



FRIENDS OF CASTLE GREEN NEWSLETTER

“celebration, education, recreation - a park for people!”
April 2012

WORDS FROM THE CHAIR

I have been having a busy old time of it on the council, so I am afraid all things Castle Green have taken a bit of a back seat for the last few months. Strangely, this has not mattered, because we seem to have stepped into a new phase for the Castle Green. 2012 will see more events happen on Castle Green than ever before. It seems that after many years of steadily holding events of our own, we have suddenly broken through a mental barrier in other peoples' minds – Castle Green seems to have finally become THE place to hold an event when it doesn't happen in High Town!

Over leaf you will find a list of the events that we know about so far this year – not all of them are our events, far from it, but it is looking really healthy. One of our primary objectives seems to have been fulfilled!

This puts quite a bit of pressure on the committee and we could really do with some practical help. As our events get bigger we need people to volunteer for the following roles:

- Event Stewards
- Cafe workers
- Raffle ticket sellers

- Event Assistants organising elements of the day (eg. raffle prizes)

PLEASE CALL ME ON THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU CAN OFFER SOME HELP - Many thanks.

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**Castle Green Summer Fayre 2012
A DIAMOND JUBILEE EXTRAVAGANZA!**

SATURDAY JUNE 2nd

12noon - 10pm

**Circus skills, Punch & Judy, Flower Crowns
with Carnival Arts Group, Wye Valley
Brewery Bar, local craft & produce market,
hot dogs, ethnic foods, traditional
lemonade, Hereford Brewery 'chill out'
tent, bouncy castle, Castle Green Cafe, and
much much more.....!**

Go Walkies for Guide Dogs – more than just a walk in the park! ***6th May 2012 on Castle Green 1-2pm start***

The Friends of Castle Green are proud to support a Go Walkies event on Castle Green please help make it a success by turning up with your dogs!

Go Walkies is a fun and easy way to raise money for Guide Dogs. By taking part in a sponsored dog walk you and your four legged friend can help make a real difference to the lives of blind and partially sighted people across the UK. Every dog who participates receives a Eukanuba goody bag, a Go Walkies dog tag, a certificate and free entry into a prize draw for 6 months supply of Eukanuba dog food.

Please register beforehand so that we know how many goody bags & certificates to provide so please either register online at www.guidedogs.org.uk or call Claire Rush on 07832 527082. But we're fairly flexible so we won't be turning people away if they turn up on the day! People will have a choice of doing a short walk (a lap or so around Castle Green) or a longer walk down to the Meadows. Sponsor forms are available from Claire if people want to get their dogs sponsored, or people could pay a £5 donation (or more!) to Guide dogs. We'll also be selling Guide dogs merchandise and will have information leaflets about Guide Dogs. I'm more than happy to answer any questions about Guide dogs if people wish to find out more.

Further details from Claire Rush Tel: 07832 527082 email: snout221b@btinternet.com

Events Galore in 2012!

More events this year than ever before – these are the dates for your diaries:

Sunday May 6th

'Go Walkies', Help raise money for Guide Dogs for the Blind (see front page for details)

Saturday June 2nd

Diamond Jubilee Extravaganza – Friends Midsummer Fair (fingers crossed for an important visitor – shhh!)

Saturday June 30th

'Glow' HR1 Finale – 2Faced Dance company, part of the Cultural Olympiad - One day. One **night**. 3000 people. 500 performers. Six stages. Drums. Fire. Live Music. Unforgettable **Dance!** (tickets from the Courtyard £15 adult (£10) box office 01432 340555)

Wednesday July 11th

Diamond Day – Lady Darnley hosts the Herefordshire Festival & the Royal Visit on Bishops Meadow

Saturday July 14th

Historical Hereford Day – High Town & Castle Green with the Community Youth Games on Bishops Meadow

Friday July 20th

Heartbreak Productions present 'Private Lives' by Noel Coward at 7.30pm – back by popular demand

Sunday July 22nd

Wizards & Cloisters Picnic on the Castle Green – Three Choirs Festival Event

September

Charity Fundraising Carboot sale on the Castle Green – date to be advised

Sunday December 2nd

Castle Green Christmas Fair 2012

Mo Muses on past events

Another happy Christmas café fest over; crack of dawn roll-filling; pie making; tent and table setting up and trying to remember if we've remembered everything! Thanks to a wonderful staff of calm and collected loyal volunteers who appear like magic when needed – and if not, slip away discreetly like Jeeves – (or more likely stay and chain-drink the mulled wine), each Christmas fair is a pleasure to look forward to, sociable, fun – and invariably, freezing cold. All over, bar planning the next one.

Advance warning – the next one – summer 2012 on June 2nd starting at 12 noon, is going to be a biggy because it's the Queen's Jubilee year, Olympic year, and other celebrations happening too, so we will need lots of café helpers to wo/man the tea pumps. Anyone who fancies donning a pinny for a few hours – the more creative the better so get making – let me know as we will be keen to grab you before Mark does! We operate a non-discriminatory gender policy here too, in other words, blokes are more than welcome to help, as you may have noticed in the past. So, another very great thanks to our loyal Xmas helpers past, and we look forward to hearing from them and anyone as yet untested who would like to join us for a spot of controlled chaos that is the Castle Green summer café.

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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 TO KEEP THE CASTLE GREEN A SPECIAL AREA.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO JOIN PLEASE SEND A CHEQUE, YOUR NAME AND ADDRESS TO 7 ST ETHELBERT ST, HEREFORD HR1 2NR. ALTERNATIVELY COME TO THE FAYRE AND JOIN AT THE FRIENDS STALL.