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Introduction
Cllr Karen Bavastock
Mayor of
Bishop's Castle



A busy few months for the council leading up to Christmas – we have the launch of our Town Plan in the coming months and are ever vigilant looking to Shropshire Council to see how we can work effectively with them to retain our much loved SpArC facility. People are working very hard on fundraising events and they all deserve our thanks.

Have a great Autumn.

Best wishes

Karen

Welcome to the newsletter of Bishop's Castle Town Council. It has been a busy couple of months and we have just finalised the judging of the winners of the Civic Awards and Allotment Awards which will be announced and presented in October. There have been some very worthy nominations and it made the judging of the awards very difficult. We have so many people who give their time so generously and trying to choose winners proved quite a challenge. We will have full details of the winners and the ceremony in our next newsletter.

The children have gone back to school and I wish all those starting school either at Bishop's Castle Primary School, The Community College and Crowgate Children's Centre the very best. Work hard and enjoy your education – the staff in all of these establishments are fantastic and a real credit to the town.

We move into the autumn and winter months now. I always think that Shrewsbury flower show is the start of the darker nights and they are closing in fast.



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NEWS FROM BISHOP'S CASTLE TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB

We need your help to save our club! Bishop's Castle Town Football Club has been in the community for over one hundred years but is being denied permission to join the Welsh league. The club is based in rural Shropshire, a few miles from the Welsh border.

Having played in the Shropshire league the previous five seasons the club made a democratic decision to re-join the Montgomeryshire league where they played half a decade ago. A number of factors lead to this decision but the fundamental reason was to reduce the amount of travel. The nearest club last season was 30 miles away whereas if BCTFC played in Wales there would be several clubs within a 10 mile radius.

Of all the difficulties facing grassroots football clubs there is an unusual and unfair barrier standing between a committed group of players and the field; the FA. A key reason for the move was the number of teams that dropped out of the Shropshire league, leaving a disappointing number of fixtures.

The club is lucky to have such a supportive voluntary committee and a loyal group of players. However, the season has started and the club's future still remains uncertain with the FA and FAW deciding to refuse the club permission to join the league. Fortunately, the league is willing to hold the club a place but the issue needs resolving sooner rather than later

as there is already a build up of three fixtures and it is becoming more difficult for the manager to retain the squad he has.

The reasoning for the rejected move is unclear as there is a number of clubs playing cross border football at the professional level (Cardiff, Swansea, TNS etc). Even at the recreational level there is a number of clubs such as Morda and Trefonen playing over borders.

The club is asking for support and would greatly appreciate coverage and publicity. The whole situation is ridiculously political. At the end of the day it is a bunch of local lads wanting to play football. It would be a great shame to lose another amateur club and not just from a local perspective but in the grand scheme of things; grass roots football is where it begins for many players

For further information email:
Dan Dawson:
dandaws1991@hotmail.co.uk

DEADLINE for the
December/January issue of the
magazine:
Friday 11th November

Youth Session
for 12+
every Wednesday at 7pm
in the Church Barn

Community-led Town Plan Update

The timeline for developing the new Community-led Town Plan for Bishop's Castle requires that it is completed in October. It is intended that the Plan will run from October 2016 to 2020 with an annual review, evaluation and refresh where necessary.

Over the next few weeks copies of the draft Action Plan will be displayed in the Town Hall and Enterprise House, as well as online at <http://www.bishopscastle.co.uk/council/town-plan/> for public comment. The actions in the Plan have been prioritised in terms of importance or urgency. We value your comments on both the actions and the priorities we have set.

We will produce the final Plan based on your feedback and take this to the Town Council meeting in October to review and agree the Plan. Once agreed by the Council, then work to deliver the Action Plan for Year 1 begins immediately.

The success of the Plan depends entirely upon there being sufficient manpower and resources to be able to implement the actions detailed above. Several actions will be the remit of valued delivery partners, such work being already undertaken as part of existing projects. However, most of the Plan is entirely dependent upon the work of community volunteers (as was the creation of the Plan itself).

Here's your chance to take a practical role in helping to shape the future of our town. If you can offer any support or would like to find out more, then please contact us at townplan@bishopscastle.co.uk or call Keith on 01588 638159.

Bishop's Castle Town Plan Steering group

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but the final approval is based on number of votes.

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Calling all Young Artists

Bishop's Castle Town Hall Trust
is running its 2nd annual
Young People's Art Competition
from 17th December to 14th January
Open to anyone aged 7 to 18

**This year's theme is Colour -
"Your personal response to colours"**

Your work needs to be able to hang on the gallery walls – eg painting, drawing, photography, collage and textiles. Artists are encouraged to price their works which will be on sale at the gallery.

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

CALLING ALL YOUNG ARTISTS

If you have young artists at home who love painting, drawing, photography or collage work, then mark these dates in your diary and start preparing!

The **Young People's Open Art Exhibition** this year is on at the Town Hall from **17th December - 4th January**

and offers a unique opportunity for young people aged between 7 & 18 to exhibit and sell their work in a professional art gallery.

Any medium will be considered as long as it can be hung on the wall and all work will be for sale to the public.

This is an exciting chance for young creatives, or those following an 'arty' career path, to exhibit their work in the beautiful space on offer in their local community.

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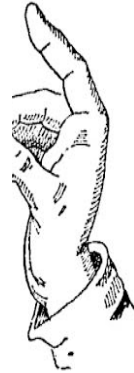
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- as a pre-season prep person (3- 6 hours a year.....say 1 or 2 sessions)
- as a standby steward (3 - 6 hours a year.....say 1 or 2 sessions)
- as a steward on the rota (9 – 12 hours a year, over 3-4 sessions)
- as a member of the display/collection care team (3 hours a week)
- as an occasional renovator/decorator using traditional lime materials

The museum is part of an active voluntary Trust (House on Crutches Museum Collection Trust – or HOCMCT) which also runs the Bishop’s Castle Heritage Resource Centre and contributes to the management of Bishop’s Castle Town Hall.

Our local history researches are opening up possibilities for developing the museum displays in interesting new directions, which could include focusing more closely on the town in the eighteenth and early 19th centuries. For example: we have recently acquired a Bishops Castle-made Clock (between 1724 and 1773) and a later (c1810) Bishop’s Castle barometer. We are a friendly, informal organisation which nevertheless works to nationally accredited museum standards (set by the Arts Council). We welcome new volunteers and provide training and support to enable you to contribute in a satisfying way to our work.

If you are interested, please contact us on 01588 630 556 or email mail@bchrc.co.uk , and mention this article.

THANK YOU!



The Saturday Farmer's Market is going from strength to strength and really buzzing with lots of new stalls, both produce and locally made crafts.

9.00 am - 1.00 pm

THIRD SATURDAY OF THE MONTH

New stalls are chocolate, books, cards, cushions to compliment the meats, bread, cakes, plants and fruit & vegetables, all in the beautiful Town Hall.

ALL very welcome.

OCTOBER IN THE TOWN HALL:

Wedding and Celebration Fayre

Saturday 8th October 10am - 4pm

2 floors of stalls

Storytelling

Friday 14th October 7.30pm

Art Café Exhibition

Saturday 15th October 10am

No Petticoats Here – stories of a remarkable woman of the Great War shared through song

Saturday 15th October 8pm

It's a long way too Tipperary - a traditional sing-a-long

Sunday 16th October 2.30pm

The English Revolution

Monday 17th October 8pm

Great Book Sale

Sat/Sun 22/23 October 10-4

NOVEMBER IN THE TOWN HALL:

Ben Bowden Music Concert

Saturday 5th November 8pm

Keith James Music Concert

Thursday 10th November 8pm

Persian and Afghan Rug Sale

Thu/Fri/Sat 10/11/12 November 10-4pm

Storytelling

Friday 11th November 7.30pm

Juliet Asher Art Exhibition

Saturday 19th November

Industry, Mining and Agriculture

Monday 21st November 8pm

Peter Knights Gigspanner Folk Concert

Thursday 24th November 7.30pm

Craft Fair Saturday 26th Nov 10-4

Garland Making Day Sunday 27th Nov 10-3



Charity car wash for SpArC

A charity car wash is being held on **Saturday 1st October**
at the Public Hall Bishop's Castle
to raise funds for the Save the SpArC campaign.

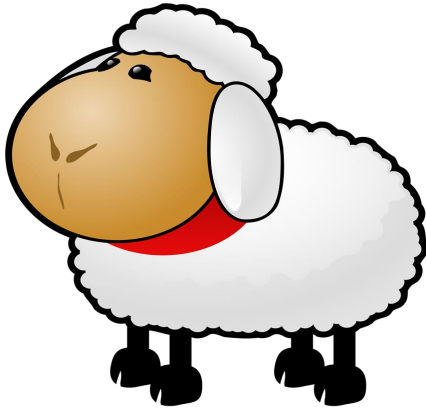
Organiser Tracey Huffer says “ As a regular user of SpArC I wanted to do my bit to raise money for the pot. After putting a plea on Facebook I had lots of offers of help, so if your car needs a wash please come along
between 9am and 2pm.

A suggested minimum donation is £5 per vehicle.

Anyone wishing to make a donation or to find out more please
visit: www.savethesparc.org



Give a sheep for SpArC on 1st October!



Appeal to all local sheep owners to donate one (or more!) of their flock to
all at the breeding ewes and store lamb sale at Love Lane, Bishop's Castle on
Saturday 1st October.

To be sold in aid of:
Save The SpArC Campaign

Contact: David Bryan Jones at Halls: bishopscastle@hallsgb.com or 01588 638 755

Sheep Sale for SpArC 1st Oct, Love Lane sales field, 10am



Bishop's Castle livestock market
hosts a sheep sale with a difference!
on 1st October at Love Lane Sales Field
Farmers are donating animals to be sold in
aid of the SpArC campaign

Information and details at
Enterprise House and SpArC front desk,
online at www.savethesparc.org
Or on facebook [save the sparc](https://www.facebook.com/save-the-sparc)

Livestock owners wanting to donate animals for the
sale, contact; -
Kevin Bavastock, kevin.bavastock@btinternet.com
Val Corfield valcorfield@live.co.uk
David Bryan Jones bishopscastle@hallsgb.com

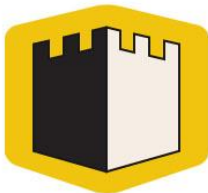
Organised by Val Corfield and Kevin Bavastock, local farmers from Myndtown and Hardwick, the special sale is an unusual way to raise money for the threatened SpArC leisure centre.

Val says; "We use the leisure centre a lot and wanted to do something to help raise money to keep it open, we had the idea of a sheep sale and Halls Auctioneers have offered to help us by selling some sheep, generously donated by farmers, in aid of SpArC at their October sale"

Livestock farmers are asked to donate one, or as many ewes or lambs as they can, which will then be sold by Halls in aid of the campaign. David Bryan Jones from Halls, said; "We are really pleased to help the campaign in this way; sales will be commission free so that every penny goes to Save the SpArC."

Donated animals should be brought to the Love Lane sales field from 7am on 1st October and will be held in a pen for selling at 10am for store lambs and 10.30am for ewes.

Anyone wishing to donate an animal please contact David Bryan Jones at the Halls office in Church St. bishopscastle@hallsgb.com or ring 01588 638755



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You will be responsible for your own publicity and promotion, but the Town Hall will provide a 6 foot table, a warm, dry, friendly environment and access to good facilities for drinks-making and hand washing in the Market Hall. The Town Hall is now fully accessible following the 2013/14 renovation with disabled access via the basement and a lift to all floors.

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Or contact the Town Hall on 01588 630 023, or email info@bishopscastletownhall.co.uk

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**BCHRC events at the
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**SUNDAY 16th October 2.30 – 4.30pm
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16th October is the final event in the season of Six Sunday Afternoons with a heritage theme at the Town Hall.

Please let us know if you have enjoyed them and would like us to run another season next year and especially if there is a subject you'd like us to cover.

Contact BCHRC: 01588 630 556; email mail@bchrc.co.uk (FAO Evelyn Bowles)

TALKS IN THE TOWN HALL

**MONDAY 17th October
7.30pm for 8.00pm**

**The English Revolution: Civil War
in Shropshire**

**MONDAY 21st November
7.30pm for 8.00pm**

**Industry, Mining and Agriculture:
Emergence of Modern Shropshire**

These will be the final two talks in the present series given by Community Archaeologist Mike Greene. Mike describes what the landscape reveals about different prehistorical and historical stages of human development in South Shropshire. Each talk is a stand-alone event with the opportunity to ask questions and discuss the evidence.

Tickets £5 from the Town Hall 630 023 or email info@bishopscaletownhall.co.uk
Includes refreshments

There will be other Talks in the Town Hall organised by BCHRC in 2017.

Please contact us if you can offer a talk on a heritage theme or have a subject you would like us to explore.

Contact BCHRC: 01588 630 556; email mail@bchrc.co.uk (FAO Evelyn Bowles)



You are invited to Bishop's Castle Town Hall for a FREE Wildlife Roadshow!

SUNDAY 6th NOVEMBER 2.00 - 4.00 pm

Bishop's Castle Town Hall Trust has hosted many evening wildlife talks on a wide range of subjects from dragonflies to forests, pearl mussels to curlews.

We thought a daytime activity event would make a change and enable families to join in, so we are running what might be the town's first Wildlife Roadshow.

The pattern is like TV roadshows: you bring along objects of interest that you have found – which need identifying or about which you'd like more information. If you can't bring it in – for example because it is still alive: a plant or tree still growing, or it has run away, or it is too yucky to collect bring a photo or a drawing or write a description. We will have experts and equipment on hand to help answer your questions. We will also display examples of our own finds and set up identification activities you can join in. You might find out about owl pellets and get to dissect one, or, for example be asked to match a feather to a bird or a leaf to a tree.

All are welcome – especially adults accompanied by a responsible child.

If you don't learn something new on the day, we'll probably ask you to join the team for the next Wildlife Roadshow!

*For more information contact Evelyn Bowles
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