



CHESTER GREEN ENTERTAINMENTS TEAM: We have lots of exciting plans for the next few months and think there'll be something for everyone to enjoy!

QUIZ NIGHT - the 'quizzers' among you will be pleased to hear that we've rearranged our postponed Quiz Night to **Friday 25th March** at the Centre. Hosted, as always, by Rhian, admission is £3 per person in teams of 4/5 (max). Doors open at 7pm for a 7.30 start and the bar will be open. We had a fantastic turnout at our last quiz night - it would be great to see everyone again!

EASTER FAMILY BINGO - this is a new idea for a fun couple of hours playing bingo with yummy Easter goodies as prizes! Kids love dressing up so come in fancy dress, either Easter themed or your favourite outfit. At the Centre on **Saturday 9th April from 3pm to 5pm**; admission is only £2 for adults with kids FREE - just bring an Easter Egg along (there's a prize for best fancy dress/bonnet, too!)

SAVE THE DATE - our fund raising Fashion Show is back by popular demand after a break of 2 years. Ladies, keep **Saturday 7th May** free to enjoy a 'catwalk show' while sipping a glass or 2 of wine or even a cuppa, before browsing the rails for bargains! All proceeds raised help to fund our annual community Picnic - more details to follow.

PICNIC ON THE GREEN - another date for your diary, **SUNDAY 17th JULY**. It's all systems go for this year's Picnic now all restrictions have been lifted, and we already have several great entertainment acts booked! Watch this space...

Lastly, the highlight of the year that everyone is talking about - the Queen's Platinum Jubilee weekend at the beginning of June! We are in the early stages of looking into the feasibility of a 'Big Jubilee Lunch' Street Party to celebrate this wonderful achievement. It would be helpful to know if any celebrations are already in the pipeline so ideas could possibly be exchanged.

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LITTLE CHESTER HISTORY GROUP

The Committee warmly welcome all members back for the first meeting of the year on March 17th at 7.30 in the Community Centre. Maureen Taylor will be giving a talk on Codnor Castle. Anyone interested in this topic is very welcome to come.. you do not need to be a member. Date for your diary... Social Evening with entertainment and buffet on 21st April, price £6.00.

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FRIENDS OF THE GREEN

The Friends of the Green would like to invite you to a grand snowdrop and bluebell planting on the Green on **Saturday 26th March at 11.00 am**. Please bring a spade or trowel though there will be some available to borrow; and wrap up warm too! We look forward to seeing you then.

Future events to look out for:

Music in Quiet Places:

A concert of solo harp music in St Paul's church on **Saturday May 6th**

Theatre on the Green:

On **Saturday 4th June at 7PM** the Mikron Theatre will be performing Raising Agents. Bring a picnic and chairs!

Would anyone interested in playing host in the Arts Trail happening on **20th August** here in Chester Green please get in touch

If you would like to exhibit and sell your work also get in touch. Email me at:

Caroline Astell-Burt waxbaby@me.com and tell what you have to offer: front window, or garden if safe or front room.

If you are exhibiting write and tell me what you are wanting to exhibit. Looking forward to hearing from you. Caroline

Darley Labour Party will be holding a Pies and Bingo fundraising event at **7.30 p.m. on Thursday March 31st**. Venue is Chester Green Community Centre. £10 all in. Pay on the door on the night but please let us know if you are coming by emailing s_clamp@hotmail.com or phoning or texting 07759 475485. We need to make sure we have enough pies!

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Responses to 'Haslam's Foundry' housing proposal

The drop in sessions run by Derby City Council held in St.Pauls Church Hall on February 10th & 11th to display their proposals for housing development on the former Aida Bliss factory site were attended by about eighty people.

So far about forty residents have completed the questionnaire which was in the February Newsletter.

The results so far are:

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

A. Residential: 5% Non residential: 84% Either: 11%

Q. 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?

A. Yes: 96% No: 4%

Q. Do you think Little Chester would benefit from more apartments?

A. Yes: 9% No: 91%

Q. How would you rate the Council's plans for the Haslam's Foundry site?

A. Very Poor: 53% Poor: 34% Fair: 2% Good: 9% Excellent: 2%

We're currently still analysing the open comments, in terms of grouping into themes. Keep an eye on the website for more details!

We would like to thank everyone who has taken the time to reply to our questionnaire and given their reasons for approval or disapproval of the plans.

We would encourage anyone who hasn't yet responded, to complete our questionnaire online at <https://tinyurl.com/LCRAHaslamsQ>

and look at and comment to the Council on their designs by March 13th at: <https://letstalk.derby.gov.uk/haslams-foundry>.

The Council say they will consider the feedback to their engagement and intend to submit a planning application in 'Spring 2022' with a Cabinet decision on proceeding with the investment in 'Summer 2022'.

A RAILWAY RUNS THROUGH IT...

Below is a scene from the 1960's when Chester Green had the Friargate Line running through it. It's a nostalgic thought for many of us today to have looked out of your bedroom window and waved at the day trippers on their way to Skegness (maybe not so welcome if you've just hung your washing out?)

The line was closed to passenger trains in September 1964 and to goods trains in September 1967.

(Photo courtesy of Rita Fry)



THOUGHTS FROM A RESIDENT

Well, what a week we had. Storm Dudley as a warm up for Eunice and then Storm Franklin rattling the windows and bending the trees. Darley Fields and Parkers Piece disappearing, the flood defence plans all seemed to work well.

Talking of flood defences, I thought that the exhibition at St Paul's Church Hall about the Haslam's Foundry development was very interesting and valuable. There were some really great suggestions made, which I am sure will be taken into account as the planning process continues.

I think that one of the major concerns for any development on the Haslam's Foundry site is the increase in traffic on City Road. If it is residential then all the cars of the new owners, or if it becomes commercial, as many hope, the offices for 200 people and the HGV movements of the storage yard, all will drive along City Road. This road is the only route out of this part of Chester Green, and the junction with Mansfield Road was already very difficult even before the (temporary) location of St Mary's School in St James' House, St Mary's Wharf. If the Landau Forte School is allowed to expand this will only exacerbate the problem. I think that the City Road / Mansfield Road junction must be altered to ease these major problems.

As a resident member of the Darley Neighbourhood Board, I am always very happy to pass on any thoughts or suggestions to the Board.

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