

LITTLE CHESTER RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Flood Defences and Insurance

- Two LCRA committee members attended a meeting on Feb 8th 2013 with OCOR (OurCityOurRiver) council officers, the consultant project lead and Chris Williamson MP Derby North.
- We found out that local media announcements of £80 million government funding for Derby City **were incorrect**. £1.5million funding is secured for year 1 (2013/14) whilst £33.5 million funding is available in years 2 to 5. This is subject to an appropriate business case (justifying the complete project) being approved by DEFRA (the govt dept responsible for flood defence). This would still leave a funding gap of £45 million.
- The implementation phasing has been revised so that phase 1 will include Darley Abbey (from the weir) and Chester Green (down to St Marys bridge).
- LCRA expressed concerns that the City Council Land Drains Officer has raised objections to the planning application to demolish the Bath St. Mills and build a publicly funded extra care home. His objections are that the proposed development will increase flood risk, does not have a sustainable drainage system, does not include a proper flood risk assessment and is not suitable for vulnerable inhabitants. Despite this, the DCC lead planning officer and OCOR believe that the proposal passes the Exception test required to build on Flood zone 3.
- The owners of Aida/Bliss site are at the stage of agreeing a preferred developer. The owners of Tomlinsons have architects working up plans for the site. There was no information available about the nature of the developments under consideration for these sites. Some of the public allocation made will fund the integrated flood defences in these developments.
- There was still no agreed plan for flood defences, either on Duke St./Sowter Rd or beyond and around St Marys bridge.
- There was no update on negotiations between the government and the insurance industry regarding a new flood insurance agreement. The point about new builds being excluded from the current agreement which runs out in June 2013 was made and that the Chester Green OCOR flood defences was based on new builds.
- The master plan document states that Design and Development briefs are to be agreed for each location providing detailed guidance on viable development and acceptable uses. This has not happened for the Bath St Mills site and there has been no resident input to Design and Development briefs for the City Rd sites.
- The likelihood of any developer's proposals on the Aida/Bliss and Tomlinson's sites being in keeping with the character of Chester Green and in line with the views expressed by local residents in our survey 2 years ago, is, we suspect, rather remote. They are likely to be high density, high-rise and generate high traffic volumes. The danger is we will get flood defences on the developers' terms. We have asked for consultation over any plans with the site owners, developers and architects. A commitment was given by OCOR to consult and inform via quarterly newsletters. The LCRA will continue to maintain dialogue with OCOR to pursue prompt flood defence and suitable development for Chester Green

To contact the Little Chester Residents Association please see our web-site: <http://www.littlechester.org.uk/> Or contact: Andrew Meehan 01332 298079

Little Chester News Letter March 2013

COMMUNITY GROUP NEWS

It was nice to see a good turnout for our first Quiz Night recently and welcome some "newcomers" and "not so newcomers" to the Centre for a hard fought quiz enjoyed by us all. Thanks again to Rhian and her brother for making it a successful night!

Spring Family Fun Night

Our next event is on Saturday 13th April at the Community Centre, Darley Fields starting at 7.30. Admission on the door is £1.50 adult members, £3 non members, 50p member children to age 16, £1 for non member children and under 5's free. With an Easter theme, there will be egg decorating (all materials provided), family games and a music quiz, with the bar and tuck shop open as usual. Everyone is welcome.

Summer Fete

Advance notice of the date for our 3rd Summer Fete to be held on the 15th June, starting at 2pm. Stalls are available to rent at a cost of £10 - to reserve one please contact Rebecca McCready on 07932 941576 or email her at little_becky_little@hotmail.com. The hire form can also be found on our website together with full details of our weekly activity programme and private hire booking information.

Web address: <http://www.chestergreencommunitygroup.yolasite.com/>

Happy Ending

Carole Challis would like to thank everyone in the area who kept an eye out for their beloved family cat Coco, who went missing in January. And special thanks to Grant on City Road who found the cat and discovered through the internet who the owner was. Coco is now joyfully re-united with her family

First Smile:

Q. What did the cross eyed school teacher say to his disruptive children?

A. "I can't control my pupils."

COACH AND HORSES EASTER PRIZE DRAW

"Following the Christmas Prize Draw, which raised a wonderful £500 for the Methodist Church building project, the Easter Prize Draw will be raising money **for St Giles Special School** in Hampshire Road. St Giles is the only special primary school in Derby city and includes children with moderate and severe learning difficulties and autism. They wish to install a lift at the back of the school minibus, so donations will go towards this.

Prize Draw 'squares', £1 each, are on sale now in the Coach and Horses, but you can also help by donating prizes for the draw. Donations can be given to Mick and Deb at the Coach or dropped off at Isobel the Florist on Mansfield Road. It would be great if we could raise the same amount as we did at Christmas, so we'd love all the community to get involved!

The draw itself will take place just before Easter, on **Thursday, March 28th, from 8 pm onwards at the Coach and Horses – all are welcome to come along**".

CHESTER GREEN METHODIST CHURCH

Sun 3rd Mar	11am Service with Little Fishes Club for children during the service
Sun 10th Mar	Mothering Sunday – Come along to our special Mothers Day Messy Church, Breakfast at 10.30 served by the children complete with aprons and chefs hats, informal café style service at 11am with crafts, songs and treats for mums, aunties, grannies, sisters, daughters etc. If breakfast in bed by children gets a bit messy why not come along for breakfast at Messy Church instead! (PS Would be great to have as many dads as possible to help the kids with serving breakfast – thanks!)
Sun 17th Mar	No morning service. 6pm Sunday Service with Men's Choir
Sun 24th Mar	11am Palm Sunday service
Fri 29th Mar	Join with our friends at St Pauls for Good Friday service
Sun 31st Mar	Easter Day – details to be confirmed.



LITTLE CHESTER HISTORY SOCIETY

THURS MARCH 21ST - AN ILLUSTRATED TALK BY ROBERT MEE ABOUT VIC HALLAM AND HIS BUILDING COMPANY - 'FROM CHICKEN COOPS TO SCHOOLS'.

SOME OF OUR MEMBERS MAY HAVE HAD PERSONAL INVOLVEMENT!!

7.30pm in Chester Green Community Centre, Old Chester Road, Derby. Admission non-members £2

LOCAL BEAT REPORT

We are sorry to report that we are receiving a high number of break ins involving sheds and outhouse buildings. Some local residents contacted us in January to say they could see footprints in the snow where possible offenders had tried to gain access via the rear garden. This has been happening in most areas across the ward.

Most incidents of shed breaks have involved the theft of valuable bikes. Can we please re-iterate the importance of security of your outbuildings. Sometimes, offenders are gaining access via entry doors that have been left open. If you live in a terraced property, the rear gardens are mainly accessible by a shared entry door. Please ensure you speak to your neighbours about the importance of security and keeping these doors locked.

Bear in mind the following advice;

- Its worth investing in a good quality lock and/or alarm for your shed
- Invest in security lighting for the rear of your property
- If you keep a bike in your shed, please ensure its locked
- Make a note of your bike's frame number and take a picture of it. That way, if it is stolen then police can circulate its picture to all officers
- Report any suspicious activity to the police. Nothing is too minor
- Consider having your bike postcode engraved.

PCSO Linda Ball

Darley Safer Neighbourhood Team

Allestree Police Office - 01332 552135

(If no reply please contact police non-emergency number 101)

ST PAUL'S CHURCH - CHESTER GREEN

Sun 3 rd Mar	Soul Breakfast (Church Hall)	10.00 am
Sun 10 th Mar	Holy Communion and Baptism	10.00 am
Sun 17 th Mar	Soul Sanctuary	10.00 am
Sun 24 th Mar	Contemplative Communion	10.00 am
Wed 27 th Mar	The Easter Story (See below for details)	7.30 pm
Fri 29 th Mar	Good Friday Meditation	12.00 pm
Sun 31 st Mar	Easter Day Holy Communion	10.00 am

TABLE TOP SALE AND JUMBLE SALE SATURDAY 9th MARCH

10.00 AM – 2.00 PM IN THE CHURCH HALL

Pick up some bargains!!

If you would like to rent a table for £5.00 to sell any of your unwanted items, please ring Marie on 298079 to book a stall. Refreshments Available.

THE EASTER STORY in Readings and song will be performed in Church on Wednesday 27th March, 7.30 pm. Please come along and bring friends/family to this special portrayal of this wonderful story, written by David O'Connell and performed by members of St Paul's congregation. Admission is free with a voluntary collection for the Home of Hope at the end.

Chester Green Flower Festival 8th-9th-10th June 2013



This is a new project and I would like to involve as many of our local community as possible, local children, St. Paul's Playgroup, other Churches and local Business, if they are willing.

The Festival will be held in St. Paul's Church Saturday 8th, Sunday 9th and Monday 10th of June (plus additional days if schools or 'groups' want to visit). If anyone would like to contribute by sponsoring a flower display, creating a flower display or by donating a couple of plants, please contract me on 01332 298079 or 07890 034898 to discuss. I would also welcome any ideas you may have. More details to follow.

Kind Regards,

Marie,

Church Warden, St. Paul's Church

Second Smile

A group of 4-year-old children were sitting in a circle with their teacher. She was asking them questions in turn about animal noises.

"Michael, what sound does a sheep make?"

"It goes baaa."

"Peter, what does a cow say?"

"It says moo."

"Mary, what sort of sound does a cat make?"

"It says meow."

And Alice, what sound does a mouse make?"

Alice thought for a few seconds and replied, "It goes click"

