

St George's Day

Frenzy Bees class & Stay and Play

Date: Saturday 23rd April

Time: 9:30am -11:00am

Venue: Chester Green Community Centre

Age: 18 months-5 years

Cost: £7.00 (£5.00 for existing customers, request discount code)

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St. Paul's Church

Muddy Church - 3rd April - 2:30pm

Come and explore Faith and Fun in Darley Park. Meet at St Paul's at 2:30pm and then meet back at the church hall for refreshments. All are welcome.

Easter Services at St Paul's

15th April - Good Friday 2pm - An hour at the Cross remembering the death of Jesus and a chance to light a candle to remember all those who we have lost as well.

17th April - Easter Sunday 10am - Come and celebrate the resurrection of Jesus with this service of Holy Communion

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CHESTER GREEN ENTERTAINMENTS TEAM:

EASTER BINGO – at the Centre on Saturday the 9th of APRIL from 3-5pm. Come and join us and enjoy a couple of hours playing bingo with an Easter theme. Admission is just £2 for adults with KIDS FREE – just bring an Easter egg and come in your favourite fancy dress costume or with an Easter bonnet. There will be lots of Easter goodies for prizes, including best outfit/bonnet!



There were some very cute Easter window decorations in the area during lockdown to cheer people up and it would be nice to continue this – it's up to you!

FASHION SHOW – at the Centre on Saturday the 7th of MAY, doors open at 7pm. We are very excited to be able to bring back the Fashion Show at last and know you will be too. After a 'catwalk' show featuring some familiar local ladies, you'll be able to browse the rails looking for bargains from famous brands including M & S, Wallis, Warehouse and more. Admission of £5 includes a glass of wine or a cuppa and tickets will be on sale from the end of March. There will also be a raffle with lots of nice prizes, all raising money for our Picnic on the Green on the 17th of July.

The pre-Covid shows were sell-outs and, although you can pay on the door, its advisable to get your tickets early! Card payments will be accepted for purchases on the night but show tickets and raffle tickets will be CASH ONLY please.

Here's how to get your tickets: email chestergreenents@gmail.com or phone the Ticket Hotline: 07890034898/07889878425



THE QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE – the whole country will join together to celebrate the Queen's 70 year reign during the extended bank holiday weekend early in June. Many people will take the chance to go on holiday and there will be lots of events planned, both locally and nationally.

Chester Green residents never miss a chance to decorate their streets and houses so let's make the area look really great with bunting, flags and 'royal' themed decorations – the more the better!

Some of you may be thinking of getting together with your friends and neighbours to plan a 'Big Jubilee Lunch Street Party' on Sunday the 5th of June and you'll find below some links and information that may be useful. It's not too early to start planning, particularly if you need permission to close the road.

<https://www.edenprojectcommunities.com/the-big-jubilee-lunch>

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Floods & Daffodils

On a sunny day with thousands of gulls and the odd stray swan the recent flooding of the Playing Fields and Parker's Piece made Chester Green a local visitor attraction. They were indeed a beautiful - if slightly terrifying - jaw dropping sight. As the floods drained away the daffodils on the Green began to blossom and in full bloom have been stop-in-your-tracks outstandingly beautiful.

This has been a very inspiring few weeks of nature at work in all its power and glory. I'm sure those inspirations might make quite a few people - young and old - wish they could write a poem about their feelings and reflections. Well why not? Please think about writing a poem and sending it to us (named or anonymous) and we'll put it in the Newsletter

Poem by 'A Friend of the Green'

Last night the tide swept in over Chester Green
Its waters moving swiftly and were not be seen
until the morning when the playing fields looked like a vast sea
with waves rolling over football pitches and trees.

It was so beautiful it filled me with awe
and made me wonder just how many had seen this before
and stood to behold nature's power
to transform our world in a single hour.

Local Councillors - Darley Ward

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Responses to 'Haslam's Foundry' housing proposal

So far fifty nine residents have completed the questionnaire which was in the February Newsletter and online.

In response to the four questions that were asked:

84% think the Council should be encouraging **non-residential** development on a flood plain

90% think Chester Green would **NOT** benefit from more apartments.

87% rate the Council's plans for the Haslam's Foundry site as **Poor or Very Poor**.

92% think the Council would be better spending the £4million extra cost of this site on building a higher volume of affordable homes on a site more suitable for residential development.

In terms of the open comments received, in addition to the concerns about flood risk, more apartments and poor value for money, a high proportion expressed concerns about overcrowding on a small site; increased traffic and congestion on City Rd; the insufficient parking on the site and the consequential impact on parking in the area;

The next most commented upon concerns were the adverse impact on air quality; unsuitable design of family homes; small room sizes; poor internal light levels; lack of local infrastructure eg GP services and road layout; small gardens; poor garden accessibility; noise and anti-social behaviour; the environmental impact.

A small number of respondents were fully supportive of the plans.

We will inform our Ward Councillors and the Council of the responses we have received.

There is expected to be a further meeting of the Neighbourhood Board Planning sub group soon, which is attended by Council Housing officers, Ward Councillors and resident representatives; it will be an opportunity to discuss the feedback received from the Council's engagement sessions in February, any proposed amendments to the design plans and to provide answers to outstanding questions.

We will keep you updated on progress in forthcoming Newsletters or on our website/Facebook pages

We're also still collecting local opinion – fill in a questionnaire at:

<https://tinyurl.com/LCRAHaslamsQ>

The 1st Chester Green Art Trail takes place on Saturday August 20. Homes will become mini galleries, windows will become art spaces, sheds will erupt as pop-up galleries, gardens as sculptural displays. Any secretive artists who want to take a leap of faith and show work in these spaces let me know now! Any professional artists who want to show their work get in touch immediately. You might have 3D - pots, sculptures or 2D artwork made from weaving, embroidery, crochet, ink drawings, paintings out of various media, woodcarving, prints. Come show and sell your work! Children's art also welcome. Email waxbaby@me.com and describe your work so that we can match you to a host.

Dr Caroline Astell-Burt - 07762264308

A Concert of Solo Harp Music

by Lucy Nolan

7.00 on Friday 6th May St Paul's Church Chester Green
Tickets on the door £8 (under 18's free)

Lucy Nolan is an award winning international harpist passionate about challenging and evolving new styles of harp playing. She was recently described as "a breathtaking performer and an amazing advocate for all things harp"



Chester Green welcomes international puppeteer Lois Conlan presenting a unique marionette performance.

"Springing out from an old brown suitcase, come and see a magical garden bloom to life! Join Greta Green Thumb the Gardening Clown, and her pal Nettles. Witness mischief makers messing, monkey business brewing and shenanigans shimozzle!

'Nettles in The Garden' is a show full of joy with inclusion, accessibility, and laughter lying at its heart. Using no spoken text alongside puppetry, clown, and a sprinkle of audience participation, you're all invited to bring your giggles and share in this delightful world."

June 4th, 11.am St Paul's Church Hall - Booking is open - text or email to reserve. 07762264308 waxbaby@me.com

Pay cash on the door or in advance by BACS. Tickets £6.50 on a chair. £3.00 per child on the carpet.