

## THANK YOU (1)

Many thanks to the local residents who cleared all the rubbish on the Green after the Travellers had gone. Andy from the Council asked me to pass on his thanks to the residents for their kind assistance in clearing the rubbish and stacking it under a tree for collection. The council cleared up the human excrement.

It's wonderful to live in an area where so many people care about the Green and look after it.  
Heartfelt thanks!

## THANK YOU (2)

A huge thank you to all who helped residents on St. Paul's Road after their front window was (accidentally!) met with a basket ball at speed!

Local residents managed to get in touch, help the clean up, secure the house and sort out a new window the very next day. A lovely neighbourhood response!

Thanks to all who helped :-)

## FRIENDS OF THE GREEN

A big thank you all those who have supported the Café on the Green either by baking cakes, making coffee, serving them and the 'old' and new customers for coming along and buying them and creating a lovely community atmosphere - it's not too late to check us out!

With the monies raised from the cafés we will be buying a couple of hundred mixed crocuses for planting around the Green in early October. It would be fantastic if you could join us in the community planting - all ages are welcome. The planting date will be announced in the October Newsletter when there will be a Café on the Green on hand for refreshments.



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To contact the Residents' Association please see the website [www.littlechester.org.uk](http://www.littlechester.org.uk)

## 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.*

[www.facebook.com/RainbowTotsDerby/](http://www.facebook.com/RainbowTotsDerby/)

## CHESTER GREEN ENTERTAINMENTS TEAM:

**QUIZ NIGHT – FRIDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER AT THE COMMUNITY CENTRE:** Oil the cogs in your brain and prepare to pit your wits against each other at our Quiz Night, hosted as always by the brilliant Rhian! Doors open at 7pm for a 7.30 start – admission £3 per person in teams of no more than 5 with a prize for the winners, of course. Bring your own team or join others to make up the numbers.



No need to bring your own drinks this time as the **BAR IS OPEN** – please note admission and payment for drinks is by **CASH ONLY**.

**CHRISTMAS MARKET:** A reminder our very first Christmas Market is on Saturday the 19<sup>th</sup> November at the Centre from 10am – 4pm with a good selection of stalls to browse for (dare we say it) Christmas presents, plus mulled wine, hot chocolate and mince pies!!

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## CHESTER GREEN COMMUNITY CENTRE

**HALLOWEEN DISCO – SATURDAY 29<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER AT THE CENTRE:** The Community Group and Chester Green Entertainments Team are working together to ensure our very popular Halloween Disco will again be the highlight of the year! Doors open at 6pm and, finishing about 9.30, admission is £4 per adult and £2 per child with under 5's free. More info next time.



**REGULAR GROUP AND PRIVATE HIRE AT THE CENTRE:** The Community Centre is an excellent venue for any type of group who want to meet on a regular basis. You'll see from the timetable on our website there is a good mix of groups and activities - they would welcome new participants. We currently have availability on Monday mornings and Thursday afternoons and, of course, at the weekend for private events such as children's birthday parties, christenings etc. We would welcome enquiries to hold Saturday evening events with a bar, so if you're looking for a brilliant venue for a "Big Birthday" or anniversary party please be in touch.

Our lounge area is being completely refurbished and, by the end of October, will be a bright, modern space that could be hired separately for small events, meetings etc!

For all hire enquiries please email: [chestergreencommunitygroup@hotmail.com](mailto:chestergreencommunitygroup@hotmail.com) or call 07527 603057 for prices and availability. Also [www.chestergreencommunitygroup.yolasite.com](http://www.chestergreencommunitygroup.yolasite.com)

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## LITTLE CHESTER RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

### MARV Film Studio proposal for Aida Bliss site

A full planning application is expected to be submitted in the near future but for now plans have been submitted seeking "full planning permission on a temporary basis for nine months to utilise the rear modern highbay shed (part of the site) for film-making purposes".



It says that film-making operations will take place typically between 8am to 6pm Monday to Friday during the temporary occupation period "for a maximum of 50 employees at the peak activity (during filming) on site".

The council's Environment officer has requested more information regarding noise levels; the target date for a decision on the temporary planning application is mid September.

You can see details of the application at: [tinyurl.com/MARVCG](https://tinyurl.com/MARVCG)

### Unauthorised Encampments on Chester Green

Following the two recent encampments on Chester Green, the first consisting of 38 vehicles and the second of 26 vehicles, and following the concerns raised by residents and councillors to the Council and the Police, we understand that senior officers of Derby City Council are now actively looking at a wide range of possible physical measures to prevent or seriously deter future incursions onto Chester Green including their suitability and affordability. They are also to examine whether there is sufficient evidence to obtain a permanent injunction to prevent or seriously deter future incursions in the future. A number of senior DCC Officers will report back their findings and recommendations when they have finished their work.

The Residents Association have also written to DCC's Strategic Director with responsibility for community safety, requesting that the council produce a documented risk assessment of the dangers to the public, particularly children, of trespasser's vehicles driving around the Green and on public footpaths. DCC have a legal duty to identify hazards, assess the seriousness of the risk and take actions to eliminate or control the risk and to document the process.

Andrew Meehan - Little Chester Residents Association

### Dabbling in Art - the first Chester Green Art Trail

It was an exciting day. So many people had a go at the painting the trees on the trail. Those who took the Art Trail where artists were exhibiting and selling their work were seeing the art of some great local artists - buying not reproductions but genuine works of art. The visual arts are not the only kind of art on the trail, but in addition, puppetry - the combination of performance art and visual art was presented to us by Ronnie Le Drew who brought puppets reminding us of the place television has in the arts- his Brilliant Bag Show including Sooty, Sweep, Sue and Zippy!

## LITTLE CHESTER HISTORY GROUP

A big thank you to the people who came and made a start on sorting the archives in the church. There is an amazing wealth of documentation and photos of the history of Chester Green, Derby, and Britain in general. Our first meeting of the new season is on Thursday 15th September at 7.30 in the community centre. The talk is on Marion Adnams, a local artist, by the senior art curator at the museum, Lucy Bamford. We hope to welcome our former members back as well as newcomers. The membership subscription for this year will be £15.

### Do you remember when the Green had the posts and chains?



I am trying to find out a lot more about the history of our Green over the last 100 years. Joan D'Arcy's book is really helpful but I understand that there is a lot more.

I have been told that some posts and chains were taken down to help the war effort, and that we were promised that they would be put back after the war. I have been told that more were taken down by the Council when the streets were closed off.

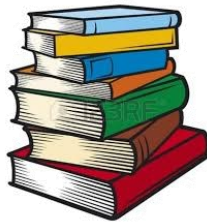
I have also heard that the Green was given to us/the Council by a benefactor in the same way that the Arboretum was given by Sir Michael Bass. It was also mentioned that it was a tip at some point.

Can anyone help me? It would be great if we could restore the Green to its former glory.

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### CHESTER GREEN BOOK EXCHANGE:

This was started during the main lockdown period in 2020 by several residents of Marcus Street, using 2 paste tables! It provided a lifeline for avid readers who couldn't replenish their supplies, on a completely free basis, whether or not books were exchanged. It continued to be held in the open air, weather permitting, but has recently moved into the Community room on Old Chester Road, opposite the end of Marcus Street.



We are open on the first Saturday of the month, from 10am to approximately 11am, so pop in and see us. There is bound to be something you'd like to read among our large stock of books, and now you can have a cuppa whilst browsing!