

LITTLE CHESTER RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Flood Defence Scheme Design Concerns

Wall on City Road

You may have noticed that there is a low wall at the entrance to the strip of land between Parker's Piece and City Road. The Council had originally planned a high wall but Historic England had objected that this would reduce visibility of the walls and the Scheduled Ancient Monument Site.

As a Residents' Association, we were worried that the low wall (together with a proposed low gate) might encourage anti-social behaviour, graffiti and illegal access to the back of houses on City Road. We therefore suggested that high railed fencing and high gates be added.

The new proposal has been agreed by Historic England and the Council are now seeking planning permission for it. The higher railing and gates will still allow council vehicles access to the land to maintain the wall.

Design of Footpath near Handyside Bridge

We have raised safety concerns with the Council about the design of the recently opened Foot/Cycle path between City Road and Handyside Bridge.

Recently a toddler was seen climbing a low section of the steel clad wall; fortunately he was grabbed by his mother just before he reached the top, where there is a long drop onto the hard surface of the car park. On the other side of the path there is an even bigger drop onto Parkers Piece.

In another incident, a motorist driving along City Road narrowly avoided hitting a cyclist who exited the new path at speed. The hilly, smooth surfaced and un-segregated design of the new path encourages those few irresponsible cyclists to travel too fast along it, putting pedestrians, children, other cyclists and motorists at risk.

Darley Playing Fields Car Park

The Residents Association have written to the Council to express concerns about the design of the new car park. The low kerb and lack of barriers on the west side of the car park do not prevent vehicles driving onto the playing fields via the footpath. Also, the lack of barriers doesn't prevent parking vehicles intruding onto the footpath or vehicles overshooting the kerb and hitting pedestrians on the footpath.

The Residents' Association would like to wish everyone happiness in this season and every good thing in 2019.

To contact the Residents' Association please see the website www.littlechester.org.uk

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Chester Green's Christmas Window Trail

Please find your map enclosed (see the back of the map for where to find more copies). *Find the Christmas pud picture hidden in one of the decorated windows to be in with the chance of a prize!*

Thank you everyone for helping to make the area look really special, and to local businesses who kindly sponsored printing of the map.

HAVE A HAPPY, SPARKLY CHRISTMAS

from the Entertainments Team



ZUMBA AT THE COMMUNITY CENTRE



Contact 07840 447 024 or julie.zumba@hotmail.co.uk

Lamp Post Poppies

Many thanks to Rachel & Bruce Wiggins for organising the Lamp Post Poppies and putting them up. Also Bruce's band of helpers. The poppies were sponsored by generous residents, Chester Green Community Centre, Chester Green Entertainments Team and St. Paul's Church. Many thanks to all involved

Marie

St Paul's Church Chester Green

Christingle

2nd December 4.00pm

Lovely candlelit experience for all ages and especially for children.

Please do come along.



Carols by Candle Light

16th December 7.00pm

With Carols, readings and Brass Band

And hot drinks, refreshments and raffle in church hall afterwards.

Please do join us

News Letter Appeal

Friends - our funds for printing the News Letter will only stretch to another few issues !

The News Letter is produced and distributed by volunteers but costs £3 each month to print. It would be great if some of you could make a contribution (however small) to help us keep it going next year.

If you would like to make a donation you can post cash or a cheque (payable to Little Chester Residents Association) in an envelope marked 'Newsletter Donation' to 102 Chester Green Rd, 1 St Paul's Rd or 49 Marcus St. **Thank you.**

The Coach and Horses Christmas Prize Draw for London Road Community Hospital

Don't forget! The annual Christmas Prize Draw will be taking place in December at the Coach and Horses and this year's beneficiary will be the League of Friends at London Road Community Hospital (LRCH).

The League of Friends is run entirely by unpaid volunteers who give up their time to help people in the hospital community and we hope to raise a substantial amount to help them in their efforts.

Prize Draw squares at £1 are now on sale at the Coach and Horses, and you can also help by donating prizes for the draw – buy squares and donate prizes at any time during the pub's opening hours.

The draw will take place on December 20th, so there's plenty of time to donate prizes and buy squares and so help us to raise much-needed funds for this valuable community charity.



This very worthy local charity raises funds to purchase equipment for patients at the hospital.

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.

Chester Green Notice Board - Voting Results

Many thanks to everyone who voted about where the proposed Community Noticeboard should be placed.

We asked whether you would prefer it to be near the corner of City Road and Chester Green Road, or near Mansfield Road, not far from the existing Darley Open Spaces Board. Of the votes cast there was a very narrow majority in favour of the Mansfield Road option. Unbelievably the planning regulations insist that we secure Advertisement Consent (cost £485) before we can ask the Council to install the board, so there are still a few more hurdles to cross before the happy day when we do actually see a Community Notice Board on Chester Green.

Chester Green Seventh-day Adventist Church

Annual Carol Service

14 Dec 2018: - 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 iprogramme is free for all to attend. Please come and enjoy the evening with us!



We wish to extend our best wishes to the Chester Green community and surrounding area. We hope you will have a blessed, joyous, and safe holiday season with family and friends! Please remember all of those who might not be as fortunate as yourself.

All the best to you for the new year ahead as well.

COMMUNITY GROUP NEWS

Everyone at the Community Centre would like to wish all our members, local residents and our regular hirers, a very peaceful and happy Christmas.

Thank you to our friends who regularly come to the social events at the Centre - we are particularly grateful to Bruce, Rhian and everyone who helps in any way.



Dates for Next Year.

We have a **Quiz Night planned for Friday 8th February**, and a provisional date for a **Family Disco on the 16th February**. Confirmation and more details in the next newsletter due in February.

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

December 2nd 4.00pm Christingle (no morning service).

December 9th 10.00am Contemplative Communion .

December 16th 7.00pm Candlelit Carol Service with Brass Band. Followed by refreshments and raffle in Church Hall. No morning service on this day.

December 24th 11.00pm Midnight Communion.

December 25th 10.00am Christmas Day Soul Sanctuary.

December 30th No Service.



Six days Before Christmas

My hands were all shaky
My face had gone pale.
A letter from Santa
Just arrived in the mail.



It was handwritten
In old fashioned ink pen
It was handsomely printed
And dated Dec 10.

"Dear Calvin, it said
I'm writing because
This year I've repealed
My naughty/nice laws."

"I'm changing the rules!
The bad girls and boys
Will be, from now on,
The ones who get toys!"



Burp at the table!
Gargle your peas!
Never say thank you,
You're welcome, or please.

Talk back to your mother!
Don't do as you're told!
Stick out your tongue
At your dad if he scolds.

Drive everyone crazy,
I really don't care!
Act like a jerk,
Anytime, anywhere!

So now I implore you:
Be vulgar and crude!
I like it when children
Are boorish and rude.

Good little kids
make me sick, it's no joke.
Sincerely, signed Santa
. . .And then I awoke.

I hate being good
(Or trying to fake it)
6 days until Christmas
I don't think I'll make it.

