



Happy February to all our readers from the CPRA Management Committee.

We've made it through the worst of winter and we're looking forward to Spring, which must surely just be around the corner... Don't believe it? Then check out the bulbs coming up on Curzon Park North (by the Dingle), Carrick Road (on the green), at the junction of Earlsway and Selkirk, on the Green and Mount Pleasant. Something for everyone to enjoy – thanks to all the volunteers who helped plant them.



WALKING GROUPS

WEEKEND WALKS

THURSTASTON

Saturday 3 March – led by Mary

LLANGOLLEN

Saturday 7 April – led by Jenny and Janet

ERBISTOCK

Saturday 5 May – led by John and Christine

GREAT ORME, LLANDUDNO

Saturday 2 June – led by Jenny and Dave



MID-WEEK WALKS

MOEL FINDEG, LOGGERHEADS

Tuesday 27 March – led by Sue Ramsdale

DELAMERE FOREST & OLD PALE

Thursday 19 April – led by Jenny Plunkett

BODNANT GARDENS

Tuesday 15 May – led by Carol Macrae

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Coffee Morning

We're holding a coffee morning at the Golf Club on

Monday 9 April, between 10am - 12 noon.

We don't have a speaker planned for this time, but suggestions welcome for future events.

In the meantime, come along and catch up with friends and neighbours!



CPRA Dinner

We are planning a Residents' Dinner at the golf club, probably with a **Greek theme**.

We're currently looking at holding this event on Friday 31 August, although this date is still to be confirmed – but pencil it in your diary, and more details will follow nearer the time.



Garden visit

Jacky and Christine are busy organising a **Spring garden trip** for late April/early May.

Please contact Jacky on 01244 677266 or Christine on 01244 679592 if you're interested and let them know if there's a particular garden you'd like to visit.

Jacky and Christine are also planning another **Residents' Garden Trail** in the summer, so get in touch if you'd like to show off your garden!



Chester Croquet Club

Chester Croquet Club is holding a 'Taster' day on Sunday 8 April, 10am - 3.30pm at their club in Westminster Park. All equipment will be provided, the only requirement is that players must wear flat-soled shoes.

The cost is £5 (payable in advance). Visit chestercroquet.club for more information. Places are always limited so please be quick!



Two other events which we hope will be of interest:

- A coach trip to **St. George's Cultural Quarter in Liverpool**
- **Playing social bridge at the golf club on a weekday evening.**

Contact secretary@cpraonline.org.uk or phone John Bowyer on 01244 680865 if you are interested in these two events.

PREVIOUS EVENT

Carols on the Green

This annual gathering was probably our most well attended community event of all time.

Within the new addition of a large, lighted marquee (funded by our local councillors and opened by the Lord Mayor, Razia Daniels) there were the traditional offerings of mulled wine and mince pies, supplemented by homemade cakes and beverages of various kinds. The great musical entertainment was provided by our local Belgrave Primary School (both choir and band) and a quintet of brass players drafted in by one of our CPRA Committee Members (Emily Hicks). A big 'thank you' to the Co-op at Westminster Park who sold us the delicious mince pies at a discounted price and of course to all of our festively attired volunteers!



SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITY

We'd like to thank Bradshaw Farnham & Lea for sponsoring this newsletter for the past year. This is the last edition they will sponsor, so we now have an opportunity for a new sponsor.

bradshaw
farnham
& lea

If you're interested, or know anyone who might be, please contact newsletter@cpraonline.org.uk. In return, your company's name and logo will be featured on four editions of the newsletter.



Verges & Hedges

Official business ... The CPRA constitution

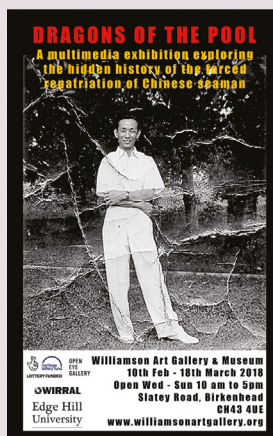
The Management Committee recently proposed some changes to the CPRA constitution. If you're interested in finding out more, please visit cpraonline.org. We'll be asking for approval for the changes at the next Annual General Meeting (AGM).

Our next AGM

One of your favourite events takes place on **Monday 14 May**. We need as many residents as possible to attend the CPRA Annual General Meeting, to hear about what has been happening in the neighbourhood over the last 12 months from the people involved, discuss potential changes to the Constitution (to reflect the changing nature of the association) and vote in your next Management Committee.

In particular, we are looking for replacements for **the Chair and Secretary** who will have served their three year term of office – so please give this some serious consideration. We'll send out a reminder nearer the time.

We look forward to welcoming you the evening.



Dragons of the Pool EXHIBITION

CPRA residents, Yvonne & Charles Foley, have asked us to make fellow residents aware of the Dragons of the Pool exhibition, which is being held at the Williamson Art Gallery & Museum in Birkenhead, from **10 FEB – 18 MARCH**.

The Highways & Open Spaces (H&OS) Working Group continue to work with CWaC on improvements across the CPRA neighbourhood. On 31 October the H&OS WG took part in an Environmental Walk with officers from CWaC to highlight a number of the current issues including: overgrown hedges (both CWaC owned & private) which are severely restricting some of the footpaths, verges which have been badly damaged by vehicles, damaged trees and base outcrop growth. The CWaC officers have since logged the issues onto their Your Streets system and are undertaking a further survey of private hedges in the area prior to sending out notices to those houses which need to take action.

In the meantime, the H&OS WG would like to remind householders not to take matters into their own hands with regard to the grass verges – as advised in an earlier CPRA Newsletter, you could be liable for any damage caused to vehicles by placing anything (e.g. stones, sticks or bricks) on the verge outside your property.



TABLE SALE

With Spring just around the corner, are you thinking about decluttering your house?

Well, if you are, help could be at hand. We're thinking of organising a **'table sale' on the Green** – basically, like a car boot sale, but using tables rather than cars. Residents who want to take part would be asked to donate a small amount to secure a 'pitch' (ie, a table) where they can then display the goods they'd like to sell.

The money we raise from selling table pitches will be used for CPRA funds.

Tell us what you think ...

We'd like to know what you think of this idea before we plan any further. Please email newsletter@cpraonline.org.uk, or email Steve Telford (Steve.Telford@trailservices.co.uk) or John Bowyer (johnbowyer_55@hotmail.com) with your views and we'll let you know what we've decided in our next newsletter.

Social Media update



from Phil Mole

A huge "Thank You" to everyone who is either following us on Twitter or has liked our Facebook page.

We've received fantastic support from a lot of Curzon Park residents and are extremely grateful for your enthusiasm and engagement; we now have 100 Facebook 'Likes' and 44 Twitter 'Followers'. This exceeds our initial thoughts and just goes to show what a great community spirit there is, in and around Curzon Park.

We set out on our Social Media journey being open for residents to come to us rather than the Management Committee pushing our Social Media presence out to the community. This has proved really successful and we now have a great audience with whom we can communicate

44
Followers



100
Likes



through these digital channels. We know that Social Media isn't for everyone, but if you're active on-line and haven't seen our pages – go ahead and join us!

Finally, anyone who recently visited our Facebook page may have noticed we have 100 'Likes' and 110 'Follows'. Just to clarify, by 'Liking' our page, you are showing your support for the page, but may not be seeing all of the content that we post. However, if you also 'Follow' the page too, this will ensure you see all of the content we post.

So don't delay; Follow and Like us today!



Curzon Park Residents' Association

@CPRAChester



CPRA Chester