

# Café on the Green

Enjoy coffee & cake... and tea too!

Saturday 23rd October 10am-12pm  
on Chester Green

A pop-up café organised by Friends of the Green

## Little Chester History Group

Our first post Covid meeting went well and the quiz was fun and a good chance for everyone to socialise again. The next meeting is Thursday 21st October at 7.30. Everyone welcome.

## Chester Green National Champ

Well known Chester Green resident John Lock is this year's Angling Trust Riverfest Champion. This is some achievement. Riverfest is arguably the nation's most prestigious and hardest fought national angling championship. It's hard enough to qualify for the final let alone win it! This year's two-day contest held on the River Trent at Burton Joyce contest had a whole host of England capped anglers and even ex world champions taking part and John beat the lot of them. Massive congratulations. John is also a committee member of our local Earl of Harrington Angling Club and is Captain of The Coach and Horses Skittle Team.



## 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,

## Little Chester News Letter October 2021

**CHESTER GREEN ENTERTAINMENTS TEAM:** Our Quiz Night was a huge success with a record 13 teams taking part in a brilliant quiz set by Rhian! All proceeds will go towards next year's Picnic on the Green.

Also, a huge thank you to everyone that took part in the Scarecrow Festival this year. There were some fabulous displays, again, and it was lovely to see people out and about spotting them all. Well done to all involved...a fabulous community effort!

### Derbyshire Poppy Appeal in Chester Green



We'll be installing the 60 (ish) lamppost poppies around Little Chester towards the end of October, along with some knitted poppies near the Church, too, this year. If you'd like to help by sponsoring a lamp post poppy, you can donate at the following link (suggested £3 a poppy):

<https://tinyurl.com/CGPoppies2021>

### Big Neighbourhood Pumpkin Trail

Last Halloween, in the midst of the pandemic, Little Chester got involved in the Big Neighbourhood Pumpkin Trail, which encouraged fun activities for children to do at Halloween. It's running again this year, too. Activities can be found on the national facebook page :

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/695682491244696>



And a free Pumpkin Counter (works great on mobile phones!) can be found at the link below for Pumpkin spotting on the night!

<https://openprocessing.org/sketch/1001865>



**Christmas Window Trail** - Sorry folks but we have to mention the 'C' word as we are already thinking about this year's Christmas Window Trail and planning a bumper Christmas Lights 'Switch on' to start the festivities off.

Many homes and businesses take part every year in the Window Trail by decorating their windows with glitter, lights and sparkle, whether traditional or funky - there's no set theme. We hope even more of you will join in this year and, although it seems a long way off, it would be helpful if you could let us know by the **7th November** if you are taking part and want to be included on the Window Trail Map.

Here's how..... Phone or text Rachel Wiggins on 07968 024071, Email – [chestergreenents@gmail.com](mailto:chestergreenents@gmail.com) or Facebook – [www.facebook.com/chestergreenents](http://www.facebook.com/chestergreenents)

## FRIENDS OF THE GREEN

**No-Mow-May** Many residents were puzzled about why the edges of the Green were left unmown this year. It was part of the Council's approach across the city to encourage wild life that feed on wild flowers. The effect was welcomed by most people with some concerns expressed about its impact on dog mess (difficult to find!) and access to the Green. We have met with Dave Winslow, Parks Officer, and it is proposed to repeat the 'No Mow' approach next year with a 2 or 3 yard verge next to the paths which will be mown (for use by dogs) and for a number of pathways to be mown through the long grass enabling easy access to the Green. This is something of an experiment by the Council and needs to be for the benefit of bees and insects and local people. If anyone has questions or concerns please let us know on 07757 923 873.

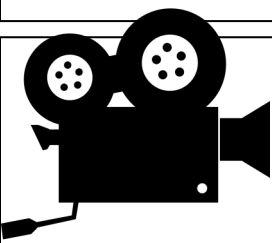
**Bulb Planting** With the money raised from the Cafe on the Green we have purchased 1,250 crocus bulbs. It is proposed that these will be part of a longer term planting plan with snow drop and bluebell planting in the spring of next year. We would like to involve everyone who is interested in a bulb planting session on Saturday 23rd October at 11.00. Please bring a trowel or spade if you have them. All participants will receive a piece of cake! Please contact Mel on [mel.lakin@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:mel.lakin@hotmail.co.uk)

**Trees on the Green** Many people may have noticed that there are some gaps amongst the rows of trees around the Green where trees have died or damaged by storms. As a long term approach we think it would be good to replace the missing trees and have asked the council for information about this. It would cost the council about £350 to plant an appropriate tree and at the present time of budget cuts it is unlikely to be a priority for them unfortunately. A number of people have asked about having a tree planted in memory of a family member; if this is something that you might be interested in please contact us for more information.

**Competition Question:** How many trees are there around the Green? How many gaps are there? What is the biggest girth/circumference of the trees? Please email answers to [chodrun5@gmail.com](mailto:chodrun5@gmail.com)

**Cafe on the Green** Next Cafe on the Green is on **Saturday 23rd October** 10.00 to 12.00 – please make a note and if you would like to help in any way please text 07757 923 873

**Chester Green Book Exchange** - From November to March we'll be changing the time, so the library will be running 10-11 over the winter/cold months. These will still be held on the first Saturday of every month (next is 2nd October).



**Screen On The Green** - A local resident is looking at organising regular film screenings in St Paul's church hall.

These could be classic and/or more recent films.

If you are interested in finding out more and getting involved please email [adrianperry8@gmail.com](mailto:adrianperry8@gmail.com)

## Chester Green Art Trail. Window Art, Pop up Galleries!

Plans are being developed for a weekend Art Trail around Chester Green and in Little Chester as a whole.

Are you a painter? photographer? do you make collage? dolls ? dolls houses? jewellery? Would you like to exhibit and sell your work? Can you make a room in your home into a gallery for a weekend? Or exhibit work in your window? Or sculptures in your garden. We are also looking for householders who like art but don't do it but who might host an artist who is looking for space.

Dates not certain yet, but possibly a weekend in June 2022. Contact Caroline [waxbaby@me.com](mailto:waxbaby@me.com)

**COMMUNITY CENTRE NEWS:** We recently learned with great sadness that Maureen Brophy, our caretaker, had passed away very suddenly. She was a lovely, friendly and dependable lady and, along with her family and many friends in Chester Green, we miss her very much.

Regretfully, we will have to appoint a part-time cleaner/caretaker in the next few weeks. If you're interested and would like more information about the role please call Julie Wilks on 07527 603057 or email [chestergreencommunitygroup@hotmail.com](mailto:chestergreencommunitygroup@hotmail.com)

Our website has recently been updated with the weekly timetable of activities taking place at the Centre, and you will see most of our long term regular groups have now returned, along with some exciting new groups. If you want to find out more about taking part in any of the weekly or monthly activities go to [www.chestergreencommunitygroup@yolasite.com](http://www.chestergreencommunitygroup@yolasite.com) for contact details.

**HALLOWEEN DISCO AT THE COMMUNITY CENTRE IS BACK!** What better way to restart family entertainment nights at the Centre than with our hugely popular Halloween Disco.

The date .... **Saturday 30th October**,  
The time .....doors open at **6.30**, finishing around **9.30**  
The cost .....£4 adults, £2 children, under 5's free.  
So..... ghosts, devils, ghouls and Draculas gather at the Centre for Bruce's seriously spooky games and music. There will be prizes for the scariest adult and child costumes - the bar and tuck shop will be open so it's 'business as usual'!



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