

LITTLE CHESTER RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Flood Defence News

The OCOR team held a Drop In session at the Community Centre on 18th January to update residents on progress on the Flood Defence & Regeneration project. We attended and report below . .

Completion Forecast

The previous forecast completion date for Package 1 (Haslams Lane to St Marys Bridge) was Spring 2018. OCOR now say that whilst defences in public areas is forecast to be completed in Autumn 2017, delays to defences on the private City Rd development sites will delay completion until Autumn 2018.

City Road Development Sites

OCOR expect a planning application to be raised soon for an office development on the former Tomlinson's site and adjacent area. This is to include a stand alone flood wall to be built by OCOR before completion of the private development). The former Shisha Café building will be demolished to accommodate the flood wall. On the Aida Bliss site a stand alone flood wall will be built by OCOR using Environment Agency powers, subject to approval of a planning application for wall realignment.

Demolition of Garages & Trees

OCOR say they are close to completing a deal to buy the Aida Bliss site. As part of this deal, OCOR have submitted a planning application to demolish eleven council garages and remove eight Leyland Cypress trees in the resident's parking area behind Chester Green Rd. A fenced, gated and lit parking compound will be constructed for Aida's office staff, the section of garage land being transferred into Aida's ownership.

Objection Submitted.

The Residents Association have submitted an objection to the application on the grounds that it is unnecessary, will

reduce resident parking space and is a waste of Flood Defence funding. We suggest parking permits could be issued to Aida staff for use on City Rd at the top of the Green where there is now sufficient spare parking capacity prior to reinstatement of the large City Rd. visitor car park.

Etruria Gardens and Waterside Inn

It was reported that delivery of the glass panels to top the flood walls at Etruria Gardens and the Waterside Inn area is forecast for March 2017, enabling completion of these sections of walls.

Replanting

No detailed proposals for replanting of trees have been drawn up as yet. OCOR say that there are a number of restrictions to suitable replanting locations. 'Historic England' will not approve planting of deep rooting trees on or 'close' to Scheduled Ancient Monument sites ie Roman Fort and Hypocaust. Also deep rooting trees cannot be planted close to deep piled flood defence walls or in the way of fast flowing flood water routes.

Sports Facilities

It was previously reported that an outdoor gym and 'climbing' wall were proposed for Darley Playing Fields. It was clarified at the Drop In that the wall is not a climbing wall, rather a sports wall for ball games.

Meeting request

We are a bit frustrated that a meeting with a Ward Councillor and OCOR, promised in October and November, has not been arranged. At the Drop-In OCOR repeated this commitment so we hope to hear soon.

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

Great response to News Letter Appeal

An astonishing £400 has been raised from your kind donations to the cost of printing this News letter.

We are so grateful to all the kind people who contributed. It means that we have the money to carry on printing the news letter for 2017 and into the following year.

It is also so good to know that Chester Greeners do appreciate the News Letter and want to support it.



Most donations came from Chester Green Residents but we would also like to thank Prime Plumbing who also kindly contributed.

Smile—Strange Notices

Prayer

Please remember in prayer the many who are sick of our church and community.

Low Self-Esteem group

The Low Self-esteem Group will meet on Thursday at 700pm. Please use the back door.

Farewell

The vicar will preach his farewell message, after which the choir will sing 'Break forth into Great Joy'

Birch

"Please join us as we show our support for Amy and Alan who are preparing for the girth of their first child"

Little Chester Local History Group

Happy New Year to All

Do come and join us for our first meeting of 2017 in Chester Green Community Centre, Old Chester Road, Derby, when Liz Keeley will delight us with the sounds of the flute and enlarge upon it's history.

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

Little Chester Heritage Centre

Unfortunately, the Centre will not re-open in April, as planned, due to major repairs starting on the church roof.

These should be completed later in the year when the Centre will be open as usual. Tel. 01332 363354 for any queries.

120 Objections submitted to Waste Incinerator on Alfreton Road

There have now been about 120 objections submitted about the planning application (10/16/01241) for a waste incinerator on Alfreton Road. The decision whether or not to go ahead will be made by Councillors on the Planning Committee . We expect the date to be February 23rd *but this has not yet been confirmed.*

It's disappointing that, due to the obscure description of the proposed plant and it being over 15 metres from the nearest house, most people living in Chester Green and surrounding area were completely unaware of the application until we sent out the news in our January Update.

As it happens there is a consultation about community involvement in the planning system at this very moment. If you want to have your say you can find it on derby.gov.uk on the home page *under Your City Your Say* or at the Council House.

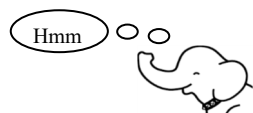


Chester Green Community Group

QUIZ NIGHT

Saturday 11 February 6.30 for 7.00
Chester Green Community Centre
Darley Fields

After a little break we have 2 events at the Community Centre on Darley Fields to tell you about. Our popular QUIZ NIGHT is on SATURDAY 11th FEBRUARY with famous local quiz setter Rhian in charge.



Admission is £2.50 per team member (ideally 4 in a team) with prizes for the winning team. Doors open at 6.30 for a 7pm start so come and join us for a brainstorming nights' entertainment - the bar will be open of course!

KIDS DISCO

Save the date - SATURDAY 4th MARCH for our "KIDS DISCO" when the youngsters (and those not so young) can dance to their hearts content! Starting nice and early at 6pm and finishing at 9 ish admission is only £1.50 PER CHILD with adults FREE!!

Bruce will be working the disco, and the bar and tuck shop will be open to keep you all going (bring a "picnic" if you don't want to miss your tea)! Everyone is welcome so bring your school friends too.

CENTRE HIRE

Don't forget you can hire the Centre for your own parties etc at a very reasonable cost - residents and Community Group members get a reduction in the hourly rate. Email chestergreencommunitygroup@hotmail.com or ring Julie on 07527 603057. Also see our website: www.chestergreencommunitygroup.yolasite.com for the Centre timetable and forthcoming events.

Articles Welcomed

If you would like to send in an article for the News Letter please do get in touch at info@littlechester.org.uk

Christmas Window Trail

Many thanks to all who got involved in the Christmas Window Trail. Chester Green really did sparkle! Even Radio Derby thought it was ace!

The winner of the Prize Draw lives in Mansfield Street and has been presented with a £10 INTU voucher. *Rachel*.



St Pauls Pre-school

Seale Street, Chester Green

"Small School Big Family"

Ofsted Graded Good (2016)

We still have some places for children aged 2-4 available for some of the days.

Community Support

We are holding our AGM on 27th of March and we would love to have some community support on our Committee. If you would like to join the enthusiastic band of volunteers who support our professional staff please do get in touch.

Please call Jo on 01332 347375 or through <https://stpaulsplaygroup.co.uk/contact-us-2/>

ST PAUL'S CHURCH - CHESTER GREEN

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

February 5th	10.00am	Soul Breakfast in the Church Hall
February 12th	10.00am	Holy Communion & Baptism - Eden
February 19th	10.00am	Soul Sanctuary
February 26th	10.00am	Contemplative Communion

Wed 12th April 7.30pm in Church, performance of 'Mirrors of Mary' - the story of Jesus told through his Mother's eyes. Free entry, refreshments. More details to follow.

Help for Homeless Refugees

A group of concerned people in Derby last year collected supplies and helped refugees in the "Jungle" camp in Dunkirk. Now that this has been demolished, many of the people previously living there are homeless on the streets of Paris where there is no infrastructure to support them. Derby Refugee Solidarity have come up with the idea of putting together useful packs that can easily be distributed with items to meet basic needs—food warmth and hygiene.

Hygiene Packs

Toothbrush & paste
Deodorant
3 small packs wipes
Shampoo (travel size)
Small soap, Flannel
Comb, razor
Shaving cream (travel size)
Small plastic bag (Zip lock plastic)
Bags are great for travel packs)

If you could help by contributing a pack, or individual items, please would you contact Marie at 102 Chester Green Road Tel: 298079. Many thanks.

Snug Packs (for men)

S - socks 3 pairs
N - neckwear - scarf
U - underwear - 3 pairs
G - Gloves
These can be placed in a plastic Carrier, sealed and labelled.

Food Packs

Cereal Bars, Energy Bars
Tins of fish with ring pull
Chocolate bars
Bags of nuts and dried fruit
Boxes of juice
Bottled Water

Hedgehog Corner - February

Most hedgehogs wake up at least once during the winter. They look for food and a new nest site. If your garden is accessible to hedgehogs you can help be ensuring that there is always fresh water available. They need a pile of leaves and/or hay to construct new beds.

A nightly scattering of dried mealworms will always attract hungry hedgehogs. If they are not consumed by hedgehogs at night-time they will be a welcome treat for robins and blackbirds the next day.

Sallyanne 381315



Valentines Day

More than a blackbird hates a cat,
Or a criminal hates a clue,
Or a loner hates a date with mates
That's how much I love you.

As a shipwrecked sailor hates the sea,
Or a juggler hates a shove,
As a hostess detests unexpected guests,
That's how much I love.

I love you more than a duck can swim,
And more than a grapefruit squirts,
I love you more than a work is a bore,
And more than a toothache hurts.

I swear to you by the stars above,
And below, if such there be,
As a coeliac loathes those gluten free loaves,
That's how you're loved by me.

With apologies to Ogden Nash