



FRIENDS OF CASTLE GREEN

NEWSLETTER

"celebration, education, recreation - a park for people!"
Autumn 2017

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WORDS FROM THE CHAIR

Our AGM is an opportunity to check and challenge a showcase of themes from our Big Lottery funded community consultation events. We had a vast number of comments and clear and consistent themes have emerged for what people want to see for the future. This, plus taking on a 25-year lease of The Pavilion building (we are nearly there with signing the lease) are important steps towards being able to apply for large grants to turn ideas into reality. This is all about putting Castle Green on a solid footing for future generations. We are talking long term, sustainable development here, and it will take time.

We are looking at how we bolster the team of Directors for the future so if you have relevant skills and time, particularly in the fields of finance and fundraising, or know someone who does, please get in touch.

The consultation events were a huge success, and were a massive amount of work for everyone involved on top of our normal programme. Thanks are due to all, and the local businesses who provided the delicious food.

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It's been a busy year so far and there is still our annual fireworks event and Christmas Fair to come. The Big Lottery Awards for All funded World Cafe events have kept us all very busy and to date we have hosted over 300 interested parties, providing much food for thought for the future of Castle Green. At our AGM on 19th October we will be highlighting some of the recurring themes and ideas that have come out of these events and asking for your thoughts on these. Please come along for some food and lively discussion.

By the end of the year we aim to have some serious ammunition to move forward with further grant applications to provide a sustainable future for The Pavilion, Castle Green and the local community. It's an exciting time and we are looking forward to working closely with the local community and our members on the ideas that have come about as a result of the consultations.

Don't forget to join us for our wonderful family friendly Fireworks event on Saturday 4th November. Wristbands will be available to purchase from Fodder on Church Street and the Balloon Shop, Commercial Road, and the festive Christmas Fair on 26th November which is going to be great fun...watch this space....

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2017 Events

Thursday 19th October: 7pm, Friends of Castle Green AGM

Saturday 4th November: Fireworks Event, St. James School PTFA & FoCG

Sunday 26th November: Christmas Fair on the Green

2018 Events

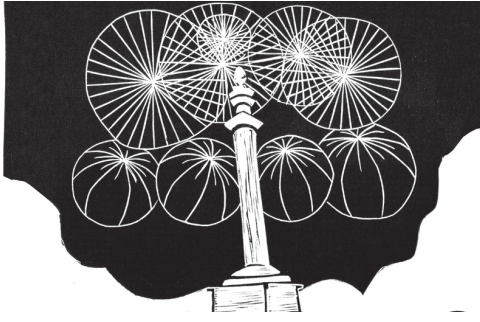
Saturday 5th May: Hereford River Carnival

Saturday 23rd June: Summer Fair and Historical Hereford Day

Sunday 15th July: Outdoor Theatre Production - David Walliams' The Midnight Gang

Friends of Castle Green Annual General Meeting

Our AGM will be held on Thursday 19th October at 7pm on The Pavilion, Castle Green, followed by a light supper provided by the Friends - bring a bottle. Any member who wishes to stand for election to the Board of Directors should notify the FoCG Secretary at 7 Ethelbert St, Hereford HR1 2NR in writing with the signatures of a proposer and seconder, both of whom should also be members, by 13th October 2017. Please also let her know of any item you would like included under Any Other Business by the same date.



Fireworks Spectacular

Saturday 4th November,
Castle Green
With St James' School PTFA
Gates open 5.45pm
Lantern Procession and gates close
7.30pm
Fireworks 7.45pm

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Wristband entry only, in advance from Fodder, Church Street or The Balloon Shop,
Commercial Road or on the gate
Adults £6 in advance, £8 on the gate - Children £4 in advance, £6 on the gate
10% off at Beefy Boys in November with wristband

Entertainment from Wye Circus Fire Performers and Lil Z Street Dance
Bar/ BBQ/ Hot Food/ Cake & Soft Drinks
No private fireworks or sparklers permitted

Volunteers Wanted

Cafe: We are always in need of new volunteers. With two very busy events coming up we are looking for people to help on the Friends of Castle Green Cafes at the Fireworks Spectacular on 4th November and Christmas Fair on 26th November.

If you enjoy teamwork, meeting new people and can spare a couple of hours on these dates, please contact Annabel Oxford on 07989 023180

Bulb planting: Come and help create a beautiful display of bulbs on Castle Green, bring your own tools and we'll supply soup and a roll. Date TBC, please let Annabel Oxford know if you're interested on 07989 023180

Newsletter: We also now have a couple of vacancies for people to deliver our newsletter. Areas we particularly need covered are Clive Street, around the Old Hospital: Florence Way, Nightingale Way, Wye Way and St Owens Street and Ledbury Road. If you are able to help, even of only for one street then please contact Katie Bott on 07939 261640 or operations@friendsofcastlegreen.org.uk

Duck Pond Clear Up: Volunteers are being sought to help out at a planned clear-up of Hereford's Castle Pool - prompted after visitors to the area over the summer found the pond entirely covered in green duckweed and algae. It is set to take place on Sunday, October 1 between 9am and 4pm and volunteers are required to help remove weeds, litter and trim back bushes. People are asked to take along garden tools such as shears, rakes, spades and handsaws for cutting thick bushes and overgrown branches. For more information call Cllr Kenyon on 07711316013.

Can you help us engage more people in Hereford?

Friends of Castle Green are very keen to extend their reach and want to start distributing the newsletter to households in Hunderton, Hinton and St Martins. If you are able to help with delivery in these areas, even if it is just one street, then please contact Katie at operations@friendsofcastlegreen.org.uk

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