

LITTLE CHESTER RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Flood Defence Update

Members of the Residents Association met with the OCOR Team earlier in May to discuss progress on the flood defences construction. Key issues raised were:

Funding

We are assured that full funding for Phase One of the scheme (which includes Chester Green) is in place.

Aida Bliss Factory

The purchase of the Aida factory site is still being pursued by the council and the signing off is understood to be with the respective solicitors. Although this is taking much longer than was expected, the council are confident that it will be completed.

Contract arrangements

Owing to the delay in completing the project new contracts are having to be drawn up with the the contractors. When the new contracts are in place this will put pressure on completing the project within a specified timescale. Therefore if the purchase of the Aida factory site is not completed by end of June/early July the council will apply for legal powers of entry to the site and begin the piling work.

Former Tomlinson's site

The planning application for office developments on the site has already been agreed and there is pressure for demolition of the existing buildings and for work on the flood defences to begin. This is planned to commence in July. The work on the Aida site will follow on from this.

The End is Nigh?

The OCOR team reckon the flood defences for Chester Green will be in place by late September/early October. There will be some finishing off and landscaping work to do following on from this.

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Smile ☺

Knock knock.
Who's there?
A little old lady?
A little old lady who?
I didn't know you could yodel!

Q: Why do bees have sticky hair?
Because they use honey combs!

Q: What do you call an alligator in a vest?
An investigator!

Q: Why did the man run around his bed?
Because he was trying to catch up on his sleep!

Q: Why did the math book look so sad?
Because it had so many problems

A fond farewell to George Lord

14 April 1925 – 19 April 2018



George was Lord in name and a lord by nature with a welcome smile for all. Honest, thoughtful, kind and generous, he was a stalwart friend to many and was respected by all who knew him.

He was born in Chester Green, attended St Paul's School until the age of 14 then started work at Newton Electrical Components on Alfreton Road where he met Dorothy, his wife to be.

Then came service during WW2 in the Royal Army Medical Corps, taking part in the North Africa Campaign – not something he talked about.

After the war, and marriage, he worked for the Midland Bank and lived in Mickleover and then Allestree before returning to Chester Green to play a major part in local events.

In retirement he found more than enough to do: Chairman of Chester Green Community Group, organiser of Friday night Bingo, giving a hand with well dressings and carnivals and also taking over the News Letter from former editor Clifford Burton.

He was St Paul's churchwarden for several years, spending many hours on renovation projects. To his great delight he was chosen to receive Maundy money from the Queen on her visit to Derby in 2010.

For relaxation he enjoyed football and fishing and cycling and was a member of the Chester Green Bowls Club. His passing leaves a very big gap in our local community.

CHESTER GREEN ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE

Fashion Show attracts the crowds

Our recent Fashion Show to raise funds for this year's Picnic on the Green was a massive success with just over £600 raised, all of which will help to pay for the costs involved - insurance, permits, entertainment and much more!

Thanks to everyone who packed into the Community Centre for your support - we will have a second show next year by popular demand!

SEE YOU ALL AT THE PICNIC ON THE GREEN ON SUNDAY 8th JULY

From 2pm - see the enclosed flyer for more info.

In the unlikely event of really bad weather we will 'keep calm and carry on' at the Centre.

COMMUNITY GROUP NEWS

Free Membership Disco

A reminder that it's our FREE Membership Disco at the Centre on Saturday the 2nd June at 7pm (doors open at 6.45). The bar and tuck shop will be open and Bruce is our DJ. Come and join or renew your Community Group membership - the cost is just adults £2, £1.50 for senior citizens, £1 under 16s and under 5's free, entitling you to reduced admission to most of our regular events like the very popular Halloween disco. Drop in and join even if you don't stay for the disco!

Annual General Meeting

Thursday 7th June 7.30 at the Centre.

As we are a Charity, the Community Group has to hold an AGM every year to present our Financial Accounts and report on our actions over the last year. We invite our members and local residents, particularly those who come along regularly to our social events, to support us at this important meeting lasting no longer than 1 hour. Any input to the meeting would be welcome but there will be no pressure to participate!

George Lord

- We were very sad to hear that George had passed away - he was a founder member of the Community Group, playing a major part in getting the Community Centre built in the 1980's and contributing to its subsequent success. A larger than life figure, George was always at the centre of everything, staying involved in local events and taking an interest in the Community Group even in his 90's - he will be missed by many.

Bins on Streets

The Residents Association have received complaints about dustbins being left out on pavements in Chester Green and also on the Highway on John Lombe Drive at the rear of St. Paul's Road.

Bins left on pavements can cause problems particularly for wheelchair users, visually impaired people and parents with pushchairs.

Derby City Council has recently deployed enforcement officers from Nottingham to tackle issues of fly tipping, littering and bins on streets. These officers can enforce fixed penalty fines for bins left on streets, so please be considerate to other residents by taking in your bin promptly once emptied and avoid the risk of a hefty fine.



LITTLE CHESTER LOCAL HISTORY GROUP

Our AGM followed by
'New views of Chester Green 'Past'.

A talk by Joan Darcy

On Thursday June 21st 7.30

in the Chester Green Community Centre, Old Chester Road.

Admission non-members £2. For further information Tel. 01332 559615.

LITTLE CHESTER HERITAGE CENTRE

St. Paul's Church, Mansfield Road, Derby.

Sunday June 3rd - we are open 2 - 4pm.

Come and browse through a collection of original newspapers from the Napoleonic Wars to recent times. Read 'Forces' and other newspapers from the Two World Wars.

Free admission. Refreshments available. For further information Tel. 01332 363354.

ST PAUL'S CHURCH, CHESTER GREEN

www.stpaulschestergreen.org/

3rd. June	Soul Breakfast
10th June	Contemplative Communion
17th June	Soul Sanctuary
24th June	Holy Communion with Baptism

All services are at 10am and Everyone is very welcome.

Possible Orchard in Chester Green

Thanks to those of you who responded to the news of a possible orchard in Chester Green by getting in touch.

As a result a Steering Committee has been set up to pursue the project and Janine is applying for funding.



Hedgehog News

Dehydration is one of the biggest killers of urban and suburban hedgehogs. If you have a garden that hedgehogs can access and if you are able to provide a water source they can rely on you will be doing something to help these precious animals.

If you see a hedgehog in trouble, please let me know.

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Smile ☺

Q: What did one wall say to the other wall?
I'll meet you at the corner!

Your head hits the ceiling!

Q: What do you call cheese that isn't yours?
Nacho cheese!

Q: Why are elephants so wrinkled?
Because they take too long to iron!

Q: Where do cows go for entertainment?
To the moo-vies!

Q: Why did the elephant paint himself different colors?
So he could hide in the crayon box!

Q: How do you know if there's an elephant under your bed?

Q: Why are ghosts bad liars?
Because you can see right through them!