

## CHESTER GREEN ENTERTAINMENTS TEAM

Thank  
you!

Thanks to everyone who helped to make Chester Green sparkle throughout the Christmas period, from the residents who put the fabulous fairy lights around the green, in Camp Street and Marcus Street, to all the homes and businesses who decorated their windows! Special thanks to the businesses who sponsored the cost of printing the Window Trail map – we really appreciate your support!

The winner of the 'Hunt the Pud' competition was Rowan Thoragood who will receive a £10 cash prize.

**QUIZ NIGHT** – we start our 2024 entertainment programme with the first of our popular QUIZ NIGHTS on **FRIDAY THE 1<sup>st</sup> of MARCH** at the COMMUNITY CENTRE, Darley Fields. Doors open at 7pm for a 7.30 start with admission of just £3 per person and teams of no more than 5, (come with a team or join others to make a team). With the brilliant Rhian setting the questions, this is a great way to spend a Friday evening! The fully stocked bar will be open – **PLEASE NOTE THIS IS A CASH ONLY EVENT.**



Watch this space next month for info about the community events we are planning for 2024, including our annual Picnic on the Green – we look forward to your continued support.

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**CHESTER GREEN COMMUNITY GROUP:** Although we are well into the New Year, we would like to wish all residents a happy and healthy 2024.

Just a reminder there are lots of regular activities taking place at the Community Centre catering for mums and babies, aspiring young footballers, singers, musicians, those interested in local history, fitness (bowls, tai chi, Pilates and fitness to music) and crafts! See our website:

[chestergreencommunitygroup.yolasite.com](http://chestergreencommunitygroup.yolasite.com) for the full weekly timetable.

There are a few regular slots available for new groups too.

Our bar is now fully operational and, with our comfortable, modern lounge area as well as large main hall and outside space, the Centre is the ideal venue for your family celebrations whether large or small – children's parties, wedding receptions, anniversaries and those BIG birthdays! We also welcome enquiries for small meetings, training days, counselling sessions etc.

Email: [chestergreencommunitygroup@hotmail.com](mailto:chestergreencommunitygroup@hotmail.com) or call **07527 603057** for prices and availability.

**SAVE THE DATE NEXT ARTS TRAIL WILL BE ON SATURDAY SEPT 7th. 12-4.** An afternoon of painting and puppets and whatever other arts turn up on the day.

### TWO PUPPET PERFORMANCES

As a fundraiser for the Arts Trail, Caroline Astell-Burt will present a puppetry performance and talk about the history of the rare and beautiful otome bunraku of Japan. This will take place on **Saturday March 23rd at St Paul's Church Hall 3.00-4.00**

Refreshments included. Booking essential. Please text 07762264308. Not suitable for children.

### Donations in aid of the 2024 Arts Trail.

Due to popular demand the same event will be repeated at 108 Chester Green Rd. Friday **29th March 7.00- 8.30pm** Soup and bread will be served. Booking essential and donations as above. Seats limited.

Dr Caroline Astell-Burt,  
Waxbaby Productions,  
108 Chester Green Rd,  
Chester Green  
07762264308



### Like quizzing? Coach & Horses

As well as the quiz events at the Community Centre, Rhian and Phil take it in turns to run a quiz on Sundays at the Coach and Horses from about 8 pm. It's nothing very serious. There's free food and then a "sticky fingers" card game after. It's a bit of a laugh. Why not give it a try?

### Little Chester Ale House Reopens

Following refurbishment Little Chester Ale House has reopened under the ownership of Alex and Matt Allingham, aka the Mad Brewer Company. The brothers also run a successful micropub in Melbourne. It's great that this wonderful, cosy part of Chester Green's social scene is being retained and maintains our community's strong link with Derby's real ale scene. Having both the lovely Ale House and the nearby key social hub and pub the Coach and Horses is a big plus for Chester Green. Pubs and social cohesion go hand in hand. Use them or lose them. SC



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## Traffic Calming and Permit Parking Consultation - Concerns

By the time you receive this newsletter and if you live in one of the current Permit Parking Zones, you should have received a consultation document from the Council asking for your views and whether you agree to the current Permit Parking scheme being made permanent and in future chargeable ; and also whether you support the introduction of a 'speed hump' traffic calming scheme on Old Chester Rd and City Rd.

Please do respond to the consultation. Be aware that the Parking Permit outcome is decided on the majority in each of the three zones. So if one zone were to disagree and not retain the scheme, but two zones agree it could lead to a 'displacement' parking problem.

Also be minded that the Council's policy on new developments is to limit the number of off street parking spaces e.g. six spaces for thirty three apartments at 12 Mansfield Rd, which could lead to additional demand for parking if there were to be new developments in Chester Green in the future.

Whilst I personally support the introduction of both schemes, I have a couple of concerns regarding the details of the two schemes.

The Permit Parking scheme was originally introduced in 2017. Amendments were subsequently made to create additional parking bays on Mansfield Rd. for businesses and residents. Concerns have been raised that the two space parking bay adjacent to the (now former) Tattoo Shop seriously inhibits approaching driver's visibility of pedestrians using the Mansfield Rd. zebra crossing, causing a risk to their safety. Whilst the parking bay is within a permitted legal distance from the zebra crossing, it is much closer than Highway's guidelines recommended safe distance. If you believe as I do, that the two space parking bay should be removed on grounds of safety, then I would ask that you comment accordingly on the consultation document in order to make the council aware.

The Traffic Calming scheme now being proposed for Old Chester Rd and City Rd includes two less humps than were in the previously proposed scheme that was approved by residents in 2017. The recommended spacing between speed humps is about 80 metres in order for them to be effective. The removal from the plan of humps from the northern end of City Rd and the western end of Old Chester Rd results in a spacing much greater than 80 metres between humps. I am concerned that this large gap will encourage and concentrate speeding along this section. If you agree with this concern, I would ask you to comment on the consultation document.

If you'd like to make the Residents' Association aware of your views on this matter (either support or concerns) feel free to email myself at [andrewmeehan75@gmail.com](mailto:andrewmeehan75@gmail.com) or post to 102 Chester Green Rd . It might also be useful to copy in Darley Ward Councillor Carmel Swan who also has cabinet responsibility for Transport, [Carmel.Swan@derby.gov.uk](mailto:Carmel.Swan@derby.gov.uk). Also, if you haven't received the consultation letter, do let us know.

**Andrew Meehan - LCRA**

## LITTLE CHESTER HISTORY GROUP

Our first meeting of the year was a very enjoyable cheese and wine social evening with a quiz. It was lovely to welcome everyone back. The next meeting is on February 15th at 7.30 in the community centre. It is a talk on Treetops Hospice by Natalie Godrich and we hope to see you there.



## Local Planning

### Prime Construction's City Rd site

There have been long standing concerns about the boundary treatment of Prime's City Rd



site which is currently leased for car storage and distribution. The mix of partially demolished buildings, a building rebuilt without planning approval and a hoarding which intrudes onto the narrow public footpath have been in place since the former Tomlinson's buildings were demolished so that flood defences could be erected.

Correspondence from the Resident's Association to DCC Planning in September 2023 led to the Chief Planning officer meeting with the owner and the occupier of the site and confirming that he has advised them that a change of use planning application would be needed to regularise the current use of storage and distribution.

The Chief Planning officer has said "It is my understanding that they are in the process of putting together and will be submitting a planning application to retain the use. As part of our determination of that application, we will consider all material considerations including those relating to flood risk and visual amenity."

DCC Planning have been made aware of the recent serious incident which resulted in the roof of the unapproved building being blown off in the wind.

The LCRA will continue to pursue this issue until a long term solution to this unsightly and unsafe boundary is implemented.

### The Duke of Clarence pub

A planning application was submitted in 2022 to demolish the Duke of Clarence pub and erect a micro pub and apartments on the site.

In November 2022 the Environment Agency objected to the application particularly on the grounds of flood risk to a ground floor flat included in the plans.

The applicant has not subsequently submitted any revised plans and the time limit on the application has expired.