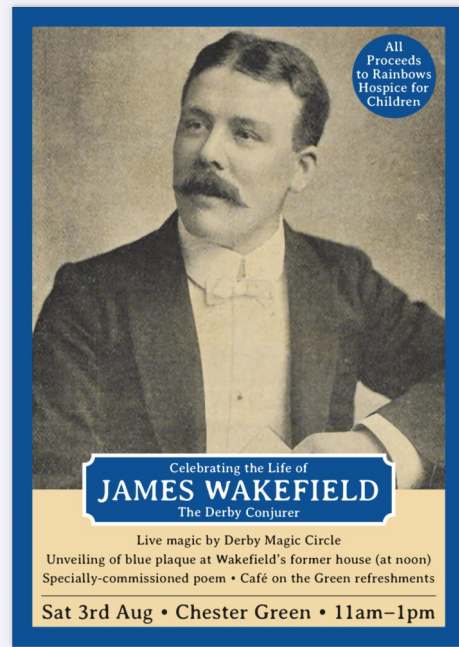


THIS IS WHERE THE MAGIC BEGINS...

Did you know that that the renowned 'Derby Conjuror' lived in Chester Green for more than 60 years?. 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 **11am and 1pm**. 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!



Thank you, from a Resident! Well, what a brilliant Picnic on the Green we had. It was amazing and heartwarming to see everyone come out and join together in making it such a special day. Thank you for everyone that made a donation or bought a raffle ticket, every penny will go towards having another Picnic on the Green next year.

Weren't we lucky with the weather? Not too hot so that we had to dive under the trees for shade, yet warm enough and dry enough to just relax and enjoy the company and the music.

Talking of music, don't we have some amazing talent around us? All of the acts have their roots in Chester Green. A massive thanks to **Rip it Up, Angelika and Brass Pigeon**. The super talented youngsters of the **Tiptoe School of Performing Arts** put on another brilliant display, don't they work so hard?

Thank you to all of them, without these brilliant performers the afternoon would be a lot less enjoyable.

But the Party didn't just happen on its own. We are so lucky to be able to call on people that will help out in putting things up, carrying things around and taking things down.

So massive thanks to, in no particular order, Matt, Paul, Steve, Grant, Alan and Bruce who worked tirelessly before, during and after the day. There were others whose names I didn't catch, thank you. We must also thank the Performing Rights Society for granting us a free music licence for the Picnic, it was very generous of them and helped to make it viable.

And finally, to those amazing, hard working members of the CGET committee that made it happen. Your reward for doing such a great job is to do it all again next year.

Thank you

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



Chester Green Entertainments Team

We were so lucky that the weather was fine, dry and warm for our annual Picnic on the Green recently! Over 300 residents, their families and friends enjoyed an afternoon of excellent entertainment by local singer **Angelika, Brass Pigeon, Rip it Up** and **Tiptoe School of Performing Arts**. Kids were treated to walkabouts by 'Spiderman', 'Captain Jack Sparrow', a dinosaur and unicorn, took part in a 'find the flag' treasure hunt and had their faces painted, so there was something for everyone – all FREE of charge!

A huge thanks to the local businesses and residents who supported us by providing raffle prizes, which meant that £375 was raised to be used towards the costs of next years' Picnic and other entertainment we have planned through the year. Thank you to everyone who helped in any way to set up/clear away on the day or provided specialist equipment and special thanks to Bruce for co-ordinating the programme throughout the afternoon!

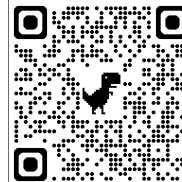
Keep an eye on www.facebook.com/chestergreenents and in the newsletter for info on upcoming events, starting with our popular Quiz Night on Friday the 20th September at the Community Centre.



CHESTER GREEN COMMUNITY GROUP: If you are planning a special event in the near future, whether it's an adult or child's party, a wedding, christening or anniversary celebration or just want somewhere to hold a small get together, the Centre is an ideal venue! We can provide a bar, subject to availability and numbers involved, and with our spacious main hall, outdoor space and smaller lounge area, there are options to suit a large or small number of guests.



For prices and availability email: chestergreencommunitygroup@hotmail.com, call 07527 603057 and check out our website: chestergreencommunitygroup.yolasite.com/ for further information about the Centre and our weekly timetable.



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Message from Catherine Atkinson MP

It is less than a month since the general election on 4th July and I wanted to thank everyone who voted. It is a great privilege to be elected to represent the area I live in, Derby North.

I am currently in the process of setting up a constituency office and arranging dates for advice surgeries. Once agreed, they will be advertised on social media and in the local media.

In the meantime, you can contact me at:

Email catherine.atkinson.mp@parliament.uk

Tel 01332 345636

Over the rest of the summer the Labour Team will be conducting a 'Labour Listens' campaign. We want to hear your views on how we can make your area and Derby as a whole better.

After 14 years of Tory chaos, it is going to take time, but I am delighted that the new Labour Government has already started delivering the change we really need. In the recent King's Speech, we have the news that legislation will be brought forward to create Great British Railways that will bring railways back into public ownership and will be based here in Derby.

We've lifted the ban on onshore wind. We've created a national wealth fund to invest in and grow our economy. We've met NHS bosses to get the 40,000 extra NHS appointments we need each week and 700,000 urgent dental appointments up and running as quickly as possible.

We have extended the Department for Education's recruitment campaign to kickstart our promise to hire 6,500 new teachers. We're taking emergency measures to pull the justice system back from the brink of collapse. We have begun setting up a new Border Security Command to smash the people-smuggling gangs for good.

The next few years are going to be difficult. However, I want to be part of a government that is committed, not to its self-preservation, but to uniting the country in the shared mission of national renewal.

By working with local people, I want to ensure that Derby becomes a better place to live and work and be fairer, greener and safer.

Yours faithfully

Catherine Atkinson – Derby North MP

Illegal Encampments on the Green

As I write this, the latest incursion of illegal encampments on Chester Green has just ended. The clean up starts tomorrow, as we start to look, again, at how we can protect our green in the future. Replacement Bollards around the Green seem to be too costly, and the current placement of logs and other obstacles isn't working. One common, cost effective, and low impact solution is **earth bunds**. This has been used across the country to keep caravans and unauthorised vehicles off urban parks, whilst still allowing access to be kept when needed via removeable posts at key locations. Linked below are examples from Chichester, Reading and Walsall.

<https://tinyurl.com/CGBunds1>

<https://tinyurl.com/CGBunds2>

<https://tinyurl.com/CGBunds3>

If you agree that something needs doing about this now yearly problem, please help by signing this petition - perhaps even contact your MP!

<https://tinyurl.com/CGBundPetition>



3rd Chester Green Arts Trail: On 7th September between 12pm and 4pm.

The Giant Puppets Workshop has been going great guns with volunteers coming to help build. Thanks so much to Laura, Janine, Sheila, Carole and Dave for giving us a hand (or two) and for donating fabric.

We are ready to dress the trees for painting, the new clay Green Men faces will be on the trees for you to paint and bring to life. Once again there will be puppeteers visiting: including Debbi Maurice coming from Cornwall, Theresa McNally from Harrogate, Kate James-Moore from London and I will also present my Suitcase Show. There will be teas, coffees and cake under the trees.

Text 07762264308 for more information.

NB The Arts Trail is free but donations will be gratefully received. Please bring picnic chairs and rugs to sit on and rugs bring your own sandwiches too!