

# WP News

Westminster Park Residents' Association

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## Residents show care for our community



Caring for and enhancing our area, one of the main objectives of your residents' association, was discussed at our recent public meeting. Much is already happening – last month we planted more bulbs for a great spring display. Crocuses have gone in by the shops and daffodils around the junctions of Lache Lane with Vincent Drive and Rowcliffe Avenue. However there is more that can be done.

Autumn is a good time to cut back trees and shrubs and it is our responsibility to keep our gardens under control. Concern was raised about greenery overhanging pathways which makes walking hazardous and restricts the width of paths. If yours is causing an

obstruction, please think of others and trim it back. Some residents may find this physically challenging, and people at the meeting suggested that we could all be good neighbours and offer to help others.

The idea of turning some of the larger grassed areas on Westminster Park into wildflower meadows was very popular and we are hoping to work with the Council to bring this about over the next couple of years.

The Council has started a new 'Love Your



Streets' campaign and created a website to help us report any problems spotted in public areas. You can use it to report full bins, potholes, fly-tipping and a host of other things.

The web address is

<https://westcheshireyourstreets.co.uk/>

Fly-tipping has been noted by the bottle banks on the shop car park – if you witness it, please report it.

Speeding and inconsiderate parking, particularly near the school, were also hot topics at our meeting. Nobody wants to see children involved in an accident, so please ensure that you park with care around the school/shops area. PCSO Lauren Davies has recently visited the school to highlight this issue. There were calls for a zebra crossing or lollipop person and Councillor Neil Sullivan agreed to pursue these suggestions with Council officers.

If you have any other ideas about how we can improve our local area, please email me at [chair@wp-ra.org.uk](mailto:chair@wp-ra.org.uk) or ring 07752 854383.

Jennifer Crew

### Dates for your diary

Thu 5 Dec	Evergreen Carols & mince pies, 2pm, WP Community Centre
Thu 5 Dec	WP Christmas Lights Switch-on, 5pm, WP shops
Sat 7 Dec	Councillors' Surgery, 10.30am, WP shops
Mon 9 Dec	Evergreen trip to Shugborough Hall
Thu 12 Dec	Wreath making, 3.00-4.30pm, Lache Library
Fri 13 & Sat 14	Chester Operatic Society Christmas Concert, 7.30pm St Mary's without the Walls
Sat 4 Jan	Councillors' Surgery, 10.30am, WP shops
Thu 16 Jan	Evergreen talk, 2pm, WP Community Centre
Thu 23 Jan	Lache & WP Local History talk, 7.30pm, The Venue, Lache
Sat 1 Feb	Councillors' Surgery, 10.30am, WP shops
Thu 20 Feb	Evergreen AGM & Quiz, 2pm, WP Community Centre

### Join in the festive fun at Westminster Park's Christmas Lights Switch-On

5pm, Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2019  
at Westminster Park shops

- Lord Mayor of Chester
- Belgrave School Choir
- Father Christmas
- Mince pies & mulled wine
- Hot dogs • Festive Music & Carols



Organised by Westminster Park Residents' Association

## The 18th Chester Scout Group

There have been a few changes to the outside area of the Scout headquarters over the last couple of months. The work in the grounds has been undertaken by Blue Oak Estates, a local firm, and all the work has been done at no cost to the Group. We have had the area paved to reduce maintenance and have created planting areas in boxes so that our Beavers, Cubs and Scouts can use them as parts of badges and challenges.

What you will not have seen from outside is that we have also had the interior painted.

Again this has been undertaken by volunteers, this time from Jaguar Land Rover, who provided the materials and allowed five of their employees two workdays to carry out the project.



The Group is very grateful to both companies as this assistance means that our resources can be concentrated on providing and supporting activities for our young people.

Recently we had a group trip out to Llandudno to visit the copper mine. The Scouts extended their visit to include an overnight and a (wet) hike back over the mountain.

The Beavers had a Harry Potter themed sleepover and explored Westminster Park to

## Evergreen Over 55s Club

Evergreen Club, for Westminster Park residents aged 55+ ends the year on a high, with a good number of members and having enjoyed an interesting programme.

December will be very busy as we have our party with carols and mince pies on Thursday 5 December, and the following week, on 12 December, we have our Christmas lunch, at Chester Golf Club. In between is a pre-Christmas coach outing to Shugborough Hall, on 9 December.

The programme for 2020 has been released and memberships for the new year are now being taken out, at a cost of £10 each, which has stayed the same over all of

the years the club has been running.

We start the New Year on Thursday 16 January, with a talk by Tom Welch, local historian, telling us about the old slums in Chester. On 20 February we have our AGM where the business of the club is decided and we also have a quiz.

Meetings are normally held on the third Thursday of each month, between 2-3.30 pm, at Westminster Park Community Centre.

Complimentary tea, coffee and biscuits are served and not only are interesting subjects discussed, but there is a chance to make and meet up with friends.

carry out a Disability survey, and the Cubs have had a random hike as part of the Navigator's badge, made bird boxes and raised money for the Lache donkey sanctuary which they then visited.

Unfortunately we have a waiting list, but if your child is interested in joining us then please email [bsusanjones@aol.com](mailto:bsusanjones@aol.com) and we will see what we can do.

Finally, can we say a big thank you to everybody who supported our bonfire night. We raised £1,800 for Group funds, one of the Scouts who is going to the European Jamboree next year raised £178, and £100 was raised for the Autism Society and hopefully everybody enjoyed the evening!

*Susan Jones, Group Scout Leader*

## WPRAs Subscriptions

Enclosed in this December issue is our new re-vamped membership form, which outlines some of the benefits made possible from funds generated by your membership subscription and the hard work of the volunteer committee.

Thank you to all who subscribed in 2019, it is greatly appreciated; we hope to have your continued support next year. We would encourage more of you to join in 2020 and we hope that, by detailing some of the work the committee undertakes on your behalf, you will recognise the importance of your membership.

The more members we have, the stronger we are!

*Sandra Magilton, Treasurer*

## Cheshire Police

This month has been a fairly tranquil month for the Westminster Park area. Cheshire Police ran Operation Treacle during the Halloween and bonfire night period which targeted hotspot areas within Chester, including Westminster Park. During this period only a small number of anti-social behaviour incidents were reported.

November has included Anti-Bullying week

and PCSO Davies has delivered workshops at Belgrave Primary School.

PCSO Davies has also booked a number of deployments of the speed gun in the Westminster Park area.

Please don't hesitate to get in touch with any community issues. Report them by ringing 101 or emailing:

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## The 18th Chester Brownies

The Brownies benefited from a Twandeo session with a qualified teacher, learning self-defence moves. Mrs Shuler was assisted by two of the Brownies who are pupils, Eve and Rebekah. They supported the Brownies as they learnt drills and self-defence moves. It was a very successful evening.

The Brownies visited JOTA (Jamboree on the Air), run by Vicars Cross Scouts. They took part in a variety of activities towards their Communicator badge. This included using tin telephones, learning their phonetic alphabet and decorating biscuits in Morse code. The highlight was talking to Guides in

Australia on the radio!





## News from Westminster Park Residents' Association

As nights draw in and shops fill with Christmas goods, we at Westminster Park are also getting ready for our own celebration of the start of the festive season - our annual Christmas Lights Switch-On.

This autumn we have added yet more lights to the trees opposite the shops – year on year we are making our shopping centre more and more magical through the dark days of winter. As last year we are aiming to keep the lights on until the end of January. Our grateful thanks go to our Councillors Neil Sullivan and Razia Daniels for their support.

Please join us on Thursday 5 December - the fun starts at 4.45pm when the Lord Mayor arrives, with the countdown at 5pm, followed by the wonderful singing of Belgrave Primary School choir. Enjoy festive treats such as mince pies, mulled wine and hot dogs



courtesy of our local shops and your residents' association.

Children can visit Father Christmas for satsumas and sweets and we all have a chance to meet and make friends.

Thank you to all who came to our Public Meeting and took part in the discussion about how we can make our area even more

special. Your ideas are outlined on the front page. We also gave an update on the Wrexham Road development; there is a summary below.

A fire in an outside electricity cupboard at the Golden Dragon recently brought traffic to a standstill and caused adjacent shops to close. It was discovered that flammable items had been stored in the cupboard and the fire serves to highlight that this is not a good idea!

Most people will be aware now that our greengrocer Francis Thomas is closing on 24 December (see p6). Mr Thomas has been a great supporter of the Residents' Association, supplying our Christmas trees over many years. We would like to thank him for his great contribution to our community and wish him well in his retirement.

*Jennifer Crew, Chair*

## Wrexham Road Update

Summary of the update:

### 1. Roads, traffic and transport

- Three entrances onto new estate – M&S roundabout (nearly complete), King's School and Park & Ride roundabout.
- Next road works - Overleigh Roundabout Widening to create some more lanes. Traffic flow depends on capacity of Grosvenor Bridge; queues longer on Wrexham Road.
- No crossing planned at Ash Grove Nursery.
- CWaC insists that road from new estate onto Lache Lane for emergency vehicles only.
- CWaC working on strategy to improve cycling connectivity; plans ready in 2020.

### 2. Healthcare:

Handbridge and Lache to be improved. Site in Handbridge identified, plans to be submitted in spring, completion in 2-3 years. Will serve Handbridge and new residents. Lache surgery to be improved.

### 3. Education:

Most local schools oversubscribed; WPRA pushing for new school on site asap.

### 4. Waste water/surface water drainage:

Foul water - will leave site via Whaddon Drive, Lache Lane, Circular Drive to reach upgraded treatment works. Pipework to be enlarged.

Surface water – large tanks to be built on estate to retain rain water, then released at steady rate into Balderton Brook which already floods.

### 5. Protection of wild life:

Many hedges to be retained. Ponds with breeding newts to be filled; newts will transfer to ecological mitigation area at Lache Lane. Will have many more ponds, barn owl and bat boxes in landscaped habitat.

### 6. Community centre:

No plans for community centre at present; WPRA pushing for site to be designated.

### 7. Recreation areas

Play area at Sherbourne Avenue very poor; want to contribute ideas for new site.

### 8. Carbon neutral

Question raised about carbon emissions forecast for new site - will houses be carbon neutral/net zero? Electric car charging points at every house.

For fuller version go to: [www.wp-ra.org.uk](http://www.wp-ra.org.uk)

### WPRA Email preferences

Your email preferences can be updated via our members' portal, giving you control over which emails, if any, you receive from us.

You can also register for more information on the portal site. The link on our main website - [www.wp-ra.org.uk](http://www.wp-ra.org.uk)

## WPRA Gardening Club

Firstly a big thank you to all who supported this year's trips and the Gardening Club stall at the Summer Fayre. During 2019 we visited Stretton Old Hall, the Laskett Gardens and Powis Castle Gardens. We will soon be



preparing the 2020 programme and would be pleased to hear your ideas for garden visits and speakers.

### Bulb Planting

Over recent years we have planted in excess of 3000 daffodil and crocus bulbs across the estate. Now, thanks to a generous donation from Riverside Rotary, we have recently planted another 1000 crocus bulbs outside the Interiors Shop and the Westminster Park Pharmacy. We are also grateful to Councillor Razia Daniels who is providing daffodils for this year's planting sessions. We have received 50kg to plant this autumn and, as ever, we are grateful to the volunteers who help with planting the bulbs.

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## Deva Podiatry

Westminster Park has now got a fully equipped ground floor chiropody clinic with plenty of easy parking.

The clinic is owned and run by Sarah, an experienced podiatrist, who divides her time between Deva Podiatry and the NHS. Sarah holds a BSc (Hons) degree in Podiatric Medicine and is regulated with the Health Care Professionals Council (HCPC). She is also a member of the College of Podiatry. Sarah's role in the NHS is to treat high risk, complex patients with diabetes, poor circulation and rheumatoid arthritis. She also mentors, trains and assesses student Podiatrists.

As specialists in feet, podiatrists treat various conditions — including ingrowing toe nails, corns, callus, cracked heels, verrucae — and carry a wide range of orthotic insoles to help correct and realign posture.

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examination. The circulation and neurological pathways down to the feet are assessed, as well as the condition of the nails and skin. A comprehensive treatment plan, tailored to your individual needs, can then be put in place.

To book an appointment or get advice, please ring Sarah on 01244 680365.



## Belgrave Primary School - Town Hall Celebration

On 15 October, Belgrave were fortunate to be one of the four schools to attend the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Town Hall opening. Pupils had a tour, a talk from The Lord Mayor who cut the official birthday cake, and a talk about the artefacts at the Town Hall. Our pupils were very enthusiastic and listened carefully.

We also took along twenty craft made flowers to mark the anniversary, which were displayed around the building with many others from Chester primary schools. Mrs Amner led two workshops with children to create the flowers purely from recyclable

materials. These were displayed in the Town Hall to mark the anniversary.

*Juliette Benton*



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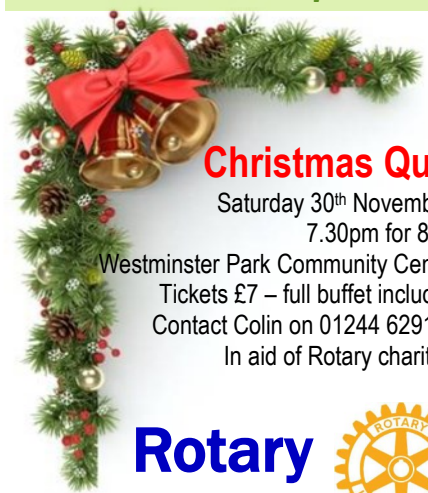
- ✓ We provide full training including Safeguarding, as well as ongoing support from our Volunteer Managers.
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If you would like to know more then we would love to hear from you.

Please call Diane on 07966 404355

or email [diane.clark@passion-for-learning.com](mailto:diane.clark@passion-for-learning.com)

## Chester Riverside Rotary



### Christmas Quiz

Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> November,  
7.30pm for 8pm

Westminster Park Community Centre

Tickets £7 – full buffet included

Contact Colin on 01244 629167

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# Rotary

CHESTER RIVERSIDE



## Westminster Park Community Centre

At last we have signage clearly indicating the location of the Community Centre. This is long awaited and we are extremely grateful to our local Councillors, Razia Daniels and Neil Sullivan, for their generous support and funding.

The well-stocked, reasonably priced bar is open to members Monday – Sunday from 7.30pm and Sat/Sun from 12.00. Also available - coffee, TV, pool table, and dart boards. New members always welcome. The Hall is available for hire; free for Charity/Fundraising events.

We hold a Bingo Night every third Friday of the month (dates vary) - visitors welcome. A programme of activities throughout the week is advertised on the Community Notice Board and inside the Centre. Come and join us for our **'Christmas Bingo and Raffle'** on Sunday 22 December, with £250 worth of cash prizes. Entrance price of £10 includes 10 games plus generous buffet. Raffle tickets on sale during the evening and from the bar (£1.00 per strip).

Our **'New Year's Eve Disco and Buffet Evening'** is not to be missed and open to all. Tickets available from the bar from mid-December, priced £10.

For information on joining or hiring the Community Centre, ring: 01244 671243 (from 7.30pm) or e-mail: [WPCA2008@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:WPCA2008@yahoo.co.uk).

Facebook: Westminster Park Community Centre & Wpcawhatson

### December Drop-in - Please note

There will be no Drop-In at WP Community Centre on Thursday 5 December as this is the date of the Evergreen's Christmas Party.

*Sandra Magilton, Committee*

### Next Issue

Copy date for March issue is **14 February**. Send editorial, letters and advertising queries to: [newsletter@wp-ra.org.uk](mailto:newsletter@wp-ra.org.uk)



## Glan Aber Tennis Club

Tennis continues throughout the winter months, although our Pay & Play sessions have now stopped. These will re-commence after February half-term 2020. A full programme of group lessons will run throughout January/February. Drop-in sessions on Monday and Thursday mornings won't be running then.

We welcome adult players to club night sessions on Tuesdays or Thursdays, if you'd like to try before you buy! These start at 6.00pm and run through to approx 8.00pm, dependent on numbers attending.

We look forward to our newly formatted winter competition – Aidan is running a Fast 4s tournament from 1 December with Finals in April. For any further information, visit our website at [www.glanaber.com](http://www.glanaber.com).

## WPRA joins CRAG

Who is CRAG and what do they do? CRAG stands for Chester Residents' Association Group and WPRA along with other residents groups in the City are members.

CRAG was formed to provide an umbrella framework for all Residents' Associations within and nearby the Chester City Walls and their aim is to:

- Share knowledge and best practice of each Resident Group
- To work alongside and with local Councillors and the Council Executive and Officers
- To identify areas of common interests
- To provide a channel for two-way communication
- To strengthen the ability of Chester residents to play an improved role alongside other stakeholder groups (eg BID, Growth Partnership, University, Racecourse etc).

Jennifer Crew, Chair of WPRA, holds a role on the Executive Committee and will report back to the WPRA Committee on issues that are of common interest for the residents of Westminster Park and the City. We believe that CRAG will enhance the work undertaken by all Residents Groups and provide a forum for shared interests.

## Chester Croquet Club

Chester Croquet Club, based in Westminster Park, has had a fantastic season in 2019, winning tournaments in teams and as individuals. Richard Smith, John Dawson, Sally Slater and James Thomas all won national competitions held around the country.

The Level Play golf croquet team came top of the North West Federation League as did the Association Weekend Handicap and the Association Advanced team.

Croquet is a game played with 6 hoops, 4 balls, 2 mallets and a patch of grass! You can throw in a bit of strategy, skill and guile as you go. The croquet season runs from April to September. Men and women play on an equal basis and it is played to a handicap system so everyone can play.

Chester Croquet Club aims to be the friendliest club in the North West. With over 100 playing members, we not only offer sport, but friendship, fun, competition and even outings.

Why not come and have a go? There is a taster day held in April each year, so if you're interested get in touch [springboard\\_sally@hotmail.com](mailto:springboard_sally@hotmail.com) or take a look at our website [www.chestercroquet.club](http://www.chestercroquet.club) for further information.



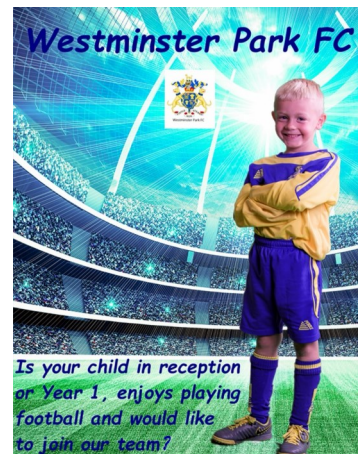
Richard Smith winning his competition

## WP Football Club

Westminster Park Football Club is due to start new 'Pay and Play' football sessions for Reception and Year 1 children on Sundays at the Catholic High School. Usually based at Westminster Park, the club organises and coaches football teams from under 7's to under 18's and is a member of the Chester and District Junior Football League.

The philosophy of the club is to promote and develop football as a positive and fun experience. We have really expanded over the past few years, growing from 5 teams to 11. This season we have coached over 150 players.

All WPFC coaches are DBS checked, hold a FA level 1 Coaching badge and have qualifications in First Aid and Safeguarding Children. Players of all abilities are welcome to join. For more information, contact Peter Burke on 07798 576 790.



Is your child in reception or Year 1, enjoys playing football and would like to join our team?

## Chester Model Railway Club

Our AGM is at 8pm on Monday 2 December at Westminster Park Community Centre. Potential new members are welcome to join us.

Colin Dollimore 629167



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## Shop News

### Westminster Park Pharmacy

With many large chain pharmacies having to close, Westminster Park Pharmacy is keen to stay at the heart of our community.

Medicines shortages aren't making for plain sailing, but they use a plethora of suppliers and wholesalers to have the best chance of obtaining your medicine.

Having cared for WP residents for many decades, this family-run business which is twinned with Owens Chemist in Saltney, is determined to battle Brexit and pharmacy funding cuts to continue providing healthcare to our local community.

"We have a qualified and dedicated team of experienced pharmacists, technicians, dispensers and counter assistants, and now we're adding a pharmacist independent prescriber," says Michelle, one of the directors. "This will take pressure off doctors' surgeries, as our pharmacist will be able to prescribe prescription-only medicines without the need for a GP appointment."

"We're also looking to improve the healthcare we offer. Currently we provide

services including the new medicines service, medicines use reviews, repeat management service, blood pressure monitoring, emergency contraception and substance misuse. We also deliver to our most vulnerable patients. In the New Year we'll expand to offer a minor ailment service, travel advice, weight management scheme, a period delay service, asthma & COPD advice and a skin clinic."

Another exciting development for 2020 will be the arrival of cosmetic procedures including Botox, in collaboration with a local plastic surgeon.

For now though, they are getting ready for Christmas both in the dispensary and the front shop. Now is the time to be thinking about ordering your medicines so you're all stocked up for the holiday.

Christmas stock is arriving, with all your essentials from wrapping paper to gifts. And be sure not to miss their 'Black Friday' savings event over 29th & 30th November.

They are open as usual over Christmas, except for 25th & 26th December and 1st January.

### The Interiors Shop



In November and December we have a number of workshops planned. We held our first Calligraphy Workshop recently and it was a huge success, so we'll definitely do more in the New Year.

People can sign up to our Newsletter at [www.theinteriorsshop.co.uk](http://www.theinteriorsshop.co.uk) for updates on all our workshops (painting to flower arranging to calligraphy).  
Ros Ellis

### End of an era - Francis Thomas

Our greengrocer Francis Thomas will close its doors for the last time on 24 December and will be greatly missed. Mr Peter Thomas took over the shop in Westminster Park on 7 December 1992 and after 27 years of providing fruit, vegetables, plants and much more to the residents of Westminster Park, he is taking a well-earned retirement.

His son Mark will continue to run the Francis Thomas shop on Northgate Street.

Thomas' have always aimed to keep the carbon footprint of their produce down by buying primarily from local suppliers and then sourcing nationally or internationally only if necessary.

Mr Thomas would like to thank all of his customers in Westminster Park for their support over the years and we would like to thank him and wish him well in his retirement.



### Advent & Christmas 2019 at St Mary's Church, Handbridge

#### Sunday 1 December

4.00pm Advent Service at the Scout Hut, Westminster Park

#### Sunday 15 December

6.30pm Service of Nine Lessons & Carols

#### Wednesday 18 December

5.30pm Lantern Procession from Overleigh St Mary's School to St Mary's Church

#### Sunday 22 December

6.30pm Blue Christmas: an alternative service of reading and music

#### Tuesday 24 December: Christmas Eve

10.30am Crib Service (particularly suitable for younger children)

11.45am Crib Service (particularly suitable for older children)

11.30pm Midnight Eucharist

#### Wednesday 25 December: Christmas Day

8.00am Holy Communion

10.30am Parish Communion

### Bebbington Butchers



Stuart Bebbington received his finalist's certificate at the 'Butcher's Shop of the Year' awards ceremony at Hilton London Bankside



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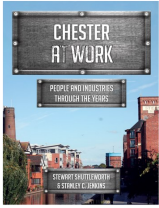


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## What's On

### Lache and Westminster Park Local History Group



#### New book by local author - Chester at Work by Stewart Shuttleworth

This book, appropriately launched at Telford's Warehouse, details and portrays (in 158 pictures) how work in Chester has evolved to today's service industries such as tourism, retail, public administration and financial services.

This was not always the case, given the city's location on the River Dee and its strategic military position. Chester was a port with ancillary industries from Roman times. In the mid eighteenth century the port declined due to silting of the Dee and the rise of Liverpool. However, some port-related industries remained and a reduced amount of shipping continued into the twentieth century.

Stewart Shuttleworth (a Marlston Avenue resident) traces the changes in the city's working life from its pre-industrial beginnings, through the Industrial Revolution right up to the present day. This book will interest those who know the city and want to discover more about its rich heritage from an industrial and social perspective.

### Lache Library

Lache Library is getting into the festive spirit with Wreath making on Thursday 12 December 3.00-4.30. It costs £10 and all materials are provided. Booking is essential.

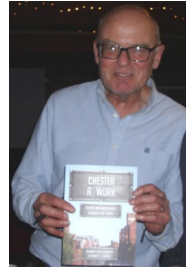
On Saturdays in December there will be free children's Christmas crafts so drop in between 10.00 and 12.30.

Health and Well-being Week starts on 27 January 2020. Contact us, nearer the time for details of our special activities, on 01244 973974

Stewart will be giving a talk about his book, details below:

#### Chester at Work A talk by Stewart Shuttleworth

7.30pm, Thursday 23  
January 2020,  
at the Venue Lounge,  
Lache Community  
Centre,  
Hawthorn Road,  
Chester CH4 8HX



Tickets on the door £1  
No need to book, all welcome!

Linda Shuttleworth, Lache and Westminster  
Park Local History Group 01244 679791

### Handbridge WI

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

In January we are showing a film about Chester's Nooks and Crannies.

In February we are being entertained by the Malarkeys Ukulele Group and in March learning about Conservation at Chester Zoo.

All most welcome to join us - contact Maureen 671304 for details.

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