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Introduction

Cllr Karen Bavastock

Mayor of Bishop's Castle



Welcome to the first newsletter of what I hope is a great summer for us all. I was recently re-elected as Mayor and have started my 4th term of office.

We have many challenges facing us this year centred around finance and the concerns about the future of our much loved SPARC facility. At the meeting attended by leader of Shropshire Council Malcolm Pate and Chief Executive Clive Wright recently they were left in no doubt that Bishop's Castle is willing to do all that we can to ensure the long term sustainability of this very popular building.

We have welcomed Anne Roberts to the council who brings a wealth of experience to us. In addition, at the time of going to press we are hoping that 2 more potential councillors will be co-opted so more of this in our next newsletter. It does still leave one vacancy so please come forward if you are interested.

The Town Council is joining forces with the Town Hall Trust on 12th June to celebrate not only the Queen's official birthday but having a civic pride day. This starts at 10.40 from the Town Hall with a church service and then various events in the afternoon to mark the occasion.

I made a very lengthy speech at mayor making because I was keen to ensure that everyone who contributes to the fabric of our town was mentioned. This was a massive task and for anyone I missed I can only apologise. So many people and organisations contribute to making Bishops Castle a wonderful place to live and work.

Here's to a great summer.

Karen

MAYOR'S SPEECH: MAY 2016

This has been another very busy year for the Council. My year started here in the Town Hall at the mayor making last year. It followed on with the civic service in the church in June.

I am sure that this year will be just as special and hope that as many people join the town council and the Town Hall Trust in celebrating Civic Sunday where a programme of events have been organised. On this day the traditional Civic Service will be held at the Church on 12th June followed by various activities in the Town Hall.

It gave me great pleasure to introduce the Town Council's Civic Awards last year. They were very well received and gave recognition to people and organisations locally that do so much within our community to enhance our lives. These unsung heroes deserve our recognition and support and last year I was so proud to present awards to some very worthy recipients. There will be news in June about this year's awards.

During the year I have been invited to a number of events which I have thoroughly enjoyed. It is great to see what we can do in our small town with little or no resources, just a will to make something happen.

I attended the nativity play at The Primary School which was thoroughly enjoyable and the end of the school year event in the church was fantastic – I won't forget the story of Jonah – great fun.

We had an afternoon of fun in the playing fields with a variety of games organised and I was amazed at the amount of people who turned up and got involved. From one person at 3 o'clock to around 50 or more very soon after ensured that we had a great time. Thanks to Darren Price of Sportsmates for helping to organise and staff this event plus Jeremy Hall and people from the bike group scheme who bought along some bikes for people to try out.

I sincerely hope that maybe some of the mums will get together and carry on that tradition this year and make it an annual event.

In October I attended a luncheon for the Railway Society who were commemorating the 150th anniversary of the opening of Bishops Castle Railway. We then went down to Station Street and I unveiled a plaque near to the site of the railway. This was particularly poignant for me as my grandfather told me of the day he watched the last train on that railway leave Lydham's Heath Station in 1935 when he was a Waggoner at the Newton Farm.

He described looking over the fields and he raised his hands to Dick Matthews who worked on the railway at the time. What an amazing memory to have.

I also judged a competition to find a logo for the Friends of Bishops Castle Primary School – and that was a very difficult task due to the standards being so very high. In the end I had 2 and couldn't choose between them so I suggested both designs were incorporated and was relieved that the friends were happy with my decision.

I had a lovely time last month celebrating Her Majesty the Queen's 90th birthday by planting 2 rose bushes in the Old Market Place. I was helped by pupils from Bishops Castle Primary School and people from the community. This was followed by tea and cake in the Town Hall. I then did a piece live on Radio 2's Jeremy Vine show. Imagine my friend's shock sat in Cape Town, South Africa eating lunch with her mum and hearing me on the airwaves flying the flag for Bishops Castle. As it was also my birthday it proved to be a most enjoyable day. Watch this space for a piece about Bishops Castle on Radio 1 I will be doing in the near future!!!

At Crowgate Childrens Centre the following day I presented coins to all the pupils there and had a wonderful time talking to the children and sharing a piece of cake with them. It was lovely to get a message from one of the parents who said that her son had told his church on the Sunday that the Queen had visited Crowgate with her chains on and had given him a magic coin.

When talking to the children from Crowgate I said that one of them might be the Mayor of Bishops Castle in the future and wear the chains of office I had one which have been worn since 1885. The words of American poet Maya Angelou sprang to mind – “Nothing can dim the light which shines from within” and my goodness the lights were shining brightly from the children I met that week

Crowgate Childrens Centre, our Primary school and the Community College doing such a wonderful job and I know our beautiful town will be in good hands in the future because of the education the children have.

Mary Seldon our town clerk has been in her role for well over 12 months now and she along with Meg Gwilliam our Assistant Clerk manages the office. My grateful thanks to them both for all their efforts.

Our allotments have expanded and I believe there are a few plots left but they are going fast so anyone interested needs to let Meg, who co-ordinates the allotments now.

The Clerk has worked hard to introduce the newsletter which is now paying for itself and has been very well received in the town.

I would like to thank my fellow councillors for their time and hard work. We have welcomed Ruth Houghton to the Council along with Keith Bance and both are already involved as representatives of the council on the public hall committee. Ruth also chairs our finance committee.

Sadly, we have seen the departure of a number of councillors Kelly Price, Sarah Lennox, Steve Farr and more recently Josh Dickin and we are grateful for the valuable contribution they have all made to the council.

Their departure leaves us with a number of vacancies and can I urge who is interested to step forward and help shape the Bishop's Castle of the future alongside us. Once such person who was successfully co-opted recently is Anne Roberts who lives in Welsh Street and I would like to warmly welcome Anne to the Council

We have had a great response to our town plan update and a small working party are going through the responses in order to move forward with this plan which will be an important document looking at the future of Bishops Castle so thanks go to all those involved in this project. This plan must be led by the community and we are very lucky to have a dedicated group of people working on this. Drop in's take place in June so please come along and have your say in how Bishops Castle moves forward in the future. Thank you to all businesses in our town that contribute to the economy and offer such valuable services and make it the vibrant and beautiful place we all love for local people and visitors alike.

It is so easy to forget that our work is unpaid and voluntary and is carried out by a group of people who care passionately about our beautiful town and want to try and make a difference.

I need to thank Charlotte Barnes, our unitary councillor for her continued support on issues locally. Thanks also go to Reverend Stephanie Fountain, who is my Chaplain.

I am pleased to announce that the final documentation has been sent to the Heritage Lottery Fund and the Town Hall is now operated and managed by a Trust. Those involved in the trust put a tremendous amount of work into ensuring the building is a shining example of all things good about our town.

I want to thank Mike Ashwell and his team for all

their hard work. Without their involvement we would potentially have lost our library however we now know that for 3 years we have retained the service which operates exactly as it did before. It seems that this is the way in which Shropshire Council want to see us evolve in the future and whilst the talks of cuts are of extreme concern I see it as an opportunity to do what Bishops Castle does best – their involvement in SpArC Theatre ensured that we retained another much loved service in the town and everyone pulled together.

SPARC is of great concern locally and a campaign is well underway now – ‘don’t let the SPARC go out’ is so apt and I know that many people in the community are pooling resources to work with Shropshire Council to ensure that we retain this well-loved facility which was built many years ago by the community.

I reported in last year’s speech that we are disappointed at the lack of progress with the Business Park which has been so frustrating. We need jobs in Bishops Castle and a local partnership of Bishops Castle Town Council, the Community Land Trust, Enterprise South West Shropshire and Shropshire Council has been formed and with assistance is looking to successfully transfer this asset to the community of Bishops Castle. Many thanks to all those involved and I hope that finally, there may be some light at the end of that particular very long tunnel.

Shropshire Council are withdrawing funding for many things which are currently provided in our community and the town council are working with a number of groups to try somehow to deliver services differently within our community. My thanks go to Mathew Mead, he is our community enablement officer and is helping wherever he can to keep the impact of the massive cuts we face to an absolute minimum.

We will do everything in our power to ensure that the cuts do not hit people in the pocket but inevitably we need to prepare ourselves for this. I fear there will be many groups and organisations in our locality that are going to feel the pinch from the cuts made by Shropshire Council.

I do hope that housing issues are addressed, particularly for young families and local people who wish to stay in the town and not be forced to move away. We need affordable housing for local people to ensure that they are able to take their first steps in getting on the property ladder ... but we also need jobs and maybe with the passing of 40 houses on a site by our Medical Practice along with work on the business park we may finally be getting somewhere!

I also want to give thanks to the various committees and volunteer groups in the town some of which are represented here tonight who organise festivals and events such as the Triathlon, Carnival, Michaelmas Fair, Walking Groups, Christmas Lights, Beer Festival, Craft Fairs, Land Trust Events, Exhibitions and musical events to name but a few!

In addition, we need to acknowledge the work of some of our services – our police and our firemen, our care homes, hospitals and medical practice as well as the work of The First Responders who provide a vitally important service to us all.

One recipient of the civic award was Mary Pullen and I attended her retirement party and gave thanks to Mary for all the work she has done within the community over the years ... a very well deserved retirement. We must work hard and ensure that we retain them –these are things that make up the structure of this town and we all need to value what we have and recognise the dedication and commitment of people within these services and work with them all.

I also want to thank the new Public Hall committee for their work. I announced last year that the old committee intended to resign enmasse and said that we need to organise for a new committee to be formed. I am in awe of the work the new committee has done on the Public Hall. They are an extremely professional and passionate group of people who have pulled together to breathe new life into the hall. The Underground Space is amazing and already holding events. At the opening I was absolutely staggered at the amount of work which had taken place. Thank you is such a small word but as thanks please support the venue which is available for hire and use by the community.

We finally had the road markings at the junction of Church Street, Station Street and Union Street altered and have had much good feedback about this. In addition, pavements have been updated and Station Street has also benefitted from some roadworks and resurfacing. Following meetings with Shropshire Council they have put up a couple of signs in Montgomery Road in an attempt to try and slow traffic down on this very narrow stretch of road.

I want to thank my family and friends who continue to give me the confidence and indeed support to move forward with my life and to believe that I can carry out the role of the Mayor and represent the town I love

which I intend to do to the best of my ability as I take up my fourth and final term of office.

Special thanks to Rosemary Griffiths for continuing to carry out the role of consort and I am very honoured that she has agreed to do this again. I am extremely lucky to have such good people in my life.

I have with the help of our clerk Mary and my family and friends carried out fundraising activities during the year and am pleased to announce that I raised £466.15. This money was spent on coins for the queens 90th birthday. I have also funded a crucial crew event which will take place for year 6 pupils at Bishops Castle Primary School and aims to help them become more independent. It is part of a national initiative to teach children to be aware of physical and social situations which may be of danger to them in their own environment. In addition, I donated £100 to the Town Hall Trust and this was used to give prizes to young people in an art competition which was very popular and showcased the talents of our young people. The balance will be split between Bishops Castle Community College for the scout room and Crowgate towards outdoor equipment.




To the future ... a very busy 12 months for me and the Town Council looking forward to the events we have and working with the community. It is my hope that we retain the businesses we have in the town, as well as being able to encourage more businesses to join us and create jobs. I sincerely hope we can work together to make a difference in my fourth year as mayor. Our Town and its people deserve no less and I am honoured to be chosen to continue with this role for the coming year.

Thanks to Wendy Oakley who has done the catering for tonight's event. It is very much appreciated and to our Town Crier and his Escort for helping with the proceedings.

The evening concluded with refreshments in the Market Hall

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INTRODUCING NEW TOWN COUNCILLOR: ANNE ROBERTS

My husband, Glynn and I moved to Bishop's Castle just over five years ago. I had taught in Birmingham for over thirty years, working for the Behaviour Support Service for twenty five years. I was Head of a Centre for primary aged children with emotional and behavioural difficulties and together with my staff team we had responsibility for providing education for excluded pupils as well as advising and training mainstream schools in the management of behaviour.

I was a magistrate for over ten years before moving to Bishop's Castle. Unfortunately with the closure of many of the smaller courts across England I was unable to continue as a magistrate after we moved to Shropshire. From the day we moved into our house in Welsh Street we knew we had made the right decision.

Bishop's Castle is such a friendly, vibrant and caring community. We are surrounded by stunning scenery and an abundance of wildlife. I volunteer at the Town Hall, House on Crutches and with the Parish Paths Partnership (P3) checking and maintaining access to our local network of footpaths. I am also treasurer of the Bishop's Castle Walking Festival, held annually in May, as well as leading walks during the Festival. I lead the Walking for Health group that meets weekly for short local walks. Being an active and energetic person I am a member of Castle Cyclists, Bishop's

Castle Walking group and SpArc where I swim and attend Pilates classes. I also run! I enjoy meeting people and have made many friends in and around the town. I am looking forward to meeting more residents and those who have authority and/or influence in the future of our town so that we can maintain local services and facilities, increase employment opportunities that make a positive difference to our lives in Bishop's Castle.

I am a friendly, approachable and outgoing person who will listen to residents concerns and endeavour to work hard to ensure Bishop's Castle continues to thrive for the benefit of the community.



The Town Council is pleased to announce that it has now filled 3 of the 4 vacancies on the Council. In the August and September issue of the Newsletter the other two new co-optees will be introduced to you.

This means there is still one vacancy - so if you think you could make a real difference to Bishop's Castle and would like to work with like-minded people please contact the Clerk on 01588 628141 or email:

townclerk@bishopscastle.co.uk

BISHOP'S CASTLE CELEBRATES

Bishop's Castle Town Council celebrated the Birthday of the Queen in style by planting two 'Queen Elizabeth' rose bushes in the Old Market Place. Mayor of Bishop's Castle, Cllr Karen Bavastock was joined by members of Bishop's Castle Town Council, the School Council from Bishop's Castle Primary School as well as local residents and Stephanie Fountain, the Mayor's Chaplain for the ceremony, and then everyone went back to the Town Hall for refreshments and cake (red, white and blue of course). Refreshments were served by Town Clerk Mary Seldon and Gill Lawler. Cllr Bavastock gave a speech as follows

"Thank you all for coming today to mark the 90th birthday of Her Majesty the Queen. I would like to take this opportunity to pay my respects to someone who has dedicated her life to serving her country on the occasion of her 90th birthday. Devotion is described as loyalty to a promise, a vow, a person or a mission. It means you are consistently trustworthy and loyal. You are willing to sacrifice to uphold your commitment. It means staying the course, even if the challenges are great, and even if you find your energy and will is weakening.

It is important that we celebrate her 90th birthday. I cannot imagine what Her Majesty has seen in her 90 years. She was born on Wednesday 21st April 1926 along with a footballer and cricketer Arthur Rowley. Also born in 1926 were the actress Marilyn Munroe, TV

David Attenborough, the singer Chuck Berry and the novelist Harper Lee.

During that year there was the first public demonstration of a television by John Logie Baird in his laboratory in London. In March (7th) the first transatlantic telephone call took place from London to New York and on 9th March the first woman mayor of Seattle was elected. In May that year (8th/9th) the first flight took place over the North Pole by Messrs Richard Byrd and Floyd Bennett and the first air crossing of the Arctic Ocean took place in May.

My grandfather lived until he was 94 and he too worked for as much of his life that he was able to do so. It is so important that we value the living and tell them that we love them because once they have gone we can do no more. So if you are lucky to have someone elderly in your life – visit them, spend time with them and most importantly listen to them. They have the most amazing stories to tell.

As well as it being my birthday today it would also have been my grandparents wedding anniversary so a great day to celebrate. Please join me in the Town Hall for refreshments. I have been asked to go on the Jeremy Vine Radio 2 show to tell them what Bishops Castle is doing to celebrate the Queen's birthday. This will take place soon after 12.00 I am told.

It just leaves me to say three cheers to Her Majesty the Queen – Happy Birthday Ma'am."

After the tree planting Cllr Bavastock was involved in an interview with Jeremy Vine on his radio 2 programme. They

were asking people over the country what their town was doing to celebrate the Queen's Birthday. Cllr Bavastock said "I am amazed at how many people heard the interview but forgot to mention on the show that it was also my birthday and I think I had as lovely a day as the Queen did".



COINS FOR CROWGATE CHILDREN'S CENTRE PUPILS

Councillor Karen Bavastock Mayor of Bishop's Castle paid a visit to Crowgate Children's Centre to present coins to mark the 90th birthday of Her Majesty The Queen. The Mayor, along with her consort Rosemary Griffiths talked to the children about the Queen and what they did, what the children hoped to do in the future and a wide range of other topics as well.

Cllr Bavastock said "I had an amazing trip to Crowgate and met some absolutely lovely children who were clearly so happy at the Centre which is a great facility to have right in the heart of Bishops Castle. The staff had organised drinks and cake for the children which was lovely".

Crowgate Children's Centre Manager Kerri Garland said "the children really enjoyed the visit and were really pleased with their coins. We hope to link up with the Town Council more in the future".

Cllr Bavastock was contacted by one parent on Sunday who said that their child had told his Church on the Sunday morning, after singing God Save the Queen, that he met the Queen this week and she had her chains on and gave him a special coin! "What a wonderful story this young man has" said Karen who went on to say "I was amused but really touched that he had enjoyed the visit enough to tell people about it and I am honoured that he thought I was the Queen. I certainly felt like the Queen with all the different things I did for her birthday and as I shared her birthday it was a fitting end to a lovely few days".



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The weekly Friday Market is steadily growing and if anyone would like a stall there is an introductory offer of 4 times for £20.00 to help establish your business.

Please help support the Markets as it is a tradition that we want to have in our unique Town.

9.00 am - 2.00 pm

ALL very welcome.

June

1st to 26th Art Exhibition: Tahira Paul
4th: Flea Market
5th: Talk -Sir Albert Howard Society
12th: BCHRC Talk Civic Pride and the
Official Birthday of Queen Elizabeth 11
18th: Farmers' Market
20th BCHRC Talk Mercia: The Power
of English
25th Music Concert Claude Bourbon

July

2nd to 30th Art Exhibition: Sylvia
Hudson
2nd: Flea Market
10th: BCHRC Talk - Building Castles
16th: Farmers' Market
31st: Music Concert – Cheshire Guitar
Ensemble



New Chair for Patients Group and Annual Meeting Announced

Nick Hutchins, the first Chair of BC Patients Group, is stepping down as he is moving from the area. Nick's last duty will be to host the Patients Group's Annual Meeting. This is to be held, Tuesday 14 June, 7- 9pm, in the Public Hall, Station Street.

'What IS happening to our NHS in Shropshire?' is the topical question. On 11 May Shropshire health bosses decided to defer, again, the decision about the reconfiguration of our main hospitals. A reason given was to allow more time to examine increased healthcare services in the community. The meeting will look at both these topics with a Top NHS guest speaker.

Jean Rice, Vice Chair said, "Everyone is welcome to attend the meeting. Our aim is to be very informative about NHS changes and to discuss what can be done to increase local services. Nick has been a wonderful Chair and we have benefited a great deal from his knowledge and ability. This creates a vacancy on our Steering Group. We will be inviting applications from any person willing to play an active role on the committee and possibly willing to take on the role of Chair. Applicants must be registered with the BC Medical Practice. There are 5300 registered patients, 20% of whom live in Wales. The meeting will be a great chance to find out more about our work and to shape what we do. So please come along."

In the meantime, anyone interested in the Patients Group will find useful information on their website (www.bcp.org.uk) or they should contact Jean on 01588 638883.

Bishop's Castle into the Future Have Your Say

The need for more job opportunities and for affordable housing; the threats to key facilities and services and; town centre traffic and parking problems were just four of the issues that you raised when work began on the new Bishop's Castle town Plan in 2014.

Since then major changes in government funding of local authorities and of social support organisations has not only increased the pressures on all of these issues but has also made finding solutions to them the responsibility of our community.

The need for a planned, cohesive approach has never been greater **so come along to one of the 3 'drop in' sessions to be held in June and find out more about what might be possible regarding all the issues you raised; prioritise the things that are important to you and give us your opinions on possible solutions to town centre traffic and parking issues.**

Drop in to :

**The Public Hall on
Saturday 25th June
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Do come and see for yourself!



ALLOTMENT NEWS

Did you know that Bishop's Castle has a thriving allotments community, with many beautiful and productive allotments, and its own Allotment Society? Have you thought about taking on an allotment, to "grow your own" vegetables, flower garden, herbs? If so you may be interested to learn that the Town Council is currently enlarging the allotments area and there will be new plots available.

Those already on the waiting list have been offered and have chosen their plots. There are four new half plots still available. To express an interest in taking on a tenancy for one of these, please contact townclerk@bishopscastle.co.uk

assistantclerk@bishopscastle.co.uk

write to the Town Council at the council offices, Bishop's Castle Town Hall, or ring 01588 638141

If all available plots have already been taken, please ask to go on the waiting list, and you will be given first refusal when a plot becomes vacant. We look forward to hearing from you!

WISE AND WELL INFORMATION DAY

Shropshire RCC is holding a Wise & Well Information Day in Bishops Castle Community College on Thursday, 2nd June from 10.00 – 1.00pm. I would be most grateful for any help you could give in spreading the word about this event.

The Wise & Well Information Day comprises talks on Fire safety (Fire Service), how to avoid being scammed (CAB), reducing the risk of falling, a gentle exercise taster session and an exhibition of local charities and support services. There will also be a free lunch. In the afternoon, we are offering Functional Fitness MOTs for Over-65's, by appointment.

This is not a “drop-in” but it is free of charge. We ask people to book in advance so that we can cater for the right numbers. Booking is by an email or phone-call to me or to my colleague Lisa on 01743 342162. I attach the publicity leaflet in case you have an email distribution list.

I would greatly appreciate any help you could give in raising the profile of this event.

Susie Hancock

Wise & Well Team Development Officer

Shropshire RCC

The Creative Quarter, Shrewsbury Business Park

Shrewsbury, SY2 6LG

01743 342160

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Bishop's Castle

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11am-10.30pm

£7 on the Gate U11's Free

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Pugh**

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Said**

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& The
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Call 01588 630092 Mob: 07813007464 for info

The Bishop's Castle Public Hall supports SPARC

If you wish to run an event to specifically raise money for the SpArC Theatre and Leisure Centre, the Public Hall will be offered at a
50% reduction in 2016

For those interested please email booking manager: Ting Cheung on
bcpublichall@gmail.com or call 07984852579

BISHOP'S CASTLE PUBLIC HALL

Event and Function Hire

Available to hire for private and community events in Bishop's Castle
and local area:

Wine glasses (50)
White linen table cloths (10 assorted sizes)
Single stem glass flower vases (8)
3 tier clear Perspex large cup cake stand
Collection of cake stands, vintage and modern.
Large square and round wedding cake baking tins

Donations in lieu of hire fees to be shared equally between
Save the SPARC Campaign and Bishop's Castle Public Hall.

Enquiries to Ruth 01588 638352

DEADLINE FOR THE AUGUST/SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER: 18th JULY

bishopscastlenewsletter@gmail.com

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MONITORED ON A DAILY BASIS!*

FRONT COVER PICTURE:

The newly renovated crest in the
Old Market Place

The Town Council would like to
thank McMillan Masonry from
Bishop's Castle for a great job!



BISHOPS CASTLE PUBLIC HALL

Charity Number 513572

Hire Fees

Full Day 8am - 5pm Hall Only £70 Hall/Kitchen £90 Extras: Equipment(staging) £20	Half Day 8am - 12pm 12pm - 5pm Hall Only £40 Hall/Kitchen £60 Extras: Equipment(staging) £20
Hourly Rate (up to 3 hours) <i>Before 5pm unless evening meetings</i> £7 per hour A surcharge will apply for kitchen hire Evening Meetings (inc speech, talks) From 5pm £10 per hour A surcharge will apply for kitchen hire	Block Bookings (up to 3 hours) <i>Monday - Tuesday, every other</i> <i>Wednesday and Thursday: please</i> <i>contact the Booking Manager for further</i> <i>information</i> £18 per session if block booking 6 weeks or more A surcharge will apply for kitchen hire <i>Note: e.g. Yoga / Dance / Weight Watchers / Slimming World etc</i>
For other fees including evening events, please contact the Booking Manager on 07984 852579 or email: bcpublichall@gmail.com. Hours for telephone bookings: Monday - Thursday 8.30am - 6.00pm Saturday 10.00am - 6.00pm Sunday 11.00am - 4.00pm	

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Don't let the SPARC go out campaign continues.....

If you are interested in fundraising for the campaign to save our SPARC facility a meeting was held recently and we are gathering together details of all fundraising activities linked to the 'don't let the sparc go out' campaign.

Karen Bavastock explains "I have had a number of people approach me wanting to do some fundraising but not really sure how to go about it. We have also been given some fantastic ideas on how to raise much needed funds to keep the SPARC going. Following different conversations with a number of local residents we are holding a meeting for anyone who wants to lend a hand. The ideas are coming in thick and fast, and there are some brilliant ones, but what we really need now are people who can help to put some of these into practice by sharing their knowledge, time and expertise. If you were unable to attend the meeting on the 18th May but would still like to help you can log on to www.savethesparc.org and use the "contact us" button to submit your offer of help.

For further information, or to offer help contact Karen Bavastock on 07967 100903 or email karenbavastock@btinternet.com

WE WOULD LIKE TO HEAR FROM YOU!

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