

LITTLE CHESTER HISTORY GROUP

The talk on Thursday was an amazing insight into the very first Dracula play, performed at the Grand Theatre, Derby in 1924.

A famous film was later made with Bela Lugosi in the title role. He came and performed Dracula in Derby in 1929. Attendance was disappointing due possibly to dark nights/rain. Please try and come or we cannot keep running.

The next meeting is on Thursday November 16th at the Community Centre at 7.30pm. The subject is "The life of a Belper Spinner 1805" by Mary Wilson.



We Are What We Overcome

Matt McGuinness is currently touring the country - to rave reviews - with his musical story of 'one man's journey to good mental health'.

An upbeat evening of live, vibrant indie pop music, with thought-provoking comedy and stories about coming to a place of good mental health.

It's actually moving and very funny - don't miss it on **Friday 10th November at 7.30 at Chester Green Community Centre.**

Tickets are £11 and available on the door or at

<https://www.mattmcguinness.co.uk/tickets>

Combining music with thought provoking comedy and stories, one man's journey to good mental health via a very bad idea.

10TH NOV **CHESTER GREEN COMMUNITY CENTRE**
Darley Fields, Old Chester Road, Derby DE1 3SA

Tickets from mattmcguinness.co.uk/tickets

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CHESTER GREEN ENTERTAINMENTS TEAM:

There are some exciting things to look forward to in the run up to Christmas! Our second **CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR** is being held at the Community Centre on **Saturday 18th November from 10am to 4pm** – admission **FREE**. Come along, bring your family and friends and browse the brilliant stalls selling a variety of hand made products, where you'll be sure to pick up a gift or three! Stop for a break and indulge in mulled wine, hot chocolate (with or without Baileys), tea, coffee, soup/rolls, mince pies or delicious scones at very reasonable prices.

The **CHRISTMAS WINDOW TRAIL** has become a lovely local tradition running throughout December. The whole area looks beautiful with fairy lights around the Green and surrounding streets and many homes and businesses taking part by decorating their windows! There isn't a theme for window decorations so yours can be traditional, cute, funky or whatever your imagination can come up with, lit up brightly so everyone can see your display if it's dark as they follow the Window Trail.



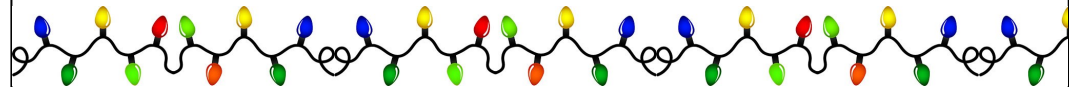
There are usually about 50-60 displays, which can be shown on the Window Trail Map (provided in the next newsletter or viewed on your mobile device). Please be in touch by the **12th NOVEMBER** with your name and address to be included on the map. Text Rachel Wiggins on 07968 024071, email: chestergreenents@gmail.com or via Facebook: www.facebook.com/chestergreenents

CHRISTMAS LIGHTS SWITCH ON: SUNDAY 3RD DECEMBER AT 5.15 PM.

Come and gather round the community Christmas tree on the corner of Marcus Street and Chester Green Road for our grand Christmas Lights Switch On. All the fairy lights around the Green, on Camp Street and Marcus Street will be switched on together (fingers x'd) and, along with all your decorated windows, the whole area will sparkle and shine throughout the festive period! You are welcome to bring some decorations to hang on the tree too.

Last but by no means least, we have our very popular **QUIZ NIGHT on FRIDAY the 1ST DECEMBER** at the Community Centre, hosted by the brilliant Rhian.

Fire up your brain and prepare to pit your wits against each other in teams of no more than 5 members (bring a team or make numbers up with others), with a prize for each winning team member. Admission is £3 per person – doors open at 7pm for a 7.30 start. The fully stocked bar will be open – please note admission and bar sales are **CASH ONLY**. Let's finish the year with a full house and have a brilliant night's quizzing!



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Last Autumn, local people got together to make giant stars to go into St Paul's Church at Christmas time where they were enjoyed by church-goers and visitors alike.

This year everyone is invited to come and decorate and foster a shepherd or an angel - give it a name of your choice (I've always fancied Eric the Angel) and keep it at home - perhaps on your windowsill or else somewhere in your home being Christmassy until 11.15pm on Christmas Eve- when you can bring and process to the crib to the sounds of a cheery carol.

If you like you can bring it to the children's service in the afternoon or else if you are going to be away let me know and I can pick it up and deliver it for you.

Shepherd and Angel decorating sessions will take place at 108 Chester Green Rd.

If warm enough in the workshop, otherwise in the house in the afternoons 1-3.00pm November 28th, 29th, 30th and 1st December. Please book your angel or shepherd by texting your preference to Caroline on 07762264308 and it will be here ready for you to decorate.



Christmas at St Paul's Church

3rd December 4pm - Christingle Service
 17th December 6pm - Outdoor Carol Service
 24th December 3:30pm - Christmas Eve Crib Service
 24th December 11:15pm - Midnight Mass
 25th December 10am - Christmas Day Communion



Derby Floods

For the 2nd time, our new flood defences have been tested with a new record high from the River Derwent. You'll all know that they stood firm! Some of Derby wasn't so lucky, so we're thankful that our section of the flood defences are complete.

A big thank you to all the council workers and emergency services who helped keep us dry, and free from gridlock (Police made Little Chester residents only, traffic wise on the Saturday!)

We hope the rest of the City's defences continue to progress, and further details of the experience, from the council's point of view can be found at:

<https://www.derby.gov.uk/news/2023/october/defending-derby-from-its-river/>



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Bonfire Night/Christmas! Social.

Darley Ward Labour Party are holding their annual fund-raising social event at Chester Green Community Centre, from 7pm on Friday November 3rd.

It will be a fun event, with drinks, homemade curry with a vegetarian option, bingo, a raffle, and a John Lock disco. You can even come in fancy dress if you want! Tickets cost just £15 and kids are free. They'll be a well stocked bar, and cash only, please!

Steve Clamp can provide further information and is the one to contact to let us know you are coming (s_clamp@hotmail.com or phone or text 07759 475485).

You do not have to be a member to come along, family, friends, and friends of friends all very, very welcome.

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!



Lamp Post Poppies will be popping up around Chester Green on the run up to Remembrance Sunday again this year.

If you would like to "sponsor" a poppy or make a donation to the Royal British Legion, please visit our Just giving page or post donations through @ 24 St Paul's Rd.

<https://tinyurl.com/CGPoppies2023>

Thank you x