



FRIENDS OF CASTLE GREEN NEWSLETTER

“celebration, education, recreation - a park for people!”

March 2016

WORDS FROM THE CHAIR

We had great (dry) weather for the Gardening event and huge thanks to all our volunteers who helped out. You may know that the perennial planting in the flower beds is no longer being looked after by the Council or Balfour Beatty on their behalf. It's down to us in the community to look after the beds, and this time we were happy to help HiB with their planting plan to keep Castle Green and its environs looking good.

We've at last heard from the Council that things are moving on our Community Asset Transfer application to take on the Castle Green Pavilion building. If we are successful, it will mean we will be able to apply for significant grant funding not available to us currently due to our temporary tenure.

Funding is key if we are to regenerate the building and Green to help deliver the vision for a space of celebration, education, recreation.

Directors of Friends of Castle Green meetings are held monthly, and our May Directors' meeting will be open to anyone who wants to come and hear what goes on. If you want to come, please contact Lisa Richardson directly for details or put an enquiry through the website.

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I am really excited to now be in my second year of working for Friends of Castle Green. Over the last year I have learnt a lot, not least how a really good community organisation runs and I am proud to be a part of it.

The Pavilion has become a much in demand venue for fitness classes, meetings, parties and community groups and I hope to be able to continue to see it used for many more activities in the future.

We have an exciting programme of events coming up, including a Treasure Hunt, the FoCG Fun Dog Show at the River Carnival, a family friendly production of Ratburger, our famous Midsummer Fair and Historical Hereford Day, as well as a couple of pop-up restaurants brought to you by brilliant chef Ed Pitts. Look out for more details on all of these on our website and Facebook page: Friends of Castle Green.

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Treasure Hunt Sunday 24th April

F0CG Members Family Social Event – 2pm to 5pm

Come and join us on Sunday 24th April for a Walking Treasure Hunt around central Hereford. Meet at 2pm outside the Pavilion to form into teams & collect your clues. Up to two hours to get those answers right and back to the Pavilion for tea & buns. Nothing too serious but sharp eyes, a cryptic mind and a sense of humour could be useful. Booking isn't essential but would be helpful so that we know how much cake to bake! There will be a PRIZE

2016 Events

Sunday 24th April
Saturday 30th April
Saturday 14th May
Saturday 18th June
Saturday 25th June
Sunday 3rd July
Saturday 23rd July
Saturday 5th November
Sunday 27th November

Treasure Hunt
Hereford River Carnival
Pop-up Restaurant at The Pavilion
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Midsummer Fair on the Green
Open Air Theatre Performance of David Walliams' Ratburger
Historical Hereford Day
Fireworks Display on Castle Green, St James' School PTFA and FoCG
Christmas Fair on the Green

Floats, fishes and fun for a River Carnival to remember Hereford River Carnival returns to Castle Green for 2016 extravaganza

On Saturday 30th April 2016, Hereford's River Carnival will return to Castle Green and with more activities, competitions and all round fun, it promises to be bigger and better than ever.

The Carnival with its street processions, amazing puppet creations, food, drink, music and rafts on the Wye will take place on Castle Green, Bishop's Meadow, the Left Bank and this year will also venture into the city streets for its colourful foot procession.

The River Carnival has been so successful since its return in 2014, after a 40 year absence, that the organisers expect there to be even more than the 7,000 people and over 70 local groups involved last year that will take part in 2016.

According to Jo Henshaw, one of the Carnival's organisers, "Last year was a great success thanks to everyone who took part and supported the event. Hereford turned out in force and we were once again hugely grateful to the Friends of Castle Green for their support and all the massive effort you put in. The Fun Dog Show was a roaring (or should that be barking) success and the stalls and acts on the Green make it a real focal point for the Carnival. We would like to say a big thank you to FOCG and we hope very much that even more of you will get involved this year."

There are so many ways to get involved. This year, the organisers have set a challenge for the people of Hereford to get crafty and make a special origami fish to form part of a massive 10,000 strong shoal which will be assembled on Bishop's Meadow during the Carnival fun.

Plus, with a £3,000 grant from Hereford City Council for the 2016 Carnival announced last month which includes £250 for the best decorated raft, the organisers hope that the cash prize will encourage more people to take part and greater competition among the rafts.

For more information on how to get involved, build a raft, create a Carnival fish or simply get involved on the day, contact the Carnival on info@rivercarnival.co.uk, like us on Facebook, Hereford River Carnival, follow us on Twitter @WyeCarnival or visit our website at www.rivercarnival.org

Fun Dog Show

at the River Carnival on Castle Green

Saturday 30th April

Registration from 10am

Classes from 11am

14 fun classes

£1 per entry, prizes for all

With support from Herefordshire

RSPCA,

Wye Valley Vets and Hereford City

Council

Pop Up Italian Restaurant at

The Pavilion, Castle Green

Saturday 14th May, from 7pm

4 course Italian menu and cocktail on
arrival for £35

To book your place contact

Ed Pitts on 07530 305835

Please join Friends of Castle Green

Membership only costs £5 per household per year. 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