

# Hope & Joy

**Christingle Service** – 4pm 7th December

Make a traditional Christmas orange then head over to the Chester Green Christmas lights switch on at 5.15pm

**Outdoor Carol Service** – 5pm 21<sup>st</sup> December

Sing traditional carols together on the grass outside church and enjoy mince pies after • Bring a torch or lantern • We'll move inside if the weather is bad

**Nativity Service** – 3pm 24<sup>th</sup> December

Come and have fun building the nativity scene together

**Midnight Mass** – 11.15pm 24<sup>th</sup> December

Service of Holy Communion • Please note the 11.15pm start time

**Christmas Day** – 10am 25<sup>th</sup> December

Bring a present to open as we celebrate the birth of Jesus

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## This Christmas at St. Paul's Chester Green

To contact the Residents' Association please see the website [www.littlechester.org.uk](http://www.littlechester.org.uk)

### Chester Green Entertainments Team

#### CHRISTMAS WINDOW TRAIL AND CHRISTMAS LIGHTS SWITCH ON:



You should receive this final edition of the 2025 newsletter just in time to remind you that it's our **'Christmas Lights Switch On'** this **SUNDAY the 7<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER**, getting Christmas celebrations off to a magical start! Gather round the Christmas tree on the corner of Marcus St and Chester Green Rd at 5pm, with an unbreakable bauble for the tree if you'd like, where we will be treated to some festive music by Bruce and Jack, aka The Wiglets, before all the fairy lights round the Green, on Marcus Street, City Road and Camp Street, will be switched on together (fingers crossed) at 5.15.

The map inside this newsletter shows the homes and businesses taking part in the **Christmas Window Trail**, which continues throughout December. You will see some brilliant and unusual window displays on the trail, so follow the map with your friends and family, keeping a lookout for the Christmas Pud sticker in one of the windows. If you find it, fill in your details on the back of the map and return it to the address shown, to be entered into a draw to win £10. A digital phone app version is available: [tinyurl.com/CGXmasWindows2025](https://tinyurl.com/CGXmasWindows2025) and a phone app to help you 'hunt the pud' is at: [tinyurl.com/HuntThePud](https://tinyurl.com/HuntThePud)

A huge thank you to the local businesses shown on the map who have generously helped towards it's printing costs – we really value your support!

Thank you also to those local residents and businesses who've supported our events with raffle prizes and donations, by displaying posters and helping out when needed, particularly at the Picnic on the Green, our main event of the year. Lastly, thanks to everyone who supports the Quiz Nights, Craft Markets, Halloween disco, the Picnic and music events – they wouldn't happen without you!

#### QUIZ NIGHT – FRIDAY 5<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER AT THE CENTRE

Doors open at 7pm for a 7.30 start, admission £3 per person in teams of no more than 5 members (come with a team or join others). Phil will set a Christmas themed quiz with various prizes to choose from for each winning team member. There will be a few festive treats to enjoy and the bar will be open as usual – hope to see you there for our final 2025 Quiz Night!



**SAVE THE DATE** for the first Quiz Night of 2026 on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> February

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## CHESTER GREEN COMMUNITY GROUP

the weekly/fortnightly activities at the Community Centre provided by various groups and organisations, have been enjoyed throughout the year by many local residents and people from around Derby. You would be made very welcome at any of the groups, where you could try a new hobby or activity, enjoy a chat and a cuppa in a warm space! We would welcome enquiries for anyone wanting to start a new regular group at the Centre.

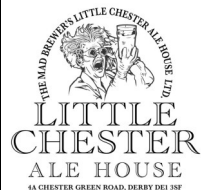
Check out our website: [chestergreencommunitygroup.yolasite.com](http://chestergreencommunitygroup.yolasite.com) for details and how to hire the Centre for your own special event at reasonable prices.

## MERRY CHRISTMAS FROM THE ENTERTAINMENTS TEAM AND COMMUNITY GROUP!



### Little Chester Ale House Quiz

The Little Chester Ale House has a quiz on 2nd and 4th Wednesday of every month, where Phil Teague is quizmaster, £3 (cash) per person (max teams of 5) cash prizes. This is followed by a few games of sticky fingers (bingo with playing cards) £1 per play, cash prize.



### Little Chester History Group

There will be no meeting of the group during December. May I take this opportunity to wish all our members and their families a very happy Christmas and New Year. The first meeting of the New Year is Thursday January 15th at 7.30pm in the Community Centre. The speaker is Alan Green on "Bennerley Viaduct".



**Church Clock Chimes** - Brilliant news when you receive this newsletter the Church clock should be chiming again. We received funding from the Neighbourhood Board and donations from our local community towards the cost and Smiths planned to re fit the Chimes on Friday 21st November so you've got no reason to be late for anything. Many thanks to the NB & our local community for their generous support. Marie x

## THANK YOU

Special thanks to all our wonderful distributors who deliver the newsletters 11 months of the year in all weathers, we really appreciate your help and couldn't manage without you all.

Many thanks also to Chester Green Community Centre and to Chester Green Entertainments Team for their generous monthly donations towards the printing costs.

Many, many thanks to Bruce our Editor for all his hard work producing the newsletter & organising the printing.

The next newsletter will be February 2026, so I wish you a very, merry Christmas and a happy, healthy & peaceful New Year. Marie (LCRA) x



## Derby A Cappella Concert

Little Chester's very own A Cappella group will be holding their first ever Christmas Concert at Chester Green Community Centre on Tuesday 16th December at 6.30pm.

Share a glass of mulled wine and a mince pie while you enjoy festive music and then join us in singing well-loved Christmas Songs.

Tickets - £5, Under 16s FREE

Book tickets by scanning the QR code below, or by visiting the Community Centre on Tuesdays between 6 - 7.30pm!

There may even be a VERY special guest for the children in the audience. Do come along and support our local vocal group!



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## Could YOU make a difference in Chester Green?

Do you care about your community?

Maybe you want to help make Chester Green an even better place to live and work?

**Chester Green Entertainments Team** are always looking for people to help us create amazing events for our community. We already put on events like the Picnic on the Green, the Spring and Christmas markets, Quizzes, music nights, Halloween parties and other events.

However, we are always looking for new ideas and new people to get involved. So if you, or you and your friends would like to find out how you can make a difference whilst having a great time, drop us a message on Facebook, email us at [chestergreenents@gmail.com](mailto:chestergreenents@gmail.com) or catch us at the quiz on the 5th December.

**Let's make Chester Green unforgettable - together!**

## Tag's Tavern



Feeling woof and far from home? Paws a while for a drink and bone.

## Closure of Local Tavern

If you've walked your dog in the area since lockdown, you'll likely have come across Tag's Tavern which has been feeding and watering your four legged friends, and was certainly a highlight of any walk for our dog!

We're sad to report that Tag's Tavern picked up their bowls for the last time in mid-November, but I'm sure I'm speaking on behalf of many in the area when I say a **huge thank-you to Kev & Linda** of Centurian Walk for providing this service for so many years.

We hope to see you both out and about, and are truly so grateful for all you've done for the local dogs in memory of your dog, Tag. xxx