

LITTLE CHESTER RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Recent legislation on invasive non native plants

People who fail to control plants like *Japanese Knotweed* in their gardens can now be prosecuted and fined thousands of pounds for anti-social behaviour according to new Home Office rules.

Japanese knotweed lies dormant in winter but spring sees its reddish-pink buds starting to sprout from a lime-green bamboo-like stem. When summer arrives it can grow a foot a week with some plants ending up seven feet or higher, strangling other plant life in the garden.

But the real devastation is underground.

The plant spreads through modified underground stems called 'rhizomes' which can spread out 7m horizontally and compromise the structure of foundations and walls.

And that's why mortgage lenders don't like it – they are reluctant to lend on properties with potential structural problems. Until the property is certified clear of the weed there will be an effect on its saleability and value.

Getting rid of the weed is a job for professionals in order to prevent the weed from spreading. Any firm you hire should be a member of the Property Care Association and offer a guarantee the weed will not return – most lenders insist on this guarantee before making a mortgage offer .

1965 Derby Floods film

An interesting film about the impact of flooding on Chester Green in 1965 is available to view on the internet. The introduction to the film says:

"The flood water on Mansfield Street reached a height of three feet on 10 December 1965. By 21 December, when this report was broadcast by ATV Today, the water was gone but the clean up operation was still underway as families prepared for the festive season. Reg Harcourt asks local people what they lost in the disaster and how it will affect Christmas".

You can view this film at <http://player.bfi.org.uk/film/watch-derby-floods-1965>

Speed Calming

A working party has been formed by the Darley Ward Neighbourhood Board to review the effectiveness of the 20 mph speed limit scheme introduced earlier this year on roads in the City Rd/ Old Chester Rd triangle in Chester Green.

The working party comprises of Darley Neighbourhood Board members; Ward Councillor Jack Stanton, LCRA representative Andrew Meehan, local resident Mark Davis plus a DCC traffic engineer.

If there is a consensus view that there are still speeding problems in the area, a resident consultation will be arranged with the view to implementing physical measures to reduce speeding, subject to local resident support.

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 lnewsletter@btinternet.com. Please submit by 19th of the month . Thank you!

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The Big Toddle

We had a great turn out for the Barnados big pirate toddle on Monday and raised a huge £169 on the day. Great example of the local community coming together with chums baby/ toddler group, St Pauls Pre School Playgroup and Sunny Days nursery joining together. Sponsor money is still coming in .. People can help us smash our target of £200 by sponsoring us on our page [http:// tinyurl.com/ChumsToddle2015](http://tinyurl.com/ChumsToddle2015)

On the Back Page

Mansfield Street in the '65 floods.

And the perils of Japanese Knotweed!



St Paul's Pre-School Holiday Club.

Holiday club will be running each Wed-Fri in August. Open 8.00am to 4pm. Contact Jo on 07803 246488 or email or <http://stpaulsplaygroup.co.uk>. Prices from £10.50



Bush Craft	Pond dipping, den building, trips to parks, camping!!
Derby Week	Library, museum, treasure hunt.
Super Science	Experiments here and to take home!!
Pirates & Princesses	Dress up, crafts, make a film!!

Coach and Horses Bank Holiday Fund-Raising

So the Bank Holiday weekend arrived and the Coach and Horses music event arrived. This year it was decided to try and raise some funds for a local good cause whilst having a great time, and when we heard that the roof at St Paul's Church was in need of repair we thought that we would like to help.

Raffle tickets were printed, plans were drawn up, and off we went. Up to and through the weekend raffle tickets were on sale, with the promise of a cash prize.



The main focus of the weekend was music, with the usual Karaoke on Saturday raising some welcome funds, but the Monday afternoon was very special, two excellent bands played, a great crowd filling the car park of the Coach in the dry weather listening to fine music, and having the opportunity to support our chosen cause.

As a bit of a change, a skittles match to inaugurate the new skittles alley was organised on the Sunday afternoon, with an open invitation to everyone to come along and have a bit of fun, and help support our local community. Over 20 people came along, and a great time was had by all that joined in.



COMMUNITY GROUP NEWS

Community Centre Darley Fields

It was good to see everyone who came to our disco/membership night on the 20th July, especially those new residents who hadn't been to the Centre before - we look forward to seeing you all at our future events.

Thanks to Bruce for doing the disco and games and anyone else who helped in any way, it is appreciated!

You can still join or renew your Community Group membership by downloading the Membership Form from our website: chestergreengroup.yolasite.com, completing it and returning it with the fee either through the secure Centre letterbox (at Darley Fields), to 117 City Road or 1 Marcus Street. Alternatively, please ring us on 07527 603057 to request a form. We will then issue you with membership card.

We recommend doing this as soon as you can to get the best value from your annual membership; we charge a reduced admission price to our evening events and members receive a discount when hiring the Centre for parties etc. Our annual panto "Aladdin" performed by the professional group, "Pocket Panto", is on the 26th September and due to its popularity we prefer people who want to renew their membership or join for the first time to do this before the night.

Smile - More GCSE Questions and Answers

Q. What guarantees may a mortgage company insist on?

A. If you are buying a house they will insist that you are well endowed.

Q. What is the fibula?

A. A small lie

Q. What is the most common form of birth control ?

A. Most people prevent contraception by wearing a condom

Q. What is a seizure?

A. A Roman Emperor

CHESTER GREEN METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday 2nd August: 11am Service with separate activities for children during part of the service. Everyone welcome.

Chester Green Chums

Sorry no Chums during August but little ones and their mums (dads/grannies/grandpas etc etc!) all welcome back *Monday 7th September*.

Come and join us from 10-12 every Monday. We're a friendly welcoming bunch with lots of toys to play with, fairtrade tea/coffee and usually something nice to eat too! We're hoping to have a photographer there on Monday 7th for anyone who wants to have their child's photo taken. Siblings welcome too. No obligation to buy - just there if anyone wants to take up the offer.



ST PAUL'S CHURCH - CHESTER GREEN

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

St. Paul's Services

August 2nd	10.00am	Holy Communion and Baptism
August 9th	10.00am	Contemplative Communion
August 16th	10.00am	Soul Sanctuary
August 23rd	10.00am	Holy Communion
August 30 th	10.00am	Holy Communion – joint service with St. Barnabas

Good News on the River Bank?

Has anyone noticed that there seems to be much less Himalayan Balsam along the river bank walk this year? This two metre tall pink flower import seemed have taken over the river side near Parkers Piece in previous years, crowding out the native plants.

Has anyone else noticed and can anyone cast any light on how it happened? If so it would be great to hear from you and share the news in a future news letter?

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LITTLE CHESTER HERITAGE CENTRE

St. Paul's Church, Seale Street, Derby.

Open every Sunday 2-4pm.

During July and August we have an exhibition of historical Exeter House in Derby, which stood on the site of the Local Studies' Library (formerly Magistrates' Court). This is where Prince Charles Edward Stuart held his Council of War before his retreat to Scotland in 1745. The last owner W.E Mousley was Mayor of Derby when the 'Street Football Match' was banned in 1845. After his death, the house was demolished as revelations about his 'sharp practice' as a solicitor were revealed.

In August, activity sheets on Roman History will be available for parents and children to complete together.

Admission is free and refreshments are available. For further info: Tel. 01332 363354

Another Smile

Q: What is heavy forward but not backward?

A: Ton

Q: What do you call an alligator in a vest?

A: An Investigator

Q: What do you call a pile of kittens

A: a meowntain

Q: How do you organize a space party?

A: You planet

“A plateau is the highest form of flattery.”

“They all laughed when I said I wanted to be a comedian. Well, they're not laughing now.”

“It's hard to explain puns to kleptomaniacs because they always take things literally.”

“My dyslexia has just hit a new owl.”