

LITTLE CHESTER RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Speed Calming

In order to review the effectiveness of the 20mph speed limit scheme introduced earlier this year, speed and volume measurements have taken place using rubber tube sensors on City Rd. and Old Chester Rd over a two week period in September 2015.

In order to ensure a representative measure was taken, the checks took place after the school holidays and once 'footballer' traffic recommenced. Also, the temporary Speed Indicator Device (SID) on City Rd was covered up in preparation for its relocation to another site in Darley ward.

If the results from this speed monitoring show there is still a speeding problem, the plan is to arrange a ballot of residents living in the Old Chester Rd/ City Rd triangle, on whether they want to see a speed hump scheme installed on Old Chester Rd and City Rd.

Darley Neighbourhood Board have agreed to accept, this time, the majority vote of residents (whether they are in favour or against a speed hump scheme) as long as there is a minimum 10% response rate.

On advice from Council traffic engineers that heavy flood defence construction traffic could cause noise, vibration and damage to speed humps the Board agreed to ring fence funding so that if residents vote in favour of speed humps the scheme would be implemented once heavy flood defence traffic subsidies.

Flood Defence and Future Development

Many residents will have read the recent front page article in the Derby Telegraph entitled "**Riverside Plan for 1000 Homes, Cafes and Bars**" which said that "final details are being discussed with planning officers, developers and landowners" and plans include:

"Hundreds of new homes on the site of the former Aida Bliss factory in Chester Green". Having been refused any answers by the council about potential development on City Rd on the grounds of commercial confidentiality, the LCRA are arranging to meet with our MP Amanda Solloway to discuss local concerns.

We will be consulting with local residents in order to understand your views on what you believe would be the most appropriate type of development to enhance our area rather than be detrimental to it.

The council have changed their plans and now decided that the **council garage area off City Rd** will become one of a number of site compounds during flood defence work; they plan to 'reconfigure' the site to maximise storage. Concerns have been expressed about the loss of an important resident parking facility. There may be an opportunity to achieve a viable, secure parking area in this location for the longer term.

The council acknowledge there will be major parking issues during flood defence work and a temporary resident permit scheme is under consideration.

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, please send it to lcnewsletter@btinternet.com. Please submit by 19th of the month. Thanks!

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CORRECTION! St Paul's School Re-Union !! CORRECTION!
Bridge Inn, Mansfield Rd October the 4th
STARTING AT 4.00PM
(Not 7.30PM as stated in the last News Letter.).

St Paul's Pre-School Playgroup

Creation station!



Messy Fun,
Crazy Crafts

Thursdays 10am -11am

Only £3 per child including refreshments.

For toddlers aged 2 - 5 years and their parents/carers. Everyone's invited!
St Paul's Church Hall, Seale Street, Chester Green,



Halloween Disco



It's almost that time of the year again when ghosts, ghouls, devils and witches come out of hiding to scare us!

We invite them all to come on down to the Community Centre at Darley Fields on **Halloween Night itself, Saturday the 31st October**, to play some devilishly good games, do some spooky dance moves and generally have a great night out! There will be a prize for the best (and hopefully, most original) costume for boys and girls and one for the adults too, so start planning!

Admission on the door

- is only £2 for adult members,
- £4 non members,
- £1 for member children,
- £2 non members with under 5's free (please bring members cards).

Doors open at 7pm for a 7.30 start; the bar and tuck shop will be open and refreshments available. We also have a raffle with some good prizes to be won (further donations would be gratefully accepted).

Community Group News : Our Panto "Aladdin" performed by "Pocket Panto" was once again a brilliant show; everyone had a really good laugh and "boo'd and hissed" in the best panto tradition! Thanks again to Darren, Jeremy and our own Becky Little. Ingham Playhouse panto "Dick Whittington" this Christmas) for another great family show.

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Get CPR Training to save a life!

We have a great opportunity to offer Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) Training to the local community. This will take place on Friday, October 16th at the Methodist Church Hall on Mansfield Street between 7 and 9 pm. With a limit of 14, we need to know numbers in advance. To book a place, ring Rhian on Derby 369336 or 07889878425 or email rhianowen1@yahoo.co.uk – first come, first served. *It would be great to have a number of people from the local area trained in CPR, so please get in touch by October 9th at the latest.*

Public Access defibrillator – Update (at last!)

Many people who helped raise funds for the PAD have asked – understandably - when it will be up and ready for use, given that the money was raised last December! The delay has not been on the part of the Charity Committee but because of red tape from the agencies with whom we have had to work. We have changed the siting of the device from the Community Centre to the front of the Coach and Horses.

This has nothing to do with the Community Centre Committee, who were more than pleased to have the PAD sited there, and they deserve thanks for their support. We would also like to thank Pub People, who own the Coach and Horses, for their prompt, positive response when asked about placing it outside the pub. Since we no longer have to wait for permission and clearance from the Council, we expect to have the PAD in position very shortly – certainly before the next Christmas Prize Draw! So, watch this space (or, rather, the space outside the Coach and Horses!).

Adult Latin and Ballroom Dance Class for Beginners

Chester Green Community Centre Wednesday Evenings 19.00 - 20.00 Good fun, great exercise and meet new friends. For further information and to book a place, please contact: -Patricia Cooke. NATD. 01332 660837

ST PAUL'S CHURCH - CHESTER GREEN

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

St. Paul's Services (all services at 10.00 am)

Oct 4th Soul Breakfast in the Church Hall with creative activities for children
Oct 11th Contemplative Communion
Oct 18th Soul Sanctuary
Oct 25th Holy Communion

St. Paul's Roof Fund Appeal 2015

St. Paul's would like to thank the **Coach & Horses** for their kind donation of £106.00 toward our North Side Roof Appeal.

We have raised £1914.75 so far this year through various activities and kind donations. It would be great if we could push the total to £2000 before Christmas so if anyone has a spare £1 or two, or would like to make a small donation please push through the letter box at 102 Chester Green Road and Marie will add it to the total.

Many thanks to everyone who has helped us with this appeal.

From little acorns, mighty Oak trees grow, many thanks Marie (Church Warden)

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CHESTER GREEN METHODIST CHURCH

Chester Green Chums Parent/Carer & Baby/Toddler Group : Mondays 10 - 12. We're a friendly, welcoming group and would love to see you! (Please note no Chums on Monday 26th October as its Half Term).

Sun 4th Oct – Come and help us celebrate the Church's Birthday! 11am Anniversary service in Church (including activities for children) followed by Bring and Share lunch in the hall (and may be even some cake!)

Sun 18th Oct – Come and join us as we celebrate Harvest Festival with a special Harvest Messy Church. Breakfast 10.30am Informal café style service 11-12 ish. Please bring any donations of tinned/dried foods for the display which will then be donated to local charities. We will also be collecting donations *for Action Aid to support Street Children in Africa*. Crafts, songs, fun and a simple message make Messy Church suitable for all ages. If you've never tried it before, Harvest would be a great chance to give it a go!

Advance Notice! Our annual Fair 28th November from 10.30-1.00. With the usual mix of festive fun definitely a date for your diaries! Stalls available for a donation of £5 (contact Abi on 07729509612). We also welcome donations of cakes (on the day), raffle prizes, and nearly new children's/baby clothes/toys/equipment.

Little Chester History Group & Heritage Centre

Thursday October 15th at 7.30pm in Chester Green Community Centre, Talk by Keith Blood : **'Georgians, Jitties and Gingerbreads, Secret Ashbourne'**. Everyone welcome. Admission non-members £2. For further info Tel. 01332 559615

Heritage Centre St. Paul's Church, Seale Street. Open Sundays 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 free and refreshments available. For further info: Tel. 01332 363354.

Smile - The Gnomadic Gnome's Holiday

A few weeks ago, Right Gnome had tongues wagging and heads shaking in Camp Street. He disappeared during the night! It seemed to coincide with a visit from a young guy, so you can imagine the concern and consternation.

We all called and searched, and looked amongst the bushes in case he had fallen out with Left Gnome and hidden, but no, he was Gnowhere to be found.! Right Gnome had gone absent without leave.

A week or so later, a lovely surprise! Right Gnome had come back. Celebrations and relief all round. But where had our

Right Gnome was not saying. At first all we could get was "Gnowhere". Eventually he admitted that he'd been on holiday to Gnomansland, and had had a wonderful time. He explained that the young fellow had helped him on his journey, but after a few days he had helped Right Gnome come home, which was very nice, wasn't it?

So our prodigal Gnomadic Gnome has returned, and he is enjoying his time in the sun in our Front Garden, chatting to Left Gnome about his trip, and his fear of being Gnomeless.

Gnomadic Gnome been.?

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