



FRIENDS OF CASTLE GREEN NEWSLETTER

“Celebration, Education, Recreation - a park for people!”

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WORDS FROM THE CHAIR

What a year 2014 was! A marvellous mix of favourites and firsts - WW1 commemoration, Drop in IT, Car Boot with St Michael's Hospice, Food Festival, River Carnival, Summer Fair, Summer Theatre, Memory Walk, Fireworks with St James School (practically a sell out!!) – and to cap off the year, our Christmas Fair. We became an employer, with a new kitchen and new website, and we aim to complete the Community Asset Transfer process early this year, taking on The Pavilion building proper. We can then seek more funding to make our vision a reality - Castle Green and The Pavilion at the heart of community life in Hereford, through celebration, education, recreation, with a focus on the young and the vulnerable.

Our events are special because of the support of so many people – including you as members. Thank you, and wishing you a peaceful and prosperous 2015.

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It has been an exciting few months since I started as Operations Manager at the Pavilion and 2015 looks like it's going to keep me busy as well! The FoCG have a packed calendar of events for 2015 and I will be focussing on ensuring the Pavilion is fully utilised for community events.

Plans to make really good use of our wonderful new kitchen include a pop up restaurant...we will keep you informed of dates and progress.

The Easter car boot will take place on 4th April and the date for the Midsummer Fair is the 27th June. Other events that will see Castle Green at the heart of the community include open air theatre, Historical Hereford Day, The River Carnival, Paint Runner and the Flavours of Herefordshire Food Festival.

Don't forget that the Pavilion is a great venue for meetings and gatherings and is already host to a number of community activities, such as Yoga, Tai Chi and Qi Gong classes. If you are interested in finding out more about what goes on at the Pavilion or want more information about booking, please contact me: operations@friendsofcastlegreen.org.uk.

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2015 Dates

Saturday, 4th April—Easter Car Boot Sale in conjunction with St. Michael's Hospice
Saturday, 2nd May—Hereford River Carnival
Friday 29th May— Open-air theatre performance of Emma on Redcliffe Gardens
Saturday 13th June—Paint Runner
Saturday 27th June - Midsummer Fair on the Green
Saturday 11th July—Historical Hereford Day
Saturday 29th– Sun 31st August—Flavours of Herefordshire Food Festival
Saturday 7th November—Fireworks Event, St. James School PTFA & FoCG
Sunday 29th November—Christmas Fair on the Green

Putting Hereford on the Wye—Make a splash at the Hereford River Carnival 2015

On Saturday 2nd May Castle Green will once again be buzzing with the activity of the 2015 Hereford River Carnival.

Now in its second year, The Hereford River Carnival is a day of fun for everyone, celebrating the beauty and vitality of the River Wye and the life that it brings to the city of Hereford.

According to organiser Jo Henshaw, “Last year was a great success thanks to all the support for the event. Hereford turned out in force and the Carnival’s success was due in no small measure to the Friends of Castle Green and we hope very much that even more of you will get involved this year.”

“For 2015, we want to do even more on the River Wye itself. There will be more opportunities to build and decorate a raft, or decorate an existing boat, then sail it down the Wye on the day – perhaps FOCG might like to build one? There will also be Carnival Clubs where people from around Hereford can get together and create carnival banners, costumes and the dragonflies which will form this year’s Carnival theme. Other Carnival Clubs will offer carnival drumming so that we have a happy beat to accompany the processions. ”

For more information on how to get involved, build a raft, take part in a Carnival Club or simply get involved on the day, contact the Carnival on hrc@gmx.co.uk, like us on Facebook, Hereford River Carnival, follow us on Twitter @WyeCarnival or visit our website which will be up and running shortly at www.rivercarnival.org.

Looking for a venue?

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

With room rental starting at just £8 per hour and use of our newly refurbished kitchen available.

Contact Katie Bott on 07939 261640 or operations@friendsofcastlegreen.org.uk to find out more.

T'ai Chi

T'ai Chi class is held weekly in the River Room at The Pavilion on Castle Green from 11.30 to 12.30 on Tuesday mornings

It offers slow, calm exercise which helps to improve balance, flexibility and strength for all. The classes provide a calm, supportive atmosphere which gives you a sense of well-being and reduces stress.

Telephone 01544 318388 for more information

IT drop in sessions...

Do you have good IT skills and are willing to help others?

We are looking for volunteers to help run our IT drop in sessions at the Pavilion.

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

Please join Friends of Castle Green

Membership only costs £5 per household per year.

Just send your name, address & email with a cheque made out to 'Friends of Castle Green' to:
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