

# WP News

Westminster Park Residents' Association



Bringing our community alive

The Herald of Spring


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## Join us to improve our environment

### Spring Community Action Day Friday 17 April

One of the main concerns at our public meeting in October was the state of the linking pathways in our area, particularly from overhanging trees and shrubs, weed and moss growth. In response, with the Council's Your Streets team, we have organised a Spring Community Action Day, focusing on pathway improvements.

We will meet at 10am at Westminster Park shops and finish by 1pm – all volunteers welcome for as much time you can spare. The Council will provide some equipment, but please wear stout shoes and bring gloves. Extra spades, hoes or brushes would probably be useful.

### WP Summer Fayre

#### Saturday 27 June

We have started planning for the Westminster Park Summer Fayre which takes place at the Community Centre and on Belgrave school field. If you are interested in having a stall at the fayre (cost £10) or would be able to help set up/break down on the day please contact me. Many hands make light work!

### Buses

The 61 bus serving Westminster Park has run fairly reliably recently, but is still under-used. Our councillors have fought hard to maintain the subsidy underwriting this service and it is important that buses are well used to demonstrate that they are needed.

Use it or lose it!

### Sustainability

In common with many organisations we have been examining our practices and looking for ways to become more sustainable. Starting with this issue, we are printing the newsletter on recycled paper.

WPRA is also investing in plates, bowls and cutlery to avoid using single use plastic and paper at social events.

Jennifer Crew, Chair, WPRA



### Dates for your diary

Thu 4 Mar	7.30pm Grosvenor Museum Lecture - Taylor's Boatyard
Sat 6 Mar - 15 Mar	Chester International Film Festival
Tue 17 Mar	7.30pm Local History Talk - Catholic Cathedral, Liverpool
Thu 19 Mar	2pm Evergreen, WP Community Centre
Sat 28 Mar	1-4pm Glan Aber Tennis Club Open Day
Wed 15 Apr	8pm WPRA AGM, WP Community Centre
Thu 16 Apr	2pm Evergreen, WP Community Centre
Thu 16 Apr	7.30pm Grosvenor Museum Lecture - Georgian houses
Fri 17 Apr	10am - 1pm Spring Community Action Day, WP Shops
Sat 18 Apr	10-3.30pm Croquet Taster Day, Westminster Park
Thu 6 May	7.30pm Grosvenor Museum Lecture - Roman Chester
Fri 8 May	2pm VE Day Street Party, WP Community Centre
Sat 16 May	7.30pm Spring Quiz, WP Community Centre
Thu 21 May	2pm Evergreen, WP Community Centre

### All residents are welcome to the AGM of Westminster Park Residents' Association

to be held on Wednesday 15 April 2020  
at 8pm, Westminster Park Community Centre

The main business of the meeting is to report on the Association's activities in the past year and elect officers and committee members (only members may vote).

We will also be joined by **Andrew Redfern, Chester Locality Officer** of Cheshire West and Chester Council, who will explain how to report issues using the Council's Your Streets reporting system. He is also interested in helping us to identify priority improvements in the area and will explain how the Council can make them happen. Please bring along your ideas.

If you wish to raise any matters or propose anyone to join the Committee, please inform the Secretary, Penny White, by Wednesday 25 March 2020 by email: [sec@wp-ra.org.uk](mailto:sec@wp-ra.org.uk) or c/o WPRA postbox, SJ Bebbington, Westminster Park shops.

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## Spring Quiz Night

**Saturday 16 May 2020**

**7.30pm for 8pm start**

**Tickets £10**

**Available from Bebbington's Butchers**  
**or Sandra Magilton (677373)**

**Excellent buffet supper included**

## News from your Councillors

### Clothes and Shoes Bank removed...

Thank you to WPRA for raising residents' concerns about the unauthorised clothes and shoe bank. We are delighted to inform you that this has been now removed.



### Local Primary School Capacity

We met with Council Officers to review Primary School Capacity in Westminster Park. Belgrave Primary School has been oversubscribed for many years, and last year several children were unable to gain a place at Belgrave or Overleigh St Mary's. The School Planning team will monitor applications for next September. If any

parents have problems, please let us know.

We also discussed the timing and provision of a new school on the Wrexham Road housing estate which is dependent on when the new housing is built and occupied as well as demand from local parents.

### Waste Collection Service

The current waste collection provider, Kier have negotiated a buyout of their contract. The Council will be running the service in-house from April.

### Wrexham Road Site Application

At the Planning Committee meeting on 23 January we objected to the Outline Planning Application for up to 1400 homes on Wrexham Road. We urged the Committee to reject it, or restrict the number to the 1269 already permitted. Our reasons concerned an inadequate infrastructure and lack of mitigation unless a third crossing of the River Dee is achieved. Other issues included flooding, air quality, no bungalows or community centre and the safety of pedestrians crossing Wrexham Road at Ash

Grove.

We would like to thank the WPRA Committee for their hard work over the last few years in relation to this application.

### Members' Budget

We were delighted to support a request from WPRA for the Christmas lights and environmental enhancements including daffodils bulbs and flower planters for Westminster Park Shops.

### Regular Meetings with Locality Officer

We hold regular meetings with representatives of WPRA and the Locality Officer to address ongoing issues. We are supporting the Spring Clean volunteer day with the help of the ASIST Team.

### Monthly Street Surgery

We hold monthly street surgeries on the first Saturday of every month. Please come along to discuss your concerns or just pop along for a chat.

Saltney Post Office - 9 - 10.15 am

Westminster Park Shops - 10.30 - 11.45 am

Old Dee Bridge Handbridge - noon - 1pm

*Councillor Razia Daniels*

*Councillor Neil Sullivan*

## Belgrave Primary School

### No Outsiders Success at Belgrave

Belgrave Primary School is a **No Outsiders School**. We teach pupils respect for diversity through education and a commitment to community cohesion through understanding and acceptance of difference. Enya in Year 5 sums it up perfectly, "**No Outsiders** teaches us that everyone is equal. No one is perfect, don't be afraid to

be different."

Recently, Belgrave Primary School Council set a competition to design a poster to promote what being No Outsiders at school means. The winning entries have been displayed around school and show understanding of Belgrave being a school where EVERYONE is different, EVERYONE is equal and EVERYONE is welcome.

Zara in Year 5's poster included the protected characteristics of The Equality Act, Georgia in Year 5's poster focused on us all being equal, Eloise in Year 2 included a bee on her poster: No Belgrave Outsiders! And Matey in Reception included lots of colour and glitter in his entry. We continue to promote these values across school so that everyone is valued and confident to be themselves.

*Juliette Benton*



## The 18th Chester Brownies

The Brownies have been very creative learning about abstract and contemporary styles of painting organised by Rebecca and Seren. They are volunteering as part of their Welsh Baccalaureate.

Excitement is building for our Pack holiday at the end of March near Northwich. The theme is 'Beauty and the Beast' and the girls will do a variety of activities.

The Pack celebrates its 50th birthday this year and we would like as many former Brownies and Leaders as possible to join us on Saturday 13th June at Westminster Park Community Centre starting 2.30pm.

There will be light refreshments and photos.



## Building Matters

### Decoy Farm

Work has begun at Decoy Farm on Lache Lane to create 20 dwellings with associated commercial premises. The new development should cover only land previously used for farm buildings and not encroach on adjacent Greenbelt. We are concerned that a pumping station appears to be located on the Greenbelt and this may set a precedent.



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### Do you suffer from painful feet?

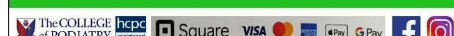
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## News from Westminster Park Residents' Association

### Evergreen Over 55s Club

Evergreen ended the year in style with three Christmas events: music and mince pies, a visit to Shugborough Hall, and Christmas lunch at Chester Golf Club.



We started 2020 with a fascinating talk by Tom Welch on the Chester courts (slums)

and our AGM. The Club is in excellent health with several new members. Subscriptions remain at £10 per person for the year; all WP residents aged 55+ are very welcome to join or to attend as a visitor for £2.

Future events are: 19 March – a talk by Eddie Tarry on 'Life in Styal Women's Prison', 16 April Jill Burton (ex NT) returns to tell us about the servants of Erddig and on 21 May Gavin Hunter will talk about Wirral's historic Dee coastline.

Meetings are normally held on the third Thursday of each month between 2-3.30pm at Westminster Park Community Centre. Complimentary tea, coffee and biscuits are served and not only are interesting subjects discussed but there is also a chance to make and meet up with friends.

We look forward to seeing you there.

### WPRA Subscriptions

Thank you to all who have renewed/joined Westminster Park Residents' Association this year. So far we have received 211 subscriptions, 17.5% of our household distribution. Your subscriptions are important to us and really appreciated. They enable us to provide this quarterly newsletter, our website, insurance for events, 2 quiz social evenings, the Christmas lights event and fund the planting of 1000's of bulbs now blooming all around our neighbourhood. Our thanks to the WP Gardening Club for planting them.

Please take the time to join our membership; it is not too late. Either post to me at 31 Rowcliffe Avenue or hand in to Bebbington Butchers, who we thank for collecting and keeping in our box. Forms can be obtained from our website or just put your name and address in with your payment and I will do the rest. Thank you.

Sandra Magilton, Treasurer

### WPRA Gardening Club.

The daffodils are coming up around the estate - a welcome sign of spring.

The Gardening Club programme for 2020 has been finalised and has been sent out via our mailing list. Please contact Mary Pole ([pole.mary@gmail.com](mailto:pole.mary@gmail.com)) if you would like to be added to the mailing list.

We have some inspirational speakers and garden visits lined up - lots to look forward to. All WP residents are very welcome to attend our talks and outings.

**Wednesday, 8 April 2020 at 8 pm.**

**Spring Talk - The Gardens at Stretton Old Hall, Malpas**

We are very pleased to be welcoming Stephen Gore, Head Gardener, to talk about the management and development of the gardens at Stretton Old Hall.

This 5-acre Cheshire countryside garden has a planting style emphasising perennials, colour, form and scale. It is divided into discrete gardens with stunning herbaceous borders, scree garden, walled kitchen garden, glass house, wild flower meadows and a wildlife walk around the lake.

The talk will be held at the Community Centre. *Tickets: £4 at the door.* Bar, light refreshments, plant and seed swap.



**Sunday, 17 May 2020. 2 pm.**

**Garden visit - Tirley Garth Gardens**

Mallows Way, Willington, Tarporley, CW6 0RQ

A terraced and landscaped garden by Thomas Mawson, a leading early 20th C designer. The only complete Grade II\* Arts and Crafts garden in Cheshire in excellent condition. In May it has 3000 Rhododendron and Azalea bursting into flower.

Home-made teas. Refreshments in aid of local charities. Art Exhibition by local Artists. *Admission: Adult: £5; Child: Free.*

**Wednesday 1 July 2020, 2pm**

**Garden visit - Parcevall Hall Gardens**

Skyreholme, Skipton, BD23 6DE

This renowned plantsman's garden in Wharfedale is a hidden treasure comprising formal and woodland gardens rising up the hillside giving wonderful views.

*Admission: RHS members free; adults £7; guided tour £2.*



**Thursday, 2 July 2020, 10.30 am.**

**Garden Visit - RHS Garden Harlow Carr**

Crag Lane, Harrogate, HG3 1QB

With its herbaceous borders, wildflower plantings and woodland, Harlow Carr is a garden of great character.

*Admission: RHS members free; Adults: £10.90 (advance online bookings); guided tour £3.*

In order to make the most of visiting the two Yorkshire gardens we will be staying overnight and enjoying a meal together on the Wednesday evening at an inn close to Harlow Carr.

### 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)

### Noticeboard

Why not advertise your unwanted items or services on the WPRA Notice Board outside Bebbington Butchers? Free for household/personal items, £5.00 for business services. To advertise contact Sandra Magilton 01244 677373 or Jennifer Crew 07752 854383.

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## Westminster Park Community Centre

The Westminster Park Community Association is hosting a **V.E. Day Celebration** on **Friday 8 May** at the Community Centre. There will be a 40's 'Street Party' tea on the car park, traditional games on the field, stalls, music and dancing. Come and join us for a fun and enjoyable afternoon for all the family, starting at 2.00pm. Admission charge. Please see notice board posters nearer the time for further details.

**All proceeds will go to 'Help for Heroes' and The British Legion.**

Westminster Park Community Association membership subscription is due for this year at £10 per member. New members are always welcome. The member's reasonably

priced bar is open Mon – Sun from 7.30pm and Sat/Sun 12.00 – 2.30pm. The Community Centre has a bar, pool table, dart board, large screen TV and the hall is available for hire at £12 per hour/free for Charity events. We are looking for players to join our Mon/Tues darts team.

If anyone is interested or requires information on joining or hiring the Community Centre contact: 01244 671243 (from 7.30pm) or e-mail: [wpca2008@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:wpca2008@yahoo.co.uk)

**Sandra Magilton  
Drop In**

We meet at the Community Centre on the first Thursday of every month 2pm to 3.30pm, so why not look in for tea/coffee,

biscuits and sometimes cakes!

In addition, David Benson has offered to discuss any problems you may be having with laptops, tablets or mobile phones, so bring them along and see if he can help you.

Westminster Park Community Association still offers photocopying facilities at the WP Pharmacy and at 5p a copy offered excellent value for money.

**Colin Dollimore**

## Karate Club

The new year has started well for the Karate club in Westminster Park. We have quite a few new members with a lot of families training together. Students progress through the coloured belts until they reach the level needed to go for their black belt, in fact we have two who will be taking that step next month!

We also have students working on Junior Leader qualifications. These are awarded for helping out teaching during the classes. In the past we have had students use karate as part of their Duke of Edinburgh award.

If you would like to know more contact Dave Craggs on 07711009041 or visit the website [www.wcsk.org.uk](http://www.wcsk.org.uk)



## Chester Riverside Rotary

We meet twice a month on an informal basis on the 2nd Wednesday of the month at Westminster Park Community Centre at 7.45pm and the Handbridge Retro Pub on the 4th Wednesday at 7.00pm.

If you are interested, please check with me first as we sometimes visit other clubs on these dates.  
**Colin Dollimore, President**  
01244 629167

## Next Issue

Copy date for the next issue is **Monday, 11 May**. Send editorial, letters and advertising queries to: [newsletter@wp-ra.org.uk](mailto:newsletter@wp-ra.org.uk)

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## Grosvenor Museum Society Lectures

The spring lecture programme organised by the Grosvenor Museum Society covers a wide range of topics. All talks start at 7.30pm at the Grosvenor Museum and everyone is welcome.

Tickets £5, free for members. Attractive membership rates available on the door.

**Wednesday 4 March at 7.30pm**  
**Taylor's Boatyard: 250 years of Boatbuilding in Chester**

**Geoff Taylor**, grandson of Joseph Harry Taylor, founder of JH Taylor and Sons, Chester, will outline the history of a boat building family that had its origins in the Black Country in the early 19th C. It brings together many years of research and includes oral history, family documents and many original photographs.

**Thursday 16 April at 7.30pm**  
**The Quest for Perfection: designing the 18th century English Country House and its landscape**

**Dr Alan Crosby** guides us into the world

of Georgian country houses whose designers drew inspiration from classical Mediterranean buildings, modified to produce something distinctively English. The landscape style aimed to create a harmonious combination of house and garden.

**Wednesday 6 May at 7.30pm**  
**Deva Victrix & Isca Silurum: Life at the edge of the Roman Empire**

**Dr Caroline Pudney** will explore the ways in which archaeology has shed light on the people of Roman Chester (Deva) and Caerleon (Isca). These legionary fortresses attracted people from across the empire, all of whom brought their own traditions and social practices, creating a cultural melting pot.

For more details, consult the website: [www.grosvenormuseumssociety.co.uk](http://www.grosvenormuseumssociety.co.uk) or telephone Andrea Hopkinson on 01244 675555.



**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.
- ✓ It is an incredibly fulfilling opportunity which helps the children to **flourish** and feels very **rewarding** for the volunteer.
- ✓ **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](mailto:diane.clark@passion-for-learning.com)



## Glan Aber Tennis Club

The Club's annual **Open Day** will be held on **Saturday 28 March** from **1.00-4.00pm**. We are situated in the park and there is free car parking accessed from the Hough Green entrance. It is free and open to all – adults and juniors – so please come along and try out the facilities and have a look around. Saturday Pay & Play coaching sessions will

re-start on 29 February.

No membership is required, just turn up: 09.30-10.00am 3-5 years £2.00, 10.00-11.00am 6-11 years £3.50 and 11.00-12.00 noon Adults £5.00.

For more information, visit our website at [www.glanaber.com](http://www.glanaber.com).

## Chester Croquet Club

### Fancy a try at croquet?!

Croquet is essentially just 6 hoops, 4 balls, 2 mallets and a patch of grass. But it is also a game of skill, strategy, friendship, fun and competition.

It doesn't need strength, so men and women play on an equal footing, and the handicap system allows people to successfully play at all levels. Our members range from 21 to 88!

Interested to find out more? Or have played before but a long time ago? Come along to our taster session to learn all about the sport and one of the friendliest clubs in the North West based in Westminster Park.

Our **taster day** is on **Saturday 18 April** and runs from 10.00am-3.30pm.

Refreshments and a light lunch are

provided as is all equipment. Cost is **£5.00**, payable in advance.

Places are limited, so in the first instance please contact the membership secretary Sally Slater on 01244 677645 /

[springboard\\_sally@hotmail.com](mailto:sally@hotmail.com) if you are interested in coming along. Also take a look at our website at [www.chestercroquet.club](http://www.chestercroquet.club).

'The chief difficulty Alice found at first was in managing her flamingo....' We can help – come and have fun!



## Friends of Westminster Park

Since our lively AGM in November, things have begun to happen in the Park... In the car park, the worst of the potholes have been filled in and a long-term plan is under development for that area's general improvement. New waste bins have been installed, bringing a uniformity of design and a much better receptacle for holding the general rubbish deposited.

The Safe Dog Walking Area project is about to be realised; following a frustratingly lengthy process, our CWaC support team has finally obtained funding for the work and a fence and gates will be installed in March.

Most recently, the perimeter hedges, which are adjacent to residents' houses, are being cut back to approximately 8 feet in height. This is improving the overall appearance of the Park and will make on-going maintenance much easier. Finally, on 25 March you will see a large group of volunteers (from Lloyds Bank) planting new trees as part of an initiative linked with the Woodland Trust.

If you have any further ideas, thoughts, issues etc. on the Park, please contact the Chair of FoWP (Steve Telford, 07976 712339).

## Percussionist needed

Are you a percussionist? Can you read music and play drums to a reasonable standard? If so, Chester Wind Band would be pleased to hear from you. The band meets from 7-9pm every Monday at Blacon High School and plays a wide ranging repertoire at various venues throughout the year. If you wish to know more, please contact Ian Kearn on 01244 674570.

## Police News

As you will be aware, the police are currently recruiting new officers and many PCSOs are stepping up. This has resulted in a shortage of PCSOs. PCSO Lauren Davies has moved to Helsby and Westminster Park is temporarily being covered by PCSO Steve Edmonds. If you see anything suspicious ring 101.



**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> & Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2020**  
(10.00 am – 4.00 pm both days)

- ✓ **5 Layouts** - including one you can control!
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**Tel:** Colin Dollimore 01244 629167/07815 660459

**Web:** [www.chestermodelrailwayclub.com](http://www.chestermodelrailwayclub.com)

Proceeds towards the cost of upgrading Church Facilities  
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## Chester Model Railway Club

I am pleased to report that membership is buoyant at the moment.

The main opening day is on a Monday night 7.30pm to 9.30pm, but as we own our premises we can open at additional times if necessary.

We can advise regarding purchasing or selling model railway equipment.

We are organising a small show on Sunday 24 and Monday 25 May, the Spring Bank holiday, so why not pop in and see us and pick up some plants as well.

If anybody is interested in knowing a bit more about what we do, please contact me on 01244 629167.

Colin Dollimore



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## Shop News

### Bebbington Butchers

A dispute with a colleague over Anthony Joshua's abilities in the boxing ring has prompted **Andy Theaker** of Bebbington's Butchers to take on a huge challenge - taking part in an Ultra White Collar boxing match for Cancer Research UK.



**Andy Theaker**

After eight weeks of intensive training to become super fit and learn boxing techniques, he will take to the ring at a black tie event staged at Chester Racecourse on Sunday 5 April.

Cancer research is a cause close to Andy's heart as he has lost a number of family members to the disease. He said, "Cancer is something that touches most of us and funding research is really important."

He says that his boss Stuart Bebbington has been very supportive, "Stuart has

publicised my Just Giving page on Facebook. I hope that people will see that I am really challenging myself for a good cause and will help me raise a good amount for the charity."

### The Interiors Shop

#### New Year New Experiences

I'm delighted to say that we've started to add to our 2020 workshop calendar with lots more dates for Annie Sloan workshops and Beginner's Calligraphy! Keep an eye on our website and Facebook pages for more exciting workshops and events to follow...

#### Coming soon...

From March I am launching a cafe and besides improving our coffee offering will also be opening earlier to provide that much needed boost to your morning!

I am also expanding the gift section to include a much wider variety of unique and exciting products including local designer makers and artists.

These changes will allow us to include an inspirational range of new brands and designers.

Come along to join us for a coffee and browse our new ranges.

**Ros Ellis**

### New Barber - JJ's Barbershop

JJ's Barbershop offers a quality service from haircuts to hot towel shaves and aims to send you away looking good and feeling good. There are special rates for under 13s and OAPs.



For the last year, Sedat has worked at Timpson's barber pod in Sainsbury's at Caldley Valley.

As well as getting an excellent haircut and shave, you can also enjoy a complimentary tea, coffee or soft drink. The shop has a tv and pool table and your children can be entertained in a small kids' area.

No appointment is necessary - you can just walk in. The shop is open from 9am to 6pm most days, with a late night on Thursday until 8pm.



### Chester Film Society

#### 34th Chester International Film Festival 6 - 15 March 2020

We are delighted to offer a contemporary collection of the best in world cinema, in the comfortable Chester Storyhouse. Our exciting programme is designed to encourage discussion, with noted speakers introducing each film.

#### OPENING NIGHT - Friday 6 March

A Golden Globe-winning comedy-drama *The Farewell* launches the festival in style, followed by a drinks reception - your ticket stub includes a free drink.

#### Programme

*The Farewell* on March 6, 2020 6:15 pm  
*Rojo* on March 7, 2020 6:15 pm

*Balloon* on March 9, 2020 6:15 pm  
*Monos* on March 10, 2020 6:15 pm  
*And Then We Danced* on March 11, 2020 6:15 pm  
*The Whistlers* on March 12, 2020 6:15 pm  
*Permission* on March 13, 2020 6:15 pm  
**7th Chester Animation Festival, March 15, 2020 1:30 pm**

We will be hosting the Animation Festival as a special stand-alone event, showing the best in international animations.

The festival is organised by Chester Film Society which has been running since 1970. If you are interested in future film events, please visit our Film Society website: [www.chesterfilmfans.co.uk](http://www.chesterfilmfans.co.uk)



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## What's On

### Lache and Westminster Park Local History Group

**The Building of the Roman Catholic Metropolitan Cathedral, Liverpool**  
Speaker: Philip Harrison



After many false starts, from the mid 19<sup>th</sup> century onwards Liverpool finally gained its second iconic cathedral in 1967, when the building that we see today was consecrated. Philip Harrison was closely involved in its

design and construction. After gaining a Diploma at the Leeds School of Architecture he joined the London based architectural practice of Frederick Gibberd as his personal assistant, working on detailed designs for the cathedral. Between 1964 and 1968 he was Resident Site Architect during construction.

This is not so much a technical talk, more of 'a trip down memory lane', with personal anecdotes of events during construction from an architect deeply involved in one of Liverpool's modern spectacular buildings.

**7.30pm, Tuesday 17 March 2020**  
**The Venue, Lache Community Centre,**  
**Hawthorn Road, Chester CH4 8HX**  
**No need to book. Tickets on the door £1**

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

### Chester Operatic Society

Chester Operatic Society puts on events at which WP residents would be welcome, either as participants or audience.

The Society is a charity providing educational opportunities for members to learn to sing, act and dance. Formed in 1922 it has performed musical shows, light operas and concerts in Chester every year since.

We were the first amateur company to perform on the main stage of Storyhouse with "Singing in the Rain" in 2018.

This year we are again putting on a show in Storyhouse from 24 to 27 June with "Made in Dagenham", a witty musical following the events surrounding the women seamstresses at Ford which led to the Equal Pay Act in 1970 - fifty years ago.

On 2 and 3 October a concert "Rhythm of Life" will be held at St Mary's Creative Space containing excerpts from 20<sup>th</sup> C musicals. Finally we will put on our ever popular

Christmas concerts at St Mary's Without the Walls in Handbridge on 11 & 12 December.

If you are interested in singing, acting or simply helping behind the scenes we would love to hear from you - please ring Brian or Chris Westcott on 675431. If not please come and see our shows. Tickets for *Made in Dagenham* are now on sale.

*Brian Westcott*

### Handbridge WI

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

April's talk is about Radio Caroline, in May we will discuss NFWI Resolutions and in June we will be welcoming 'Lady Bee Keeper'.

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

## 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.*

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**Cubs (Monday):** Michael Glass

**Cubs (Thursday):** Christine Owens 676691

**Scouts (Friday):** Terry Coe 676734

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