

LITTLE CHESTER RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Residents vote in favour of speed humps

In the recent ballot of households in the City Rd/Old Chester Rd locality, 72% of respondents voted in favour of introducing a speed hump scheme on City Rd and Old Chester Rd to reduce speeding and accident risk.

The response rate, at 38% of households balloted, was twice that of the previous ballot, higher than many local elections and ballots of this type, and above the 10% minimum response threshold set by the Neighbourhood Board.

Due to the construction of flood defences, speed humps will be implemented once the main construction work in phase one has been completed or within two years whichever is sooner. Local Transport Priority funding for the scheme, approved by the Darley Neighbourhood Board is being ring fenced by 'Our City Our River' to safeguard it from any future council budget cuts. The implementation of speed calming will mark the successful conclusion of a long and hard fought campaign by the Residents Association to secure the funding and fulfil majority local wishes for a speed reduction scheme in Chester Green.

Sadly, a recent motor vehicle accident on Mansfield Rd involving three young children on the way to school highlights the risks and dangers in the area.

Flood Defence

The Residents Association have contacted ward councillor Jack Stanton, in an attempt to improve the poor communication and lack of consultation so far by the council's 'Our City Our River team'

Despite requests by the Residents Association prior to implementation,

there was no detailed discussion about the design of the parking scheme .

Notification of the start of tree removal was sent out by the project's communications officer **after** many trees had been removed. We asked why (and by what process) trees designated to be retained in the planning application have been removed. An example of this was the removal of mature trees at the entrance to City Rd car park. As yet we have received no convincing response.

A recent article in the Derby Telegraph reports that forecast completion of phase one of flood defence ie the Chester Green section, has been put back by a further six months to the end of 2018, due to legal issues relating to the development of the privately owned sites on City Rd.

We will keep you informed when we know more!

Garden City Tavern

A planning application (09/15/01196) was submitted in December 2015 for change of use of the public house to four apartments and erection of three mews apartments. A number of local residents commented particularly with concerns about the negative impact on parking in an already congested area.

The council's Highways dept. have raised no objections regarding impact on parking but the Drainage dept. have objected due to lack of safe exit in the event of a flood. However, they say they could support change of use to apartments once improved flood defences from the Our City Our River project are in place.

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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Save the Date - Street party on the Green - Sunday 12th June



Chester Greens' **Queens Birthday Bash** Sunday the 12th June from 2pm .
We hope that this will be a chance for the whole community to get together and have a good time!

LITTLE CHESTER LOCAL HISTORY GROUP

'Bradshaw's Guide'

A Talk by Robert Mee - Derby's answer to Michael Portillo?

Thursday March 17th at 7.30pm
Chester Green Community Centre Old Chester Road, Derby

Future Events

- 'The Duchess at Kedleston - Film Preparations' - an insight into film making, by Heather Herrington on April 21st.
- 'Derbyshire in the Civil War' - a talk by Brian Stone on May 19th.
- 'Life can be very funny - Humour and Nostalgia', by Pat Hall - June 16th.

All events are held at 7.30pm in Chester Green Community Centre, Old Chester Road, Derby and everyone is welcome. If you are not already a member of the Group, do come and join us. Annual subscription £7 or entry non-members £2.

First Smile - Free to Good Home ☺

This is Buddy. I bought him as a surprise present for my husband but it turns out he's allergic to dogs. So, unfortunately, I'm going to have to find a new home for him, and I'm just wondering if anyone out there can help. His name is Alan, he's 61, he's great at DIY, drives a nice car and plans good holidays.

Easter Prize Draw for the Tiny Tim Trust

A reminder about the Coach and Horses Charity Committee Easter Prize Draw.

If you wish to donate a prize for the Draw, please drop it in at the Coach before March 23rd, which is when the Draw will take place. Prize Draw squares are on sale for £1 at the Coach.

The beneficiary is the Tiny Tim Trust, a charity which we have supported before; it is run by unpaid professionals and volunteers, providing equipment and resources for children with special needs in Derbyshire.

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COMMUNITY CENTRE

Save the Date - Sat 16th April - Family Games & Quiz evening

An evening with a bit of all sorts included!! More details to follow

Venue for parties and clubs

Don't forget the Centre is a lovely venue to hold parties or can be used for a new club or activity you may want to start. Our hire charges are very competitive; Community Group members and local residents receive a discount on the Daytime Hire rates. For more info please ring 07527 603057, or email juliewilks81@yahoo.co.uk.

Our website: www.chestergreencommunitygroup.yolasite also gives details of the weekly programme of activities and clubs held at the Centre as well as Community Group news and updates.

ST PAUL'S CHURCH - CHESTER GREEN

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

March	6th	10.00am	Soul Breakfast in the Church Hall
March	13th	10.00am	Contemplative Communion
March	20th	10.00am	Palm Sunday Soul Sanctuary
March	25th	12 noon	Good Friday – an hour by the Cross
March	27th	10.00am	Easter Sunday Holy Communion

St Paul's Pre-School Playgroup Committee Needs YOU!!!

- Want to meet new people & make new friends?
- Want to develop new skills and build on those you already have?
- Want to make a difference to and support our playgroup?
- Want to play a more active role in your local community?



We are looking for new members for our vibrant committee!

Please tel. 01332 347375 or 07803 246488 or email stpaulspspg@googlemail.com

Chester Green Trees - An Opinion

I was in one of our esteemed local hostelrys during the last week, and a well known authority explained that the reason that all the trees had been cut down was to create an enormous pile of sawdust to act as the new £93 million flood defences! At last, a proper explanation that makes much more sense than all the others!

But seriously, hasn't it come as a shock to see all the beautiful trees cut down? Chester Green and the surrounding parks are world famous, and suddenly it all seems to be bare and flat. I think we had all not quite realised that this demolition would be a consequence of keeping us safe and dry.

Of course, this is the crux of the question. Nobody wants to be flooded out of their houses. In 2000 it got very close, and some

cellars on City Road were inundated. Having seen the desolation caused in the Lake District. Earlier this year, would we rather lose some admittedly beautiful trees, or have our houses ruined. I know what my (sad) decision is.

We have been promised replanting once the flood defence project is finished. I find the prospect of this rather exciting. We will have the chance to sculpt the future appearance and environment of an area that we know and love, and create a vision that will not be completed for generations to come. How often does this opportunity come around? We just have to make sure that our voice is heard, and that it counts. I believe there is a local election soon?

Mark Davis

Hedgehog Corner - March

If you live on the Old Chester Road or John Lombe side of the green, you could help hedgehogs this spring. Their lives are going to be disrupted by the coming flood defence work. If you want any advice (or practical help) to make your garden hedgehog-friendly, please contact me. *Sallyanne* 381315



Flood Insurance

From April 2016 a wider number of insurers will be able to offer you flood insurance as they will be using the Flood Re scheme (affordable home flood insurance). The British Insurance Brokers Association (BIBA) www.biba.org.uk has a 'find a broker' service and if you add your postcode, select that you require buildings/ contents insurance and that you are in a flood zone you will be shown a map with brokers who can help you.

Second Smile ☺ Strange place names

Great Snoring in Norfolk
Little Snoring in Norfolk
Beer in Devon
Maggots End in Hertfordshire
World's End near Birmingham

Blubberhouses in Yorkshire
Booby Dingle, near Hay-on-Wye.
Slackbottom in Yorkshire
Ramsbottom in Lancashire
And finally, Six Mile Bottom in Cambs

Local Residents Say Thank you

It may have not been the Oscar awards, but the scene was set for an occasion like a script for the popular TV series, "This Is Your Life". For residents of Chester Green the occasion was a surprise one to say "Thank You" to local off-licence owner Ms Assa Basi. Assa has been running the Chester Green News Off-Licence for over 20 years with some of the young adults who came to honour her saying that they were just babies when she started running the shop.

Thinking that she was coming to hear a presentation in the local Seventh-day Adventist Church, Assa made her way to the church. Opening the event Pastor Emmanuel Bran thanked the people in coming to the

church and using it for such a noble event and said that the church was there to work with the community.

Guest of honour, Derby City Mayor Cllr Paul Pegg, acknowledged how much at home and warm he felt in being in the church. He went on to say that it was such a good gesture that the local residents found it in their hearts to thank one of their own. The final master stroke was when he said "we are to honour a lady by the name of Assa Basi and I would like her to come up front please". The call for Assa was a big shock and surprise for her such that she found herself not being able to rise from her seat.

People who attended were treated to some refreshments with lots of samosas and spring rolls.
Michael

CHESTER GREEN METHODIST CHURCH

Sun 13 March 11am communion service with activities for children

Sun 20 March Palm Sunday Messy Church – 10.30 breakfast, 11am informal café service in hall