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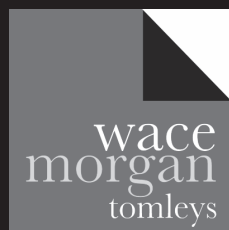
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Introduction



It is with some shock that I realise this is the last newsletter for this year. What a year 2016 has been and we end it with a full complement of town councillors which is good news. We have also had the Town Plan presented to us which is an excellent document and has been community-led which is so important and raises some very interesting points about different aspects of town life. My thanks go to the small group involved in producing this document and to all those who have taken the trouble to give their views. It is your town and it's so important that you have your say in its future.

We held the Civic Award presentations recently (see separate report). It was a lot of hard work but we had such worthy and inspiring winners – 10 individuals and 2 group awards, along with 2 other special recognition awards. We were joined on the evening by the High Sheriff of Shropshire, Christine Holmes and her husband David along with all the worthy winners and those people who took the trouble to nominate them.

At the ceremony, we also presented Allotment Awards to some very hardworking recipients. Well done to them all.

The town has been very busy with many

fundraising events for SPARC which include colour runs, apple pressing, car washes, sheep sales and many other things – such a diverse list of ways to raise funds to help with the long-term future of the building. We are just so blessed with people willing to give time to fundraise and volunteer locally.

We have also had the launch of the new book on the history of Bishop's Castle and Remembrance Sunday, a service which is very important for me and so many others locally and was once again a very poignant occasion with many people in attendance at the Church. Once again I was very proud to lay a wreath on behalf of the Town Council and remember all those who made the ultimate sacrifice for us all.

It just leaves me to wish you a peaceful and merry Christmas and a happy and healthy 2017.

With my very best wishes

Karen Bavastock
Mayor of Bishops Castle



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BISHOP'S CASTLE TOWN COUNCIL CIVIC AWARDS

At the second Civic Award Ceremony held on 13th October at Bishop's Castle Town Hall twelve local people were given civic awards which were presented by the Mayor of Bishop's Castle – Cllr Karen Bavastock and awards for volunteering were presented by the High Sheriff of Shropshire Christine Holmes JP.

The judges this year were Mayor of Bishop's Castle Karen Bavastock, Mayor's Consort Rosemary Griffiths, Mary & Alan Seldon and Cllr Amanda Houghton.

CIVIC AWARDS FOR SERVICES TO THE COMMUNITY:

JOHN HOWELLS has been looking after the churchyard virtually singlehanded for at least 15 years. He looks after the graves old and new, operates God's Acre Scheme, whereby plots can grow for the wild flowers and wild life before being cut and cleared. He helps visitors find graves.

MIKE PLUNKETT runs the monthly disco at the Church Barn for children and a small youth group and is involved in many aspects of town life. He is very good at persuading people to get involved in activities in the town.

RITA COXALL has been involved in many aspects of town life for all her life. She is dedicated to the carnival committee, serving on this committee for over 60 years. She was the Diamond Jubilee Carnival Queen in 2012.

ROYSTON HATFIELD & PAUL WILLIAMS Last year, Paul and Royston played the Last Post on Remembrance Day at Bishop's Castle Church for the 50th consecutive year. It's an achievement in itself, but also demonstrates the commitment the two men have made to supporting the civic aspect to their lives in the town,

ANDREW BARKER for his work with Bishop's Castle Primary School Choir. The many hours, a lot of it unpaid that he spends with the youngster in the choir has ensured that he brings out their incredible talent.

BISHOP'S CASTLE DRUM AND BUGLE BAND have been involved in so many events in the town over the years and are a real credit to the town. Remembrance Sunday is such an important date in the calendar of the town and it is very special to have our town bands involvement in these proceedings. The judges felt that the whole band and those before deserve recognition for the work they put in to ensuring that the tradition carries on.

ENTERPRISE HOUSE were nominated for the efficiency, helpfulness and kindness from the staff. It is an excellent service that is a credit to the town. Enterprise House is a valuable resource and recently celebrated its 21st birthday. Without the work of the staff at Enterprise House we would potentially have no theatre and no library in town and that is a massive debt of gratitude we owe to the hard work put in to retain these services.

CIVIC AWARD FOR VOLUNTEERING:

PATRICIA THEOBOLD is a leading volunteer in the setting up of Bishop's Castle Heritage Resource Centre in Chapel Yard as a local heritage store and activity centre. She is the leader in the setting up and recording the activities of local heritage organisations through the Heritage Forum which keeps all the groups aware of each other's activities and sometimes arranges joint events. She is a trustee of the House on Crutches Museum and the Town Hall Trust.

EVELYN BOWLES is a Trustee of House on Crutches and has also maintained the successful functioning of the museum and the Heritage Centre. Again, she is a Trustee of the Town Hall Trust and always around to help ad make things happen. She is a volunteer for the two organisations looking after the Heritage of Bishop's Castle.

CIVIC AWARD FOR FUNDRAISING:

JULIE BURGWIN & JAN ROBERTSON friends who have devoted many years to fundraising for many different organisations and charities locally. They have carried on the tradition of a Wednesday night bingo which has taken place in town for many years now and have raised thousands of pounds.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION AWARD:

ANDREW PINNOCK a SpArC Theatre volunteer. Some volunteers

come to help with selling drinks and ushering the audience then stay and watch the performance. These volunteers opt to help for the shows that they want to see and the benefits are fairly obvious. Andrew works hard for 99% of the performances but he rarely stays to watch; the seats are up in an hour and the performances don't start until later. He does this simply as his contribution to the well-being of the theatre.

JAYSON ROBERTSON has also shown so much dedication to ensuring that we retain our much-loved SPARC Leisure Centre through volunteering at the centre as a volunteer lifeguard in his spare time.

He is currently chairman of the fundraising committee and he has thrown himself wholeheartedly into the task of fundraising. He organised a bingo and raised over £800 in one night.

Group photo on next page!

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Bishop's Castle Civic Award Winners 2016 with Cllr Karen Bavastock and her Consort Rosemary Griffiths, and Bishop's Castle's Town Crier Jeff Aldridge and his Consort Yvonne.

Photos by Nigel Bishop

Bishop's Castle Allotment Award Winners 2016



ALLOTMENT AWARDS

The Allotment Awards for 2016 were presented by the Mayor of Bishop's Castle, Cllr Karen Bavastock to the worthy winners as part of the Civic Award ceremony which was held on 13th October in the Council Chamber at Bishop's Castle Town Hall.

The judges this year were Jane Pugh along with Mary Seldon, the Town Clerk and her husband Alan.

Most Productive Allotment goes to **Jacqui Davies & Andy Harrold** and the judges said that their allotment was "very productive" and "mouth-watering"

The Tidiest Allotment award goes to **Mr & Mrs Woods** and this plot was admired universally by all judges.

The award for the Most Environmentally Diverse allotment went to **Sarah Dixon**. The judges felt that this plot had it all - flowers, produce, every inch had something happening. It was chosen as the most environmentally diverse because with so many different plants it was felt there had to be many different pollinators, invertebrates and small mammals living there too.

The judge's favourite allotment is jointly award to **Mr & Mrs Simpson** and **Sarah Halliday**. The judges were enchanted with both plots and they thought they were simply lovely – They were strong personal favourites and if judges could have, they would have transplanted the plots to their own gardens

The award for the Best All Round Allotment goes to **Mr & Mrs Isherwood** who were worthy winners last year and whose plot was described by the judges as being "crammed full", and they also said it was "admirable" and "exciting".

REPORTING MUD ON THE ROAD

As we move into the late autumn when there is more rain and icy weather around driving conditions on rural roads will become more hazardous, and when there is mud on the road this can be an extra hazard for drivers, so is something the Police and Shropshire Council take very seriously. However Council officers are not always out and about on roads in Shropshire so rely on local people to report issues to them.

This can be done via the Council's Call centre on

0345 6789006

Calls will be logged and investigated and where necessary those responsible for putting the mud on the road will be asked to meet the costs of removing it. The above number can also be used to report general highways issues such as potholes, flooding or drainage issues.

SIR ALBERT HOWARD

Sir Albert Howard - a local man almost unknown in Bishop's Castle but who has a international reputation as an eminent agricultural scientist.

Albert Howard was born in 1873 and grew up on The Cottage Farm, Colebatch. He was baptised in St. John the Baptist Church. He became an outstanding scientist and conducted extensive research into agriculture in the West Indies and India. He is considered to be one of the key figures in the development of modern organic agriculture. The annual Sir Albert Howard and Mahatma Ghandi lecture, held in Delhi, was given by The Prince of Wales in 2008 and can be viewed on YouTube.

A year ago The Albert Howard Society was formed with the intention of finding out as much as possible about him and creating some kind of lasting tribute to his work. This could take the form of a plaque or possibly a statue but at the moment the society is looking at the possibilities of acquiring land on which to create a community organic market garden. Such a project would honour and publicise Sir Albert's work by growing affordable organic food in a sustainable way with the emphasis on promoting health and well-being as a community supported scheme. It would also provide open access to workshop "making areas" for community use.

If you are interested and want to be kept informed of Albert Howard Society events and activities please email one of the following:

Pat Robinson	pat@horologium.co.uk
Rob Rowe	rob@robrowe.co.uk
Trevor Chalkley	trevorchalkley@gmail.com

The Council Chamber oak floor has been rejuvenated by

Magill's Hardwood Flooring.

A thorough clean and a coating of oil was applied, followed by buffing to bring the floor back to a beautiful finish.

If your oak floor is in need of restoring please contact:

Tracy Magill on 07968 233093 or email:

tracy.magill@btinternet.com for an informal chat and a quote.



Community Town Plan Update

At its last meeting, The Town Council accepted the Community Town Plan as a single, joined up strategy for Bishop's Castle, driven by the needs of the community. This means that the Plan is now 'live' and the actions will start to be implemented.

The Plan seeks to address the issues raised by the community and we now need *your* help to turn these actions into reality and make Bishop's Castle an even better place.

There's a wide range of practical ways you can help, for example:

- collecting information through making surveys;
- setting up and running social media groups to keep local people informed;
- identifying and bidding for possible grants and other sources of funding;
- meeting with experts and members of the local community;
- publicising schemes designed to help residents;
- testing and implementing possible ideas to traffic and parking issues;
- supporting local shops by staging events to attract shoppers;
- creating an online directory for skills-sharing;
- conducting a landscape evaluation exercise.

If you can offer some time to help, however little, we'd love to hear from you. Contact us at: **townplan@bishopscastle.co.uk**

or via our new Facebook page at **www.facebook.com/communityplan**

Copies of the Plan and its annexes may be viewed at Enterprise House, Library, Town Hall, Doctor's Surgery, Community College, SpArC, BCHRC and our local pubs. It may also be downloaded from **<http://www.bishopscastle.co.uk/council/town-plan/>**

Keith Whiddon, Chair, Bishop's Castle Community Town Plan Steering group

Are you planning to get married next year?

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There will be a £20 charge for the use of glasses and vintage china.

For hires that require use of the kitchen to provide catering there will be an additional cost of £50.

A £50 refundable deposit will also be required for full kitchen use.

Venue Hire Fees:

Weekday - Day time

General Rate:

£10 per hour up to 6 hours

Full day up to 8 hours £75

Community Rate (voluntary organisations & charities):

£8.50 per hour up to 6 hours



EVENING & WEEKEND

General Rate:

£15 per hour up to 6 hours

Full day up to 8 hours £110

Weekend Hire: Saturday am - Sunday pm £300

Community Rate:

£10 per hour up to 6 hours

Full day up to 8 hours £75

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COMMUNITY LAND TRUST

NEWSLETTER

November 2016

Since the last newsletter there has been a lot going on with the CLT

The Business Park

The work to secure the undeveloped parts of the Love Lane Business Park is progressing. Congratulations to everyone involved in preparing the application for the Community Asset Transfer to the people of Bishop's Castle.

You can pick up a copy of the fantastic magazine submitted to Shropshire Council to support the application. These are available at the Town Hall or Textile traders. Shropshire council now have 6 weeks to respond to the application so we should hear by the end of November/ Beginning of December. Remember if we secure this and the asset transfer goes ahead this will mean more employment opportunities for local people.

New Members

Since the new development worker started in early September we have **21** new members and have raised **£700**.

Please contact Rachel to join, buy shares or get involved in any way. She can be contacted on www.facebook.com/BCLandTrust rachelhek@gmail.com or 07815185089.

New Projects

We have now received the balance of the legacy of the late, great Bill Bainbridge. We have spent just over £60,000 on paying off the mortgage of the King's Head Yard properties. This means these are now owned outright by you, the shareholders of the CLT. These will now always be available for affordable rent for local people in housing need and can never be sold.

The total Bill left us was just over £200,000 which along with the money raised from selling shares puts us in a position where we are actively seeking our next project. So please if anyone knows of any AFFORDABLE appropriate land where we can build up to 4 houses please get in touch with the Chair, Jim

Gaffney at Textile Traders.

The Kings Head Yard

One of the properties came up for rent. This was advertised on the Facebook page and a new tenant with longstanding local connections is now in the property.

Planned Events

A number of events are being planned or in the planning stages and we hope to use these as fundraisers and recruitment forums for the CLT but also want to provide maximum fun.

Sean Gaffney Band and the Jersey Royals

The pre Xmas fundraiser for the CLT is taking place soon, on **Saturday 26th Nov at the Three Tuns** in the function room, generously donated for the evening by Tim and Cath. Entrance on the night is £5 or half price entrance if you buy £5 of shares (5 shares). This will be a great night of dancing and fabulous music from local musicians. Sean Gaffney Band provides live music in a funky soul style, whilst the Jersey Royals play a high energy dance set. Plus we have a fabulous new edition to the evening; Nula Hula and the Juggler, performing their dynamic circus style hoop and juggling magic. Please come and support this event and bring along friends. **Doors open at 8.30 pm.**

We will keep you updated about other events in the next newsletter which will be in January 2017. Remember some of the events that we are likely to have on in the New Year are; website launch, Landfest 3, an event to honour and remember Bill Bainbridge, BC monopoly.

By joining and supporting the CLT you will be adding your voice to what happens in term of local housing and local employment in our town. You can take part in decision making to whatever level you want to, you can be on the board, you can make a cake for an event, you volunteer to help out or you can simply come along to any event and support it and have a fun night at the same time.

If you have any ideas please contact Rachel, CLT Development Worker on the Facebook page or check the Facebook page for further details www.facebook.com/BCLandTrust

To contact us or get further info visit the following:

Website www.bcclt.co.uk

Facebook page www.facebook.com/BCLandTrust

Email rachelhek@gmail.com

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Calling all Young Artists

Bishop's Castle Town Hall Trust
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Young People's Art Competition

from 17th December to 14th January

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Closing date for entries is 12th December

There will be prizes for the best work

For more information call into the Town Hall, phone 01588 630023
or email - events@bishopscastletownhall.co.uk



Table Top Sale for SpArC Raises Over £500

A Table Top Sale held on Saturday 1st October raised £545 for the Save the SpArC campaign in Bishop's Castle.

More than 20 sellers booked tables selling a variety of goods from bric-a-brac to books and cakes to clothes. A steady stream of customers kept everyone busy including the kitchen selling breakfast baps.

Ruth Houghton who organised the event said "the hall had a real buzz about it and everyone seemed to be enjoying themselves. I would like to thank all the table top sellers who booked tables and who helped to make this event such a success and also Pugh's Butchers in Bishop's Castle and Sally Jones of Acton for their contributions to the breakfasts".

Donations and a raffle also helped to boost the funds, with Mothercare match-funding after the event with an additional £250, boosting the overall amount raised to **£795**.

A great range of raffle prizes were donated by Shrewsbury Town Football Club, Sidoli, Tesco, Co-op, Wyevale, Spar, Huw and Lou Prole, Tim Philips, Kate Evans and Mary Love. Ruth said "the raffle was a big success and it is thanks to these donors that we had such a great range of prizes"

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Charity Car Wash for SpArC Raises £493

It rained and it poured on Saturday 1st October in Bishop's Castle but that didn't stop a small group of dedicated volunteers washing cars in aid of the Save the SpArC campaign.

The yard at Bishop's Castle Public Hall was decked out in bunting and equipped with hoses and buckets to wash cars and a steady stream of cars turned up throughout the morning, despite the rain, to be washed in aid of this local campaign.

A suggested donation of £5 for a car wash resulted in a fabulous £493 being raised for the Save the SpArC Campaign.

Tracey Huffer who organised the car wash said "it was so wet and really awful weather but once we saw the queue of cars we all just got going and washed cars right through from 9am until 2pm."

The car washing was done by a group of volunteers, Tracey said "I would like to say a big thank you to the volunteers who helped and who didn't mind getting wet, without whom this event would not have been possible. I would also like to thank our sponsors Bishop's Castle Building Supplies (BCBS) for donating all the buckets. We have had such good feedback we hope to make this an annual event".

**WE HAVE WON
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**THANK YOU
for 2,133 votes!**

BISHOP'S CASTLE TOWN HALL

Listings for November 2016

26th Autumn Craft Fair, 10am to 4pm, Free entry

Come and browse and hopefully find some lovely locally hand crafted goods to buy at our Autumn Craft Fair.

27th Garland Making, 10am to 3pm
Join Cath Murphy to make your own lovely Christmas garlands. Firstly forage and gather materials from around the Town to use for your garlands. Have lunch and then make garlands during the afternoon. Tickets £15 can be purchased at the Town Hall or on line on Ticket Source. Ticket price includes lunch, tea/coffee and materials.

Listings for December 2016

3rd Flea & Antiques Market with Christmas Cake Stall!

on the 1st Saturday of every month in Bishop's Castle Town Hall.

Open 9am until 4pm

Lift available

Free Entry

7th Felt Making Evening, 6pm

Join Clare Linford for a felt making workshop and make something to add to your Christmas nativity scene. Tickets £8.50 available at the Town Hall or online www.ticketsource.co.uk/date/276044

9th Blast – Grimms Sheesha, Peter Chand, 8pm

British Punjabi storyteller Peter Chand brings together a collection of stories from South Asia that place a 'sheesha', a mirror to the fairy tales found in Grimms Household Tales. Doors open at 7.30pm – tea, cake and beer available.

Tickets £7

10th Swing into Christmas – music concert Christmas sing-a-long, 7pm
Enter the magic of Christmas with this fabulous live 'Heart and Soul' music show with uplifting seasonal songs. Rosalind Moore (singer and actress) and Wynford James (pianist and singer) will entertain you with audience participation – fun for all the family. Tickets £8 per adult and £6 for under 12's

11th Christmas Wreath Making Workshops,

10am-12.30pm or 2pm-4.30pm

Join Gretel Cooper for one of the workshops. All materials and equipment for a stunning Christmas Wreath provided as well as refreshments.

The cost for either session is £45 payable in advance.

17th Farmers' Market, 9am -1pm

This ever popular Farmers Market is held on the 3rd Saturday of each month. Amongst the stalls there are Baconry, Cakes, Bread, Fruit & Veg and even Goat's Milk Soap. Everything is locally produced.

17th Young People's Art Exhibition,
17th Dec to 14th January

The theme is "Your personal response to colours". There are prizes for the best work. For further information call at the Town hall, phone 01588 630023 or email – events@bishopscaletownhall.co.uk

Listings for January 2017

13th Blast Storytelling

How to spin the enchantment

21st Farmers' Market

21st - 18th February - Art Exhibition:

Mary Nopper-White



BISHOP'S CASTLE CHRISTMAS CRACKER



SATURDAY 3RD DECEMBER

**SANTA'S GROTTTO
IN THE THREE TUNS**
3pm - 8pm

LIGHTS 'TURN ON'
5.00pm

**COMMUNITY DECORATED
TREE for SpArC**

**CRAFT FAIR at the
CHURCH 2pm-6.30pm**

**RAILWAY MUSUEM
OPEN EVENING 4PM - 8PM**

**CAROL SINGING
around the tree 5pm**

**FLEA MARKET &
CHRISTMAS CAKE
SALE 9am-4pm**
Town Hall

FOOD * DRINK * FUN



COME ALONG AND JOIN US!



Hello, we have a fantastic range of events in December and January:
Theatre/Film Tickets make great gifts why not treat a loved one!

Theatre

METROPOLITAN OPERA L'Amour de Loin

Live from Ney York via Satellite

Saturday 10th December 5.55pm £12 Adult/£8 U18

Finnish composer Kaija Saariaho's breakthrough opera was described by the New York Times as "transfixing...a lushly beautiful score." It will finally have its Met Opera premiere in a dazzling new production .The story of the opera L'amour de Loin is based on Prince of Blaye, one of the first great troubadours of the 12th century.

LIVE MUSIC: Kit Hawes & Aaron Catlow

Friday 16th December 7.30pm £10 Adult /£7 U18

Best known as the virtuoso guitar and fiddle players from energetic Balkan-folk act Sheelanagig, Kit and Aaron draw on traditional music from both sides of the Atlantic and Europe, alongside their own original compositions Their musicianship is matched by their warm and witty repartee sure to charm all who hear them.

Monday 19th December 3.30pm

FILM: The BFG (PG) £4.50/£3

Scrumdiddlyumptious adaptation of Roald Dahl's book about The Big Friendly Giant. A great way to start the Christmas Holidays!

Friday 30th December 3.30pm

FILM: Finding Dory (U) £4.30/£3

The friendly, forgetful Dory begins a search for her long lost parents with the help from Nemo and Marlin ,in this wonderful Disney Pixar adventure.

MET OPERA: NABUCCO

Saturday 7th January 5pm

Live from New York Via Satellite

The legendary Plácido Domingo brings another new baritone role to the Met under the baton of his longtime collaborator James Levine

Nabucco, King of Babylon, takes Jerusalem in his war with the Israelites –

Giuseppe Verdi-Italian

Adults £12/U18 £8

RSC LIVE via Satalitte: The Tempest

Wednesday 11th January 7pm

Simon Russell Beale returns to the RSC after 20 years to play Prospero. A unique partnership with Intel, using the most advanced technology in a bold reimagining of Shakespeare's magical play.

This production is a perfect introduction to Shakespeare for younger theatregoers
Adults £11 U18 £7

LIVE: Morgan & West Parlour Tricks

Friday 13th January 7.30pm 7+

MAGIC For all the Family!

Time travelling magic duo presents a brand new show chock full of jaw dropping, brain bursting, gasp eliciting feats of magic.

Be sure to wear a hat – they might just blow your mind. *****

Adults £10 / U18 £7/ Family £30

Film: Hunt for the Wilderpeople (12A)

Thurs 26th January 7pm

A rebellious kid and his foster uncle (Sam Neel) go missing in the wild New Zealand bush
A hilarious, touching crowd-pleaser, reminds us about the journey that growing up is (at any age) and those who help us along the way.

Adult £5 U18 £4

For Tickets : 630321/ 638038

www.sparctheatre.co.uk

Gallery:

December & January Exhibition from Gill Stokes.

Supporting the Theatre: There are many ways you can support the theatre, and we need you!

- 1. You can distribute leaflets and put up posters in your local area or within groups you attend.**
- 2. Become a friend:** You can become a friend of the theatre by paying annually (£15 for single £25 for couple). You get first view of the new brochures and are able to have early booking for National Theatre Live events.
- 3. Volunteer:** You can volunteer as a Front of House steward, or to help put up and take down the rake seating. In return you get to see productions for free.
- 5. Tickets for the theatre make excellent gifts treat a friend to a night out!**

4. Come to the Theatre!

Come and watch some of the great events we have on, live theatre, films , Live Screenings of music, Theatre ,Opera, and Ballet.

We also have some more fund raising events coming up for the Save the SpArC Campaign not to mention Panto in February! Watch this space

Please feel free to get in touch with me at the theatre, if you would like to make suggestions or need more information. It's always good to hear what people think.

Happy New Year Liz Still

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Monday - Thursday 9.30am-12.30pm

Bishop's Castle Public Hall Secretary Required for Bishop's Castle Public Hall

This is a voluntary role as part of the Public Hall Management Committee. The role will involve organising and minuting meetings, maintaining effective records, general administration including managing correspondence and upholding the legal requirements of the governing documents in conjunction with fellow committee members and supporting with telephone bookings. Estimated at approx 10 hours per month.

The Public Hall Committee is also seeking up to 3 further committee members and would be pleased to hear from anyone interested in helping to develop and manage this local facility for the benefit of the community .

**If interested in either of these
roles please contact
Amy Burns, Chairperson by
email to
Bcpublichall@gmail.com**

Festive Friends 2016

You don't have to spend Christmas on your own!

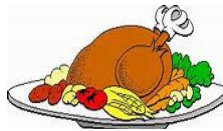
Festive Friends is again offering a heartfelt invitation to all those who may be on their own on Christmas Day this year. Food, some light entertainment and sharing time together are all on our list of ingredients at the Church Barn in Bishop's Castle, starting at 11.30am.

This celebration is open to people of all ages and circumstances.

For those who do not have transport our volunteer Friends will be happy to offer lifts, (within a reasonable distance from Bishop's Castle).

Please don't feel that you have to be on your own on Christmas Day – we really hope you will come and join us for lunch.

Telephone 01588 630409 for details



MARCHES CHOIR invites you to a **BIG CHRISTMAS SING!**

MARCHES BRASS QUARTET
David Fisher (Organ)
Conducted by Alistair Auld

*Join us for a festive evening of
Carols and Christmas Music*

Children and Families especially welcome!

WEDNESDAY 14TH DECEMBER 2016, 7.00PM
St. John's Church, Brampton Rd, BISHOP'S CASTLE, SY9 5AF

Tickets are £6 (children and students free) from 01588 650448
or at the door

NEW TOWN COUNCILLORS

Bishop's Castle Town Council has welcomed new councillors recently. They are Stephen Whittingham who runs the Happy Bap in the High Street, Grant Perry who runs Drovers Travel and Amanda Houghton who is a staff nurse at Bishop's Castle Community Hospital.

Cllr Bavastock said "we now have a full house in terms of councillors which is really good news and already the new councillors are involving themselves in council matters - Stephen or Whitty as he is known is involved in the town's Christmas events and has joined the Public Hall Committee, Grant has joined the Finance Committee and Amanda has joined the Staffing Committee and the town council are very lucky to have the skills they bring to the table and also to have the commitment they have for the future wellbeing of the town".

Pictured at the recent civic awards are Cllrs Karen Bavastock and Keith Bance with Grant and Stephen along with Town Clerk Mary Seldon.



CHRISTMAS/NEW YEAR HOURS OF OPENING: TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE

The office will be shut from Thursday 22nd December to Monday 2nd January inclusive.

Please leave all messages on 01588 638141 or email:
townclerk@bishopscastle.co.uk

BISHOP'S CASTLE TOWN COUNCIL IS PUTTING THE



INTO CHRISTMAS!

SPONSOR A CHRISTMAS BAUBLE THIS YEAR
FOR THE TOWN HALL CHRISTMAS TREE

Decorate your own or give us the name of a loved
one and we'll hang it on the tree for you.

**BAUBLES ARE £5 EACH & ALL PROCEEDS
WILL GO TO SPARC, PLUS THE
COMMUNITY TREE WILL LOOK GREAT!**

Collect or order your bauble from Union Street
Garage or the Town Clerk's Office



*Closing date for collecting:
Tuesday 29th November*



The tree will be ready on 3rd December!