

## LITTLE CHESTER RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

### **City Road Speed Reduction Consultation**

The consultation hosted by the Council took place on Saturday August 9th at the Methodist church hall on Mansfield Street. It was an opportunity for local residents and City Road users to view plans, discuss details and ask any questions about the two scheme options, designed by traffic engineers to increase safety by reducing speeds on City Road.

Attendance (about 30 residents) was low, partly because it was peak holiday period. Some residents in the flats on Old Chester Rd, Centurion Walk, and in the houses and flats on Etruria Gardens reported that they did not receive consultation documents containing the response form and invitation to the consultation event. The Residents Association have asked the council to provide the residents affected with consultation documents.

A decision as to whether a traffic calming scheme and which of the two options will be implemented, is to be made at a Neighbourhood Board meeting on September 8th. The decision will be based on the levels of support received on consultation response forms submitted at the consultation event and also those posted or emailed to the council house, by residents living in the 'triangle' bounded by Old Chester Rd, City Rd and Mansfield Rd.

### **Travellers**

On Friday evening the 8th August, a group of travellers with ten caravans drove onto the Green and parked up near the children's play area. Police arrived to survey the situation and stated they were awaiting instructions from their

Inspector. When questioned about the legality of vehicles being driven around on a public park close to a children's play area, police officers would not be drawn and took no action. The travellers departed the following morning.

The Residents Association will ask the police and council to clarify what actions they are prepared to take, to minimise disruption and safety risk to local residents if there is a reoccurrence in the future.

### **Flood Insurance**

A young couple renting in Chester Green and interested in buying a property here, told me of their concerns about the high costs of flood insurance they have been quoted. I explained that the Government and the Association of British Insurers (ABI) reached agreement in 2013 to continue to provide affordable insurance to existing policy holders in high risk flood areas. The deal will put a cap on the flood element cost of house insurance premiums and link them to council tax bands e.g. the flooding element of the premium (not the total premium) will be capped at £210 per year for those living in houses in council tax bands A & B. A higher cap will be put on higher council tax bands. Homes in band H and homes built after January 2009 will not have a cap. The Government is aiming for the new arrangement to be up and running by summer 2015, but in the meantime insurance companies will probably quote high premiums to new customers.

*To contact the Little Chester Residents Association please see our web-site:  
<http://www.littlechester.org.uk/> Or  
contact: Andrew Meehan 01332 298079*

## **Little Chester News Letter September 2014**

### **COMMUNITY GROUP NEWS**

#### **FREE Membership Extravaganza**

**Saturday 30th August Doors open at 6.30 for a 7pm start**

This should be a really fun packed evening with lots of games and dancing helped along by the "Scraggle Muffins". You can join or rejoin the Community Group, with a years' membership costing only £2 for an adult, £1.50 senior citizens and juniors, 50p for children 5 - 16 and under 5.s are free.

The benefits of membership are reduced admission prices to our events and a discount to hire the Centre for weekend, daytime parties, as well of course, as supporting your local Community Group.

We are hoping to provide more entertainment evenings appealing to varying age groups in the coming months, but need YOUR support and encouragement to make this possible so we look forward to seeing friends, old and new, at this FREE event.



**Annual Panto! Saturday 20 September  
Dick Whittington**



Our annual Panto is performed by the professional company "Pocket Panto" and has become an amazing, "must see" event at Chester Green Community Centre! Doors open at 6.30 for 7.30 (come early to get your seat).

Admission on the door - Adults: £4 members, £5 non members, Children under 16: £2 members, £3 non-members Under 5s free. (Members please bring your card to take advantage of the discounted price. Don't miss it!!)

### **First Smile ☺**

*Funniest phrases from Job Applications . .perhaps best to avoid these!*

- Covering Letter: Dear Sir / Modem
- My interests include cooking dogs and interesting people.
- I would like to assure you I am a hardly working person
- Skills: I speak English and Spinich
- Here are my qualifications for you to overlook.
- After receiving advice from several different angels, I have decided to pursue a different line of work.
- Education: University - May 1890 to May 1993
- Number of dependents: 40
- Thanking you for your consideration. Hoping to hear from you shorty.

## Camp Street Front Garden

Have you seen the Front Garden on Camp Street? Doesn't it look great!

Great praise and thanks is due to everyone that helped with the original planting, and also everyone who is helping look after it, weeding, watering, carefully tending it. It can be a lot of work at times, so if you've got a few minutes to spare, nip out and pull up a few weeds (dandelions and grass are the worst!). Let's keep it looking great.

Talking of the Front Garden, we have the possibility of doing something a bit different with the rest of it. The suggestion has been made to plant a community orchard, particularly using older, more traditional varieties of apple tree. We also may be able to plant bulbs (Daffodils, English Bluebells, Crocuses). What do you think? I have been asked to co-ordinate the response to this idea, so let me know what you think, and also any other suggestions that you have. I'll pass them on.

## Chester Green Bulbs

The possibility of planting bulbs is not limited to Camp Street only.

We all love to see the daffodils and snowdrops on the Green in spring, so how about planting more, along the edge of St Pauls Road, or Chester Green Road, or even along the City Road boundary. Is there another green space that would look great if planted out? It needn't be just Daffodils, there are plenty of other spring bulbs.

We will have to plant them, so that will be quite a bit of work, but if we all get together, we can make a difference to our area. What do you think?

As with the Camp Street Front Garden I have been asked to co-ordinate the response to this idea, so let me know what you think, and also any other suggestions that you have. I'll pass them on.

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## LITTLE CHESTER HERITAGE CENTRE

### Exhibition: World War One and St Paul's Parish War Memorial.

Open Sundays in Sept and Oct 2-4pm,

Geoffrey Parton, of St Paul's Church, and Little Chester History Group have joined together to tell the story of the men of St Paul's Parish who went to fight in the First World War.

Geoffrey has researched the 75 men whose names are on the Memorial Cross that stands outside the Church on Mansfield Road. A brief history of each man's military service is presented, together with family background.

The Heritage Centre also has information on many of the 934 names on the Parish Roll of Honour that hangs in the Church, 141 of whom died during the conflict.

The Heritage Centre is in St Paul's Church, Mansfield Road, Derby.

For further information, tel: 01332 363354

## LITTLE CHESTER LOCAL HISTORY GROUP

### We invite you to join us for our 2014/15 programme of activities

Meetings are held on the third Thursday of the month in Chester Green Community Centre, Old Chester Road, Derby DE1 3RQ, beginning at 7.30pm.

Our group is long established, extremely friendly and welcoming, and we cover a wide range of topics, not only relating to history, for example, the Russian New Year and How the flute developed.

On Thursday Sept 18th, there will be a talk on the Boots pharmacy chain, given by the company archivist, Charlotte McCarthy.

Annual subscription is £7 - non-members £2 per meeting.  
For further information, tel 01332 559615



## ST PAUL'S CHURCH - CHESTER GREEN

<http://www.stpaulschestergreen.org/>

Sun 7 September	10.00 am	Soul Sanctuary
Sun 14 September	10.00 am	Holy Communion 6.00 pm Evening Prayer
Sun 21 September	10.00 am	Soul Sanctuary
Sun 28 September	10.00 am	Contemplative Communion

### Jumble Sale in aid of St Paul's Church

Saturday 20th September in the Church Hall, Seale Street.

Opening time 10.00 am Admission 20p

Refreshments available.

## CHESTER GREEN METHODIST CHURCH

- Sun 7th Sep 11am Communion Service with activities for children during service
- Sun 21st September 10.30 Breakfast 11am Messy Church – informal café style service – songs, crafts, simple message suitable for all ages.

**Chester Green Chums – parent/carer and baby/toddler group 10-12 every Monday.** New parents/children always welcome Hopefully we will have the photographer with us on Monday 1st Sept – a great opportunity to have some lovely pictures of the children for a very reasonable price (with commission to Chums too so everyone's a winner!)

### Second Smile ☺ More phrases best avoided in your job application.

- Reason for leaving last employer "It was hard work"
- Worked in an office where I carried out my own accountant.
- Current Salary £28,000. Desired salary £170,000
- My responsibilities included recruiting, interviewing and executing final applicants
- I would be prepared to meet with you at your earliest convenience to discuss what I can do to your Company.