

**September 2022**

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**Hi all!**

Hope you have all survived or even enjoyed our very hot summer. Personally, I am looking forward to crisp Autumn days.



Thank you to **ForHousing** and **Salford Community Leisure** for finance and staff

Thank you to **Healthy Holidays** funding enabling us to provide great food and food activities.

**Our holiday clubs were fun!**

This summer has been busy with Children's holiday clubs and the youth groups have been running holiday groups all of which have been well attended. Thank you to all our volunteers who have helped us throughout the summer and without which we wouldn't have been able to do so many activities.



We've had some great entertainers too and can recommend

- **Creature Ark** everything from snakes and spiders to guinea pigs and tortoise
- **Lightening Bolt** with Sparkle the rabbit
- **The Fun Gang with Gerry** from Blackpool
- **Frank** The Circus Entertainer
- **Phil The Magician**

If you want contact details then just drop me a text.

### New Term

Just a reminder that we restart these groups soon...

#### **KidsClub**

Thursdays, termtime  
from September 15<sup>th</sup> 6-7pm

For children in reception to year 6.

Contact Paul for more details

[Paul.newbould@gmail.com](mailto:Paul.newbould@gmail.com)

#### **Youth Club**

Wednesdays 5.30-7.30pm  
& Girl's night Fridays 6-8pm

For year 7 and above, provided by the Eccles Youth Team – Contact Rob for further details

[Rob.fulton@salford.gov.uk](mailto:Rob.fulton@salford.gov.uk)

#### **Eccles Special Needs Play & Stay**

Mondays from September 12<sup>th</sup>  
5-7pm

For parents, carers & children from toddler to teenager. These sessions would really benefit from **more volunteers** to help with the running of the group. If that could be you, please contact us for a chat

### People need parks



Ivy Park

#### **The Castle Community Centre Association & Friends of Ivy Park**

**Monday 26<sup>th</sup> September  
7.15pm At The Castle**

This is a special meeting for all interested people. We've had many recent discussions with many of you about Ivy Park.

It is our local park used by all of us for community events youth and children's club sports and games, and holiday club activities

We know is used by many of you and your families being the only local green space available especially for

those in flats and homes with little garden space.

We are also aware of the problems in the park from litter, dog mess, drug dealing and anti-social behaviour.

We propose to change The Castle Community Association to **The Castle & Ivy Park Community Association** and work with the council, the police and other organisation to restore the park to an outside place where we can all enjoy the benefit of using outdoor space throughout the year. We want to see change and are happy with your help to bring that about.

This meeting on Monday Sept 26<sup>th</sup> at The Castle Community Centre will be to change the constitution to include Ivy Park proposals.

**We need as many of you as possible** to come and support us and if you feel you could join our committee, we would be happy to welcome you.

**We also want to know from you what you would like to see on the park and how you see the park being used.**

We intend to follow up on the success of the Jubilee party and have a Christmas event on the park on Dec 23<sup>rd</sup>.

### **Christmas Event**

We also want to chat about a **Christmas Event on the park from 6-8pm on Friday Dec 23<sup>rd</sup>.**

Ideas so far...

- Christmas Tombola
- Christmas food
- Christmas Music.
- Father Christmas
- Christmas lights
- And possibly a Christmas Tree

And we need your ideas too! **Please put the date in your diary & come & join us**

### **Big Ideas Workshop Sessions -**

#### **Transforming The Castle**

We have exciting plans to refurbish the building and recently received funding from **Big Ideas** to help this become reality.



Within that funding we are providing workshops for young people and young adults so they can become involved in the refurbishment. We would also like to say that anyone from our community is welcome to these sessions.



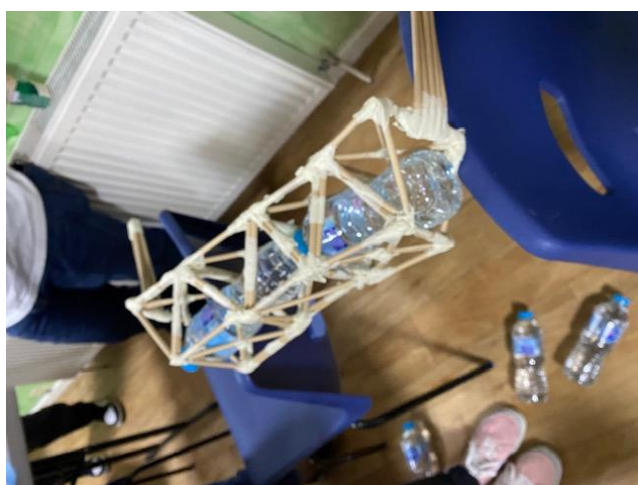
## Big Ideas Workshop 3

16th September

5.30-7.30pm.

With Architect Curtis Martin

In our 3<sup>rd</sup> workshop, Curtis will explore with us how to keep buildings warm and not too hot. We also serve hot food (not too hot, or too cold!) and drinks within the session and the previous ones were enjoyed by all who attended.



These workshop sessions are primarily aimed at young people age 11-20 but parents, carers and members of our community are also welcome to join us.

### Future Workshop dates are...

- **Fri 14 th October**
- **Fri 25 th November**
- **Fri 17 th January**
- **Fri 10 th March**

## Litter Picking

Thanks for all the help at our last Litter Pick.

### Our next dates are

- **Saturday September 10<sup>th</sup>**
- **Saturday October 8<sup>th</sup>**

All at 11am with bacon butties and refreshments at 12

## Wednesday Walk & Talk

Every Wed evening 18.30, we have been meeting at The Castle. We walk for half an hour or so, then stop for coffee, or similar for a while, then return to The Castle. We have at least three routes we follow and these have been very enjoyable. We would love to have you join us.



Evenings are drawing in , so these will not go past September. We are thinking about following this series of walks with an alternative chance to meet and talk, in the darker evenings, perhaps a games evening, or a quiz night. For more info, contact: [Paul.newbould@gmail.com](mailto:Paul.newbould@gmail.com) or [Graham.Anns@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:Graham.Anns@yahoo.co.uk)