

CityGate Project

Do you think that the wall on the river side of City Road from the chip shop to Etruria Gardens is a mess?
Well, you are not on your own! A number of members of the Neighbourhood Board, Council Officers and local residents have been looking at the area with the idea of making this gateway to our neighbourhood a great deal more appealing. What would make things a lot easier would having some photographs of the area before Tomlinson's Yard and the surrounding area were demolished. Can you help? If you have any photos or if you would like to get involved just get in touch. Thanks in advance.
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Summer is a Coming In ...

So it's time for the Café on the Green!

Café on the Green
Enjoy coffee & cake... and tea too!

Catch up with all those friends you've not seen over the winter on **Saturday 1st April at 10.00**



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

CHESTER GREEN ENTERTAINMENTS TEAM

CHESTER GREEN ENTERTAINMENTS TEAM: Around 45 quizzers took part in another brain teasing quiz hosted by the brilliant Rhian. Congratulations to the winners; look out for the next Quiz Night due in June!



EASTER FAMILY BINGO AND GAMES: Come to the Centre for a fun couple of hours playing bingo and games with an Easter theme. On **SUNDAY 2nd APRIL** from 3-5pm, admission is only £2 for adults (cash only please) and **FREE** for KIDS - just bring an Easter egg along!

Come in either Easter themed/your favourite fancy dress, or wear a decorated Easter bonnet - there'll be yummy Easter goodies for prizes. The tuck shop will be open too!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY: Following the success of our first Christmas Craft Market, we're having a **MAKERS MARKET** at the Centre on 20th May featuring many different crafts and food goodies!

Our brilliant community **PICNIC** on the **GREEN** will be on:
Sunday 16th JULY!

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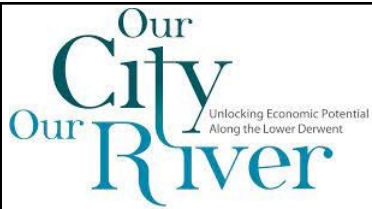


The Derby Wall Community Project is now on exhibition in the Council House until mid March. Why not try and find **YOUR** decorated tiles? For more information contact Maggie Roper Attenborrow, Project Leader.
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Could you be a befriender?

The Derby Good Neighbour Volunteering Scheme is in real need of befrienders specifically for our area. If you could spare some time for someone who needs someone to chat to from time to time please find out more by contacting Kesha Chawda either by email kesha.chawda@communityactionderby.org.uk or ringing her on 01332 346266.

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Our City Our River

Landscaping - The OCOR landscape contractor will be carrying out planting works to replace any trees and shrubs in the area that have died over the last few years – including the 2 street trees on City Road. It's not unusual for some losses to occur in

the early years of establishment.

Heritage Tour – Back in December we hosted a couple of drop-in events to launch our proposed Heritage Tour to celebrate the diverse Roman and Industrial history of the Little Chester area. An artist, local fabricators and archaeologists will be involved in designing sculptural pieces and interpretive material at a number of locations across the site. There will be opportunities for community involvement as ideas develop over the coming months and we will keep you updated.

As part of this project a small storage unit is due to be installed beside the pavilion over the next few weeks to house grounds maintenance equipment. The unit will not be completely finished as decorative elements will be added in a few months time which will celebrate the history of the site.

Parkers Piece - The pavilion and cricket facilities are due to be handed over to local group Community One very soon and we will hopefully see cricket activities return to the site later in the year.

OCOR Free Garden trees – Thank you to everyone who signed up to receive a free fruit or standard ornamental tree for their garden last year. We supplied and delivered 100 trees to local residents as part of the first phase of the project which is running in partnership with local charity Trees for Derby. This year we are moving on into the city centre and through the Alvaston area and can include private gardens, schools etc. within a wide river corridor. To see if you can be included please contact Trees for Derby treesforderby@gmail.com

LITTLE CHESTER HISTORY GROUP

The talk on "Downstairs at Calke Abbey" by Karen Kreft was fascinating and quite well attended.

The next meeting is on **Thursday 16th March** in the **Community Centre at 7.30.**

The talk will be Derbyshire Firsts by David Fearnough. Sadly, I need to announce that Mel has decided to resign as our Chairperson due to ill health. We all thank her for her enthusiasm for the group, her good ideas for moving forward, and her excellent rapport with people. We will miss her but wish her well with her recovery and return to good health. If there is anyone out there who would like to take on the role, please put forward your name at the next meeting.



Chester Green—Update from the local Councillors (see page 4 for contact details)

Citygate project: we have now had two meetings with residents to take action to improve City Road at the Mansfield Road end – on ongoing project (see page 4)

OCOR: I met with the flood defence team who have funding to create a 'heritage tour' around Chester Green with interpretation boards, monuments, and some interactive mobile phone technology. They will be engaging with local residents about this post May's election. They also wish to develop the strip of land adjacent to Parker's Piece and the first terrace house on City Road as a community green space, and will need to work with community on that (see page 2)

Pedestrian Crossing, Mansfield Road: we continue to press the transport manager to do more on this crossing. He should be able to say what he can deliver at the end of March.

The Green: we are continuing to investigate means to secure the green from general access and will shortly be undertaking another site visit with officers.

New bus-stop: we are told this is in the pipe-line and has been delayed due to some material shortages. It is on schedule for delivery but the speed is rather slow.

St. Paul's Church, Chester Green

Sunday 5th March - Holy Communion 10 am

Sunday 5th March - Muddy Church 2:30 pm - meet at the Rowing Club in Darley Park to explore faith together in the great outdoors

Sunday 12th March - Soul Sunday 10 am - café-style service in the church hall

Sunday 12th March - Board Game Church 4 pm - play games, make friends and discuss some of the big questions of life

Sunday 19th March - Mother's Day Service 10 am

Sunday 26th March - Soul Sunday 10 am - café-style service in the church hall

SAVE THE DATE - The 2nd Chester Green Arts Trail will be on Saturday 9th September.

Tree painting in rain or sun! puppet-show etc. Let me have your ideas. If anyone would like to set up their own pop-up tent and fill it with your own art-work to sell, spread the word. You are welcome to bring your own easel and set up under the trees for an inspirational day.

If anyone in Little Chester as a whole wants to sell art from your house, please let me know and we can make a map. Please contact Caroline Astell-Burt at waxba-by@me.com