

## LITTLE CHESTER RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

### Micro Pub – Premises Licence Application

The consultation period for the premises license application for the micro pub at 4a Chester Green Rd ended on 8th October. 89 objections were submitted, on the grounds that; a music license would create a noise nuisance at night time to neighbours, particularly to families with children and the elderly; an Off License will encourage street drinking and noise disturbance during and after closing hours particularly on warm nights; that opening to 10.30pm (despite the Planning Control Committee conditioning closing at 10.00pm) will extend the noise nuisance to local residents and children sleeping; also that the sale of alco-pops and spirits is inappropriate in a pub of this type.

The Council's Environmental Health Officer also objected to a music license and the applicant withdrew his application for a music license on 8th October.

*P.S. The public hearing held on November 1st was attended by an LCRA committee member, to try to ensure conditions were attached to the license, to reduce nuisance to local residents. The three Councillors on the Licensing committee granted an alcohol and off sales license, with conditions that sale of alcohol must finish at 10.00pm with customers leaving by 10.30pm; N.B. If residents have complaints about noise or smoking issues they should ring Environmental Protection 642020 or Food & Safety 641555*

### 76% Rent Increase for City Road Council Garages

The LCRA have been sent a copy of correspondence from the Council's Estates Department, who manage the City Rd council garages. This confirmed their agreement with elected members from the previous administration, to phase in rent increases over 4 years to bring them in line with Derby Homes garage rents. The Head of Estates had forgotten that a council report had been written and that this agreement had been made last year.

As a result of our reminder, the Head of Estates latest proposal is (for existing tenants only) to increase rents by 36% in Nov 2012, a further 13% increase in April 2013 to £400 per year, followed by 13% increase in April 2014 and 13% increase in April 2015. They propose that new and existing residents who would in future like to rent a garage, will have to pay £468 per year (20% more than Derby Homes residents pay to rent Derby Homes garages). Our request to be told how many and which garages are currently being rented has not been fully answered, but it seems that only 9 of the 30 garages are currently being rented, with 2 tenants considering ceasing tenancy due to unaffordability. This would mean a vacancy level of over 70%. This conflicts with Estates saying there was a waiting list of 20 before 15 garages were repaired and the other 15 were being rented. In response to our questioning the legality of increasing rents by 76%, the Chief Legal Officer has replied that the City Council Chief Executive, Adam Wilkinson, has delegated authority to the Head of Estates (Steve Meynall) to decide rent increases on all council assets. There is no obligation to seek approval from or even notify elected members (i.e. Ward Councillors or the elected Leader of the Council) whatever the size of increase. As we believe the councils strategy will result in empty garages, lost revenue, more parking congestion and ultimately the demolition of these garages, the LCRA will continue to campaign for sensible pricing to increase utilisation and retention of this community asset.

## Little Chester News Letter November 2012

### CHESTER GREEN COMMUNITY GROUP

#### **HALLOWEEN**

Our Halloween party was a really great night with some amazing costumes, lots of good family games and a successful raffle. Thanks to everyone who came for helping to make it such a success; to Matt Chell for organising the games etc in his usual, inimitable style and all our volunteers who decorated the Centre and helped in any way on the night.

#### **CHRISTMAS PARTY Saturday 8th December:**

Get the festive season off to a good start with our Christmas Party! We have been able to book Ady, our former regular DJ, who I am sure many of you will remember.

Doors open at 7.15

Admission will be very reasonable at £1.50 adult members, £2.50 non members, 50p member children up to 16, non member children £1 and under 5's free, so you can come and have a good night out without breaking the bank. We hope we won't be in competition with the "X Factor" again this year (you can always record it) and look forward to having a good turnout for our last event of the year!

*If there is anyone who would be able to help on the bar occasionally we would love to hear from you (training could be given if necessary of course).*

#### **RETIREMENT GIFT FOR EDITOR**



Former Editor enjoys well-earned retirement in new recliner chair!

The Little Chester Residents Association would like to thank everyone who gave to the collection for our dear friend George Lord as a small "Thank You" for the thousands of newsletters he has produced over the years, and for all he has done for Chester Green. The collection raised £246 and he has put this towards a reclining armchair for his retirement. Thank you George, you will never be forgotten.

**From all your friends in Chester Green.**

Computer Workstation  
CWS60 LW  
(Version 2.1)



#### **FREECYCLE!**

3 tier computer workstation FREE to good home, complete with assembly instructions.

If you are interested please contact George Lord at No 10 Chester Green Road.

### CHESTER GREEN CHRISTMAS PANTO

At last, all can be revealed! This year's production is '**Dracula the Panto**', telling the **little-known story of when Dracula and his mother came to Chester Green.**

*But is Dracula the threat to Chester Green residents that his mother would like him to be?*

*Maybe he'd prefer a night in front of the telly with a nice cup of cocoa?*

**You'll need to come and see the production to find out the answers.**

**Dracula the Panto** will be performed on the **13th, 14th and 15th of December (Thur - Sat)** at 7pm in the Methodist Church hall, Mansfield Street. Tickets are held at last year's prices - £3 for adults, £2 for concessions (over 60, unemployed or 16 and under). Tickets can be ordered in advance by telephoning Rhian on 369336 or can be bought from the panto stall at the Methodist Church fair on November 24th. We look forward to seeing you there, as do Dracula AND his Mum.

### **Smile - Lost in translation**

Notice in a Hotel, Yugoslavia:

"The flattening of underwear with pleasure is the job of the Chambermaid"

On the menu of a Swiss restaurant:

"Our wines leave you nothing to hope for"

### **Garden City Re-opens**

Hayley Reece must be one of the youngest landladies in the country because, at just 21, she has taken over the running of the Garden City in Vivian Street. She and her father, Tim Reece, hope to make the Garden City the popular community pub it once was and would like to welcome all customers, old and new

### CHESTER GREEN METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday 4th Nov 11am Service  
Sunday 11th Nov Join with St Pauls for Remembrance Day Service at 10am.  
No Service at Methodist Church today.  
Sunday 18th Nov Messy Church – 10.30 breakfast, 11am informal café style service in the hall for all ages  
Sunday 25th Nov No Morning Service. 6pm Evening Service with Sankey Mens 'Choir  
*Please join us for any of our services – a warm welcome awaits you!*

### **Saturday 24th November 10.30-1.00 Christmas Fair!!**



Come along for bargains, Christmas presents, goodies and fun for all the family! Santa's Grotto, Gold Rush Tombola, Raffle, Cakes, Kids Activities, Gift Stalls, Hot Jacket Potatoes for lunch plus nearly new children's clothes/toys/equipment. Stalls still available to hire for £5 – contact Abi on 07729 509612 for more information. Donations of cakes, raffle prizes etc welcome. (No bric a brac on this occasion thank you.)

Also donations of baby/children's items for nearly new – 50% of sale price back to you if labeled with your name and a price. Contact Abi for more info. *Most importantly please come along and join in the fun - and encourage your friends and family to do the same!*

### ST PAUL'S CHURCH, - CHESTER GREEN

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| Sunday 4 <sup>th</sup> Nov  | Soul Breakfast (Church Hall)   | 10.00 am |
| Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup> Nov | Remembrance Service (with Holy Communion )Shared with Chester Green Methodist Church | 10.00 am |
| Sun 18 <sup>st</sup> Nov    | Soul Sanctuary & Baptism   | 10.00 am |
| Sun 25 <sup>h</sup> Nov     | Contemplative Communion  | 10.00 am |

**Soul Breakfast 4<sup>th</sup> November.** All very welcome – a light breakfast, good music, Sunday papers, a service with a difference, usually involving a couple of film clips. There is a supervised craft table for children.

### **Children's Disco at St. Paul's Hall**

A special disco at St. Paul's Church Hall **Saturday 17th November 2012**

6pm – 8pm. £2.00 per child. Dancing – Tuck Shop – Fun

Be there or be square!!

### **Preschool Playgroup Christmas Fair on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> December in the Church Hall.**

Stalls, Refreshments, visit from Santa. Everyone welcome.

### **Rolls-Royce Ladies Choir – Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2012 – 7.30 pm in the**

**Church.** There will be the usual raffle and refreshments . Tickets £5.

Everyone welcome.

### **Flowers**

If anyone would like to place flowers in Church in memory of a loved one, please contact Marie on Derby 298079 to arrange a suitable date & time.

### **Share a Prayer**

If anyone would like prayers said in Church for themselves, family or friends, please place a note through Marie's door (102 Chester Green Road) and she will arrange for your loved ones to be mentioned in Sunday Prayers.

Both these services are available to all the Community of Chester Green, you don't have to be a member of our Congregation, (although we would love it if you did want to join us).

*St. Paul's would like to take this opportunity of thanking everyone who supported us for the Concert on the 19th October with a special "thank you" to the band, "Redemption". It was a lovely evening and raised £256 for St. Paul's.*

### LITTLE CHESTER HISTORY SOCIETY

**ON THURS NOV. 15TH** - A TALK BY NICK CLARKE - ONE OF OUR MEMBERS - ABOUT THE **CENTRAL SCHOOL AND ITS LINKS WITH CHESTER GREEN.** WHAT DO YOU REMEMBER?!! - WE PROMISE AN EVENING OF REMINISCENCES! PLEASE NOTE for this month only we are meeting at 7.30pm in **St. Paul's Church Hall, Mansfield Road**, which is adjacent to the church, with parking nearby. Admission non-members £2. For further information Tel. 559615.