

LITTLE CHESTER RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

School Provision

For many years, Chester Green in Darley ward has had problems retaining and attracting young families with children to our community. A major issue for many parents has been dissatisfaction and uncertainty regarding school provision.

At a recent meeting, parents agreed that the certainty of a choice of a good school in Darley Ward which offers high sibling priority would be of great benefit to the children, parents and the community of Chester Green.

The Residents Association wrote to the Head of Walter Evans C of E primary school in Darley Abbey to ask if their Board of Governors would consider widening their admission criteria to include children of regular monthly attendees at St Paul's C of E church, Chester Green.

The Governors responded to say that whilst they were sympathetic there was not time to properly consider the request before they submitted their current Admissions Policy for the year 2015-16 to meet the Local Authority Consultation deadline.

They agreed to review our request in depth before the next round of consultation (for school year 2016-7) and will keep us up to date with their discussions.

In the meantime, the LCRA will continue to lobby education providers to amend their policies to benefit Chester Green's children, parents and community.

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

WHAT BECAME OF THE RED SHOES?

Award winning family show !
Saturday 12 April Community Centre

Becky, of "Pocket Panto" and star of the recent Nottingham Playhouse panto, is at the Centre with a new version of her award winning family show "What Became of the Red Shoes?", featuring original music and dance.

Admission from 7pm for a 7.30 start is £3 adult members, £4 non-members, £1.50 child members, £2 non-members and free for under 5's (please bring your membership card). After the show there will be refreshments and a visit from the "Easter Bunny" to give all the children a free Easter Egg! The bar and tuck shop will be open as usual.

Thank you to all our friends who braved the awful February weather to come to our first "**Family Quiz Night**" on the 15th. Many thanks to Rhian for making sure that there was something for everyone to enjoy especially the children's "Pass the Bomb"! Thanks also to David for helping Rhian on the night.

**See over for
Classes and
Groups in
Chester Green . .**

Help for Hedgehogs

This is the time of year when hedgehogs come out of hibernation. The local population has had a particularly hard time in the last three years. If you have a garden you might be able to help hedgehogs and their hoglets. Please phone me if you would like any advice or practical support to make your garden more hedgehog friendly.

Sallyanne 381315.

Our Coach and Horses Easter Prize Draw

It's already time to think about the Easter Prize Draw! We are pleased to be supporting St Giles Primary School again, which caters for Derby children with special needs. As usual, Prize Draw 'squares' will be on sale in the Coach and Horses, but you can also help by donating prizes for the draw. Donations can be given in at the Coach or at Isobel the Florist.

We would also like to involve other local businesses in this community project, so if you run a local business and would like to help by donating a prize, we'd love to hear from you! In addition, if you would like to know more about the Charity Committee or to help in any way, speak to Isobel Oldknow, Mark Davis, Rhian Owen, Mick Vickersor CJ Jones – we're always open to new ideas and fresh faces!

Need space for day / evening class or group?

Our Community Centre (at the end of City Road) has a few spaces available for groups or classes. Reasonable rates and parking available! Spaces are available . . .

- ♦ Tuesday Afternoon ♦ Wednesday Afternoon
- ♦ Thursday Morning ♦ Friday Afternoon

Contact the Booking Officer, Mrs Julie Wilks on 07527 603057

CHESTER GREENERS MAKE A GARDEN

Camp Street WILL be in bloom!

Thanks to a grant from the Darley Neighbourhood Board (where Councillors, residents and Council Officers meet), the Camp Street Community Front Garden has grown again!



With the grant providing the plants, some of the residents of Camp Street, with the great assistance of fellow Chester-Greeners, Councillor Martin Repton and the Neighbourhood Manager, Jane Harrison, came together to remove some more of the grassed area, and plant various bushes and herbaceous plants.

Phase One has now been completed, and is already looking good. We haven't had to do too much watering yet! It is expected that the second part will be worked on around the end of February. We'll be letting everyone know when, and the more hands that come along, the better.

It was great to see Derby Telegraph and Radio Derby coming along to see how our community works together, I think they were impressed!

Constructive Community! If you are interested in joining in the Camp Street Community Gardens please contact Mark Davis of the Residents Group on 295039.

Regular Classes and Groups in Chester Green

Monday		
MHA Live at Home Lunch club (*starts 2nd March)	9.30 - 3.30**	Community Centre
Chester Green Chums	10.00 - 12.00	Methodist Church Hall
Parent and Toddler Group		
Monday Yoga	6.00 - 7.30pm	Community Centre
Zumba Fitness	8.00 - 9.00 pm	Community Centre
'Bradfitt' personal trainer	6.00 - 8.00pm	Methodist Church Hall
Tuesday		
Shortmat Bowls (Oct—Mar)	10.00 - 12.00	Community Centre
Shape Pilates	6.00 - 7.00	Methodist Church Hall
Wutan (Kung Fu)	7.30 - 9.00`	St Paul's Church Hall
Barbershop Choir	7.15 - 10.00	Community Centre
Wednesday		
Yoga	10.00 - 11.30	Community Centre
Wutan Kung Fu	6.30 - 9.00	St Paul's Church Hall
Dancing	7.00 - 9.00	Community Centre
'Bradfitt' personal trainer	6.00 - 8.00pm	Methodist Church Hall
Thursday		
Parkinson's UK—Choir	1.00 - 3.00	Community Centre
Pink Punch Fitness	5.45 - 7.30	Community Centre
Philatelic Group (2nd Thurs)	7.30 - 9.30	Community Centre
Local History (3rd Thurs)	7.30 - 9.30	Community Centre
Friday		
Baby Sensory	9.30 - 12.30am	Community Centre
Scraggle Muffins Toddler Group with crafts, music and movement	10.00 - 12.00	Methodist Church Hall
Saturday		
Socatots	9.00 - 1.00	Community Centre
Sunday		
Tango	Times vary—ring 07414 991425	Community Centre

Just turn up for classes or for the Community Centre contact Mrs J Wilkes on 07527 603057 or just turn up!

St Pauls Preschool Playgroup at St Paul's Church Hall

Mon to Fri 9.00 am to 4.00 pm Ring Jo Francis on 01332 347375

LITTLE CHESTER LOCAL HISTORY GROUP

Thurs March 20th at 7.30pm.

'Derby to the Pyramids - World Heritage Sites'.

A talk by Rod Pearson

We meet in Chester Green Community Centre, Old Chester Road, Derby
Non-members £2 Annual subscription £6. Everyone welcome. For further information Tel. 559615.

ST PAUL'S CHURCH - CHESTER GREEN

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

Sun 2 Mar	10.00 am	Soul Breakfast
Sun 9 Mar	10.00 am	Holy Communion
Sun 16 Mar	10.00 am	Soul Sanctuary
Sun 23 Mar	10.00 am	Contemplative Communion
Sun 30 Mar	10.00 am	Holy Communion
Sun 6 April	10.00 am	Soul Breakfast—the Easter Story

CHESTER GREEN METHODIST CHURCH

Sun 2 Mar	11.00am	Communion Service (with children's activities)
Sun 16 Mar	6.00pm	Sankey Songs of Praise service
Sun 30 Mar	10.30.	Mothering Sunday Messy Church 10.30 Breakfast & 11.00 Café style service in hall for all ages, songs, crafts etc, Dads – <i>why not bring your children along to serve breakfast to their mums (aunties, grannies etc!)</i>

A big thank you to everyone who came along to the open meeting and gave up a precious hour of their Sunday afternoons! We really do appreciate it and all the ideas put forward. We will be thinking long and hard about our options and will let you all know the outcome in due course. In the meantime please do join us for any of our services – a warm welcome always awaits.

An 'Owl' on the Prowl

In spite of the bad weather, a night prowler is out and about. This human 'Owl' is on the hunt for your possessions. Please be vigilant and report any break-ins to the police (ring 101). A local garage was recently broken into. Nothing was taken but the police still responded. Be on the safe side and don't leave valuable items in your lock up or car.

Cold Caller tries to sell plastic windows in Conservation Area!

A local resident told us about a recent

call from a company claiming to be 'in your area today'. The sales pitch was for UPVC windows. Our resident expressed surprise with the words 'we are a Conservation Area' and was about to explain further when the phone went down with a bang.



If you received a similar call, we would like to know about it and if you would like a leaflet about the fitting of new windows and doors in a Conservation Area we still have a few in stock. (Tel 01332 298079)