



Curzon Park, Spring 2012 – (For more pictures visit www.cpraonline.org)

COMMUNITY & SOCIAL

BULB PLANTING



Thank you to everyone who participated in the bulb planting on the green at Greensway/Northway. The evidence of your efforts is now *"fluttering and dancing in the breeze,"* (Daffodils by Wm. Wordsworth). Many residents have already indicated their appreciation which we are happy to pass on. We look forward to undertaking similar planting elsewhere in Curzon Park later in the year.



THE QUEEN'S DIAMOND JUBILEE EVENT

We are now well into the planning and organization of our **Queen's Diamond Jubilee Event**, which will be held on the green at Greensway/Northway on **Monday 4th June**. Although these events are demanding to organise, they have always proved to be well supported and popular. Please make sure you keep that afternoon available. Plans currently include refreshments, a private bar, live music,

traditional games, children's events and more. We need a significant number of volunteers to ensure that everything goes well, and that everyone present has the opportunity to enjoy the event. If you are able, please join us in working to make this event a great success. We will publish details of the ticketing arrangements and the areas where further volunteer support would be particularly valuable, nearer to the event.

CPRA ANNUAL DINNER

The second **CPRA Annual Dinner** will be held at the **Curzon Park Golf Club on Wednesday, 20 June** – please diary this date! Ticket information to follow.

CPRA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

7.30 pm Monday 21 May 2012

You will see details of the AGM on page 2. 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!

If you are interested in joining the Committee or Working Groups, or assisting with social events such as the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Event, delivering CPRA newsletters, bulb planting, etc, do contact Geoff Brown chairman@cpraonline.org Tel 682020 or John Bowyer secretary@cpraonline.org Tel 680865.

WALKING GROUP

Saturday 5th May. Beeston Castle.

Meet at 10.30 am at the car park opposite the entrance to Beeston Castle.

This is a generally flat walk with good views around Beeston castle. It will take about two hours. Refreshments afterwards for those who want to stay will be at either The Pheasant, Burwardsley or The Dysart Arms, Bunbury.

Sunday 10th June. Nant Mill.

Meet at 10.30 am at the car park at Nant Mill

visitor centre. The walk is through very pleasant woodland and includes a waterfall and may include a detour to see part of Offa's Dyke. It is around 2 1/2 miles in total and is mainly flat. There are refreshments at Nant Mill and there are picnic tables by the river where we can relax! There is also a pub at Coedpoeth.

Saturday 7th July. Llangollen.

Meet at 10.30 am outside Llangollen railway station. This is a two-hour walk from Llangollen. There are a few small hills, but it is generally an easy walk across fields, moorland, and along the canal towpath. There are plenty of places in Llangollen for refreshments afterwards.

Contact Jenny Plunkett on walking@cpraonline.org or Tel: 683814 for further information and car sharing or visit our website. All are welcome and each walk ends in an opportunity to join in a sociable lunch (purely optional).

CURZON PARK RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Annual General Meeting

**To be held at Chester Golf Club
at 7.30pm on Monday 21 May 2012**

AGENDA

1. Apologies
2. Minutes of AGM held 16 May 2011
3. Report on the Association's activities 1 April 2011 – 31 March 2012
 - 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 2012
5. For the new Management Committee 2012-13*, the election of:
 - (i) Chair - *Geoff Brown offers himself for re-election*
 - (ii) Treasurer - *Alison Booth offers herself for re-election*
 - (iii) Secretary – *John Bowyer offers himself for re-election*
 - (iv) Ordinary Members [max 6 members]- *John Jones-Pritchard, Sian Paul, and Ben Smith offer themselves for re-election*
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

PCSO Fox is now doing Police Surgeries outside the **Post Office in Chester Street** with Councillor Neil Sullivan on the **first Saturday of every month between 09.00 - 10.15am**. The Police Surgeries are an opportunity for residents to speak to PCSO Fox and/or Councillor Neil Sullivan and raise any issues you may have.

The next Police Community Beat Meeting is on Monday 30 July at 7.00 pm at Chester Golf Club. The Beat Meeting is an opportunity for residents to hear what the Police have been doing in the local area and also to raise any issues.

Reminder: The Police **Non-Emergency** number has changed to **101**.

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

HIGHWAYS & OPEN SPACES

RESIDENTS WRITE



"Thank you to all those who planted bulbs around the trees on the green in Greensway and Northway. I was unable to help at the time but as I live locally I am benefiting from your efforts. The snowdrops are all flowering and the daffodils are following closely behind, very nice to see. Thank you again."

"I have been meaning to contact you for a few weeks. I 'walk' the green on a daily basis with my dog. I just wanted to say how lovely the Green has been - firstly the snowdrops and now the daffodils. Please pass on my thanks to all who planted them"

"Curzon Park looks wonderful due to the efforts of the CPRA. I wanted to say thank you to everyone who planted the bulbs and for those who organised this event. A wonderful idea which has made the green on Greensway/Northway look like it should."

STONE BENCHMARK CURZON PARK SOUTH

A kind resident who saw the O.S. benchmark in bits on the verge at the top of CPS, having been crushed by a waste skip, has pieced it together with 'gorilla glue'. We hope it lasts for another 100 years!

PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE UP-DATE

For many months we have been seeking detailed information as to the extent and

timescales for the necessary repair to the bridge. We have been concerned that the bridge may well be closed for a substantially longer period than the six months as currently advised. We were disappointed to learn that a 'condition' report will not take place until mid/late April and presume any necessary works may follow considerably later. We will continue to facilitate further information but feel it may be relevant for you to share your concerns/views over this, so please assess the potential benefit of making personal representation (with a copy to CPRA) to your local councillors (details in contact box on back page).



SAFETY ON MOUNT PLEASANT

We continue to press for improvements to the parking situation on this corner and met with the Area Highways Manager on site to discuss. We have proposed a 'no unloading' restriction to be applied to the junction with Chester Street. We also pointed out the weak enforcement of illegal parking at the corner, which makes it hazardous for resident drivers to turn into the main road from Mount Pleasant.

We also made reference to the poor standard of maintenance to parts of the Mount Pleasant footpath and will continue to monitor this issue.



I-SPY NESTING BOXES

Look out for the bird nesting boxes. Volunteers have attached six in all: two are in place in Curzon Park North and four in Curzon Park South. The aim is to encourage tits to nest near the Horse Chestnuts. They may help in reducing the stress the trees have been suffering as a result of the leaf miner disease. They will additionally help to maintain the wonderful diversity of wildlife on the Park. CPRA wishes to thank the Tree Department (CW&C) for providing these, (see photo on back page).

FORTHCOMING EVENTS AT CHESTER RACECOURSE

Following recent press releases, most Curzon Park residents will be aware that there are two forthcoming public events

using live and recorded music as well as a public address system. These are beyond the usual racing and event programme.

The first will be the Olympic Torch Celebration on Tuesday 29 May, where the racecourse will be the venue for the activities and the site opens to the public from 16.00 culminating in a firework display at 22.00. The second will be the Chester Rocks weekend programme 16 and 17 June.

Both events will attract large numbers of visitors, and there will likely be some environmental impact on Curzon Park by way of noise pollution and parking.

Just so residents are aware, both events are constrained within the Racecourse licensing arrangements. These arrangements cover both maximum allowable sound amplification levels and the length of time events are permitted to take place. Both these licensing permissions will be monitored by the CW&C Environmental team.

Our local Police Community Support Officer, Christopher Fox, will also be involved in the local planning arrangements to ensure the smooth running of traffic around the neighbourhood during these events.

The CPRA Highways & Open Spaces group has also arranged a meeting with the Racecourse. The prime purpose of this is to look at some of the detail of the impact on our neighbourhood so that we can help structure peoples' expectations over what will be a very busy weekend. It will also give an opportunity for the CPRA to remind the Racecourse of areas that led to complaint in 2011. We expect to be in a position to let residents have a contact point/person at the Racecourse in the event of any significant noise nuisance. However, we trust that this will not be required.

FRIENDS OF WESTMINSTER PARK

Do you regularly visit Westminster Park? If so, you will have noticed the tremendous improvements which have been made to the park over the last few years, which is mostly due to the 'Friends of Westminster Park' and in particular to the committee who campaign

on behalf of the park's users. More information can be found on their website <http://www.westminsterpark.org.uk/> including park opening times, Glan Aber Tennis Club, Croquet Club, Cricket Club, etc.



One of the nesting boxes on CPS



Repaired stone benchmark on CPS

USEFUL CONTACT DETAILS

Police www.cheshire.police.uk
Community Action Team 0845 458 6375
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Crime/Incident Reporting
Non-Emergency [new number] 101
Emergency [including culprits at the scene] 999

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