# LITTLE CHESTER RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

#### 'Flood Re' scheme may help you find Affordable Insurance

The 'Flood Re' scheme, a not for profit insurance fund managed by the insurance industry started in April.

It aims to ensure UK homes at the highest risk of flooding can obtain affordable flood cover. The flood element of a home policy will be priced according to Council Tax band, from £210 for band A, to £1200 for band H. Leasehold, let and commercial properties are excluded, as are homes built after 2009.

If you've had problems getting 'affordable' flood insurance or want to find alternative quotes, the British Insurance Brokers Association (BIBA) www.biba.org.uk has a 'find a broker' service. If you add your postcode, select buildings/contents insurance and that you are in a flood zone you will be shown a map with brokers who can help you.

If vou don't have internet access, you can ring BIBA's 'find a broker' service on 0370 950 1790. Many insurance brokers are registering with the 'Flood Re' insurance scheme, so ring them for a quote. Where previously, brokers were quoting high premiums and excesses, or were reluctant to quote at all, the Flood Re scheme should result in a much more competitive market, as brokers can pay for flood repairs from a fund created by a levy on all house insurers.

#### **Residents Parking Scheme**

In order to clarify what is happening we wrote to the council asking it to confirm: that parking permits will be paid for by the Council's Our City Our River (OCOR) team for the whole of the period when visitors car parks in Chester Green are closed, not just the two years as stated in the letter to residents in October. ♦that residents will be asked if they want to keep the scheme and pay for permits as we approach the end of the free period. Steven Millington (Senior Traffic

Technician) has asked for his written reply to be in the newsletter—so here it is.

"The cost of administering the parking scheme and the free permits will be supported by the OCOR project until the visitor car parks are re-commissioned. this indeed may be beyond the 2 year lifetime of the existing permits. Residents will be informed of car park status and timescales as the project progresses. We are currently clarifying the timetable for the visitor car park provision as the works progress to the Darley Fields area and will share the information as soon as we can.

After the end of the objection period (this summer), we will consider all objections and write to the residents asking them whether they agree to the parking scheme continuing in force indefinitely i.e. until visitor car parks are recommissioned.

If the decision is taken to not continue the scheme, the residents parking restriction will be removed before the 18 months lapses (June 2017). If the decision is taken to continue the scheme for an indefinite period of time i.e. until visitor car parks are re-commissioned consultation will be carried out with residents prior to the free permits provided by the OCOR project expire, with the scheme being revoked (either in its entirety or in part) if there is no support for it .... "

If you have suggestions on how to improve and amend the parking scheme please write to the council (before 3rd July 2016) and please do post a copy to 102 Chester Green Rd, 49 Marcus St. or 1 St. Pauls Rd and include a contact number. This will *help us represent your views when we ask* for a meeting with the council to discuss amendments to the Parking Scheme.

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

# Queen's 90th Birthday Weekend 10-12 June



Well dressing At the well on Marcus Street Cafe Create and Playgroup are both making dressings this year. There will be a short service by Revd Canon Michael Mitton, followed by cake and a play on the Park All welcome . . .

# Saturday 11th 4.30-5.30

Pizza Explore with a Royal theme. St. Paul's Church Hall. Seale Street, from 4.30-5.30pm bring a cooked pizza and a drink. Suitable for all



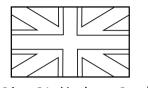
ages - a chance to meet, chat, craft table for children, toys, nintendo wii for Mario racing for older children and short video. All very welcome.

#### **Cheaper Flood Insurance?**

There is some good stuff on the back page this month about the new insurance scheme which should help us. Basically it puts a cap on the amount flood insurance should cost based on your council tax band. There are some exclusions; see back page for details.

The scheme is so new we don't know how it will work out for us in practice in Chester Green, so it would be interesting to hear from anyone who

# Sunday 12th June 2.00pm onwards



# Big Birthday Bash

Picnic on the Green (or the Community Centre if wet).

Bring something to eat and drink, and a chair, for a big picnic, and an afternoon of fun and games. Come and take a turn in the entertainment tent and there will be a prize raffle and best hat competition! Offers of help with setting up, and with accessibility for residents who may struggle to get there greatly received! Contact Rachel on 07968024071 or Rach.wiggins@googlemail.com

has tried the scheme.

# **News Letter Delivery**

I am delighted that we now have another volunteer to join our team who deliver the News Letter. Better still. this will allow us to deliver to Magnus Court off Alfreton Road. If you know anyone who would like to get the News Letter but doesn't, please do let us know.

Happy June to all! Editor

(Email: lcnewsletter@btinternet.com)

# Smile—Children write about the sea

- If you are surrounded by sea, you are an island. If you don't have sea all round you, you are incontinent. (James, age 7)
- Sharks are ugly and mean, and have big teeth, just like Emily Richardson She's not my friend any more. (Kylie, age 6)
- Mermaids live in the sea. I like mermaids. They are beautiful and I like their shiny tails, but how on earth do mermaids get pregnant? (Helen, age 6)
- I'm not going to write about the sea. My baby brother is always crying, my Dad keeps velling at my Mum, and my big sister has just got pregnant, so I can't think what to write. (Amy, age 6)
- Some fish are dangerous. Jellyfish can sting. Electric eels can give you a shock. They have to live in caves under the sea where I think they have to plug themselves in to chargers .(Christopher, age 7)

# Little Chester Local History Group

#### Thursday June 16th at 7.30pm 'Life can be very funny, humour and nostalgia'. Poems, anecdotes, stories and nostalgia from Pat Hall, Chester Green Community Centre, Old Chester Road, Derby Admission non-members £2. Everyone welcome. For further information Tel. 01332 559615.

# Little Chester Heritage Centre

St. Paul's Church, Mansfield Road, Derby. We are open Sundays 2-4pm. Displays of history of Little Chester from Roman Times. In addition during June there will be an exhibition about Chester Green Bowls Club.

Sunday June 5th 2.00 - 3.15 Guided History Walk round Chester Green Meet at the Heritage Centre at 2pm for this 2.4km walk on flat paths costing £3per person (school children free). We look forward to you joining us. For further information Tel. 01332 363354.

# Welcome to Sharon and Mick at the Coach and Horses

After more than 9 years Mick and Debs Vickers have moved on from the Coach and Horses. They will be greatly missed, their great work in encouraging and running all the charity draws over the years leaves an enormous legacy. They can be truly proud, having helped raise well over £10,000 for good causes during their tenure.

Mick has always had a love of music, and when the opportunity arose to move to a pub which would allow him to pursue his love, it was too much to resist. Both Debs and Mick will be greatly missed, and we all wish them well.

The new tenants are not new to the area, however. When Sharon and Mick found out that the Coach was available, they jumped at the chance to return to Chester Green, having previously spent some time at the Duke of Clarence. They recognise that they have a hard act to follow, and have decided that they are not going to change a winning formula!

They really want to be involved in the community and charity draws, and will be keeping on with everything as before, the Karaoke, quiz, Sticky Fingers, pool, darts, skittles, everything continuing as before. The owners of the Coach have promised to invest in the building, with improvements throughout, something to really look forward to.

So it seems that it is all change and no change at the Coach, all at once! Mark Davis

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

http://www.stpaulschestergreen.org/

June	5th	10.00am	Soul Breakfast in the Church Hall
June	12th	10.00am	Contemplative Communion
June	19th	10.00am	Soul Sanctuary
June	26th	10.00am	Holy Communion with Baptism of Evie & Leyton

# Early Morning Act of Remembrance Battle of the Somme

Friday 1st July 2016 at 7.30 am at the War Memorial outside St. Paul's Church, to remember the 9 local people who died in the Battle of the Somme, including Henry Lowe. Percy Wildsmith, Francis Daniels Conroy and George Danvers. All are welcome.

Quiz night in St. Paul's Church Hall Thanks to all who supported the Quiz night, we had a great night and raised £140. Special thanks to Rhian for setting the questions.

# We're celebrating Volunteers' Week with a Volunteering Fair!

Would you like to:

- . Learn new skills?
- . Enhance your cv?
- . Get hands-on experience?
- . Meet new people? . Do something different?
- Wed 1st June 10.00 to 2.00

- . Explore your interests?
- . Build your confidence? . Make a difference?

Intu Centre

Come to our Volunteering Fair, have a friendly chat with organisations and volunteers and discover a range of opportunities that could change your life! No need to book, just pop in.

#### Community Centre AGM Thursday 2 June 2016, 7.30 pm Chester Green Community Centre Old Chester Road

This is a great chance to hear what's happening. We are also always looking for volunteers to help out for an a hour or two. Please come along and support the centre.

# St Paul's Pre-School Playgroup

# **Creation Station - Explore, Play, Create**

Thursdays 10am -11am in term-time Only £3 per child including refreshments. For toddlers aged 2 - 5 years and their parents/carers



St Paul's Church Hall, Seale Street, Chester Green, www.stpaulsplaygroup.co.uk 01332 347375 or 07803 246488

# **Hedgehog Corner**

It is often said that a hedgehog out in the day time is in trouble. This is not always true. A female with a nest full of demanding hoglets will occasionally leave the nest for a couple of hours. She will find some long grass or foliage near-by and have a well-

earned break. If you see a resting hedgehog out in day light between June and September, please leave it where it is (if it is in a safe place) and contact me or a Hedgehog Rescue Centre for advice.



The first young hoglets may well be exploring the area after dark. Sallvanne 381315