

Children's Poster Competition

In July children from St Werburgh's school in Spondon visited the Little Chester Flood Defence site on a "What Would it be Like to Work Here" day.

Afterwards they designed posters which we displayed on the hoarding and local people voted for the one they like best. We also displayed the posters at the July Drop-In session and had a lot of votes there. We visited the school last week to present the winners with their prize. We will leave the posters up as they brighten the hoarding up.

Thank you to the Chester Green community for your involvement in the poster competition as the kids have really enjoyed it and hopefully it has helped them get an understanding of civil engineering and archaeology and their City and also it has allowed the community to be involved with the project and brighten the hoarding up.

Peter Richardson, Agent OCOR (Our City Our River)

LITTLE CHESTER RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Permit Parking Scheme

You may have read a notice in the Derby Telegraph stating that the experimental residents parking scheme in Chester Green has been made permanent from June 30th 2017.

In a written response to our query, Steven Millington, City Council Traffic Engineer has confirmed "this decision was taken to allow the residents parking permit scheme to continue indefinitely during the OCOR Phase One flood defence works, all permits will continue to remain free of charge. An experimental traffic regulation order can only be in place for a maximum of eighteen months before a decision must be made to make it permanent or abandon it. Consequently, it was decided that the experimental orders shall be made permanent (as modified) and became effective on the 30th June 2017. We took the decision not to inform residents at this stage."

He went on to say that "Prior to the completion of the flood defence works (phase one), consultation will be undertaken with residents of each zone to determine if there is a mandate to keep the scheme beyond the free period

i.e. purchasing permits. Or alternatively removing the scheme and reverting back to how it was prior to January 2016. I envisage that a letter will be sent out later this year/ early 2018 regarding the future of the Chester Green residents parking scheme".

Burglaries and Thefts

There have been a number of burglaries and thefts reported in Chester Green recently. It is important to secure doors, windows, gates and property, particularly due to the open nature of many back gardens in the area.

Garden sheds containing valuable tools, equipment and pedal cycles are also a target for thieves. The Police recommend sturdy locks and shed alarms for garden sheds and good quality locks and security marking for pedal cycles.

The Darley Safer Neighbourhood Team can advise on security and can be contacted by ringing 101. If you witness anyone committing a crime or acting suspiciously do call the Police on 999.

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

Picnic in the Park

A massive thank you out to all who came along to the picnic on the green. It was a really super afternoon, enjoyed by all.

Huge thanks to all the local businesses and residents who donated raffle prizes, Becky Little for letting us hold a fundraising raffle at her show and to Severn Trent for donating money towards the event.

Thanks also to the Chester Green Events Team for organising another lovely event for the whole community to enjoy, lookout for future events coming soon.

Rachel



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Smile

Q: What do you get when you cross a canary and a lawn mower?

A: Shredded tweet

Q: What kind of flowers do you give to King Tutenkamen?

A: Chrysanthemummies.

Q: What do you call a mushroom who buys everyone drinks and is the life of the party?

A: A fun-gi.

Q: What do you call a cow who works for a gardener?

A: lawn moo-er

City Road Garages

Over the past few years the City Road garages area has become an eyesore with frequent fly tipping, over grown trees, abandoned cars and deteriorating road surfaces. Most garages are also now unused.

Local residents have become increasingly fed up with the situation and contacted local councillors with some proposals to improve the area. This elicited a prompt response with visits from a Neighbourhood Officer, street cleaning and a councillor. Several cars were issued with notices of removal by the council unless attended to.



Amongst our proposals are :

- Include the area in the restricted parking scheme to prevent long stay parking by non residents,
- upgraded lighting to improve security and safety,
- hard pruning of the conifers to improve visibility
- and a review of the garages.

Please contact Adrian on adrianperry8@gmail.com for more information or to offer any ideas you may have.

Adrian, Little Chester Residents Association

Find out about the place where you live!
CHESTER GREEN HISTORY WALK
Sunday 3 September at 2.30pm

Enjoy a guided walk round Little Chester, gaining insight into its 2000 years of occupation. Learn about the:

- A Roman Settlement
- Saxon Graves
- Medieval Farms
- Vanished Buildings
- Pioneering Industrialists
- Great Northern Railway
- Coach and Horses Menagerie
- Balloon Ascents
- Local Celebrities
- And many more

Walk of 1-1½ hours lead by local historian Joan D'Arcy. Please meet at the Community Centre, off Old Chester Road at 2.30. Walk finishes at Church Hall on Seale Street. Refreshments available.

Cost: £4, concessions £3, accompanying children £1

All money raised to go to funding a Community Notice Board on Chester Green

COMMUNITY GROUP NEWS

Thanks to everyone who has renewed their Community Group membership or joined for the first time. We had a brilliant free membership disco hosted by Bruce on the 15th July.

You can still join or renew by downloading the membership form on our website: www.chestergreencommunitygroup.yolasite.com and popping it, with the fee, through the Centre letterbox, 117 City Road or 1 Marcus Street. Please call 07527 603057 if you need a paper form.

Membership is only £2 for adults, £1.50 for senior citizens, £1 for 5-18 year olds and free for under 5's.

The benefits of your membership are discounts on admission to most of our events, quickly recouping your initial cost, but also an additional discount to hire the Centre, an excellent venue for your own function!

Keep an eye open for publicity of our forthcoming events in this newsletter, on posters and, of course, on our website and on Facebook.

Smile - The Unconstant Gardener

A weed is a plant that has mastered every survival skill except for learning how to grow in rows.

Your lawn is always slightly bigger than your desire to mow it.

Whichever garden tool you want is always

at the back of the shed.

The only way to guarantee some colour all year round is to buy a garden gnome.

However bare the lawn, grass will appear in the cracks between the patio paving stones.

Help our Struggling Hedgehogs

If hedgehogs can get into your garden and you put a reliable source of water and food (they love mealworms) they will visit you. Lots of reliable water sources means they do not have to travel long distances, encountering danger as they cross the roads.

Sallyanne 381315



ST PAUL'S CHURCH - CHESTER GREEN

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

- August 6th 10.00am Soul Sanctuary
- August 13th 10.00am Holy Communion
- August 20th 10.00am Soul Sanctuary
- August 27th 10.00am Contemplative Communion

Church Roof update – great news the roof project should be complete by Friday 28th July. St. Paul's would like to thank all local residents for their patience whilst the Roof has been replaced, *special thanks to all in Seale Street.*

Sat 9th September – Church Open Day – We are taking part in the 'Church Crawl' a group of singers are 'crawling' from St. Peter's to St. Mary's to St. Paul's, finishing at the Cathedral. *They hope to reach us by 12.30 where they will sing 'Early Church Music' for half an hour. Refreshments afterwards. Church open from 10am – All are welcome.*

Sun 24th Sep 10.00am – Special Harvest Service with a blessing of the new North Roof by Bishop Jack. If you sponsored a slate (or slates), or sent anonymous donations please join us at this special service, we couldn't have managed this refurbishment without your support and would like to say thank you.

Answers to last month's quiz question

Question: Where are the other welcome boards at the entrances to 'Darley Open Spaces' (besides the ones on Chester Green and Darley Playing fields).

Answers: 1. Folly Road Bridge and Houses 2. North Parade 3. Darley Park from Belper Road 4. Darley Park from Duffield Road 5. Darley Park Drive. 6. Milelash Lane and New Road. 7. Dean's Field (Two more boards are ready for Chester Green Community Centre and City Road when the Flood Defence work is finished.)

Final Service at the Methodist Chapel

"Many thanks to everyone who attended our final service at Chester Green Methodist Church on Sunday 11th June. It was an emotional service with some wonderful singing and a fitting way to celebrate all that has taken place within the walls of the Church and out in the community over 130 years. Thank you to everyone who came and supported us.

Thank you as well to everyone who donated to the Barnardo's collection, which was added to the money raised from the Big Toddle" *Abi*

Anti-Social Behaviour

Little Chester is a generally a safe and peaceful spot with a friendly atmosphere, but we do have some incidents of drunken antisocial behaviour around the neighbourhood. Do bear in mind you can ring in any incidents to Derbyshire police on 101 so that they are at least aware. The Police came out quickly recently when one guy was all over the place and shouting and peering through people's windows. If you see any of the following the behaviour don't hesitate to call 101 to report it:

Ring and report any antisocial, abusive and drunken behaviour to 101.

In an emergency always dial 999