

Thank you from Little Pixie Productions

Becky and Helena from Little Pixie Productions would like to thank everyone who supported their Music Hall show at the community centre on 28th February. They were thrilled that through the generosity of all who attended or donated they raised £290. This will help them replace much needed items that were taken from them.

Many thanks to Darren and Jeremy from Pocket Panto who gave up their time for free and brought along their show. Also thanks to the committee for the use of the centre and to Julie Wilks, Tony and Christine who ran the refreshments on the day.

Our City Our River – Project Update

First report from 'Our City Our River' the Flood Defence Project Team , who have agreed to provide regular updates in the News Letter.

Work is now well and truly underway in the Chester Green and Darley Playing Field areas. We now have two site compounds set up; the main site compound is located on the former car park adjacent to Aida Bliss and Parker's Piece. We have also completed the tree and vegetation removal required before the next stage of work begins.

In the coming weeks, the first stage of the construction of the flood defence walls will start in Etruria Gardens. We are contacting residents about where work is due to take place near their properties.

Work has started on the archaeology work near the Chester Green Community Centre and this part of the project has been getting a lot of attention. We were pleased to see many local people contacting us to volunteer to help process the many artefacts being found in the trenches. We have also been getting quite a bit of coverage in the Derby Telegraph and on Radio Derby and we will be continuing to update you on the progress of the archaeology work as it progresses.

The next information drop-in session is at the **Chester Green Community Centre on Tuesday 5th April from 3.00pm to 6.45pm** and we will have some examples of the materials we will be using for the flood defence walls and there will be an opportunity to talk to the Our City Our River project team. Please come along and find out about the next stages of the project.

If you would like to find out more about the project, please contact Cassandra Carruthers, Our City Our River communications officer on 01332 643488 or email ocor@derby.gov.uk

You can also keep updated on the project by visiting the Our City Our River webpages at www.derby.gov.uk/ourcityourriver or follow us on Twitter and Facebook:



Our City Our River



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CHESTER GREEN COMMUNITY CENTRE

Family Games and Quiz Night

Saturday 16th April.

Come and pit your wits against each other in a fun way at the Community Centre, Darley Fields, on Saturday 16th April.

Doors open at 6.30 for a 7pm start and admission is just £1.50 for member adults, £2.50 non members, 50p child members and £1 non members.

Rhian will be the host, with some quiz rounds mixed in with other games, so there will be something for everyone, not just families!

The bar and tuck shop will be open as usual - looking forward to seeing you all.

Theft from Motor Vehicles – Police Advice

The police are receiving an increase in calls about offences relating to theft from motor vehicles in Darley and Allestree. In far too many cases the vehicles have been left with doors unlocked and insecure or valuables left on display.

- ♦ Always lock your vehicle and close windows ♦ Remove valuable items
- ♦ Remove any marks left on your windscreen made by a satellite navigation system

Smile - (What else can we do?)

It only rains twice a year in Derby - April to August , then September through until May. You know its spring in England - it's when the rain gets warmer.

**LITTLE CHESTER LOCAL HISTORY GROUP
'The Duchess at Kedleston - an insight into film making'**

Thursday April 21st at 7.30pm
Community Centre, Old Chester Road. Admission non-members £2. For further information Tel. 01332 559615.

**LITTLE CHESTER HERITAGE CENTRE
St. Paul's Church, Mansfield Road, Derby.
We re-open on Sunday April 3rd 2.00-4.00 (and every Sunday until end October), with an exhibition entitled 'Roman Derby revealed, Little Chester excavations past and present'.**

NB April 17th a talk by Joan D'Arcy about the excavations.

Future event - May 15th and 22nd an exhibition featuring **Chester Green Bowls Club**. Come and reminisce over a cup of tea. Everyone welcome. Admission free. Refreshments.

For further information Tel. 01332 363354.

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LITTLE CHESTER RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Residents Association Meeting with Our City Our River team

Representatives from the LCRA met with members of the OCOR team and Cllr Stanton on 16 March to discuss progress on the Flood Defence Scheme. They agreed to ensure on-going communication and consultation with local residents through:

- Regular Drop In sessions – the first is on **Tues 5th April between 3.00 and 6.45 at Chester Green Community Centre**. People are encouraged to come along to ask questions or raise concerns with members of the OCOR team
- Updates from the team will be included in our Newsletter (see back page)
- Weekly afternoon open office drop in sessions at one of the site offices in the compound on the car park.

The team responded to local concerns that the white hoarding around the site compound is both an eye sore and a target for graffiti. They are proposing to look into ways to soften it to make it blend into the area through colouring etc.

Publicly funded flood defences around Chester Green are projected to complete by March 2018. The team are aware of local concerns about the lack of any timescale for completion of *privately funded* flood defences on the former factory sites.

They are considering ways in which this might be included as part of the current work. They understand that a planning application is expected shortly for the Tomlinson's site but there are no current plans for the Aida/Bliss site.

OCOR will also try to make available information about flood defence/alleviation measures taking place upstream.

They will also look into making available 'What To Do In The Event of a Flood'

information for residents.

We asked if there had been any 'rethink' about our local scheme following the floods in other parts of the country over Xmas and New Year. They agreed to ask the Environment Agency for a response.

Finally we reiterated our concerns that any new residential developments on the former factory sites would not be covered by the national RE insurance agreement and the problems this would pose. The OCOR team agreed to look into this.

Consultation on City Road Factory Sites

Many residents are concerned about the type of development that might be proposed for the factory sites on City Road, especially the possibility of high rise, high density residential developments that have appeared in parts of Chester Green in recent years. These would be out of character of the area and would increase the volume of traffic using City Road.

We are therefore organising:

- A questionnaire to ascertain the views of residents
- A drop in session on **Thursday 14 April between 6.00 and 8.00pm at St Pauls Church Hall on Seale St**. Please make sure your views are heard!

Meeting with our MP

Amanda Solloway, Derby North MP accepted our invitation and came to Chester Green on 24/3/16 to discuss the flood defence scheme and concerns about the future development, timescales and insurance constraints of the two privately owned City Rd sites.

As mentioned above the two sites are key to achieving improved flood defence of Chester Green and many of the 2000 properties in Derby which are currently at risk of flooding.

Drop In Session run by Our City Our River

Tuesday April 5th at the Community Centre 3.00pm – 6.45pm.

See examples of the materials to be used in the Flood defence walls. Find out about next stages of the project from the Our City Our River project team

A chance to talk to the Project Management Team

Drop In Session run by Residents' Association

Thurs 14 April between 6.00 and 8.00pm at St Pauls Church Hall on Seale St.

Discuss concerns about the type of development that may be proposed for factory sites on City Road, especially the possibility of high rise, high density housing.

Make your views known to the Residents' Association

ST PAUL'S CHURCH - CHESTER GREEN

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

April	3rd	10.00am	Soul Breakfast in the Church Hall
April	10th	10.00am	Contemplative Communion
April	17th	10.00am	Soul Sanctuary
April	24th	10.00am	Holy Communion, with dedication of Abbie Liptrot

Queens 90th Birthday

All Chester Greeners, Friends and Families are invited to join together as a community to celebrate The Queens 90th Birthday with a **Street Party on Chester Green** on Sunday 12th June from 2pm.

Bring a little of what you fancy to eat and drink, and a chair, and join in the fun!

Any local offers of help or entertainment on the day would be gratefully received.

Please contact Rachel on 07968024071

Or email Rach.wiggins@googlemail.com

CHESTER GREEN METHODIST CHURCH

Chester Green Chums Baby/Toddler Group. No Group Monday 4th April. Back on Monday 11th April as usual 10-12. New families always welcome!

Sun 10 Apr Sankey Songs of Praise Service 6pm

Sun 24 Apr Messy Church 10.30am Breakfast 11am Informal café style service in the hall. All welcome!

SPLODGE MESSY PLAY

Chester Green Methodist Church, Mansfield Street, Derby DE1 3RJ

Starting Friday 15th April 2016 10.15am-11.15am 0-5 years. £4 per child £3 for siblings. Pay as you go sessions, although pre booking your place is essential due to limited numbers. email

splodgemessyplay@hotmail.com

Contact Laura 07516 685770 or Sarah 07940 022704

Second Smile

Noah called - he's picking us up in five minutes.

