

LITTLE CHESTER HISTORY GROUP

Our next meeting will be on **Thursday 21st September** in the **Community Centre at 7.30pm**. We look forward to welcoming back all our members and, hopefully, some new ones. The membership fee for the year is £15. The first talk of the new season is **Gershwin by David Kimmins**, followed through the year by some very interesting subjects.



CHESTER GREEN ENTERTAINMENTS TEAM:

A reminder it's our very popular QUIZ NIGHT on Friday 15th SEPTEMBER at the Centre, hosted as always by the brilliant Rhian. Doors open at 7pm for a 7.30 start so arrive in time to get your drinks in from our bar.



Teams of no more than 5, admission is £3 per person, with a prize for each winning team member. Bring your own team or join others to make up the numbers – either way oil those brain cogs ready for a great evening!

PLEASE NOTE THAT ADMISSION AND BAR SALES IS CASH ONLY. Thank you.



SAVE THE DATE FOR OUR HALLOWEEN DISCO, A WEEK EARLIER THAN USUAL ON SATURDAY THE 21st OCTOBER—A brilliant nights' spooky fun for 'kids' of all ages! More info in the next newsletter and on our Facebook page

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CHESTER GREEN COMMUNITY GROUP:

We are happy to report that we have a new bar supervisor at your local Community Centre and are confident that the bar will be a reliable feature going forward. This means we can consider accepting weekend bookings, subject to availability, where a bar is required, eg adult birthday parties, christenings, anniversary parties, and even wedding celebrations! The Centre has been fully redecorated over the last few months with smart new chairs on order – a brilliant venue with lovely outside space available if required.



Please see our website: <https://chestergreencommunitygroup.yolasite.com/>, ring our booking line 07527 603057 or email for more details or to enquire about availability and prices: chestergreencommunitygroup@hotmail.com

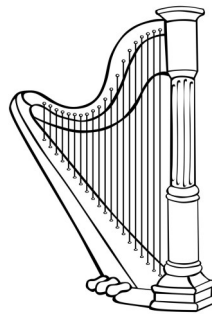
Back by Popular Demand!

The harp player Lucy Nolan performed a sensational concert in St Paul's last year.

She will be playing again in the church on **Saturday 16th September at 3.00**, this time with Indian singer, Supriya, as well as electronics and video. It promises to be a unique and amazing experience and a lot of fun!

It's a concert for everyone - including children and young people. **Admission is £12 (under 18's free).**

Pay on the door. For more information please text 07757 873 923



MUSIC IN QUIET PLACES presents

SONIC THREADS

Supriya Nagarajan - South Indian Carnatic vocals
Lucy Nolan - harp

3pm Saturday 16th September
St Paul's Church Seale St
Chester Green Derby DE1 3RT
£12 (under 18s free)

SONIC THREADS seamlessly transcend cultural and genre boundaries. Taking inspiration from the textiles of India, including Calico and Kanchipurami. The weaving of warp and weft directly impacts on musical phrases and melodies creating a heady Indo-Jazz experience. The music is also coloured by the spiritual nature of renowned harpist Alice Coltrane and will take listeners on a sonic journey from lullabies to reimagined Bollywood classics.

Limited parking at the church please park in the City Road car park.

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The Second Chester Green Art Trail - 11am - 4.00pm, Saturday 9th September 2023 : Tree Painting, Puppet Trees & Puppet Shows

Under the trees of Chester Green you can drink tea and coffee and eat home-made cake at the cafe all day - just bring along a chair!

CAN YOU BAKE or Donate bought cakes and biscuits FOR THE CAFE ON THE GREEN? Phone or text 07762264308 everything welcome.

Certain trees will be Puppet Trees so visit them and you will see a puppet show. The puppeteers will put their hats down for you to donate money—pay what you feel.

On the trees you can paint to your hearts content (very popular last year). If you are short of inspiration, we have an inspirer: freelance artist/art therapist Theresa Hemsall to encourage you and deepen your creative experience.



And then...

After a few days having given local people the chance to enjoy the art as they walk on the Green. This tree art work will be removed, preserved and taken around to local schools as a Spring exhibition to celebrate the trees of Chester Green as they come into leaf.

Maggie Roper-Attenborrow, a local artist (famous as organiser of the Derby Wall), has been knocking on doors asking the wonderful people of Chester Green in St. Paul's Rd if they might allow artists to exhibit their work in their front windows and gardens and she has now expanded her call to artists and craftspeople to fill these Window Galleries. Whoever you are, knitters, embroiderers, potters, painters and photographers, contact us if you want to exhibit/sell your work! Text 07760425195

Look out for five metre high 'Giant Puppet John' who has travelled all the way from Grassington in North Yorkshire to his new home in Chester Green. Come and have your photo taken with GPJ. Put your name down to join a Creating a Giant Puppet-making Class. October Text 07762264308 for further information.

ARE YOU A BUSKER? Bring your instrument put down your hat and play! Text 07762264308 to tell us about yourself.

Railings and more for Chester Green?

As many of you will know, The Green was originally surrounded by very elegant cast iron posts, rails and chains made locally by the Abel Foundry.

With the amazing news that the Bliss building's future has been secured and the iconic frontage has been secured, several members of our community thoughts turned to more local heritage. One of the first things that came to mind was the railings that enclosed the Green. It is commonly known that most of the posts and rails were removed to aid the war effort and a lot more were taken out when St. Paul's Road and Chester Green Road were pedestrianised.

Wouldn't it be wonderful if they were replaced? This would reinforce the amazing sense of community spirit and the sense of belonging that is so strong in our area.

Because of the obvious link to our history, we would likely be able to seek a grant from the Lotteries Heritage Fund.

Is it a good idea? Should the railings surround the whole Green again? Should they only cover the Mansfield Road end to give symmetry to the City Road end? Or something else again? Is there anything else heritage related to the Green that could be included?

But before anything can happen we must find out what the local community thinks!

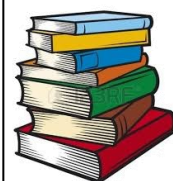
If things go ahead as we hope, we will be coming to you to find out what you think in the autumn. Look out for questionnaires and more then.

It is very early on in this exciting project but to take this forward successfully we'll need lots of your ideas and views' after all, we live here!

Mark, Steve and Andrew



CHESTER GREEN BOOK EXCHANGE



Just a reminder our FREE book exchange/library is open on the 1st Saturday of the month at the Community Room on Old Chester Road (opposite the end of Marcus Street) from 10 to 11am.

Pop in and see us, bring any books you've read, take new supplies with you and have a cuppa and a chat while you're there!