



It's that time of year again, so please save this date in your diary!

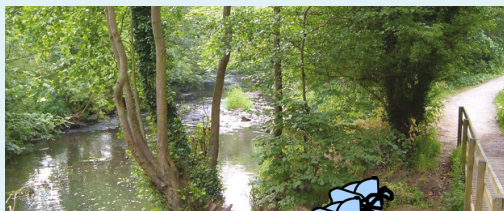
CPRA Annual General Meeting Wednesday 22 May

7.30pm Chester Golf Club

We hope as many of you as possible will come along and to entice you, there will be a glass of wine or soft drink awaiting you on arrival. Doors open at 7pm.

Turn to the centre pages to read more about the AGM.

WALKING GROUPS



WEEKEND WALKS



GREAT BARROW

Saturday 4 May – led by Janet

WILLASTON

Saturday 1 June – led by Mary

BUNBURY/BEESTON

Saturday 6 July – led by Dave and Jenny

ALYN WATERS

Saturday 3 August – led by John and Christine

Any queries regarding weekend walks, please contact John Jones-Pritchard on 07876 381652.



MID-WEEK WALKS



MARBURY

Tuesday 14th May – led by Alison Oxtoby

ARROWE PARK

Thursday 13th June – led by Alison Oxtoby

LLANDUDNO

Tuesday 16th July – led by Jenny Plunkett

UTKINTON

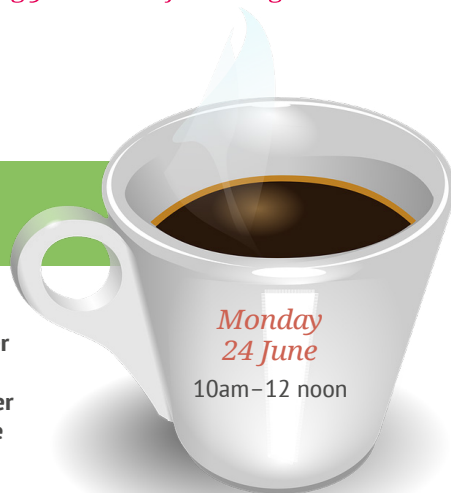
Thursday 15th August – led by Carol Macrae

Any queries regarding mid-week walks, please contact Carol on 07913 352056.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Coffee Morning

Come along to hear guest speaker **June Bamford** from The Guild of Chester Tour Guides talk about her experiences of being a tour guide in Chester.



Monday
24 June

10am–12 noon



CPRA Garden Trail 2019

After two very successful Curzon Park Garden Trails in 2017 and 2018, we've got another one planned for Saturday 6 July 2019.

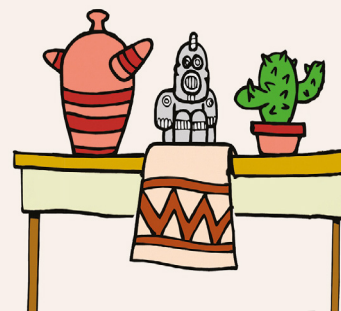
The Group Trail will cover five gardens, starting in a Curzon Park South garden and finishing up in a Curzon Park North garden for tea/coffee and cakes.

Assuming the same level of interest as in previous years, there will be one Trail starting at 10am and the second starting at 2 pm (the Trails will be in groups for security reasons).

The gardens on the Trail are all interesting and very different from each other - offering ideas for your own gardens.

The ticket price is £5 - if you would like a ticket, please contact Jacky on 01244 677266.

Save the date



SUMMER TABLE SALE

CPRA will be hosting a table top sale on Saturday 17 August 2019 on The Green. The family-friendly day will start at 11am (fingers crossed for a sunny day!) and there will be a refreshment tent selling soft drinks and snacks.

The cost of a pitch will be £5 (with all proceeds going to support the CPRA). Bring your own table – children's pitches welcome. There'll be a prize for the 'best presented' pitch on the day!

Scheduled drop-off times for unloading will be co-ordinated to aid congestion on The Green and help will be available for anyone unable to transport items on the day. Please note no electrical goods, foodstuffs or alcohol to be sold – and all unsold items to be taken home on the day please.

We hope you can join us for this fun community event.

Please contact Jayne on 07985 266415 if you wish to reserve a pitch.

After some inconclusive discussion at last year's AGM, the current committee was charged with reviewing the Association's constitution. The outcome is a series of proposed changes to be put to the AGM.

We're sorry that much of this newsletter is taken up with listing them as part of the AGM agenda, but there is a requirement to notify all members in specific terms of the changes proposed, and this is the only way we have of complying.

A more readable explanation of the thinking behind the proposals can be found on our website www.cpraonline.org



We're looking for new faces for the Management Committee, so please give positive consideration to becoming involved.

The vacancies include the position of Chairman. None of the vacant positions, including that of Chairman, require prior involvement with or knowledge of CPRA, nor do they necessarily require you to do more than attend 6-8 meetings of the Committee during the year. The chairmanship would suit someone – male, or for a change, female - who has previous experience, perhaps through work or other voluntary organisations, of chairing meetings.

If you would like, without commitment, to discuss becoming a member of the committee ahead of the meeting, please contact the current Chairman, Jim Shapton, on 07780 516890 or via chairman@cpraonline.org.

CURZON PARK RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION
Annual General Meeting
Wednesday 22 May 2019
7.30pm Chester Golf Club

AGENDA

- 1 Apologies
- 2 Minutes of AGM held 14 May 2018 (which may be viewed on the Association's website)
- 3 Report on the Association's activities since 1 April 2018.
 - Chairman's Introduction
 - Events Working Group
 - Highways and Open Spaces
 - Racecourse developments
 - Membership
- 4 Presentation of the Association's Accounts for the 12 months ending 31 March 2019.
- 5 To consider and if thought fit approve the changes to the Association's constitution set out in the Schedule to this Agenda, each numbered proposed change to be the subject of a separate resolution.
- 6 Election of members to serve on the Management Committee for the year 2019-20:

Note: 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 three geographical "constituencies" and a 4th for a member who is under 39 years of age at date of election.

Constituency 1

Curzon Park North
Dingle Bank
Curzon Close
Westfield Close
The Serpentine

Constituency 2

Curzon Park South
Howe Road
The Paddock
Carrick Road
Argyll Avenue

Rothsay Road

Constituency 3

Selkirk Road
Earlsway
Park Road West
Northway
Greensway
Mount Pleasant

The following members of the current Management Committee, being eligible, offer themselves for re-election to the positions indicated:

Simon Parrington as Secretary
Tom Arrowsmith as Treasurer
Jayne Rowe as an ordinary member
Amanda White as an ordinary member

In addition, the following will be nominated:

Dave Plunkett as an ordinary member.

Nominations for the chairman and additional ordinary members will be taken.

- 7 Questions and comments from the floor.

SCHEDULE

The following changes are proposed to the Association's constitution:

- 1 Amend Paragraph 2(d) by adding the words in italics:
 - a. 2(d) To work in partnership *with other relevant bodies and* other agencies to achieve the Associations aims.
- 2 In Paragraph 3 (a), substitute the following for the second sentence:
 - a. "The area for membership shall be limited to the roads listed in the Schedule"
- 3 Substitute the following for Paragraph 3(b):

"Residents and owners become members of the Association by registering their name and address with the Association in the form prescribed from time to time (either electronically or by delivering a paper form as directed in the form), and agreeing in writing to abide by the constitution. Membership applications shall name all persons resident at a particular address who are intended to be members. The Management Committee of the Association (MC) shall be jointly responsible for maintaining (so far as reasonably practicable) a register of all current members but may delegate that task to any member of the Association whether or not a member of the MC."
- 4 Substitute the following for Paragraph 4 (Equal Opportunities Statement):

"The Association aims to involve everyone in the Curzon Park area and will seek to overcome any obstacle to eligible people becoming members, giving their views and getting involved in meetings and events. The Association will prohibit any conduct which discriminates or harasses on grounds of race, religion, disability, political belief, gender or sexual orientation."
- 5 Number the first two paragraphs of Paragraph 5 as 5.1 and 5.2 respectively and the last three as 5.4, 5.5 and 5.6

respectively, substituting the following for the intervening paragraphs:

"5.3 Members of the MC shall be elected at each Annual General Meeting (AGM). If vacancies occur among the MC Officers or other MC members subsequently, or between AGMs, the MC shall have the power to fill those vacancies by simple majority of the MC members present at an MC meeting, except:

(i) where three or more vacancies occur at the same time in which case a Special General Meeting, advertised for that purpose, must be called, and

(ii) that they may not (except as permitted below) appoint to any such vacancy a person who up to the time of the immediately preceding AGM had been a member of the MC for a continuous period of three years or more (a "year" being the period between consecutive AGMs).

Such a person may nevertheless be reappointed if an AGM has failed to elect an MC consistent with the requirements of this Paragraph 5 and three months have elapsed without those members who were elected having succeeded in filling any vacant Officer post or attracting sufficient appointees to form a quorum."

- 6 In Paragraph 6.1 delete the current sub-paragraph (e) and alter the letter prefixes of subsequent sub-paragraphs accordingly (also amending the cross-reference in Paragraph 10(a) accordingly).

- 7 Amend new sub-paragraph (e) to read as follows:

"(e) The existing MC members will stand down. The Officers and other MC members for the next year will be elected. Nominations for Officers and other MC members may be accepted and voted upon only if the person nominated is present at the AGM or has prior to the AGM delivered to the Secretary a signed note agreeing to serve on the MC in the relevant capacity if elected. A member who has stood down

will be eligible for re-election provided that he has not been elected to the MC at each of the immediately three preceding AGMs"

- 8 Amend new sub-paragraph (f) to read as follows:

"(f) If the numbers elected are insufficient to provide a quorum at an MC meeting or should any Officer post remain unfilled, the AGM will decide whether the MC should start procedures to dissolve the Association in accordance with Paragraph 10. Alternatively such members as are elected to serve on the MC may be mandated by the AGM to operate as an MC notwithstanding the lack of a quorum for up to six months with a view to appointing additional or replacement members and Officers so as to form an MC complying with Paragraph 5. Should the MC so mandated fail to do so within six months, it shall dissolve the Association."

- 9 Amend new sub-paragraph (g) to read as follows:

"(g) Any notice required to be given to members in writing (in connection with an AGM or otherwise) may be given by including the notice in a newsletter circulated to each household within the Association's area. It may alternatively be given by email to a member who has specifically consented to receive communications from the Association by that means."

- 10 In Paragraph 8, amend the third paragraph to read as follows:

"Accounts will be prepared for the 12-month period ending on 31 March each year and submitted to the next Annual General Meeting"

- 11 In Paragraph 9, substitute the number "28" for the number "7"

- 12 Amend the prefix to the Schedule to read "The following are the constituencies for the purposes of Paragraphs 3 and 5 of this Constitution."

There's more than just golf at Chester Golf Club!

The club is offering social membership to people in the local area. As a social member you can enjoy all the facilities of the golf club, just without the golf.

There's a full-sized snooker table, an active Bridge club, a varied social calendar including quiz nights and film nights, a large patio area overlooking the golf course, a function room, a bar serving a wide range of drinks and a restaurant serving delicious food from our Michelin-trained chef.

To find out more about joining as a social member call 01244 677760 or visit www.chestergolfclub.co.uk



Highways Update

Volunteer Day

We had an enthusiastic response on our Volunteer day back in February and our volunteers worked hard litter picking and cutting back.

We were joined by Andy Worrall from CWAC in a consultative role, plus our local Councillor, Razia Daniels. Andy Worrall and our Open Spaces Group Chairman Steve Telford mapped out the areas needing attention. These included hedges and verges abutting Curzon Park North and the Dingle, and the service road between Curzon Park South and Hough Green. The Streetcare team helped in cleaning up and removing rubbish along the service road.

The following week Andy sent across three members of his team to help clear tree cuttings and cutting back of ivy encroaching our pathways.

All in all, a very rewarding conclusion and our thanks go to all participants.

BULB PLANTING

We received a good supply of daffodils via our Council contacts - the challenge was they were beginning to open and needed planting speedily. Volunteers were swiftly found and the work completed, thanks go to all involved.

We have received £100 of funding from the CPRA to spend on spring bulbs flowering 2020, probably crocus or similar.

We will let residents know when we plan to hold a late autumn planting session, watch this space!



Drug abuse

Whilst we all enjoy the benefits of living in Curzon Park, we are not totally immune from the anti-social drug behaviour that pervades other localities.

Drug dealing and abuse is prevalent and more open locally, with Handbridge suffering more over recent years. This position now appears to have widened into the Overleigh Cemetery, the Dingle and railway/pedestrian bridge areas abutting Curzon Park.

Our litter pickers remain our eyes and ears and sadly have to report that drug detritus – namely empty small transparent drug bags – have recently been found dumped along with empty drug syringes around the Dingle. Nitrous oxide chargers have also been found in the Carrick Road green area. In the instance of a dumped empty syringe, our local Council acted promptly and removed the offending item.

If, as a resident, you need to report an incident to the Police and/or the Council, the local contact numbers are:

- Police (non-emergency number): 101 (or of course 999 if there is a direct threat).
- Alternatively visit the 'Contact an Officer' section of the Cheshire Police website and address your concern to our PCSO, Lauren Davies.
- Council website: www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/residents/contact-us/report-it/report-it.aspx and click on 'Litter and Litter Bins'. Select 'Glass drug or body fluids' to see the emergency out of hours number 0300 123 7035.



Rosie and Pixel's plant sale

Sunday 5 May (2 – 4 pm)

65 Curzon Park South

Come and choose from a good range of fruit, veg, herbs, shrubs, perennials, annuals and house plants.

Refreshments are available and there's a free blackcurrant cutting when you buy a drink!

The event is being held to raise funds for CPRA, Thrombosis UK and Bloodwise.

DIARY DATES 2019

May

Sunday 5 May (2 – 4 pm)

Rosie and Pixel's plant sale

June

Monday 24 June

Coffee morning

July

Saturday 6 July **Curzon Park garden trail**

August

Thursday 8 August

Virtual reality experience

Book early as limited to 18 people.

Saturday 17 August

Table sale on the Green

Thursday 12 September

Cultural visit to Liverpool

Date TBC **Scrubbers' Weekend**

We need volunteers to help clean up the area of the Golf Club storage building.



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