

LITTLE CHESTER RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Flood Defence Plans Approved

The ten councillors on the Planning Control Committee unanimously approved the Flood Defence planning application on 15/10/15. The Council /Environment Agency Partnership, OCOR, say that completed flood defences will **reduce** flood risk from 4% to 1% per annum for City infrastructure and for 2000 properties (many of which are in Chester Green).

Improved flood defence to this standard was a stipulation of the 'Flood Re' insurance agreement between the Government and ABI (Assn. of British Insurers) . **The Flood Re scheme will guarantee affordable flood insurance for the majority of homeowners in flood zones.** Unaffordable flood insurance premiums would have had a devastating effect on the value and saleability of homes in flood zones. Latest estimates are the Flood Re insurance scheme will start in April 2016.

Car Parking During Flood Defence Work

OCOR have clarified that:

- the large council car park on City Rd will be used as a site compound;
- the tarmac tennis courts will be used for parking for visitors to the Playing fields and Community Centre (as current parking will be lost during construction work);
- The garages/parking area behind Marcus St. will **not** be used as a site compound, but OCOR are considering how they can create additional parking capacity in this area, possibly by removing trees and or garages;
- A resident permit parking scheme for Chester Green is being considered.

The Residents Association are in discussions to try to ensure that disruption to resident parking provision is minimised.

Chester Green Bowls Club closes

Sad news that Chester Green Bowls Club has closed down after 93 years.

The members had decided that 2016/17 was to be their last season. This was because the green maintenance costs had become unsustainable following council subsidy cuts. The recent decision by the council to not provide a replacement green before the current green is removed due to flood defence works, would have left the club without a local green from now till probably May 2018. This has prompted the club members to decide to close the club down now, rather than next year.

The approved Flood Defence plans provide for a relocated bowls green on Darley Fields. However an OCOR "sports provision mitigation" report states that if the bowls club dissolves before a replacement green is constructed and a need can't be established, they may consider not replacing the bowls green.

Bowls is a leisure activity that has particular benefits for the wellbeing of older people. The possible option of a low maintenance artificial surface green and the nearing completion of the large council funded complex of over 50's apartments near Handyside Bridge, could mean a small bowls club would be viable in Chester Green in the future. The LCRA has expressed concerns to ward councillor Jack Stanton who has promised to look into the issue.

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

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Tiddlywinks Children's Nearly New Sale Chester Green Community Centre Saturday 21st November 2-4pm

Nearly new items for sale from maternity through to 12 years old. Come and grab a bargain. If you would like to sell your unwanted items please get in touch with Tiddlywinks on 07847 277518, by email tiddlywinkscnns@yahoo.co.uk or on facebook www.facebook.com/tiddlywinkscnns.

Refreshments and the tuck shop will be available during the sale.
This event is also supporting the Derby Royal Hospital Neonatal Baby Unit

Charity Autumn Fair at St.Paul's Church Hall Saturday 21st November 11am – 3pm.

Raffle, cake stall, Christmas card stall and various other stalls.

Tea and coffee, hot dogs at lunch time.

To book a stall please ring Marie on 07890 034898



Christmas Fair at the Methodist Church Saturday 28th November - 10.30-1pm

Come and join us for some festive fun for all the family!

Stalls, Cakes, Santa's Grotto, Crafts, Gold Rush Tombola, Face Painting, Raffle, Lucky Dip plus a whole Aladdin's Cave of nearly new baby/children's clothes/toys equipment at bargain prices PLUS don't forget to stay for lunch for one of 'Aunty' Rita's legendary Jacket Spuds!

Stalls still available for a donation of £5 - contact Abi on 01332 722488 for more info
Donations of nearly new children's clothes etc welcome - label with your name and price to receive 50% of sale price back to you, or simply donate items if you prefer. Please contact Abi on 01332 722488 re delivery of nearly new items - we need these in advance so we can set everything up ready for the day.

NO VOTE, NO VOICE

In the next 6 weeks up to 2 million people could drop off the electoral register. Why? Because the government has decided to bring forward the full introduction of the Individual Electoral Registration by 12 months to 1st December.

Designed to reduce fraud and make the electoral register more accurate, anyone whose details have not been matched with HMRC and DWP records has been asked to re-register, but this time by providing their National Insurance Number.

New voters were also required to register individually, thus ending the system whereby one person in the household could register everyone else. *The 2 million lost voters will be added to the 8 million eligible adults who are already not on the electoral register – equating to 19% of eligible adults not having the vote.*

In Chester Green we are planning a **Voter Registration Drive in November**. If you want to find out more or get involved please contact **Adrian (tel 723950)** or follow the link: <http://www.hopenothate.org.uk/vrdrive/>

CPR Training

Although only a small number turned up for the CPR Training session on Friday, October 16th, we all agreed that it was a very informative and enjoyable evening and that we learned a lot from it. We were all pleased to know that we passed and that we will receive certificates in due course. A big thank you to Steve Lees of EMAS who led the session and to the Methodist Church for the use of the hall.

Defibrillator ioutside the Coach and Horses

By the time you read this, the PAD (Public Access Defibrillator) should be in place on the external wall of the Coach and Horses facing Mansfield Road. It has taken a long time to get there, but a final big 'thank you' to everyone who helped raise funds for this important piece of equipment (although we'd like to think that it won't be needed!).

☺ First Smile ☺

Q: Why did the cow Jump over the moon A: Because the farmer had cold hands

Two antennas met on a roof, fell in love and got married. The ceremony wasn't much, but the reception was brilliant.

Coach and Horses Christmas Prize Draw 2015

It's that time of year again! This year, the Coach and Horses Charity Committee has chosen two beneficiaries for the funds raised through the Christmas Prize Draw: the **Skegness Children's Holiday Centre** and the local branch of the **PDSA**. **Both charities do sterling work on behalf of children and animals** and we hope that we'll be able to raise a magnificent amount to divide between them.

If you have any prizes that you would like to donate to the Prize Draw, please do pass them to any of the bar staff in the Coach and Horses. Prize Draw squares at £1 each will be going on sale later in November, so pop in to the Coach and buy a lucky square – or several!

ST PAUL'S CHURCH - CHESTER GREEN

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

Nov 1st 10.00am Soul Breakfast in the Church Hall
Nov 8th 10.00am Remembrance Sunday Holy Communion
Nov 15th 10.00am Soul Sanctuary
Nov 22nd 10.00am Contemplative Communion
Nov 29th 10.00am Holy Communion

Macmillan Coffee Morning St. Paul's are extremely grateful for all the support received again this year. We raised **£250** for this very worthy cause and had a really fun morning, we couldn't have done it without YOU. Many thanks. Marie

Church Roof Appeal - Thank you, Thank you, Thank you

After last month's Newsletter appeal, we have now raised **£2,151.44** this year. *Many, many thanks to all for their generous donations (some of them anonymous).* Marie



St Paul's Pre-School Playgroup

Small School Big Family

Caring and creative not-for-profit Pre-School in Seale Street Chester Green. Warm welcome awaits new children 2-4 years. Free government funded places available. To find out more, see www.stpaulsplaygroup.co.uk or ring 01332 347375

Book Chester Green Community Centre for your Party!

Don't forget you can book your party or start a new weekly group at the Centre, with discounts available for Community Group members and local residents. Check our website: www.chestergreencommunitygroup.yolasite.com.

☺ Second Smile ☺

What do most people do on a date? Dates are for having fun, and people should use them to get to know each other. Even boys have something to say if you listen long enough. -- Lynnette, age 8

STAFF REQUIRED FOR OCCASIONAL WORK AT SMALL LOCAL VENUE - TRAINING CAN BE GIVEN. PLEASE CALL JULIE ON 07527 603057 FOR DETAILS

CHESTER GREEN METHODIST CHURCH

Monday 2nd Nov - Chester Green Chums back after half term. 10-12 Parent/Carer and Baby/Toddler group every Monday in term times. A warm welcome awaits!

Sunday 8th Nov - Join with St Pauls for Remembrance Sunday

Sunday 15th Nov - 11am Communion Service with separate activities for children during most of the service

Saturday 28th Nov - our Christmas Fair—see front page!

Ballot on Speed Calming Coming Soon.

Results from the recent two week long speed surveys in Chester Green show that on average about 80% of drivers on City Rd. and about 70% of drivers on Old Chester Rd. were travelling over the **20mph** speed limit. On City Rd, on average over 300 drivers per day were travelling over **30mph** and a number of vehicles were doing in excess of twice the speed limit. One vehicle, on a Saturday afternoon, clocked up over **70mph!**

Having reviewed these statistics, the Darley Neighbourhood Board working party have agreed to arrange a ballot of residents living in the Old Chester Rd/City Rd triangle on whether they want to see a speed hump scheme installed on Old Chester Rd and City Rd. The ballot will most likely be held in November 2015 with a majority vote of respondents standing, as long as there is a minimum 10% response rate.

On advice from Council traffic engineers that heavy flood defence traffic could cause noise, vibration and damage to speed humps, funding will be ring fenced so that if residents vote in favour of speed humps, the scheme will be implemented once heavy flood defence traffic subsides.