

# WP News

Westminster Park Residents' Association



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A wonderful show of blossom this spring.



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## Work starts on Wrexham Road

After a local and national media furore about the netting of hedges on the Wrexham Road, diggers have moved onto the development site to start preparatory work ahead of the construction of around 1300 houses.

The first stage of the development will involve roadworks at the M & S roundabout on Wrexham Road, as this will be the main entrance onto the new estate. Once groundworks have been completed, this will be the location of the first houses to be constructed by Taylor Wimpey and Redrow.

Further entrances onto the estate will be created at later stages of the development opposite the King's School, where traffic lights will be installed, and at the Park & Ride roundabout.

As work gets underway on the Wrexham Road housing estate, it will offer opportunities and challenges to the residents of Westminster Park and the surrounding area. Undoubtedly there will be disruption to traffic and all the noise and mess that comes with new construction, but there will also be the opportunity to bring about improvements to our environment and its facilities.

Residents of the new estate will be sharing many of our existing facilities, at least in the short term, until their own are developed. This will include our schools and medical provision as well as shops, parks and other leisure facilities.

Our local school Belgrave is seeking to seize the opportunity offered by the new estate, aiming to become an academy under the umbrella of The Learning Trust, which

includes Queen's Park High School. They are currently consulting with parents and the local community and would welcome your views - details of how to comment are on the Belgrave website. Their ambition is to be involved in the development and running of the school on the new estate.

Our medical provision is also under review, with plans to improve the Lache surgery and develop a new centre in Handbridge.

As representatives of your community, we are keen to hear your views about these and other improvements that can be made to our area. These might relate to our park, shops, community centres or streets. Please share your ideas with us via our Facebook page or email me at [newsletter@wp-ra.org.uk](mailto:newsletter@wp-ra.org.uk).



### Dates for your diary

Sat 1 Jun	Councillors' Surgery, 10.30am, WP Shops
Thu 6 Jun	Drop-In Tea & Coffee, 2pm, WP Community Centre
Thu 20 Jun	Evergreen, 2pm, WP Community Centre
Sat 22 Jun	MP's surgery, 9.30am, St Mary's Handbridge Centre
Sat 22 Jun	Westminster Park Summer Fayre, 1.30pm, WP Community Centre
Sun 23 Jun	Beroyal Fun day & Dog Show, 11am, Westminster Park
Thu 4 Jul	Drop-In Tea & Coffee, 2pm, WP Community Centre
Sat 6 Jul	Councillors' Surgery, 10.30am, WP shops
Thu 18 Jul	Evergreen, 2pm, WP Community Centre
Sat 20 Jul	MP's Surgery, 12.30pm, Hawthorn House, Lache
Thu 1 Aug	Drop-In Tea & Coffee, 2pm, WP Community Centre
Sat 3 Aug	Councillors' Surgery, 10.30am, WP shops
Thu 15 Aug	Evergreen, 2pm, WP Community Centre



Come and join in the fun at

WESTMINSTER PARK COMMUNITY CENTRE'S

## SUMMER FAYRE

ON  
SATURDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> JUNE 2019  
1.30 - 5PM

Plants      Fun Games      ICE CREAM

Tombola      STALLS      Tea & Cakes

EVERYONE WELCOME

## News from your Councillors

### Local elections

We are honoured to have been re-elected to serve as your councillors for the next 4 years. We get enormous satisfaction working with the community on a wide range of issues. The challenges in our growing city will require us all to find workable solutions to keep our area such a great place to live.

### Belgrave School

The decision by Belgrave School to consider going for academy status in partnership with Queen's Park High and Christleton High will need us to work with parents to ensure that all key facts are available before parents have to decide whether to support the proposal. We have been impressed by the initiative taken by the parents to make sure that their children's best interests are being looked after.

### Bus Service

As you know we have been working hard in the background trying to find a way of improving the bus services.

The Officers have informed us today that they have managed to retain and improve the bus services.

From 1st April 2019 the bus will now not go to Mold which will hopefully result in a more reliable service and also the bus will now start at 9.30 am at Dodleston which means residents will be able to use their concessionary bus pass from Dodleston and Westminster Park.

We have thanked our officers for listening to our residents' concerns and for their help in improving the bus service.

**Neil Sullivan**  
**Razia Daniels**

Editor's note - the new timetable is available on our website [www.wp-ra.org.uk](http://www.wp-ra.org.uk)

## News from our PCSO

Hello everyone, I am finally settling into my second month covering the Westminster Park area. Over the last few weeks we have noticed a fairly significant increase in the amount of anti-social behaviour in Westminster Park. This has been in various ways, with fires being set, criminal damage etc.

A significant amount of money will need to be spent to fix such issues. Therefore, can everyone please ensure that when allowing children to go out of an evening that they are sensible and are advised that any of these actions are criminal offences and will be dealt with.

Other than this we don't seem to have many issues in the Westminster Park area.

Please don't hesitate to email me [Lauren.davies@cheshire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:Lauren.davies@cheshire.pnn.police.uk) if you have any community concerns.

### WPRAs Subscriptions 2019

Membership subscriptions, I am pleased to say, are still coming in. A total of 386 households have joined, 24 up so far on last year. My thanks to all who have taken the time and trouble to re-join and to new members for their support.

Given the involvement of the active Westminster Park Residents' Association's Committee members on community issues, it is encouraging to see our efforts rewarded by your membership.

However, this still only equates to 32% of the Community households and it would be gratifying to reach 50%.

If you have not yet joined please show us your support by completing a subscription form, available on the WPRAs web-site.

**Sandra Magilton, WPRAs Treasurer**

## Evergreen

Westminster Park residents aged 55 or over are now eligible to join Evergreen if they wish, the age limit was changed at the AGM in February. We look forward to meeting new people, maybe new to Westminster Park, in the next months. Membership is £10 each, or a guest can attend a meeting for £2.

At our recent meetings we have had fascinating talks from Jill Burton about the Howard de Walden family who lived at the National Trust's Chirk Castle in the first half of the twentieth century; Yvonne Matthews who spoke to us about the life of a female driving instructor and Barry Hayes returned to tell us of his latest long distance rowing adventure.

We had a very interesting outing in May looking around Chester Racecourse.

Our programme continues on 20 June with Matthew Davies, the 'Waste Doctor' from CWAC, who will bring us right up to date on all recycling matters and on 18 July we will enjoy afternoon tea and a quiz. Our August speaker on 15 August is another returnee, Rina Tillingier who will tell us about WWII GIs – 'over paid, over sexed and over here'.

Meetings are held on the third Thursday of each month between 2-3.30pm in the Community Centre where complimentary tea, coffee and biscuits are served. We look forward to seeing you there.

### Supper Club

The Supper Club have had very enjoyable visits to Miller & Carter, the Thai Teppanyaki restaurant and Harkers. The June outing will be the Mill Hotel dinner cruise, the club has taken over the whole boat again. The July outing is to the Olive Tree and in August to 1539. These evenings are for Evergreen members and their guests, and have to be pre-booked.

## Over 55s help needed at Belgrave

Belgrave Primary School has asked 'Evergreen' 55+ Club to take part in an Intergeneration Project on Friday 14 June, from 1.00 – 3.00pm. The aim is to engage the children in games played in the older generation's school days, many of which are long forgotten.

It is intended to have 2/3 volunteers per class, with a class teacher, to interact with children of all ages. 'Evergreen' members have provided lots of ideas, but we need more volunteers from the wider local community.

If anyone can help out with: Cat's Cradle/ Hopscotch/ Jacks/ French Knitting/ Marbles/ Long Rope Skipping, we would love to hear from you. Please contact Sandra Magilton (01244 677373), for more details.

## The 18th Chester Brownies

18th Chester Brownies enjoyed a busy Spring term, culminating in a themed Mother's Day leaving party with games, craft and food. At Olivia's suggestion, all of the Brownies dressed like their mums! We even had one Mum who dressed in her daughter's Brownie uniform!

This term we are working on the Seasons badge, making bird feeders. We are planning our Pack holiday in June at Pettypool, Northwich in the new lodge. The weekend will be full of activities inside and outside and lots of fun.

If your daughter would like to attend please register on the website : [www.girlguiding.org.uk](http://www.girlguiding.org.uk)

**Janne Hooper**





### Estate Maintenance

Maintenance of our estate continues to be an issue that concerns us. Despite assurances being given about 3 weekly grass cutting at a meeting with CWaC staff, this has yet to be fulfilled. You can use the CWaC site to inform their staff about any actions that need to be taken.

Walking around our streets, it is evident that many of us have decided to 'adopt a verge' and are mowing the grass outside our properties. If you are able to do this, it will help to keep our area looking tidier.

Litter has been reduced in several places around the estate through the provision of more litter bins requested by us - if you know of somewhere where litter accumulates, let us know.

Indeed we wish to hear of any suggestions that you may have for improvements to our area, e.g. providing bins, benches, planting trees, etc. It is in all of our interests to care for and enhance our environment.

### New PCSO

Welcome back to PCSO Lauren Davies who has been confirmed as our permanent Community Support Officer. If you have any matters that you wish to raise with her, she attends the Community Surgery with our Councillors on the first Saturday every month.

### AGM News

At our recent AGM, the year's activities and events were reviewed by Chair Pauline Brown, notably the planning meeting at which the planning application to build 1269 houses on the Wrexham Road development site was considered. Both of our councillors and WPRA committee members made representations against this development, but it was approved.

Several successful community social events were organised by WPRA during the year: two sell-out quizzes and a magical Christmas Lights Switch-on event in December. Our over 55s club Evergreen and the Gardening

Club have also organised many well supported meetings and outings.

Our Treasurer Sandra Magilton informed the meeting that about 30% of households in the area were members of WPRA this year. Social events had produced a surplus and, together with contributions from our councillors, this had enabled us to purchase some new Christmas lights for the trees by the shops.

Pauline Brown did not stand for re-election as chair and Jennifer Crew was elected to the position. Other officers and committee members remained the same. It was noted that there are two vacancies on the committee and it was hoped that some younger members of our community might put themselves forward.

My personal thanks go to Pauline for all her hard work on our committee over the last four years and I look forward to continuing to work with her and the rest of the committee.

**Jennifer Crew, Chair**

### WPRA Gardening Club

Just a reminder that Gardening Club membership is free to all members of the WP Residents' Association.

Our events for the rest of 2019 are as follows:

#### Thursday 13 June 2019, Laskett Gardens

The Laskett Gardens, one of the largest private formal gardens to be laid out in England since 1945, form an ever-evolving creation over forty years of the historian, writer and diarist Sir Roy Strong and his late wife, the designer, Julia Trevelyan Oman.

Stretching over four acres, there are some twenty different and contrasting 'rooms' including a rose garden, a knot garden, an orchard, a pleached lime avenue, parterres, herbaceous borders and the Colonnade Court. New additions in 2019 include mosaics and a spectacular Italianate Belvedere from which to view the gardens.

This garden is a joint creation. What makes this garden utterly unique is that its makers wove the story of their marriage and their lives into its very fabric.

Our visit starts at 10.30 am and entry is £12. Whilst it is possible to do this as a day trip some may wish to make arrangements for overnight accommodation. For more information please contact Mary: pole.mary@gmail.com

#### Wednesday 25 September 2019, Powis Castle

We will meet for coffee at 11am at

the Courtyard Restaurant before exploring these magnificent gardens full of autumnal colour. Free to NT members.

Powis is one of the few places in Britain where a true Baroque garden may still be fully appreciated. There are magnificent planted terraces including an Italianate terrace, some of the finest and largest yew hedges anywhere and plants on the walls include roses, pomegranates and other rare and sub tropical plants.

All of our garden visits are self drive and participants are to pay for entry individually. If you plan to attend a garden visit please let Mary know. We like to car share where possible.

#### Autumn talk - Beautiful Bulbs Wednesday, 9 October 2019, 8pm, Westminster Park Community Centre

Our speaker is Carol Madden, a former nursery owner and presenter on BBC Radio Merseyside. Carol's talk will cover beautiful bulbs - not just for spring, but for the whole 12 months of the year.

#### Summer Fayre Plant Stall

This year the Summer Fayre is being held on Saturday 22 June in the Community Centre and school playing field. All donations of (labelled) plants for our stall gratefully received. Please bring along on the day.

If you have any suggestions for further talks or trips please let us know.

We look forward to seeing you at our next meeting.



The Laskett Gardens

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## Belgrave Primary School

### Cross Country Success for Year 3 girls

The Belgrave Year 3 girls team consisting of seven pupils attended four Saturday cross-country runs in October, November, February and March. Each time they improved and after the last meeting they had moved from 5<sup>th</sup> to a final result of third place! A fantastic achievement.



Special congratulations goes to Maya who finished in 1st place overall in the individual results. Huge thanks to parents for taking their children and providing trophies.

We celebrated the girls' achievement in celebration assembly and they were presented with trophies.

Well done also to Josh, Harry, Cethin, Sophie, Jessica and Eloise from Year 4 who took part in at least one of the cross country events.

### STEM Week

STEM (Science Technology Engineering Mathematics) week was a huge success at Belgrave school in the spring term. Each class completed a project during the week, highlights were: Reception designing and making superhero capes, Year 1 investigating materials and making bags for *The Jolly Postman*, Year 2 designing, making and

evaluating their own cafes based on fairy tales, Year 3 researching and making recipe books, Year 4 making question and answer boards using electrical circuits, Year 5 carrying out the squashed tomato challenge and Year 6 making lungs and heart prototypes to show how the organs work.

Parents also joined us on the showcase of the projects, it was lovely to see so many people sharing the children's achievements.

Juliette Benton

### Academy Consultation

Belgrave Primary School is currently consulting on a proposal to convert to academy status. Following parent feedback, the consultation period has been extended to Friday 7 June. If you wish to comment, details are available on the school's website: <http://www.belgrave.cheshire.sch.uk/>

## Sci Fi novella by local author

Geoff Nelder's new book is a surreal science fiction strangely entitled SUPPOSE WE. He brings back the sense of wonder and adventure in sci fi by crash-landing a spaceship on a faraway planet. They need help from the locals, but are a million years ahead of Earth and ignore them. How do they survive and persuade the superior



natives to help them? His novella is on Amazon in Kindle and paperback form shortly - search for Nelder SUPPOSE WE or ASIN: B07RQW5LHR or type <https://mybook.to/SupposeWe> into your browser.

## Westminster Park Karate Club

### Handbridge Shotokan Karate Club celebrates 50 years

A special training class and party were held on 4 May to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Handbridge Shotokan Karate Club.

Karate experts from across Europe joined the celebrations including 6th Dan Philip Gandy from Chesterfield, 5th Dan Keith Dennis from Spain, 4th Dan Otto Blank from Market Drayton and Black Belt Thomas Lang and his wife Monika from Germany. Other local senior Black Belts led by Dave Roberts 3rd Dan and Dave Craggs 3rd Dan also attended.

The 50th anniversary party was held at the Westminster Park Community Centre where Sensei Mike O'Connor 7th Dan, the club's co

-founder and Chief instructor, was presented with a Chronograph Watch and other mementos.



Mike established the Handbridge Shotokan Karate Club on 4 May 1969 with Sensei Geoff Wilding as a totally non-profit making organisation. He has also been a National Referee for 43 years and a Coaching Assessor for 26 years.

Handbridge Shotokan Karate Club has been meeting at the Queen's Park High School Gym since 1982. Training is every Monday and Thursday (except Bank Holidays) 6pm to 7pm for Juniors and beginners and 7pm to 8.30 pm for Black and Brown Belts.

The Handbridge club expanded in 2012 to develop the Westminster Park Club. Training is on Wednesdays, 5:30pm – 6:30pm for beginners/intermediates and 6:30pm – 7:30pm for intermediates/advanced.

For more information contact Dave Craggs on 07711 009041 or via the website [www.hskc.org.uk](http://www.hskc.org.uk)



**Can you ignite the spark that helps a child blast off into a world of fun and learning?**



**PASSION FOR LEARNING** is looking for volunteers with a couple of hours a week to spare, who would like to help support children in local primary schools 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 learning to the next generation.

- ✓ We provide full training including Safeguarding, as well as ongoing support from our Volunteer Managers.
- ✓ We hold regular social events for our volunteers to recognise their contribution to the local community.
- ✓ You will work with the same children each week in fun and engaging 1:1 sessions during the school day during term time.
- ✓ We also offer opportunities as part of a volunteer team for an hour a week after school as part of our Enrichment Clubs.
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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](mailto:diane.clark@passion-for-learning.com)



## Westminster Park Community Centre

### Community Centre

Come along and enjoy a drink this summer in our 'Al fresco' area situated at the rear of the hall. A pleasant astro-turfed area, with tables and chairs and colourful planters, ideal to socialise on a sunny afternoon or evening.

A special thank you to Mary Pole, from the WPRA Gardening Club, for sourcing and planting up the wonderful planters.

The members bar is open Monday – Sunday evenings from 7.30p.m. and Saturday/Sunday afternoon from 12.00noon. Non-members are always welcome and we hope you will go on to join our membership at £10 per year.

The Hall is available for hire to all and is free for Charity/Fundraising events. The Centre holds regular Bingo evenings every 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of the month (dates may vary) and visitors are welcome.

The Summer Fair is being held on Saturday 22 June in the Community Centre Hall and School field, organised this year by Tracey

Casey. Anyone willing to help, contact Tracey on 07957 438533.

Information on hiring or joining the Community Centre can be obtained by contacting: Tel: 01244 671243 (from 7.30p.m.). E-mail: WPCA2008@yahoo.co.uk

**Sandra Magilton, Committee**

### Drop-In for tea, coffee & a chat

Join us on these pleasant afternoons at 2pm on the 1st Thursday of each month in the Community Centre.

The Drop-Ins, organised by the WP Community Association, are open to people of all ages, irrespective of where they live. The objective is to provide company and the opportunity for a chat.

Tea, coffee, biscuits and sometimes cakes (!) are provided free of charge and there is always a good supply of books to take home.

Why not call in and enjoy some company. You will be made very welcome.

For further details, ring Colin Dollimore on 01244 629167.

## Chester & District Girls Football Club

Chester & District Girls FC are looking for more players! We train in Westminster Park from April to end Sept. from 6pm and the Kings School during the Winter.

We have existing players/teams at U7's, U9's, U11's, U12's, U14's & U16's. We are looking for new & experienced players across the teams. From Sept to Apr the girls play in the Cheshire Girls League.

Come along and join the fun! DM us on Facebook or contact Marc 07825 276500 for more information.



### Friends of Duke's Drive

We run free weekly guided health walks at 2pm every Sunday from various starting points in Duke's Drive woodlands. The walks are usually 3-4 miles long and take up to 2 hours.

The Friends of Duke's Drive website has all the latest details for each week's walk at [www.friendsofdukesdrive.org/events.html](http://www.friendsofdukesdrive.org/events.html) or visit our Facebook page.

## Glan Aber Tennis Club

Our annual Open Day in May provided free tennis activities for adults and juniors. Fortunately the weather was warm and sunny and everyone enjoyed themselves.



The summer season is under way and we are pleased to have adult teams in the Chester League. There is plenty of social tennis with adults playing on Tuesday and Thursday evenings, as well as drop in sessions with a coach on Monday and Thursday mornings. Pay & Play sessions run every Saturday and are open to non-

members, providing coaching in a fun environment: 3-5 year olds 09.30-10.00, 6-11 years 10.00-11.00 and adults 11.00-12.00 - just turn up and join in.

The coaching programme is well supported. The next group courses start week commencing Monday 3 June but you are always welcome to join mid-way. Summer camps will run weekly in the school holidays. For further coaching information, contact Head Coach Jo Trataris on 07875 108690.

Visit our website at [www.glanaber.com](http://www.glanaber.com) for any further information including membership.

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## Shop News

### The Interiors Shop celebrates one year in business

Our anniversary evening was a thank you for all of those people who have helped and supported before and since the opening. As a small independent business it is transformative when customers, friends and family take the time to help out, share and comment on social media or even just pop in for a card – every little thing really does help!

Business has increased steadily over the past year and I am delighted with progress. More and more people are coming here as a destination and are often pleasantly surprised to discover our other wonderful shops. The convenient location and free parking make this a really viable location for my shop and I am looking forward to many more years here.

Keep an eye on the Events page on the website, or join the mailing list, to hear about events planned in the coming months. Last year's events included a Wine Tasting with Tanners Wine Merchants, a Gin Tasting in collaboration with Chester Beer & Wine and Al Forno Italian Take Away and our Beer & Bangers event with SJ Bebbington's sausages was a huge hit.

### Update your Email Preferences

You can update your email preferences via our members' portal to give you control over which emails (if any) you receive from us.

If you are not already on the system, you can also register on the portal site. There is a link on our main website - [www.wp-ra.org.uk](http://www.wp-ra.org.uk)

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Similar events are planned this year together with Annie Sloan Chalk Paint workshops to be hosted at the Community Centre : [www.theinteriorsshop.co.uk](http://www.theinteriorsshop.co.uk)

Thank you to everyone in the local area, even those who simply pop in for a chat or a greetings card – I am delighted to be part of the community and appreciate your support!



Ros Ellis

### Access to Community noticeboards

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

**Community Notice board, Castlecroft Road** (no trade notices)

Martin Amesbury, 679271

Brian Westcott, 675431

**WPRA Notice board, SJ Bebbington**

Sandra Magilton, 677373

Jennifer Crew 680364

**Notice boards at Lache Lane and Hough Green entrances to Westminster Park**

Sue Britton 677936

Did you know you can advertise your unwanted items or business services in the Westminster Park Notice Board located outside S.J. Bebbington Butchers?

Charges are free for household/personal items, £5.00 for trade/services, for a period of 3 months.

To advertise, contact Sandra Magilton 01244 677373 or Jennifer Crew 01244 680364.



The St Mary's Annual Parochial Church Meeting on Sunday 28 April was well attended and Helen Brophy and Ted Graham were re-elected as Churchwardens for a further year.



Ted Graham gave an update on the finances of the Handbridge Centre, with the prediction that annual income generated by the bookings will cover all running costs and payments from the loan. The final retention payment of £31,000 to the building contractor will be paid in June 2019.

The Centre is now being used by a wide range of organisations and whilst in the short term the locking and unlocking is being undertaken by volunteers, when additional income is generated, additional staff will be employed.

After many years serving on the Parochial Church Council, both Chris Schofield and Stuart Bull have stood down. Peter Collins, John Scott and John Parkin were re-elected to PCC, and the Council welcomed a new member, David Gilbert.

### Calling all local photographers!

We like to feature photographs of our area in the newsletter, so if you take one of the Westminster Park area that you think could be included, please send it to the editor at [newsletter@wp-ra.org.uk](mailto:newsletter@wp-ra.org.uk).



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## FUN DAY & DOG SHOW

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## Handbridge WI

Handbridge WI meets on the first Tuesday in the month at 7.30 in Handbridge St Mary's Community Centre.

Our speaker on 4 June Lilian Chapman has called her talk 'On Your Head Be It', she makes fascinators and more! On 2 July we are talking about 'Things we should know!' and on 6 August, Gina Kirkham's talk is titled 'Handcuffs, Truncheon and a Polyester Thong'. She is a retired police officer!

All are welcome to join us. Please contact Maureen 671304 for more details.

## Next Issue

Copy date for the next issue is **Friday 9 August**. Editorial, letters and advertising queries: [newsletter@wp-ra.org.uk](mailto:newsletter@wp-ra.org.uk)

## Lache and Westminster Park Local History Group

We have been delighted to have audiences of 50 or 60 people for our talks and film shows held at the Venue (Lache Community Centre). Numbers meant that we needed to use the Venue Hall in March, but the quality of the sound was a challenge! We promise to have a much better sound system for our events later in the year. Do note the dates: **Friday 4 October**- "Chester Ghost Walks" film, and a "Show and Tell" of interesting photographs and objects relating to local history.

**Wednesday 20 November**- Talk about the origins of the Lache and Buddicom estates by Sally Buttifant.

So now we would like to ask for your help: For October, have **you** got something at home that other people would be interested to see? Perhaps household items from an earlier time: old kitchen scales, an original wireless, Grandad's old tools, a family bible, or treasured toy? Something that's been in the family and has memories. Many people

were very interested in the school photos that some members brought - could you lay your hands on yours? Contact me beforehand if you would like to bring something (01244 679791 or [shuttleworths@talktalk.net](mailto:shuttleworths@talktalk.net))

Secondly, we would like to record the various **shops** and businesses which have served the Westminster Park estate. Can you remember the first shops? Do you have any photographs of them? Please contact me.

This is what I have so far. **Early shops** were Nicholsons the butchers (where Al Forno is), the bakers (same site), Post Office and newsagents (opposite end to COOP), greengrocers (same site), off licence, and LoCost supermarket. Round the corner were a hardware shop (Interiors Shop), garden shop/florists (Golden Dragon), and chemist (same site). Later the hardware shop sold baby/children's clothes, then became a video shop and later a hairdressers.

Thanks for your interest, and I look forward to hearing from you, **Linda Shuttleworth**.

## 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

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**Rotary Club, Chester Riverside:** Colin Dollimore 629167

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**St Mary's Church Parish Office** 671202

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