

### Welcome to the 2017 January newsletter!

As the end of the month fast approaches, our newsletter will hopefully help to banish the last of the January blues, with its mix of information about upcoming events, local news and general updates.

We love producing the newsletters for you, and from the feedback we've had, you love getting them – which is great to hear. We work hard to keep the costs of producing and printing the newsletter down – you'll see that this edition is only one page/ two sides – but we're now reaching the point where we need to ask you, as CPRA residents, for donations if we're going to be able to continue to produce it.

### MAKE A DONATION

#### CPRA needs your help and support.

There are approximately 600 houses in Curzon Park; whilst we don't charge for membership to the CPRA, if each household made a small donation to contribute to running costs (including things like the newsletter), it would make a **huge difference**.

Many of you have already made generous donations to our CPRA fund, and we're incredibly grateful. But if you've never made a donation – maybe now's the time to do it?

**Feedback tells us you like to receive a hard copy so we'll continue to print the editions where possible. If you have any ideas about how to raise funds – please email [newsletter@cpraonline.org](mailto:newsletter@cpraonline.org).**

**If you'd like to make a donation, our bank details are as follows:**

**Bank:** NatWest, 33 Eastgate Street, Chester CH1 1LG

**Account Name:** Curzon Park Residents' Association

**Sort code:** 60 40 08

**Account number:** 32916922

**Or you can make a cheque payable to CPRA and give it to The Treasurer, Viv Devlin (email: [v\\_devlin@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:v_devlin@hotmail.co.uk) or call 07780 524614 to arrange this). We hope you can help – and if you choose to do so – thank you!**

### FORTHCOMING EVENTS

#### CPRA Coffee Morning

A New Year opportunity to meet up with friends and neighbours for a relaxing cup of coffee. Assistance with transport can be provided.

Monday  
13 February  
Chester Golf Club  
10.30am (£3)

#### FIRST AID TRAINING

Monday 27 February  
9–11am at Chester Golf Club

The session will include resuscitation (inc use of external defibrillator), management of shock/bleeding, choking and signs and symptoms of the unwell child/adult. While this is not a certificated course/session, these sessions are helpful to anyone organising an event or, say, looking after grandchildren. We have been partly funded by our local Councillors' budgets but there will be a charge of **£10** to cover the total cost.

#### CPRA QUIZ EVENING

Friday 10 March at The Ship Inn 7–10pm  
(7.30 prompt start with supper at half time)  
Tickets £12.50 each, includes hot pot supper or vegetarian option. Book on your own or book as a team (max 6), preferably by 28 February.

**Further details for the above events from Liz Neeves 07759 477750 or email [socials@cpraonline.org](mailto:socials@cpraonline.org)**

### WEEKEND WALKS

**Saturday 4 February**  
**A WALK AT ERDDIG,**  
led by Jim Shapton

**Saturday 4 March**  
**A WALK AT BEESTON,**  
led by Dave and Jenny Plunkett

**Saturday 1 April**  
**A WALK AROUND BURTON**  
**AND THE OLD DEE SHORELINE,**  
led by Mary

**Saturday 6 May**  
**HALKYN MOUNTAIN,**  
led by John and Christine



### MID-WEEK WALKS

**Thursday 23 February**  
**CANAL WALK TO CHRISTLETON**

**Tuesday 21 March**  
**ERDDIG**

**April (tbc)**  
**OVERTON/ERBISTOCK**

**Further details from Roksana Fennell on 07765 404186 or email [midweekwalking@cpraonline.org](mailto:midweekwalking@cpraonline.org)**

### DECEMBER EVENTS ROUND-UP



**CAROLS ON THE GREEN** There was good weather for the event and for setting up the gazebos and electricity earlier in the day as well as packing it away afterwards. Thank you to everyone who made the evening possible – our local councillors who funded our new PA system, those who set up and dismantled everything, the residents who organised the refreshments, and to our newly formed group of CPRA musicians!

**LIVERPOOL WALK** A really interesting walk, taking in some of Liverpool's famous buildings. Setting off from The Strand near the Pierhead, the group took in the underground museum (dedicated to the Battle of the Atlantic in WWII), Liverpool's 18th century Town Hall, Tommy Steel's Eleanor Rigby statue and on to St George's Hall and its Christmas market.



**CPRA VISIT TO ARLEY HALL** A great visit to one of Cheshire's 'hidden gems', organised by Christine Hughes and Jacky Arrowsmith. The hall was decorated for Christmas with lots of festive displays. An excellent lunch was enjoyed by all – good food, good wine and good company – the perfect end to a perfect day.



## CPRA TECH CLASS

### computing demystified

If you want to learn how to send an email, shop online, Skype your friends and relations or set up the most complex of documents, CPRA Chairman Steve Telford and his wife Connie can help you.



They run a class for the CPRA every fortnight and have helped many people gain a better understanding of all things computer-related.

One resident commented: "We came to them with all sorts of issues and they have sent us away more competent and more confident. Huge thanks!"

## Community Safety Update

from PCSO Christopher Fox



Recently residents have mentioned about a group of males in the Handbridge Park area selling household goods and claiming they are ex-offenders, who have been sent by the Probation Service.

The Probation Service would not send ex-offenders out in this way and, if approached, I would recommend residents to inform the person that the local Police have advised you not to purchase items door to door. A door to door salesman should have a Pedlar's Licence issued by the local Police Force. If you believe they are not genuine, please call 101 and we will send out patrols to check the person(s) out. Residents have also reported that these males have been abusive when they declined to buy goods; again, call 101 if you experience any issues.

**Cheshire Police Alerts** is a great way for residents to find out about household crime and activities in their local area. If you're not already signed up, type Cheshire Police Alert into Google and fill in the registration form.

**Surgeries** are held by the Police and local Councillors on the first Saturday of every month:

**Chester Street, Saltney**  
outside the Post Office, from 9-10am

**Westminster Park Shops,**  
from 10.30-11.45am

**Handbridge,** Dee Bridge,  
opposite the Ship Inn from 12-1pm



## ANYONE FOR CROQUET?

Did your New Year's resolution include getting fitter, getting outside more, meeting new people or trying a new, challenging and stimulating game? If so, croquet may be the game for you. It requires some skill, but does not require lots of strength or stamina so ideal for any age and ability.

Chester Croquet Club meets in Westminster Park off Hough Green in Chester. It is a friendly and successful club with about a hundred members and is always pleased to welcome new members of all standards from absolute beginners to more experienced players.

### TASTER'S SESSION

Saturday 8 April 10am- 1pm

Chester Croquet Club

£5.00 payable in advance.

### BEGINNERS' COURSES

in croquet and golf croquet are available if participants wish to join the Club.

### COACHING

is available for people who would like to improve their skills. If you have played before and have no need of a taster session, then please contact the membership secretary to ask about membership.

No previous knowledge of the game is needed and all equipment will be provided by the Club but ensure you wear flat-soled shoes.

Places must be pre-booked by registering and paying in advance. They are limited so please be quick!

To register or for more information, please contact the Membership Secretary Sally Slater on 01244 677645 / 07711 374927 / [springboard\\_sally@hotmail.com](mailto:springboard_sally@hotmail.com).

Come and discover a new sport and have fun!

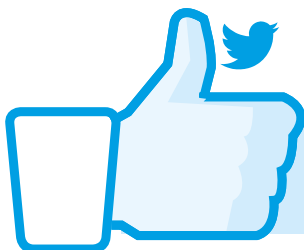
## January's social media update from Phil Mole

Throughout 2016 we saw continued growth in participation on our social media outlets, with Facebook continuing to lead the way in active engagement. This is great progress and we are encouraged by the increasing views, likes and comment posts.

For those residents who are active followers, or for those who have recently joined the Facebook page, you'll have noticed that we are keen to post pictures of events and gatherings that the CPRA organises, the most recent was the successful 'Carols on the Green'. This raises an important question about what should or shouldn't be posted on our social media pages.

To reassure all of our residents, the content of the Facebook page and Twitter feeds are monitored vigilantly by me and Steve Telford (CPRA Chairman); and we'll continue to maintain the integrity of the content to the best of our ability. We'd like to continue to post more pictures to enable our residents and participants to appreciate the success of local events.

Therefore, on occasion and unless already agreed by individuals, the pictures posted will not focus on any individual and will always incorporate numerous residents and the environment of the event. If you're in a picture that we post and you'd rather it be removed from the site, simply contact [cpraonline@gmail.com](mailto:cpraonline@gmail.com) and it will be removed immediately.



Thank you for your continued support. We're now at 52 Facebook 'likes' and remain at 25 Twitter followers.

