

POPPY APPEAL IN CHESTER GREEN RAISES £380 FOR THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

We've received a massive THANK YOU to the residents of Chester Green for the money raised for the lamppost poppy appeal this year. They also sent us a note sharing some of the projects the money helps fund:

"We are increasing the number of staff in our six care homes and specialist dementia units to ensure our homes can withstand the challenges resulting from Coronavirus; We are extending our Benefits, Debt and Money Advice service to meet increased demand and helping more people than ever to navigate the often complex benefits system and access the financial support they so desperately need.

We are extending our Admiral Nurses dementia support service so people across the UK can pick up the phone and get the advice and support they need to care for their loved ones Legion volunteers are operating a telephone buddy service to offer friendship and practical support to vulnerable people.

We'll ensure that those who have served, and their families, who have made sacrifices for us are being looked after no matter what challenges the country faces.

It's thanks to funds raised by people like you that we're able to do so much to help those who so desperately need it."

Many thanks to all who donated and supported this year's appeal.



WHY NOT JOIN US FOR OUR XMAS CHESTER GREEN MINCE PIE RIDE?

Saturday 19th December at 3.30pm

We're organising a fun fancy dress cycle ride for local families We'll be cycling from Chester Green around Darley Park and finish with a couple of circuits of the Green with a pie at the end for everyone!

You will need to have lights in fact as many lights as possible!

As well as any fancy dress you can get much (I think we all deserve it).

Cancelled due to tier restrictions.....hoping to organise another one for Easter 2021!

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on your bike - and bells and whistles

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ards will be present to help support cyclists and we'll be Covid safe too, with separate groups of no more than 6 people cycling together and maintaining social distance at all times. If you can't join in the cycling you can show your support with a whistle or bell



FOOD BANK UPDATE—FOODBANK DONATIONS

Foodbank contributions still required and are being taken weekly to The Hope Centre, Curzon Street. Drop off points for Chester Green donations Alfreton Road Stores (near Coach and Horses), and Chester Green News (corner Mansfield Road and Caesar Street - opposite Chinese takeaway). Box for drop off at Chester Green News is on the stairs behind the door. Thanks for all the much appreciated support with this.



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

CHESTER GREEN ENTERTAINMENT TEAM

CHRISTMAS WINDOW TRAIL - This year's Window Trail is set to be the biggest and best yet with over 60 homes and businesses taking part, helping to bring some extra Christmas magic to Chester Green at the end of a very difficult year!

At around **5pm on Saturday the 5th December** there will be a grand 'switch on' of the lights around the Green, in Camp Street and Marcus Street! Come out and watch if you can - It should look spectacular and will coincide with the decorated windows sparkling and shining for us all to admire!

A Trail Map is included in this newsletter and further copies will be available in some of the businesses who have very kindly sponsored the map printing. This year, you can also view the map digitally at: tinyurl.com/CGXmasWindows2020

So.....follow the Trail with your family and friends and keep a lookout for the 'Christmas pud' card in one of the windows. If you find it, fill in your details on the back of the map and return it to be entered into a draw to win an Intu voucher. The Trail will continue through to around the end of December so ENJOY!

If finding the hidden Christmas Pudding is proving a problem....this year, Santa's sent us a special phone web app that can help. You can find it at : tinyurl.com/HuntThePud

MERRY CHRISTMAS FROM THE ENTERTAINMENTS TEAM

If you have any questions or would like to get in touch, please contact
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MEMBERS/HELP NEEDED!

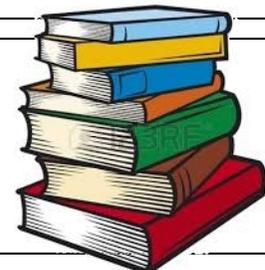
Little Chester is a special place with a great sense of community. We have a number of active community groups (some featuring in this newsletter), such as the Little Chester Residents Association or the Chester Green Community Group (the group that runs the community centre). If the current situation has taught us anything, it's that community is more important than ever. If you'd like to get involved and/or find out what groups are currently active in the area, do get in touch at info@littlechester.org.uk



CHESTER GREEN BOOK EXCHANGE

The book exchange will be running in Marcus Street over Autumn, but just once a month. The 1st Saturday of each month from 10-12pm, so 5th December.

If you have any questions, contact Mel, phone number; 07847 900 586.



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RELOCATION OF TRENT BARTON BUS DEPOT TO STORES ROAD.

Trent Barton have submitted a planning application ref. no. 20/01379 to relocate their Meadow Rd. bus depot to the former Shaw Group site on Stores Rd.

The proposed bus depot will have capacity to park 142 operational vehicles and 118 staff & visitor vehicles.

The morning route for buses to access Derby Bus Station will be from Stores Rd. along Mansfield Rd, Chester Green past Landau Forte school to St. Almond's Way ring road.

The Traffic Assessment report submitted on behalf of Trent Barton says the new development will generate 920 vehicle trips each day.

If you are concerned about the potential negative impact of additional pollution and traffic congestion in Chester Green you can review the application documents, object, comment or support the application online at derby.gov.uk on the e-planning portal at <https://tinyurl.com/cgbusdepot> or by e-mailing the planning case officer, Stephen Bate, at stephen.bate@derby.gov.uk quoting your name, address and the application reference no. 20/01379.

A NOTE FROM THE VICAR AT ST PAUL'S

I just wanted to take this opportunity to introduce myself to you all as there are so many people that, because of the regulations in place at the moment, I unfortunately haven't had an opportunity to meet yet.

My name is James and I am the new vicar of St Paul's Church. My wife, Chloe, our baby daughter, Phoebe and I are all really enjoying settling into our new home and getting to know Chester Green. At the time of writing this message we have no details on what the next few weeks will actually look like but whatever happens it is unlikely to be a Christmas that any of us would consider normal. We do hope to have the church open at some point during advent so that we can all share in the Christmas story but our usual traditions of carol services and crowding together for mince pies and mulled wine afterwards will not be possible this year. This Christmas perhaps the story of the birth of Jesus, a family who had no accommodation available to them in the normal places, who had no wider family able to take them in and instead had to sleep isolated in a separate place with animals for company will take on new meaning for us. For me it is the reminder that God is just as powerful in the quiet and lonely places as he is in the big celebrations and that through these times can come the true messages of hope, comfort and joy that our world needs to hear.

I hope you will all know love and comfort this Christmas wherever you might be and wherever you are able to celebrate it with and I look forward to meeting you as the world starts to return to a more normal rhythm in the future.

God bless,

James

Vicar of St Paul's



DERBY COVID COMMUNITY RESPONSE HUB

Council calls for volunteers and offers help to the vulnerable

Those who need help can contact **DerbyDirect** on **01332 640000**. The line will open between 9.30am and 4.00pm, Monday to Friday. There's also a dedicated email address covidsupport@communityactionderby.org.uk

If you're willing to help out, please join our local Facebook page and Whats-App group. The council refers cases to us directly.

FB -> <https://www.facebook.com/groups/ChesterGreenCovidSupport/>

Chester Green Support and Volunteer line: **07377 924085**

To join the WhatsApp group, click this link : <https://tinyurl.com/CGC19Vol>

CHESTER GREEN COMMUNITY GROUP

2020 has, of course, been a very tough year for everyone and we've really missed seeing all our local friends at the Community Centre events. As soon as it's safe to resume our discos, quiz nights and private parties we will open our doors again, but in the meantime we wish everyone an enjoyable festive period, however they are able to spend it!

CHESTER GREEN NEWS, MANSFIELD ROAD

Sadly, Assa, who ran the shop for over 20 years, passed away on Sunday 15th November, she leaves 3 children.

Assa was a very kind, considerate lady who supported local residents when poorly and many local activities. Our thoughts are with her friends and family at this difficult time. She will be sadly missed.

ST PAUL'S CHRISTMAS SERVICES

We are hoping to have live services in Church, if rules allow. As COVID makes plans difficult, please do check out our Facebook page in December.

<https://www.facebook.com/stpaulschestergreen>

For non-Face-Bookers (like me!) please look out for posters in the area.

Christingle 20th December

For children and adults, with Christingle kits to take home.

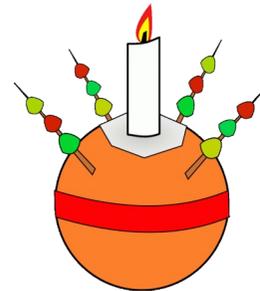
Christmas Eve

We hope to have church open in the morning to see Christmas Crib, and the Christmas story.

Christmas Day

Christmas service

Services are also streamed whenever possible, and we have Zoom services too. Please do contact us at stpaulschurchchestergreen@gmail.com if you would like to be included.



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