

WP News

Westminster Park Residents' Association



Bringing our community alive

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Excellent buttercup harvest at the donkey field

Photo credit - Michael Doyle



@wesparkra

A busy summer for WPRA !



Throughout the summer the planters at the shops have flowered beautifully and given much needed colour at the centre of our community. We are extremely grateful to Nic Milner of Abbey Window Cleaning for ensuring that the planters are watered regularly (even during his paternity leave!) – thank you Nic.

In addition to watering the planters, Nic has also cleaned up the bottle banks. Improving our environment is one of the key objectives of WPRA, and as you will see from Brian Westcott's article on p3, we are planning to have a **Volunteer Day on Sunday 19 September** to remove the weeds in the area of the shops and tidy up the grassed areas nearby. If you have got a little time and energy to spare, please come and join us – it's fun working together and very satisfying to see the results of your labour.

Despite our best efforts, the plans for a 21-home development on Winkwell Field were passed by the Council's Planning Committee by 8 votes to 3. My thanks go to Howard Williams and our two councillors Razia Daniels and Neil Sullivan for representing residents' views so eloquently.

Our objections have not been all in vain. Concerns expressed about the positioning and roof height of buildings backing onto Lower Field Road have resulted in a lowering of ridge heights and a repositioning of the block of flats. In response to our worries about potential flooding, the council have imposed permitted development rights on extensions and garden buildings.

We have worked with the Council, Welsh Water and Redrow and their contractors to try to minimise the disruption to traffic caused by recent road works on Lache Lane and Circular Drive. This resulted in the use

of lights to control traffic rather than a one-way system on Lache Lane and the relocation of a compound originally intended to be sited on Greenacre Road. Thanks go to Peter Cocker who has worked hard on this and provides us with a detailed update on the works in his article on p2.

The Council are consulting on their next Local Plan at present. This will determine where new houses will be built in the future. It is important that we respond to this consultation if we wish to avoid more housing being built on Green Belt land on Lache Lane. Redrow already control the land south of Lache Animal Sanctuary and are positioning themselves to build a further 1400 house estate on it. Please let me have your views on this so that I can develop a WPRA response. One of our residents has already done some research and sent me a letter which is printed on p11. This will give you further information about Redrow's plans.

We are very grateful to all of you who have joined WPRA this year. We are very close to achieving our target of 500 members this year. If you have not yet joined, it is never too late! Details of how to join are on our website, or you can contact Colin Dollimore on 629167.

Sadly we shall not be holding our customary autumn quiz night this year, but we are fully intending to go ahead with our Christmas Lights Switch-On at the beginning of December. Hopefully, we can get together as a community and celebrate the start of the Christmas season and brighten up the winter months.

As ever, your views, ideas and comments about our neighbourhood would be very well received. Best wishes for the coming months!

Jennifer Crew

Chair, WPRA

chair@wp-ra.org.uk, 07515 612082

We can make a difference !

Please help improve our area.

Volunteer Weekend in Westminster Park

10am to 4pm, Saturday 11 & Sunday 12 September
(see page 4 for details)

Westminster Park Shops Tidy Up

10am, Sunday 19 September
(see page 3 for details)

News from your Councillors

Westminster Park

We have liaised between council officers and Friends of Westminster Park to propose an assets review and feasibility study on the café building in the park. Improved watering facilities have been installed for the benefit of the bowling and croquet greens.



What a pickle

From the councillors' budget, we contributed towards the marking of three courts for the increasingly popular game of Pickleball onto the public tennis courts in Westminster Park. Pickleball will also soon be offered via Friends of Westminster Park. More details can be obtained at: pickleball@chesteru3a.org.uk.

Drains update

Work expected to continue until late autumn (see more details below)

Planning applications results

Lache Lane/Winkwell Drive development. Together with Jennifer Crew and Howard Williams, councillors presented residents' concerns about this proposal to the planning committee. The development received consent; developers made a few changes in response to residents' points of view.

Drains Palaver - an update from Peter Cocker WPR

The drainage work, involving a temporary diversion of the foul sewer from Chester Business Park that resulted in three-way traffic signals at Greenacre Road, Whaddon Drive and Lache Lane, is now complete. The next phase – the construction of a new foul sewer to serve the King's Moat, Wrexham Road development - promises to be more disruptive and protracted.

Work is underway on Circular Drive to connect the system to the main foul sewer flowing to the Chester Sewage Works in Bumpers Lane. This new sewer will run along Circular Drive, down Lache Lane and up Whaddon Drive to the development. It will also incorporate the current business park foul sewer, replacing the temporary diversion down Greenacre Road.

A form of underground pipe-jacking (mini-tunnelling) is to be employed that should avoid continuous open trenches but this entails much wider excavation for access shafts where the pipe run changes direction.

Proposed telecoms monopole on Circular Drive.

Issues raised by residents were brought to the planning department and the application was refused.

Temporary road closure advice

Hunter Street in Northgate will be closed 4-24 September as work continues on multi storey car park.

Bottle Banks Saved

There was a lot of support for retaining this facility, although this was accompanied by complaints that the banks are not emptied frequently enough and that consequently bottles are left out on the pavements. It seems that the contractors have staff shortages at the moment, due to the pandemic. If the banks are full, please do not leave glass on the ground as it presents a serious hazard.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have anything you would like to raise or suggestions for local improvements.

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In Whaddon Drive, sections of the verges will therefore need to be strengthened to take the weight of cars and delivery vehicles in future.

The contractor believes this phase of the work can be accomplished without a one-way system or temporary traffic controls but problems have already been experienced on Circular Drive and traffic lights may well be needed on Lache Lane.

Interesting times ahead for local residents!



We hold monthly surgeries on the first Saturday of the month:

Saltney post office 9-10.15,

Westminster Park shops 10.30-11.45 and

Old Dee Bridge, Handbridge 12-1.



Handbridge Park Police

Dear Resident,

My name is Cain Jones and I am the PCSO for the Handbridge Park area covering Handbridge, Curzon Park, Westminster Park and Saltney.

I am writing to you to let you know that we are here to help.

If you have been subject to a criminal offence and would like to make the Police aware, please report this by ringing 101 (999 in an emergency). You can also use our website: www.cheshire.police.uk to log a non-emergency report.

When you report an incident, it can then be logged and dealt with appropriately. If a similar incident occurs in the future, please report it so that we know what is going on in your area.

If you see us in your area, please don't hesitate to stop us for a chat. We are here to help.

If there are any suspicious activities that you are witnessing in your area please email me directly:

cain.jones@cheshire.pnn.police.uk

If you wish to speak with me and you do not have access to email, please ring 101 and quote my collar number **23260**.

If you are on Facebook /Twitter please follow Handbridge Park Police to keep up to date with what we are doing in your area.

Please note that our social media pages and email addresses are not monitored 24/7. If you wish to report an incident please ring 101/999 so that it can be logged and dealt with as soon as possible.

Kind regards,
Cain Jones
PCSO 23260

Weeds, Weeds, Weeds



I think we are all aware of the growing number of weeds in the road gutters and on the pavements outside our houses - it seems worse this year than it has ever been. The weeds are unsightly and may even affect drainage when we have a sudden downpour. What to do about it? One attitude is, "we've paid our Council Tax and it is the Council's job." The trouble is that lack of resources, exacerbated by Covid, has meant that they are not doing the work and will not be doing so

anytime soon despite pressure from our local councillors.

Some residents mow the grass outside their homes and get the weeds out. It doesn't take long when you are already working on your front garden and my plea is that, if you are able, please take responsibility for your own patch. That way the estate will become a more attractive place to live in.

The centre of the estate is the parade of shops. We are fortunate to have such a good range of shops to support our needs but again the weeds are an eyesore. I propose a working party at **10:00 am on Sunday, 19 September** to tackle the weeds around the shops. If you can spare an hour, please come along with hoes, brushes and spades and help to make a difference!

Brian Westcott, WPRA
Tel: 01244 675431

WPRA Gardening Club

The Gardening Club is delighted to announce its next lecture, on Wednesday 6 October at 8pm in the community centre, when Ray Bailey will speak on the Myths and Legends of Plants. There is plenty of room for us to be well spaced and it will be delightful to meet up again in person after all this time. Cost £4 per person.

The Plant Swap scheme has had another successful season. It's a very simple process, spare plants (labelled if possible), seeds and garden-related items are left on the grass area opposite The Interiors Shop for anyone to help themselves. Don't worry if you have nothing to swap - just take what you like the look of. Plant Swap closes at the end of September but will be back next year.

Looking ahead to October, we will be continuing the enjoyable programme of spring

bulb planting in the Westminster Park area. We haven't thought to count, but must have planted many thousands in recent years! If you know of a space that could be brightened, contact a WPRA committee member - or come and join us, if you have the time.

We are planning a full programme of talks and visits for 2022, which we trust will be able to go ahead. Look out for details in the newsletter, on noticeboards and the WPRA website. The aim of this Club is to stimulate a knowledge and love of gardening. All members of the Westminster Park Residents Association are welcome to attend our talks and outings - after all, most residents have gardens and enjoy making their plot look attractive.

Mary Pole, pole.mary@gmail.com

- Could you spark curiosity in a child?
- Could you jump into a book and make it come to life?
- Could you play and make learning fun?



- We are looking for volunteers to work with children in local primary schools on a regular basis.
- No previous experience needed and full training will be provided.



Passion for Learning

For more information, contact C.E.O. Diane Clark on 07966 404355, email diane.clark@passion-for-learning.com or via Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/PassionforLearningCheshire/>

Evergreen Over 55s Club

We were delighted to welcome back our 'Evergreen' members in August for our first session since February last year. The session was hosted by our Vice chair, Mike Pollard, who gave us a talk on 'Historic Chester' and showed us some wonderful old slides, bringing back memories for many of us.

Although numbers were limited, the 'Evergreen' committee has given very serious thought as to how we may proceed with our sessions in a safe and practical way. We had to modify our usual routine, adhere to stringent hygiene and cleansing, ensure maximum ventilation, maintain social distancing and wear face coverings in the entrance area. We will continue to apply the necessary restrictions and precautions as the months go on, but a gradual return to some degree of normality is looking ever hopeful for the future.

The committee has decided to cancel all professional speakers to the end of the year, but we will continue our monthly sessions with an 'in-house' programme and the usual Christmas party in December. Attendance for each session will be for members only and will be limited with pre-booked places, but we will review the situation carefully month on month and relax our restrictions should it be feasible to do so.

Supper Club will restart on 7 September with a meal at The Architect. Our co-ordinator, Mary Williams, has had a positive response and will monitor the situation on a monthly basis and inform interested members of future venues.

Subject to circumstances, our Christmas Lunch at the Chester Golf Club will go ahead this year with a date booked for Thursday 16 December. Further details will be given nearer the time.

The time has come for the community to have a morale booster and it is encouraging to receive so many positive comments on our decision to resume meetings. We hope our 2022 programme of events, to be published in December, will encourage many new members to join us next year.

Sandra Magilton- Chair
On behalf of 'Evergreen' Committee



For all plumbing repairs and installations, including kitchens and bathrooms, ring Jack on 07957 438541.

Champion Season at Chester Croquet Club



Smart new banners are flying in Westminster Park indicating the location of Chester Croquet Club which now boasts a record number of members.

We have been able to play for the whole season, thanks to the relaxation of lockdown regulations, and beginners benefited from taster days and coaching sessions followed by extra technique classes in this interesting, fun and competitive sport.

Happily, three of our new members have been able to play in regional teams in their first season.

The club is already in the final of the Association Croquet Handicap League and in the semi-final of the National Secretary's Shield competition, all of which is excellent news.

As the season closes at the end of September, anyone who is interested in taking up croquet is now welcome to register their interest for next year by contacting us at chestercroquet.com.

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Copy date for the next issue is Monday, 8 November.

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Everyone for tennis - News from Glan Aber Tennis Club

Summer camps have been busy throughout the summer. Thanks to Aidan and his team at All Court Tennis Academy (ACTA) for their hard work and enthusiasm. It's been great to see so many new faces experiencing tennis for the first time and having fun! Our mini court has recently been resurfaced and newly painted and we've installed a new



net, so looking very smart. The children have made good use of it.

We look forward to our Club Championship Finals on 12 September when we celebrate the achievements of our players from mini red through to junior and adult.

New members are always welcome. For further details, go to www.glanaber.com.

Friends of Westminster Park - Volunteer Weekend

FoWP volunteers are looking for help, even just for an hour, between 10 and 4 on 11 & 12 September, to assist in their on-going work to develop Westminster Park for the benefit of humans and wildlife in agreement with the CW&C parks officers.

Plans for the Volunteer Weekend include:

- Digging a wildlife pond
- Sowing wildflower areas (after removing turf)
- Clearing brambles and creating habitat piles.
- Gardening on the formal beds, planting, weeding, pruning.
- And much more.

It's a great range of activities for families and



for people of all abilities - there will also be a chance to hear about the projects in more detail and how they will benefit our local wildlife.



If anyone can bring their own tools or bits of kit (see below) that would also be brilliant:

- ✓ barrows
- ✓ saws
- ✓ loppers
- ✓ spades
- ✓ Trowels

Whatever you bring, please also ensure that you have suitable footwear and sturdy gloves.



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- Children's golf & football parties available
- Fun way to start playing golf
- Team building corporate days
- PGA pro individual/group lessons
- Junior roll-up lessons Thursdays 6-7pm
- A warm friendly atmosphere
- Course improvements made. Including tree work, new signage and tees



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Out in the wild - Scouting

It's great to report that beavers, cubs and scouts of 18th Chester have been able to resume many of the activities we have all missed during lockdown.

Our youngest section is celebrating 35 years of Beaver Scouting. In pursuit of a raft of badges, beavers have been out on bikes, practised navigation, gardened and toasted marshmallows outside. They visited Boulder Hut and held a recycling sports day.

Also successfully working for badges, the Monday and Thursday cub packs have been



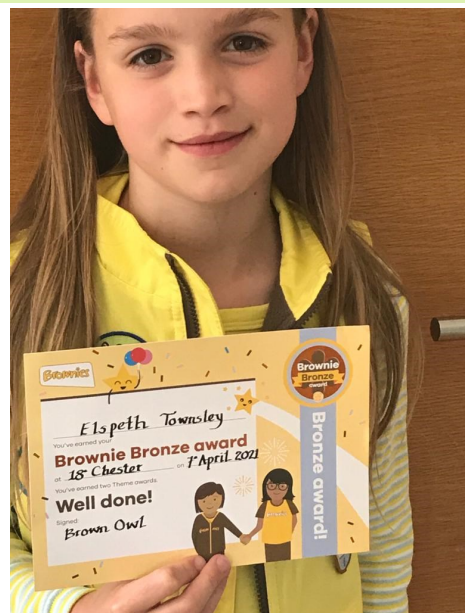
building shelters, played the wide game on Duke's Drive, cooked outdoors and learnt about the customs of other countries. Other exciting events are planned for next term.

Scouts have been busy building ballistas to launch tennis balls, devised egg dropping equipment, practised navigation, canoed on the fast flowing Dee and been go karting.

Virtual meetings were both challenging and fun but everyone is now looking forward to real camping at Chamboree in July 2022.



The 18th Chester Brownies - Keeping busy during the summer holiday



Brownies recently had a great coaching session with Aidan, ably assisted by Joss, of ACTA (All Court Tennis Academy). Aidan, who is head coach at Glan Aber Tennis Club, introduced the group to tennis skills and finished the lesson with some fun games. Further sessions are already planned for Brownies and Beavers in the autumn.

Tuition

SATS/Entrance exams 2021/22?

NOW is the time to start preparing!

**English/ Maths/ Non-verbal/
Verbal Reasoning**

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

Reasonable rates: ring 01244 675431.

Handbridge WI - Heartfelt Welcome

Handbridge WI members were each greeted with a knitted heart, created by the Craft Group, to celebrate our welcome return to meetings at St Mary's Handbridge Centre in August. Our speaker, Yvonne Matthews, had us smiling as she described making pom-poms and plaits from wool with toddlers and teenagers. Her charity, Wigzee Woo, makes wigs from wool for children with cancer at Alder Hey and Great Ormond Street; it all starts with a beanie hat! Yvonne is also a bee keeper and she told us all about bees, honey, pollen, propolis and more. In the coming months, we will have a chance to admire the heritage costumes created by the ladies of the Re-enactment Group; to hear about the work of the Clink Charity and its restaurant at HMP Styal and find out how to help people with dementia by becoming a Dementia Friend. We will also taste the delights brought by a chocolatier.



HANDBRIDGE WI CRAFT GROUP FLOWER BROOCH MAY 2021



The book group continues successfully on Zoom, as have Craft sessions, where we enjoyed making flower brooches. At our next meeting in the Centre there will be the opportunity to create a stitched card. The Walking Group discovered the history of Flookersbrook in Hoole and one of our members lead us on a geology tour of Chester. We do live in an interesting city! Please join us as a visitor, we meet on the 1 Tuesday in the month at 7.30pm at St.Mary's Handbridge Centre or telephone Maureen 01244 671304

Bird Concern

A reader has drawn our attention to the plight of some of the geese on the lake outside the Business Park.

Several of the birds appear to be afflicted by a condition known as 'angel wings syndrome' which is not at all heavenly. Their wings have failed to develop properly, leaving them unable to fly and therefore escape predation.

It is believed that one causal factor is when the birds take on too much carbohydrate and, yes, humans feeding the ducks, geese and swans are the culprits here.

If you want to know more, there are further details on Wikipedia. Meanwhile, perhaps we should re-think donating huge quantities of stale bread to the bird population?



Goose on RHS has angel wing syndrome

Pickleballers get proper courts in Westminster Park



Three new pickleball courts have been created in Westminster Park as a result of the generosity of Councillors Razia Daniels and Neil Sullivan and business owners Ian and

Dawn Swettenham. The funding has allowed the Chester U3A Pickleball Group to organise the painting of the yellow line markings to highlight the Pickleball courts.

Pickleball is a sport played with a hard 'paddle' that combines elements from badminton, tennis, and ping pong. It is played on a court with the same measurements as badminton doubles.

Even though pickleball is like tennis, there are important differences that make the game more accessible for children and seniors. The most important difference is the speed of the ball - a pickleball ball travels at about a third of the average speed of a tennis ball.

Dave Smith, the local group organiser said, "For the past year Chester U3A Pickleball group have been playing on the public tennis courts in Westminster Park. Prior to playing, each time we have had to chalk out our courts on top of the tennis courts, a back-breaking and time-consuming job, especially when we need two courts. Now, thanks to the generosity of Ian and Dawn Swettenham and councillors Razia Daniels and Neil Sullivan, we have three permanent pickleball courts. The group can play any day of the week, organising games through our WhatsApp

group. We are now moving forward to organise a Pickleball group as part of Friends of Westminster Park in order to appeal to people who cannot play in the mornings."

For further information on the Pickleball group, please email Dave at:

pickleball@chesteru3a.org.uk



Photo caption:- Cllr Razia Daniels, Cllr Neil Sullivan with Ian and Dawn Swettenham and other members of Chester U3A Pickleball Group

Calling all local photographers!

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

New contact phone number

Please note that we now have a dedicated WPRA phone number:
07515 612082

You can call us on this number to let us know of any issues that you wish to raise.

You can also contact us by email:
chair@wp-ra.org.uk

Donkey Donation



The Lache Animal Sanctuary has recently benefited from the fabulous fundraising efforts of local residents Anya Marie and Patsy Liversage.

Through raffles, online auctions and animal adoption Anya and other supporters have raised an amazing £1,803 to go towards the wellbeing of the animals in the Sanctuary.

Incredible Edible - Coming soon!

Construction of the planters on the grass by the shops on Castlecroft Road has now been approved by the council, to the delight of Incredible Edible Westminster Park who hope that this will happen by the end of September.

Further details on how to get involved will be available on social media.

Alternatively, people can get in touch via email: ediblewestminsterpark@gmail.com.

At the beginning of August, the Mayor of Saltney, Aled Roberts, visited June and Archie at the Sanctuary to see their work for himself and to present a cheque to the couple for their continuing work and a bouquet to June, kindly donated by Linsey Brown from Arcadia of Chester.

If anyone would like to know more about adopting an animal or has unwanted, unopened gifts suitable for an online raffle, please contact Anya through the Lache Animal Sanctuary Facebook page. She is also keen to hear about any ideas for fundraising.

WP Community Centre - Catch Up

Westminster Park Community Centre is located next door to Belgrave School and offers a wide range of activities.

There is plenty going on during the week:

- ✓ the social bar is open every evening, Mon -Thurs and Sun 7.30-11 and Fri-Sat 7.30-11.30;
- ✓ pre-school playgroup is held Mon-Fri in term time;
- ✓ darts club Mon and Tues (new players being sought for teams!);
- ✓ tea and scones drop in 2pm 1st Thursday of the month;
- ✓ Evergreen for residents 55+, 2-4 on 3rd Thurs of the month;
- ✓ Yoga on Monday;
- ✓ Karate on Wed, Thurs, Sat
- ✓ and church on Sunday mornings.



More details and contacts are posted on Community Notice Board and on Facebook. Any suggestions for events or further activities are always welcome, please contact us.

The Centre has a bar, pool table, dart board and football table, the main hall is available for private hire and charity nights. Please come along and support your local community centre.

Phil Williamson, Chair

Tel: 01244 671243 (from 7-30pm)

Email: wpca2008@yahoo.co.uk

Facebook: Westminster park community centre & [wpcawhatson](https://www.facebook.com/wpcawhatson)

Adopt a Poppy

Following on from the very successful campaign last year for the lamp post 'Adopt a Poppy' Appeal, which, thanks to the generous support of our community, raised £730, it is intended to repeat the event again this year.

I shall have a table outside 'Al Forno' each Saturday throughout October, between 10.30a.m. – 12.30p.m. to enable you to make your donation.

Poppies can be adopted for £3 and you can add your own message to it. Due to the demand last year, this year only poppies that are adopted will be placed on a lamp post near to your home.

It was good to read so many messages and see our community looking so cheerful in the gloomy months. I hope you will support the campaign again this year.

All monies raised are given to the Royal British Legion 'Poppy Appeal'.

As always, any worthy task requires the help of volunteers. Please if you can spare just a little of your time to help put up the poppies, it will be most appreciated.



REMEMBRANCE DAY
Let's We Forget

If you are willing to help or unable to visit me on a Saturday, but would like a poppy, please contact me on:
sandymagilton@googlemail.com , 01244 677373.

Sandra Magilton



It wasn't the balmiest of summer evenings, but it didn't rain and suitably wrapped up and with picnic baskets to hand, the group settled down to watch this joyous production. Probably everyone is familiar with the story, but this production doubled the fun with some of the actors playing two characters. It was so good to watch live theatre again.

Join us for lively discussions, to share ideas,
meet other women and make new friends!



Wrexham Road



We welcome all new residents and will be circulating WP News to occupied houses in September and December.

If you are a resident of King's Moat and wish to pursue this idea, please get in touch by emailing me at chair@wp-ra.org.uk

Jennifer Crew

Taylor Wimpey

Get to know
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PLANNED FUTURE SERVICES AT ST MARY'S, HANDBRIDGE

Sunday Morning Service - Holy Communion Service will be held on Sunday mornings at 8am, from 5 September.

Storytelling Service - no storytelling during August; Storytelling Service will resume on Sunday, 12 September. There will be an 'All Age' Service at 10.30am on Sunday, 5 September

'The Well' - the new Youth Group for children and young people aged 7+ will start on 12 September and run each Sunday of term-time. Children can be dropped off at 10.30am in St Mary's Handbridge Centre and will then re-join their parents in church towards the end of the service.

Chester Model Railway Club Exhibition and Open Day Plant Sale

**Saturday 25 & Sunday 26
Sept 2021, 10am - 4pm, both days**

- **5 Layouts** - including one you can control!
- **Children's Railway Corner**
- **Model Railway Surgery**
- **Expert Advice** - how to build a layout from scratch
- **Refreshments**
- **Church Refurbished** - including new kitchen and toilets
- **Autumn Planting Sale.**



**St. Bartholomew's Church, Old Sealand
Road, Sealand CH5 2LQ**
(10 min from Chester on A548)
(10 min from St. David's Park Hotel A55)
Admission: Adults £2, Children 50p (free if accompanied by an adult)

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 01244 679271
Brian Westcott 01244 675431

Notice boards at Lache Lane and Hough Green entrances to Westminster Park
Sue Britton 01244 677936

WPRa Notice board, Bebbington & Williams Fishmongers

Did you know you can advertise your unwanted items or business services on the WPRa Notice Board?

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 07515 612082.

WPRa membership details and email preferences

You can view your membership details and 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

Grosvenor Museum Society - Museum Talk

The Grosvenor Museum Society is delighted to offer two afternoon lectures for the autumn and it is hoped that members and guests will come along to be entertained and to catch sight of each other again! Staff at the Museum have undertaken rigorous health and safety measures with regard to corona virus security, so we are confident that folk will feel comfortable about coming back to the lecture hall to hear Jill Burton speak on 'Erddig: the jewel in the crown of Welsh country houses'. Not only does Erddig house one of the largest collections in the National

Trust, but it evokes the lives of those who lived within its walls, both rich and poor. This will take place at 2pm on Monday 27 September. Cost £5.

Then we will welcome back Gareth Williams at 2pm on Monday 1 November, when he will talk about 'Shropshire Country Houses', a topic close to his heart. Cost £5.

For more details please contact Andrea: 07792 474 504

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CONTACT US TO MAKE AN APPOINTMENT ON 01244 680214

Shop News

JJ's Barbers expand into Handbridge



After a rather difficult summer, it is good to report that JJ's Barbershop is expanding into Handbridge.

Dave of Chaps in Handbridge has decided to hang up his scissors and retire, so JJ's are taking over the business. Both shops will operate a walk-in service and will offer complimentary soft drinks, tea and coffee to clients.

JJ's are also proud to support the Saltney FC Juniors team.

Fruit & Veg soon available at Fishmongers

You may have noticed the arrival of new stands and baskets at Bebbington & Williams fishmongers which herald the start of a new offering of fruit and vegetables in the near future.

Following the closure of Francis Thomas, Stuart and Dave realised that there was an opportunity to provide a greater range of produce in the fish shop. Consequently, they are now busy reorganising the shop to equip it for the supply of fresh fruit and vegetables. We wish them well with their new enterprise!



To B(ottl)e or not to B(ottl)e...

As I am sure you have all noticed, the bottle banks have been the cause of some trouble with a large amount of fly tipping. Initially this was because the banks were full but disappointingly, this has continued even though they have now been emptied. If we want to keep the bottle banks, this idle behaviour needs to stop. Otherwise, the council officers who have to clear up the mess will get tired of doing it and request their removal.



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Letters to the Editors

REDROW PLANS THREATEN GREEN-BELT

Having heard at the Westminster Park Residents Association AGM that the builders Redrow own the land beyond the donkey sanctuary, I followed up online to find out more. I soon found the document: Redrow Homes Ltd-Land at Decoy Farm Delivery Statement-January 2018. It begins:

'This document has been prepared to demonstrate that the land at Decoy Farm, Chester, is suitable, achievable and deliverable and is in the control of Redrow Homes Ltd [Redrow] who is capable of delivering a high quality residential development at the earliest opportunity. The land at Decoy Farm, Chester [the Site] should be considered for residential development as it will assist in meeting the development requirements of the borough together with local housing needs.'



This is **not** the relatively small current development of 24 houses and 24 commercial units at Decoy Farm by Country Barns and Homes Ltd (Richborough Estates). This is **much** bigger, the equivalent of the Wrexham Road housing estate now being built.

Redrow go on to make their case for developing the whole area down to the A55, and from the railway line to the Wrexham Road development. They have ambitions to acquire the donkey sanctuary fields too. You have only to read about the Animal Sanctuary in the last WP Newsletter to know what a blow that would be.

They seek to downplay the National Character Area status of the land, and argue that they will make Chester's Greenbelt safer by gobbling this bit of it up!! It would be another 1400 house development, accessed by Lache Lane. Possibly by a roundabout intersection with the theoretical western relief road... for which there are no actual plans.

We think questions need to be asked about whether these additional houses are actually needed in Chester now, and whether this greenbelt land should be sacrificed, even if they were. Furthermore, we are not confident that the current transport and land drainage infrastructure can cope with the developing 1400 house estate off Wrexham Road, let alone doubling that next door. Our representatives, Councillors Armstrong, Daniels and Sullivan, need to be proactively involved in challenging and questioning on behalf of their voters, before it's too late.

Linda and Stewart Shuttleworth

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