 by contacting Sian Paul, Membership Secretary, on 683322.**

**Not sure whether you have registered already? Contact Sian on the above number or email her at [membership@cpraonline.org](mailto:membership@cpraonline.org)**

*Many thanks to the team of volunteers who deliver the CPRA newsletter to every house in Curzon Park.*

## **CPRA Walk – 28<sup>th</sup> December 2011**

A gathering of 13 eager people, including a few youngsters, assembled at the start of the Duke's Drive for the final walk of the year. We set off at 1030am with blue skies and welcome winter sunshine, although the wind made it feel a bit chilly. It was a flat, easy route down the Duke's Drive, then a sharp left turn across a field towards Eaton Road then a short walk down the road and left across another field to pick up the path on the Meadows alongside the river. The fine weather enabled us to admire the views of the Chester skyline and appreciate some of the architecture.

A stop about mid-way for a photo opportunity was well timed as it coincided with another walking group with the same idea. We took a photo of them and they reciprocated so happy smiles all round!

Jenny, our leader, had timed the walk at an hour and a half, and sure enough, by 12noon we were approaching the Ship Inn at Handbridge where we rewarded ourselves with some well deserved refreshments! (See over the page for a photograph from the walk).

## CPRA WALK – DECEMBER 2011



## CPRA WALK NOVEMBER 2011



## CAROLS ON THE GREEN PHOTOGRAPHS – DECEMBER 2011



### USEFUL CONTACT DETAILS

**Police** [www.cheshire.police.uk](http://www.cheshire.police.uk)  
Community Action Team 0845 458 6375  
[chester.outer.npt@cheshire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:chester.outer.npt@cheshire.pnn.police.uk)

Crime/Incident Reporting  
Non-Emergency [new number] 101  
Emergency [including culprits at the scene] 999

**Cheshire West and Chester Council**  
[www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk](http://www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk)

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[enquiries@cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk](mailto:enquiries@cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk)

Waste Collection, Litter 0300 123 7026  
[chester.waste@cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk](mailto:chester.waste@cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk)

**Consumer Direct – Trading Standards**  
[e.g. doorstep traders] 0845 405 0506  
[www.consumerdirect.gov.uk](http://www.consumerdirect.gov.uk)

### UPCOMING EVENTS REMINDER:

#### **Walks:**

**Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> February** – Gresford  
**Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> March** – South Wirral  
**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> April** – Aldford

#### **Police 'Beat' Meeting:**

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> February** – Chester Golf Club

#### **Street Party:**

**Queens Diamond Jubilee** – June 2012