Bliss' Development

There has been plenty of discussion between the local residents, groups, Councilors and the council officers with regard to the development of the Bliss' building. This building is such an iconic part of our community that its future is so important to us all. At the moment, the main discussion is what the final use is to be. The choice is between Extra Care Units or as a purely residential development.

Extra care housing is primarily for older people that need the provision of care, support, domestic or other services to occupy self-contained dwellings.

There is a great need in Derby for Extra Care housing. There is also a great need in Derby for larger family housing. If the development becomes residential there will be a number of larger family houses as well as some apartments.

The main design criteria are to retain the frontage, because it is so iconic, and that the height should not exceed the existing roofline, to retain the visual character.

The discussion is ongoing. Consultation with our local community is very important, everyone is working really hard to try to make sure that we can get the development that we will all be proud of.

https://www.derby.gov.uk/housing/accelerated-housing/aidabliss/

St. Paul's Church

We've been enjoying being able to worship in the building together on a Sunday morning again. All are welcome to attend our service at 10am, no need to book, but face masks are required (unless you are exempt). We would love to see you!

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

Local Window Clearner/Handyman!

Local resident and handyman Raymond Pattinson currently has availability for window cleaning, guttering work and painting & decorating! If you're in need, give Raymond a ring on 07503 207733!

FOOD BANK UPDATE—FOODBANK DONATIONS

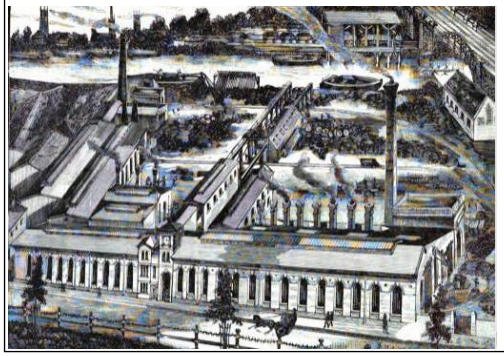
Foodbank contributions still required and are being taken weekly to The Hope Centre, Curzon Street. Drop off points for Chester Green donations Alfreton Road Stores (near Coach and Horses), and Chester Green News (corner Mansfield Road and Caesar Street - opposite Chinese takeaway). Box for drop off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

SIR ALFRED SEALE HASLAM BOOK PUBLISHED

A book charting the story of Sir Alfred Haslam, the Marine Refrigeration pioneer who was M.D. of the Haslam Foundry and Engineering Company in City Road, Derby is now available to purchase.

Sir Alfred Haslam was one of Derby's most illustrious citizens and through his initiative and business acumen brought about a significant increase in the well being of citizens, not only in Britain but in many other countries in the world.

Alfred Seale Haslam was a Derby born engineer who in 1876, at the age of 32, became the managing director of the newly formed Haslam Foundry and Engineering Company Ltd in City Road, Derby.



The book was co-authored by two members of the Little Chester History Group, Geoff Sadler and Joan D'Arcy and is dedicated to the memory of Joan who sadly passed away in 2020.

The book is available to purchase online at https://tinyurl.com/SirHaslamBook

CHESTER GREEN ENTERTAINMENTS TEAM (CGET)

As restrictions are slowly being lifted, we are excited to be able to pop a few PROVISIONAL dates into your diaries ...

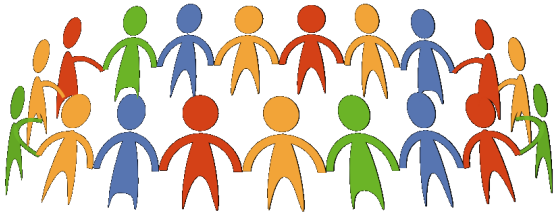
The Chester Green Well Dressing will be held at the Marcus Street Well on the afternoon of **11th June** and for the first time in many years, the boards will be displayed on **12th/13th June** at the Well in the Vicarage Garden on Old Chester Road. If you'd like to see well dressings from previous years, they're all featured at http://www.welldressing.com/photo.php?id=27

THE PICNIC ON THE GREEN 2021 IS ON, SO SAVE THE DATE - **SUNDAY, 11th JULY** (everything crossed as we are subject to the usual uncertainty around Covid rules). The Entertainments Team have been desperate to plan this year's event and we know many people feel the same longing to join with family, friends and our local community to just enjoy being together at last!! More info to follow soon, so watch this space!

After last year's successful SCARECROW FESTIVAL, we are planning our second event over the August bank holiday weekend – the 28th, 29th and 30th August, so don't give all those old clothes away to the charity shop yet!

Latest details always at: https://www.facebook.com/chestergreenents

COMMUNITY GROUP NEWS:

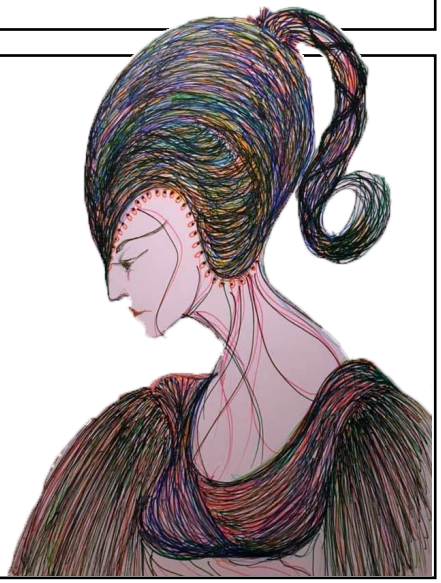


We are pleased to say that the Community Centre is slowly returning to life with Slimming World, Baby Sensory and Tiddlekicks all returning and open for business (under various restrictions for the time being).

Several interesting new groups will be starting soon and, along with some of our long standing groups who plan to return over the next few months, we should have a full timetable that we hope will appeal to many of you after spending so much time isolated at home!

Keep an eye on our website and facebook pages for updates!
FACEBOOK: www.facebook.com/groups/ChesterGreenCommunityCentre/

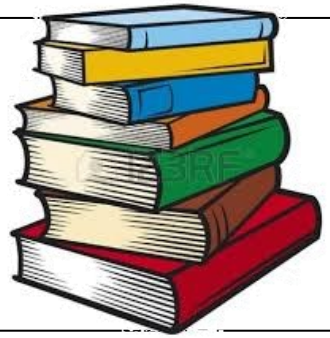
DO YOU WISH YOU COULD DRAW?



Maggie Roper-Attenborrow is in the process of setting up (subject to Covid 19 restrictions) a new club for those who are interested in starting, or improving, their drawing skills, in a warm and welcoming club. (Venue to be arranged asap)

For more information scoot over to the NEW group FB Page:

https://www.facebook.com/groups/wishicoulddrawderby/



CHESTER GREEN BOOK EXCHANGE

The book exchange will be running in Marcus Street once a month. The 1st Saturday of each month. The next one will be running 10am-12pm on 1st May. Also, the times for this will change from June to 10 - 11.30am. Plus, if anyone has any jigsaws for grown ups to donate, that'd be great!
If you have any questions, contact Mel, phone number; 07847 900 586.

CHESTER GREEN CYCLE RIDE! 11.00 on SATURDAY 22nd MAY

Join us on a family friendly cycle ride to gently ease us out of lockdown and celebrate the arrival of May. We will meet on the corner of City Road/Chester Green Road and leisurely cycle the 5 miles to Elvaston Castle. After a rest and refreshments we will cycle back to Chester Green for some more refreshments and recreation. It would be great if you have some streamers or bunting on your bikes or May themed clothes – please use your imagination!

It's all on cycle paths and there will be help and support for any cycling emergencies. We will observe any Covid restrictions or requirements.

For more information – and ideas! - please contact
Adrian 07757 923873 or
Cassie 07956 836333

Know any would-be young anglers?

Our local fishing club, The Earl of Harrington's AC, are very active. They are working with the Environment Agency to try and protect our at-risk native crayfish population, organise regular litter picks, every year plant scores of insect-friendly aquatic plants, put up nest boxes, and recently they have persuaded the Environment Agency to have our local section of The Derwent stocked with indigenous fish species that were on the decline.

But they do go fishing as well! If you know of anyone 6 to 16 who wants to have a go at fishing, a beginners' events are being held on the mornings of Saturday July 18th and Sunday August 22nd at nearby Woodrow's Pond, which is just off Haslam's Lane, Darley. There is no cost with all tackle, bait and the one-to-one tuition being provided free. To register, message The Earl of Harrington's AC through their Facebook page and provide the name and date of birth of the participant and provide an email address.
https://www.facebook.com/EofHAC/

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