

LITTLE CHESTER RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

2016 AGM

Little Chester Residents Association AGM will be held at **7.30pm on Tuesday 27th September at Centurion Walk Common Room on Old Chester Rd.** Please come along, to let us know your views and elect members so we can endeavour to do the best we can for Chester Green and its residents.

Late News on Planning Application

Planning Application 08/16/00951

Our City Our River (OCOR) has submitted an application to make various changes to the flood defence & infrastructure plans in Chester Green.

We cannot understand why there was no warning to residents about the application.

This meant that by the time we noticed the planning application with a closure date for comments or objections being September 1st there was only time to notify a limited number of local residents, but not all.

There is particular concern about two proposals in the application.

- The plan to tarmac over part of the Community Centre's garden and shrubbery area.*
- The plan to omit shrub borders in the Darley Playing Fields (DPF) car park in favour of low maintenance hard surfacing.**

Other amendments in the planning application include:

- Relocation of flood walls to avoid damage to Roman archaeology.
- Omission of a hard surface footpath on the crest of the embankment on Darley Playing Fields in favour of a grassed footpath due to potential uplift from shallow surfacing tree roots.
- Many of the brick wall piers and plinths to be omitted.

- Addition of a centre line of trees in the west side of the DPF car park.
 - A Geogrid surface (ie which grass can grow through) on the DPF smaller east side car park.
 - Enlargement of the Council's compound area.
 - Omission of the timber steps over the wall in the north west corner of City Rd car park; the maintenance ramp is believed to be sufficient having had its gradient reduced.
 - The replacement Bowls Green is still on the plans.
- * *The Community Group have since put in an alternative proposal to this proposal.*
- ** *Various individuals have put in requests that low maintenance shrubs be retained for the sake of wild-life.*

Garden City Tavern

Planning Application 09/15/01196

Approval has been granted to change the pub to four apartments and erect two (previously three) mews apartments. Previous objections on grounds of flood risk by the Council Drainage dept. and by the Environment Agency, have been withdrawn.

The Council say they believe it is unreasonable to apply current climate change criteria to flood risk calculation for a development of this size; and they now believe there could be safe flood evacuation from the flats (including two ground floor flats) in the intervening period prior to OCOR's completion of improved flood defences.

A number of residents had made objections, particularly regarding concerns about the impact on parking in Vivian Street. The two garages in the proposed development have had conditions applied to ensure they comply with planning guidelines on size.

Chester Green Community Group - Annual Pantomime

JACK and the BEANSTALK.

24th September
6.30 for 7.30
The Community Centre
Chester Green



By our favourite Professional Theatre Group, Pocket Panto.

Tickets on the door - £5 for adult members, £6.50 non members, £3 for member children, £4 non members and under 5's free! (members please bring your cards to receive the reduction). Doors open at 6.30 so there is time to get your supplies from the bar and tuck shop before the show at 7.30.

Joining the Community Group.

Thanks to our friends who have renewed their membership or joined for the first time. There is still time to do this BEFORE the Panto (not on the night). Costing just £2 for adults, £1.50 for senior citizens and 50p for juniors over 5 annually, you can see the benefits of joining in the reduced admission charge for most of our events. September to June we have our Halloween disco, children's discos, family quiz and games nights, adult quiz nights run by Rhian and hope to have a "live music" night later this year. Your family and friends are welcome at any event.

When you join the Community Group you don't have to DO or TAKE PART in anything - you can give your opinion

about how the Group and Community Centre is run and vote at our Annual General Meeting, its up to you.

You can join/renew by filling in the Membership form with this newsletter or download it from our website: www.chestergreengroup.com

Please post it, with the fee, through the secure letterbox at the Community Centre, Darley Fields, to 117 City Road or 1 Marcus Street. You can also ring 07527 603057 or email chestergreengroup@hotmail.com for a form or to enquire how to hire the Centre for your own event - discounts are offered for members and local residents.

Marcus Street

In last month's edition we thanked Walter and Gwen for the gardening they do on Marcus Street. Since then I have learned that several other residents in Marcus Street also contribute to making the gardens there look so lovely.

So thank you all, and here's hoping that some of us (including me!) living in other parts of Chester Green might be inspired by your team spirit!!

CHESTER GREEN METHODIST CHURCH

Services

- 4th September no service
- 11th September no service
- 18th September – Messy Church! Breakfast 10.30am, informal café style service in hall 11.00 everyone welcome – relaxed and friendly
- 25th September – 6pm Sankey Service – come along to sing all your old favourites
- 2nd October – 11am Church Anniversary Service followed by lunch in the hall

Chester Green Chums Toddler Group

Chums returns on Monday 5th September 10-12. Join us with your baby/toddler for fun, coffee and mutual support! New chums always welcome! We have a photographer there on Monday 5th – no obligation whatsoever – but if you do want your child's photos taken he will be happy to do so! Siblings also welcome for family group photos.

LITTLE CHESTER HERITAGE CENTRE

Little Chester Heritage Centre, St. Paul's Church, Mansfield Road, Derby. Open Sundays 2-4pm. Displays of Little Chester History from Roman Times onwards.

Exploring Victorian Chester Green

Having explored the many aspects of Roman History in Chester Green, we are now moving on to cover the Victorian era. On Sunday September 18th, Joan D'Arcy will give a talk entitled, 'Exploring Victorian Chester Green', at 2.15pm in the Centre. Free admission. Refreshments

Chester Green Victorian History Walk

Little Chester Heritage Centre, St. Paul's Church, Mansfield Road, Derby. Open Sundays 2-4pm. On Sunday September 25th 2-3.15pm there will be a walk round Chester Green with Victorian connections being indicated. The walk is 2.4km, on flat paths and costs £3 per person (school children free). We look forward to you joining us. For further information Tel. 01332 363354.

LITTLE CHESTER HISTORY GROUP

You would be very welcome to join us for our first meeting of the 2016-2017 season on Thursday September 15th at 7.30pm in Chester Green Community Centre, Old Chester Road, Derby, when there will be a talk by Jean Moore and her husband about, **'The History of Clowns and a make-up demonstration'**, which should be very revealing!! Admission non-members £2.

Why not take out membership which is £8 per annum - quite a bargain!

For further information Tel. 01332 559615.

To contact the Little Chester Residents' Association see website at www.littlechester.org.uk or ring Andrew Meehan 01332 298079

Smile ☺

Two flies are playing football in a saucer. One says to the other, "Make an effort, we're playing in the cup tomorrow." *Tommy Tiernan*

I've just come back from a Club 18-30 holiday. It lasted 12 years! *Tom Parry*

Did you know if you count the number of stars in the universe and compare that to the number of grains of sand on a beach, you can ruin a holiday? *Tom Neenan*

Went to my allotment and found that there was twice as much soil as there was the week before. The plot thickens. *Darren Walsh*

I wasn't sure about this beard at first but it's grown on me. *Tez Ilyas*

ST PAUL'S CHURCH - CHESTER GREEN

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

- September 4th 10.00am Soul Sanctuary
- September 11th 10.00am Contemplative Communion
- September 18th 10.00am Soul Sanctuary
- September 25th 10.00am Harvest - Holy Communion

Saturday 3rd September 10.00am till 3.00pm.

Do pop in and 'sponsor a slate' for £5 or if you've already sponsored us, call in for a natter and check your entry in the 'Book of Memories' (draft version). Refreshments available, for more details contact Marie on 01332 298079 or 07890 034898, look forward to seeing you.

Wednesday 28th September 10.00am – 12.30pm

Macmillan Coffee Morning in the Church Hall.

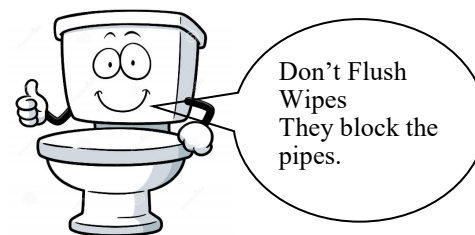
Please come and support this worthy cause, cakes, tea, coffee and a raffle

Saturday 15th October 2pm

Professional Puppet show in the Church Hall. Suitable for all ages, 2 to 92 !! Tickets Adults £5, Children £3, please ring Marie 07890 034898 to book.

St Paul's Road Pong!!

St Paul's Rd had to have Severn Trent out again to unblock the drains last week as the pong was bad and rising up through drains and manhole covers.



The Trent guys were great and managed to locate the problem on the main pipe and found it was a build up of wipes blocking the pipe. This is not the first time wipes have been the culprit, so to avoid a pongy problem please - don't flush wipes down the loo!!!

Rachel