



# FRIENDS OF CASTLE GREEN NEWSLETTER

*“celebration, education, recreation - a park for people!”*  
*Spring 2017 - SPECIAL EDITION*

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## WORDS FROM THE CHAIR

We are very excited to bring you this special edition newsletter. You know what they say about buses, that if you wait long enough, they all come along at once – well it seems to be the same with us! A couple of great news items for us, after a long period of silence.

Our £10k Awards for All bid was successful. This means we have funding for wide ranging community consultation to find out what people want to see for the future of the Castle Green, culminating in a formal report which we can use to influence plans for the area. So, during 2017 we will be running a total of 14 “world cafe” style events, and three “Planning for Real” events. This will involve a huge amount of work for us in addition to our normal programme, so we will be really busy! This is all about putting the Castle Green on a solid footing for future generations, a place for celebration, education, and recreation. Do get along to one of the events to have your say, and encourage friends and neighbours to do the same.

Along with this newsletter you should have a flyer for the project. Please fill in the form on the back & we shall make sure you are invited for supper – we’ve had great feedback from the two we have held so far! Food is being provided by local businesses & is all handmade & delicious!

Also, the Council have finally agreed our bid to take on the Castle Green Pavilion building via Community Asset Transfer. We will be working on the legal stuff and hope to sign on the dotted line as soon as possible.

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## OPS SPOT – a view from the cliff face!

2017 has kicked off in spectacular style at Castle Green. With all our planned events, we have really had to hit the ground running. We're working hard to bring you our usual schedule of fantastic family friendly outdoor events alongside all the consultation events that we'll be undertaking because of the Big Lottery Awards for All funding. We have now done a couple of our 'World Cafe' evenings at the Pavilion and they are proving invaluable in providing ideas and thoughts for the future of Castle Green, the Pavilion and the surrounding area. We are aiming to consult the whole of Hereford through these evenings, so we need as many people as possible to take part. Please come along for a free dinner and help us to shape the future of Castle Green.

The Pavilion continues to be busy with lots of community activities taking place. If you are interested in Pilates classes, yoga, Tai-Chi or cookery sessions then please contact me to find out more detail about these sessions. If you are looking for a great central location to hold get-togethers, exercise classes, meetings or parties then the Pavilion is available for very reasonable rates.

Look out for information on upcoming events on our Facebook and Twitter feeds. The Fun Dog Show at the River Carnival is our next activity so we look forward to seeing lots of our canine (and human) friends there.

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# DON'T MISS THESE – CALENDAR DATES FOR 2017!

Friday 28th and Saturday 29th April: Hereford River Carnival

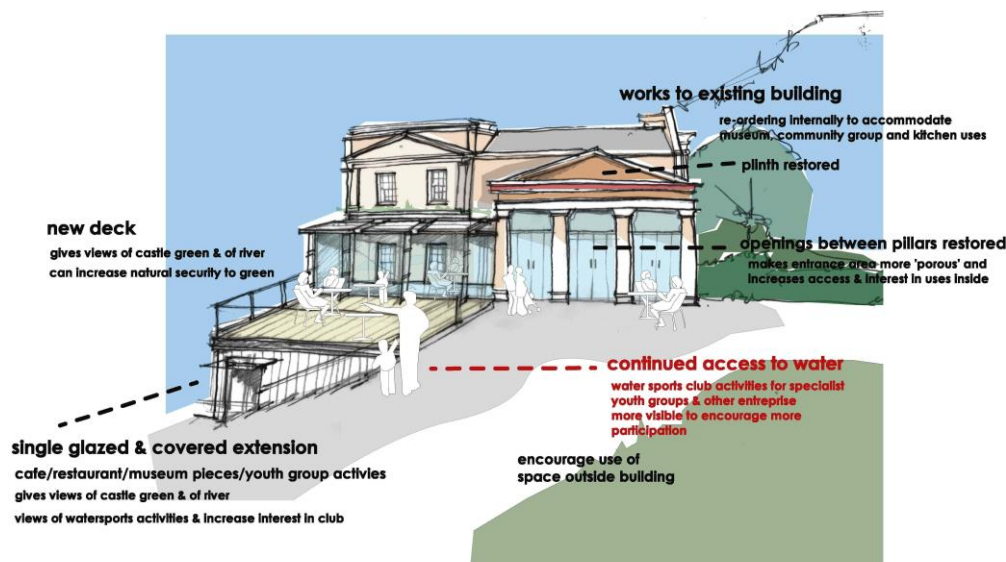
Saturday 1st July: Midsummer Fair on the Green and Historical Hereford Day

Sunday 30th July: The Emperor's New Clothes, Outdoor Theatre Production

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

Sunday 29th November: Christmas Fair on the Green

For more info please go to: [www.friendsofcastlegreen.org.uk](http://www.friendsofcastlegreen.org.uk)



## A SKETCH TO INSPIRE

When we first got the keys to the building (5 years ago!) a local architect did this sketch to inspire discussion about its future.

Now the council is giving us the building, we need everyone who values the Castle Green to really think how it could be improved for the future. We hope by printing this sketch we give you food for thought. Come & tell us what you think!

*Fill in the flyer!*

## Calling Part Time Postie Volunteers!

We'd really like to get this newsletter out to a much bigger area – especially south of the river in the **Hinton, St Martin's & Hunderton** areas of the city. Could you do your street? Do you have a friend living in these areas you could ask to help? We produce about 4 newsletters a year – so it is not a big job, but it is important. We know people love getting updates through their door – even when they are not members. If you think you can help please contact:

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## **SORRY THE EASTER CAR BOOT IS NO MORE!**

After a long discussion at the last Events Meeting we decided to knock the Easter Saturday Car Boot sale on the head. Quiet sighs of relief were heard all round the room! It has been increasingly difficult to find people to give up their Easter Saturday and the event never really took off.

## 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

Or pop it through the letter box of the Pavilion on Castle Green