

Little Chester Local History Group

Thursday March 21st at 7.30pm
Chester Green Community Centre,
Old Chester Road, Derby.

Judy Colby will talk to us about her experiences in the theatre in, 'From Rags to Riches - Wardrobe Mistress'.
Admission non-members £2.
Tel. 01332 559615.

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

Mar 3rd 10.00am Soul Breakfast Church Hall
Mar 6th 7.00pm Holy Communion
Mar 10th 10.00am Holy Communion
Mar 17th 10.00am Soul Sanctuary.
Mar 24th 10.00am Contemplative Communion
Mar 31st Holy Communion (Mothers Day)

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LOCAL ALLOTMENTS

Your local allotments are just a 20 minute walk away - off Old Mansfield Road.

It's a friendly and welcoming place with lots of help for anyone who is new to growing fruit and vegetables.

There are a few plots available at the moment from starter, half to full plots. To find out more please contact David, Tel 07973 919641



COMMUNITY GROUP NEWS

Both our events in February were very well attended and enjoyed by everyone. The Quiz Night was our best yet with 11 teams, making it a hard fought contest - congratulations to the winners and thanks again to Rhian!

The Family Fun Night was just that, FUN, with lots of youngsters joining in the games hosted by the brilliant Bruce!

Family Quiz and Games Night Friday 5th April

Save the date for our next event - more details next month. . . .

Keep following us on Facebook and on our website: www.chestergreencommunitygroup@yolasite.com and remember there is a weekly programme of activities at the Community Centre, which you can also hire for your own event.

LITTLE CHESTER RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Darley Neighbourhood Board Deep Clean

Following complaints raised by local residents, the Darley Neighbourhood Team recently completed a deep clean on Chester Green Road, Caesar Street, Drage Street and parts of Mansfield Road. This was in partnership with Street Cleansing and local Councillors.

During the deep clean the roads and pavements were swept and the drains were flushed and cleared. The Darley Neighbourhood Team would like to

thank local residents who helped by removing their vehicles from the street to allow completion of the work.

Walkabout – Monday 11th March 2019 from 11:30am

A Councillors' and Citizens on Patrol Walkabout has been organised for Chester Green on Monday 11th March 2019 from 11:30am.

You are welcome to join in. Meeting at the junction of Mansfield Road and Caesar Street at 11.30am.

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

Contact Details for Ward Councillors

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WELL DRESSING 2019

Do you have a creative flair or fancy trying something new? Would you, or a group that you, belong to like to take part in a community tradition passed down through generations? The Chester Green Annual Well Dressing needs YOU!

The well in Marcus Street, Chester Green has been 'dressed' each year by local community groups for over 30 years. The custom began as a way of offering thanks for a reliable and clean water supply and has been celebrated across parts of Derbyshire since the 18th Century. The process involves decorating a clay filled board with a picture using natural materials.

Photos and details of previous well dressings in Chester Green can be found on www.welldressing.com.

If you, or your group are interested in getting involved please contact Rachel on 07968024071/Rach.wiggins@gmail.com

Hedgehogs Emerging from Hibernation

Please remember that when hedgehogs emerge from hibernation they may have lost up to a third of their body weight. They will be weak, hungry, thirsty and possibly dehydrated. They will also be looking for safe places to sleep during the day. Please help them if you can.

There are lots of internet sites where you can find instructions for making hedgehog feeders that cats and foxes cannot enter.

Sallyanne: Derby Hedgehog Rescue 381315



Smile ☺ Quotes from Job Applications

"None of my references really like me, so please don't believe what they say."

"I received a plaque for Salesperson of the Year."

"Wholly responsible for two (2) failed financial institutions."

"Let's meet, so you can 'ooh' and 'aah' over my experience."

"You will want me to be Head Honcho in no time."

"I have become completely paranoid, trusting completely no one and absolutely nothing"

1919



It's hard now for us to imagine how devastated the Chester Green community must have been after the war, when so many young men had died and nearly every family was mourning their loss.

A wooden board was set up in December 1918 as a temporary memorial and in January 1919 a meeting was held in St Paul's School to discuss replacing this with a permanent Parish War Memorial.

A simple granite cross was envisaged, engraved with the names of all the fallen. It would be set up within the churchyard, facing the Mansfield Road. First, however, several hundred pounds had to be raised from this relatively poor parish.

This year the Heritage Centre will be looking at events one hundred years ago as the parish came together to raise the money needed.

Smile ☺ More Quotes from Job Applications

"Please let me know if I can omit you in any way."

"Excellent typist, great speed and accuracy. 756 wpm."

"Married, eight children. Prefer frequent travel."

"It's best for employers that I not work with people."

"I'm excellent at debating various issues, as evidenced by the fact that I constantly win arguments with my girlfriend."

And finally a story from a recruiter -

"I was recruiting for a job and one applicant wrote, 'I got laid in March' instead of 'I got laid off in March' Let's just say his cover letter was framed and hung on the wall!"

FASHION SHOW - Friday 3rd May

See the enclosed flyer for information about our second Fashion Show, featuring High Street brands at discount prices, to raise funds for the community "Picnic on the Green" on Sunday 7th July.

Chester Green Entertainments Team



Easter Draw for Children's Department at Royal Derby Hospital

The Easter Prize Draw at the Coach and Horses will be raising funds for the Children's Department at the Royal Derby Hospital, a cause which, we are sure, will be close to many people's hearts.

You can help us raise funds by buying Prize Draw squares at the Coach for £1 each or by donating prizes for the Draw. If you want to be really generous, you can buy squares AND donate prizes and if you're really lucky, you won't win

back the prize you donated!

Squares will be on sale from the beginning of March and the Prize Draw will take place on Wednesday, April 17th, so there'll be plenty of time to help us raise oodles of money – let's see if we can match the £500 raised at Christmas for the League of Friends!



Farewell to Walter Palmer

Walter Palmer, of Marcus Street, sadly passed away at the end of January. He was a very well known local figure, a former Chairman of Chester Green Community Group, who cared passionately about Chester Green, where he'd lived with his family for many years.

Walter had a keen interest in everything that affected life in Chester Green, enjoying debating local issues. He was always prepared to help out when needed and took great pride in keeping the area around Marcus Street looking attractive. He could regularly be seen, even during his illness, mowing the grass and looking after the planting.

He was well loved and respected by all his friends and neighbours, who will miss him very much.



Heritage Vehicle Centre Possibility for Aida Bliss Site on City Road

Whilst the Council are considering using the Aida Bliss site for social housing, an alternative possibility is also being discussed.

A company planning to open a Heritage Vehicle Centre in the East Midlands is in discussion with Derby City Council about the possibility of using the former Aida Bliss site on City Road.

The Council recently purchased the site and are looking at plans to build a residential development, most likely to be all or predominantly social housing.

The company have now presented their plans to members of the Little Chester Residents Association and to Ward Councillor Martin Repton, to gauge local opinions about their proposals.

The company say their Heritage Vehicle business would bring together multi skilled artisans, trainees and traders into one venue and would centre round an independent, not for profit training centre.

The training centre would facilitate the transfer of specialist skills from an ageing population of vehicle restoration artisans, many of whom are approaching retirement, to a new generation. They hope that this would

help to secure a future for the Heritage Vehicle industry.

They say their Heritage Vehicle Centre would attract classic vehicle enthusiasts as well as other visitors to events, cafes and boutique shops which would reuse and protect a historic building.

The company committed to make space available for a heritage display, curated by residents and the Little Chester History Group, should the proposal go ahead.

The feedback to the company from the LCRA committee members and Ward Councillor present at the meeting was very positive and supportive at this very early stage. Further discussion and appraisal of the detail of both potential schemes will be required.

For the present both *Heritage Vehicle Scheme* and the *social housing schemes* are now with the Council for consideration.

We will have requested further discussions with the Council's Project Appraisal Team and will update you with more news as soon as we can.

