

GET CREATIVE IN CHESTER GREEN

I am a stage designer and puppeteer. Last year I made 5 big angels for St. Paul's Church. This year the Angels will be joined by 6 big stars about a metre high.

Would anyone be interested in coming to help me for about an hour on 6th and 8th December. There will be cake! I promise no glue or paint just fabrics and shiny stuff and conversation!

Please text me if you would like to come
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CGET: CHRISTMAS WINDOW TRAIL AND LIGHTS SWITCH ON



Our Christmas celebrations will get off to a magical start on the 4th DECEMBER when the fairy lights around the Green, on Camp Street and Marcus Street will be switched on!

Gather around the Christmas tree on the corner of Marcus Street and Chester Green Road by 5pm, ready for the "Switch on" at around 5.15. There'll be festive music played by the "Wiglets" - you could bring a bauble or some tinsel to add to the decorations on the tree, making it a lovely focal point for Chester Green's Christmas festivities!

Adding to the sparkle all around the area will be the 50 or so decorated windows in homes and businesses on our CHRISTMAS WINDOW TRAIL. There are always some brilliant window scenes, some whacky, some traditional but all lit up brightly for us to enjoy as it gets dark.

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 cost of printing the map.

An on-line version is available at tinyurl.com/CGXmasWindows2022. 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 until around the end of December. Enjoy!

Thanks to everyone, particularly the many local businesses, who have supported our events throughout the year with raffle prizes, sponsorship and generally helping out when needed – we are very grateful to you all!



Our first Christmas Craft Market held at the Centre on the 19th November was a fantastic success! Many people, both local and those passing through Darley Fields, enjoyed browsing the stalls for unique gifts before sampling the festive refreshments on offer!

SAVE THE DATE: The first **QUIZ NIGHT** of 2023 will be on **FRIDAY THE 3rd FEBRUARY** at the Centre. Doors open at 7pm for a 7.30 start with admission of £3 per team member (no more than 5 in a team please to ensure a fair competition). Rhian will again be setting the brain teasing questions and the **BAR** will be open – **CASH ONLY PLEASE.**

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Merry Christmas and a Happy New year!
Our next newsletter is February 2023.
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THANK YOU

LCRA have received another £70 towards printing of the newsletter, many thanks to the two local residents.

Huge thanks to our team of distributors for delivering the newsletters monthly in all weathers and special thanks to Bruce our wonderful Editor.

We don't print a newsletter in January so we'll be back in February, so may I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy & Healthy New Year,
kind regards Marie (LCRA)



CHESTER GREEN COMMUNITY CENTRE

The Centre was packed for our brilliant Halloween Disco jointly held by the Community Group and the Entertainments Team. Bruce did some great spooky games and all the witches, ghosts, devils and ghouls had a fantastic time!

Thanks to everyone who helped in any way to make the night a great success!

To enquire about hiring any part of the Centre on a regular basis or for a 'one off' event, please contact the booking officer on 07527 603057 or email:

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

After my previous piece about the posts around the Green I was amazed and grateful for all the responses and help. Thank you.

What has emerged so far is that the posts and chains seem to have been removed in stages. It seems that the chains definitely were taken to aid the war effort during the second World War and this would fit in with the air raid prevention measures installed on the Green at that time.

It seems that there were still posts without chains all along Mansfield Road and Chester Green Road still in place in the mid 1960's but these were then removed by the Council, with some of them being placed behind the Cathedral and some on Folly Road. It has also been reported that some went into Dale Road Park in Spondon.

I have been given copies of old photos of the Green showing the posts, one of which, interestingly, showed that there was a pavement along the outside of the Green along Mansfield Road. Does anyone remember whether this footpath was dug up before the grass was laid, or was it just grassed over?

I hope that this jogs a few memories. If it does, please get in touch. This will help us move towards getting the Green restored to its deserved glory.

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“Assa’s Shop” – Chester Green News

New opening hours from 21st November 2022
Monday to Saturday 7am to 10.30pm - Sunday 8am to 8pm

LITTLE CHESTER HISTORY GROUP

The talk on John Flamsteed by Karen Springer was well attended and gave a good insight into 17th century life in Derby.

There is no meeting in December so the next event will be our social evening on January 19th with entertainment and buffet.

The price is £8 for members and £10 for guests. Mel and the committee would like to wish all our members and friends a merry Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year.



CHRISTMAS SERVICES AT ST. PAUL’S CHURCH

4th December 10am Holy Communion service in church

4th December 4pm Christingle service - Finishing in time for the Chester Green Christmas Lights switch on at 5pm

11th December 10am Soul Sunday cafe style service in the church hall

11th December 4pm Board Game Church - Come for fun, fellowship and board games

18th December 10am Soul Sanctuary service in church

18th December 7.30pm Outdoor Carol Service. Bring a torch - We will move inside if the weather is bad

24th December 3pm Nativity service - Great for all ages, especially children. Come and help to build the Christmas story

24th December 11:15pm Midnight Mass - Please note the 11.15pm start time

25th December 10am - Christmas Day Service. Bring a present to open



Chester Green Food Bank Donations

Times are getting very tough for a lot of people and this winter will see many struggle to make ends meet.



Our local community's efforts to help others is truly remarkable with food bank donations at Assa's shop on Mansfield Road still being made. If you haven't been able to make a donation or weren't aware of this facility please ask at the shop.

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!

