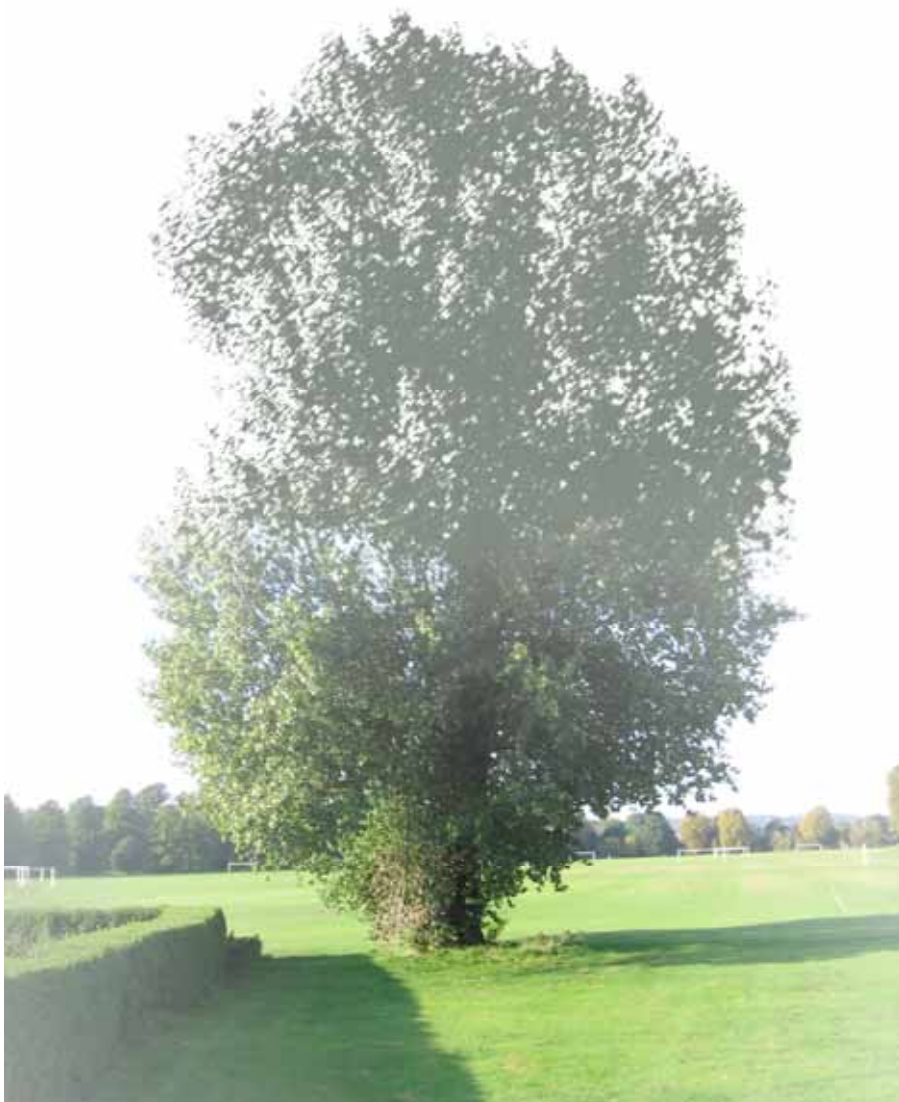


# LCRA REVIEW

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# “Thoughts from the Chair!”

Dear resident

A warm welcome to the first quarterly newsletter from the Little Chester Residents Association.

We hope you will find the newsletter interesting, informative and possibly even rewarding!

If you are interested in local history then the article by Joan Darcy on page 4 will be right up your street – literally.

If you are looking to be entertained locally (all legal and above board) then check out ‘Dates for your Diary’ on page 14.

If you are feeling inspired then why not send in an article with a Chester Green theme to it – see page 6. You could win a copy of Joan Darcy’s new book on Little Chester. I’ve already placed my order for a copy.

Whatever takes your interest please help us by filling out the survey on page 9 and let us know your views, comments and suggestions on how to improve Chester Green. It’s essential that the LCRA committee members get your feedback to keep us on the right track to protecting and enhancing our much loved local area.



The Residents Association was originally formed in response to the Miller Homes' proposals to develop the Aida Bliss site; we are now in a position to tackle other issues and need to put forward properly thought through proposals that can be realistically funded, so we need your ideas. Otherwise we will have to live with what the Council believes is acceptable.

As well as this quarterly newsletter we will continue to keep you informed on local issues on a monthly basis via 'George's' newsletter – a big thank-you to George Lord and his team of distributors for allowing us to do that.



# When the foundry was 'All Lit Up'

The Union foundry building which runs along City Road as a backdrop to the Green, is all that remains of a large enterprise which produced the first successful dry-air refrigeration plants and made Sir Alfred Seale Haslam a millionaire.

One local resident likened the building to a 'Crystal Palace'. But did you know that the foundry was first illuminated in 1891, to celebrate the state visit to Derby by Queen Victoria.



Sir Alfred had been elected Mayor of Derby for the year and organised an impressive reception for the Queen, who was breaking her annual train journey to Scotland to open the new

As Haslam's, and later E.W. Bliss, it was a major employer of Chester Green people. Apart from the wartime blackout, when E.W. Bliss was in full production and working late into a winter evening, the lit up windows were quite a spectacle when viewed from Mansfield Road.

Derbyshire Royal Infirmary. He paid for the lavish floral arches which spanned the royal route from the Midland Station to the Infirmary and for other street decorations across the town. At the end of the day, in the presence of his wife and his four children, he was knighted in a room on the

station platform set aside and decorated in 'regal splendour' for the Queen's use. He famously presented the Queen with a basket of apples newly arrived from Tasmania, having been kept fresh while making the long ocean voyage in a Haslam dry-air refrigeration plant. Afterwards he gave two banquets, one for the county and town gentry, and another, at the Drill Hall, for 500 of his workers and their wives. This description of the illuminations he sponsored is taken from 'A Permanent Record of Queen Victoria's State Visit to Derby' published soon after the visit. At the time Sir Alfred lived at 'North Lees' only moving to Breadsall Priory in 1897.

'Mr. Edwin Haslam, of St. Helen's Street, had supplied a large number of illuminations and decorations. Amongst the illuminations he fixed were the following: A large crystal to the St. James' Hotel, and the decorations to the same building, the decorations on Dr. Hough's residence, Full Street, and a

large crystal and the decorations on Messrs. Bemrose and Son's establishment, Iron Gate. The illuminations, consisting of a large crown, the letters "V.R.", with a centre-piece, on the residence of the Mayor, North Lees, Duffield Road, and also the letters "V.R." and three large crystals on the Union Foundry, City Road, the Mayor's Works. The large oval and star on the Conservative Club, and the gas jets which formed the Brunswick star and the letters "V.R." on Mr. Brigden's premises, Iron Gate, and also the large illumination and decorations at the Angel Inn, Corn Market.'

Article by: *Joan D'Arcy*

## “A City within a City. Little Chester, AD80 - AD2000...”

... is the title of a delightful new book written by Joan D’Arcy, local author, historian and resident of Chester Green.

Published by the ‘Little Chester Local History Group’, the book was launched at the Derby Cathedral Centre and shop on Saturday the 26th November 2005. Copies are on sale at the Chester Green Community Centre between 11am - 12 am on Sunday 27th November.

With over 200 pages, the A4 soft back with 280 photographs will retail at £15.99. “A City within a City. Little Chester, AD80– AD2000” will be available to purchase from The Derby Museum Shop, the local post office and Smith’s Newsagents on Mansfield Road, Chester Green.

LCRA have one signed copy to give away to a budding author. For a chance

to win, write us a short article featuring Chester Green - This can have a historical theme or perhaps be amusing, but should not be more than 250 words long. For the most interesting story, the winner will not only receive a signed copy of Joan’s book, they will also see their article featured in next quarter’s news letter. So get writing!

*Win a signed copy of Joan’s book*

### Competition Rules

**Please submit your story entitled “Tales from the Green” by 31st December 2005, including your name, address and contact telephone number. All entries should be returned to 100 Chester Green Rd by the date above.**

**This competition is not open to LCRA executive committee members or their immediate families.**



# Reflexology

By  
**Craig Simpkins**  
ITEC. MCThA  
An Embody Professional

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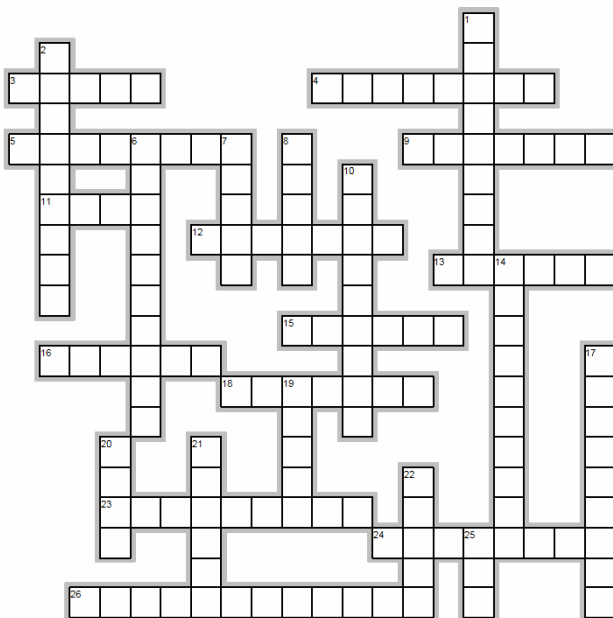
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# Little Chester Resident's Association

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## Across

3. Under the bridge
4. Some are missing from the Green!
5. Local landmark for 'I do'
9. Old Roman town
11. Travel on and through
12. English man's game
13. Four legged form of transport
15. Try the abbey?
16. Law enforcement
18. Area of Derby
23. What we all are..
24. The centre in the Church?
26. Protecting the environment!

## Down

1. The Roman name...
2. The beautiful houses circa 1800
6. What the fight is for!

7. Physical activity
8. Modern form of transport
10. Oriental delights?
14. Traffic control
17. Expired actress
19. where it all started?
20. Where there are fireworks..
21. Over the river
22. One of nature's colours
25. Watering hole

### LCRA Prize Crossword no. 001

Craig Simpkins ITEC. MCTHA has kindly offered a free reflexology session for the winner of this quarter's crossword competition. (1st correct entry drawn)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Please return your completed entry to 100 Chester Green Rd by 15th January 2006. Winner to be announced next issue.

## What's Your Point Of View?

To help us understand your views and concerns and enable us to prioritise an action list we would be grateful if you would complete the following survey.

Please list your top three issues in priority order ( 1 = highest priority ) that you would like to see the LCRA committee tackle.

We have provided some suggestions which may be helpful, but please feel free to list any issues you feel should be prioritised along with your views, comments and suggested solutions. Feel free to attach an extra sheet if you need more room!

1.

2.

3.

### List of Suggestions

Graffiti, Railings & Bollards around the Green, Car Parking, Speeding

Please return your completed survey to any of the following addresses:

3 St. Pancras Way  
40 Etruria Gardens

100 Chester Green Road  
32 Camp Street

# **DARLEY WARD POLICE REPORT -** **OCTOBER 2005**

**Darley Ward incorporates the area from Darley Abbey in the north to Ashbourne Rd in the south and from Queensway (A38) in the west to Chester Green in the east...**

...This is located on Derby North Police Section and the majority of Police Officers who patrol Darley Ward are based at St Marys Wharf Police Station.

Neighbourhood policing is gradually being established in every area, which will support the officers at St Marys Wharf by providing a dedicated, visible, accessible and responsive team.

We ( PC Mick Draycott and PC Ken Foley ) are the officers dedicated to Darley Ward. We are also supported by Sgt Martin Critchley. It is hoped that the team will be increased in the future by special constables and community support officers.

Mick takes responsibility for the West End and Ken for Chester Green, Strutts Park and Darley Abbey. We do of course support each other.

A liaison meeting for the community is held every four months where we discuss crime, anti social behaviour and other policing issues. We look forward to meeting as many people as possible at these meetings. The theme is working together to make the neighbourhood safer.

The next meeting will be held at St Pauls Community Hall, Seale Street, Chester Green, 7pm on Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> January 2006.

Anyway enough of that for now, what happened last month around the patch?

## **Dwelling Burglary**

4 offences reported.

## **Non Dwelling Burglary**

6 offences reported

### **Robbery**

1 offence which was on Chester Green.

### **Car Crime**

24 offences reported which related theft of or from vehicles

### **Damage**

7 offences reported

### **Other Crime**

33 offences reported of other crimes (for example, shoptheft).

For the size of the ward/beat crime figures remain low. Burglaries and non-dwelling burglaries are still one of our main priorities. People are still reminded to keep doors and windows locked and alarms set, as most of these offences are sneak in opportunists. Derby Division has made great efforts to reduce burglaries and the figures could be even lower if these simple steps were taken.

Again car crime is a cause for concern. Can I again remind people to lock their vehicles and remove any items in the car from sight and if possible park your vehicles in the garage.

## **REMEMBER - REMOVE THE OPPORTUNITY, REMOVE THE CRIME. NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH**

Under the supervision and tenacity of Sgt Critchley 6 neighbourhood watches have been set up. These are mainly in the longford St, Sherwin St areas of the ward. Neighbourhood watches are not just for “sticky beaks” it is about Community spirit and looking out for each other and there is relatively a small amount of work involved once you are a member. So don't be shy and join 1 today. It's easy, just pick up the phone and contact Sgt Critchley, Pc Foley or Pc Draycott and the rest is easy.

### **PARKING**

As a spin off from the neighbourhood watch schemes in Longford St, Sherwin St, Cedar St, Woodland Rd, Park Grove, we have been able to enforce the access only system in the area. This has vastly improved the parking situation for the residents in the area.

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...Continued from page 11.

A lot of work and effort has been put into this by the Derby West Beat Team, headed by Sgt Critchley who is the "Brains" behind it. This is a good example of the police working in

partnership with others to solve a problem and just shows what a community can do if it pulls together.

## OTHER STUFF

The Darley Ward Beat Team is looking for a new office which could be more central to the

area. If anybody has any suggestions please contact us and let us know of any suitable sites that we could use. At present we are looking at the possibility of an office at St Benedicts School. We will keep you updated with any further developments.

Bye for now.

Pc 2517 Foley  
Pc 2502 Draycott.

# *Thank you*

The **LCRA** Committee members would like to thank the following:

Derwent Living - For their kind contribution of £350  
Derby City Council Area Panel 5 - For £500 funding towards our Connecting the Community project.

These generous sums were gratefully received, and without them we would have been unable to launch this newsletter. We hope that we may continue to serve our community well.

## Area Panel

Allestree  
Darley  
Mackworth

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## Area Panels in Derby

### What Are Area Panels?

Area Panels are meetings consisting of a board of councillors and a public audience, with the presence of other authority officials such as other council representatives and the Derby City Police Force.

The Venue for these meetings alternates between the 3 ward constituencies of Allestree, Darley & Mackworth.

Area Panels give residents an opportunity to meet their local councillors face to face; to hear first hand about issues and proposals that may directly affect them. During every Area Panel meeting, there is a question time when residents are invited to raise new issues or voice opinions about their own neighbourhood. A chance to have your say!

The Panel will consist of your local ward councillors, who are ready to listen to any problems or solutions that have become evident for your area.

You can discover more about Area Panels and your representative Ward Councillors by contacting the:

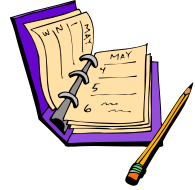
**Area & Neighbourhood Unit, Chief Executive's Department,  
Policy Directorate, Derby City Council, PO Box 6290,  
Corporation Street, Derby, DE1 2XL.**

**e-mail: [area.panels@derby.gov.uk](mailto:area.panels@derby.gov.uk)**

**[www.derby.gov.uk](http://www.derby.gov.uk)**

**tel: 01332 258 505.**

## **Dates for your diary**



**Saturday November 19<sup>th</sup> – Mini Market**  
Mansfield St Methodist Church – 2pm

**St Pauls Church, Mansfield Road**  
Sunday, 20<sup>th</sup> November - Soul Space, 8-9pm

**The Rare Owl Times - Saturday November 26<sup>th</sup>**  
**An imaginary meeting of two Irish writers....**  
St Mary's Parish Centre, Darley Lane, Derby - 7.30

**St Pauls Church, Mansfield Road**  
Sunday, 4<sup>th</sup> December - Holy Communion, 10am  
Sunday, 4<sup>th</sup> December - Soul Café, 8-10pm  
Sunday, 11<sup>th</sup> December - Chustingle Soul Breakfast, 10am  
Sunday, 11<sup>th</sup> December - Carols on the Green, 6pm

**Sunday, 18<sup>th</sup> December - Carol Service**  
Mansfield Street Methodist Church - 6pm

**St Pauls Church, Mansfield Road**  
Sunday, 18<sup>th</sup> December - Matins, 8.45am  
Sunday, 18<sup>th</sup> December - Service with Baptisms, 10am  
Sunday, 18<sup>th</sup> December - Soul Space, 8-9pm  
Saturday, 24<sup>th</sup> December - Midnight Mass, 11.30pm  
Sunday, 25<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas Communion, 10am  
Sunday, 8<sup>th</sup> January - Soul Café, 8-10pm

**Tuesday January 31<sup>st</sup> - Local Police Liaison Committee Meeting**  
St Paul's Church Hall, Mansfield Rd - 7pm

**Wednesday February 1<sup>st</sup> - Area Panel 5 Meeting**  
St Mary's Parish Centre, Darley Lane - 7pm

**Every Wednesday – Bingo**  
St Paul's Church Hall – 7.30pm

## "Fit 4 U"

Mobile gym - every Wednesday afternoon at Mansfield Street Methodist Church.

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2.45 - 3.45 p.m.

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**WWW:**

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**www.fit-4-u.org**

**If you know of any events coming up which could be included in the next issue please inform an LCRA committee member.**



**DERWENT  
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**MEETS EVERY TUESDAY AT 7pm  
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sign)

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ing, refuse collection & street cleaning  
01332 716360

To report dangerous trees  
01332 715537

Street Lighting - 01332 715002



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## LCRA Website

Keep up to date with all the latest news and LCRA info by vis-  
iting our website:

**[www.littlechester.org.uk](http://www.littlechester.org.uk)**

The screenshot shows the homepage of the Little Chester Residents Association website. At the top right, the logo reads "Little Chester RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION". On the left, there is a vertical navigation menu with links for Home, News, Campaigns, Local Services, Local Businesses, What's On, Links, and Forums. The main content area contains a welcome message: "Welcome to the Little Chester Residents Association Website. New links page, forum and news pages - see the menu on the left!" Below this, there is a section titled "LITTLE CHESTER RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION REPORT into Miller Homes' Plans, the Questionnaire results, and other relevant information can be found [HERE](#)". Further down, it states: "This site has been created to serve the residents and community of Chester Green. You will be able to view details of local events, businesses and topics of interest." Another section mentions: "Chester Green is a site of great [historic interest](#), and it is also one of Derby's fifteen [Conservation Areas](#) (all links will open in a separate window)." The final paragraph says: "The development of this website is still in progress, and is currently concentrating on information concerning the current development of the Aida/Biss building by [Miller Homes](#)". At the bottom, it encourages users to click on "campaign" on the menu for more information.