

CPRA

Curzon Park Residents' Association

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Newsletter

Bringing you news of all things Curzon Park



CAROLS ON THE GREEN

*Monday 21 December
2015 at 6 pm*

Our annual 'Carols on the Green' (Greensway/Northway) will be taking place on Monday 21 December at 6 pm. Once again, the Royal Buckley Town Band will be providing the music. Mulled wine will

be served along with hot chocolate and mince pies. We would welcome contributions of homemade mince pies - please contact Liz Neeves on 679888 or email socials@cpraonline.org if you can help.

Hope to see you there!



There are more pictures of last years event on the CPRA website

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Visit to Bodnant Gardens and Lunch at Bodysgallen Hall

*Wednesday
16 December*



At the time of going to print, there are one or two tickets still available for our pre-Christmas trip to Bodnant Gardens, followed by lunch at Bodysgallen Hall, a 17th century house also owned by the National Trust, with its own spectacular views of Snowdonia and Conwy Castle. At Bodnant, as well as the Christmas-themed garden, there will be an opportunity to do Christmas shopping in their Craft and Plant Centres.

The total cost for the trip, including coach travel and a two-course Christmas lunch with pre-lunch drink, will be £35 for National Trust and RHS members (+ £4.45 for non-members).

For further details, and to find out if there are still vacancies, contact Christine Hughes on 679592 or Jacky Arrowsmith on 677266 or email socials@cpraonline.org

CPRA gets social!



Everyone uses social media in one way or another to access information or keep in touch with friends and family. Whilst we have our CPRA website, and we regularly review this to ensure it's up-to-date and relevant, we want to make sure we cater for all the media preferences of our residents. CPRA committee member Phil Mole has been looking into setting up a Twitter account and a Facebook page for CPRA, both of which will be available for use soon. It means that residents have a choice on how or when they choose to receive information about Curzon Park events or information and will hopefully encourage younger residents to get involved by posting their own photos of events, nice shots of the area, for example.

It also means that we can provide residents with real time updates on what's happening around the area. Content will be managed by an administrator from the committee group. Stay tuned for more information on this!

Coffee Morning

*Monday 18 January 2016
Chester Golf Club - 10.30 am (£3)*



A post-Christmas opportunity to meet up with friends and neighbours for a relaxing cup of coffee and the chef's delicious mince pies (yes, he's agreed to make some for us in January!).

If you would like help with transport to the Golf Club, please contact Liz Neeves on 679888. Hope to see you there!



Friends Of Westminster Park

– update from
David Guyton,
Chairman



Looking back on 2015, it has been another good year for Westminster Park. The new operators of the golf course and café, Golfstorehouse, have made an excellent start in reviving the golf course, introducing new junior and corporate golfing sessions, and improving the range of food and beverages on offer. The park was also host for the first time for the national Croquet Association two-day All England Handicap Tournament which attracted competitors from across the country and was a great success. All the sporting and recreation groups that use the park - bowls, cricket, croquet, junior football, golf, road running, tennis and walking - have reported records levels of participation and activity.

The childrens' play area and the BMX track have been hives of activity in fine weather and dog walkers have been active throughout the year. The spring bulbs and the summer flower plantings at the Hough Green entrance and in the outdoor café area have provided a bright splash of colour and the fine late summer weather showed the autumn tints of the trees at their best. The continuing high standard of the park has been recognised by receiving a national Green Flag award for excellence for the seventh successive year.

PREVIOUS EVENTS

Family Fun Day 31 August

Despite the rain, there was still some fun on 'The Green' on August BH Monday, with homemade cakes, plant sales, old fashioned games, children's sports, a Tai Chi demonstration and a visit from Cheshire Fire, along with music by 'Blue Note'.

Thanks to Councillors Razia Daniels and Neil Sullivan for providing financial support for some of our expenses via their Members' Budgets, enabling us to make nearly £400 for CPRA funds. Thanks to everyone who made cakes, donated plants, helped on the day, and supported the event. We hope for better weather next time!



Old fashioned games still have their attraction



Plant bargains for the green fingered



Enjoying tea and homemade cake at the refreshment stall



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PREVIOUS EVENTS

Powis Castle 16 June

On a warm June day, 37 intrepid gardeners and historians travelled from Curzon Park to Powis Castle, famous for its terraced garden and overhung clipped yews, as well as the Clive Museum (Charles Foley, a CP resident was a mine of information on the history of the Castle as he is a National Trust volunteer at Powis!). Once again, many thanks to Jacky Arrowsmith and Christine Hughes for organising yet another inspirational day - our gardens can only get better!



Promenading on the terrace



The amazing clipped yew trees

Tree Felling

It is not an exaggeration to describe Curzon Park as an urban forest. Trees make the whole place look and feel better.

Some of our tree stock is protected by Tree Preservation Orders, while others are protected by virtue of being in a Conservation Area. Owners must seek planning permission if they wish to fell trees in these two categories.

As a residents' association, we do not comment on householders' planning applications, but we do feel we have a responsibility to represent members' wishes to maintain and enhance our local environment.

To help us monitor future applications to fell trees, we have enlisted the

help of Chester Civic Trust, a voluntary organisation dedicated to the preservation and improvement of our environment. They monitor the weekly lists of planning applications, and have kindly agreed to scrutinise future tree felling applications in Curzon Park, and keep us informed.



MID-WEEK WALKS

Thurs 19 November: *Delamere Forest & Old Pale Hill (5 miles)*

Starting from the Visitors Centre, the walk includes Blakemere Moss and Pale Heights giving views across the North West and into Wales.

Tuesday 19 January:

Duke's Drive & The Meadows (4.5 miles)

A local walk along the Duke's Drive and back to Chester along The Meadows (subject to conditions) to Handbridge.

To join the mailing list for the mid-week walks (further information is sent out nearer to the date of the walk), contact Roksana Fennell on 07765 404186 or email midweekwalking@cpraonline.org



Residents enjoying some of our recent walks over the summer

The following weekend walks have been arranged:

WEEKEND WALKS

Saturday 7 November

Llangollen and surrounding areas, led by Jenny

Saturday 5 December - Chester City Walls and Cathedral, led by Charles and Yvonne

Saturday 2 January 2016 - Erddig, through woods and surrounding lanes, led by John and Christine



Litter Picking In The Dingle



The Dingle is a wonderful asset for residents of Curzon Park. Many of us make use of it for a woodland and riverside walk, or as a route in to Handbridge.

Keeping it clean and tidy is something CPRA is determined to do. With that in mind, earlier this year we met Cheshire West and Chester Council officers on site and agreed that we would like to organise volunteer litter picking.

Alistair Jack has kindly volunteered to manage this initiative on our behalf and has been supplied with the necessary equipment by CW&C.

He has already organised one trial run and is planning the next litter pick for early winter when the leaves have fallen from the trees and undergrowth.

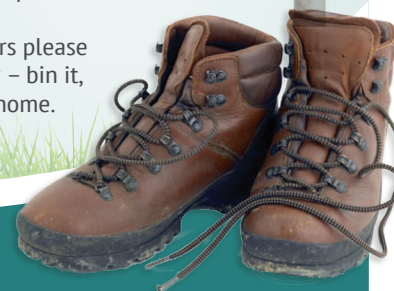
If you would be willing to help, contact Alistair by 'phone on 674613 or email alistair-jack@tstnet.co.uk. He will register your name as a volunteer.

Finally, our thanks go to those who attended our AGM and expressed an interest in supporting this initiative. It was your enthusiasm that encouraged us to go ahead.

Dog Poo - Bin It!

This is one of the most often reported items of complaint that we receive, whether it be dog poo left on the grass or, equally as irritating, dog poo wrapped in a plastic bag and left on the ground or dangling from a branch. CPRA is playing its part to minimize the risk. On the advice of a resident, we have requested two new bins, to be located at the junction of Curzon Park North & Earlsway and another at the junction of Curzon Park South and Howe Road. There is also now a bin at the end of Dingle bank, following a previous request.

Dog owners please remember – bin it, or take it home.





Diary Dates

Forthcoming events:

Wednesday 16 December

Bodnant Gardens and Bodysgallen Hall

Monday 21 December

Carols on the Green

Monday 18 January

Coffee morning at Chester Golf Club

Walking Groups:

Mid-week:

Thursday 19 November

Delamere Forest & Old Pale Hill

Tuesday 19 January

Duke's Drive & The Meadows

Weekend:

Saturday 7 November

Llangollen and surrounding areas

Saturday 5 December

Chester City Walls and Cathedral

Saturday 2 January 2016

Erddig (through woods and surrounding lanes)

Chester Golf Club events:

Saturday 5 December, Friday 11 December

Christmas Party Nights



Chester Golf Club: Christmas Party Nights

Saturday 5 December

£30 per head, including a 3-course

Christmas Dinner with Coffee & Mince Pies and Christmas disco.

Please contact Sue on 01244 677760 (Option 4 - The Bar)

for more information

Friday 11 December

(limited availability)

Are you a member?

Under Data Protection legislation, we have to check our members' database occasionally to confirm it's up to date. If you have registered as a member, please check your details. If you haven't registered yet, why not go to <https://cpraonline.wordpress.com/membership-application> and register to receive CPRA emails in addition to this newsletter.

Interested in learning to play bridge or play better bridge?

The Deva Bridge Club, Village Road, Christleton has excellent tutors and is friendly in approach and lessons start in October:

Improvers 10.00 to 12.30pm; Beginners 1.15 to 4.00pm

Fees: £4 per week, including coffee, tea and biscuits.

Lessons run through until next spring.

Further information available from tutors Maureen and Simon on 01829 752150 or by email lessons@devabridgeclub.co.uk



USEFUL CONTACT DETAILS

Police www.cheshire.police.uk

Crime/Incident Reporting Non-Emergency **101**

Emergency (including culprits at the scene) **999**

Police Community Support Officer

Christopher.fox@cheshire.pnn.police.uk



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Message from PCSO Chris Fox

Hello! My name is Christopher Fox and I'm a Police Community Support Officer. I've been covering the areas of Handbridge, Westminster Park and Curzon Park for a number of years.

I am keen to use this article to encourage people to sign up to Cheshire Police Alert. The alert system is a way for the Police to send out local information to residents – such as current crimes happening locally, suspicious people operating around your local area or information about what we have been doing around the neighbourhood. Our intention is to increase our usage of the Alert system in the coming months and to make it an invaluable tool to help us communicate with the public. To register, just type in 'register for Cheshire Police Alert' to Google and it will bring up the page you need to fill in to register.

During the Halloween/Bonfire Night period there will be increased patrols on duty to deal with the issues this period can create for local residents. Halloween Yes/No leaflets advising whether a household encourages callers will be available from shops around the area. If you experience any issues in Curzon Park, please call 101. Police and Councillor meetings are held on the first Saturday of each month as follows: **Chester Street, Saltney:**

9.00-10.15am Westminster Park Shops: 10.30-11.45am Handbridge/Dee Bridge: opposite the Ship Inn 12.00-13.00pm Please come along if you have any issues you would like to report to the Police or the Council. My email address is christopher.fox@cheshire.pnn.police.uk if you need to contact me. Thank you - Chris

