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BISHOPS CASTLE REAL ALE TRAIL - 6th & 7th JULY 2018

With the people of Bishops Castle in mind, as well as the many visitors that come to our great town, the licensees would like to inform you that they are once again preparing to host this fantastic annual event.

With this being the twenty second year they will be hoping to promote over 100 real ales as well as many ciders and perries from across the country, great food and music for all to enjoy. The aim is once again to attract the responsible drinkers who enjoy this successful event each year. With this in mind they will, as previous years, be liaising with both West Mercia Police and Shropshire Council.

To support the event the main objectives to achieve this will include, but not be limited to, the following areas:

Noise

Each venue will operate within their permitted licensed hours and close their respective premises in conjunction with any entertainment that will be provided. By following these rules on both nights it will hopefully avoid excessive noise from customers leaving the premises.

Peoples Safety

With so many visitors expected safety will once again become a priority for members of staff, customers in the premises and the people of Bishops Castle.

Door supervisors will be employed that will actively police the public houses and the town hall, the main street and neighbouring premises to hopefully alleviate any inappropriate behaviour. The door supervisors will be fully licensed by "Security Industry Authority (SIA)" and supported and overseen where possible by both members of West Mercia Police and Shropshire Council.

Road Closure

A road closure will be in force, 07/07/18, from 12 midday to 12 midnight.

The roads closed will be Church Street (From the junction at Union Street and Station Street), High Street, Salop Street, New Street, Harley Jenkins Street, Welsh Street (From Union Street Junction) and Bull Street.

Plastic Glasses

Branded plastic glasses specifically designed for the real ale trail will be provided for customers to use throughout the event. As well as being a major improvement with safety in mind they are a deterrent for litter throughout the town.

Portaloo's

With the increased number of visitors expected into the town extra toilets are being provided for public convenience. Portaloo's will be provided and located throughout the town at Market Square (opposite the chip shop), the High Street (outside the chemist) and at the top end of the driveway up the side of The Kings Head.

"If you have any questions or queries please feel free to pop in and have a chat with the licensees, we hope you will enjoy this great weekend

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The Council has received emails enquiring why the Council Tax has increased by 22.4%. Whilst this looks a big rise if you look at it in monetary terms it is only a small rise. The rise is £3.46p per month per household for a band D property.

The reason for the large increase is extra monies placed into the grants budget, £7500 to assist with the visitor economy. Also there is £5000 placed into a new budget heading for the Christmas lights. If these items were removed the increase would be £23.70 (13.8%). However there would be very little money to assist with functions that bring money into Bishop's Castle. It could be reduced even further by removing £27000 which supports SpArC, SpArC theatre and the Public Hall that would reduce the precept to below the current figure. However the Town Council would be contributing very little to the town.

BISHOP'S CASTLE

TOWN COUNCIL

Full Council meetings take place usually on the 3rd Tuesday of each month:
Tuesday 19th June 18
Tuesday 16th July 18
Tuesday 20th August 18

All meetings are held in the Town Hall and commence at 7.30pm. Members of the public are most welcome to attend.

There is a specific point in each agenda that members of the public may speak. Should you have an issue you would like to bring to the Council's attention or something you would like to discuss, please let the Clerk know beforehand that you would like to speak and the subject matter so that we can prepare.

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Mrs Joan Grant, 4 Clive House, Bishop's Castle, SY9 5AZ

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Bishop's Castle Twinning Association French Visit from St Marcel

We've waved goodbye, said *au revoir* and *à bientôt* and our French visitors returned to St Marcel in Normandy. It was a brief visit to Bishop's Castle but a very happy one.

Those of us with limited French were very relieved that most of our guests spoke some English, several were fluent having lived in England in the past. Communication was not a problem. A lunch and an afternoon tea were arranged for the group, and hosts entertained their guests with various visits or activities. A large supporter group attended the splendid tea in the Town Hall hosted by the Mayor and Town Clerk. On the freezing cold Monday, they took their minibus off to Shrewsbury for 'shopping' – clothes, of course, and an expedition to Sainsbury's for favourite English goodies not easily found at home!

We would love them to come again and probably would all want to be hosts. We were sincerely invited to visit our friends in St Marcel. Like other visits the Association has made in the past, it will be a very special occasion.

For information about twinning, please contact Linda Atkins on 01588 620557.



A response from the French visitors

A delegation of 7 people came to visit Bishop's Castle Twinning Committee during the weekend of April 28 to May 1st. Among those 7 people, there were Camille REBIBOU, President of the Twinning Committee and Florence FIGUEREDO, public relations with Bishop's Castle. Cécile CARON, the County Counselor, also took part in this trip, as well as Nathalie PETRINKO, the English teacher of St Marcel school. They were hosted by local families with a very warm welcome and in an atmosphere of good friendship. They enjoyed very much their stay: lunch at the Three Tuns on Sunday, visit to Shrewsbury and a tea time party hold at the town hall on Monday, end of the afternoon.



This year, it's been 15 years since the beginning of the twinning between the two towns. We last met in 2013 when we celebrated the 10th anniversary at Bishop's Castle. As the French people kept very good memories of the last festivities, they decided to come back to visit you in order to keep the links which unite us, and thus to be able to carry out future projects. A meeting is planned at St Marcel. The French are waiting for your visit.

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

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£10 per hour up to 6 hours

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Listings for June and July 2018

2nd Jun to 30th Jun, Art Exhibition – Michael Howard

Michael lives near Brecon in Wales and attended Chelsea School of Art (1979 – 1982). During the 1980's Michael Howard was a successful *Automata Maker* exhibiting widely. This work can be seen in public collections such as The Victoria and Albert Museum. He is now painting full-time and exhibiting regularly in Wales.

If you are travelling from away, please call the Town Hall on 01588 630023 to check that the exhibition is open, as occasionally we have to close the gallery for weddings.

2nd Jun Antiques & Flea Market. 9am until 4pm.

First Saturday of every month. Lift available. Free entry. Tel:01588 630023

3rd Jun Stonehenge and the Myth of the Bluestone Quarries by Brian John – glaciologist, 3pm to 5pm (doors open 2.30pm)

Dr Brian John, a retired academic and specialist in the Ice Age, has been studying the Stonehenge bluestones for more than 30 years. He has an intimate knowledge of their source area in North Pembrokeshire, and he has become increasingly frustrated by the manner in which fantastical theories about the human transport of the stones have

become accepted as “scientific truth”. There is much more powerful evidence that the bluestones at Stonehenge are glacial erratics transported by the Irish Sea Glacier almost half a million years ago. It may well be that Stonehenge was built where it is because that is where the stones were....

Brian’s new book entitled “The Stonehenge Bluestones” will be published in June 2018. Tickets £5 from the Town Hall 01588 630023 or www.ticketsource.co.uk/date/493032

Bar and refreshments available.

12th Jun Runners, Riders & Signals – by Mike Greene MA Archaeologist. 7.30pm for 8pm start

Roman telecommunications facilitated the conquest of a vast empire. Find out where Shropshire lay in the system of Runners, Riders & Signals.

Tickets £5 from the Town hall 630023. Inc refreshments

16th Jun Farmer’s Market 9am to 1pm

This ever popular Farmers Market is held on the third Saturday of each month. Stalls include Baconry, Cakes, Bread, Fruit & Veg. and even Goat’s Milk Soap all produced locally.

22nd Jun Radio 3 featured pianist Elliott Sansom with his Trio. 8pm to 10.30pm

Clun Valley Jazz presents Radio 3 featured pianist Elliott Sansom with his Trio. Elliot graduated from the Birmingham conservatoire in 2016 with a first class honours in jazz piano. He was a finalist in the BBC Young Musician 2016 Award . Elliott is recognised with his trio alongside Ben Murhead and Nathan England Jones. recently he appeared with the trio at the Elgar Room at the BBC proms

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<http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p03t51kz>

www.elliotsansom.co.uk

Tickets £12 can be purchased from The Town Hall 630023 or online www.ticketsource.co.uk/date/481449

30th Jun Antiques & Flea Market. 9am until 4pm.

Please note change of date for July. Lift available.

Free entry.

Tel:01588 630023

JULY

7th Jul Bishops Castle Beer Festival -

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14th Jul Eira Snow Concert – 7.30pm. Doors open 7pm

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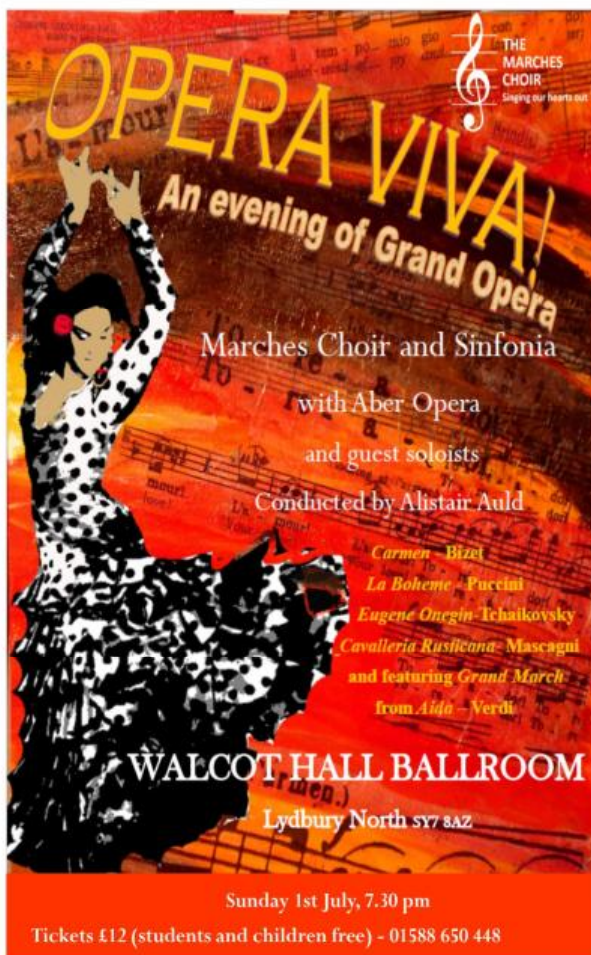
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21st Jul Farmer's Market 9am to 1pm

This ever popular Farmers Market is held on the third Saturday of each month. Stalls include Baconry, Cakes, Bread, Fruit & Veg. and even Goat's Milk Soap all produced locally.

Church services

From 3rd June, St John the Baptist's Church is changing it's Sunday Celebration service time on the first Sunday of the month to 5.30pm to make it easier for those who work, or have other commitments on Sunday mornings to come to church. Sunday Celebration is a relaxed, cheerful and friendly service. Do come and join us!



Bishop's Castle News

The cut off dates for the Bishop's Castle News are replicated below.

For the August edition it will be Monday 9th July

For the October edition it will be Monday 3rd Sep

For the December edition it will be Monday 5th Nov

Any article of news should be sent to: bishopscastlenews-letter@gmail.com preferably in word

Do you suffer with painful joints?

Are you aged 45 or older, and had hip, knee or back pain for more than 3 months? Or are you aged 45 or older, and have suffered with Osteoarthritis for more than 3 months with no recent trauma? If you've answered yes, don't panic... the joint pain advisors are here to help.

Joint pain clinics are a free service run by Help2Change, and allow you to meet with one of our fully trained joint pain advisors to discuss your joint pain. Your advisor will give you advice on various ways of managing your symptoms, so that you can carry on with daily activities without pain.

On booking into the clinic, you will be invited to attend an initial 30 minute appointment to discuss your lifestyle, challenges, and personal goals with the advisor. Using this information, your advisor will work with you to devise a tailored, joint-pain care plan. All advice and support is evidence-based, in order to provide you with safe and effective care. Follow-up appointments, to check on your progress and continue to help you to make positive changes and manage your pain, will be booked to fit in with you at 2 weeks, 6 weeks and 6 months.

Osteoarthritis can cause debilitating pain in your joints, and affects over 8 million people in the UK, it is becoming more common as we live longer. The risk of developing Osteoarthritis increases as we get older, become more overweight, or if the joint has been injured in the past.

It is important to keep moving, and through being active you can manage your weight and stay healthy. Feeling more in control of your Osteoarthritis can help you to cope with the pain and stiffness better, making daily activities achievable.

The joint pain clinics are run from Enterprise House, Station Street. To book an appointment just call Help2Change on 0345 6789 025.

The development of Dementia Friendly Communities (DFC) is a national initiative directed by the Alzheimer's Society. Every Town has DFC plans within the town plan, including Bishop's Castle.

Bishop's Castle is already a good place to live but those experiencing the effects of Dementia, including their carers, face extra challenges.

According to the Alzheimer's Society:

- 225,000 will develop dementia this year, that's one every three minutes.
- 1 in 6 people over the age of 80 have dementia.
- 70 per cent of people in care homes have dementia or severe memory problems
- There are over 40,000 people under 65 with dementia in the uk

We can all do a little more to make life easier for these members of our community and that is the aim of the DFC movement.

You can find out what you or your business can do by attending a free hour long (max) dementia awareness session to be held at SpArC at 5pm on Tuesday 11 June. Please call Valerie on 01588650940 to reserve a place.

When Bishop's Castle can demonstrate a certain level of insight and accessible resources, the town will be eligible formally to register with the Dementia Action Alliance as a Dementia Friendly Community.

This has to be good for the town!

For now, just a few of existing resources:

*Forget-me-not Cafe at Kegan's Court (formerly The Grange) every Tuesday at 2.00pm

*Carers group – meet at The Boar's Head the third Monday of each month, 2.00 – 4.00pm

*Gentle exercise class on Monday 1.45 – 2.45 at The Church Barn. Call Sophie on 01568 770383

*SpArC accessible cinema – more information from SpArC

*BC Orchestra acknowledges the recent research that has shown the benefits of music to the affected by dementia and also as a means of prevention. They are in the process of organising an evening drop in session where people can bring or borrow instruments and join in or just come along and listen.

Watch the Bishop's Castle News for updates on our progress

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Dates for Council meetings

The Council meets on the third Tuesday of each month

Tuesday 15th May (this will be Mayor making)

Mayor's Civic service will be held on 10th June

Tuesday 19th June

Tuesday 17th July

Tuesday 21st August

Tuesday 18th September

Tuesday 16th October

Tuesday 2th November

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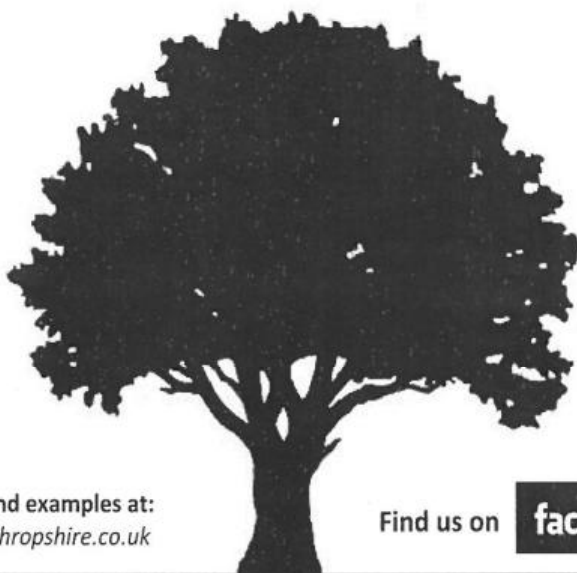
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June 2018

FILM: Early Man (PG) June 1 @ 18:00pm - 19:30pm

Tickets £4—£5

A plucky cave man named Dug, his sidekick Hognob and the rest of their tribe face a grave threat to their simple existence. Lord Nooth plans to take over their land and transform it into a giant mine, forcing Dug and his clan to dig for precious metals. Not ready to go down without a fight, Dug and Hognob must unite their people in an epic quest to defeat a mighty enemy — the Bronze Age

NTLIVE: Macbeth (Delayed Live) June 7 @ 19:00pm - 22:00pm

Tickets £7—£11

Shakespeare's most intense and terrifying tragedy, directed by Rufus Norris (The Threepenny Opera, London Road), will see Rory Kinnear (Young Marx, Othello) and Anne-Marie Duff (Oil, Suffragette) return to the National Theatre to play Macbeth and Lady Macbeth. The ruined aftermath of a bloody civil war. Ruthlessly fighting to survive, the Macbeths are propelled towards the crown by forces of elemental darkness. Please note that Macbeth may contain scenes of a violent nature. This is Delayed Live from the Live Broadcast on May 10th

Film : UP (PG) June 12 @ 14:00pm - 15:35pm Tickets £3.00

Carl Fredricksen never had a chance to take his dear wife to Paradise Falls in the South American wilderness. Now he's going alone—in a floating balloon-powered house. But his worst nightmare comes true when he discovers a little boy named Russell is a stowaway- they then embark on the adventure of a life time that changes both of their lives for the better. Disney animated Film- definitely not just for Kids "Heart wrenching Heart Warming and very Funny"

FILM: Three Billboards Outside Ebbing, Missouri (15)

June 14 @ 19:00pm - 21:00pm Tickets £4-£5

After months have passed without a culprit in her daughter's murder case, Mildred Hayes makes a bold move, painting three signs leading into her town with a controversial message directed at William Willoughby, the town's revered chief of police. When his second-in-command, Officer Dixon -- an immature mother's boy with a penchant for violence -- gets involved, the battle is only exacerbated. "So sharply written that it cuts, the third movie from award-winning playwright Martin McDonagh

Royal Ballet: Swan Lake June 17 @ 14:00pm - 17:00pm
Tickets £8 -£13

The royal ballet presents a new production of Tchaikovsky's magnificent classical ballet, with additional choreography by Liam Scarlett and designs by John MacFarlane. Satellite screening from the Royal Opera House Swan Lake has had a special role in the repertory of The Royal Ballet since 1934. This Season The Royal Ballet creates a new production with additional choreography by Artist in Residence Liam Scarlett. While remaining faithful to the Petipa-Ivanov text, Scarlett will bring fresh eyes to the staging of this classic ballet.

Film : Mountain (U) June 21 @ 19:30pm - 21:00pm
Free donation on the night

Only three centuries ago, setting out to climb a mountain would have been considered close to lunacy. Mountains were places of peril, not beauty, an upper world to be shunned, not sought out. Why do mountains now hold us spellbound, drawing us into their dominion, often at the cost of our lives? From Tibet to Australia, Alaska to Norway armed with drones, Go-Pros and helicopters, director Jennifer Peedom has fashioned an astonishing symphony of mountaineers, ice climbers, free soloists .

Live music: Midnight Skyracer June 29 @ 19:30pm - 21:30pm
tickets £6—£11

Anglo-Irish girl power bluegrass! Midnight Skyracer is a new, all-female 5 piece bluegrass band playing hard driving traditional and modern classics, lesser known songs and a few originals. Featuring an all-star lineup of some of the UK's top instrumentalists and singers, the band takes inspiration from the likes of other great female artists such as Rhonda Vincent and Alison Krauss. Formed in early 2017, the band managed to squeeze in a mini tour and several festivals over the summer.

July

FILM: Great Day (U) July 6 @ 14:00pm - 16:30pm
Tickets £4-£5

Celebrating 100 years of Bishop's Castle WI A wonderful reason to celebrate! Great Day (1945) is a British drama film directed by Lance Comfort and starring Eric Portman and Flora Robson. In the film, the small English village of Denley is thrown into excitement by the impending visit of Eleanor Roosevelt. However, the impoverished local squire is threatened with disgrace and ruin as the day .. Cabaret Seating

Afternoon Film: Paths of Glory (U) Accessible
July 10 @ 14:30pm - 15:30pm Tickets £3

"It is arguably the best film about the first world war..." Guardian Paths of Glory is a 1957 American anti-war film by Stanley Kubrick based on the novel of the same name by Humphrey Cobb. Set during World War I, the film stars Kirk Douglas as Colonel Dax, the commanding officer of French soldiers who refuse to continue a suicidal attack, after which Dax attempts to defend them against a charge of cowardice in a court-martial. "After refusing to attack an enemy position, a general accuses the soldiers of cowardice.

WORKSHOP: LIFE DRAWING SESSION

July 19 @ 19:00pm - 21:30pm

Tickets £10

A practical drawing session Tutor TBC Female Life Model Open to all abilities. Tutor will instruct the model to pose in a variety of positions and lengths of time The tutor will also suggest exercises and materials which are optional You are welcome to just draw as you please Life drawing, also known as figure drawing, is the act of drawing a living person. this means drawing a nude model in real life . Basic materials provided- (paper pencils charcoal) etc.

Andre Rieu 2018 Maastricht Concert

July 28 @ 19:00pm - 21:30pm Tickets £8—£12

Known to millions as ‘The King of Waltz’, André Rieu is one of the world’s most popular music artists. His legendary annual Maastricht concert is the most eagerly anticipated cinema event of the year, last year setting new box office records in several countries. Set against the stunning medieval backdrop of the town square in André’s Dutch hometown, the spectacular Maastricht concert features the maestro in his element, along with his 60-piece Johann Strauss Orchestra.

News from the Bishops Castle & District Community Land Trust

More affordable homes for Bishops Castle

The Trust has made an offer on a redundant building with the intention of refurbishing it to provide four units of housing for local people. “We are very excited about this opportunity to use the money left to us by Bill Bainbridge to enable more people from the town to live and work here”, says Jim Gaffney, Chair of the Trust. “Each time we re-let one of our properties we get at least six more applicants than we can house, so we know more affordable accommodation is sorely needed. It is early days but if as we hope, this project can go ahead, we will be putting out regular updates on its progress in the Town Council Newsletter, and on our website”.

Annual General Meeting

The Trust’s 2018 AGM will be held in the upper room of the Three Tuns, on Wednesday the 27th of June at 7pm. There will be a Q & A session and more information about the Trust and how you can get involved.

If you have any queries about the Trust, please contact Jonathan Brown by emailing jonathan.starfish@hotmail.com, or by phone/text on 07497 142 485

MONDAY

Time	Class	Instructor
5.00 - 5.50pm	Fitness Pilates	Lucy
6.00 - 6.50pm	Kettlebells	Dan
6.00 - 6.45pm	Aqua Aerobics	Lucy
7.00 - 7.45pm	Studio Cycling	Dan
7.00 - 7.30pm	On The Ball	Lucy
7.30 - 8.00pm	H I I T	Lucy
8.00 - 8.45pm	Strength H I I T	Dan

TUESDAY

Time	Class	Instructor
9.20 - 10.10am	Aerobics & Tone	Lucy
10.20 - 11.10am	Fitness Pilates	Lucy
6.00 - 6.45pm	Studio Cycling	Lucy
6.00 - 6.50pm	Circuits	Dan
7.00 - 7.50pm	Fitness Pilates	Lucy
7.00 - 7.30pm	Stretch and recovery	Dan
7.30 - 8.00pm	Metafit	Dan

WEDNESDAY

Time	Class	Instructor
6.00 - 6.50pm	Body Shock	Lucy
7.00 - 7.50pm	Fitness Pilates	Lucy
8.00 - 8.50pm	3 in 1	Lucy

THURSDAY

Time	Class	Instructor
6.00 - 6.45pm	Aqua	Zana
6.00 - 6.45pm	Studio Cycling	Dan
7.00 - 7.30pm	Muscular Strength	Dan
7.30 - 8.00pm	Stretch & Relief	Dan
8.00 - 8.50pm	Strength H I I T	Dan

FRIDAY

Time	Class	Instructor
9.20 - 10.10am	Cardio & Swiss Ball Blast	Lucy
10.20 - 11.10am	Fitness Pilates	Lucy

ADVANCE BOOKING RECOMMENDED

Booking available online via our App or website.

Class descriptions can be found on our website and App

www.teme-leisure.co.uk

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SpArC FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN HITS £100K

The Save the SpArC campaign and charity in Bishops Castle are quietly celebrating reaching their first £100k target.

Launched in March 2016 Save the SpArC campaign supporters have worked tirelessly to raise both awareness of the leisure centre and funding, resulting in £100k being raised. The money has come from a variety of sources including £12k from an M&S energy grant for a new pool cover, a wide variety of fundraising events held in and around Bishop's Castle, crowd funding and private donations. All have helped the campaign to reach this milestone target.

Jean Shirley, Chair of Trustees said "on behalf of the Trustees I would like to thank everyone who has helped us to reach this massive goal. Without the hard work and support of local businesses, groups, volunteers and individuals in our communities as well as local Town and Parish Councils we would not have achieved this. As we move forward with Shropshire Council in developing the Centre we know that we will need to maintain a regular income stream.-We will roll out plans to raise additional regular funding locally to replace the significantly reduced funding available from Shropshire Council in the future."

Trustee and Treasurer Graham Hemmings said "this is a fantastic amount to have raised in just over 2 years and we are very grateful to everyone that has helped or contributed in whatever way. We are working with local town and parish councils to secure regular revenue streams

as well as on encouraging regular private donations, however large or small, which will attract gift aid thus increasing the value of the donation by 25% Anyone interested in supporting the charity in this way can email sparctrustees@gmail.com or telephone 01588 638250."

Ruth Houghton (secretary) added "The Save the SpArC campaign has not just been about raising funds, some has been spent, usually using money donated for a specific purpose. For example, the charity has just offered a very successful Easter sports programme for children, using it as a model for a more ambitious summer programme which will introduce young children to a wide variety of sport, arts and leisure activities. The Charity is also committed to increasing the skills of local young people by offering training for lifeguards, swimming instructors and sports leaders - which will also help to build more capacity at the Centre. New Swimming pool lockers and a hairdryer have also been purchased".

For more information about the Save the SpArC campaign please see our savethesparc facebook page or visit our website www.savethesparc.org

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Editor's Note:

The Save the SpArC campaign has raised £100k towards improving the leisure centre which includes a community energy grant from M&S which has been used to install a new pool cover which is reducing running costs though reducing heat loss and water evaporation.

*Anyone wishing to make a donation to the “Don’t let the SpArC go out” campaign or to find out more about it can do so on line at www.savethesparc.org.

Cheques can be sent to Enterprise House, Bishops Castle and should be made payable to "Sport & Art in the Community (SPARC) SW Shropshire"

*“SpArC” is the acronym for “Sports and Arts in the Community.” It is the name for the sports and arts centre in Bishops Castle.

