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Special thanks to all our wonderful distributors who deliver the newsletters 11 months of the year in all weathers!! We really appreciate your help. Thanks also to the Chester Green Community Group for their generous monthly donation towards the printing costs of the newsletters.

Many thanks to Bruce our Editor for all his hard work producing the newsletter. Thanks to CGET, CGCG, Friends of the Green, Arts Trail, LCRA and the 'Bollards' Group (more about this group next year) for everything they organise and for supporting the Community.

We don't print a newsletter in January (everyone gets a month off) so we'll be back in February. Merry Christmas and a happy, healthy & peaceful New Year to you all. Kind regards Marie x (LCRA)

CGET: CHRISTMAS WINDOW TRAIL AND LIGHTS SWITCH ON



Christmas celebrations will get off to a magical start on **Sunday 3rd 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 around 5pm ready for the synchronised (we hope) "switch on" at 5.15pm. We hope to have some festive music played by the "Wiglets" and you could bring a bauble or some tinsel to decorate the tree, making it a lovely focal point for Chester Green's Christmas festivities!

Following the **Christmas Window Trail** has become a popular family event and there are always some brilliant window scenes in homes and businesses, some traditional, some funky or unusual but all lit up brightly as it gets dark.

A Trail map is included in this newsletter, with further copies available as shown in some of the businesses who have very kindly sponsored the cost of printing the map. A digital version is available at tinyurl.com/CGXmasWindows2023

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 run throughout most 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 when needed – we are very grateful to you all.

It's quiz night at the centre on Friday 1st December, set by the brilliant Rhian. With teams of no more than 5 taking part, **doors open at 7pm for a 7.30 start**. Admission is £3 per person with a prize for each winning team member. Our fully stocked bar will be open – **cash only please**. Let's end the year with a bumper quiz night!

We are already planning events for 2024, hopefully with some new ideas, and look forward to your continued support working towards next year's Picnic on the Green.

MERRY CHRISTMAS FROM US ALL!

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Merry Christmas and a Happy New year!
Our next newsletter is February 2024.
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LITTLE CHESTER HISTORY GROUP

There will be no meeting of the group in December

The next meeting will be a social gathering with wine, mince pies, snacks and a quiz on January 18th at 7.30 in the Community Centre. The price will be £4 on the door.

The committee would like to take this opportunity to thank members for their support and wish everyone a very merry Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year.



CHESTER GREEN COMMUNITY CENTRE

It's been an exciting time recently when MARV Films (marv.com), based in the old Bliss's building on City Road, were part of a major new stunt movie filmed around our very own Green. We were pleased that the Community Centre became the base for the "extras" to be transformed by the hair and makeup artists and, although there was inevitably some disruption to residents, it will be great to see the results on the film "Stuntman" in the future!

Our website: <https://chestergreencommunitygroup.yolasite.com> has details of all the regular group activities held at the Centre that are open to everyone. We are a very popular venue for private weekend events such as children's parties, family gatherings etc and can now consider hosting evening events, including the bar.

Email chestergreencommunitygroup@hotmail.com or call 07527 603057 for prices and availability. **MERRY CHRISTMAS FROM US ALL AT THE CENTRE!**

THANK YOU from Mike Hothersall @ MARV Films!

We can't thank the residents of Chester Green enough for their cooperation in what is a pivotal moment in Film and Television history for Derby.

We'd like to personally thank Marie on behalf of the Chester Green Residents Association, Julie and Sheila on behalf of Chester Green Community Centre and Geoff from St. Paul's Church - and for every other local supplier who helped us along the way!



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

LCRA - Update on Local Planning

MARV Films temporary application for scaffolding

MARV film studios and stunt academy have submitted a temporary 12 month planning application (23/01397/FUL) to erect scaffolding on the north facing wall of the Aida Bliss building which faces onto the Parkers Piece council car park.

The application states “the scaffolding is required for a number of reasons linked to the wider development and use of the buildings as they are redeveloped, such as building inspections, condition surveys, stunt training and film-making.

For safety purposes and the associated activities on site it will be necessary to relocate the existing tree and a number of the bollards in the nearby landscaping. It has been agreed with Derby City Council (DCC) that the tree will be removed and planted in the vicinity, and the landscaping and bollards will be returned back to their original state at the expiry of the permission.

The application permission is an interim measure for a year whilst the full planning application for the site is being prepared, submitted and considered for approval”.

Mansfield Street former Methodist Chapel

An application 23/01430 has been submitted for change of use from Church to Offices including installation of new and replacement doors and erection of a front boundary wall and gate.

DCC Highways have commented that “no off-highway parking is being proposed ... and any consent would be on the basis that the application is for a car free development and that therefore no parking permits will be issued to subsequent occupiers of the premises”.

Consultations on Speed Humps and Parking Permits

The Council are planning in the near future to consult with Chester Green residents on whether we want a speed hump scheme on City Rd/Old Chester Rd and also whether we want to retain the Parking Permit scheme.

In 2016 residents voted strongly in favour of a speed hump scheme, but installation was delayed due to fears of potential noise and damage from large construction vehicles during implementation of the flood defence scheme ; this was followed by an additional delay due to the Covid pandemic; The Council are consulting again to see if residents are still of the same view.

The Parking Permit scheme in Chester Green has been funded by OurCityOurRiver but that funding is coming to an end, though there will be a further free period for a year. Residents will need to decide whether we want to retain the scheme and pay the charges (currently £35 per annum first car; £60 p.a. each additional car; visitor permits 40 pence/visit).

Poppies!

The Chester Green Lamppost Poppy Appeal raised a fabulous £255.50. A massive thanks to all those who donated this year!



CHRISTMAS SERVICES AT ST. PAUL'S CHURCH

Come and celebrate the Christmas season throughout December at St Paul's.

3rd December 4pm - Christingle

Come and make a Christingle Orange, learn what it means, sing some carols and then we will walk across the Green to join the Christmas light switch on.

10th December 3:30pm - 3:33 Church

Family activities, crafts, snacks, story and songs all about the Christmas story.

17th December 6pm - Carols on the Green

Come and sing some of your favourite carols and hear the Christmas story outside church on the grass (if the weather defeats us we will relocate inside)

24th December 3:30pm - Crib Service

Help to tell the Christmas story at this short all age service as we build the nativity scene together.

24th December 11:15pm - Midnight Mass (please note that it doesn't start at midnight!)

Start your Christmas Day as early as possible as we share Holy Communion together.

25th December 10am - Christmas Day Holy Communion

Come and celebrate Christmas together as we share Holy Communion at this all age service.

...and if that's not enough our usual 10am Sunday morning services will also be happening!



Bins on Streets and other Neighbourhood Board matters.

The Darley Neighbourhood Board is a group involving the Ward Councillors, various council service officers and managers, the local police and the Public Protection Officers, as well as community groups from around the ward. The aim is to share and discuss matters which affect the ward.

At a recent Neighbourhood Board meeting the subject of bins on streets was raised. The issue particularly affects the terraced streets of the West End, Kedleston Road and obviously around here. There have been a number of instances where people with visual or physical difficulties, wheelchair users and parents with prams or buggies have been affected by bins being left out. There have also been instances of bins being contaminated or even set on fire!

The meeting was advised that the directions for bins is that they should be put out the evening before the collection day and be put away by the evening of the collection day.

Should members of the community have difficulties with putting out or removing your bins off the street, please do get in touch with the Council either through your local Councillor or the Locality Team – neighbourhoods@derby.gov.uk. It is recognised that not everyone is physically able, so they will always help.

It was also reported that the Darley Ward has undergone some changes recently. It now also covers a fairly large part of the City centre, up to Albert Street and Victoria Street. Darley Ward is part of a Locality of 3 Wards (Darley, Mackworth & Allestree Wards), known very imaginatively as Locality 5. The Locality Team comprises of a Locality Manager, 2 x Locality Officers, 2 x Public Protection Officers and 3 Local Area Coordinators. So eight people have to cover this large area. Not many, is it?