

### Coach and Horses Prize Draw is back!

The Charity Committee is pleased to announce that Ian and Mark, the landlords at the Coach, are keen to 'revive' the Prize Draw for Easter.

The beneficiary this year is St Giles Primary School, *St Giles is just up the road from Chester Green and is the only primary school in the area that caters solely for Derby children with special needs.* Prize Draw 'squares', at £1 each, are now on sale in the Coach and Horses, but you can also help by donating prizes for the draw, which will take place on Thursday, April 13th.

***Donations can be given to Ian and Mark at the Coach. We would also like to involve local businesses in this community project, so if you run a local business and would like to help in our fundraising by donating a prize, we'd love to hear from you!***

### A Personal take on the Flood

"This is just a personal reflection. Others may feel differently, but after that dreadful night when we watched helplessly as the water surged down the road and slowly and inevitably seeped into our houses, two things emerged.

Firstly, how kind people were to each other, sharing tea making and comfort, and secondly how good the chaps from Severn Trent were to us. Nobody was officious. Every one, young and old, bosses and clearer uppers, was thoughtful and considerate.

It was pretty traumatic, but neighbours and watermen made it just a bit easier to bear."

**Angela Russell, Roman Road**

### The Flood Defence Progress update

Residents' Association members met with the Flood Defence (OCOR) team and local councillors in February to discuss progress on the project. The following issues were discussed:

#### Completion Date April 2018

Funding for Phase one of the project, which includes Chester Green, is secure and the work should be completed by April 2018. This would mean that our local area should have all the flood defences in place.

#### Office Block Plan for Tomlinsons' site

The council has agreed a proposal to build two three storey office blocks on the former Tomlinson's site and planning application is expected imminently.

#### Aida Bliss Site

- The Council have reached agreement in principle with owners of the Aida/Bliss factory site to purchase it. This would enable the erection of the flood defences to the rear of the buildings. The buildings would be demolished and secured leaving the facade facing the Green standing. Subsequent to the completion of the flood defences the council would then sell the land for building development.
- Part of the agreement with the Aida/Bliss owners included the development of part of the City Road garage area for secure parking for the current Aida/Bliss employees. After many comments from residents the design for this will be resubmitted with a design and materials that are more in keeping with the area.

### FLOOD ON MANSFIELD ROAD

The water main which burst in the early hours of Sunday morning 19th March causing homes to be evacuated, major flooding, disruption to water supply, traffic and loss of local bus services was discussed at the quarterly meeting of the Neighbourhood Board the following day.

#### Neighbourhood Board

The Board, made up of ward councillors, neighbourhood officers and residents, was keen to ensure that any vulnerable or isolated residents were identified as soon as possible to enable them to outline any assistance they required. Neighbourhood Officers and Darren Palmer, the Darley Local Area Coordinator, went door knocking on Tuesday and Wednesday to support residents. Darren works for social services, providing support and advice and can be contacted on 078123 007634.

#### Shuttle Bus

A free shuttle bus to take residents to the City Centre and back was arranged by Severn Trent from Thursday 23rd March.

#### Public Meeting

A public meeting was held in Centurion Walk Common Room on 27th March with Councillors Eldret and Repton and

three representatives from Severn Trent in attendance. Residents from the affected streets were invited to discuss the incident and their concerns.

Residents who attended were unhappy at the distress caused by the lack of immediate response and support provided by Severn Trent and the Police.

#### Insurance

There was anger that Severn Trent's insurance offer which does not provide 'new for old' compensation is causing stress and will result in residents being out of pocket or unable to replace damaged property, through no fault of their own.

#### Severn Trent

Severn Trent representatives were tasked to promptly review their insurance offer and also to identify the causes of this incident and the previous serious burst main which happened nearby eighteen months ago, with the aim of preventing any reoccurrence.

*To contact Little Chester Residents' Association please see our web-site: <http://www.littlechester.org.uk> or telephone Andrew Meehan on 298079*

### Little Chester Residents' Association

#### QUIZ NIGHT

**St. Paul's Church Hall.  
Friday 7<sup>th</sup> April 2017**

*Fund raising for new Community Notice Board*

**Chester Green's resident Quiz Master Rhian setting the questions**

Doors open 7pm for 7.30pm start. £3 per person entry to include tea/coffee, 4 to a team.

A prize for each member of the winning team. Bring wine/beer (and glasses) if you prefer.

**Pop along, test your knowledge and have a laugh.**

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## 1940s Variety Show, Pie and Pea Supper Party!

Saturday April 22nd 2017



Join us to celebrate the World War II forces' sweetheart Dame Vera Lynn's 100th birthday, with our very own 1940s themed variety show and party.

Jeremy and Becky from **Pocket Panto** will be taking you back to the 1940s with a fantastic variety show "Bless em All".

Featuring WWII songs made famous by Vera Lynn, Gracie Fields and Flanagan and Allen, there will be plenty of sing-a-longs to join in with.

There will also be 1940s themed party games for all ages. Rationing will not be in place, as your ticket price will also include a pie and pea supper!

Doors open at 6pm for the show to start at 6.30pm.

Chester Green Community Centre

Members: Adult £4; Child £2.50. Non members: Adult £5; Child £3

### Mixed Crafts Course

Includes sewing a pincushion, paper crafts including card making and embroidered trinket boxes  
Derby Homes Centurion Walk Community Room  
Thursdays from 10am to 12pm  
Starts on Thursday 27 April 2017 for 8 weeks  
Tel: 717900 or [www.adult-learning-derby.org.uk](http://www.adult-learning-derby.org.uk)

### Gentle Exercise

Derby Homes Centurion Walk Community Room  
A course designed for those who enjoy a gentle approach to exercise, essential for increasing confidence and living independently.  
Tuesdays from 2pm to 3pm  
Starts on Tuesday 2nd May 2017 for 8 weeks  
Tel: 717900 or [www.adult-learning-derby.org.uk](http://www.adult-learning-derby.org.uk)

### Zumba

8:00 - 9:00pm Mondays. £4.50.  
Chester Green Community Centre  
Fun fitness class using latin music and dance moves including salsa, samba, merengue and cha cha cha.  
Contact Julie on 07840447024

### Easter Table Top Sale

Saturday 8th April, Admission 50p.  
Easter Bunny hunt, face painting, Easter bonnet making/ parade, craft stalls and refreshments.  
2.00pm - 4.30pm  
Hosted by Teagan's Butterflies in Paradise who support parents who have children with disabilities.

### Our City Our River

#### Flood Defence Drop In Session

3.00pm – 6.00pm  
19th April

Chester Green Community Centre

*Talk to the project team, ask questions and hear latest news. discuss your views.*

#### 8 Week Mindfulness Course

*Would you like to increase your wellbeing?  
Would you like to enjoy peace of mind?  
Would you like to find greater happiness in a difficult world?*

Tuesday evenings 5.00 - 6.30pm.

Course starts on 18 April and costs £110 per person.  
Held at Chester Green Community Centre

Tutors: Helen Ellwood DipCOT  
MSHTC and Jon Morris.  
Contact:  
[MindfulNotes@gmail.com](mailto:MindfulNotes@gmail.com)  
Tel: 07506 227475.

### Save the Date - 2nd Picnic on the Green

Following the success of the Queens Birthday Bash last year the 'Picnic on the Green' will be held on Sunday 9th July 2017.

### ST PAUL'S CHURCH - CHESTER GREEN

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

April 2nd	10.00am	Soul Breakfast
April 9th	10.00am	Holy Communion with Baptism
April 14th	12 noon	Good Friday, an hour by the Cross
April 16th	10.00am	Easter Sunday Holy Communion
April 23rd	10.00am	Soul Sanctuary

Due to the replacement of the North Side Roof, the Church will close on April 21st. Services from April 23rd until August will be held in the Church Hall. **All welcome**

### MIRRORS OF MARY

Wednesday 12th April 7.30pm

*Beautiful songs, poems and readings portraying a mother's love for her son.*

St. Paul's Church warmly invite you to an Easter performance of Mirrors of Mary, the story of Jesus told through his mother's eyes.

We have been rehearsing since Christmas and would love to share it with you.

Church open from 7.00pm for a 7.30pm start, refreshments afterwards.. Free Admission

### Little Chester Local History Group 'Bolsover Castle through the Ages'

Thursday April 20th at 7.30pm

A talk by Ian Morgan about the fairy tale Stuart Mansion, Bolsover Castle, in 'Bolsover Castle through the Ages'. Non-members £2.  
Tel. 01332 559615.

### Chester Green Methodist church

Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> April – Sankey Songs of Praise Service 6pm

Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> April – Messy Church 10.30am  
Breakfast, 11am All Age café style service with activities for all!

No Chester Green Chums Toddler Group on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> or Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April. Back as usual on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> – new children (and their parents/carers!) always welcome.

### ☺ Spot the mistakes the proof-readers failed to catch. ☺

"I am certain of one thing. Whatever may come between us - and wherever I am on earth - Arthur will always remember that I love ham.  
"The Parting" Millicent Hemming

Ted could not raise the cash necessary to purchase a house, and eventually in desperation he had to burrow.  
"The Price of Love." Rosemary Jeans

From his left ear to the corner of his mouth ran a long scar, the result of a duet many years before.  
"Flights from Germany" William le Queux

Germans are so small that there may be as many as 1 billion 700 million of them in a drop of water. *Mobile press (US)*