

## ST PAUL'S CHURCH - CHESTER GREEN

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

June 7th	10.00am	Soul Breakfast. Family service in the Church Hall
June 14th	10.00am	Contemplative Communion
June 21st	10.00am	Soul Sanctuary
June 28th	10.00am	Holy Communion with Baptism

### The Big Toddle

Come and bring yer pirates and ship mates along to this year's BIG TODDLE on the green on Monday 27th July from 10am! Join us for fun n games, a treasure hunt and pirate bootie all in aid of Barnados. Help us smash our target of £200 raised :- ) for further information contact

[Rach.Wiggins@googlemail.com](mailto:Rach.Wiggins@googlemail.com)



### St Paul's Pre-school Playgroup

Weekdays 9.00 am – 4.00 pm in the Church Hall. Please let your friends and family know about this very happy and caring Playgroup as places are available. Offers Education vouchers offered for up to 15 hours free education for 2, 3 and 4 year olds as supported by Derby City Council. Contact Jo on 07803 246488 or email or <http://stpaulsplaygroup.co.uk>. Also running a *Holiday Club* Wed—Fri in August

### Smile - The Great Piano Escape

Little Ben came into the house with a new harmonica.

'Grandpa, do you mind if I play this in here?' 'Of course not, Ben. I love music. In fact, when your Grandma and I were young, music saved my life.' 'What happened?'

'Well, it was during the famous Chester Green Flood of 1965. Grandma got on the dining room table and floated out safely' 'How about you?' 'Me? I accompanied her on the piano!'

(With apologies from the Editor who knows that flooding is a serious business but she is getting desperate for jokes!)

### Duck Race Saturday 13th June 11am-3pm



Come along to Cathedral Green (by the Silk Mill) to see thousands of rubber ducks race down the river Derwent to raise money for Sight Support Derbyshire, helping local blind and partially sighted people of all ages.

Event starts at 11am with stalls etc, duck race starts at 1pm with winners announced at 2pm. If you would like to enter a small duck into the race come along and buy your duck ticket before 12 noon for £1.

If your business, group or organisation would like to sponsor a giant duck in the race contact Sight Support Derbyshire on 01332 292262. For £30 you can sponsor a giant duck which you can decorate to enter the Best Dressed Duck competition as well as entering the race. See you there!

## Little Chester News Letter June 2015

# Summer Fete & Bake-Off

**Saturday 20 June**  
**2.00 pm Community Centre, Darley Fields**  
**Free Admission. All welcome!**



Stalls. .Cakes. .Crafts. . Refreshments . . Tombola. . Bouncy Castle (if fine!)  
Licensed bar . . Plus Entertainment by Folk Frenzy\*

*Want to show Chester Green that you haven't got a soggy bottom?! Well why not enter your own cake in our "BAKE OFF" competition to win a prize! There are two categories, Junior (under 12's) & Senior.*

**To Enter:** deliver your cakes to the Centre by 2.30pm, labeled with your name and category group.

**Criteria:** juniors - 6 cup cakes; seniors - large sponge cake.

**Judging based on** – Taste, Texture, Presentation and Creativity. Bake Off entries will be auctioned after judging if you wish. So...get baking for Chester Green!!

**Crafts to sell? rent a stall at our fete for £10 - Call: 07932 941 576**

[www.chestergreencommunitygroup.yolasite.com](http://www.chestergreencommunitygroup.yolasite.com) (we still have a few spaces left)

**LETS MAKE THIS OUR BEST EVER FETE!!**

\*Young People's amazing folk dance group

### **Chester Green Community Group AGM**

I know you are busy (!) but please please support us by attending on Thursday 4th June at 7.30 for 1 hour max!!

### **Well Dressing Friday 5th June**

St Paul's Pre-School Playgroup are making the well-dressing the week beginning 1st June and it will be displayed at the Marcus Street Well on Friday 5th June, with a blessing at approx 1.30pm. The Well dressing will then be displayed at St Paul's church over the weekend. All are welcome to join us at the Well, and any willing volunteers who would like to help decorate the board please contact Rachel on 07968024071 or [Rach.Wiggins@googlemail.com](mailto:Rach.Wiggins@googlemail.com)

### **Neighbourhood Forum Wednesday June 3rd**

Forum with council officers - chance to find out about the future of the area and make your voice heard . **See Overleaf . . . . .**

## LITTLE CHESTER RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

### Neighbourhood Forum at St. Paul's Church on June 3rd 2015 7.00pm

The Forum is a public meeting attended by Ward Councillors, Neighbourhood Police and other agencies. There is an opportunity to ask questions and hear about what is happening in Darley Ward.

There will be updates by council officers on **important issues affecting Chester Green.**

- City Road regeneration/development opportunities
- Flood defense proposals
- Parking and Garages

It would be good to see as many residents at this Forum as possible, to show the council that we care about the future of Chester Green.

### Conservation Area matters

If you are new to Chester Green, you may not be aware of the regulations which are in place to protect Little Chester Conservation Area. The Council makes an 'Article 4 Direction' which means that, by law, you need planning permission to carry out certain types of alterations to any part of your property that faces any road or highway. Note: Some pedestrianised areas in Little Chester are still considered Highways.

In Little Chester, you may need planning permission to change or replace:

- windows
- doors, and
- roof materials

You will need planning permission to:

- paint or render stonework or brickwork

that hasn't already been painted or rendered

- install a flue, chimney or soil and vent pipe on the part that faces a road/highway
- hard surface any part of your property at the front of your house.

You must **not** install an aerial/antenna/satellite dish on a chimney, wall or a roof slope that faces, and can be seen from, any road.

There's **no fee** for a planning application for works that are affected by the Article 4 Direction.

Please be aware that the Council have enforcement powers to make property owners remove unapproved installations which could prove costly. Also, any enforcement orders remain on a property, so can cause problems when selling your property in the future.

If you don't know whether or not you need planning permission, or have any questions, please contact the Council's Built Environment Team on: 01332 640809 or email [built.heritage@derby.gov.uk](mailto:built.heritage@derby.gov.uk).

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](mailto:lcnewsletter@btinternet.com). Please submit by 19th of the month. Thank you!

## CHESTER GREEN METHODIST CHURCH

- Sun 14 June 11am Service with children's activities during part of service. Everyone welcome
- Sun 21 June Fathers Day Messy Church – Why not come along and bring your dads, granddads, uncles or just yourself! Breakfast 10.30 (tbc but most likely dad's favourite, hot sausage cobs) followed by an informal café style service in the hall at 11am, with a welcome return of 'dad's corner' from last year with comfy armchairs and papers. Everyone welcome!
- Sun 28 June 6pm Sankey Songs of Praise service
- Sun 5 July 11am Communion service with activities for children during part of the service

Chester Green Chums Parent and Baby/Toddler group meets every Monday in the hall from 10-12. A great opportunity for some mutual support for parents, a cup of tea and a chat, and lots of toys for your little ones. New members always welcome.

## The Tale Of Two Strimmers

It was the day before the election, I'm sure you remember it well. It started at around 10.00 in the morning, when I again noticed that the grass in the front garden of Camp Street was reaching the height that would risk losing the occasional sheep, let alone a Poodle or Chihuahua.

Oh well, drop an email to Streetpride, see what happens.

Around midday, the sound of angry buzzing permeates the consciousness. A look out of the window, and what is to be seen but two guys in what seems like space suits, (helmets, face masks, body armour, heavy boots) standing in the middle of the GARDEN flower bed, strimmers in full flow, demolishing shrubs, flowers, herbs, in fact everything. The grass is looking great, though!

An urgent face to face discussion ensues, when it is explained that they may have been strimming above and beyond the normal limits that are expected.

A mumbled apology, and they disappear! To put it mildly, an air of despair ensues. The hours of work that have been put in, the donated plants, all demolished.

However, an outpouring of grief and anger in an email to the Neighbourhood Manager, copied to our local Councillors, produced a reply within half an hour from one of the councillors echoing my despair and promising action. Within an hour a phone call ensued from a senior officer of the Parks department, full of apologies and a determination to correct the dreadful error that had occurred from the contractors that had been allocated the strimming job.

By 5.00pm, an expert from Derby City Council Parks visits the site, and to say that he is in shock is an understatement. We have a lot of head shaking, muttering, sighing and shrugging of shoulders and then a decision is made. Firstly, the accumulated debris will be cleared as soon as possible. Then wait for a couple weeks to see if anything re-grows. Whatever has perished will be replanted by the council themselves, and it will be made as good as new!