

## Café on the Green

Thank you to everyone who came to the Cafe on the Green last month. There was lots to enjoy! Fabulous Greek pies from Chester Green's own Greek Ambassador Marios, superb cakes baked by Audrey, Carole and Caroline and magic tricks and humour from the Derby Magic Circle ... and hey we raised £200 for Rainbows Children's Hospice. See you again next year!



We care for babies, children and young people in the East Midlands – wherever they are.

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We would like to say a huge thank you to:

Friends of the Green

From your recent fundraising, and donating a fantastic...

£200.00

You're helping us to support families from across the East Midlands wherever they are.

Signed: N. Richardson Date: 18/06/25



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# ANNUAL PICNIC ON THE GREEN

**Sunday 6 July 2025 • 1pm-5pm(ish)**

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

- Local bands
- Dance and music performances
- Local Fire Eater
- Tug of War
- Festival Tattoos and Hair Braiding
- Face painting
- Treasure hunt
- Children's games
- Ice Cream
- 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.

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## CHESTER GREEN COMMUNITY GROUP

It's been a busy summer so far with the Centre being a very popular venue, particularly for children's parties, with plenty of outdoor space to make the most of the lovely weather. We recently had to replace a garden bench that had been provided in memory of a local resident, Tony Adams, who passed away in 2002. Our website:

<https://chestergreencommunitygroup.yolasite.com> has a selection of photos of the interior and exterior of the Centre plus details of our regular group activities. To enquire about hire availability and costs, including evening events with the bar open, please email [chestergreencommunitygroup@hotmail.com](mailto:chestergreencommunitygroup@hotmail.com) or call 07527 603057.



## House in Multiple Occupation conversions in Chester Green

The planning application, 25/00142/FUL to change the three bedroom house at 28 Marcus Street into a five bedroom House in Multiple Occupation (HMO) has been approved by Councillors on the Planning Committee by a majority of six votes to two, following recommendation for approval by the Council's Planning Officer.

Ward Councillors Martin Repton and Alison Martin and a resident from the neighbouring property spoke in objection at the Planning Committee meeting.

The planning application, 25/00471/FUL submitted to add a rear/side dormer and front rooflight and change the 3 bed family house at 6 Alfreton Rd into a six bedroom HMO has not yet been decided at time of writing this article.

The Conservation officer has objected to the size of the dormer and to the front rooflight. The Flood Risk officer has objected to the absence of safe refuge for the ground floor occupants in the event of a breach/overtopping of flood defences.

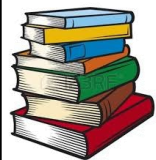
The Highways officer has requested clarification of the two off street parking spaces claimed in the application. A request has been submitted to the Planning Case officer to confirm whether the application contravenes the new legislation designed to prevent 10% concentration of HMO's within a 50 metre radius ie the HMO at 2 Old Chester Rd.

## Retirement of Geoff Young as Newsletter Distributor

We would like to say a big thankyou to Geoff Young of Drage Street who has had to retire from delivering this Newsletter after an incredible twenty four years of service. Many thanks Geoff and we wish you a happy and healthy retirement.

**Please email [info@littlechester.org.uk](mailto:info@littlechester.org.uk) if you can help deliver newsletters!**

## CHESTER GREEN BOOK EXCHANGE



just a reminder that 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 – 11 am. Pop in, bring any books you've read, take new supplies with you and have a cuppa and a friendly chat while you're there.

## PICNIC ON THE GREEN – SUNDAY 6th JULY

As you'll see from the front page of this edition, it's only a few days until our much anticipated Picnic on the Green when several hundred local residents, their friends and families, gather on the Green for an afternoon of brilliant entertainment.



This **FREE** event starts at **1pm**, finishing around **5pm** and, as always, we have a packed programme with 2 new musical acts performing - **Local Vocals community choir** and **Cover Story**, a Derby based acoustics party band, alongside local Indie Rock band **JD & the Parrots**. **Tiptoe School of Performing Arts** will entertain us with their dance routines and, another first for the Picnic, local **Fire Eater/children's entertainer Mary Good** will perform some amazing tricks so there's something for everyone to enjoy!

There will be a **treasure hunt, glitter tattoos, face painting** and **hair brading**, East Midlands Mascots as Disney characters will be around, delicious ice creams on sale, a raffle with adults and kids prizes, plus by popular demand, tug of war for all ages is back!

For your 'convenience' a portaloos will be on site and a couple of first aiders in case of accidents. Plan B if the recent fine weather lets us down is to hold the Picnic and entertainment at the Community Centre on Darley Fields.

**Help to set up on the morning from around 10am or any raffle prize donations (please call 07722 486166) would be much appreciated.**

Although this is a free event, please bring CASH for raffle tickets, a small charge for glitter tattoos (hair braiding extra) and possibly ice creams. All proceeds help to fund the Picnic (costs for insurance, licenses, entertainment etc) and our other events through the year.

Quiz Night: Many thanks to Phil Teague for his first quiz at the Centre, which was enjoyed by all the teams who took part and congratulations to the winners after a close run result!

Our upcoming events will be covered in the next newsletter but follow us on:

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## Little Chester History Group

Last month was our last meeting till September, a very interesting talk by Robert Mee on the Ealing Comedies. Such a host of great stars started

their careers in these films....Sir Alec Guinness, Peter Sellers, Herbert Lom and Arthur Lowe to name but a few. The first meeting in September will be on Thursday 18th in the Community Centre at 7.30. We will be collecting your subscription of £15.