

## LITTLE CHESTER RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

### Thank You to Walter

We would like to say a big Thank You on behalf of residents to Walter of Marcus Street for his work to the Green at the eastern end of Chester Green Road.

Walter has repaired vehicle damage to the Green and trimmed the overgrown edgings on the footpath.

A number of residents have remarked about the improvement it has made. Thank You.

### Severn Trent Water

Chris Williamson MP has replied to our letter requesting that he again write to Severn Trent Water (STW) to ask what is being done to prevent reoccurrence of a number of serious burst mains incidents in Chester Green. Chris replied to us attaching a copy of the strongly worded letter he has written to Liv Garfield, Chief Executive of STW.

Some residents have confirmed they have received a letter from STW with notification of plans to check pipes and carry out essential maintenance work overnight between 19th to 21st March.

It has been reported that some residents affected by the flooding in March 2017 have been offered compensation by STW. Other affected residents we have spoken to were unaware of any offer.

If you are experiencing any issues with STW (including a related increase in your house insurance premiums) please take up Chris Williamson's offer to contact him at [chris.williamson.mp@parliament.uk](mailto:chris.williamson.mp@parliament.uk) Tel: 01332 343261

*To contact the Residents' Association please see the website [www.littlechester.org.uk](http://www.littlechester.org.uk) or telephone 298079*

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### Puppets and Chester Green

*Chester Green is now home to a professional puppeteer, Caroline, who holds workshops for people from all over the world wanting to learn how to make and use puppets.*

Caroline explains:

"Last year there was a ripple of excitement as a hundred men, women and children packed into St Paul's Church Hall to watch a puppet production of "Peter and the Wolf" by professional puppeteer Ken Haines with music by Prokofiev.

Wherever you look you see puppets: Meerkats, Sooty and Sweep, Muppets, Sesame St. You see them on television, film, theatre...but there is secret work for puppets.

To my workshop in Chester Green, puppeteers come from the London School of Puppetry ([www.londonschoolofpuppetry.com](http://www.londonschoolofpuppetry.com)) to train to use puppets in education and therapy: in art therapy for children, dementia care, mental health care, in language and literacy, for rehabilitating refugees.

So there is more to puppetry than you thought! "



## Little Chester News Letter April 2018

### Community Orchard for Chester Green?

A Community Orchard has been proposed for Chester Green as part of the replanting of the area after the flood defences work.

We hope the Orchard may become a lovely space for the whole community to enjoy and will include heritage fruit and nut trees, a kitchen garden and small wildflower meadow area and be a place to encourage and sustain local wildlife such as bees, hedgehogs, the birds etc.

We are looking for possible volunteers with ideas, skills and enthusiasm to make this project viable, so if you would like to be involved in any way please telephone 07963170262 or email via the Little Chester Residents Association website - [www.littlechester.org.uk](http://www.littlechester.org.uk)



### Little Chester Residents' Association LATEST NEWS ON FLOOD DEFENCE

#### Delays and Doubts

The construction work on the Flood Defences by the OCOR team continues to drag on and many local residents have become jaded, disillusioned and doubtful if it will ever be finished.

The completion date of end of March 2018 for Phase 1 (which includes Chester Green) will clearly not now be met. Amongst the causes of the delay are the difficulties experienced in Sowter Road and the corner of City Road owing to services, bricklaying teams leaving the project for other contracts and the delay in the completion of the purchase by the Council of the Aida factory site.

#### Aida Site Safety Issues

The Health and Safety assessment of the Factory has been carried out by the Council and measures to ensure the safety and security of the building are identified and funding agreed to address these.

This is to ensure that, following purchase, the Council does not have responsibility for an unsafe and dangerous property. These measures will include the continuation of 24/7 security.

#### Tree felling at City Road Garages Site

Residents will have seen the tree felling preparatory work in the City Road garages

area (to provide a parking compound for future Aida staff) and on the river bank to the rear of the Aida factory. This is being done now before the bird nesting season to ensure no delays in construction work when the purchase is completed.

#### Council Optimism

The Council are now, however, optimistic that the purchase of the factory site will be completed in the next few weeks – although as in any house or property purchase nothing can be taken for granted. Immediately after the purchase the building to the rear of the original factory will be demolished and work on the flood defences will commence.

The Council has received expressions of interest from developers in the site and they intend to sell the site to a developer quite quickly following their acquisition and partial demolition of it.

If, however, the purchase of the site fails to materialise the Council will then be in a position to explore and instigate legal enforcement proceedings to gain access to the site in order to construct the flood defences.

#### Former Tomlinson's Site

The demolition of the former Tomlinson's buildings is planned (*see overleaf*)

### FLOOD DEFENCE *(continued)*

... to take place after the purchase of the Aida site and be part of a sequence of demolition work on City Road.

### Completion date?

A revised earliest date for the completion of the flood defences is now September 2018. Because of the delays, the landscaping, grass seeding and tree planting etc will be taking place in September.

As we all have been doing, continue to watch this space...

*Residents' Association (for more Residents Association News see back page)*

### St Paul's Church Chester Green [www.stpaulschestergreen.org/](http://www.stpaulschestergreen.org/)

*All services at 10.00am*

Apr 1st Easter Holy Communion  
Apr 8th 10am Soul Breakfast  
Apr 15th 10am Contemplative Communion  
Apr 22nd Soul Sanctuary  
Apr 29th Holy Communion and Wedding

*There are Activities for children at our Sunday services. And everyone is most welcome*



## Fundraising FASHION SHOW & Shopping Event.

Friday 4th May 7.30pm

At the Community Centre.  
See insert for details .....

### FUNDRAISING FOR THE "PICNIC ON THE GREEN"

Don't forget to get your tickets for the "hottest show in Chester Green" - our fundraising Fashion Show at the Centre on the 4th May (see flyer enclosed for more details).

As we don't get any funding for the "Picnic" expenses (insurance, permits, entertainment etc) we really need your help to support this brilliant family event that so many of you enjoyed last year. Thank you.  
*Chester Green Entertainments Team*

### SAVE THE DATE – TABLE TOP SALE & SUMMER FAIR St. Paul's Church Hall 10.00am – 3pm SATURDAY 9<sup>th</sup> JUNE

Various stalls, Adult & Children's Tombola, Children's activity table, Children's drawing/colouring competition, yummy cakes & much more. Refreshments available.

Limited number of tables available for hire, £6 for a large table, £5 for small table, Contact Marie on 07890 034898 to reserve your table.  
Hope to see you there.

### TEA, BISCUITS AND A CHAT ON A TUESDAY

A warm welcome is extended to all in Chester Green to come to the Seventh Day Adventist Church on Mansfield Road for Tea, Biscuits and a Chat.

Starting in April at 3.30pm on Tuesday afternoons, the event is a social gathering not a religious service and is open to all in the community in Chester Green.



### LITTLE CHESTER LOCAL HISTORY GROUP Thursday April 19th 7.30pm

#### 'Bethlehem Past and Present,'

A talk given by Geoffrey Marshall entitled, 'Bethlehem Past and Present,' - personal thoughts and experiences to recall memories for anyone who has visited that part of the world.

Admission non-members £2. For further information Tel. 01332 559615.  
*Chester Green Community Centre,  
Old Chester Road, Derby,*

### COMMUNITY GROUP NEWS

Our recent Quiz Night was the best yet with 10 teams fighting a battle of the brains! The winners were a team of 'first timers' led by Huw who all won a bottle of wine - congratulations.

Details of our next family event will be in the May newsletter but don't forget to check out the Centres' regular weekly timetable and how to hire your local Community Centre for your own event, on our website [www.chestergreencommunitygroup@yolasite.com](http://www.chestergreencommunitygroup@yolasite.com) and follow us on Facebook.

### St Paul's Pre-School Playgroup Small School Big Family



St Pauls Playgroup is a caring and creative not-for-profit Pre-School in Seale Street Chester Green. Voted 'Outstanding' by parents and Ofsted Graded Good. Free places available.

Parent and Toddler Group also available Monday mornings term time.

To find out more, see [www.stpaulsplaygroup.co.uk](http://www.stpaulsplaygroup.co.uk), ring headteacher Jo on 347375, or find us on Facebook.

### 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



Group visits by arrangement. Contact 01332 363354 or via [www.littlechester.org.uk](http://www.littlechester.org.uk)

**Note: Heritage Centre Open on FIRST Sunday in the month only.**