



FRIENDS OF CASTLE GREEN NEWSLETTER

*“celebration, education, recreation - a park for people!
Spring 2019*

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WORDS FROM THE CHAIR

The Friends of Castle Green volunteer Directors recently spent an inspiring day working on a VISION & MISSION statement, now that the Pavilion is ours on a long-term lease. We felt it was important to have a simple statement that encapsulates what we are aiming to do over the next ten years. After several hours of discussion with great ideas being bounced around the room, we came up with this:

Our Vision

TO BE THE BEST COMMUNITY PARK IN THE UK

Our Mission

**TO CREATE GREAT EXPERIENCES FOR PEOPLE WHO
VISIT CASTLE GREEN**

Whilst these two statements appear to be very simple, there was a huge amount of detail behind the simplicity – simple isn't always easy! The Directors would like to thank Heather Clyne our newest member for the work she put into leading the day.

The Friends are in a great position, having done our consultation project last year, we are now going to put our energies into raising enough funds to take the Pavilion into the 21st Century.

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BUILDING BUSINESS & VOLUNTEERS

Word is spreading about what a great space the Pavilion is for community events and it is increasingly being used by the local community.

There are now two Yoga sessions a week, with Liz Eggerton on a Monday from 9.30am and on a Wednesday with Becqui Mae from 9.15am. You can turn up to either of these classes to join in.

There are plans afoot to develop a pop-up community cafe over the Summer months, so watch this space for more information. There will be an exhibition of local art from 24th to 31st May.

If you are looking for a space to hold meetings, groups or classes, then please remember the Pavilion is available at very reasonable rates. Just contact me for more information or to book.

Two important volunteer events are coming up. On 4th May we will be holding a volunteer open morning. This is a thank you to all our past and current valued volunteers, but also a chance for others to come along and see what opportunities there are. Please spread the word. We will also be holding a gardening day on 14th April, if you are able to help, please come along to the Pavilion at 10am with your own tools. Lunch will be provided.

Look out for some great family friendly community events coming soon...

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Lisa Richardson

7th February 1943 – 27th January 2019

Much loved Secretary, Director and founding member of Friends of Castle Green, Lisa Richardson, sadly passed away earlier this year. Lisa was active in the community group since its inception in December 2002 and was central to the creation of Friends of Castle Green. Her energy and commitment to protecting and preserving Castle Green for future generations was boundless. We shall miss her so much.

Please join Friends of Castle Green – GET IT WHILE IT'S CHEAP!

The membership fee of £5 per household per year, will soon be going up to £10 per year, as recommended by you, during our consultation project. The more people who join the stronger our voice will be. If you would like to join please send your name, address & email address with a cheque made out to 'Friends of Castle Green' to: **FOCG Membership, 7 Venns Close, Bath Street, Hereford HR1 2HH**

Gardening help needed

Sunday 14th April

Can you spare a couple of hours on **Sunday 14th April** to help with keeping the flowerbeds around Castle Green looking good? We have a couple of wonderful volunteers that work very hard to maintain and plant the beds, but at this time of year any extra help moving and splitting plants, weeding and tidying is appreciated. If you can help, please come along to the **Pavilion on Castle Green at 10am on 14th April**. Lunch will be provided, and we aim to finish by 3pm, if not earlier.

Bring tools, stout shoes & gardening clothes!

Volunteer Open Morning

If you've ever volunteered for FoCG, or would like to, then please come along to our **Volunteer Open Morning on Saturday 4th May from 10am to 12 noon at the Pavilion**. We'll provide **tea, coffee and yummy Peter Cooks Bread pastries** and you can have a natter with other like-minded people, find out what volunteering opportunities are available and how rewarding they can be. There is no pressure to commit to anything, just come along to find out what we do and how you can help us.

Bring friends and family too!

2019 Events

Sunday 14th April: Volunteer Gardening Event. Meet at Pavilion at 10am, bring tools. Lunch provided

Saturday 4th May: Volunteer Open Morning at the Pavilion. All welcome. Tea, coffee and pastries

Sunday 9th June: Outdoor Theatre on Redcliffe Gardens - David Walliams "Gangsta Granny"

Saturday 29th June: Vintage Summer Fair, 10am - 4pm

Saturday 9th November: Fireworks Spectacular

Co-Op Local Forum Wednesday 1st May

The Co-Op Local Forum will take place at the Pavilion on **Wednesday 1st May, 6-8pm**. This is an opportunity for local Co-op members and colleagues to come together to make good things happen in the local area. It provides opportunities for members' voices to be heard by The Co-op Members' Council and our businesses and provides a sounding board for any community ideas you have.

For more info contact Katie on 079393261640

Memorial Bench for Lisa

In memory of Lisa and all the work she did on behalf of Friends of Castle Green as well as her other community interests and activities, Friends of Castle Green would like to install a memorial bench on Castle Green. We have created a crowd funding page to raise the money to do this. To make a donation please go to:

www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/friendsofcastlegreen



GANGSTA GRANNY!

Don't miss Friends of Castle Green and Heartbreak Productions outdoor theatre production of David Walliams Gangsta Granny on Sunday 9th June at 4pm on Castle Green.

Tickets will be available from Fodder, 26-27 Church Street, Hereford from end of April, put it in your diary now!