



# FRIENDS OF CASTLE GREEN NEWSLETTER

*“celebration, education, recreation - a park for people!”*  
September 2015

## WORDS FROM THE CHAIR

Summer is with us (just about!), and so are our summer events, which are freely accessible to all. We had a super Summer Fair and a marvellous Historic Hereford Day, despite a number of competing events, and we had a lovely thank you letter from the Mayor of Hereford for running the event. Thanks are due to all those involved, in particular our volunteers without whom none of what happens would be possible. We are working on our business plan for the Community Asset Transfer, with advice from the Herefordshire Council, and we are still on track to submit this in the autumn. We have appointed Steve Cameron as our new Finance Director. Many thanks go to Jonathan Sheldon who has steered our finances admirably over the last few years. We will be holding a thank you event in September, with the Lord Lieutenant as our star guest, for all those who helped with the World War One project.

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## Friends of Castle Green AGM Thursday 1st October

Friends of Castle Green members are invited to attend the AGM on Thursday 1st October at 7pm at the Pavilion. Come along to meet the Board, hear about achievements so far and share ideas for the future. Followed by supper provided by the Friends – bring a bottle.

What a busy Summer we have had at Castle Green! We had a cold but wonderful outdoor theatre performance of Emma. The Midsummer Fayre was a fantastic day of music, food and family fun and games, and our debut as organisers of Historical Hereford Day on behalf of Hereford City Council saw thousands of you turn out to enjoy historical themed activities, re-enactments, music and displays. Kate Bliss was kept very busy giving her expert advice on antiques many of you brought along.

We have also had a pop-up restaurant and a weekend of pop-up brunches at The Pavilion provided by fantastic chef Ed Pitts and wonderful live music from Sax on the Green. There will be more of these to come so keep your eyes peeled for new dates.

The Pavilion is currently undergoing a much needed refresh with some painting and decorating work to make it a much more attractive space. Don't forget that rooms are available to hire from as little as £8 per hour and we have a fully functioning catering kitchen.

We will be holding our AGM on Thursday, 1st October at 7pm at The Pavilion and we look forward to welcoming Friends of Castle Green members for a get together and some food afterwards.

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## **Fireworks Night** **Saturday 7 November**

On the Castle Green  
With St James Primary School PTFA  
Gates Open - 5.30pm  
Fireworks - 7.30pm

## **2015 Events**

Thursday 1st October  
Saturday 7th November  
Sunday 29th November

Friends of Castle Green AGM  
Fireworks Display on Castle Green  
St James' School PTFA and FoCG  
Christmas Fayre on the Green

# FoCG WWI Project

## *Welcome to the World of the Canary Girls – Hereford in World War I*

Last April Friends of Castle Green were successful in a bid to Heritage Lottery for WW1 Then and Now funding. We started being able to support Young Bloods theatre group with their play "Canary Girls", all about the lives of the women who worked at the munitions factory at Rotherwas. They performed at the Courtyard and we started to put together an exhibition of photos of Hereford at the time as well as memories of the munitions workers and their families.

We have worked with local historians and groups to develop this project and been able to offer a group of local volunteers time in the record office with an archivist.

Young Bloods also gave up time to work with St Mary's year 10 history students to make short video clips for their project Women in War.

It has been an excellent opportunity for FoCG working alongside so many committed local historians as well as local community groups and the hours of time given by all the volunteers has been fantastic.

Our final event to say a huge big thank you and share some of the stories will be on September 12th when Lady Darnley is coming to the Pavilion to join us for afternoon tea. Pictures to follow!

## ***IT Volunteer wanted***

Do you have good IT skills and are willing to help others? We are still looking for one more volunteer to help with our IT drop in sessions at the Pavilion.

If you think you might be able to help, please contact Annabel Oxford on 07989 023180

## **Looking for a venue?**

Did you know that rooms at The Pavilion on Castle Green are available for private hire from as little as £8 per hour? The space and location make it the ideal building for children and adult's parties, social meetings (book club, pudding club, mums and tots groups etc.) as well as association get-togethers and meetings.

To arrange a viewing or booking, contact Katie Bott on 07939 261640 or [operations@friendsofcastlegreen.org.uk](mailto:operations@friendsofcastlegreen.org.uk)

## **Community activities at The Pavilion**

There are a number of regular activities that take place at The Pavilion. If you are interested in getting involved with any of the activities please use the contact details below:

T'ai Chi: slow, calm exercise which helps to improve balance, flexibility and strength  
01544 318388

Yoga: gentle exercise for health and well being 07967 318404

Qi Gong: concentrating on physical postures, breathing techniques & focused intention  
07801 562491

### **PLEASE JOIN FRIENDS OF CASTLE GREEN** **PLEASE JOIN THE FRIENDS OF CASTLE GREEN**

**MEMBERSHIP ONLY COSTS £5 PER HOUSEHOLD PER YEAR, BUT 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**