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It is unlikely that if this proposal were to be implemented, it would happen before the forthcoming resident vote on permit scheme retention, as it would probably require funding from section 106 funding from new development e.g. Prime's planned Office development on City Rd.

Your Views We would like to hear your views on the reasons you agree or disagree with this proposal, and the reasons you agree or disagree with the retention of a chargeable permit parking scheme or if you have any alternative suggestions regarding parking. To let us know your views you can contact us via our website www.littlechester.org.uk or by post to 102 Chester Green Rd, 24 St.Paul's Rd. or 49 Marcus St.or email: andrew.meehan3@btinternet.com

ST PAUL'S CHURCH, CHESTER GREEN SERVICES

3rd November 10am Soul Breakfast in the Hall

10th November 10am Holy Communion & Remembrance Sunday

17th November 10am Soul Sanctuary

24th November 10am Contemplative Communion



Sunday 1st December, 4pm - 5pm Christingle Experience for Children. All welcome

Coach and Horses Christmas Prize Draw - The annual Christmas Prize Draw will be taking place in December at the Coach and Horses and this year the Charity Committee has chosen Umbrella, a local charity that supports families living in Derby City and Derbyshire, providing a range of exciting activities for children and young people aged 5 to 30 with any special need, including physical, sensory, learning & behavioural disabilities and additional needs. You can learn more about their work by going to https://umbrella.uk.net

Umbrella aims to raise at least £50,000 each year to help transform the lives of disabled children, young people and their families in our area, so we want to raise as much money as possible through the Christmas Prize Draw to help them reach this target. Prize Draw squares at £1 each will be going 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 will take 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 worthwhile charity.

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Little Chester News Letter November 2019

Welcome to November's newsletter! I've had a request to provide the newsletter in an audio format. If you're interested in receiving the newsletter this way, do get in touch: bruce.wiggins@gmail.com

CHESTER GREEN ENTERTAINMENTS TEAM - just a reminder that it's almost the NOVEMBER 9th, the closing date for your Christmas window display to be included on the Trail Map. There's no 'theme' so work your own magic to help make Chester Green look really bright and sparkly this Christmas!



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Smile!

What do you get when you cross a dinosaur with a firework?

Dinomite!

Poppy Appeal

We've started to put the poppies up around Chester Green. If you would like to make a donation or sponsor a poppy (or have a ladder and can help!) please get in touch with Rachel -



rach.wiggins@googlemail.com or through the Entertainments team Facebook page www.facebook.com/chestergreenents

COMMUNITY GROUP NEWS QUIZ NIGHT

It's time for the 'grown ups' to see who can come out on top this time, at our Quiz Night on FRIDAY 22nd NOVEMBER.

Doors and the bar open at 7pm for a 7.30 start - admission £2.50 per team member in teams of no more than 5 to make it a fair

competition! Rhian will set the questions so it's bound to be a 'brain teaser'.

Our HALLOWEEN party at a packed Community Centre was a really great night, with some amazing costumes, brilliant games, loads of prizes, lovely hot dogs and a good raffle! Thanks again to Bruce for making it such a fun night with his scary music and 'glow stick' games!



Our City Our River News (OCOR)

1) Metal Detectorists on Parkers Piece. A reminder that any incident such as this can be reported to the Park Rangers at Darley Fields during the day or to the Parks team phone on 01332 640789 as this is not permitted under the Parks Byelaws as well as



the Ancient monument legislation. The Park Rangers are not able to respond in the evening but we now have a team of Public Protection Officers who work in the evening and will be visiting the site from next week.

- 2) Package 1 Development Sites: Aida Bliss It is planned for both sites to have completed the watertight stage of construction by the end of the year.
- 3) Cricket Pavilion The details of the proposals are waiting for planning approval. It is proposed that the pavilion be fully refurbished and modernised as a cricket pavilion with changing facilities, kitchen and social space. The front ramp is to be altered to give level access into the building and a reinforced grass access track will allow for disabled and vehicular access to the pavilion. The cricket pitch is to be renovated with minor levelling of the surface, new cricket square including an artificial wicket, sand banding and re-seeding. Also cricket practice nets are to be installed. Due to the wet weather and soft ground conditions it is likely that the cricket pitch improvements will be carried out in the spring now. In the meantime we are liaising with local sports organisations regarding future operation and management of the site.
- 4) Darley Park Path The part of the path between the Rowing Club and the Bridge will have its base course surface laid by the end of this week. The Bridge and Boardwalk are now completely open for use and the cladding to the bridge and the boardwalk sub frame have used the equivalent of 250,000 recycled plastic bottles. Extra resources have been found to start the section of path between the play area and Deans Field Car Park early and its construction is well under way.
- 5) OCOR GBV Package 1 Works The final stages of work are being completed.
- 6) Landscaping Package 1 Package 1 The landscape contractor has been maintaining the newly seeded areas over the summer and the first areas are being handed back to the council's ground maintenance team. The remaining tree and shrub planting will be carried out over the next few months.
- Sports provision at Darley Fields Construction work is complete. The reinstatement of the grass areas has been delayed due to the wet weather but will be completed as soon as ground conditions allow. The multi-use games area (MUGA) is open. The tennis courts are open and the new booking system will be operational soon. Instructions will be displayed at the courts.

LITTLE CHESTER RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Car Parking in Chester Green - Current Scheme: The Chester Green parking permit scheme was introduced in Jan. 2016 following the temporary closure of the two Council's Parks' visitor car parks on City Rd. and Darley Playing Fields due to the flood defence works.

The parking permit scheme has been free of charge to residents, the costs having been funded by Our City Our River (OCOR) until Jan.2020 although we understand that OCOR are considering a short extension to the no-cost scheme whilst flood defence work continues on City Rd. The Council has said previously that they will conduct a vote by residents on whether we want to retain the three-zone parking permit scheme but on a chargeable basis in the future and this is now likely to happen in early 2020.

Current Citywide permit charges are £25 per annum for a single car, £50 per annum for each additional car and 20 pence per daily visitor permit. As was the case prior to the two Parks' car parks closing, City centre commuters and shoppers are again using the unrestricted parking (there are also dozens of cars parking in the currently unrestricted Riverside Inn car park and also across the road in the 'Access Only' Nottingham Rd cul de sac).

Future Changes: Looking ahead, planning permission has been granted to build offices on the former Tomlinsons' City Rd. site with capacity for 260 workers but only 42 parking spaces. In addition, the Council are hoping to build up to 100 homes on the former Aida City Rd. site. If these schemes go ahead, there are likely to be hundreds of additional car users looking for free parking in the locality.

Unless restrictions are introduced on the two Council Parks' car parks it is inevitable that the 200 or so unrestricted parking spaces will be filled by commuters, workers and new residents. This would cause significant increases in air pollution, traffic (and congestion, particularly at the City Rd./Mansfield Rd. junction which is the only vehicular exit from the 'Old Chester Rd./ City Rd. triangle' of Chester Green). It could also prevent and discourage visitors from using the local Parks and Community Centre facilities.

The Council is hoping to introduce, in addition to the current system, an online system for permit renewal/reordering to reduce waiting times.

Proposal: To address these issues, the LCRA is suggesting a proposal that the Council include the two Parks' car parks in the Chester Green Parking Permit scheme and that a 4-hour time restriction on **weekdays** (i.e. Mon-Fri during the period 8.00am to 6.00pm) is enforced on the two car parks by Council parking wardens.

This is to deter commuters from all day parking during the week, whilst allowing genuine Parks visitors time to park and use the local facilities.

For this proposal to be effective in reducing adverse impacts on residents' parking availability, air quality and traffic congestion, residents would need to vote to retain the Chester Green Parking Permit scheme.

Indeed if residents were to vote against retaining the permit scheme, large numbers of commuters, new workers and new residents will be able to park in the 'un-permitted' streets of Chester Green where there is very little 'off street' residential parking. It needs to be borne in mind that if a majority of residents in one of the three zones were to vote against retention of the permit scheme, that zone could be liable to suffer significant volumes of visitor parking.

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