

## Dry Summer Reveals Roman "Ghost Road" in Little Chester

### Secrets Revealed

The dry summer months have brought a great archaeological bonus, creating parch marks across the country and revealing the ghosts of buried walls and filled in ditches. Previously unknown sites have been recorded through aerial photography, some the subject of television news items.

As weeks passed without rain, parch marks began to appear on Darley playing field. Ryknield Street, the Roman road running north through the field, was clear enough for us to walk along.

### Ridge and Furrow

Ridge and furrow appeared, evidence of early cultivation before the land was laid down to grass. There were other parch marks which had the potential to represent buildings and trackways of the Roman settlement. We took photographs though far better results come from aerial photographs, either from a low flying aircraft or a drone.

### County Archaeologist

Having seen the photos, the County Archaeologist alerted Trent & Peak Archaeological Unit and with his blessing a drone was placed on standby, pending only permission from

the City Council to overfly the field.

### Drone Flying Refused.

Permission was refused; it has been decreed that no drones may be flown over Council land and the potential for archaeological discovery was not deemed to be of sufficient importance to make an exception.

A grid plan of photos was then taken by a T&P archaeologist, but only at ground level.

Rain is now restoring the grass and we are very disappointed that Little Chester should lose this unusual opportunity. However we hope that should the chance come again we will be able to arrange flyover to reveal more of our fascinating and far distant past.



*Walking along the North end of the old Roman Road.*

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## FLOOD DEFENCE NEWS

### Drop-in Session

The next OCOR Residents Drop-in Session will be held at Chester Green Community Centre on Wednesday 12th September 2018 between 3.30 - 6.30pm. Please come along.

### City Road Contracts Exchanged

Contracts have now been exchanged for the purchase of the Aida Bliss Site opposite the Green on City Road by . The full purchase is likely to take place at the beginning of September 2018.

### Free Residents' Parking Scheme

The duration of the Chester Green residents parking scheme is likely to be extended into 2019.

### Duke Street

The Duke Street flood gate was successfully tested on 6th August 2018. Duke Street should be reopening to traffic on Tuesday 18th September 2018.

### Sowter Road

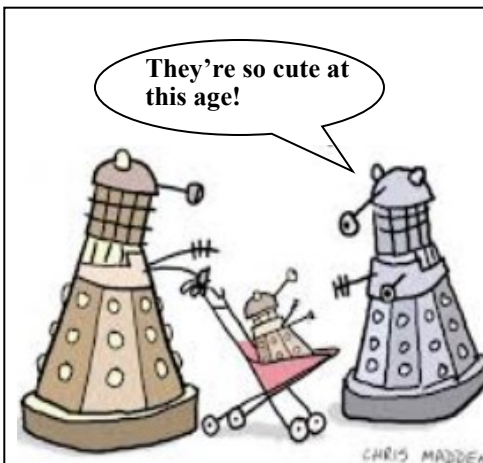
Sowter Road will then be closed to traffic on Tuesday 18th September 2018 for approximately eight weeks for new drainage work.

### Other News

Work is proceeding on the Tree Pits on City Road. The contract for the sports provision on Darley Fields has been awarded and work is expected to start in September/ October 2018.

Chester Green Community Centre / Car Park. Work is proceeding to complete the flood wall around the Chester Green Community Centre and to surface the footpath around the carpark.

*Thank you OCOR (Our City Our River) for this update.*



### Smile ☺ School Excuse Notes

"Please excuse Susie, she has been sick and under the doctor."

"Please excuse Barry for being. It was his father's fault."

"Charlie will not be in school cus he has an acre in his side."

"My son is under a doctor's care and shouldn't take PE today. Please excuse him."

"Please excuse Ben for missing school yesterday. We forgot to get the Sunday paper off the mat and when we found it Monday we thought it was Sunday"

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

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### Good News for Chester Green Orchard Project

There's been a lovely and very positive development for the Community Orchard in that it is now going to be under the umbrella of Friends of Darley Open Spaces.

This will be helpful in so many ways and especially in putting the governance of the project on a stable footing. Janet Dean, Chair of FoDOS writes.

“Friends of Darley Open Spaces (FoDOS) are happy to welcome The Chester Green Community Orchard as a project under its umbrella. We are looking forward to helping in all kinds of ways towards the success of this innovative project”

FoDOS has a web-site - [www.friendsofdarleyopenspaces.org.uk](http://www.friendsofdarleyopenspaces.org.uk). If you would be interested in finding out more about the orchard or would like to support the project please do contact me through the LCRA website [www.littlechester.org.uk](http://www.littlechester.org.uk),

Janine

### Little Chester Local History Group

*Welcome to our 2018-19 season.*

Come and join us on Thursday September 20th at 7.30pm in Chester Green Community Centre, Old Chester Road, Derby for a talk by Keith Blood about Ashbourne Church, an interesting and imposing building.

Admission non-members £2

The annual subscription of £10 is now due. Why not take advantage of such an excellent offer - 9 meetings for your £10 - a bargain!

For further information Tel. 01332 559615.

### Little Chester Heritage Centre

Sunday October 7th 2-4pm

St. Paul's Church, Mansfield Road

Special Exhibition: our impressive collection of old newspapers which make most interesting reading.

Admission free. Refreshments available. For further information Tel. 01332 363354

### St Paul's Rainbow Tots

#### Chester Green Baby/Toddler Group.

For 0-5s and their parents or carers. *Newcomers always welcome!*

St Paul's Church Hall Seale Street, Chester Green.

Mondays in Term Time

10.00 - 12.00



### Baby Hedgehog Alert

The hoglets who will become autumn juveniles will be born this month. If they do not reach the weight of 600g before hibernation, they will not survive. If you find one of these hoglets as winter sets in I would be happy to teach you all I know about over-wintering hoglets. I would also be happy to over-winter such hoglets on your behalf.



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### Smile ☺ More School Excuse Notes

Cody was absent yesterday because we were out bowling until 2 AM.

Susan was absent yesterday as she was having a gangover.

Please excuse Gloria from Jim today. She is administrating.

Please excuse Roland from PE for a few days. Yesterday he fell out of a tree and misplaced his hip.

Please excuse Wayne for being out yesterday. He had the fuel.



### DISCO AND CIRCUS SKILLS SHOW! Saturday 6th October.

6.30pm for 7.00 pm  
Community Centre  
Old Chester Road, Chester Green

Our entertainer, Chango Fuego, is taking part in Derby Feste and you can then come and see him at the Centre when he'll be passing on some of his circus skills to us (apart from fire eating)!

Doors open at 6.30pm for a 7pm start and admission is £4 for adult members, £5 for non members, £2 for member children, £3 non members and under 5's free (please bring your membership card). The bar and tuck shop will be open and it should be a brilliant night!

### Quiz Night Friday 12th October

Rhian will again be testing our brain power. Everyone is welcome to come along with a team of 4/5 to try for the top spot (last quiz night there were 10 teams battling it out)! Admission is £2.50 per team member with prizes for the winners; doors open at 7pm so you can get a drink in ready to start at 7.30pm

### Halloween Disco Sat 27th October

Confirmation and more info in the next newsletter.

### St Paul's Church, Chester Green

[www.stpaulschestergreen.org/](http://www.stpaulschestergreen.org/)

September	2nd	10.00am	Soul Sanctuary
September	9th	10.00am	Holy Communion with Baptism
September	16th	10.00am	Soul Sanctuary
September	23rd	10.00am	Harvest Holy Communion
September	30th	10.00am	Contemplative Communion

### Dalesmen in Concert.

Friday 26th October 2018 7.30pm – at St. Paul's Church. For more information and to reserve tickets please ring Bev on 349420 or Marie on 298079