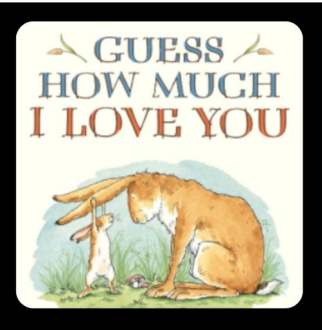
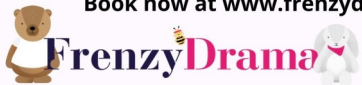


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Date: Saturday 12th February

Time: 1:30pm-2:15pm

Age: 18 months-5 years (with their parent/carer)

Venue: Chester Green Community Centre, DE1 3RR

Price: £6

Come and join us on this drama and imaginative play adventure!



City Road

The Mansfield Road end of City Road is looking a bit run down, and after visiting the site with councillors Martin and Repton, a number of actions are being looked at to improve the area, some already actioned including:

- Environment team visited Bridge Inn to make secure.
- Car Depot contacted regarding razor wire below 2.4m
- Waste constantly outside the take-aways being tackled.
- Council have agreed a more strategic plan is to be looked at for the area.

Haslam's Foundry Special Edition!

As plans are now emerging, and consultations open, for 75 Council Homes to be built on the site of Haslam's Foundry (Aida/Bliss factory), we've got announcements from both the council, and concerned residents.

The council turned down the Car Heritage proposal for the site (which is now happening in Sinfin <https://www.greatnorthernclassics.co.uk/>) with the petition of 500 names to reconsider this falling on deaf ears at the council. They have since discovered it's going to cost at least an *extra* £4 Million to develop the site for council housing so it's time to start finding out if they've made the right decision (especially as the spend has not yet been agreed by the council)!

Haslam's Foundry (Aida/Bliss Factory) - Derby Council Announcement

Derby City Council is planning to redevelop the site of the former Haslam's Foundry (Aida Engineering also known as Aida Bliss) on City Road to provide new affordable homes. The council are proposing a mixture of apartments, houses, commercial units and the creation of open space on the site.

This would be the biggest investment in new Council homes in Derby for over 40 years, so the council want to get it right. The plans are being shared so that local residents and anyone with an interest can comment on them, and help to improve them before a planning application is submitted.

The website created for this can be found at: <https://letstalk.derby.gov.uk/haslams-foundry>.

Drop-in Sessions: Drop-in sessions, run by Derby City Council are happening on Thurs 10th 3pm-8pm and Fri 11th 10am-2pm at St. Paul's Church Hall, Seale Street, Chester Green.



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Chess! Are there any primary school children who play chess as my granddaughter aged 7 would like to meet others who share her interest. Email Caroline Astell-Burt lsinfo@gmail.com

FRIENDS OF THE GREEN

There are lots of ideas and plans for what will be doing in 2022. These include snow drop and bluebell planting in mid March, an Easter fancy dress fun run & walk, a harp concert in May, an Arts and outdoor theatre in June, an Arts Trail in August, a 'Jazz on the Green' in July/August. We would like to develop and support the project of '100 Trees for Chester Green' this year which could include a 'Blossom Walkway' just down from the Community Centre on the Playing Fields. Interested? Come and discuss these and your ideas at the next **Cafe on the Green on Saturday 12th February between 10.00 and 12.00**

Little Chester History Group

A belated Happy New Year to all members. It was decided to cancel the meetings for January and February to allow the current omicron virus to run its course and keep everyone safe. The meeting on 17th March will be a talk on Codnor Castle.. anyone interested is very welcome to attend. The delayed social evening will be in April. Some sad news to impart. Our Treasurer, Chris Shelton, passed away very suddenly at home a week ago after a short illness. He did an excellent job on the committee and will be missed by all members of the group. We look forward to seeing you all again soon.

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

WARNING: COMING SOON NEAR YOU YET MORE APARTMENT BLOCKS

Many of us will have read in the Derby Evening Telegraph that at long last the plans to develop the former Aida Bliss factory site were now available. (Reference DET article). Many local residents who have been concerned about the decaying state of the building were disappointed and even more concerned about what the council is proposing.



Overcrowding

A previous survey of local opinion indicated strong support for either family houses or small scale office type buildings. What is being proposed are 22 family houses and additional 53 one- and two-bed roomed flats contained in two four-storey and one three-storey block. A number of concerns have been expressed about this including:

- It means just too many people (an estimated 240 residents) on a small site and the impact on their quality of life
- The family houses have small living areas on upper storeys, small difficult to access gardens at ground level, poor natural light levels and three flights of stairs which could be challenging for family living.
- Buildings that restrict natural light because they are too close together
- The impact on parking, congestion and air quality of increased car ownership in the area.

Huge Extra Costs

In addition to these concerns the significant extra costs of building on this site arising from mitigation of flood risks and contamination amount to a huge extra £4 million. This amounts to an extra £50,000 per dwelling. Is this the best use of public money? Surely finding another site to build houses on would make more sense?

Building on flood plains

Despite the welcome installation of flood defences the site is still actually a flood plain and there have been plenty of instances of newly erected flood defences being over topped by flood water and nearby dwellings experiencing major flooding. There's a growing strong opinion amongst environmentalists that there should be no new residential buildings on flood plains.

So what can we do? Please let us know what you feel about the council's proposals. Please complete the attached questionnaire and post it to 102 Chester Green Rd/24 St. Paul's Rd or complete it on line:

(<https://tinyurl.com/LCRAHaslamsQ>)

Or please come along to our Community Consultation Event on the Green on Saturday 12th February from 10.00 until 1.00pm

Questionnaire.

Do you think the council should be developing housing or encouraging non-residential development on a flood plain?

☐ Residential ☐ Non residential ☐ Either

Do you think that the Council would be better spending the £4million extra cost on building a higher volume of affordable homes on a site more suitable for residential development?

☐ Yes ☐ No

Do you think Little Chester would benefit from more apartments?

☐ Yes ☐ No

How would you rate the Council's Plans for the Haslam's Foundry Site?

☐ Very Poor ☐ Poor ☐ Fair ☐ Good ☐ Excellent

Please give reasons for your approval of disapproval of the proposal?