

**Little Chester News Letter
May 2014**

Chester Green Methodist Church

Services for May

Sun 11th May 10.30am Breakfast, 11am Messy Church with Deacon Margaret Matta
Sun 18th May 11am Communion Service with Sunday School

LITTLE CHESTER RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

Loss of Community Centre Garden ?

We understand from recent discussions between the Environment Agency & residents living near the Community Centre that latest proposals for flood defences will involve the loss of Chester Green Community Centre's garden. The LCRA have written to the lead council officer at Our City Our River with a copy to Chris Williamson MP

requesting confirmation and justification for this proposal being the only option available, as this would result in the loss of an important amenity for the community. You can express your concerns by emailing Andy.Hills@derby.gov.uk or writing to Andy Hills at the Council House, Corporation Street, Derby.

Mysterious Mound—Rocks Needed

The Camp Street front garden has flourished amazingly, and is well on the way to being completed. A number of people have worked really hard to make it happen, and the results speak for themselves. It already looks great, and as the plants establish and fill out, it will make such a difference to the entire area.

Thanks to everyone that put in the time and effort, and just to name a few, John, Julie, Wendy, Mary, Martin, Jane and Mary should be very proud of the results.

However, as you have walked past, and admired the bedding, it must have crossed your mind, "What is the mound?" Well, that is the Camp Street mountain... not part of the flood defence scheme or the last resting place of an out-of-favour resident! It is the beginning of a rockery feature. BUT, we have no rocks yet. We need some reasonable sized boulders to give contouring to the mountain, and allow us to give even more interest to the front garden. If you have some that we could have, please contact Mark from 43 Camp Street (01332 295039), and we could collect them. Thanks in advance!!

Is this your cat?

A beautiful stray cat (multi-coloured) small female found roaming around the garages ran into our house in March and has refused to leave. She is litter trained, not micro-chipped, but in good health and I believe for some reason she's become lost from her home. If she might be your cat or if you have any further information please do contact me on 07939216464.



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

PLANT SALE
Saturday 3rd May 10 am - 4 pm

Also Table-top Sale, nearly new clothes
and raffle etc !!

Refreshments on sale.
Home-made soup and roll available from mid-day.

Little Chester Allotments

Did you know that one courgette plant can produce up to 30 courgettes, can be grown in a container and that yellow courgettes are as easy to grow as green (despite being twice the price in the supermarket!) Or that tomatoes, cucumbers and aubergines can be grown outside just as successfully as in a greenhouse?

If you fancy giving it a go, or have left it too late to get your seeds in then Little Chester Allotments, off Old Mansfield Road, Derby are holding a **Plant Sale Open Day on Sunday May 18th from 11am until 3pm.**

As well as selling all types and varieties of vegetable plants, they will also have bedding plants and hanging baskets for sale. *To keep the children entertained a number of activities have been planned, such as; make a bug house, dress a scarecrow, plant your own beanstalk and colour a butterfly* (with a prize for the best). Refreshments, home-made cakes and produce will also be available as well as a BBQ.

For those of you thinking about taking on an allotment it is a great opportunity to find out about allotment life and take a look at this wonderful site.



Little Chester Ale House runner up in CAMRA Award.

Congratulations to Little Chester Alehouse which has been awarded runner up in the Derby Pub of the Year Award by CAMRA (The Campaign for Real Ale). Each pub was judged on the quality of the beer, atmosphere, style and decor of the pub, service and welcome, community focus, and sympathy with CAMRA aims and values.

Little Chester Local History Group

Our next meeting is on Thursday May 15th at 7.30pm in Chester Green Community Centre, Old Chester Road, Derby, when George Drury will talk about 'Quaker Pegg' - a Ceramic Artist at Derby China Works whose painting conflicted with his religious beliefs and the consequences. Non-members £2 Everyone welcome. Tel.559615

Heritage Centre 2-4 pm every Sunday Afternoon

St. Paul's Church, Mansfield Road, Chester Green, Derby.

Do come and see our excellent collection of Roman Artefacts together with illustrations of the remarkable work done by Arthur Barlow following our talk last month.

Admission is free, open 2-4pm, with refreshments available.

Day Trip to Macclesfield Silk Museum and Mill and Gawsorth Hall

Saturday 29th July. Trip to the former centre of the British silk industry, and Gawsorth Hall, a beautiful Tudor manor set in lovely grounds. Price includes guided tour round the Mill, Museum entrance, Gawsorth House and grounds (and tea-shop!) and a talk by the current owners. Price £20, Call Brian Attenburgh on 01332 553565 if you would like to book.

Coach and Horses Easter Draw Raises £295 for St Giles School

Many thanks to everyone who took part in the Draw, whether you donated prizes or bought squares to help raise funds. The total currently stands at £295, to be given to St Giles School, which is the only one in the Derby area catering specifically for primary-age children with special needs, and the money will help buy sensory equipment for the children. As well as thanks to the individuals, thanks must also go to the local businesses which supported the Draw by donating prizes: *Chester Green Off Licence & Grocery Store, Crumbs on the Green, Isobel the Florist and Chester Green Electrical Services.*

The Charity Committee will present the money to St Giles in May, although a date has yet to be decided. Please contact the Charity Committee via Mick and Debs at the Coach & Horses if you wish to find out more about the presentation or the Committee, especially if you wish to join us!

Smile

Little Johnny was walking down the beach, and as he did so, he saw a matronly woman sitting under a beach umbrella on the sand.

He walked up to her and asked, "Do you go to church every week?"

"Yes," she replied.

"Do you pray often?" the boy asked next, and again she answered, "Yes."

"Do you know the Ten Commandments?" "Yes, I do," she answered, with a smile.

"Do you keep them all?" Johnny asked. She nodded her head, "Yes, I do," she said.

With that he asked his final question,

"Will you hold my pocket money while I go swimming?"

COMMUNITY CENTRE - CHESTER GREEN

7 June 2.30 pm Summer Fete on World Cup Theme

Plans are taking shape for our annual Summer Fete to be held on the 7th June from 2.30pm with a "WORLD CUP" theme!! There will be various childrens' entertainment, stalls, tombola, a raffle with refreshments and tuck shop and you will be able to renew your Community Group membership or join for the first time.



If you want to rent a stall to sell/display any type of artwork, craft or baking items at the usual fee of £10 please email either: little_becky_little@hotmail.com or juliewilks81@yahoo.co.uk for a booking form.

Any items you can donate for either the tombola or raffle would be gratefully received - please pass to Julie Wilks, any committee member or ring 07527 603057. If you are part of a group who would like to do a small display at our event please be in touch.

Easter Show Treat

It was a real Easter treat for everyone who came to the Centre to see Becky's latest show "What Became of the Red Shoes?", a great production showcasing her many talents as a writer, singer, musician and dancer!! All the children enjoyed seeing the "Easter Bunny" who had an Easter egg for them all so everyone went home happy!

ST PAUL'S CHURCH - CHESTER GREEN

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

Sun 4 May	10.00 am	Soul Breakfast (in the Church Hall)
Sun 11 May	10.00 am	Holy Communion
Sun 18 May	10.00 am	Soul Sanctuary
	6.00 pm	Evening Prayer
Sun 25 May	10.00 am	Contemplative Communion

Soul Breakfast – 1st Sunday of the

month – will follow its usual format of light (but very tasty!) breakfast, coffee, tea etc., Sunday papers, and a theme presented usually with the aid of a film clip or two. Alongside all of this is a craft table for the children following the theme of the day. All most welcome.

Soul Sanctuary continues on 3rd Sunday of the Month. Coffee and light refreshments available on arrival, and then a short presentation to think and talk about followed by an informal Communion.

Home of Hope in South India.

At this month's Soul Sanctuary we are delighted to welcome Sundar and Sarah Pininty and their family back to St. Paul's. Since their last visit the Home has opened in South India & has received its first children. We hope as many as possible can come and hear the story, and discover the plans for the future, and to join with us in this opportunity of giving them our support.