

New Sports Facilities at Darley Playing Fields

Construction of the new sports facilities is now underway at Darley Playing Fields. This includes four tennis courts, two multi use games areas, and a range of outdoor fitness equipment.

The contractor's name is **idverde** who are a landscape construction and grounds maintenance company.

The works should be completed by late July 2019. They are currently excavating for the tennis courts and hope to start installing fencing next week. Archaeologists are in attendance to monitor and record anything of interest. The surrounding areas will be top-soiled and seeded on completion. *OCOR Flood Defence Project*

LITTLE CHESTER RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Flood Defence and City Road Sites

The Council's Chief Executive Officer Carol Mills, has replied to our letter regarding concerns about local flood protection and the Council's proposals to build housing on the former Aida site.

We asked the question "Why was the decision taken by the Council to continue to build the Chester Green flood defences to a specification that was breached in 2015 (in other parts of the country)?".

The Council and Environment Agency (EA) have replied that the EA designs were costed and approved prior to 2016 as of when the EA increased their recommended standard of protection from '1 in 100' plus 5% climate change allowance to '1 in 100' plus 30% climate change allowance.

The amendment followed incidents of flood walls being overtopped in other parts of the country.

They say the cost and delays of amending and increasing the protection levels of the OCOR scheme would have been prohibitive.

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

The EA's Regional Advisor has commented that "Any scheme can be subject to flood events that exceed the designed flood protection" and "the EA would obviously prefer business developments over residential developments behind flood defences as they have a lower level of risk"

We also asked "Whether you share our concerns that if housing development on the former Aida site were to be prohibited and Derby City Council having rejected Great Northern Classics' proposals for a less vulnerable non residential Heritage Vehicle Training scheme, that this site with its many constraints, is unlikely to be developed and likely to remain derelict in the future at great cost to DCC?".

Carol Mills responded saying "We're committed to the redevelopment of the Aida Bliss site and our preference is for a housing use on this site. The questions you raise about housing on this site will be tested through the planning process".

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CHESTER GREEN ENTERTAINMENTS TEAM

Picnic on the Green - Sunday 7th July

You'll see from the enclosed flyer that our fourth community 'Picnic on the Green' is just a few weeks away.

Lots of entertainment is on offer – *several bands, dance and music performances, treasure hunt, face painting, crafts, games, races, adult and kids raffles* and to cool us down on a hot day, an ice cream van will be there!

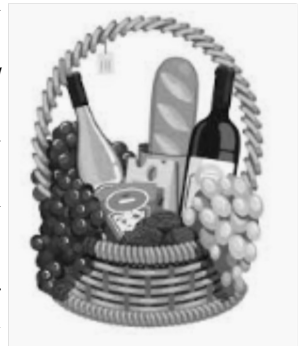
To fit all this into the afternoon, the Picnic STARTS from 1.00pm so come with your friends and family, food, drinks, chairs, table, gazebo, sunshade etc and have a great time!

Help setting up on the day from 10am (just turn up) or donations of raffle prizes on or before the day would be much appreciated (call 07527 603057).

In the unlikely event of very wet weather 'Plan B' is to continue with the picnic and entertainment at the Community Centre on Darley Fields.

Fashion Show

The recent Fashion Show to raise funds for the Picnic expenses (permits, insurances, entertainment costs etc) was again really well attended & enjoyed by everyone, raising almost £500 – thank you!



Your Residents' Association Needs You!

Would you like to join us and help to keep Chester Green a great place to live?

We have vacancies on our Committee; we particularly need a Secretary to take minutes at committee meetings (every other month) .

We also need two Newsletter distributors, one for the *Mansfield Road*. area and one for the West Cottages area on *Alfreton Road*.

If you think you might be able to help and would like to find out more, without commitment, please call Andrew 01332 298079

Coach and Horses Easter Draw

£626 Raised for Derby Hospital Children's Ward

A wonderful total of £626 was raised in the Easter Prize Draw, beating even the Christmas Draw, which is unusual.

Many thanks to everyone who contributed in any way, whether by buying squares or donating prizes.

Special thanks to Sharon Brentnall, landlady, who persuaded so many people to part with their money in the last few days before the draw was made.

The money will be going to the Children's Department of Derby Royal Hospital in a presentation on May 22nd.

Would you like to find the answers to a successful life?

If so come and enjoy free light refreshments and freshly baked cakes whilst listening to the key solutions.



Wednesday 5 and 19 June at 7pm
Chester Green Community Centre



HopeGroupCG@gmail.com

CHESTER GREEN COMMUNITY GROUP NEWS

Quiz Night - Friday 21st June

Rhian will again set the questions to get your brains buzzing; admission is £2.50 per team member (teams of 4/5 max) with prizes for the winning team. Doors open at 7pm for time to get drinks in for a 7.30 start. **EVERYONE WELCOME!**



Community Group AGM—Thursday 6 June

7pm at the Community Centre for 1 hour max!!

Support for the few people who keep your local Community Centre running so successfully would really be appreciated. Any input to the meeting would be welcome but there's no pressure to participate. Thank you.

Family Fun Night - Saturday 15th June 6.30 – 9.30

Bruce is our DJ so you can be sure of having a good time with music and games for all the family! The bar and tuck shop will be open as usual of course.

****Admission is £2 per adult and £1 per child so bring your friends along too.**

Community Group Membership

You can join or renew your membership at the Family Fun Night. Its just £2 for adults, £1.50 for over 60's, £1 for 5-18's, under 5's are free and membership means you get a discount on admission to our most popular events like the Halloween disco, as well as to hire the Centre, making it well worthwhile.

Camp Street Front Garden.

The morning of May 12th arrived, and the sun gods smiled on us. The sun shone and it was pleasantly warm for the summer planting of the Camp Street front garden.

Thanks to a grant from the Residents Association we were able to get more lovely plants. In no order whatsoever, Sarah, Sarah, Amy, Jo, Jacob, Alan and Wendy worked really hard and we put in well over a hundred bedding plants! In a couple of weeks' time, when the plants have established, it is going to look really amazing, I think. Great work, great fun and hopefully not too many aching backs and muscles! **Mark**

Planting - small grant available.

Do you have any ideas for planting in other public areas? Could you do the planting and maintenance or get a few people together to help you?

If so please do contact us. We have a small grant available for such groups/ individuals to buy plants etc. Suggestions are welcome for anywhere in the Little Chester area (**they do NOT have to be limited to the area around the Green!**). So get those ideas coming and apply via info@littlechester.org.uk or tel 01332 298079 **Residents' Association**

OCOR / Flood Defence Project

Residents Drop-in

Wednesday 26th June 2019, 15.30 – 18.30hrs.
Chester Green Community Centre

Meet the team to find out the latest developments and ask questions.

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Chester Green Gatherings - 1919 and 2019

On 11 June 1919, with Peace talks still ongoing, the Little Chester War Memorial Committee held an Open Air Concert to raise money for the Memorial Cross.

No Concert programme has been found but hundreds of people would have gathered around the portable bandstand on Chester Green to listen to performances by military bands and local choirs and societies.

No doubt many families picnicked on the grass, as still happens at Darley Abbey Concerts in the Park. Picnics on Chester Green are again becoming regular and welcome events.

On 28 June the signing of the Treaty of Versailles brought a formal end to peace talks and plans were laid to celebrate in every part of the country including Chester Green!

Little Chester Local History Group -

Thursday June 20th 7.30

AGM and Blood Bikes Charity

We shall hear about the work of the *"Blood Bikes" Charity*, which was established by local volunteers to deliver essential blood and urgent medical supplies, out of hours, and between hospitals and other healthcare sites.

Admission non-members £2 All welcome. For further info Tel. 01332 559615.

Smile

Question: What do you call an alligator in a vest? **Answer:** An Investigator!

LITTLE CHESTER HERITAGE CENTRE

First Sunday in the Month 2-4 pm

St. Paul's Church

Exhibition of Roman History and a special display re-telling the story of War Memorials, including that at St. Paul's, Chester Green.

Free admission., refreshments available. For further info Tel. 363354.

St Paul's Church Chester Green

June 2nd 10.00am Soul Breakfast

June 9th 10.00am Holy Communion

June 16th 10.00am Soul Sanctuary

June 23rd 10.00am Holy Communion & Confirmations

June 30th 10.00am Soul Sanctuary

St Paul's Rainbow Tots

Chester Green Baby/Toddler Group.

For 0-5s and their parents or carers.

Crafts, snacks, toys and song time in a friendly and welcoming environment.

Mondays in term time
10.00 - 12.00



£2 per family
St Paul's Church Hall .Seale Street, Chester Green.