

**'PEACEFULLY IF WE CAN, FORCIBLY IF WE MUST!'**



**GEORGE JULIAN HARNEY**

**THE MAN AND THE MOVEMENT**

A TALK BY ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR RICHARD GAUNT – NOTTINGHAM UNIVERSITY

**SATURDAY 29<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2022 10.00 – 12.00**

**ST PAUL'S CHURCH HALL, SEALE ST DERBY DE1 3RT**

The 1830's were an incredibly hard time for the working people of Derby. There had been riots in 1832 following the failure of the Reform Act to secure them the vote; the 5 month Silk Mill lock out in 1834/35 where people were forced back to work and ongoing economic depression and hardship.

For many people Chartism was the answer and was taken up enthusiastically by men and women. It was a working class movement for political reform based on the six points of the Peoples' Charter published in August 1838; in particular universal (male) suffrage. There were strong arguments amongst the Chartists about how their aims would be achieved - either through 'moral persuasion' or 'physical force'.

Chartism was still at a very early stage when George Julian Harney spoke to a crowd of 5,000 people on Chester Green in Derby in January 1839. Although only 22 years old he had already served 3 months in a Derby gaol 2 years earlier for selling a radical newspaper. He had a reputation of being a radical and an advocate of 'physical force'. The talk will explore the national and local context of Harney's speech followed by opportunities for questions and discussion.

**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.

**Christmas Preschool Classes**

Date: Saturday 18th December  
Time: 9:30am

Venue: Chester Green Community Centre  
Age: 18 months-5 years

Book now at [www.frenzydrama.co.uk/derby](http://www.frenzydrama.co.uk/derby)



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**CHESTER GREEN ENTERTAINMENTS TEAM:**

**Christmas Window Trail**



Christmas at Chester Green will get off to a magical start on the 4th December when it's our Christmas Lights Switch On, lighting up around the Green, Marcus Street and Camp Street!

Gather around the Christmas tree on the corner of Marcus Street and Chester Green Road from about 4.30 - there'll be festive music playing while you catch up with friends, (so different from last years' Christmas), ready for the switch on at 5pm. Bring a bauble or some tinsel to add to the decorations on the tree, making it a lovely focal point of Chester Green's Christmas festivities!

There will be lots more sparkle all round the area with our CHRISTMAS WINDOW TRAIL as over 60 homes and businesses decorate their windows for us all to enjoy.



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. An on-line version is available at [tinyurl.com/CGXmasWindows2021](http://tinyurl.com/CGXmasWindows2021)



So... follow the Trail with your family and friends, keeping 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 £10. The Trail will continue to around the end of December ..... ENJOY! (p.s. if you're struggling to find the pud, this link should help....

[tinyurl.com/HuntThePud](http://tinyurl.com/HuntThePud)

MERRY CHRISTMAS FROM THE ENTERTAINMENTS TEAM

**Derbyshire Poppy Appeal in Chester Green**

A big thank you to everyone who donated to the Chester Green Poppy Appeal this year. We had over 60 lamppost poppies up again, and even some knitted poppies around the war memorial this year (which is 100 years old, this year, too!). We raised £211 pounds!



**SAVE THE DATE** - Quiz Night with Rhian at the Centre on Friday the 21st January. Doors open at 7pm for a 7.30 start, with admission of £2.50 per team member. No more than 4/5 in a team to ensure a fair competition! The bar will be open; looking forward to another brilliant, brain-teasing evening!

FACEBOOK: [www.facebook.com/chestergreens](http://www.facebook.com/chestergreens)

## CHESTER GREEN COMMUNITY CENTRE

We are happy to say that the Community Centre is once again busy throughout the week with various groups providing a good choice of activities. These include a young people's drama class, short mat bowls, U3A ukulele and craft groups, A Capella singing group, Slimming World, local history, philately, Baby Sensory, Tiddlekicks and, to help keep you active, a yoga class and an exercise to music class!

Most groups would welcome new members, so if you fancy starting a new activity or hobby in the new year, have a look on our website:

[www.chestergreencommunitygroup.yolasite.com](http://www.chestergreencommunitygroup.yolasite.com) for the contact details.

We are also taking bookings for private events eg children's parties, on Saturday and Sunday afternoons. For further information please call 07527 603057 or email

[chestergreencommunitygroup@hotmail.com](mailto:chestergreencommunitygroup@hotmail.com)

We also have an active facebook page and community at

[www.facebook.com/groups/ChesterGreenCommunityCentre](https://www.facebook.com/groups/ChesterGreenCommunityCentre)



## FRIENDS OF THE GREEN

### Chester Green Chartist Celebration Events

In January 1839 the Chartist, George Julian Harney, spoke to a meeting of 5,000 people on Chester Green. He was building support for the campaign to win the right of working people to be able to vote. This event is being celebrated by a talk about Harney and Chartism on Saturday morning of Saturday 29th January 2022, 10.00 – 12.00 at St Paul's Church Hall, Seale Street Derby, DE1 3RT. Admission £6.00 to include Lunch. The talk is supported by the Little Chester Local History Group and is dedicated to the late and much missed Joan D'arcy.

### and in the afternoon...

From 1.00 until 2.00 on the Green there will be a re-enactment of the speech Julian Harney made by a local performance artist, Emma Ireland, a specially commissioned poem from Sophie Sparham, Chartist songs from the Clarion Choir. And a closing speech from Jeremy Corbyn. So get those warm clothes ready and let's see if we can equal the crowd of 5,000 people who listened in 1839!

### Wildflower seeds sowing opportunity seized on!

With monies raised from the Cafe on the Green a patch of the Green dug up by the gas contractors has been sown with the seeds of 34 native wild flowers. Their germination rates vary but we would hope to begin to see them blossom in the Spring. Watch this space!

## Little Chester History Group

There will be no meeting of the group in December. There will be a buffet and entertainment on Thursday 20th January at 7.30 in the Community Centre. There will be a charge of £6.00, payable at the next meeting, or to Chris at 2, Seale Street.



## Christmas Services at St Paul's

### 5th December - 10.00 Toy Service

Bring your children to donate a new toy to make Christmas special for children who have nothing. Money can also be donated.



### 12th December – 10am Christingle Service (in the Church Hall)

Young and old come together to make beautiful Christingles- decorated oranges with sweets, raisins and little candles!

### 19th December – 7pm Carols on the Green

Come along as we sing carols outside church (inside if it's raining!) followed by refreshments

### 24th December – 3pm Christmas Eve Nativity

Help us build the Christmas Story – fancy dress and Christmas jumpers recommended, with a chance to join in with traditional characters, songs and a procession building the crib scene.

### 24th December – 11:15pm Midnight Mass

Start your Christmas celebrations as early as possible at this service of Holy Communion

### 25th December – 10am Christmas Day Service

It's Christmas!! Come celebrate the greatest story ever told on Christmas morning

## Thanks!

Thanks to Geoff from Drage Street for sweeping the leaves away from around the Cenotaph ready for the Remembrance Service from all at St. Paul's Church.

Many thanks to all our distributors for delivering the newsletters every month, in all weathers, we couldn't manage without you. Finally many thanks to Bruce our editor for all his hard work.

We don't print a newsletter in January so we'll be back in February. Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy & Healthy New Year.

## Chester Green Food Bank Donations

A really big thank you to the generous and caring people in our community for the regular donations of food to our donation boxes in our local shops. The picture above is what was collected this week. All donations go to the Hope Centre for distribution to those in need. With large increases in the cost of living and cuts to benefits the need is only going to become even greater so please if you can spare a packet or tin of food please consider making a donation.

