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What do you call a duck who likes watching fireworks? A firequacker.

I'm good at firework displays. I've got a flare for it.

What do you get if you cross a stegosaurus with a firework? Dino-myte...

I launched my own clothing line this week. I knew I shouldn't have lit the fireworks near the washing . . .

ST PAUL'S CHURCH - CHESTER GREEN

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

Nov 6th 10.00am Soul Breakfast - Have breakfast at St Pauls Church Hall. Friendly welcome, coffee, film clips, craft activities for children

Nov 13th 10.00am Remembrance Sunday Holy Communion culminating around the war memorial at 11.00am

Nov 20th 10.00am Soul Sanctuary- café style service in church.

Nov 27rd 10.00am Holy Communion

Thank you to

- all who supported the Macmillan Coffee Morning, £200 was raised! .
- all who came to the Puppet Show, we had a wonderful afternoon and raised £100 towards the Church Roof.
- And huge thanks (especially from Marie) to Christine, Geoff and Shawn for weeding the Rose garden and pruning the roses. It was so kind of you all and it now looks brilliant.

Hedgehog Corner - November

Some (though not necessarily all) hedgehogs will be hibernating. Some mature hedgehogs confidently continue to come out at night to feed even if the temperature occasionally drops below freezing. Any small hedgehog is probably in real trouble now and needing your help. If a hedgehog becomes hypothermic it can not eat or drink. It will need warmth and the help of someone with experience of looking after hedgehogs.



If you are having a bonfire, please don't light it until you are sure there is no hedgehog snuggled up in the woodpile!
Sallyanne 381315

City Road Accident

A car had to be transported away by a recovery truck after an accident on City Rd recently. It happened near the entrance to Parkers Piece, this location being a popular crossing point for pedestrians, cyclists and dog walkers. Exact details of the incident are not known, but the recovered car sustained significant frontal damage.

There have been a number of sitings in this location recently, of young children not being closely supervised and dogs off leads.

Residents need to be mindful to take care, particularly whilst there is heavy construction traffic in the area and prior to the introduction of speed calming measures, due once phase one of the OCOR project is completed.
Andrew Meehan

COMMUNITY GROUP NEWS

Live Music Charity Night
Sunday 26th November 7.30 for 8.00pm

This is our first "Live Music Charity Night" at the Centre and we want to make it a great success, raising as much money as we can for two of our well-known local charities

Derby group "Just for Kix" will be performing a great mixture of music to listen and dance to and are looking forward to doing their first gig at the Centre.

Admission is £7.50, pay on the door . The bar will be open of course. We are also having a raffle with some very good prizes, including tickets for the Nottingham Playhouse production of "Aladdin", our own Becky Little being one of the stars!

Money raised will go to:

The Derby Branch of the Samaritans

&

Derbyshire Children's Holiday Centre at Skegness

(providing holidays for underprivileged children from the Derby area).

Come and join us, bring your friends and family, and have a great night out!

Little Chester Local History Group

Thursday November 17th,
7.30pm

Action Man / Pallitoy, a Chief Designer's Experiences

Talk by B Brechin - the history of a well-loved American toy.

Chester Green Community Centre, Old Chester Road,

Admission non-members £2.
For further information Tel. 01332 559615

You are invited to take part in Chester Green's Christmas Window Trail.

Get your Christmas creative juices flowing and design a Christmas front window display to share with the world!

Please contact
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Before 18th November for more details!



A Wheelie Bin Problem

At a recent Residents Association meeting the discussion eventually came round to things that people loved about our area, and what they really found difficult and problematic.

What did surprise me was a regular theme of Wheelie Bins! Over the last year or



two, it has become much more common for people to not bother putting their bins off the pavement after they have been emptied.

This seems more common in the

Victorian part of our community, where there are the narrow passages between the houses make it more fiddly to get the bin out and back again, so it seems easier to leave them out all the time.

However, with our pavements being narrow, if someone is pushing a buggy or pram it seems that it can be very difficult to get past without moving them out of the way and I was told by one power chair user that some pavements have almost become no-go areas.



Some pavements have become no-go areas for the blind and for people in wheel chairs.

This surely can't be right, and I'm sure that nobody would want this to be the case.

I know that some of the more frail residents in our community find it hard to put their bins out, and so it's easier to leave them out. If your neighbour is in this position it's worth asking if you can help. This way everyone gains, the neighbour is going to feel a weight has been taken off them, and our pavements are easier and safer to navigate.

When people move into the area, the council or landlord information does explain what day the bins are emptied, which bin is emptied on which week and it does request that the bins are not left on the pavement. Our community spirit reinforces that, we know that our neighbours sometimes need help and we give it willingly. We know how to look after each other, and putting our bins out and in is only a tiny part of our respect for our surroundings and each other.

Mark Davies

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- How is it that one careless match can start a forest fire, but it takes a whole box to start your Firework Night Bonfire?
- A pyrotechnic expert friend of mine lost his job after the fireworks didn't go off in the right sequence. That's bang out of order.
- Got my friend an unnecessarily large rocket this year. He's over the moon.

Café Create 10.00-12.00 Every Friday in Term Time All Welcome



A friendly venue for exploring creativity and learning new skills. Featuring tea, coffee and cakes. No entry fee. Café Create is held in St Paul's Church Chester Green (off Seale Street).

LITTLE CHESTER RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Report from 'Our City Our River Drop In' Held on October 19th

Unfortunately this drop-in session was arranged too late to be publicised in the last News Letter but our intrepid reporter, Andrew, attended. His report is below.

At the Drop-In we learned that revised proposals for the sports facilities on Darley Playing Fields have been unveiled.

The replacement bowls green has been removed from the plans as the City Council are not prepared to fund maintenance costs and deem there is no longer a need for one.

Outdoor Gym and Climbing Wall proposed

In its place is an outdoor gym and climbing wall. Also in the plans is an all weather two pitch multi use games area. Four tarmac tennis courts are proposed, but now to be relocated to the 'wet side' of the playing fields, requiring a reconfiguration of the football pitches.

Query over Cricket Pavilion

A council Parks officer said that there was uncertainty about the future of cricket on Parkers Piece and that the

cost of making the cricket pavilion usable is deemed to be unaffordable.

Some garages and conifers to go

As part of the ongoing negotiations by the City Council to buy the City Rd ex factory site from Aida, it was confirmed that thirteen council garages and some conifer trees in the garage complex behind Marcus Street would be removed to create a fenced parking area to mitigate the loss of Aida's office car park.

More notice requested next time.

The Drop-In was poorly attended due to lack of notice. however we have asked OCOR to ensure that we get more notice in the future, so we can publicise it in the News Letter. We have also asked that the session be extended into the evening to make it easier for day workers to attend.

City Road High Rise Development Concerns

We reported last month that we had sent a letter to Martin Rawson, the Council's elected Cabinet member for Regeneration, with copies to the Council's Head of Planning and others, expressing concerns about the possibility of a high rise development* on City Road.

We received a prompt reply from the Head of Planning Paul Clarke. Whilst saying he can't comment further until a scheme is received he would "seek to secure a development that limits harm to the historic qualities of the area".. He also said that he was not privy to the

council's financial negotiations to buy the Aida site. However he emphasised that the planning process must be seen to act independently from any council purchase and that a transparent decision would be made "based on balancing planning policy, the positive and negative impacts of a scheme and the merits of the development proposed as a whole."

Councilor Martin Rawson has not replied as yet.

* The recent resident's questionnaire showed that 99% of respondents did not want to see high rise building on these sites.

To contact the Little Chester Residents' Association see website at www.littlechester.org.uk or ring Andrew Meehan 01332 298079