

Lighting up Old Chester Road

On behalf of residents of Old Chester Road, we would like to take this opportunity of thanking Linda and Kevin for once again kindly putting up the Christmas lights for everyone to enjoy. They were lovely and it is very much appreciated.

LITTLE CHESTER RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Affordable Flood Insurance Progress

An announcement in December 2014 on the Association of British Insurers (ABI) website confirms that details of the Flood Re Insurance arrangement have now been agreed by the ABI and the Government.

This paves the way for 'affordable' domestic flood insurance to be available to homeowners in high risk flood zones by the summer of 2015.

The deal will put a cap on the flood element cost of house insurance premiums and link them to council tax bands i.e. the flooding element of the premium (not the total premium) will be capped for those living in houses in council tax bands A to G.

The higher the council tax band the higher the cap. Homes in band H and homes built after January 2009 will not have a cap.

Properties which have a 'commercial' insurance policy are not included in the Flood Re arrangement. As more details become available we will keep you informed.

Planning Application for 28 Apartments

A planning application has been submitted by Wheeldon Brothers Ltd to demolish the house and industrial unit at 14 to 16 Mansfield Road on the corner of Fox Street next to Landau Forte School and to build twenty six

two bed and two one bed apartments; the development ranging from four to six storeys in height. The site overlooks St Mary's Bridge which has Scheduled Ancient Monument status. The proposed design of the apartments incorporates vertical moveable white semi translucent cladding panels which the developer describes as having been inspired by the strands of weaving silk which were used at the Silk Mill. Vehicle access and exit to the site is on the busy Mansfield Road and there are twenty six parking spaces provided.

The Conservation Area Advisory Committee has objected to the designs as inappropriate for the location. The Environment Agency has objected on the grounds that access and exit to and from the building during a flood would not be safe. The planning application reference number is 12/14/01708 but the consultation period closed on 28/01/2015 as the application was submitted during the Christmas period.

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

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. Thank you!

Little Chester News Letter February 2015

What's Your New Year's Resolution?

CHESTER GREEN COMMUNITY GROUP, based at your local Community Centre at Darley Fields, organise a small but exciting programme of community events across the year.

We are now on the lookout for **enthusiastic and friendly people** to help us continue and grow our programme during 2015.

Our current group of volunteers meet just a few times a year to organise events, including our Halloween Party, Childrens' Discos, Summer Fete and annual Panto. We also attend on the night to make sure everything is in place and everyone has a great time!

As you can see, **we don't need a huge commitment** and being able to put a bit back into your local community can be both enjoyable and rewarding!!

So..... for a chat or more details about what's involved, please call Allison Prince on 07897 653942 or Julie Wilks on 07722 486166 or get in touch by joining our Facebook Group – Chester Green Community Group.

CHESTER GREEN CARNIVAL ?????

It has been suggested to me how great it would be to hold a carnival or fair on our Green sometime during this year, perhaps on the late May Bank Holiday, particularly as we now have got such a great play area, and this is such a great place to live!

To do this will require a fair amount of preparation work and raising of finance, to pay for things like insurance etc

This will need people! Are you interested? Will you help?

Get in touch with me markdavis1@btconnect.com or phone on 07802733975.

Happy New Year. Mark Davis

CHESTER GREEN METHODIST CHURCH

Sun 1Feb 11am Communion Service with separate children's activities during part of the service

Sun 22 Feb Messy Church 10.30am Breakfast 11am Informal café style service. All in the hall. Informal, all age, everyone welcome!!

Chums parent/carer and baby/toddler group – 10am-12.00 Mondays – new faces always welcome. Come along for a cuppa, a chat and some playtime for your little one. A warm welcome awaits you!

Follow us on Facebook – Chester Green Methodist Church.

COMMUNITY GROUP NEWS

Saturday 28th February - Family Quiz and Games Night

We are looking forward to welcoming all our friends, old and new, back to the Centre for our first event of the year on the 28th February – A Family Quiz and Games Night, hosted by our friend and local quiz expert, Rhian.

Admission is from 6.30 for a 7pm start and costs £1.50 for adult members, £2.50 for non members, 50p for member children, £1 non members, with under 5's free. Everyone who came to our first Family Quiz Night last year had a great time so come and join us again, there's something for everyone! (The bar and tuck shop will be open of course)

Weekly Activities open for new members

Monday	Yoga with Sheila 6 – 7.30 pm, Zumba Fitness 8 – 9pm
Tuesday	Shortmat Bowls (Oct – March) 10 – 12.00 Barbershop Choir 7.15 – 10.00 pm
Wednesday	Yoga with Jean 10.00 – 11.30 Dancing 7 – 8pm
Thursday	Parkinsons Singing group 1 – 3pm Pink Punch Fitness 5.45 – 7pm 2 nd Thursday – Philatelic Group 7.30 – 9.30pm 3 rd Thursday – Local History 7.30 – 9.30pm
Friday	Baby Sensory 9.30 – 12.30
Saturday	“Tiddlekicks” 9 – 12.00
Sunday	Luna y Molino Tango (1 st & 3 rd Sundays) 5 – 7pm

LITTLE CHESTER LOCAL HISTORY GROUP

The Harmonious World of Ronald Binge

Come and join us for our first meeting of 2015 on Thursday February 19th at 7.30pm in Chester Green Community Centre, Old Chester Road, Derby, when Dave Perry will replace Liz Keeley and talk about Ronald Binge, the composer from Derby. Everyone welcome. Admission non-members £2. For further information Tel. 01332 559615.

ST PAUL'S CHURCH - CHESTER GREEN

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

Sun 1 Feb	10.00 am	Soul Breakfast in the Church Hall
Sun 8 Feb	10.00 am	Contemplative Communion
Sun 15 Feb	10.00 am	Soul Sanctuary
Sun 15 Feb	8.00 pm	Soul Café—music, poetry, coffee and cake
Sun 22 Feb	10.00am	Holy Communion and Baptism

All are very welcome!

£1200 raised for Chester Green Defibrillator!

A **MASSIVE** ‘thank you’ to everyone who contributed in any way to helping the **Coach and Horses Charity Committee** raise a **RECORD** Amount in the Christmas Prize Draw – **over £1,200!**



This was achieved by a combination of people buying ‘squares’ and personal (anonymous) cash donations.

Of course, thanks must also go to anyone who contributed a prize because, without those prizes, the draw couldn't go ahead.

We are now in the process of applying to the British Heart Foundation for a Personal Access Defibrillator (or more than one, given the amount raised) to be placed in the Chester Green area, as well as waiting for advice from the East Midlands Ambulance Service on the best location for the PAD.

We will keep you updated on our progress in future newsletters.

Smile - does this sound familiar?

T'was the month after Christmas and all through the house
Nothing would fit me, not even a blouse.
The mince pies I'd eaten, the eggnog I'd taste.
All the holiday eating had gone to my waist.
When I got on the scales there arose such a number!
When I walked to the shop (less a walk than a lumber).
I'd remember the marvellous meals I'd prepared
The turkey, the bread sauce, the trimmings we'd shared,
The wine and the chocolates, the biscuits and cheese
And the way I'd never said, "No thank you, please."
As I dressed myself up in my husband's old shirt
And prepared once again to do battle with dirt---
I said to myself, as I only can
"You can't spend a winter disguised as a man!"

So--away with the last of the sour cream dips,
Get rid of the fruit cake, the desserts and the chips
Every last bit of food that I like must be banished
‘til all the additional ounces have vanished.
I won't have a biscuit --not even a lick.
I'll just have to chew on a celery stick.
I won't have hot puddings, or pizza, or pie,
I'll munch on a carrot and quietly cry.
I'm hungry, I'm lonely, and life is a bore---
But isn't that what January is for?
Unable to giggle, no longer a riot.
Happy New Year to all and to all a good diet!