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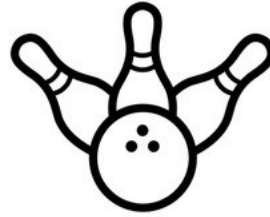
Would you like to have a bit of easy company?

Well, there may be an answer, just around the corner. The Skittles season will be starting soon, and the **Coach and Horses** is looking for new team

members. It doesn't matter if you haven't played before, in fact it doesn't matter if you have no idea what it is all about!

Come to the Coach on a **Thursday evening** at around **7.30pm** and we will say hello. We don't take it too seriously and we don't expect you to turn up every week either.

We look forward to seeing you.



Puppets!

Thanks to all who attended the Japanese Women's Puppetry talk with mini performances. We raised over £100 from generous donations which are going towards the Arts Trail on Saturday September 7th.

Giant Dancing Puppets : I would like to put together an all age team to make and perform some 3-4 metre high puppets. I have a video of some I made earlier!

WhatsApp me and I can send you it to look at.

07762264308 or email castellburt@hotmail.com.



These images are of a puppet inspired by Japanese women's puppetry. They were designed to be held on the waist of the puppeteer.

Strings go from the head of the puppet to the puppeteer's head.

The hands of the puppet are operated by the hands of the puppeteer, and the knees of the puppeteer work the feet of the puppet.

So the puppet moves like a human being. If anyone is interested in learning more or wants to have a go, text **07762264308**.

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

CHESTER GREEN ENTERTAINMENTS TEAM:

A few updates for you; the Quiz Night in March was our best yet with just over 50 people taking part, making it a close call for the winning spot! Watch this space for news of the next quiz night.

Food and Craft Fest: It was quite a task to choose a selection of stalls from all the applications we received as word has clearly spread about how popular and well attended our 'Markets' have become. We are sure the final choice has something for everyone, from homemade cakes, bakes and preserves, dog treats and plants to jewellery, toys, cards, fragrances and so much more, with around 24 stalls inside and out!



The date to look forward to is **Saturday 4th May**, the bank holiday weekend, at the **Chester Green Community Centre** from **10am-3pm**. Admission is FREE and there will be tea, coffee etc to enjoy with your homemade goodies from the stalls!



There will be more info in next month's newsletter about the **Northern Soul Night** in June but save the date – **Friday 7th June** at the Community Centre.

Save the date: **Picnic on the Green** – **Sunday 14th July**. More

info to follow.

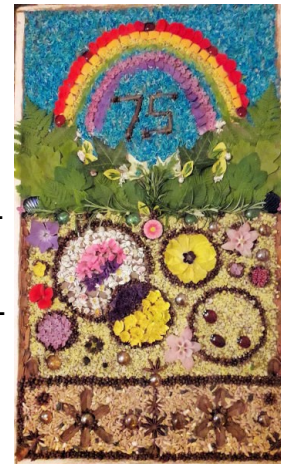
WELL DRESSINGS: For over 30 years a team of local volunteers have decorated boards to celebrate the Wells in Marcus Street and the Vicarage Garden. We are the only area left in Derby City that still hold a well dressing and celebrate this ancient tradition. If you would like to get involved and help keep this community tradition going, please get in touch....

Previous years' efforts can be seen at tinyurl.com/CGWellDressings

As always, we value your support for our upcoming events for the residents of Little Chester, your friends and families.

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CHESTER GREEN COMMUNITY GROUP

Our Annual General Meeting will be held at the Centre on **Thursday 9th May**. Membership criteria changed several years ago and everyone in the Little Chester area is automatically a member, entitled to vote at the AGM.

The meeting gives you the opportunity to hear how the Community Centre is run on your behalf by the Management Committee and give any suggestions for change or improvement. The Committee meets just once a month and we would appreciate hearing from anyone who would like to join us - chestergreencommunitygroup@hotmail.com

Doors open at 6.45pm, the meeting will start at 7pm and last less than 1 hour – you will be very welcome!

As you know, the Centre is a great venue to hold any type of party, family get together, fund raising event or meeting and, with the bar facility (subject to availability) and pleasant outdoor space, we are in high demand! For private hire enquiries please contact our Booking Officer by email or phone 07527 603057 for prices and availability. Website:

<https://chestergreencommunitygroup.yolasite.com/>



Quiz at the Coach and Horses

Quiz at the Coach and Horses As well as the quiz events at the Community Centre, Rhian and Phil take it in turns to run a quiz 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 afterwards (similar to bingo!). It's a bit of a laugh. Why not give it a try? Please note that the quiz

will be moving from Sunday nights to **Tuesday nights, starting on April 9th**.

LITTLE CHESTER HISTORY GROUP

The talk this month on Dolly Shepherd was very informative and interesting. She was an Edwardian lady who jumped from balloons, just holding on to a trapeze structure. She did many shows in this area.

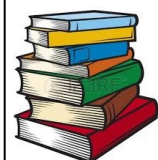
The next meeting is on **18th April at 7.30pm** at the **Community Centre**. The talk is **Fingerprint Evidence** by **Paul Newsham**. All are more than welcome to our meetings!



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!



Bins on Streets and Bulky Waste Collection

As part of the Labour Party Election Manifesto at the last local election, an easier access to recycling was promised. The first step in honouring this promise is free access to the collection of Sofas, Armchairs, Mattresses and similar, which they call bulky waste.

From Monday 22 April, up to 250 households will be able to book a free bulky waste collection for up to three items on a first come, first serve basis.

Residents will have the chance to book a free collection using the Council's existing bulky waste collection system, online. Collection dates will be available until the end of May, giving bookers five weeks of dates to choose from so they can pick a day that's most convenient to them.

If residents miss out on the free slots, the system will notify them at the time of booking.

It is expected that this will be the first of more opportunities for this service.

It is also reported that more attention will be given to the matter of bins being left on the pavements. 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.

The Council directions for bins is that they should be put out the evening before the collection day and be put away off pavement by the evening of the collection day.

It is well understood that some members of our community have difficulties lugging full bins out to the pavement and putting them back so if that is you or you know someone in this position get in touch with the Council either through your local Councillor or the Locality Team – neighbourhoods@derby.gov.uk. They know that not everyone is physically able to do this, they say they will always help.



Local Updates

Funding from Derby City Council has been secured for the wildflower display on the Green again this year.

The council and councillors are reviewing the responses to the parking scheme and speed hump consultation carried out last month.....we await the outcome!

The temporary tarmacking at the new bus shelters will be completed properly once new electronic display boards have been installed, which will hopefully happen soon.

More tree trunks have been placed around the Green to deter unauthorised vehicular access.

The half demolished old Prime site on City Road still needs planning permission for a change of use (to a car yard). We await updates on this.