

LITTLE CHESTER RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

**Frustration at Further Delays to Flood Defence on Industrial Sites**

**Update meeting**

A representative from the Residents' Association attended a meeting in November with officers from Our City Our River (OCOR), Councillors Martin Repton and Lisa Eldret and a Council Highways officer. OCOR confirmed that following the fatality on the Aida site the Council are in discussions with Aida's management about the safety and security of the site. *Frustratingly, it became clear at the meeting that there will now be further delays in completing Flood Defences in Chester Green.*

**Background to the Delays**

Flood Defence walls need to be built on both the Aida and the former Tomlinsons sites on City Rd. to protect Chester Green from flooding. The Council made an offer to buy the Aida site in June 2016; and still sees this as the best way forward to complete the flood defence. A decision to complete the sale by the Board of Aida - a multi national company with headquarters in Japan has been awaited for many months.

In the meantime, the death of the young boy in the Aida building in September has raised concerns that after purchase the Council would have a building which is unsafe and a liability. The Council has therefore requested a Health and Safety assessment of the building to determine any further measures required to ensure that it is safe. The funding of this work will be negotiated with Aida and will be reflected in the purchase price. The Council will need Cabinet approval to fund any work required that it carries out and this would likely be in January.

The Council could pursue a legal power of 'Notice of Entry' which would enable them to build a flood wall prior to reaching an agreement to purchase the site. The advice they have received is that this would incur legal costs and could be challenged on the basis that there is an

agreement in principle to purchase the land. The key concern and question for local residents is what approach will bring about the erection of flood defences in the most timely manner.

The application by Prime Construction to build offices and for a flood wall to be erected on the former Tomlinsons site has not yet been heard or decided by the Planning Control Committee. Due to the delays in progressing flood defence of these two sites, OCOR say that their previous target of April 2018 to complete 'Phase 1' of flood defence of the City is not now achievable.

**Parking and Speed Calming schemes**

OCOR will continue to use the City Rd council car park until 'Phase 1' flood defences are complete. Consequently it was confirmed that the 'free' resident parking permit scheme will be extended until Dec 2018 and the consultation on whether or not residents want to retain a 'chargeable' permit scheme will be postponed to later in 2018.

The Speed Hump scheme on City Rd and Old Chester Rd will also be further delayed until 'Phase 1' is completed and the risk of damage and noise from heavy construction vehicles ceases.

**Traffic Concerns**

Concerns were raised at the meeting that if the planning application to build offices on the former Tomlinsons site is approved, the restricted onsite parking could result in large numbers of vehicles causing pollution and congestion if accessing unrestricted parking once City Rd and Darley Playing Fields car parks are reopened. It was agreed that the issue would be raised with Paul Clarke, Head of Planning.

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



**Chester Green's Christmas Window Trail**  
**6th Dec - 6th Jan**



The good news is that we have 45 Christmas Windows in our trail this year!

Can you find all 45 Christmas Windows and the hidden Christmas pud using the map enclosed?



Return your map to Rachel at 24 St Paul's Rd with the pud marked on to be entered into a free prize draw.

*Rachel and Marie*

**Community Group News**

**LIVE MUSIC CHARITY NIGHT.**  
**Saturday 2nd of December**

Live Music at the Centre with 'Just for Kix' who performed at the Picnic on the Green.

Admission on the door is £7, raising funds for the Derby branches of **The Samaritans** and the **RSPCA** and **Derby Women's Centre**.

We guarantee a good night out, supporting very important local causes!

**Everyone at the Centre would like to wish all our members, local residents and regular users, a very happy and peaceful Christmas.**



Thank you to everyone who have enjoyed our social events at the Centre throughout the year, we've had some brilliant times! Special thanks go to all who have helped out in any way - you know who you are, it means a lot!

Our events wouldn't be the success they are without the help of local residents and businesses who display our posters and generously provide raffle prizes - it's very much appreciated.

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- **Parking Permit Scheme extended to end 2018** (See Back Page)
- **'Oppose the Incinerator' Packed Meeting** (See Page 2)

### Christmas Long Ago

"Each Christmas I remember  
The ones of long ago;  
I see our mantelpiece adorned  
With stockings in a row.

Each Christmas finds me dreaming  
Of days that used to be,  
When we hid presents here and there,  
For all the family.

Each Christmas I remember  
The fragrance in the air,  
Of roasting turkey and mince pies  
And cookies everywhere.

Each Christmas finds me longing  
For Christmases now past,  
And I am back in childhood  
As long as memories last."  
*Carice Williams, Christmas Past*

### Oppose the Alfreton Road Incinerator Group.

As reported in the last issue the Derby City Council Planning Control Committee voted by a majority of six to five to approve the Waste Incinerator. Since then a packed meeting at Darley Abbey Village hall showed the number of people who are very concerned about this development. As we go to press the 'Oppose the Incinerator' group, are campaigning to raise £6000 to be able to lodge the application for a Judicial Review by the cut-off date of 1st December.

To contact the group email [groupemai1oari@gmail.com](mailto:groupemai1oari@gmail.com) or see the *Oppose Alfreton Road Incinerator Web Page - oari.org.uk*



### Coach and Horses Christmas Prize Draw

Once again, the Coach and Horses is running its Christmas Prize Draw. This year there are two beneficiaries – Derby Macmillan and Derby Red Cross, organisations that we know have helped local people, so the Coach Charity Committee felt it fitting to give something back to them.

Prize Draw squares are on sale now behind the bar, just £1 a go, and you could win anything from a bottle of wine to a box of chocolates or something luxurious for bath time!

As well as selling the squares, we also need prizes, so if you would like to donate something, pop along to the Coach during opening hours and pass it to one of the staff. We're hoping to raise more money than ever this year, especially since we have two charities we wish to support, so dig deep and come and buy plenty of squares!



### Hedgehog Corner

If you provide emergency snacks for hedgehogs over the winter please do not be put off leaving out dried mealworms. There has been a lot of inaccurate reporting in the press recently. Mealworms are full of protein. They are only a problem for young hedgehogs who are not eating other things. Dried cat biscuits and Spike's Semi-moist hedgehog food also provide valuable nutrients. Hedgehogs will wake from hibernation and go in search of food even in the depth of winter.

Any small hedgehog out in the cold weather is in trouble. Please contact me if you come across one that may need over-wintering.

*Sallyanne 381315 mail@sallyanne111.plus.com*



### Chester Green Seventh-day Adventist Church

We wish to extend our best wishes to everyone in the Chester Green community. We hope you will have a blessed, joyous, and safe holiday season with family and friends! All the best to you for the new year ahead as well.

#### 15 Dec 17: Annual Carol Service - 6:30pm.

The programme will include readings, carols, and music to present the Biblical story of Christ's birth. Refreshments will be served at the end of the evening. This programme is free for all to attend. Please come and enjoy!



Watch our website calendar for more details and activities. Web: <http://chestergreen.adventistchurch.org.uk> Email: [derbychestergreen@gmail.com](mailto:derbychestergreen@gmail.com)

### ☺ Children's Thoughts on The Three Wise Men ☺

"The three wise men brought Jesus presents of gold, frankincense, smurr (sic) and silver. But I think he would have preferred wrestling toys."

"I don't know what the three wise men brought Jesus but I would have given him a

tin of biscuits. I think Mary, Joseph and Jesus would have all liked a biscuit."

"The three wise men brought Jesus gold, frankincense and myrrh - no real presents. I feel sorry for him."

### St Paul's Church Chester Green

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

*This year we have a Christingle Service especially for children so do bring your youngsters along. You and they will be made most welcome!*

Dec 3rd	10.00am	Soul Breakfast
Dec 10th	7.00pm	Carol Service (note new time)
Dec 17th	10.00am	Contemplative Communion
Dec 17th	4.00pm	Christingle Service especially for children.
Dec 24th	11.00pm	Midnight Communion
Dec 25th	10.00am	Soul Sanctuary
Dec 31st		No Service



### Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> December – Jumble Sale Bonanza

St. Paul's Church Hall 10.30am till 1pm

☺ Toys for Christmas ☺ Top quality Brand New & Second Hand Clothes  
Lots of Bargains ☺ Refreshments

Entrance 50p. All proceeds to Derbyshire Refugee Solidarity

### Shoshinkan Dojo Laido Derby (Traditional Japanese Sword)

New Class starting 5 February 2018

Every Monday 7pm at St. Paul's Church Hall, Chester Green .  
Contact Craig 07568 337238 Over 18s only