

The Ragged Trousered Philanthropists adapted by Neil Gore from the book by Robert Tressell

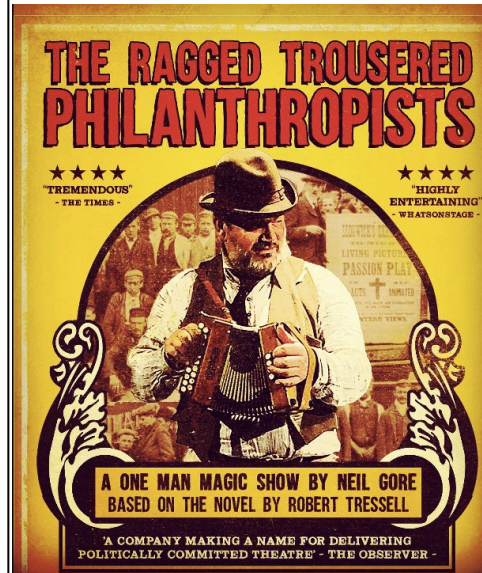
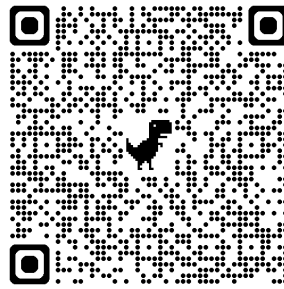
Chester Green Community Centre, Derby, DE1 3RR

7pm Friday 2nd October 2026

The Ragged Trousered Philanthropists adapted by Neil Gore from the book by Robert Tressell

Directed by Louise Townsend

Supported by Derby Area Trade Union Council & Friends of the Green present



Neil Gore, presents a one-person version of the classic novel by Robert Tressell featuring projection, political conjuring tricks, live music and song. Meet the famous characters and enjoy the scenes, speeches and songs, featuring the Great Money Trick as its centrepiece. This enduring and absorbing classic story of a year in the life of a group of Edwardian painters and decorators is brought to life by Neil Gore using his extensive knowledge of the book and the play, having performed it in many versions over forty years. 'The Ragged Trousered Philanthropists' follows a group of workers as they renovate 'The Cave', a three-storey town house, for Mayor Sweater. It traces their hardships and struggles for survival in a complacent and stagnating Edwardian England. These workers are the 'philanthropists' who throw themselves into back-breaking work for poverty wages in order

to generate profit for their masters. They are joined by artist Owen, whose spirited attacks on the dishonesty of Capitalism along with his Socialist vision, highlights the exploitation in their workplace but also focuses on the inequality in society as a whole.

Running time/interval - Act 1 - 40 min Act 2 - 30 min Age suitability – 11 plus
Get tickets at: <https://tinyurl.com/cgragged> (or scan the QR code)

Monthly Book Exchange

After a break in August and September, the FREE book exchange/library will be back on the 1st Saturday of the month **from October** at the Community room on Old Chester Road (opposite the end of Marcus Street) from 10am to 11 am. Pop in, bring books you've read, take new supplies with you and have a cuppa and a friendly chat while you're there. Please note: Sorry, but due to lack of storage space allocated to us, we are not able to take in large quantities of books.



**WE ARE
MACMILLAN.
CANCER SUPPORT**

MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

CHESTER GREEN *Eats Cake!* ♥

**SUNDAY
20 SEPTEMBER**

10.00AM – 1PM

**CHESTER GREEN
COMMUNITY CENTRE
DE1 3SA**

GOOD COFFEE.
GOOD CAKE.
GOOD COMPANY.
GREAT RESULT.

ALL
PROCEEDS
GO TO
**MACMILLAN
CANCER
SUPPORT**

**SUGGESTED
DONATION OF
£4**

INCLUDES:
TEA OR COFFEE
A SLICE OF CAKE

ALL PROCEEDS TO
**MACMILLAN
CANCER SUPPORT**

EVENT HOSTED AND ORGANISED BY

CHESTER GREEN ENTERTAINMENTS TEAM

Thank you! ♥

Chester Green Entertainments Team

Quiz Night: A reminder it's our 'autumn' Quiz Night on Friday the 18th September at the Centre – a general knowledge quiz hosted by Phil. Admission is £3 per team member with teams of no more than 5 members. Doors open at 7 for a 7.30 start so come early, grab a table and drinks from the bar. There is a prize for each winning team member so sharpen up your memories!



Macmillan Coffee Morning - 'Chester Green eats Cake' Sunday 20th September 10-1pm at the Centre (see separate item)

Save the date: Halloween family disco on Saturday 24th October at the Centre (more info next month).

Sadly, we are starting to see signs of this lovely summer ending and our thoughts inevitably turn to events beginning with the 'C' word!

Christmas Wreath Making Workshops at the Centre on Friday the 27th November from 6-9 pm. Under the expert guidance of local florist Nicki Mullan, who will provide all the foliage and accessories, you can put your creativity to the test and create a beautiful, handmade wreath!

The fee, which includes tea, coffee or a glass of wine and a mince pie, is £35 per person. We think this event will sell out quite quickly and is being advertised locally initially, so to book your place please contact cgetmarkets@gmail.com

Christmas Craft Fair - this fabulous event returns on Saturday the 21st November (more info next month)

Keep up to date with all our events via the monthly newsletter and

Socials: www.facebook.com/chestergreenents
www.instagram.com/chestergreenents/

Emails: chestergreenents@gmail.com cgetmarkets@gmail.com

♥ **Calling All Bakers!** ♥ We're busy preparing for our Macmillan Coffee Morning - Chester Green Eats Cake on Sunday 20 September and are hoping some of our wonderful community bakers can help.

Could you donate a homemade cake, traybake, cupcakes or other tasty treats for the event?

Every slice sold will help raise funds for Macmillan Cancer Support, helping people affected by cancer receive the support they need.

Thank you from the Chester Green Entertainments Team for supporting both Macmillan and our local community 🍷🍰

Just give me a ring or text on 07802733975 or drop me an email on markjdavis01@outlook.com or even message me on Facebook!

It would help us immensely if you could let me know that you are helping before the 14th September.

I look forward to hearing from you or seeing you there, let's make this a special, fun, event. Thank you.

Pub Updates!

Remember The Little Chester Ale House has cheese night every Tuesday from 7pm - quality cheese and biscuits for now! Quizzes are held there too every 2nd and 4th Wednesday at 7.30pm. Popular so get there early for a seat. £3 per player with £1 games of 'sticky fingers' afterwards.

Nearby at The Coach and Horses TNT Sports and Sky Sports ensure that the new footie season is fully covered and can be watched whilst enjoying decent beer and excellent "snap". Sunday Lunches too! Quality local venues worth supporting!

Little Chester History Group: We Need You!

Our autumn season begins Thursday, September 17th, 7.30 pm at the Community Centre (annual subscription £15). We are excited to continue our sessions until Christmas, but we need fresh energy to keep the group thriving into the new year! We have exciting open spots for a new Chairperson, committee helpers, and general members to help support our fantastic guest speakers. If you love local history, please come along on the 17th and help us write our next chapter!

Chester Green Community Group

There is so much happening at the Community Centre, right on your doorstep, and our website: chestergreencommunitygroup.yolasite.com shows the weekly timetable as well as all the events taking place over the next few months. You can hire the Centre for your own event at very reasonable rates for a birthday party, family celebration, team meeting, workshop or a special event with our bar open (subject to numbers and staff availability).

Contact us by email: chestergreencommunitygroup@hotmail.com or on 07527 603057 for prices and availability.

<https://chestergreencommunitygroup.yolasite.com>



Travellers on Chester Green

As we go to print, the Green sadly remains covered in asbestos and rubbish following the latest traveller encampment, and a large tree was damaged to allow for departing caravans.

The response from the council and police was frustratingly ineffectual, despite authorities having clear legal powers to act immediately.

By law, depriving a community of a public park overrides standard welfare delays (Section 61). Furthermore, causing "significant disruption" to public land is a criminal offence (Section 60C), and police can direct groups straight to transit sites like Imari Park (Section 62A-E).

While we are once again exploring the reinstatement of the Green's railings as a long-term deterrent, this will not be a quick fix. If you share our deep frustration over this situation, please urge our local councillors to encourage the police and council to enforce their available powers to help discourage future visits.

carmel.swan@derby.gov.uk, alison.martin@derby.gov.uk, and martin.repton@derby.gov.uk.