

### Glorious Weather for the Picnic on the Green

Our 3rd community picnic was a great success - the weather was glorious, the entertainment brilliant and the games a lot of fun. There there was something for everyone!

A big 'thank you' to those who helped set up and pack away, and to local businesses and residents who kindly gave raffle prizes and monetary donations, to Bruce for keeping the programme on track and to members of Chester Green Events Team for their hard work on the day and their planning throughout the year to bring it all together!



### History Walk '2000 years of History Under your Feet'

Sunday August 12th 2.30-3.30pm

Join us for a guided walk by Joan D'Arcy around Chester Green starting at the Community Centre and finishing at St. Paul's Church where refreshments will be served. £4 per head, including refreshments, children free.

### LITTLE CHESTER RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

#### Residents Permit Parking Scheme

As you know parking restrictions were introduced in Chester Green some time ago. This was because flood defence building work had reduced available car park space and there was a risk that large numbers of commuters would park in the neighbouring streets.

Now that the community centre car park is complete we are once again seeing city workers parking there which shows that commuter parking is still an issue.

Consultation on whether or not to continue a permit scheme is due to take place in September. However, as the Flood Defence work is not yet finished, the Residents' Association have requested that the free scheme should continue for a further period and the consultation be delayed until next year. Future newsletters will discuss this further.

#### Community Orchard Project

The planting of a community orchard to the rear of Centurion Walk has been agreed in principle. There are still some issues of maintenance and security that need to be resolved.

#### City Road Garages

Following a request from local residents for help in clearing up the

City Road garages, Councillor Martin Repton organised brushes, bin bags and shovels, and seven of us got stuck into the mammoth task of tidying it and clearing the pine needles. So far over 60 bags have been filled and collected by the council. If you want to help please contact Adrian 07757 923 873.

A plan to prune the lower branches of the conifers to improve visibility and security has also been submitted by the Head Tree Officer to the Planning Dept. If accepted this work could be undertaken towards the end of this year.

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

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### FLOOD DEFENCE - NEWS FROM LATEST MEETING

You may have seen that the front arch windows of the former Aida/Bliss factory have been boarded up which has given a much improved appearance to the building (and the area).

Well I'm sure we've all been waiting for signs that the very protracted purchase by the council of the building has been completed but I'm afraid this is not quite it ... The completion of the purchase is expected over the next few weeks - the boarding up of the windows has been carried out (alongside filling in the deep pits inside the building) to try to ensure that when the building becomes council property it is safe and secure from day one. Yes it's regrettable that this wasn't undertaken by the current/previous owners.

#### New Delay to Spring 2019

At a recent meeting with a Little Chester Residents'

Association representative the Flood Defence team outlined project timescales.

The very lengthy purchase process (which the council attributes to Aida) has contributed to the current completion date of Spring 2019 - around 12 months behind schedule.

This delay has meant that existing contracts with the civil engineering contractors need to be retendered which is likely to take several weeks. The former Tomlinson factory building will then be demolished followed by the buildings to the rear of the Aida/Bliss factory. The flood defence piling will then recommence.

#### Public Car Parks

The public car park next to the Aida building will come back into use in December - it will be about 2/3rd of its previous capacity.

Work to develop the secure parking facility on a section of the City Road

site should also be carried out before Christmas.

#### Aida Site Sale

The council aim to put the Aida site on the market soon after purchasing it. It will be advertised nationally for residential or commercial development.

#### Problems with Brickwork

It was acknowledged that the standard of some of the brickwork was below par and some of it is being redone but given the traditional nature of the lime and mortar further improvement work has to wait for several months.

*Adrian  
Little Chester Residents'  
Association.*

### COMMUNITY GROUP NEWS

We are looking forward to restarting our entertainment programme in September with the first event on Saturday 29th - a **Disco with a Circus Skills show** by professional performer ChangoFuego that promises to be brilliant! We are also planning our ever popular **Halloween Disco** on the 27th October together with a **Quiz Night** for the brain-boxes among you!

Although we don't deal with Community Group membership on those nights there is still time to join or renew beforehand to take advantage of the reduced members' admission price. Annual membership is £2 for adults, £1.50 for seniors, £1 for 5-18's with under 5's free. Just download the membership form on our website or ring 07527 603057 for a paper form and post it with the fee through the Centre letterbox, 117 City Rd or 1 Marcus St. For details of the wide range of weekly activities at the Centre and event information go to our website [www.chestergreencommunitygroup.yolasite.com](http://www.chestergreencommunitygroup.yolasite.com). You can also follow us on Facebook.

### Playgroup Closes after 8 Happy Years

I am sad to report that St Paul's Pre-School closed at the end of the summer term. However there is much to celebrate as the school became part of the community and teachers Jo, Judy and Vicki worked so hard to provide a nurturing environment for the children.

A great end of term party was held and Geoff Parton, Chair of Governors, said that the school had had 8 wonderful years which had enriched the lives of many children and set them off on the right path in their early years.

### Beautiful Marcus Street

This is a big thank you to those who care for Marcus Street and who work tirelessly to keep the street looking pretty and tidy all year round. Walter mows the grass and looks after the verges while Gwen weeds, plants and waters the raised beds. Then there is Ken who maintains another of the raised beds and Rosemary who has help to look after other flower beds.

At the other end of Marcus Street, Rita maintains the well and Bev does flower beds and keeps Derby Homes on their toes! I just hope I haven't missed anyone out! These people are all such a credit and inspiration to our community.

*A Neighbour*

### Smile ☺

What did the bread do on holiday?  
It loafed around.

Why did the robot go on summer holiday?  
He needed to recharge his batteries.

Why don't mummies go on summer holiday?

They're afraid to relax and unwind!  
My son came to visit for summer holiday.  
How nice! Did you meet him at the airport?  
Oh, no. I've known him for years!

Where did the sheep go on holiday?  
The Baa-hamas!

**Hedgehog News** This is turning out to be a very difficult summer for hedgehogs. They are struggling to find food and water. If you can help them please do. A dehydrated hedgehog can not drink! If you find one out in the day or night that appears to be wobbling, please contact me or take it to a vet.



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### Primary School Children Visit Flood Defence Site

On the 26th of June children from Allenton Community primary school visited the OCOR site. This was part of the E4E scheme "What it is like to work here" to increase the children's knowledge of various industries and opportunities within them. The children were shown around the site to help them understand what was been constructed in Derby and why. They were given presentations on what it is like to be a civil engineer, construction worker or an archaeologist, what their roles are, and the part they play on the project.

They also had a chance to dress up as a construction worker and sit in the diggers and dumpers! They then created posters of their visit which are displayed on the site hoarding on City Road. Local residents voted for their favourite and the top three children's posters in the vote were given prizes on the 20th July at an assembly at their school. The posters are still available to be viewed on the hoarding at City Road.

*OCOR Flood Defence Team*

### Smile - More Football Quotes

Benitez took the elephant in the room and put it on the table. *Gareth Southgate*  
I don't want Rooney to leave these shores but if he does I think he'll go abroad"  
*Ian Wright*

"Martin O'Neill, standing, hands on hips, stroking his chin" *BBC Commentator Mike Ingham*  
"If that had gone in, it would have been a goal" *David Coleman*.

### Free Puppet Shows

There will be free puppet-shows at 108 Chester Green Rd. 31st August. 3.00pm. (Bucket collection will be taken.) All ages. Contact [info@londonschoolofpuppetry.com](mailto:info@londonschoolofpuppetry.com) for further information and to book your place.

### Do You Have an Interest in Dementia Care?

I am sure there are people in Chester Green who are experts in caring for people with dementia perhaps with a professional interest, or family members, someone who runs a care home, a doctor or nurse. If so we would like to hear from you. In the week of August 5th - 10th we are training puppeteers to make specialised work and it would be great to develop an interested community, [castellburt@londonschoolofpuppetry.com](mailto:castellburt@londonschoolofpuppetry.com)

### Campaign Against Incinerator in Darley Abbey

The company behind the proposed incinerator, Envirofusion, has now vacated the premises on Alfreton Rd. However the local campaign group is continuing to fight to get the existing planning permission for an incinerator rescinded.

They are trying to raise £6000 before the end of August, to use the courts to overturn the planning permission (granted by Derby City Council), so that no other company can use the site for this type of development.

If you would like to contribute you can do so by BACS to : Bank HSBC, Sort Code 40-19-15, Account No 64474384, or by cheque payable to 'Darley Abbey Society' (please indicate it is for the Oppose Alfreton Road Incinerator campaign on the reverse) and posted to: Helen McCoy, 57 South Avenue, Darley Abbey, DE22 1FB, or through : [www.gofundme.com/oppose-the-alfreton-rd-incinerator](http://www.gofundme.com/oppose-the-alfreton-rd-incinerator)

