

### Happy new year to all CPRA residents and welcome to the first newsletter of 2019.

We have our usual mix of news and information for you, which we hope you'll find useful.

In April, it will be the 10th anniversary of our Weekend Walking Group – we'll be looking to mark the occasion in some way, so please do come along if you're free and show your support.

## WALKING GROUPS

### WEEKEND WALKS



#### PORT SUNLIGHT

Saturday 2 February: led by Mary and Janet

#### HOLYWELL

Saturday 2 March: led by John and Christine

#### HOLT AND FARN DON BORDER CROSSING

Saturday 6 April: led by John and Christine

#### GREAT BARROW

Saturday 4 May: led by Janet



If you would like more details, please contact John Jones-Pritchard on 07876 381652.

### MID-WEEK WALKS

#### DYSERTH

Tuesday 22 January: led by Alison Oxtoby

#### RIVER DEE

Thursday 21 February:  
led by Janet Ashbrook

#### MAIDEN CASTLE

Tuesday 19 March: led by Jenny Plunkett



If you would like more details, please contact Carol Macrae on 01244 674611/07913 352056.

## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

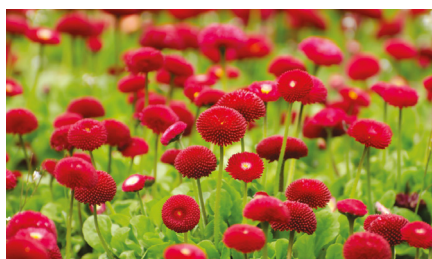
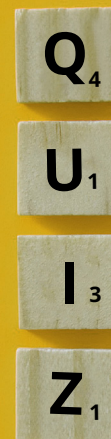
### Let's get quizzical!

We will be holding a general knowledge Quiz Night on **Friday 22 February, starting at 7.30pm** at the **Ship Inn in Handbridge**. Come and enjoy a Friday evening with some of your neighbours and bond over a drink (or two!). We would love to see some new faces, and of course the familiar ones too. Teams and solo players welcome.

**Tickets** only £18 per person which includes a main meal (from a choice of two dishes with a vegetarian option available) and a drink of your choice upon arrival.

**To book or for further information, please contact Jayne via email on [Jaynie38@hotmail.com](mailto:Jaynie38@hotmail.com)**

Please note that this is an adult only event due to the venue.



### Garden Trip/Garden Trail 2019

Watch this space – trips currently being arranged for late spring/early summer.



The next coffee morning with a guest speaker is scheduled for **Monday 4 March 2019, from 10am to 12pm at Chester Golf Club.**

## PREVIOUS EVENT

### Carols on the Green

We had a great turn out in December for Carols on the Green. The rain held off and everyone joining in with the carols and enjoyed the refreshments on offer.

We had the addition of an extra marquee – and a visit from Santa himself!

The singing was led by Geoff, musical accompaniment provided by Chris on the keyboard and Andy on the guitar – a big thanks to them for helping to make the evening a success.

We were overwhelmed by the generosity of donations on the night, which make it possible for us to run events like this. Thank you to everyone who donated, and also to everyone who helped out generally – events like this wouldn't happen without such great community spirit.

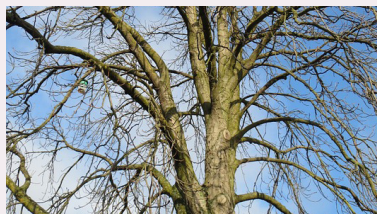
Thank you all for braving the cold and joining in and we look forward to Carols on the Green 2019!



## Highways & Open Spaces Update

### • Streetcare team

It was good to see that the Council Streetcare team honoured their agreement to tidy up our locality and a clear up of leaves was undertaken in time for the Christmas break.



### • Tree care

We are now seeking help from the Tree Officer, Tim Williams, regarding an overall plan for our trees, with priority for our stately chestnuts. There may be need for some self-help from residents, indeed a small number of you have already taken matters into your own hands and managed spur trimming on the base of chestnuts (similar to the actions taken by our neighbours in Cavendish Road).

### • Litter collection programme

Two areas that come under pressure during the windy and wet weather are litter and grass verges. Our much improved litter collection programme has helped – if every resident regularly kept an eye on their own frontage, we would have the full solution.



### • Parking and verges

With the ever-increasing number of residents having home improvements we see more builders' vans parked upon the road and verges, this can be anti-social for their neighbours. Responsibility for changes in enforcement over parking and verges moved to the Local Authority from the Police some time ago, residents have received only vague guidance how these are handled. We will seek definitive information as to how these changes work and the practical impact for residents.

## CWAC Financial support

We're grateful to Councillors Daniels and Sullivan for the allocation from their members' budgets of **£500** towards the cost of producing our newsletters and **£349** to cover the purchase of a second marquee, as used at our Christmas concert.

## BULB PLANTING

**We have taken advantage of a generous offer of a supply of spring bulbs to enhance our verges over past years.**

Early in the New Year we propose a weekend planting and if any residents have any expertise in this area or wish to help, please let Bob Gill know on 682378.



## Support CPRA

**There are no subscription fees to be a member of CPRA, but we do rely on donations to fund some of our events and this valuable newsletter.**

If you'd like to make a donation to CPRA, here are the details: *Account name:* Curzon Park Residents Association *Sort code:* 60-40-08, *Account number:* 32916922. Any questions, please email Tom Arrowsmith at [tomarrowsmith@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:tomarrowsmith@hotmail.co.uk)

## ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

**Incidents of anti-social behaviour in Curzon Park have regrettably been reported more than once in recent newsletters, in particular at the bridge end of Dingle Bank.**

Councillor Daniels recently called a meeting of representatives of various parts of the Handbridge Park ward, also involving Council officials responsible for community safety and the local PCSO, Tim Cooper. The Council has the ability to make two kinds of order giving the police additional powers to deal with nuisance behaviour; one sort directed at particular individuals and the other to deal with persistent problems in a particular locality. The latter is likely to have a detrimental effect on the quality of life of those in the locality when it is persistent or continuing in nature, and unreasonable.

The key point to emerge from the meeting was that the Council cannot (or will not) act unless it is satisfied as to the persistence of a problem over a period of weeks or months, according to the police's record of complaints. It's therefore important that all residents witnessing incidents ensure that they are logged. **Please do not be put off by the fact that an individual report may appear to elicit no response.**

There are two ways to log an incident; either call the police non-emergency number, 101 (or of course, 999 if there is a direct threat to you or other emergency), or the "Contact an Officer" section of the Cheshire Police website, addressing PCSO Tim Cooper. The police should in any event attend where the incident involves consumption of alcohol in a public place.

## Buses for Curzon Park?

**Some 40 residents attended a meeting at Chester Golf Club in November to make clear their dissatisfaction with the lack of a bus route through Curzon Park following the withdrawal of the DB2.**

The meeting was attended by Councillors Sullivan and Daniels, accompanied by Mr Jones, the Council officer responsible for public transport provision.

It was pointed out to the Council representatives that following the bus service reorganisation in the spring of 2018, all areas other than Curzon Park previously served by the defunct DB2, had been provided with alternative services. The Council had apparently taken the view that demand within Curzon Park was insignificant, so had disregarded us. The size of the attendance at the meeting therefore came as something of a surprise.

**After discussion three possibilities emerged:**

- 1. Re-routing some No. 16 services down Selkirk Road into Earlsway, then Curzon Park North;**
- 2. Re-routing the new 61 CWAC-subsidised service that serves Handbridge and Westminster Park;**
- 3. Utilising one of the Council-owned buses used for school runs to provide two weekday return journeys into the City between 9.30am-3pm.**

A response was promised by Christmas. The only information fed back is that Stagecoach, who operate the 16 on a commercial basis, would not consider re-routing it. In spite of a recent reminder, we have, unfortunately, received no response regarding proposals 2 and 3. The Committee will continue to press in the hope that some provision can be allowed in the Council's 2019/20 budget.



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