

LITTLE CHESTER RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Local Schooling Provision

For many years, Chester Green in Darley ward has been experiencing problems in retaining and attracting young families with children to our community. A major issue for many parents has been the dissatisfaction and lack of certainty regarding school choices. Unfortunately numerous requests to councillors and council officers have resulted in no progress.

Following a meeting with local parents, 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.

We are delighted to confirm that Hannah Simmons, the head at Walter Evans school has written to say that "Governors have discussed this at length and have decided to include St Paul's in category 4 of our admissions policy i.e. Children whose parents have been attending worship at least once a month at St Paul's church, Chester Green for a minimum of 12 months before the date of application. A priest or minister from St Paul's church must confirm this in

writing. Unfortunately this won't take effect until 2016-17, due to the Local Authority consultation process."

Walter Evans is unusual in that it has a high sibling priority (category 2) unlike many other schools in Derby. A number of families have had to leave Chester Green due to being unable to guarantee a place for a younger sibling at the same school as their older sibling.

St Paul's church offers a monthly Sunday Soul Breakfast service for all ages but particularly suitable for families with young children.

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

Fly Tipping

There have been a number of incidents of fly tipping in Chester Green recently, notably at the council garages area off City Road. You can report these issues to the council online at www.derby.gov.uk/report-it or by ringing Streetpride on 0333 2006981

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

Sociable Skittles: At the recent awards night of the Belper and District Skittles League, of which the Coach and Horses is a member, the Coach was honoured to be awarded with the Shield proclaiming them to be the most sociable pub in the League. This was voted for by every other team in the league, and is a great honour. Congratulations to all involved! The lane is being revamped at the moment, and 2015 is looking to be an even better year. If you want to get involved, leave your details at the Coach, they'll get back to you.

News Letter Articles: If you would like to submit an item for the News Letter, please send it to lcnewsletter@btinternet.com. Please submit by 19th of the month latest for following month's edition. Space is very limited so I'm sorry we cannot promise to publish, but will do our best

Little Chester News Letter November 2014

Chester Green Remembers 1914-1918 *Music Drama and Poetry*

A Tribute to the men of
Chester Green who gave their lives in the Great War
Sunday 9th November 7.00pm St Paul's Church

"Kirk Street, Mansfield Road, Camp Street, Chester Green Road. There was not a street or household that was not affected in some way."



Please do come along to remember the families who lived in Chester Green one hundred years ago. Admission is free. Refreshments available. There will be a retiring collection for "Combat Stress", the mental health charity for ex-service men and women.

City Road Traffic Calming Scheme

As reported last month, after a majority vote by the Neighbourhood Board, it was decided not to implement the speed hump scheme on City Road, the scheme which had received the majority vote support of local residents, but was deemed to be from an insufficient turnout. A majority vote of the Board's Transport sub group which includes the three Darley ward councillors has decided to try to reduce the accident risk of an estimated 150,000 speeding offences per year of vehicles travelling over 30 mph on City Rd, by implementing 20mph speed limits in the Old Chester Rd/ City Rd area by installing signs but no physical measures.

I informed the Transport Sub Group that the Department for Transport's speed calming guidelines state that "research indicates that the speed reduction achieved with the use of 20 mph signs alone is likely to be small, about **1mph**".

The Police have said frequently that their budgets restrict them to minimal enforcement of speeding laws. My request for costs of this 20mph limit signage scheme were unable to be answered by the council traffic engineer but are expected to be as much or more than the speed hump scheme.

My opinion was at odds with our councillors who were happy with the cost benefit of this proposal (despite costs not being confirmed). If there is judged to be continuing speeding problems, the subgroup have resolved to revisit this issue next year, but it will be subject to Neighbourhood Board support, funding availability and a yet to be determined level of resident support. I have requested a meeting with our councillors to discuss my serious concerns about the shortcomings of this consultation process.
Andrew Meehan – Darley Neighbourhood Board & Transport sub group member

**The Coach and Horses Charity Committee – Christmas Prize Draw
!! Defibrillator Appeal!!**

It's time for the annual Christmas Prize Draw and this year we are raising funds for something that will benefit the whole community – a Public Access Defibrillator (PAD) to use on someone in cardiac arrest and save valuable time before an ambulance arrives. You don't need training to use one.

After a cardiac arrest, every minute without CPR (cardiopulmonary resuscitation) and defibrillation reduces someone's chance of survival by 10 per cent. PADs are simple and safe. The machine gives clear spoken instructions. Once in position, the defibrillator detects the heart's rhythm. It won't deliver a shock unless one is needed. (British Heart Foundation)

You can help us raise money by **a) donating a prize for the draw** - just drop your donation off at the Coach and Horses - or **b) buying a numbered square (£1 each)** on the sheets in the Coach and Horses, which will be going up in November. Of course, you can do both if you want! Please help us raise a record amount this year and perhaps help save someone's life .

Peripatetic Gnome

Help is needed in finding the whereabouts of Middle Gnome from the Camp Street front garden. He went for a walk over the weekend of the 11th October, and his friends are missing him terribly. They haven't eaten since, and are pining away. ☹

We all know that gnomes are tricky things, and Middle could be hiding anywhere. Please check in all those secret places, and if you see him, please encourage him to come home, his friends just want him back. Thank You

CHESTER GREEN METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday 9th November – Join with St Pauls for Remembrance Service

Sunday 16th November – 11am Communion Service with separate activities for children during most of the service

Saturday 22nd November – Christmas Fair 10.30-1.00

Come along for a family friendly fair including raffle, cakes, the ever popular gold rush tombola, children's activities, face painting, lucky dip, Santa's Grotto and Nearly New Sale for baby/kids clothes/toys/equipment plus hot jacket potatoes for lunch!

Stalls still available for donation of £5. Donations of cakes and raffle prizes gratefully received on the day.

Donations of items for nearly new sale welcomed in advance please (50% of sale price back to you if labelled with name and price). Please come along and spread the word to others!

For more info please call Abi on 07729509612 / 01332 722488



**LITTLE CHESTER LOCAL HISTORY GROUP
History of the "Six Streets" Area***

A talk by Diane Moss

20th November 2014 7.30 at the Chester Green Community Centre

(*Wheeldon Avenue, Parkfields Drive, Park Grove, White Street, Statham Street, Bromley Street etc.) . Price: £2.00 for non-members. All welcome. For further information, tel 01332 559615.

First Smile

There once was a hamster called Nellie,
Whose whiskers were sticky and smelly.
This was not, if you please,
Some strange new disease,
But an EXTRAORDINARY liking for jelly.

Second Smile

Some Primal Termite fell on wood
And tasted it and found it good.
And that is why your Auntie May
Fell through the front room floor today!

ST PAUL'S CHURCH - CHESTER GREEN

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

Sun 2 November	10.00 am	Soul Breakfast
Sun 9 November	10.00 am	Remembrance Service
	7.00pm	Chester Green Remembers
Sun 16 November	10.00 am	Soul Sanctuary
Sun 23 November	10.00 am	Contemplative Communion
Sun 30 November	10.00 am	Holy Communion

Macmillan Coffee Morning

Members of St Pauls would like to thank everyone who attended the Coffee Morning, donated raffle prizes and made cakes. We raised £315.00 for this very worthy cause.
Thank you all once again!

Play Area on the Green.

Everyone must have noticed the fencing round the kids play area on the green. If, like me, you wondered what is going on, this is the most recent news we have.

The Council, prompted by a letter from a local resident and the local Councillors, have decided that a revamp and reinvestment is required. They are removing some **items** of play equipment but retaining the climbing unit, springies and swings, and installing new multi play unit, roundabout and see saw.

The existing safety surface was curling and worn and dangerous in places, and this is being cut away and replaced where needed, with a new safety surface. All of the original seats and surfaces are being repainted, and there will be a new picnic table. Some tarmac is being laid at the gate entrances, helping to keep kids (and equipment) cleaner.