

Dear Neighbour

We wanted to take this opportunity to wish you a very **Merry Christmas** from all of the team at Chester Zoo.

Next year we're looking ahead to **Islands**, our major development which will open in spring 2015. This new south east Asian habitat is coming along at a pace and will transport our visitors to this precious region and showcase our conservation projects. We are really looking forward to the opening and we'll keep you posted.

If you haven't already booked your tickets to **Lantern Magic** this Christmas then there are some tickets still available but they are selling fast. Visit our website to find out more about the times and dates.

To thank all of you for your support and encouragement throughout the last year we are delighted to offer you and your family a ticket to visit over the Christmas period. We look forward to seeing you soon. Best wishes for the festive season,

 
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All meetings of the Parish Council are open to members of the public; agendas are displayed in the pavilion, in the notice boards at Long Lane and Upton Lane and on the website.

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PAVILION PROJECT FUNDRAISING EVENT

As part of the Parish Council's efforts to raise funds for the new Queen Elizabeth II playing fields pavilion and in partnership with Upton Golf Club and IPS Invest Ltd a golfing competition was held on 26th September. Teams of four were invited to play a round of golf at a cost of £100 per team; this also included a bacon roll and a carvery bap meal afterwards.

Eight teams played on a generally fine day; an Upton Golf Club team narrowly won first prize, the 'longest drive' was won by Dwyfed Rowlands and the 'nearest the pin' by Graham Duckers.

Competitors' families and local residents were invited to join the event in the afternoon for food, ice cream and face painting.

There was a raffle of prizes that had been generously donated by local businesses and a grand auction of amazing vouchers, tickets and memorabilia, again donated mainly by the businesses in Upton – a huge thank you to all the Upton businesses who supported this event.

The new pavilion plans were on display and visitors had the opportunity to discuss them with councillors.

Despite a smaller than anticipated turnout, the successful event raised a total of £1,158. This money will go towards equipment for the new pavilion.



Upton by Chester & District Parish Council COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

AUTUMN 2014

THE COUNTESS OF CHESTER COUNTRY PARK

The Parish Council welcomes the creation and opening of the new 19 hectare country park to the rear of the Countess of Chester Hospital.

There are a number of access points around Upton. The park includes gentle slopes and hillocks and well laid out tracks which are fully accessible and Knolls Bridge and the recently refurbished canal towpath can be included for a longer walk.



WESTON GROVE CAR PARKING

It has been suggested by shopkeepers and motorists that improvements should be made to the lay-by to the front of Weston Grove shops, to improve road safety.

The proposal put to CW&C Highways is to deepen the lay-by, by a small margin and to mark out echelon style parking bays that are angled towards both approaches of Weston Grove – the resulting central 'triangle' could be allocated to

motorcycle parking. This would prevent vehicles extending onto the carriageway and improve visibility on egress.



QUEEN ELIZABETH II PLAYING FIELD – FLORAL DISPLAY

Once again this year the floral display at the entrance to the Queen Elizabeth II playing fields has been designed to celebrate the anniversary of a local organisation.

Upton Dramatic Society is 80 years old this year!

The floral display shows the tragedy and comedy masks that depict entertainment, along with the 1934 date that the society started.

Thank you to the Chester Zoological horticultural team for all their help with this project – we really could not do it without them.

Please let us know of any other significant anniversaries or events that may be celebrated in this way as soon as possible, for consideration for next year's display.

CHESTER ZOO
TICKET INSIDE!



COMMEMORATIVE PLAQUE

Due to quality issues with the Queen Elizabeth II Playing Field plaques, Fields in Trust provided new and improved plaques with a more robust finish that should not suffer from the same problems of discoloration.

We hope that you agree the new version is very smart?

QUEEN ELIZABETH II CAR PARK

As a result of residents' complaints regarding the use of the Wealstone Lane car park earlier in the year, two members of the Parish Council carried out an early morning survey between 8.00am and 9.15am. The main issue is that the car park is consistently full leaving no space for residents wishing to use the playing field facilities. During the monitoring period, 56 cars were parked, from which just 7 people used the playing field and 3 went into the library.

The remaining 46 vehicles were users and staff of the doctors' surgery.

The car park is owned by the Parish Council for the purpose of providing parking for visitors to use the facilities, with the special provision of a limited number of parking spaces for use by the doctors' surgery.

A meeting has now taken place between the Parish Council and representatives of the surgery to discuss the matter and consider solutions.

The Upton surgery is currently used as a central meeting place for district nurses which leads to an additional burden on the car park. It is expected that these meetings will be relocated to the new city centre location of Delamere Street by December 2014. It was agreed that the surgery would monitor the parking situation and report back with their findings.



UPTON PARISH CHURCH

The (Civil) Parish Council congratulates the congregation of the Church of the Holy Ascension on the 160th anniversary of the Upton Parish Church.

The church was built as a 'Chapel of Ease' to St Mary's on the Hill.

A grant of £100 was received on condition that a certain number of seats were available

for the poor; whilst the remainder could be reserved on payment of a 'pew rent'.

The first Sunday service was held on 4th June 1854; during the next 160 years the first vicar was appointed in 1882, the vicarage was built in 1890, the choir vestry, south transept and church hall being added in the 1950's.

The mid 1960's saw the completion of the north transept, clergy vestry and organ project and finally in 2000's the Kemp room and the re-ordering of the interior of the church.

QUEEN ELIZABETH II PLAYING FIELDS PAVILION

Planning permission has been granted for the new pavilion.

The Facilities Committee has tendered to potential building contractors and is attempting to ensure the best price is given for the new build before contracts are signed.

Previously we informed you that the Parish Council would be applying for grants to finance 50% of the costs. CW&C has now made a low rate loan available that could be repaid with money received from projected New Homes Bonuses – which is money passed on to the Borough Council by the government when new homes are built within the borough.

Upton by Chester and District Parish Council will benefit from substantial bonuses due to the large number of houses built recently in places such as Upton Dene, off Liverpool Road.

Further work by the Finance Committee will confirm how the Parish Council will proceed with funding the new building.

The 'sponsor a brick' scheme has continued and a number of community events have been attended to show the plans.

If you know of any events you would like us to attend please inform the Parish Clerk.



COMMUNITY PRIDE COMPETITION

Once again, on behalf of the residents of Upton, the Parish Council entered the parish into the 58th Community Pride Competition, organised by Cheshire Community Action.



The awards evening took place on 9th October and was attended by the Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Parish Council.

We are pleased to announce that Upton came runner up in the Best Kept Village category and would like to thank everyone who helped with this by keeping Upton clean tidy and well presented.

COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW

The Parish Council has noted comments made as a result of the CW&C Council Community Governance Review; a summary of comments and responses may be viewed on the Parish Council website.



This photograph of our Celtic Cross War Memorial commemorates the 100th anniversary of WW1.

We honour all those men of Upton who gave their lives.