

## LITTLE CHESTER RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

### Housing Development ex-Aida Site City Road.

Following the recent announcement that the Council have bought this site to build housing, the LCRA asked for an early meeting with the Council to understand their plans. We met with Ian Fullagar Head of Strategic Housing for Derby City Council and Chris Morgan, Principal Regeneration Manager on 26<sup>th</sup> September and this is what we were told:

- Plans are at a very early stage, but architects have been commissioned to come up with possible schemes.
- Initial plans are that the development will be low rise and that the factory frontage will be maintained.
- The initial intention is the use the site primarily for council housing with a focus on larger council properties, as there is a shortage of these in the city. However, the development may also incorporate some shared home ownership and some private housing."

We asked about the possibility of a school being part of the site but were told this was unlikely because of limited space on the site and the need to provide more housing in the city.

Ian Fullagher asked for immediate feedback from the Residents' Committee. We explained that, having

carried out a Residents Questionnaire in 2016, we know that residents see family housing as a top priority for the area but that we would like to see a mixed scheme on this site, including private homes and shared ownership. (In the Residents' Questionnaire family housing was the top of people's priorities for the site, whilst a high rise block of flats was at the bottom.)

Chris Morgan has agreed to share the architects' initial suggestions with the LCRA and promised that consultation will be carried out with residents.

We will report further as soon as we know more . . . .

### Flooding on Alfecton Road

The latest burst main on Alfreton Rd. has closed a section of the road for months, damaged a historic listed structure, caused major traffic congestion, disruption to bus services and the flooding of and financial impact on local businesses.

The LCRA has raised the issue with the local MP Chris Williamson and he has asked that STW confirm their plans for infrastructure replacement, their mains renewal policy and reassurance that burst mains will not continue to blight this area over the foreseeable future. Watch this space.

*To contact the Residents' Association please see the website [www.littlechester.org.uk](http://www.littlechester.org.uk)*

## Little Chester News Letter November 2018



### Chester Green's Christmas Window Trail



*Let us know by the 11th November if you can do a window!*

The decorated window trail will run from the 6th December to the 6th January but PLEASE let us know if you plan to take part by the 11th November by *emailing [chestergreenents@gmail.com](mailto:chestergreenents@gmail.com), ringing Rachel on 07968 024071 or at [www.facebook.com/chestergreenents](http://www.facebook.com/chestergreenents).*

Last year almost 30 homes and businesses decorated their front windows and there were beautiful lights strung between trees along St Paul's Road and on Camp Street so even people passing through could enjoy the festive display! People enjoyed following the window trail map and children searched for the hidden Christmas pud!



### TOY SALE

**Saturday 10th November 10am – 1pm**  
**Sale of good quality second hand toys.**

St. Paul's Church Hall, Seale Street, Chester Green  
Children's Books 10p each or 12 for £1, Crates of Toys £2 (including Pepper Pig, Bob the Builder). Dolls House & Furniture £5, Dolls Clothes 5p and many more bargains galore. Everything must go !!!  
Bringing your own carrier bags recommended

### Flood Defence—Update from “Our City Our River” Project

Works for November include:

- Final landscaping works and tidying site to completion.
- City Road car park will be brought back into service once remedial works are complete.
- Earthworks and landscaping will be completed at Darley fields bund and Duke Street for DCC's landscaping contractor to carry their works out on.
- Minor snagging works will be carried out along the flood defence but this will have very minimal impact and disturbance for the residents.
- Work to provide a secure parking

compound for Aida staff on City Road garage area will commence

- Tie ins between the old and new defence will be installed to ensure flood integrity once GBV leave site.

Work on installing the flood defences and demolition of buildings on the former Tomlinson's site is likely to commence in November. Flood defence work on the Aida site will start in January.

Full funding is in place for completion of the flood defences in Chester Green and should be completed in March 2019

*OCOR Project, Derby City Council*

### Note from Residents' Association

Residents have complained about the state of the brick work in the flood wall on City Road. We have therefore written to OCOR asking that the repair and repointing be done quickly before the cold weather sets in. They replied “GBV are aware of . . .the need to get the repairs done as soon as possible; this was discussed at a progress meeting this week. The repairs will be carried out at the earliest opportunity once we have completed the work to the tree pits”.

**Chester Green Seventh-day Adventist Church**  
**Save the Date. 14 Dec 2018: Annual Carol Service - 6:30pm.**

The programme will include readings, carols, and music to present the Biblical story of Christ's birth. Refreshments will be served at the end of the evening. Donations to this programme will go to Derby City Mission. This is programme is free for all to attend. Please come and enjoy the evening with us!

**Coach and Horses Christmas Prize Draw and Skittles Team**

**Prize Draw for London Road Community Hospital**

The Christmas Prize Draw is held in December and this year's beneficiary will be the League of Friends at London Road Community Hospital (LRCH).



*The Charity Committee has chosen this very worthy local charity because of the work it does raising funds to buy equipment for patients at the hospital, and which the NHS cannot fund fully.*

We are sure that many of you, or your relatives and friends, will have benefited or will benefit in the future from the services offered at the LRCH.

Items needed range from special wheelchairs and bladder scanners (£7,000 each) to oil paints and canvas (£200) to help with the recovery of brain-damaged patients.

The League of Friends is run entirely by unpaid volunteers and we would love to raise a substantial amount to help them. Prize Draw squares at £1 each will go on sale in November at the Coach and Horses,

and you can also help by donating prizes for the draw – hand them in at the pub at any time during opening hours. The draw takes place on December 20th, *so there's plenty of time to donate prizes and to buy squares and so help us to raise much-needed funds for this valuable community charity.*

**Skittles Team make National Press**

The Coach and Horses Skittles team appeared in the Sun in October having entered the competition for best pub team and local.

Friendliness and having a good time are the team's top priorities. Team organiser Mark Davis said "we play at the bottom of the Belper and District Skittles League. To be honest the top teams can be a bit serious. Thank heavens we don't have to play them and can have a chat and a laugh during the games."



The Sun reported that in spite of their relaxed attitude last year they improved on their usual position bottom of the league, propping up the rest, to a dangerously good third from last!

**St Paul's Rainbow Tots  
 Chester Green Baby/Toddler Group.**

For 0-5s and their parents or carers.  
*Newcomers always welcome!*

Mondays in term time  
 10.00 - 12.00  
 £2 per family



St Paul's Church Hall, Seale Street.

**MacMillan Coffee Morning**

Thank you to all the people who came to the Coffee Morning at the Common Room, Old Chester Road and to those who gave donations and brought raffle prizes, it was very much appreciated by everyone. We raised £218.00 for MacMillan Cancer Support which is great. Thank you all again for your kindness, from *Bev Hunter.*

**COMMUNITY GROUP NEWS**



**Good News !** Everyone who came to the Centre for the Circus Skills Night recently had a brilliant time. After demonstrations by ChangoFuego, adults and children were all up trying their hand at plate spinning and all sorts of other circus juggling tricks - it was really good fun and some of the youngsters were brilliant at it!



**Bad News !** However, for whatever reason, enough people didn't come along that night and we unfortunately incurred a substantial loss.

**Trying something new** We at the Community Centre try to vary our events so they don't become the 'same old, same old', and occasionally risk paying a professional performer to entertain us with something completely different. We are not in the business of making a profit so aim to keep admission prices as low as possible and get lots of feedback from people saying they've had a great time.

**November Live Music Cancelled** Therefore, we've reluctantly taken the decision to cancel the proposed Live Music Night in November as, there again, professional band 'Starscreen' who played at the Picnic on the Green, were booked to appear.

**Suggestions Welcome . .** We rely on the goodwill of a few people to compère our discos and other events but are always open to suggestions for something different. You can email us on [chestergreencommunitygroup@hotmail.com](mailto:chestergreencommunitygroup@hotmail.com) or use Facebook - we don't want to get to the point where we decide it's not worth putting social events on at what is YOUR local Community Centre!

**St Paul's Church, Chester Green (www.stpaulschestergreen.org/)**

*All services at 10.00am except for  
 Christingle at 4.00pm*  
 Nov 4 Soul Breakfast  
 Nov 11 Remembrance Service  
 Nov 18 Soul Sanctuary  
 Nov 25 Contemplative Communion  
 Dec 2 Christingle 4.00pm  
 (No morning Service)

**Remembrance Service**

10am 11 November  
 Remembering especially the many in  
 Chester Green who gave their lives.  
*Culminates in*  
 The Last Post and 2 minutes silence  
 round the War Memorial at 11.00 am

*Save the date.. .*

**Christingle 4.00pm  
 2nd December**

**St Paul's Church Chester Green**  
 Lovely candlelit service for all ages  
 and especially for children.  
 Please do come along.



**Recent Spate of Vehicle Crimes**

There've been several incidents of vehicle crime in Chester Green recently. A motorbike parked on Chester Green Rd was stolen; four Derby Homes' residents' garages on Old Chester Rd were broken into and bikes and property stolen. A caravan was stolen from the garages/parking area behind Chester Green Rd and a number of cars have been damaged by vandals. If you see anyone committing a crime or acting suspiciously do call the Police on 999 for an urgent response. Also The Darley Safer Neighbourhood Team can advise on security and can be contacted on 101.