



THIS IS WHERE THE MAGIC BEGINS...

Did you know that that the renowned 'Derby Conjuror' lived in Chester Green for more than 60 year?. James Wakefield – stage name James Carl – performed his magic tricks across the country and his audiences included the royal family.

Derby Magic Circle will be celebrating the life of the Derby Conjuror with their members performing magic tricks on the Green on **Saturday 3rd August** between 11.00 and 1.00. There will be cakes and coffee from the Café on the Green, a poem specially written by former local resident Sue Belcher, and at 12.00 there will be an official unveiling of a blue plaque on the house where he lived – 100 Chester Green Road.

This will be a fun event for everyone so please bring your family and friends and enjoy the magic!



ANNUAL PICNIC ON THE GREEN

supported by QSC

Sunday 14 July • 1pm-5pm(ish)

It's always been a firm **FAMILY FAVOURITE** and now even **BIGGER and BETTER!**

- Local bands
- Dance and music performances
- Face painting
- Treasure hunt
- Children's games
- Ice Cream and Candy Floss
- Raffle and lots more!

FREE

In the unlikely event of wet weather "Plan B" is to continue with the Picnic in the Community Centre

Grab your chairs, gazebo, food, drinks and sunscreen and pitch up with your friends and family for an enjoyable afternoon on Chester Green.

LITTLE CHESTER WELL DRESSINGS

A huge thank you to the volunteers for making this year's fabulous well dressings, which did eventually make their way to the Ancient Roman Well on Marcus Street after the blessing in St. Paul's Church.

Young and old took part, and they looked fantastic this year - well done!

Thought to have been a ceremony to thanks God for a reliable water supply most associated with Derbyshire and Staffordshire with the custom in its current form of decorating clay boards dating from the late 18th Century.

To have a look at Chester Green's well dressings since 1992, see:

<https://tinyurl.com/CGWellDressings>



CHESTER GREEN ENTERTAINMENTS TEAM

PICNIC ON THE GREEN – SUNDAY 14TH JULY: As you'll see from the front page, it's only a few days to go until our Picnic on the Green, an annual treat everyone in the area looks forward to. This brilliant, FREE event starts at 1pm, finishing around 5.30 on the Green itself and, as always, we have a packed programme featuring local musical entertainers, a dance performance, face painting, kids treasure hunt, a raffle with prizes for adults and kids plus some ever popular games including tug o'war, for all ages. Bluebell dairy will have delicious ice creams on sale, East Midlands Mascots unicorn and dinosaur characters will be around and we hope to have Derbyshire Cricket Foundation to provide some kids' games.

For your 'convenience' we have a portaloos on site and a couple of first aiders in case of accidents.

Plan B in the event of wet weather, which we've surely had enough of, is to hold the Picnic and entertainment at the Community Centre on Darley Fields. Last year was the first time we held it inside - the Centre was packed and everyone still had a really good time.

Please bring cash for raffle tickets and ice creams. Although everything else is free, including the face painter, there will be a couple of donation boxes around as all proceeds from the picnic helps to fund this and our other events such as the Halloween Disco (costs include insurance, licenses, entertainment etc).

Help to set up on the morning from 10 am would be much appreciated and if you have a raffle prize you can donate please call Julie on 07722 486166

NORTHERN SOUL AND MUSIC NIGHT - Everyone who came to this, our first music night, really enjoyed it with many saying they hope we have another similar event before too long – watch this space!

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LITTLE CHESTER HISTORY GROUP

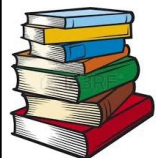
We had our last meeting of the year last night, a very interesting talk on Dame Laura Knight. We will resume on the third Thursday in September. I would like to take the opportunity to thank all our members for their support and regular attendance. We are still in desperate need of a chairperson so if anyone would like to volunteer, we would be most grateful.



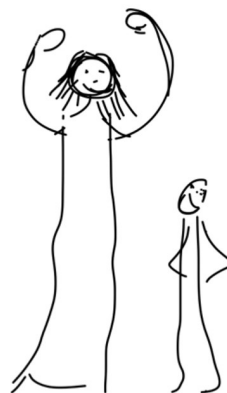
CHESTER GREEN BOOK EXCHANGE

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!



PUPPETS AND ART TRAIL



The Jolly Madams Tall Puppets have just been offered their first Gig. on **August 3rd at the Magic Circle celebration on the Green.** Trouble is I need volunteers to help make them. Come and have some fun in the puppet workshop at 108 Chester Green Rd. This is not demanding work - remember the fun we had making Angels and Shepherds for the church, and the year before that, huge great stars. Text Caroline on 07762264308 for more info and then you can come and join in with the making of 3 Jolly Madams (activity suitable for anyone aged 9 to 90 plus). See the pic for an idea of the size of a 'Jolly Madam' compared to a child!

Don't forget the **Arts Trail on 7th September.** Tree painting will be led by art therapist Theresa again, the Cafe on the Green will be led once more by Laura from Honduras. There will be puppets for all the family and tree painting and a competition to see who found the most Green Men. Hmmm a mystery!

If anyone missed the Well Dressing, Dr Shawn and Enisha from the shop are putting up some photos.

If anyone has any thin silky fabric you want to get rid of: old nighties, wedding dresses, dressy dresses, silk sheets- absolutely any colour or pattern of anything.

Which reminds me - Many thanks to John Spencer, the amazing upholsterer living in Alfreton Rd. He has made us a very generous donation of fabric!

Visit John's Sofa Studio for your next upholstering need. One Oak, Alfreton Rd. 07960849642.

RIVER DERWENT UPKEEP

The Environment Agency, working with the Earl of Harrington's Angling Club, have recently introduced large numbers of fish fry (chub and barbel) into the Derwent at Darley. This is to try and compensate for the damage done to fry numbers by the predation of the invasive signal crayfish.

Again, working through the Angling Trust and with The Environment Agency, "The Earl" is campaigning against storm water overflows and sewerage. The club has received monitoring equipment from the Environment Agency and is regularly monitoring the dissolved oxygen levels in the river.

Work is ongoing to maintain decent fishing access and platforms for disabled anglers.

Application for the club's beginner angling sessions, generally held at Woodrow's Pond Darley, has been at a record high this year. We're sorry if we've not been able to fit you in. If you do want to start fishing though please email earlofharringtonsac@gmail.com and we'll aim to send you information of local start fishing events and try and fit you in in the future.