

LITTLE CHESTER RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Attempted break in using a wheelie bin

Thieves attempted to break into a garage in the Camp Street area in the early hours of the morning recently. They used a wheelie bin which had been left out in the vicinity, to gain access to the garden.

As well as being a security risk, bins that are left on streets are potentially a fire risk. Please don't make it easy for thieves to access or damage your or other people's property.

Energy Bill Savings

We are all experiencing big increases in gas and electricity costs with more rises inevitable in the future. I recently switched suppliers and saved £300 over the next year. The energy company's tariffs don't make it easy to compare costs. If you have internet access, you can get trial membership for a month with Which for a £1 and use their energy switch comparison site to work out a cost saving versus your current supplier, as I did; or use other energy comparison websites.

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

Smile

The infant class was on a school trip to their local police station where they saw pictures tacked to a notice board of the 10 most wanted criminals. Little Jonny pointed to a picture and asked if it really was the photo of a wanted person.

'Yes,' said the policeman. 'The detectives want very badly to capture him.'
"But. . ." the child asked " Why didn't you keep him when you took his picture?'

More Fundraising News

The Skittles Night at the Coach raised £246 for the Derby Nightingale Unit (unfortunately, the Coach lost to the Pattenmakers but great fun was had anyway). In addition, a further £197 was raised from the Macmillan Coffee Morning at the Coach. Many thanks to everyone who contributed in any way to these events and helped to raise so much money for these very good causes.

COMMUNITY GROUP NEWS

Christmas Quiz Night Sat 30 Nov

Following the success of our first Quiz Night earlier in the year, Rhian is again hosting our Christmas themed Quiz Night at the Centre on Saturday 30th November. The time is 7pm for 7.30pm and Entry is £2 per team member (teams of no more than 5 people). There will be a prize for the winning team and the bar will, of course, be open. We look forward to welcoming our regulars and maybe newcomers to the Centre, you don't have to be a member and if you don't have a full team you will be able to join in to make up a team.

Halloween

Our Halloween party night at the Centre on the 26th October was a great success; everyone entered into the "Halloween spirit" with some fantastic costumes - witches, devils, ghosts and ghouls were all there! Thanks to Matt and Becky we had lots of fun and games, and enjoyed the tuck shop and hot dogs presided over by Christine and Tony. Thank you to everyone who decorated the Centre or helped in any way on the night - a great team effort again and a highlight of our entertainment programme!

*For details of our events and timetable and how to hire the Centre for parties, clubs or general functions please see our website:
www.chestergreencommunitygroup.yolasite.com*

Sue (Our Postie) Leaving Presentation

Thank you so much for your donations for Sue our super postie. A total of £190.00 was collected!. At a presentation on Thursday 31st October, Sue was presented with flowers, a card and the collection.

Sue will be greatly missed as she was more of a social worker and friend than just a postie. Thank you to all who contributed to the collection and those who attended the presentation.

Marie on behalf of the LCRA.

“Autumn is a second spring when every leaf is a flower.”

Albert Camus

CHESTER GREEN METHODIST CHURCH

Sundays 3rd, 10th and 17th November - 11am Service with separate activities for children for part of the service.

Sun 24th November - 6pm Sankey Mens Choir service. (No morning service).

Everyone is welcome at all of our services.

Saturday 23rd November 10.30-1.00 Christmas Fair!

Stalls, Santa's Grotto, Cakes, Raffle, Gold Rush Tombola, Activities for children and Hot Jacket Potatoes for lunch! Plus, Nearly New Childrens' Clothes, Toys etc *Come along and have fun picking up a bargain and some Christmas shopping!*

(Donations of items for nearly new welcome - 50% of price back to you if clearly labelled with your name and selling price.)

Shed Alert!

As some of us have found out to our cost, there is an outbreak of break-ins and thefts from sheds and outbuildings throughout the city, and sadly Chester Green has not been spared.

What seems to be happening is that the criminals are getting into one back garden, either over a wall or down the side entry. They are then moving through back gardens, trying shed doors. When they strike lucky, electric tools, cycles, anything that they can sell quickly for cash.

So what can we do? Is your shed locked? Securely? Did you know that you can get hold of shed alarms quite easily, they are easy to fit?

Are your shed hinges screwed from the outside? If they are, the thieves can undo them very easily, then they are in. By fitting some special domed bolts, your hinges can be made much safer. If you are not able to do this yourself, ask your relatives, friends or neighbours. There are also some local tradesmen around that will help out for a reasonable fee, again ask around.

Are you keeping an eye out for your neighbours? This can make such a difference. It is reported that the thieves are riding around on cycles themselves, but not all the time.

The police are very keen to catch these criminals. If you hear something at night, phone them. 999 is appropriate if you see or hear something wrong.

For advice on how to secure your property or shed, contact the Safer Neighbourhood Team on 101, they will be very happy to help and advise.

So look out and stay safe and secure.

Mark Davis (Residents' Association)

ST PAUL'S CHURCH - CHESTER GREEN

Sun 3 rd Nov	10.00 am	Soul Breakfast (Church Hall)
Sun 10 th Nov	10.00 am	Holy Communion with Act of Remembrance
Sun 17 th Nov	10.00 am	Soul Sanctuary (Coffee & tea available on arrival, and then a short presentation giving us something to think & talk about, followed by a friendly and informal Communion.)
Sun 24 th Nov	10.00pm	Contemplative Communion and baptism

St. Paul's Preschool Playgroup Christmas Fair To be held on Saturday 16th November 2pm – 5pm in the Church Hall. Christmas Craft Stall, Face Painting, Raffle etc. Refreshments including Cream Teas & Crumpets. We look forward to seeing you there.

CHRISTINGLE SOUL BREAKFAST on Sunday Dec 1st and our special guest with be Rt Revd Alastair Redfern, the Bishop of Derby.

The CANDLELIT CAROL SERVICE – will be held this year on Sunday 15th December at 5pm. Carols led by Brass Band, the Open Road, followed by refreshments and raffle in the Hall.

<http://www.stpaulschestergreen.org/>

LITTLE CHESTER LOCAL HISTORY GROUP

Thursday November 21st meeting of Little Chester Local History Group at Chester Green Community Centre, Old Chester Road, Derby 7.30pm with a talk by Brian Stone called 'Derbyshire in the Jacobite Revolution'.

Non-members £2. Tel: 559615 for further information

Coach and Horses Christmas Prize Draw

Once again the Coach and Horses will be running its Christmas Prize Draw to raise funds, this year's beneficiary being the *Tiny Tim Trust* in Chesterfield (tinytimtrust.org.uk), which raises money to help children with special needs: physical or learning disabilities, and children with identified emotional and/or behavioural problems and their families.

Prize Draw squares will be on sale in November for £1 each; as well as buying squares, 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.