



Words from The Chair

Summer is here and they say it is going to be a great one! Let's hope the sun shines on our busiest season of events yet. The Summer Fayre will be on 27 June with our usual craft market, music line up, cafe, bar and this year a special clown show for the kids – and it's all free!

On 15 August we are partnering the Three

Choirs Festival for a grand picnic on the green to celebrate the final day of the festival. There will be circus skills, music, dancing, Squeakes Noyse playing early instruments in period costume and a medieval village, with a barber-surgeon, fletcher, weaver and armourer all demonstrating their traditional crafts, including an archery display. Bring your own picnic or buy from our in-house cafe and bar, don't forget your rug or deck chair and again – it's all free!

Finally the one you have to pay for! At the end of August we have invited Oddsocks Theatre Company back for a one-off performance of Richard III. Last year's show was such a success and was enjoyed by over 300 people, so keep an eye on the notice board for the finalised date.

Many thanks to all those who gave us their views on the yew trees next to the toilet block on Castle Green. In general most people are in favour of opening up the view of the Cathedral by removing these trees, but two people had strong opinions about the trees being retained in some form. It has been suggested that because yew trees regenerate well, perhaps the

Events for 2009

Summer Fayre on Saturday 27 June

The summer time fun on Castle Green starts with our Summer Fayre on Saturday 27 June, running from 10am - 10pm and will include various musical acts throughout the day and evening. There will be refreshments, including a bar, cafe, the Famous Tudge's hotdogs and many more gastronomic treats. Our craft market will showcase local crafts and produce and we hope to have plenty of things to keep children entertained throughout the afternoon, including our annual free puppet show.

Three Choirs Festival on Saturday 15 August

Our second big event of the year is on Saturday 15 August, when we join the final celebrations of the Three Choirs Festival, with music and dancing, whilst picnicking on the Castle Green. It's FREE to attend, so bring your rug & your picnic or buy from our in-house cafe. We finish at 7pm with a procession to the Cathedral to join "The Gathering Wave", the finale concert of the festival – a rare chance to see over 300 singers performing together in a beautiful setting.

Oddsocks Theatre Company - Richard III

After last year's roaring success, Oddsocks Theatre Company conclude our summer season with another open air performance of Shakespeare's Richard III. The final date is yet to be confirmed, but will be towards the end of August. Keep your eye on our notice board for details.

For information about any of our events, or to book a stall at the Summer Fayre, please contact Rebecca Saunders on 01432 272605 or email events@friendsofcastlegreen.org.uk

trees can be coppiced in some way. It is difficult to see how we can both retain the trees and open up the iconic view of the Cathedral, but the committee will talk about the idea again and seek guidance from the Parks & Countryside Service – if we can find a way of doing both, we will.

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Flower Bed Success!

Next time you are on the green, look out for the small triangular flower bed next to the training centre, at the top of the path going down to Quay Street. The Friends took over this bed last year as the yearly planting of annuals by the council never did very well. Lots of people have now donated plants from their gardens, with a big donation of hellebores coming from Basil Smith. We think the bed looks so much better than the rather dishevelled look of previous years. What's great is that all of the plants are shrubs or perennials so should only need a minimum of maintenance each year to look great. Thanks to everyone who helped!

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A Brainstorming Barbeque For Our AGM

When the Friends of Castle Green became a company limited by guarantee last year, it gave us an opportunity to change the autumn date of our Annual General Meeting to the summer months. The date had now been set for 6.30pm on Tuesday 21 July and to give the event a new twist, we shall be holding it in the garden of Castle Cliffe, the only remaining part of Hereford Castle still standing. As well as the usual business of an AGM, we shall be holding our own World Cafe style event to brainstorm ideas for the future of the Friends and the direction the organisation will be going in over the next few years. This will all be rounded off with a free barbeque and chance to socialise.

Personal invitations will be sent out nearer the time to all fully paid up members of the Friends, so if you want to be included, make sure you pop along to the Summer Fayre and pay your £5 membership fee. Alternatively, send your name & address and a cheque made payable to "Friends of Castle Green" to the Membership Secretary, 7 St Ethelbert Street, Hereford HR1 2NR.

Please Lend A Hand

Saturday 27 June - Summer Fayre

Anyone willing to help put up the marquee for the summer fayre please come to the green at 7.30am. Cafe volunteers will be needed from about 9.30am and raffle ticket sellers from 10am. Don't worry if you've never done it before, there's plenty of experienced people about to show you the ropes – just turn up and offer.

Saturday 15 August - 3 Choirs Picnic

An extra event for which we need the marquee. Would those that normally help put it up please put this date in your diaries for a 9am start. Cafe volunteers will be needed from 11am.

A HUGE THANK YOU TO ALL OUR WILLING VOLUNTEERS – ANYONE WANTING TO JOIN US WILL BE VERY WELCOME! CONTACT THE CHAIR FOR MORE DETAILS.



Daffodils, the Vicky Bridge and Dinedor in the distance!

The Riverbank Project

What an amazing difference a group of volunteers and three days can make. Last autumn, the Riverbank project steamed ahead with everyone saying how much they enjoyed the experience of getting involved with the clearance of the undergrowth. Uninterrupted views of the River Wye were opened up along the promenade and the feedback we have received has been 100% positive, with many people saying they had actually changed their route into work so they can enjoy the views! The icing on the cake was the fantastic display of daffodils that appeared this spring – what a treat!

The project has just entered a new phase with the appointment of Copper Beech Ltd to run the project. They will oversee the weekly work sessions of the team we are training in traditional land management techniques for sensitive sites, as well as seeking further funding for the project and holding further volunteer days. So keep an eye out on the website and notice board if you are interested in joining us – we always have a great barbeque for lunch!

The project management group are developing new ideas for the further enhancement of the bank – these include a snowdrop and bluebell walk along the lower riverside path, seated viewing points on the top of the bank facing the river and a re-growth plan that allows the picturesque feel of the bank to develop without interrupting the views of the river.

All of these plans will be part of a wider consultation event that we will be staging at our Summer Fayre on June 27th, so please make an effort to stop at the stall in June and tell us what you think.



Volunteers get stuck in!

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