

WP News

Westminster Park Residents' Association



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Your Belgrave memories needed

Belgrave Primary School is celebrating its Golden Anniversary this year. The school is celebrating 50 years of education on Friday 29 June and is inviting the local community to an exhibition at the school on Friday 29 June at 4pm and then to an evening celebration that will include entertainment and refreshments.

The evening event is being organised with the school's PTA and more information will be published nearer the time.

If you have any photos of the school over the years they would be happy to scan these and return them to you; please put your name and contact details on the envelope. Any memories of the

school that you have over the years would also be very welcome as they would like to create a book.

The school has albums of photographs that have been collected over the years which will be put on display. This wonderful photo of a road safety initiative has been put on the current Safety Officers' noticeboard in the hall adjacent to a photo taken this school year. Maybe you know who the children are in the photo taken around 1970!



Dates for your diary

- Sun 25 Feb - Chester International Film Festival
- Wed 7 Mar Councillors' Surgery, 10.30am, WP Shops
- Sat 3 Mar Grosvenor Museum lecture 7.30pm British Humour
- Wed 14 Mar Evergreen Rhydmywn Heritage site talk, 2pm
- Thu 15 Mar Councillors' Surgery, 10.30am, WP shops
- Sat 7 Apr WPRA Picture Quiz, 8pm
- Sat 7 Apr WP Community Centre
- Wed 11 Apr WPRA AGM, 8pm
- Mon 16 Apr Grosvenor Museum lecture 7.30pm Howard de Walden
- Wed 18 Apr Gardening Club Talk - 8pm, WP Community Centre
- Thu 19 Apr Evergreen Modern Marriages talk, 2pm
- Sat 28 Apr Glan Aber Tennis Club Open Day
- Sat 5 May Councillors' Surgery, 10.30am, WP shops
- Sat 12 May MP's Surgery, 9.30am
- WP Community Centre

NOTICE TO ALL MEMBERS OF WESTMINSTER PARK RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

AGM TO BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY 11 APRIL 2018 AT 8PM IN WESTMINSTER PARK COMMUNITY CENTRE

The above AGM is to be held to report on the Association's activities in the past year, make any amendments to the Constitution and elect Committee Officers and members.

There will also be an update on the Wrexham Road housing development and King's School parking issues.

If you wish to raise any matters or propose anyone to join the Committee, please inform the Secretary, Penny White, by Wednesday 21 March 2018 by email:

pennywhite@sky.com or c/o WPRA postbox, S J Bebbington, Westminster Park shops.

WESTMINSTER PARK RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

PICTURE QUIZ NIGHT
with Sausage & Mash Supper
(vegetarian option available)

7.30pm Saturday 7 April
At Westminster Park Community Centre

Tickets £7.00

available from 7 March from Sandra Magilton (677373),

S J Bebbington (Butchers)

or

any committee member.



Image: Ian Cooper



News from your Councillors

Wrexham Road Development Planning Applications

Four planning applications have been received by the Planning Department with regards to the Wrexham Road Site. We are working very closely with WPRa to make sure all concerns are addressed. We are also campaigning for the Western Relief Road to be made a priority. We urge you to contact us with any concerns you may have.

Parking Issues on Manor Road and Fir Tree Avenue

We are very disappointed that the option for 6th formers to use the Wrexham Road Park and Ride site is not being used by many 6th formers. We attended a meeting at the King's School with the new Head, senior staff, 6th formers and residents to discuss the ongoing parking issues in Fir Tree Avenue and Manor Road. We are in the process of arranging an onsite meeting with



Image: Anne Ord-Sykes

Highways as residents have raised further concerns that parked cars are causing highway flow and safety issues in places.

Westminster Park Community Centre

We have approved funding for disco equipment, and some improvements to the Community Centre. We have also requested a new sign for the Westminster Park Community Centre.

Wrexham Road and Hough Green Bus Lanes

The Council is planning to install automatic number plate recognition cameras to detect vehicles inappropriately using the bus lanes. Offenders will receive fixed penalty notices. This will come into effect shortly.

As your local councillors we are very pleased to support Christmas Events and it was really wonderful to see all the community come together to take part in the festivities and to listen to the lovely carol singing by the children of Belgrave School.

Finally we would like to take this opportunity to say a huge thank you to all the WPRa Committee members for all your hard work in organising a very successful Christmas Lights Switch ceremony... and to wish everyone a very happy and peaceful 2018

Neil Sullivan
Razia Daniels

Brownies meet Lord Mayor

18th Chester Brownies enjoyed an amazing time visiting the Lord Mayor of Chester, Councillor Razia Daniels at the Town Hall and learning about the city's regalia.

She told them of her journey from Tanzania to Lord Mayor and how much she was enjoying her year in office.

The Brownies learnt from Clive about the Mayoral Regalia including the sword, mace and oar. The oar symbolises the Lord Mayor's authority as Admiral of the Dee.

This was followed by juice and biscuits!

As a result of seeing this collection, the Brownies were able to use it towards gaining their Collectors badge.

If your daughter wishes to join us and is aged between 7-10 years, go online to www.girlguiding.org.uk and select 'Join us'.

Janne Hooper



Support Belgrave at the Co-op

Belgrave Primary School PTA has been chosen to receive local community funding from the Co-op between now and October. The school will receive 1% of purchases from Co-op members who swipe their membership cards and have selected them as their cause.

You can support the school by becoming a Co-op member and then going online to choose Belgrave PTA as your cause. The money raised will help to create an outdoor reading space - the fund already stands at £450.

The online link is: <https://membership.coop.co.uk/causes/14719/>

Pothole concerns

The WPRa is concerned about the increasing number of potholes in local roads as well as at the Westminster Park shops. We have decided to compile a list to forward to the Council for attention. If you spot a pothole near you that requires attention, please take a photo of it and send it, together with location details, to Sue Britton at: britton.family@btinternet.com.

Evergreen

The Evergreen Club finished 2017 in good style with a 'Carol and Mince Pies' meeting where we sang carols led by the very talented Michael Reynolds of Silver Singers.

The New Year opened with a hilarious talk by Roger Devonside telling of 'wing walking' and other exploits raising money for charity.

Our next few meetings will be quite varied: in March a speaker from Rhydymwyn Heritage Site will tell us about its history and the manufacture of mustard gas, and in April we have a humorous talk about modern marriage ceremonies 'for better or for worse'.

At our May meeting our Councillor, and this year's Lord Mayor, Razia Daniels, will talk to us about her year as Mayor at her last engagement of the year.

An outing is being organised in May to visit the National Memorial Arboretum at Alrewas and the ever popular Mill Hotel dinner cruise will take place at the end of June.



The Supper Club started the year with meals at The Architect and Cote Brasserie. Future outings include four more 'new' restaurants as well as some old favourites.

The Theatre Group were entertained at 'The Play That Goes Wrong' at the end of January and are looking forward to 'Cilla' in March.

All residents of Westminster Park aged 60 or over are eligible to join as long as they are also members of Westminster Park Residents' Association. Membership is £10 a year, and we meet on the third Thursday of each month in Westminster Park Community Centre, where complimentary tea and coffee are served. We look forward to welcoming you soon.

Tuition

SATS/ Entrance exams 2019?

NOW is the time to start preparing – don't leave it until September!

English/ Maths/ Verbal Reasoning

Tuition for KS2 tests, or general help with literacy or numeracy (5-11years) by experienced tutor.

Reasonable rates
Ring 01244 675431

News from your Residents' Association

Wrexham Road Planning Applications - please comment

Welcome to the latest edition of WP News. I have much to report to you on the Wrexham Road Development. Just before Christmas, Taylor Wimpey submitted planning applications for Wrexham Road, which are in addition to those submitted by Redrow in June 2017. **This new estate will be nearly twice as big as Westminster Park.**

Copies of all plans can be viewed online or at Lache Library and you can comment on them in a variety of ways. **It is important that you copy your comments across all applications if you wish your views to be taken into account.**

Areas of concern for WPRA are:

- **Traffic** - without massive improvements, Chester roads will be gridlocked at peak times. The Chester Western Relief Road should be developed before construction is allowed.
- **Education** - a primary school is needed at an early stage to avoid overcrowding at other local schools
- **Health Services** - our GPs are already fully subscribed. New facilities are needed in advance of construction.
- **Types of dwellings** - despite demand, no bungalows or smaller houses are planned.
- **Sewage** - Chester's sewage system needs a huge upgrade to avoid outflows into the Dee.
- **Drainage** - the land is clay and must be properly drained to avoid flooding.
- **Ecology** - this area is home to newts, owls, bats and endangered birds.

The application numbers are:

17/02444/FUL Newt mitigation area
17/02453/OUT Hybrid application Redrow Part A Full 509 houses
Part B Outline Infrastructure & Amenities
17/05200/OUT Hybrid application T.Wimpey Application 1 Full 816 houses & infrastructure
Application 2 Outline School & playing fields
17/05201/OUT Outline 1400 houses & infrastructure, Taylor Wimpey

Parking at local shops – many residents have suggested that the parking at the shops should be a one-way system and we have asked our local Councillors to raise this with the Highways Department. I will report back with an update in the next edition.

Picture Quiz Night

I look forward to seeing you at our Quiz night and sausage supper on Saturday 7 April. It is always a popular event, so make sure you get your tickets early!

Pauline Brown, Chair

WPRA Gardening Club

Spring Talk: Edible Landscaping, Wednesday 18 April at 8pm

Our speaker is Richard Smedley. Richard is a social entrepreneur, currently helping charities and community groups with sustainable IT solutions. He is a certificated permaculture designer, former Garden Organic advisor, Prince 2 project manager, and trained in horticulture at Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew. Community Centre. Tickets £4 at the door.

Autumn Talk: Making the most of your garden space

Wednesday 10 October at 8pm

Our speaker is Jane Allison, a former teacher who has exchanged teenagers for plants. She is a trained horticulturalist who specialises in cottage garden perennials. Community Centre. Tickets £4 at the door.



Bodrhyddan Hall

WPRA Subscriptions 2018

Thank you to all who have paid the WPRA £2.00 annual membership subscription. Despite many of you contributing so far, it only represents around one third of the households in the community.

Your membership fee is not wasted. It helps to support the printing of this Newsletter, distributed four times a year. It also goes towards our annual bulb planting, making our community areas colourful in spring, and towards the Christmas Lights Switch-on, which brings our community together. Finally, it allows us to plan for the future replacement of the tree lights which brighten our area during the festive season.

The Residents' Association is here to support the community and it is important that we can demonstrate a healthy membership when representing your views about local issues to the local authority.

Please lend your support by completing the membership form and returning it to Sandra Magilton, 31 Rowcliffe Ave., or to our postbox situated in Bebbington's (butchers). If you require a form you can contact me on 01244 677373, e-mail: sandymagilton@googlemail.com or find one on our website www.wp-ra.org.uk.

Spring and Summer trips: Wednesday 16 May: Bodnant Gardens

These famous National Trust Gardens in the Conway Valley should not need any introduction. In spring they are a must see.

Tuesday 24 July: Bodrhyddan Hall

The privately owned 17th Century Hall is set in eight acres of gardens and woodland. Access to the gardens costs £4 per person, including audio garden guide. A combined ticket for the house and gardens is £7. Unfortunately the house and gardens have limited disabled access.

Saturday 11 August: Shrewsbury Flower Show.

The 130 year old show is the world's longest running horticultural event in the same location. It is one of the country's premier shows attracting top exhibitors from all over the country.

All of these trips will be self drive and participants make payment for entry at the venue.

Bulb Planting programme:

To date we have planted nearly 3000 daffodil bulbs and some 600 crocus bulbs throughout the Westminster Park estate. The Garden Club will continue its programme of bulb planting in 2018. If you know of an area that would benefit from spring colour please let us know.



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Shop News

New Interiors Shop coming to WP

Opening mid/late April 2018, The Interiors Shop will be the owner's first and only shop. Rosalind Ellis chose Westminster Park particularly for her new venture because of the parade's fantastic community feel, availability of parking and desirable location.

The shop will stock both new and vintage items for the home and garden, with ranges including Little Greene Paint Company's paints and wallpapers, a selection of fabrics with curtain making and upholstery services, occasional furniture, lighting, rugs, homewares, greetings cards and wrapping, amongst many others.

Please feel free to pop in and say hello once the shop is open, there is absolutely no obligation to purchase anything, Rosalind is just keen to meet the community and see what they think of the shop.

Westminster Park Bridge Club

Are you interested in playing bridge in Chester?

We currently play in the Community Centre on Five Ashes Road every Thursday from 19:00 to 22:30. All levels of players are welcome.

Westminster Park Community Centre has ample parking and as a Member you will also have access to the bar lounge with TV. The Westminster Park Bridge Club has been located here for 40 years. It has a friendly environment and refreshments are also available for a small donation.

A host system operates at Westminster Park. Therefore a current member will be available each week for any player who may turn up without a partner. The table fee is £3 and £2 for members.

Hairdressers now upstairs

Cre-8 has moved into the larger salon above the Coop and is renamed KA Hairdressing.

As well as six cutting chairs, the new salon has a private treatment room where customers can have eyelash tints, semi-permanent lashes, threading or eyebrow microblading.

Abbie and Kirstine are also hoping to expand into nail treatments and are aiming to employ more stylists in the future.

Jeff's Takeaway Closes

You will probably have noticed that Jeff's Takeaway has closed, citing higher rent and new council business rates making the business uneconomical. They continue to trade in Kingsway and will deliver locally if you ring: 01244 311533.



To make an appointment, ring 01244 675996.

Westminster Park Community Centre

The Westminster Park Community Centre opened in 1973 and can be found at the back of the car park to the right of the school.

We have a social club open from 7:30 each evening - come along see what it's about.

Our main aim is to provide a venue for activities within this area. Currently groups using the centre include: Pre-school (contact them any morning, Mon - Fri in term time), Weight Watchers on Saturday morning, Family Church on Sunday mornings, dance and ballet classes on Monday and Tuesday afternoons, yoga on Monday evenings, karate on Wednesday evenings and bridge on Thursday nights.

On the first Thursday of the month there is a Drop-in at 2pm where you can come for a cup of tea or coffee and a chat. Also, normally on the third Thursday of the month, the Evergreen over 60s club meets to enjoy speakers and other activities.

We take bookings for parties, and charities use the venue for fund raisers. If you enjoy darts, we also have darts teams that play on Mondays and Tuesdays as well as Super-league Sundays.

As you can see we have a busy week, but we are also looking for people to come and organise family events.

It's your club - come and use it. If you have any ideas, contact us - our number is 01244 671243 or e-mail wpc2008@yahoo.co.uk. We have a Facebook group at Westminster Park Community Centre and [wpcawhatson](https://www.facebook.com/wpcawhatson).

Phil Williamson, Chairman

Can you light the touch paper that helps a child blast off into a world of fun and learning?

PASSION FOR LEARNING is looking for volunteers throughout West Cheshire with between an hour and a half to four hours a week to spare, who would like to help support young children in their local school with their reading and learning.

We are looking for **enthusiastic adults** who genuinely enjoy the company of children and can bring new experiences and their own passion for life and learning to the next generation.

- ✓ Our one to one sessions are based on fun and engagement;
- ✓ Our volunteers are uniquely **trained, nurtured and resourced**.
- ✓ You will have your own little group to allow you to develop a **consistent relationship** with the children and provide them with tailored support.
- ✓ It is an incredibly fulfilling opportunity which helps the children to flourish.
- ✓ **Prior experience is not necessary.**

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



WP News delivery people needed

Would you like to get a bit of exercise and be able to help us out with a few house deliveries of WP News?

This quarterly newsletter is delivered completely by volunteers to every house in the Westminster Park and Lache Lane area and we are short of helpers in a few places.

If you think you could help, please ring Susan Eva on 676697.

Friends of Westminster Park

After several years of sterling effort, David Guyton stood down as Chair at the AGM in November and I have taken over the role. Huge thanks are due to David for his many years of dedication to park matters. The dialogue with CWaC officers has stalled in recent months but we are hoping that things will begin to improve following a Walk around the Park with Rob Jones and Andy James scheduled for 21 February. In the meantime, the main topic of change has been the decision to restrict access to the gangs of youths on bikes, who have been causing damage and other anti-social behaviour, by closing the park gates at night. The gates will reopen at 7am each morning. There will only be limited access through the main gate off Hough Green. If you have any comments of concerns on any FoWP related matter, please do not hesitate to contact me: **Steve Telford 07976 712339**

Glan Aber Tennis Club

Spring is approaching and now is the time to make the most of having a friendly, welcoming tennis club right in the heart of Westminster Park – we can even lend new players a racquet!

New courses for adults and juniors (5 week block) will commence w/c 26 February.

If you would like to get an idea of what's on offer, why not try the Saturday Pay & Play coaching sessions which re-start on 10th March? No membership is required, just turn up: 09.30-10.00 Bronze (3-5 years) £2.00, 10.00-11.00 Silver (6-10 years) £3.50, 11.00-12.00 Adults £5.00 and 12.00-13.00 Gold (11+ years) £4.00.

Our Community Outreach Fund continues to provide free weekly coaching in local schools which again includes Lache and St. Clare's Primary Schools.

The club's annual Open Day will be held on Saturday 28 April 2018 from 2.00-5.00pm. This is free and open to all – adults and juniors – so please come along and try out the facilities and have a look round. We are delighted that the Lord Mayor, Razia Daniels, will join us to officially open our newly refurbished courts at 2.00pm.



Lessons resuming on improved Westminster Park golf course

We are soon about to start further work on the golf course at Westminster Park and will be replacing more of the tees. In addition, we have purchased all new course signage.

Our greenkeeper has been doing winter work on the course including extensive work on the greens.

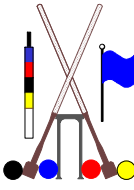
In the cafe we are getting more and more visitors and lots of groups. We are extending the menu and now offer hot and cold food to

eat in or takeaway.

When the nights get lighter we will start our very popular junior lessons and anyone interested can email:

enquiries@golfstorehouse.com or pop into the cafe to register an interest. Lessons are available for children from 5 years old upwards and of any standard. Our co-owner is a Class AA PGA Golf professional.

Chester Croquet Club



A warm welcome to new members. Spring and summer are around the corner! Come and play croquet and gain a sport, fun, friendship and competition.

Croquet is a game of skill and strategy, angles, tactics and guile; a bit like snooker on grass. It does not require lots of strength or stamina, so it is 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. The official season runs from the beginning of April until the end of September. Have a look on our website chestercroquet.club for more information.

There will be a 'Taster' session held at the beginning of April at the club for which there is a small charge of £5.00 payable in advance. If participants then wish to join the Club, beginners' courses in association croquet and golf croquet will follow.

Coaching is also available for people who have played before and 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. The only requirement is that players must wear flat-soled shoes.

If you would like to register your interest or would like more information, please contact the Membership Secretary, Sally Slater, on springboard_sally@hotmail.com or 01244 677645. Places are always limited so please be quick!

Come and discover a new sport and have fun!

Westminster Park Cricket Club

Nets are being held at Queen's Park High School at 7.30pm on Sunday nights. This 11 week block started on 14 Jan 2018 and costs £4 a session. All welcome.

Robert Aldridge 07759 695084



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New St Mary's Handbridge Centre takes shape

The work on the new Centre is progressing well and is on schedule. The roof was put on before Christmas, followed by the inner walls, and the external brickwork is now being laid.

The formal opening of the Centre will take place on Sunday 10 June at 6.30pm. The Bishop of Chester will be presiding over the opening ceremony.



NHS General Practice Extended Hours -

You can now book to see a GP, nurse or arrange a blood test in the evening, at weekends and on Bank Holidays. Physio assessments are also available any weekday evening.

To book an appointment, call extended hours on 0300 123 7743 or speak to your GP receptionist.

Patients registered with a GP practice in West Cheshire can access appointments at six various locations between: Monday to Friday 6.30pm - 9.30pm & Saturday and



West Cheshire

Clinical Commissioning Group

Sunday 9am - 6pm.

The closest location for Westminster Park residents is the 1829 building, Countess of Chester Health Park, CH2 1HJ.

Please note that the opening times and services offered at different venues will vary. If you book a blood test please remember to take your blood form which is usually issued by your GP practice.

Confused by computers? Troubled by tablets? Frustrated with phones?

Help is at hand! Clare's Digital Coaching is offering a new one-to-one service to WP residents to help them get to grips with their technology.

Clare Pritchard has 28 years' experience in the computer industry and is offering a friendly, patient service to adults in their own homes, using their own devices – computers, tablets and mobile phones.

She will tailor her lessons to your precise needs, guiding you to improve your computer skills, use of email and the internet, including online shopping and banking. You can also find out how to Skype, organise your computer files, word process – in fact, anything you are keen to be able to do.

You might only want a one-off lesson to tackle a specific topic or prefer a course of lessons to cover a number of different skills.

She is happy to discuss individual requirements.

You can contact her on 07759 783893 or by email: cprit01@aol.com.

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:

Community Notice board,

Castlecroft Road

Martin Amesbury, 679271

Brian Westcott, 675431

Notice board, SJ Bebbington

Sandra Magilton, 677373

Jennifer Crew 680364

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

Sue Britton 677936

Student Parking in W Park

For some years now students at the King's School have been prohibited from parking on school premises as the school says danger is caused by too many cars arriving and leaving at peak times.

As a result, many Sixth formers are parking in Manor Road, Cottage Road and surrounding roads and walking down Wrexham Road to school. The number grows as more pass their driving tests – on one day in January, 36 cars were counted.

This is causing difficulty and annoyance to residents whose visitors have difficulty parking. Belgrave School is also suffering as parents have problems dropping off and collecting children.

The Council has allowed students free use of the Park and Ride and King's has arranged a minibus to collect them. Unfortunately, there has been little take up – students say that parking in WP gives them more flexibility.

The School has set up a Travel Committee, chaired by Headmaster George Hartley on which I represent WP. The parking problem has dominated meetings, although they are also developing initiatives to encourage more sustainable ways of travel to school by both staff and students.

The Head arranged a meeting in January between residents, our councillors, the Head of 6th Form, the Bursar and three students. There was a frank exchange of views but, unfortunately, no solution was found.

The introduction of parking limitations seems to be against Council policy and the school say they cannot force students to use the P&R.

This issue will be discussed at the AGM on 11 April, so please come along to make your views known.

Brian Westcott

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What's On

Chester International Film Festival

The 2018 Chester International Film Festival, hosted at Storyhouse and organised by Chester Film Society, will take place from February 25 to March 6.

The festival aims to screen the best in contemporary cinema, and this year's line-up boasts a remarkable selection of films from around the world, including two Oscar nominated films and a North West première:

Sunday 25 Feb @ 2pm: Loving Vincent

Monday 26 Feb @ 6pm: In Between

Wednesday 28 Feb @ 6pm: I Am Not A

Witch

Sunday 4 March @ 1pm: Menashe

Monday 5 March @ 6pm: On Body and Soul

Wednesday 7 March @ 6pm: The Nile Hilton

Incident

In addition, we will again be hosting our 5th Animation Festival alongside the 2018 Film Festival at which we will be showing the best in international animations. Following a call for submissions, we received 1093 entries from 83 countries! A shortlist of 10 films will be screened and each night our audience can vote. On the final night –

Wednesday 7 March – the audience prize for 2018 will be decided.

Tickets for the films can be booked at Storyhouse in person or online. Subscribers to Chester Film Society get a special discount. For more information visit www.festival.chesterfilmfans.co.uk.

Grosvenor Museum Society

The Grosvenor Museum Society lecture series continues with an examination of **British Humour from the 18th to 20th century**, as Michael Murphy raises more than a smile in his talk on what makes us laugh, on Wednesday 14 March, at 7.30pm at the Grosvenor Museum.

Free entry for members of the Society and anyone not already a member will be invited to join the Society for a bargain price of £15, which includes their attendance at future lectures (see below), PLUS all lectures for the next season, otherwise price is £5 per lecture.

Monday 16 April, 7.30pm, Grosvenor Museum: **Medieval Fantasies and Modern Artists: the patronage of Howard de Walden of Chirk Castle 1911-1946**

Thursday 17 May, 7.30pm, Grosvenor Museum: **Rediscovery of Arcadia: Capability Brown and the Pastoral Idyll**

For more details, consult the website: www.grosvenormuseumsociety.co.uk or telephone Andrea Hopkinson on 01244 675555

Next Issue

The copy date for the next issue is Friday 27 April. Send editorial, letters and advertising queries to newsletter@wp-ra.org.uk.

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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.

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Bridge Club: Nick Ryan 675923

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Cricket: Robert Aldridge 07759 695084

Croquet: John Dawson 675929

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

Friends of Westminster Park: Steve Telford 07976 712339

Gardening Club: Mary Pole 674439

Junior Football: Frank Marnell 07801 064211

Lache and Westminster Park Local History Group: Linda Shuttleworth 679791

Model Railway Club, Chester: Colin Dollimore 629167

National Women's Register: Betty McLoughlin 677680

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