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Wrexham Road Developments

You will all be aware of the recent flurry of activity regarding the proposed new housing development on the former greenbelt land between Westminster Park and the Wrexham Road. The further consultation with us, the residents of Westminster Park, originally promised for the end of 2015, took place on 19 October. Nearly 400 people from WP and the surrounding area attended and had the chance to see outline plans and talk to employees of Paycause (Taylor Wimpey and Redrow) and their consultants.

WPRA monitored attendees, obtained feedback and subsequently held two public meetings to enable residents to state their concerns. As a result a WPRA response to the consultation has been produced and lodged with the developers and the Council - this is available for viewing on the WPRA website.

We have also encouraged individuals to make their own comments to the Council and many of you have done so.

The main issues are:

1. The sheer size of the new development - the proposal is now for 1450 properties (up from 1300) plus the 31 houses to be built by Milne Housing at the top of Sherbourne Avenue. We believe that this is just too many.

2. The effect of the additional traffic that will be generated by the development on the Wrexham Road, Grosvenor Bridge, etc. The roads are already struggling to cope, with Chester increasingly facing gridlock every time there is an accident. The Western Relief Road, that has seen much discussion but little action, seems to be one possible solution. We do not believe that planning permission should be granted until a plan to deal with the traffic is agreed and funded.

3. The proposed primary school is not scheduled to open until 700 houses have been built. We think this is far too late.

4. A health centre is proposed - we want to see details of plans and dates before planning permission is granted.

5. The draft development brief suggests that there may be vehicular access for a limited number of houses onto Lache Lane, contrary to assurances given to us previously. We object to this strongly as a limited number can soon become less limited creating a "rat run" through WP. We welcome foot and cycle connections (as proposed) but not vehicular access.

6. The development requires a plan for removal of both foul and surface water - we need to be satisfied that proposed schemes are adequate and, once agreed, are implemented.

Paycause have said that they will listen to our comments before submitting a formal planning application. However, they are not the only decision makers involved in this project; the Council, the NHS, Welsh Water and others also have a part to play. We must make sure that things happen when and as proposed.

Brian Westcott

Dates for your diary

Thu 1 Dec	Tea Dance, Chester Town Hall
Mon 5 Dec	Christmas Lights Switch On, Westminster Park Shops
Thu 8 Dec	2pm Evergreen Carols & Mince Pies
Sun 11 Dec	WPCA Children's Christmas Party, WP Community Centre 4pm Scout & Guide Advent Service, Scout Hut
Wed 14 Dec	Evergreen Christmas lunch
Sun 18 Dec	6.30pm St. Mary's Nine lessons & Carols
Thu 19 Jan	Evergreen talk - Barry Hayes: Rowing the Pacific
Fri 10 Feb	Gardening Club visit to Winter Garden, Dunham Massey



Christmas Lights Switch On

Come and join in with the fun when the
Sheriff of Chester comes to
Westminster Park Shops

5pm, Monday 5th December

Father Christmas

Belgrave Choir

Mulled wine

Hot dogs

Mince pies

News from your Councillors

Westminster Park Shops Parking

Feedback received about the provision of parking bay lines has been mostly positive, reporting improved ability in finding a parking spot. In the near future a couple of disabled bays will also be painted.

We requested a survey by the Highways team to see if some people are leaving their cars at the shops for a long time while they go into the City by bus for work or shopping. The survey has been completed and we await the results.

Some residents have complained about pollution created when people leave engines running while parked at the shops. Please try to minimise pollution and switch off your engine when not needed.

Proposed Wrexham Road Development

We are very pleased with the level of constructive interest in the recent consultation event at Lache Community Centre and the two residents' meetings at Westminster Park Community Centre. We hope this will continue as we will all need to work together to get the best possible outcomes from this huge housing scheme when it arrives. We will be meeting with the Developers to discuss residents' concerns.

We believe that Western Relief Road is crucial to the viability of this project, so we will campaign and lobby for this.

New Homes Bonus

After a long consultative process we have awarded £30,000 to St Mary's Church Community Centre in Handbridge to support

the funding for a new community facility in Handbridge. In addition, the Dukes Drive Outdoor Project receives £8,648 to provide a community sensory garden, seating, outdoor trim gym and improvements to Dukes Drive.

These projects have been submitted to Cheshire West Council for final approval and we thank everyone who participated in the consultation process.

We are supporting the Westminster Park Residents' Association Christmas Lights Switch On event which is taking place on Monday 5 December and will be able to support some other projects from our Members Budget.

Consultations

We wish to draw to your attention the following important consultations:

1. COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW OF THE UNPARISHED AREA OF CHESTER

The initial consultation seeks views on whether residents are satisfied or not with the current arrangements in our area which does not have a Parish Council, but has a number of Residents' Associations working with us, your ward councillors. This is the on-line link to the consultation:

www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/CommunityGovernanceChester The consultation period closes on 14 December.

2. PARLIAMENTARY BOUNDARY REVIEW - CONSULTATION ON THE SHAPE OF THE CHESTER PARLIAMENTARY CONSTITUENCY - The proposal for comment is largely the same as for the last

parliamentary elections, but with the addition of the whole of Chester Villages Ward (Christleton, Waverton and Mickle Trafford). It is part of the process to reduce the number of MPs from 650 to 600 with broadly similar electorate sizes. Submissions can be made by visiting www.bce2018 or by writing to Boundary Commission for England, 35 Great Smith Street, London SW1P 3BQ.

3. NORTHGATE DEVELOPMENT - There are Drop-In Sessions on Tuesday 6 December and Thursday 12 January at Chester Town Hall showing the current plans for the Northgate Development. Alternatively, the website chesternorthgate.com includes plans and artist impressions. Updates are available through a newsletter that can be subscribed to online. The Northgate team are currently working on the specifications for the new Market and are seeking views at the drop-ins and also through a survey next month.

4. WEST CHESHIRE NHS CONSULTATION - Service Review Policy Consultation Cheshire and Wirral Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs) have launched a "Service Review Policy" consultation, which runs until Tuesday, 17 January, 2017, and asks the public to consider a range of proposals in relation to some:

- Cosmetic procedures
- Dermatology services
- Ear Nose and Throat treatments
- Fertility Treatments and Sterilisation
- Trauma, Orthopaedics and Musculoskeletal surgery
- Urology and Uro-gynaecology services.

To find out more about the proposals and how you can have your say, please click on the following link:

<http://www.westcheshireccg.nhs.uk/newsitem.aspx?storyID=6488>

For further details about consultations visit the Council Website or attend our monthly street surgery on the first Saturday every month. In the meantime please do not hesitate to contact either of us for more details or if you need help with an issue.

Neil Sullivan
Razia Daniels

Belgrave Primary School

Belgrave Primary School were delighted to receive the news that the school has been awarded a Gold School Games Award. This is an upgrade from the Silver Award they received last year. The PE co-ordinators, Mrs Redmond and Mr Moss, were interviewed by the assessors from Sheffield Hallam University who were very impressed with the range of extra-curricular sports clubs, the high level of pupil participation and the school's commitment to sport.



The school now has an active School Council who will be arranging for the pupils

to take part in a Sports Quiz in aid of Children In Need.

Belgrave Primary School's Year 6 Road Safety Officers organised a school competition to enable us to submit 6 entries to a national competition to promote Road Safety Week on 21 November.

The prize for the winners of the overall national competition was a full size banner in the winning design for the pupil's school to display on the outside school premises. In addition each child in the school received a high visibility drawstring bag.

Ben Stacey's colourful clear design was chosen as winner of the Design a Road Safety Banner Competition 2016.

Congratulations and Thank You to Ben.


Diary Dates

Fri 2 December
Mon 5 December

Thur 22 December
Mon 9 January

Christmas Fair
Choir singing at Westminster Park shops
End of term
Beginning of Spring term

Deanne Garratt, Headteacher



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News from your Residents' Association

What a busy Summer we have had! Nearly 400 residents attended a consultation meeting with the Wrexham Road housing developers at the Lache Community Centre and over 150 also came to our two public meetings held at the Westminster Park Community Centre. We have had lots of publicity in our local press and urged residents to comment on the proposed plans to both the Council and the developers which many of you have done.

Your views are critical if you wish to have input into what is going to be a major change in our local vicinity. We know from your feedback that the potential traffic impact remains a grave concern not only for local people but for all those who use the already busy routes into and surrounding Chester. We have a dedicated Sub-Committee who are working tirelessly on behalf of our residents, so do please get involved in any way you can!

We held a great Quiz night in October which was a sell out! It is a good way to meet other people in the area and support our local Community centre. Such facilities are critical to a thriving community such as ours. My personal thanks to all Committee Members who made this night a success.

Congratulations to the winners and runners up of the WPRA Best Front Garden competition and thank you to First Prize winners Derek and Wendy Roberts who hosted the prize-giving ceremony in their lovely garden. Second Prize went to Sowmiya and Periasamy Bala, 32 Norwood Drive and Third Prize to Pete and Noreen Nickson, 21 Lache Lane.

We have also, once again, purchased spring bulbs which have been planted by

volunteers in our open spaces and my thanks to them for their continued dedication in improving the area in which we live.

We are organising the installation of Christmas trees and lights by the local shops and thanks go to our local Councillors, Razia Daniels and Neil Sullivan for their contribution from their Members Budget. Our event is involving both the local businesses and Belgrave Primary School pupils. We will be honoured to welcome the Sherriff of Chester, Myles Hogg to open the event. We look forward to seeing you there!

Finally, our grateful thanks go to Nick Ryan who is retiring from the WPRA committee, on which he has served brilliantly as treasurer for the past 14 years. We will miss his wise words of counsel greatly, as well as his meticulous accounting. Thank you Nick for all that you have done to support your community.

Our contact details are contained in the newsletter so do please get in touch if you have any matters you wish to raise or include in the newsletter.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Pauline Brown, Chair



Derek and Wendy Roberts with Pauline Brown, celebrating winning the WPRA Best Front Garden Competition.

WPRA Gardening Club

Firstly a big thank you to everyone who has supported our 2016 programme. A particular thanks to everyone who donated and bought plants at the Summer Fayre.

One of our gardeners has commented that she always gets more seeds in a packet than she needs. Picking up on this idea we would like to include surplus seeds in our plant swap at our March and October meetings.

Programme Dates for 2017

Friday 10 February – a guided tour of the Winter Garden at Dunham Massey.

Wednesday 29 March – 8pm A talk at the Community Centre by Andy Lambie, lecturer at Ness Gardens, on “Plant Propagation”.

Monday 22 May – a guided tour by the head gardener of Sandymere Gardens in Cotebrook.

Wednesday 9 August – a conducted tour of the Walled Gardens at Norton Priory.

Thursday 28 September – an introductory talk by one of the gardeners followed by a visit to the gardens at Wollerton Old Hall.



Wollerton Old Hall garden

Wednesday 11 October – 8pm A talk at the Community Centre 8pm by David Toyne on “Organic vs Inorganic Gardening”
All of our trips will be self drive. If you need a lift please contact Mary Pole.

WPRA Membership

Subscriptions

As you will be aware from the enclosed payment slip it is that that time of year when we ask for your subscription. The payment of £2.00 covers the calendar year 2017 and is used to support local community events, produce this quarterly newsletter and improve the appearance of our estate.

Please join by sending the form and subscription to Sandra Magilton, the new treasurer, at 31 Rowcliffe Avenue, CH4 7PN, to me or by handing them in to the **al dente** deli, so saving you postage. You can pay by cheque, made payable to ‘Westminster Park Residents’ Association’, or via Online Banking to account 32470878, sort code 60-40-08 quoting your name and house number as ref (e.g. Ryan17).

As per last year you can pay the subscription for both WPRA and the Friends of Westminster Park (FOWP) by means of the same form. The FOWP represent all organisations and local residents with an interest in Westminster Park by pursuing discussions with the Council and helping to raise external funds for improvements. Their annual subscription is also £2 per household (if paying both by cheque, one will suffice made payable to WPRA).

You can advise us that you have paid by email to sandymagilton@googlemail.com.

Emails

You will note that there is a space for your email address on the payment slip. This is optional, but will allow us to advise you directly of items of interest that are happening within our community, particularly in relation to the development on Wrexham Road. You will not be ‘bombarded’ with emails, nor will your address be released to any third party.

You can also register to update your email address on our website: <http://www.wp-ra.org.uk/> “email updates” where Dave Craggs, committee member and website co-ordinator, explains how and why this would help to reduce our admin.

Thank you

This is my last communication as Treasurer as, although I have enjoyed the last 14 years, I felt that it was finally time to retire. I would like to thank all residents for the kind words and cards they have sent me over the years and I am certain the WPRA will continue its excellent work during what is likely to be a very demanding time.

Nick Ryan

Chester Model Railway Club

New members are welcome or if you would like advice on purchasing or selling stock, please contact us.

Colin Dollimore 01244 629167

Westminster Park Community Association, Community Centre

Children's Christmas Party, Sunday 11 December 2016

The Community Association is giving a **Christmas Party** for children and grandchildren of our members on Sunday 11 December 2.00 – 5.00p.m. All children between the ages of 4 – 11 years are welcome. There will be afternoon tea, entertainment and fun games. Tickets are free of charge and available from Sandra Magilton – 677373, or the Community Centre during the evening.

We look forward to seeing many children joining us.

Sandra Magilton

Summer Fayre 2017

I have organised the Summer Fayre for several years now and if it is to continue then I feel it should now be run by a small committee of about four representing the main players, such as Belgrave School, etc. If you would like to assist please let me know.

Colin Dollimore
01244 629167

Quiz Nights

You may be aware that we run a monthly quiz at the centre, normally on the last Saturday of the month. If anybody would like to run one on behalf of charity, please let me know.

Membership of the Club is just £10 for a full year and pro rata at other times and represents good value for money. Why not join? You will be made very welcome.

The Lounge Bar is open every evening at 7.30 pm as well as Saturday and Sunday lunchtimes 12 – 2pm for members and their guests. Special events such as Bingo are held on the third Friday evening of the month and a quiz usually on the last Saturday of the month.

The hall is also available for private hire for individuals or clubs, with bar facilities, kitchen and a small stage.

Phil Williamson, Chairman:

Community Centre: 01244 671243 after 7.30pm, wpc2008@yahoo.com or wpcwhatson and on Facebook

Evergreen

Our Evergreen Over-60s club have enjoyed some interesting and amusing Autumn talks and outings included a visit to Cheshire Classic Cars at Hawarden Airport, and a trip to Tatton to see the beautiful Christmas decorations in the Mansion and enjoy lunch in the Tenants' Hall.

The next meeting will be on Thursday 8 December when we will be singing carols and enjoying mince pies and other seasonal goodies between 2 - 3.30pm, and on Wednesday 14 December members and their guests will enjoy a superb Christmas lunch at Chester Golf Club, Curzon Park.

Our 2017 programme is now available and memberships for 2017 are being taken out; subscriptions remain at £10 a head.

We start off in January with the return of Barry Hayes who will tell us what happened next after his epic Monterey to Hawaii row.

In February we have our AGM, and there will be time for a quiz afterwards.

Our March meeting is a talk by Ken Waldie who will give us a presentation of his book 'Crossing Place', with illustrations of the Old Dee Bridge at Handbridge through the years.

Meetings are held in the Community Centre between 2 - 3.30pm on each third Thursday of the month. Complimentary tea, coffee and biscuits are served and all residents of Westminster Park over 60 years of age are welcome.

The **Supper Club** continues to flourish with a programme for next year being prepared.

To find out about all the above, please contact a Committee member at a meeting.

Science Fun at Brownies

The 18th Chester Brownies enjoyed an evening with the Science Geek (aka Laura Watkin). They had an informative and fun time learning about splitting black ink, the importance of handwashing and stopping germs.



Next they took their own fingerprints and learnt that everyone's are different. Then the Brownies created t-shirts for a Brownie Pack in Ghana which Laura is visiting next year.

All of the Brownies gained their Science Investigator badge.

If your daughter is interested in Brownies (age 7-10), do register her at www.girlguiding.org.uk and click on 'Join us'.



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The Lord Mayor of Chester Needs Your Help

You are invited to help the Lord Mayor of Chester and the City of Chester Charter Trustees.

Chester residents and organisations, school children, parish councils and anyone who has a connection with Chester or the Civic team are being given opportunity to help shape the duties of the city's civic figureheads for the future including: the Lord Mayor of Chester, The Sheriff of Chester and the Deputy Lord Mayor of Chester.

People are being urged to share their views about what they think it is important for a 21st century Civic figure to do.

The Lord Mayor of Chester is therefore

asking if you could complete an on-line questionnaire by 3 January 2017 which can be found at: www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/lordmayor.

The questionnaire should take no longer than 5 minutes to complete. Hard copies are available from the Chester Civic team.

The Office of the Mayor of Chester is thought to date back to 1237, with the status of Lord Mayor being granted by the Queen in 1992. The people who hold the office of the Lord Mayor, Sheriff and Deputy Lord Mayor of Chester change every year but what they do has remained the same for many years. Given the importance of these roles, the Charter Trustees for the City of Chester are keen to ensure that the civic team is focused

on the most important priorities for the city.

On behalf of the Lord Mayor of Chester, thank you in advance for supporting this consultation.



Chester councillor Angela Claydon (centre) with Sheriff of Chester councillor Myles Hogg and Deputy Lord Mayor councillor Razia Daniels

Friends of Westminster Park

The range of activities in Westminster Park continues to increase. Hard on the heels of the Nordic Walking Group's arrival in the spring are reports this summer that Pokemon characters are now being hunted in the park by young people glued to their mobile phones. Whether any have been identified and captured is unknown.

Other sporting and recreation groups that meet in the park have all reported a busy summer and have benefitted from an unusually warm and dry autumn which continued into November.

The park also saw its first two international matches by Chester Croquet Club against Zurich and Carrickmines, Dublin, which were followed by the second nationwide tournament hosted by the club.

In recognition of the needs of people with limited mobility or young families, the Friends purchased two picnic benches earlier in the year which have been well used throughout the summer. We are in the process of raising funds for two more park seats and, in addition, we have received a

very generous donation of a further seat.

Too late for the last issue was news that the park is one of eight Cheshire West and Chester parks that received the prestigious national Green Flag award for 2016/2017.

The award is presented to public parks and



green spaces throughout the country which meet demanding criteria for providing safe, welcoming and well maintained facilities for a wide range of recreational and leisure activities. The park achieved its first award in 2010 and the biennial award has now been conferred for the fourth time.

Following the success of a volunteer working party to collect litter and other rubbish in Westminster Park as part of the 'Clean for the Queen' campaign earlier in the year, another volunteer working party was held in November to plant spring bulbs and to tidy some of the shrub beds. Nearly a dozen people turned out and dodged the showers to plant a couple of large sacks of daffodil bulbs kindly contributed by our local councillors. We are grateful to everyone who attended these events which are invaluable in maintaining the attractiveness of the park that we all enjoy.



David Guyton

Glan Aber Tennis Club

Pay & play coaching sessions on Saturdays have stopped for a couple of months and will re-start on Saturday 25th February at the usual times (9.30 - 10.00 3-5 years; 10.00 - 11.00 6-10 years; 11.00 - 12.00 11+ years and 12.00 - 13.00 adults).

Hopefully this will avoid the worst of the winter weather and we will all be looking forward to the relaunch.

Club membership remains buoyant with a mix of adult, student, junior and mini players. We run regular club nights, a number of internal competitions, adult and junior team matches in summer and winter leagues, a funded outreach programme to local schools and a comprehensive coaching programme (for members and non-members). New members always welcome - "Tennis for all - in all weathers".

Visit our website for any further information: www.glanaber.com.

Westminster Park Golf Course and Cafe

At Westminster Park Golf Course and Cafe we are now producing hot and cold snacks which are being very well received and with this we have a number of regular groups using the café. Over the festive period, we are providing a number of Christmas Specials such as Turkey and Cranberry Sauce Rolls, Mince Pies and non-alcoholic Mulled Wine.

The course goes from strength to strength and on Saturday 29 October we had a parent and child pairs competition.

Every Wednesday morning we have a very popular Parent and toddler group, all is very positive.



Westminster Park Golf Course & Cafe

- Well stocked café, with a warm friendly atmosphere, constantly improving our food options
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Cheshire Police

Hello Everyone

I am Christopher Fox and have been the Police Community Support Officer in Westminster Park for a number of years now. My e mail address is Christopher.fox@cheshire.pnn.police.uk if you need to contact me.

A man was arrested and charged by Police with a theft from motor vehicle offence on 30/10/16 on Barony Way, Lache and put before the courts on 9/11 when a guilty plea was entered. The man received an 8 weeks suspended sentence and a 12 weeks tagging order to be at his home address between the hours of 19.00 and 07.00.

As Christmas fast approaches please ensure that you are taking basic measures to prevent yourselves from becoming the victims of crime. Please consider the following tips.

- Many people like to visit friends and relatives or even go on a holiday to enjoy some winter sun. When leaving your home unattended, always make sure to lock the doors and windows as a first port of call to ensure no one can gain easy access to your home.
- Set your security alarm
- Close/open the curtains and turn on lights



regularly. This can be difficult, but if you have a neighbour or family member you can trust they could quite easily do this at random times so a potential thief does not see an exact pattern to the house's lights and curtains opening/closing or being switched on and off. A timer can also control the lights.

- Keep presents out of public view. Placing presents in plain view of windows will only draw attention to your house and its contents.
- Dispose of boxes and rubbish discreetly. Leaving big boxes outside will give away the fact that you have new large, valuable items in the house. Break down boxes and take them to the tip.

If you see anyone suspicious or have anything to report please call us on 999 if it is emergency or 101 for a non-emergency response.

Please remember if you have any issues that you wish to discuss, the Police and the local Councillors hold the following Surgeries on the first Saturday of every month:

Chester Street, Saltney – Outside the Post Office – 9.00-10.15am
Westminster Park Shops – 10.30–11.45am
Handbridge – Dee Bridge - Opposite the Ship Inn – 12.00-13.00am

Chris Fox
PCSO for Handbridge Park

Westminster Park Community Choir Update

An update for all those who have responded wishing to join the choir. I have over 20 names interested so far and obviously would welcome many more. I may have an interest for a Music Director, unfortunately we have not been able to meet up before this issue is published.

Please keep an eye on our Web site and Community Notice Board for further bulletins.

Sandra Magilton 677373

The Lache and Westminster Park Local History Group

We have been gently busy this year with walking around to identify any features which might be included in the local heritage list. This includes permanent features of historic or community value which have not otherwise been listed as ancient monuments or listed buildings. We hope to put our suggestions on display locally for comment before submitting them. Examples of what we would like to include are the Westminster Park, and the GR pillar boxes on Lache Lane and Cliveden Road.

We will be meeting soon to develop plans for meetings for next year. We meet every 2 months, with talks in the winter and guided walks and outings in the summer. One of our ideas for next year is to visit the WW II munitions and chemical weapons site at Rhydymwyn, near Mold.

Please contact me if you would like to be included on our mailing list and come along to our meetings: shuttleworths@talktalk.net

Linda Shuttleworth

Chester Riverside Rotary

Chester Riverside Rotary Club will be holding a membership evening and Quiz in the WP Community Centre on Saturday 28 January 2017.

Rotary will be displaying material detailing the work (and fun) that they have been involved in.

It is anticipated that the event will start at 7pm, with the Quiz at 8pm. Look out for further details

Pam Drew
Chairman



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If you would like to know more then we would love to hear from you.

Please call Diane on 07966 404355 or email diane.clark@passion-for-learning.com

Shotokan Karate Club

Classes in Westminster Park take place on Wednesday evening - 5.30 - 6.30pm (beginners/intermediate) and 6.30 - 7.30pm (intermediate/advanced) at the Community Centre and on Saturday morning 9.30 - 10.30am (all grades) at the Scout Hall.

If you would like to know more about the club, please get in touch. Your first lesson is free.

Contact Dave Craggs on 07711 009041 or check out our website www.hskc.org.uk.

The information section

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Clubs & organisations based in Westminster Park

Please let the Editor know if any details are incorrect or if you have a club or organisation that you would like listed.

Belgrave Badminton Club: Khal 07786 080089
Belgrave Pre-School: Ashley Middleton 07761 816891

Bowls: Martin Amesbury 679271
Bridge Club: Nick Ryan 675923

Chester Road Runners: Gill Warburton
chesterroadrunners@gmail.com

Cricket: Craig Edwards 07765 475095

Croquet: John Dawson 675929

Evergreen (Over 60's Club): Sandra Magilton 677373

Friends of Westminster Park: David Guyton 675978

Gardening Club: Mary Pole 674439

Healthy Walking Group: Mike Lloyd 680328

Junior Football: Frank Marnell 07801 064211

Lache and Westminster Park Local History Group: Linda Shuttleworth 679791

Mini Soccer (5-10 years): Frank Marnell 07801 064211

Model Railway Club, Chester: Colin Dollimore 629167

National Women's Register: Betty McLoughlin 677680

Nordic Walking Group: Ted Rose 01928 722334

Rotary Club, Chester Riverside: Pam Drew 07786 225552

Shotokan Karate Club: Dave Craggs 07711 009041

St Mary's Church Parish Office
 Revd Paul Dawson 675199

Tennis - Glan Aber Tennis Club: Sue Britton 677936

Westminster Park Community Assoc: 671243

Westminster Park Healthy Walking Club: Mike Lloyd 680328

WI, Handbridge: Secretary Veronica Bull 676865

SCOUTING:

Group Scout Leader: Sue Jones 675538

Beavers (Wednesday): Jane Shorthall 682136

Cubs (Monday): Michael Glass

Cubs (Thursday): Christine Owens 676691

Scouts (Friday): Terry Coe 676734

Explorer Scouts (Tuesday): Sharon Johnson

GUIDING:

Rainbows (Monday): Pat McGettigan 677134

Brownies (Tuesday): Jan Hooper 674701

Guides: Contact the District Commissioner:
 Sue Fryer 679945

St Mary's Church Hall to be replaced by Community Centre

St. Mary's Church Hall in Handbridge is to be replaced by a purpose built Community Centre open to everyone. Local Councillors Razia Daniels and Neil Sullivan are supporting the campaign to raise money for the new St. Mary's Church Community Centre in Handbridge and, following local consultations, have awarded £30,000 from the New Homes Bonus to the project. Anyone wanting information to support the fundraising can email centre2017info@gmail.com or call Ted Graham on 01244 679636.

Donations for this important development are very welcome and can be made in the following ways: a cheque made out to 'St Mary's PCC Handbridge Centre' delivered to St Mary's Parish Office. Gift Aid can add 25% to the money you donate.

There is also an online JustGiving site for donations linked to: www.justgiving.com/st-marys-without-the-walls



Access to Community notice boards

There are a number of noticeboards in the area on which you can display notifications of events, etc. Below are the details of the persons you need to contact in order to display notices:

Community Notice board, Castlecroft Road

Martin Amesbury, 679271

Brian Westcott, 675431

Notice board, SJ Bebbington

Sandra Magilton, 677373

Noticeboard, Entrances to Westminster Park, Lache Lane and Hough Green

Sue Britton 677936

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 For advertising queries, please ring 01244 680364 or 07752 854383.



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at St Mary's Church, Handbridge

Sunday 11th December

4.00pm Scout & Guide Advent Service at the Scout Hut, Westminster Park

Sunday 18th December

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11.30pm Midnight Eucharist

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