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| ☺ When do monkeys fall from the sky?
During Ape-ril showers! | ☺ Why is the letter A like a flower?
A bee (B) comes after it! |
| ☺ Can February March? No, but April May! | ☺ What do you get when you pour hot water
down a rabbit hole?
A hot cross bunny. |
| ☺ Why is everyone so tired on April 1?
Because they've finished a 31 day March. | |

LITTLE CHESTER RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Darley Park Path Approved

An application by the Council for a three metre wide 'multi user' path through Darley Park has been approved. The cycle/footpath will follow a route from the road alongside the rowing clubs to Darley Abbey village.

Darley Playing Fields Car Park

The small car park accessed at the junction of City Rd and Old Chester Road has been closed and fenced off due to the start of work to create a new car park for users of the Playing Fields, Community Centre and proposed sports facilities.

Our City Our River have apologised for the inadequate notice given regarding its closure. OCOR have said that "Access to the rangers office and community centre will be maintained for vehicles and the disabled bays and cycle parking adjacent to the old stable blocks".

The large car park accessed from Old Chester Rd. opposite Derwentio Close remains open. The Contractors expect the work to take twelve weeks.

Alfreton Rd. Water Leak

Another serious leak has occurred to the mains water pipe in Chester Green this time on Alfreton Rd, following the two serious incidents on Mansfield Rd.

Closure of Alfreton Road has resulted in widespread traffic congestion and disruption to residents, businesses and bus services. We have written to Chris Williamson, Derby North MP, to request that he again ask Severn Trent what actions they are taking to prevent reoccurrence of these serious incidents.

City Road Tomlinson's site Offices Application Approved

The application by Prime Construction to demolish the buildings on this site and build 2 three storey office blocks has been approved. This includes provision to build a flood defence wall to complete the defence between Etruria Gardens and the Riverside Inn car park.

The offices will have capacity for up to 260 workers with on site parking provision for 42 vehicles. The LCRA requested that a planning condition be applied that placed time restrictions on nearby Council car parks in Chester Green. This was to prevent adverse traffic impacts resulting from large volumes of commuters accessing all day unrestricted parking. Our request was refused by the Council Planning office.

The possibility of many more commuters parking will need to be considered later this year when residents are consulted on whether they want to retain the parking permit scheme.

To contact the Residents' Association please see the website www.littlechester.org.uk or telephone 298079

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Community Group News

FAMILY DISCO . . . FAMILY DISCO . . . FAMILY DISCO . . .

Saturday 24th March Community Centre, Darley Fields from 6.30 to 9.30 (doors open at 6pm).

ONLY £2 per child.



Accompanying Adults FREE!!

Bruce will have some great disco music and fun games and, of course, the bar and tuck shop will be open. As it's near Easter bring a decorated hat; there will be small prizes for the most creative!

Becky and Adam leave us for a life afloat!

We are sorry to be saying goodbye to Adam and Becky McCready who are leaving Chester Green soon to start a new lifestyle afloat! They have been valuable members of our Committee for over 5 years and we will really miss them.



Becky, with her theatrical background, has been an amazing asset to our entertainment programme at the Centre. With "Pocket Panto" she brought us those wonderful pantos and other shows that we've all enjoyed! Her ideas and expertise have inspired us put on some brilliant events at the Centre and we hope to continue this in the future. Adam's "tech" skills have ensured our disco and lighting equipment is all in good working order and easy to assemble!

THANK YOU BOTH FOR EVERYTHING

For Community Group updates and the Centre weekly timetable see our website www.chestergreencommunitygroup.yolasite.com. Follow us on Facebook and contact us on 07527 603057 or chestergreencommunitygroup@hotmail.com

LITTLE CHESTER HERITAGE CENTRE

St Paul's Church, Mansfield Road, Chester Green, Derby DE1 3RT

We are back! The Centre reopens on Sunday 1 April from 2 pm – 4 pm and on each following first Sunday in the month until October.

Visit us to find out more about the history of the local area and the growth of Derby from Roman to recent times. Find out about your Chester Green ancestors and their way of life. Refreshments available.



Special Display—Historic Newspapers
Browse through a collection of original newspapers from the Napoleonic Wars to recent times. Read Forces and other newspapers from the World Wars.



Group visits by arrangement. Contact 01332 363354 or via www.littlechester.org.uk

Save the date for a FUND RAISING FASHION SHOW on the 4th MAY

It will be at the Community Centre and proceeds will go to the **Picnic on the Green** on the 8th July More info to follow on how to get tickets for the show featuring High Street brands at discount prices! *Chester Green Entertainment s Team.*

Chester Green Entertainments Team

You will probably have seen elsewhere in this excellent magazine an advert for a Fashion Show to raise money for the Chester Green Entertainments Team (CGET) and it must have crossed your mind, who are they?

Well, we're the team that puts on the **Picnic on the Green** in July and the **Christmas Window** event in December. It is through such events that we try to keep our community special, just like everyone knows it is!

We are a small group of locals that originally got together to put on a party for the Queen's 90th birthday. We were so overwhelmed by the generous comments from everyone on that occasion that we decided to put on a party every summer.

We get no funding from anyone, so we have to organise events like the Fashion Show to raise money for the great community event which is the Picnic on the Green, where people can get together and have a good time. We look forward to seeing many of you at our fundraising events and at this year's **Picnic on the Green** on July 8th.

Your support is invaluable - we couldn't do anything without it and we really appreciate it. Thank you. And if you would like to get involved in CGET or have any ideas for further fundraising, we would love to hear from you via email at chestergreenents@gmail.com

Mark



Easter Prize Draw

Easter is early this year, so the Easter Prize Draw is already up and running at the Coach and Horses. Prize Draw squares, at £1 each, are on sale behind the bar and the first prizes are already up on display. If you'd like to have a chance of winning an Easter egg, call in and buy your square - although you are allowed to buy more than one! ☺

We also need prizes, so if you can donate an Easter egg or some other prize, please drop it in to the Coach and Horses and pass it to Sharon or Mark behind the bar.

The beneficiary this year is the Derbyshire Children's Holiday Centre in Skegness, which is always a popular choice because many local people have benefited from their support over the years. Please give generously, either by buying a square or donating a prize. Every little helps!

Rhian

St Paul's Church Chester Green www.stpaulschestergreen.org/

- Mar 4 10am Soul Breakfast
 - Mar 11 10am Holy Communion—Mothers Day
 - Mar 18 10am Soul Sanctuary
 - Mar 25 10am Contemplative Communion
 - Mar 30 Good Friday Service
- Activities for children at our Sunday services.
And everyone is most welcome.*

Table Top Sale Would you like to hire a stall **sale** on Sat 9th June? Limited number of tables available for hire, £6 for a large table, £5 for small table, Call Marie 07890 034898

Hedgehog News

Hazel, the young Chester Green hoglet over-wintering in my house is doing well. She has built two hibernacula and stuffed both with newspaper, kitchen towel and hay. She tends to hibernate for 10 to 12 days and then wake up for a meal. I have room for other hedgehogs so, if you see one struggling in the cold, please call me.

Sallyanne 381315 mail@sallyanne111.plus.com



We had a good response to the article about cricket starting again on Parker's Piece. After the meeting on 15th we will all know when the ground will be ready. It promises to be a great local amenity and cricket is an excellent way to get fit and keep socially active. We have



- someone keen to be involved with a cricket team for 5 year olds plus.
- Someone else is interested in starting something with 12 year olds plus.
- And someone.....and this sent me packing to eBay looking for second hand cricket kit, someone wants to start a mixed team of oldies playing non-competition cricket!



If you or anyone you know is interested in playing cricket on Parker's Piece let me know and I will put you in touch with the right person.

Caroline Astell-Burt castellburt@hotmail.com

LITTLE CHESTER LOCAL HISTORY GROUP

Thursday March 15th 7.30pm

'Smile, Please say Cheese'.

A talk by Ian Rogerson about cheese making (with samples!) Admission non-members £2. For further information Tel. 01332 559615.

*Chester Green Community Centre,
Old Chester Road, Derby,*

Are you a budding reporter? . .

would you like to submit an article for the News Letter? Please contact Editor - address at foot of back page.

Thanks



News from the OCOR Flood Defence Project

- Chester Green Community Centre Car Park – The car park has been closed to allow construction of the new permanent car park, and to allow works around the Community Centre and Flood gate to be completed .
- **Flood Defence Drop In Information Session** Wednesday 28th February 2018 4.00pm - 7.00pm Parkland View, Bath Street
- Parking is still available in the car park off Old Chester Road, behind the site of the old tennis courts, which can be accessed opposite the junction with Derwentio Close.
- The new car park is expected to open by the end of May 2018.
- Little Chester – Brickwork and landscaping being completed. Glass panels on City Road are being installed.
- Darley Playing Fields –Darley Playing Fields will be landscaped and the current site area to be returned to the park.