#### LITTLE CHESTER RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

#### **Additional Local Schooling Choice**

A reminder to local parents whose children are due to start primary school in September 2016 that as a result of a request by the Residents Association, the Board of Governors of Walter Evans Church of England primary school in Darley Abbey have agreed to include attendance at St Paul's in category 4 of their admissions policy (ahead of children from out of catchment) i.e. Children and their parents who have been attending worship at least once a month at St Paul's, Chester Green for a minimum of 12 months before the date of application. A priest or minister from St Paul's church must confirm this in writing.

Walter Evans is unusual in that it has a high sibling priority (category 2) unlike many other schools in Derby. In the past a number of families have decided to leave Chester Green due to being unable to guarantee a place for a younger sibling at the same school as their older child. St Paul's offers a monthly informal Sunday Soul Breakfast service in the church hall for all ages but particularly suitable for families with young children. There is also a 'Kids in the Vestry' Sunday school available at some Sunday services in the church.

### **<u>Revised Flood Defence Planning</u>** <u>Application 02/15/00210</u>

Derby City Council have submitted a revised planning application for flood defence of the City including Chester Green. Their revised proposals have addressed most of the specific objections that the LCRA submitted regarding Chester Green. The large trees on City Rd next to Parkers Piece which the council say have to be removed to

enable construction of a deep set wall will now be replaced by smaller street trees to be planted on a widened pavement on City Rd. The original ' tunnel brick wall' entrance to Darley playing fields has been redesigned with a more open design; the redesigned car park off Old Chester Rd which was to be entered by vehicles next to the Community Centre will now be entered and exited on Old Chester Rd and will include speed humps to reduce potential speeding. Flood wall location has been moved further away from listed Derwent House but there will be loss of some trees/shrubs in listed Stone House Prebend's garden and some loss of the Community Centre's garden. Further archeological work is planned to inform location of Roman archeology.

As stated in the article on our front page, there are still no published proposals for the two major privately owned sites on City Rd (Aida Bliss and Tomlisons sites) so they will form part of planning applications at a later date if they come forward; otherwise the council say they will compulsory purchase sites to achieve flood defence within a three vear timescale. If planning permission is granted this year, we are told that construction work is hoped to commence on Etruria Gardens early in 2016, followed by St. Mary's bridge area and then in the rest of Chester Green in 2017. To contact the Little Chester Residents Association please see our web-site: http:// www.littlechester.org.uk/ Or contact: Andrew Meehan 01332 298079

### News Letter Articles:

If you would like to submit an item for the News Letter, send it to lcnewsletter@btinternet.com. Please submit by 19th of the month. Thank you!

# Little Chester News Letter September 2015



### Hundreds of new homes in Chester Green as part of Flood Defence?

You may have been surprised to see an article in the Derby Evening Telegraph suggesting that Derby's riverside development plans include "Hundreds of new homes on the site of the *former Aida Bliss factory in Chester Green* with a river frontage featuring cafes and bars."

As reported in the past, the Council hope to find private developers prepared to take on the Aida Bliss Factory site and the ex-Tomlinsons site on City Road and incorporate flood defences as part of any developments.

We have repeatedly asked for details of possible buyers or development plans but have been refused on grounds of commercial confidentiality.

The facts we do know are:

- there are still no published proposals either for "Aida Bliss" or the "Tomlinsons" sites.
- If developers do come forward with proposals, then new planning applications will need to be submitted for approval.

Further news will be

published here as soon

as we know more . . .

• If developers don't come forward the Council say they will compulsorily purchase these sites to achieve flood defence within a three year timescale.

Residents have voiced many concerns about development in this area, including:

- The possibility of high rise buildings
- Maintaining the character of our "village in a city" conservation area.
- Effects on traffic congestion and parking
- Insurance for new homes in a flood area
- Residents' preference for more family housing in the area

The next couple of years will be pivotal in the future of Little Chester and we need the Residents' Association to be effective in getting the community voice heard.

### Little Chester Residents Association AGM 15 Sept 2015

7.30pm Common Room, Centurion Walk (Old Chester Road) All WELCOME

Please do consider coming forward for the Residents Association Committee as we need more members to ensure residents voices are heard.

(You can contact the Little Chester Residents Association through our web-site: http://www.littlechester.org.uk/ or ring: Andrew Meehan 01332 298079)

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# COMMUNITY GROUP NEWS - Aladdin!

Sat 26th Sept, Chester Green Community Centre, Darley Fields

A fantastic start to our new programme of entertainment, presenting our annual Panto, this year "Aladdin", performed by the professional acting group "Pocket Panto" featuring our very own Becky Little!



Doors open at 6.30 for a 7.30 start. Costs are £5 for members, £6.50 non members, £3 for member children, £4 non members and free for under 5's! (members please bring your membership card to get the reduction). This will be a great night out, full of fun and laughs, but come early as we usually have a full house and you'll need time to get supplies from the bar and tuck shop.

There's still time before the Panto to join or renew your Community Group *membership*. You can download the membership form from our website: www.chestergreencommunity group.yolasite.com or ring 07527 603057 to request one. Once completed please return with the fee through the secure postbox at the Centre, to 117 City Road or 1 Marcus Street. The annual cost is £2 for adults, £1.50 for senior citizens and 16-18 year olds, 50p children 5-16 and free for under 5's.

### PAD update and CPR Training

We (the Coach and Horses Charity Committee) are getting ever closer to having the Public Access Defibrillator installed near the tennis courts/playing fields area and we hope to have a further update in the next Newsletter.

As part of this community initiative, we also have the opportunity to offer CPR Training in the local area through the East Midlands Ambulance Service. Cardiopulmonary resuscitation is a first aid technique that can be used if someone is not breathing properly or if his or her heart has stopped.

Although we do not have a definite date, we need to know how many of you would be interested in having such training because only a limited number (between 10 and 20) can be trained at a time. It would involve just one evening session lasting for about an hour, probably later in September. If you would be interested in attending the training session, please ring Rhian on Derby 369336 (you can leave a message) or ring 07889878425 (you can't leave a message because I haven't figured out the Voicemail function vet!) or email rhianowen l@yahoo.co.uk- it will be 'first come, first served'.

# **ST PAUL'S CHURCH - CHESTER GREEN**

# http://www.stpaulschestergreen.org/

Sept 6th Soul Sanctuary Sept 13th Contemplative Communion

### St. Paul's Services (all services at 10.00 am) Sept 20th Soul Sanctuary/Harvest Sept 27th Holy Communion Oct 4<sup>th</sup> Soul Breakfast in Church Hall

### **St.Paul's Macmillan Coffee Morning**

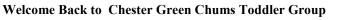
Wednesday 30th September at 10.00am- 1pm in the Common Room, Centurion Walk (Old Chester Road). Tea, coffee, yummy cakes, raffle etc. Please pop along and help us raise money for this good cause. If you could make/donate a cake or donate a raffle prize please ring Bev 01332 349420 or Marie 01332 298079. Look forward to seeing you there for a lovely cuppa and a good natter.

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St Paul's School Re-Union !! Bridge Inn, Mansfield Rd on October the 4th starting at 4.00pm. Do come along.

Thank You To Ward Councillors Jack Stanton and Martin Repton For being so proactive in supporting residents over a recent incident of a caravan and trailer illegally parked on Chester Green.

## CHESTER GREEN METHODIST CHURCH





Mondays 10 am -12 noon, starting 7 Sept We are looking forward to seeing friends old and new! Mums/dads/grannies/aunties/childminders etc all welcome to come along with your little bundles of fun. We are a friendly welcoming group meeting every Monday for a chat, cuppa and play with our babies/toddlers/pre-schoolers. We have a photographer coming along on the 7th to take pictures of the little ones and any siblings who want to come too. No obligation to buy, just there if anyone wants to take the opportunity of a photo in a relaxed setting.

Sunday 20th September Welcome Back with Messy Church! 10.30 breakfast, 11am Service - come along and join in the fun, we'd love to welcome you!

The Big Toddle raised £168 for children's charity, Barnardos. Huge thanks to all those who sponsored us and were involved. You can still sponsor us and help us beat our £200 target at http://tinyurl.com/ChumsToddle2015.  $\odot$ 

### LITTLE CHESTER HISTORY GROUP

Come and join us for our first meeting of 2015-2016 7.30pm on Thursday September 17th in Chester Green Community Centre, Old Chester Road, when we will have a talk presented by Bill Tomlinson about 'Derbyshire Children's Home, Skegness, The Past and the Future' Admission non-members £2 For further information Tel. 01332 559615

### LITTLE CHESTER HERITAGE CENTRE St. Paul's Church, Seale Street, Derby. Open every Sunday 2-4pm.

Including Exhibition of historical Exeter House in Derby, where "Bonnie Prince Charlie held his Council of War before his retreat to Scotland. Activity sheets on Roman History available for parents and children to complete together. Admission is free and refreshments available. For further info: Tel. 01332 363354

### Smile - History Essay Quotes. How wrong can you be?

"Queen Victoria was the longest queen. She sat on a thorn for 63 years. She was a moral woman who practiced virtue. Her death was the final event which ended her reign."

"Louis Pasteur discovered a cure for rabbis. Charles Darwin was a natureist who wrote the Organ of the Species. Madman Curie discovered radio. And Karl Marx became

one of the Marx brothers."

"The Greeks were a highly sculptured people, and without them we wouldn't have history. The Greeks also had myths. A myth is a female moth."

"During the Renaissance America began. Christopher Columbus was a great navigator who discovered America while cursing about the Atlantic"

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