

LITTLE CHESTER RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

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RESIDENTS' PARKING SCHEME

Council Letter

All properties affected in Chester Green in the City Rd and Old Chester Rd triangle, Vivian St., Roman Rd., Auriga Court, Drage St. and Caesar St. should now have received the letter from Derby City Council informing residents about the proposed temporary residents permit parking scheme to be introduced on 4th January 2016.

Flood Defence Disruption

The no cost scheme is intended to minimise disruption to residents and their visitors for the next two years during flood defence construction work which will result in the loss of several off street car parks.

The permit parking scheme will operate between 8am and 6pm, seven days a week. The "Access Only" restrictions on Chester Green Rd., Mansfield St., John Lombe Drive and Seale St. will be temporarily revoked during the scheme as the council

say the restriction will become redundant following the introduction of residents permit parking.

Six month Trial

Once the scheme commences there is a period of six months where residents and other members of the public have the opportunity to comment and object to the restriction. The council will then decide whether to make the scheme permanent, modify it or abandon it.

The letter says that the council will write again in early December informing how to apply for permits and providing more details on how the scheme will work.

Assurances to be sought

Having received no detailed discussion on the scheme, the Residents Association will be requesting assurances on issues including

- visitor access to residents,
- visitor access for churches, community centre and businesses
- multiple vehicle ownership

to ensure all issues have been properly considered and catered for in the proposed permit scheme.

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. Next deadline - 19th January. Thank you!

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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**Friday 4 December 10.00-12.00 St Paul's Church, Chester Green
All Welcome!**



A friendly venue for exploring creativity and learning new skills. Featuring tea, coffee and home-made cakes. No entry fee. This week - make a Christmas Wreath, or just pop in for a coffee. After Christmas, Café Create is open weekly in term time Friday Mornings 10.00—12.00.

CHESTER GREEN COMMUNITY CENTRE

Happy Christmas

Everyone at the Community Centre would like to wish our members and all local residents a very Happy Christmas. We have had some great times over the last year but it wouldn't be possible or worthwhile without your continued support and the help we receive from our regular friends. Looking forward to seeing you in 2016!



Quiz Night at the Centre Friday 15th January

Rhian will be setting the quiz again for our first event of the new year on Friday the 15th of January - doors open at 7pm for a 7.30 start (time to get the drinks in!). Admission is £2.50 per person with a prize for each member of the winning team - preferably 4 per team. We look forward to welcoming all the areas' regular "quizzers" and some "challengers" to make it a good night!

Christmas Prize Draw 2015 – Prizes Needed

A reminder that this year's Christmas Prize Draw is raising funds for the Skegness Children's Holiday Centre and the local branch of the PDSA.

If you have any prizes (big or small) that you could donate to the Prize Draw, please drop them off at the Coach and Horses.

Prize Draw squares are now on sale at £1 each, so come and buy a few (and hope that you don't win your own prize back!) and help us to raise an amazing amount for two worthy charities. The draw itself will take place on Monday, December 21st at 8 pm.

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- It is a good idea to have at least one ICE (In Case of Emergency) number in your mobile directory. The emergency services then know who to contact if you are in an accident or taken ill and unable to make the call yourself. You simply need to put ICE next to the name of the person you would wish to be contacted. You can have more than one contact by using ICE1, ICE2, ICE3 etc.

Advice given by Steve Lemas of East Midlands Ambulance Authority

Big Thank you to our Volunteers.

I don't know of many other areas with a local News Letter produced and distributed entirely by volunteers— something to celebrate about Chester Green, I think. It's only possible because of a super team of volunteers. So thank you, thank you to:

- Marie and Andrew - who print and fold the News Letter (all 800 copies!).
- And, just as important, Bev, Iris, Ali, Julie, Geoff, Sarah, Tom, Margaret, Bruce, Rachel, Michael, Shirley, Rhian, Laurence and Marie, who go out in all weathers to distribute it.

Christmas Quotes

"Maybe Christmas," he thought, "doesn't come from a store. Maybe Christmas ... perhaps ... means a little bit more!"

Dr. Seuss—The Grinch who stole Christmas



I heard the bells on Christmas Day
Their old, familiar carols play,
And wild and sweet the words repeat
Of peace on earth, goodwill to men! -
Longfellow

Heap on the wood! -the wind is chill
But let it whistle as it will,
We'll keep our Christmas merry still.
Sir Walter Scott

Santa has the right idea - visit people once a year! *Victor Borga*

ST PAUL'S CHURCH - CHESTER GREEN

Sunday 6th Dec 10.00 am Soul Breakfast Christingle Service in the Church Hall

Sunday 13th Dec 10.00am NO MORNING SERVICE

Sunday 13th Dec 5.00 pm Candlelit Carol Service with brass band.

Followed by refreshments and grand Raffle in Church Hall

Christmas Eve 11.00pm Midnight Communion

Christmas Day 10 am Soul Sanctuary

Sunday 27th Dec. NO MORNING SERVICE



St Paul's Pre-School Playgroup

Small School Big Family

St Pauls Playgroup is a caring and creative not-for-profit Pre-School in Seale Street Chester Green. Voted 'Outstanding' by parents (2015) Free places available.

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Smile

- Remember that the important thing is not what you give, or how you wrap it. The important thing, during this very special time of year, is that you save the receipt.
- Bloomin' Christmas, here again, Let us raise a loving cup
Peace on earth, goodwill to men - And make them do the washing up.
- I was going to exchange my brother one time after Christmas, but my Mum would never tell me where he came from. . . .

CHESTER GREEN METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday 6th December 4pm - Family Nativity Service with Children's Party afterwards

Sunday 13th December 11am - Carol Service with Mince Pies afterwards

Sunday 10th January 11am - Communion Service

A Resident reflects on Autumn in Chester Green

Autumn in Chester Green is quite a special time. We are so lucky to live in an area that is so much like the country, whilst being so close to the City.

Whilst some people find the massive influx of litter a problem when the trees shed their leaves, they can become quite a topic of amusement and entertainment. When the trees drop their leaves all at once, they accumulate in such a perverse way, leaving drifts two feet deep in places, and other parts completely bare. It brings such a smile to see grown men and women walking through these deep piles, kicking up the leaves and giggling like young children.

And then the perversity of nature strikes. StreetPride do a wonderful job trying to keep the pavements clear. Recently, they had spent a whole morning doing a tremendous job.

Then the wind blew again. Hard. By the evening the pavement by the bus stop was over two feet deep, and the leaves were dancing like dervishes. So amazing.

The following morning was even better. It seems that the wind genie had taken against one particular resident near to the Ale House. A high wall of leaves had arranged themselves around this resident's front door and side door, making sure that he could not escape without braving the malevolent wall.

Where else would this happen but Chester Green? I know of nowhere better, do you?

Mark Davis