



BISHOP'S CASTLE NEWS



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Issue 62**



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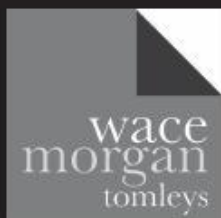


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BISHOP'S CASTLE HEALTHY LIVES EVENT

THURSDAY 7TH FEBRUARY

6.00—7.30 with refreshments

at BISHOP'S CASTLE TOWN HALL

a partnership with Enterprise House, Bishop's Castle GP Practice
and Shropshire Council

Our health can be affected by many things, even worries and concerns that may seem nothing to do with an illness or health problem. These might be emotional problems, stress, caring for someone, social problems, loneliness, practical problems, financial worries or struggling with your lifestyle. Our communities provide lots of different types of support and activities that can help with these concerns, but people may struggle to recognise what would work for them. This is where Social Prescribing can help.

Our event will enable you to:

- Find out about the Healthy Lives Social Prescribing programme in Shropshire.
- Learn about the progress of the programme at Bishop's Castle Medical Practice which started in 2018 to help patients improve their health & wellbeing.
- Discuss the needs of local voluntary and community groups and projects in Bishop's Castle and surrounding areas.
- Consider creating a local "Community Connectors" network to share information and details of services to help meet the needs of local people.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION OR TO BOOK A PLACE AT THIS
EVENT PLEASE CONTACT ENTERPRISE HOUSE 01588 638038
OR EMAIL: ENTERPRISE.HOUSE@BISHOPSCASTLE.CO.UK**



BISHOP'S CASTLE TOWN COUNCIL

"The Story of the Treasure in the Piano "

The Trustees of the SpArC Charity are hosting a fund-raising evening at 7.30pm at the Community College on Tuesday 26th February. Peter Revell from the British Museum will present the real story behind the hidden hoard of gold coins discovered in the piano at the College. At the same time the winning entry from a competition for the best alternative story submitted by students from the College will also be revealed. The mystery was reported in the media internationally and featured on the Steve Punt BBC Radio 4 programme called "Punt PI" .

Entry is free but donations will be welcome to help sustain the future of the Sport, Arts and Theatre facilities at SpArc.. The Centre serves local communities with a population of around 3000 altogether and also enables some 950 schoolchildren to use its swimming pool .

There will be a bar serving wine and soft drinks and a raffle. We look forward to seeing you there .

Full Council meetings take place usually on the 3rd Tuesday of each month:

All meetings are held in the Town Hall 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.

**WE WOULD LIKE TO HEAR
FROM YOU!**

**Phone: 01588 638141 or
email:**


bishopscastlenewsletter@gmail.com

Cut off dates for the News letter

If you wish any article to appear in the Newsletter these are the cut off dates for the inclusion in the following month's Newsletter.

15th March 2019

13th May 2019



~ Serenity ~

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Friends of Bishop Castle Community, Care Home and Hospital

Registered Charity No. 1005980

JOIN US NOW AND SUPPORT YOUR COMMUNITY

**We warmly invite you to become a member of the Friends and help to promote
the health, safety and well being of people within our community whether at
home, in Stone House Care Home or in the Community Hospital.**

To become a member we ask for an annual donation of £5.

All donations to be sent, with name and address to Membership Secretary

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

West Mercia Police

BISHOP CASTLE & RURAL Safer Neighbourhood Team

Newsletter

Where we work

BISHOPS CASTLE & RURAL SNT is based at Bishops Castle Police Station, Union St, Bishops Castle, SY9 5AJ. We work around the Parishes and area's of Bishops Castle, Mainstone, Colebatch, Clun, Llanfairwaterdine, Newcastle, Stowe, Bucknell, Bedstone, Hopton Castle, Clungunford, Aston on Clun, Hopesay, Clunbury, Edgton, Wistanstow, Lydbury North, Lydham, More, Norbury, Wentnor, Ratlinghope, Stiperstones, Worthen & Chirbury.

Your Safer Neighbourhood Team are:

PC 3331 Stuart Coote

PCSO 6160 Shaun Culliss

Police contact numbers

Emergency: 999

Non Emergency 101

Bishops Castle voicemail: 01743 264777

(Not to be used for reporting crime, incidents or emergencies)

Crime stoppers: **0800 555 111**

Web site: www.westmercia.police.uk

Twitter: **@SouthShropCops**

Facebook: **Bishops Castle Policing Team Rural Watch**

Contact Email address:

bccar.snt@westmercia.pnn.police.uk



Bishop's Castle Arts
Festival 20th to 24th
February 5 days of
dance, music, poetry,
craft, artisan wares,
food & drink,

**workshops, singing, talks,
exhibitions, competitions, film,
storytelling, knitting, art
open studios**

for the full programme go to our website
www.bishopscastleartsfestival.com
and stay in touch with the latest news
on our Facebook page

WEDNESDAY 20TH

POETRY WORKSHOP

at Bank House B&B, High Street Time – 2.00 – 3.30pm

**Admission – £5 to include Tea/ coffee/ cake and a donation
to Arts Festival funds**

WILLOW WEAVING WORKSHOP with Sophie Francis

at The Methodist Hall Time – 11am – 1pm

Admission £8 (to cover costs)

'ARGERICH' with the Bishop's Castle Film Society

at The Three Tuns Inn Time – 8pm

Admission – £5

CARD LOOM WEAVING WORKSHOP with Jane Allard

at (Made's old shop) No.1 the Cobbles (new venue)

Time – 2pm – 4pm

Jane will help you make a loom from a cardboard box and then weave a cosy Snood to take away with you. **Admission**

Free – Donations to Festival Funds invited

WHACK IT SMACK IT – family workshop

at The Three Tuns Inn Time – 2pm to 4pm

Admission Free – Donations to Festival Funds invited

IDA GANDY : THE WAR YEARS by Jane Cursiter

at The Town Hall Time – 2.00pm

Admission Free – Donations to Festival Funds invited

POETRY OPEN MIC

at Bank House B&B, High Street. Time – 7 for 7.30pm

Admission Free – Donations to Festival Funds invited

THURSDAY 21ST

SCRAPTASTIC with Liz Still

at The Three Tuns Time – 10am – 12 noon

Admission Free – Donations to Festival Funds invited

NEEDLE FELTING WORKSHOP with Clare Linford

at The Town Hall Time – 10am – 12.30pm & 1.30pm – 4pm

Admission Free – Donations to Festival Funds invited

BASIC JEWELLERY MAKING WORKSHOP with Val Padbury

at Made 9 Market Square Time – 10.30am & 3.30pm

Admission £15

ORGAN RECITAL by Mike Plunkett

at B. C. St. John's Parish Church

Time – 12.30pm

“CRETE – THE GREAT ISLAND” by David Preshous

at The Church Barn Time – 2pm

Admission Free Donations to Festival Funds invited

BISHOP'S CASTLE ARTS SOCIETY OPEN MEETING

at Bishop's Castle Methodist Hall Time – 2pm – 4.30pm

Admission Free – Donations to Festival Funds invited

KNITWITS MEETING

at Three Tuns Inn Time – 6.15pm – 7.30pm (drop-in)

Admission Free

MARCHES FOLK SHOWCASE

at The Three Tuns Inn Time – 7.30pm for an 8pm start

Admission – £7.50 Tickets will be available from the Town Hall and also from the Three Tuns Inn in February. Or online – <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/date/600839>

FRIDAY 22ND

YOUNG PEOPLE'S POETRY WORKSHOP with Deborah Alma

at (Made's old shop) No.1 the Cobbles Time – 10.00am – 11.30am

Admission Free – Donations to Festival Funds invited

CASTLE ARTISTS EXHIBITION

at The Public Hall, Station Street, Bishop's Castle, SY9 5AQ
Time – 10am to 5pm

Admission Free – Donations to Festival Funds invited

GREAT B.C. BAKE OFF Registration

at Bank House B&B Time - from 10 am until 5 pm

Admission – £1 per entry for each category/ free for younger bakers (under 16s) Proceeds to local charity

SURGERY WITH THE EMERGENCY POET Deborah Alma

at (Made's old shop) No.1 the Cobbles Time – 11am – 3p

Admission Free – Donations to Festival Funds invited

INTAGLIO PRINTMAKING using Tetra Paks

at Bank House B&B, High Street, Time – 10.30 – 12.30

Admission £25.00 per adult and £15 for accompanied children aged 8 and over.

ARTISTS' OPEN STUDIOS

Ellie Tarratt, Pretender to the Throne, *Historically inspired ceramics* – Opposite the Town Hall. Time – 10am – 5pm

Jane Allard, *Weaving* – Kerry Rise, Kerry Green, SY9 5AR. Time – 10 am – 4pm

Julia Bath, *Mixed Media* – The Old Bakery, Church Street. Time – 10 am – 4pm

Helen Robinson, *Oriel Glass Studio* – The Old Vicarage, Church Lane. Time 10am – 5pm

Marian Watson – *Handmade silver and gold jewellery, and Paintings* – Chapel View, Station Street, SY9 5AQ. Time 10am – 5pm

Admission Free – Donations to Festival Funds invited
KNIGHTS IN SHINING ARMOUR a children's musical workshop

At the rear of St John's Church Time – 10am. till 12 noon

Admission – please bring £2 towards expenses

CARTOON DRAWING

A Family Workshop with Malcolm Whittall

at The Three Tuns Inn Time – 10.00am to 11.00pm

Admission Free – Donations to Festival Funds invited.

SINGING WORKSHOP with RAPSQUILLION

at The Methodist Hall (change of venue from the Tuns)

Time – 10.30am to 12.30pm

Admission Free – Donations to Festival Funds invited.

WRITING COMPETITION PRIZE GIVING

at The Library Time – 1.00pm

Admission Free

'THE KING OF SILURIA,

or HOW SHROPSHIRE CAME TO BE KNOWN TO GEOLOGISTS EVERYWHERE'

a talk by Professor Martin Rudwick ScD FBA

at The Church Barn Time – 2pm.

Admission Free – Donations to Festival Funds invited

WIND HARP WORKSHOP with Bamber Hawes and Helen Clare

at The Methodist Hall Time – 2.00pm to 4.00pm

Admission Free – Donations to Festival Funds invited.

MINDFULNESS – a workshop with Matthew Trustman

at Bank House B&B, High Street, Time – 3.00 – 4.30pm

Admission – £8 – including refreshments/cake

BALKAN CEILIDH Led by Rosa James

at The Three Tuns Inn Time – 7.30pm

Admission – £6 / £4.50 Conc

THE COMEDY CLUB

at The Underground at The Public Hall, Station Street.

Time – 7.00 for 8pm start

Admission – £10

SUNDAY 24TH

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at The Public Hall, Station Street, Bishop's Castle, SY9 5AQ

Time – 10am to 5pm

Admission Free – Donations to Festival Funds invited

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Admission Free – Donations to Festival Funds invited

INTERMEDIATE JEWELLERY MAKING WORKSHOP with Val Padbury

at Made 9 Market Square Time – 11.00 am

Admission £15

ARTISAN MARKET

at The Town Hall – **on both floors** Time – 11am – 4pm

Admission Free – Donations to Festival Funds invited.

THREE TUNS BREWERY TOURS with Head Brewer Steve Willmer

at Three Tuns Brewery Time – 11am & 2pm

Admission Free – Donations to Festival Funds invited

ARTS FESTIVAL SERVICE

at B. C. St. John's Parish Church Time – 11am

Special service celebrating the Arts, with a display of hand-made Quilts

MORRIS DANCING WORKSHOP

at The Three Tuns Inn Time – 11am – 1pm

Admission Free – Donations to Festival Funds invited

STORYTELLING with Amy Douglas

at Bank House B&B Time – 2.00pm

Admission Free – Donations to Festival Funds invited

GREAT B.C. BAKE OFF Judging and Tea Party

at Bank House B&B

Time – Entries to be submitted between 12 noon and 1 pm.

Results: from 3 pm – then let's all eat cake.

Admission – 50p per entry for each category/free for younger bakers (under 16s) Donations for Tea Party with proceeds to Save the SpArC campaign

NOT YOUR AVERAGE COUNTRY GENTLEMAN, ROBERT CLIVE IN SHROPSHIRE

at The Church Barn Time – 2pm

Admission Free Donations to Festival Funds invited

B. C. ORCHESTRA

at The Three Tuns Time – 4pm – 6pm

Admission Free Donations to Festival Funds invited

BEDLAM'S' GALA NIGHT – To Be Confirmed

at The Three Tuns Inn

Time – 7.30pm for an 8pm start

Details will appear on the website as soon as we have them.

Admission – £7.50 Tickets will be available from the Town Hall and also from the Three Tuns Inn in February.

THROUGHOUT

H.Q.

at Bishop's Castle Town Hall

Time – 10.00am – 4.00pm

For information on the festival, to book concerts at the Three Tuns and to pick up a programme.

Donations to Festival Funds invited

BISHOP'S CASTLE PARISH PATHS PARTNERSHIP (P3)

The P3 group is a group of volunteers that maintain the public footpath network around Bishop's Castle. We prioritise the Shropshire Way and the walks in the leaflets available from the Town Hall. During the summer and autumn a lot of time is spent cutting back vegetation (nettles, brambles, grass and hedges) but 2018 has been a busy year for us repairing or replacing stiles etc. On the Shropshire Way through the Bishop's Castle area we have replaced two road-side finger posts, put in a new six bar field gate and a bridleway gate and replaced three stiles. We have created a brashings hedge beyond Field House to keep the sheep off the footpath. We have constructed steps at the north end of Sadlers Wood and four sets of steps up and down the banks that go through the middle of Ransfords Wood Yard.

The Walking for Health group managed to gain funding to replace stiles with kissing gates in order to provide an interesting walk for the group in dry weather. We have replaced the stiles going over the fields from Love Lane to Oakley Farm . Walkers with reduced mobility find stiles difficult to negotiate so we are doing our utmost to make it easier for them to access our public footpath network. Where we cannot get land owner agreement to put in kissing gates we are gradually adding extra steps on stiles.

Bishop's Castle is a 'Walkers are Welcome' town and with the annual Walking Festival, the Challenge Walk, the Round and About Walk and the Russet Ramble. The cafes, shops, takeaways, pubs and accommodation providers all benefit from our well maintained footpaths and bridleways whether they are used by visitors or residents.

We are currently in the process of numbering stiles, gates etc so that it is easier to report any problems . We are using a number system which is being painted in white. Please note these numbers do **NOT** relate to the numbers on the walk leaflets. Any problems can be reported to either the Town Hall or to Jane Carroll, the Town Councillor with responsibility for public footpaths.

The P3 group is made up of a dozen men and women who enjoy working and being in the outdoors. We have at least one full volunteer day each month and carry out work at other times when necessary. We provide equipment, gloves and training. Our thanks go to the Shropshire Council Footpath Maintenance Team for their support of our work with their expertise, transport and materials.

If you would like to join our team or would like further information please contact the Town Hall or Glynn Roberts 01588 630165.

News from the Community Land Trust

Methodist Church

The Trust and members of the local Methodist Congregation have agreed on the sale of the Methodist Church to the Trust, for the purpose of it being converted into affordable housing for local people. This requires the approval of the Methodist administrators, and the Trust obtaining outline planning permission, before the sale is completed. This Spring the Trust will be consulting with the community on what type of housing can best be provided to meet local need.

Business Park

The Trust and the Town Council have been assisting Shropshire Council on the first steps in a process to apply for a substantial package of funding that, if successful, will enable the first stage development of the Park, plus more support for Enterprise House. The Trust's objective is see the provision of 'incubator' work spaces, and to collaborate with the Shropshire Youth Support to enable more local young people to enhance their IT and coding skills and set up their own e-commerce enterprises. The outcome of the work on the application should be known by the end of January. 15

Venue Hire at the Town Hall

We have 2 rooms for hire.

The Market Hall (pictured overleaf), and The Council Chamber upstairs with it's original historical features. Both rooms have beautiful views across the town. The fees below are per room.

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

Full day up to 8 hours £65

Evening and Weekend

General rate: £15 per hour up to 6 hours

Full day up to 8 hours £110

Weekend Hire: Saturday 8am – Sunday 10pm £300

Community rate (voluntary

organisations & charities): £10 per hour up to 6 hours

Full day up to 8 hours £75

Weekend Hire Saturday 8am – Sunday 10pm £200

Catering Facilities:

A fully equipped kitchen is available for hire for an extra £50. It has a fridge, cooker, microwave, crockery, glasses and cutlery. In addition we also have drink pods and washing up facilities on each floor. The general use of crockery and cutlery is included in the hire fees.

However there is a £20 charge for the use of glasses & vintage china.

To cover breakages we ask for a refundable deposit of £50 in addition to the kitchen hire fee.

Music Concerts

£125 - inclusive of 6 hours hire, ticket sales on our Ticket Source, distribution of publicity via posters, press and social media and Town Hall bar.

TV Advertising

Hire 2 screens on our TV to advertise your business.

£5 per month or save £10 and hire the screen for £50 for 12 months

The Town Hall is also licenced for Weddings and Civil Partnerships.

If you are interested in having your wedding here please contact us for our Wedding Brochure and hire fees.

The Hall can also be hired for other ceremonies, for example; a baby's naming ceremony or a private party.

For special occasions the entire hall can be hired - rates are negotiable, please enquire.

Showcase your products on a shelf in one of our beautiful oak cabinets.

25% commission on all sales

Markets - Stall Hire

If you are interested in having a stall at one of our produce or specialist markets please contact us for our Markets Leaflet and stall fees.

Are you planning to get married?

Then why not hold your ceremony at Bishop's Castle's historic and beautiful Town Hall?

With spectacular views of the town and countryside your guests will enjoy the sense of occasion that 250 years of history impart. There is a choice of two spaces for your ceremony: the Council Chamber with oak dais and elegant Georgian décor, or the light and airy Market Hall with arresting views through seven arched windows.

This lovely, 18th century, Grade 11 * listed building is suited to intimate occasions for up to 50 guests in the Council Chamber and 80 guests seated in the Market Hall. Facilities are also available for the use of outside caterers, with the option to hire the whole building if you wish.

Our experienced staff are always complimented afterwards by happy couples and their guests. Access is easy for decorating the venue in advance. The hallmark of our events is relaxation and enjoyment, with couples bringing in family and friends to create exactly the setting they want for their special day.

Bride's family said "Brilliant wedding, what an excellent facility, beautifully done"

Our rates vary according to your precise requirements – so this venue needn't break your budget – why not give us a ring and speak to Julie or Sue – you can be sure of a warm welcome.

info@bishopscaletownhall.co.uk or

telephone 01588 630 023

BISHOP'S CASTLE TOWN HALL

WEDDING VENUE OPEN DAYS

Saturday 23rd and Sunday 24th March

10am—4pm

Come and see how our two beautiful halls could be set up for your wedding.

Lots of information and advice on hand.

For more information call 01588 630023 or look on our web page www.bishopscastletownhall.com





Listings for February and March 2019

- 2nd Feb Antiques & Flea Market. 9am until 4pm.
First Saturday of every month. Lift available.
Free entry. Tel: 01588 630023
- 8th Feb Storytelling with Amy Douglas and Friends 8pm
String and Mud, Straw and Blood, Sal Tonge
and Anne Marie Lagram take you through the
old folk tale of Mitchell's Fold Stone Circle.

Beer, tea and homemade cake available.
Doors open at 7.30pm

Tickets £7 available from the Town Hall
01588 630023 or ticket
source <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk>
- 16th Feb Farmer's Market 9am to 1pm
- 20th to Bishops Castle Arts Festival events at the 24th
Feb Town Hall
www.bishopscastleartsfestival.com
- 20th Feb Talk by Jane Cursiter on Ida Gandy, the author
of the book 'Idler on the Shropshire Border'
10.30am
- 21st Feb Needle Felting with Clare Linford 10 to 12.30pm
and 1.30 to 4pm

22nd Feb Watercolours with Sue Percy 11am to 1pm and
2pm to 4pm

23rd and Artisan Market on 2 floors 10am to 4pm

24th Feb

MARCH

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

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

8th Mar Gawain and the Green Giant
Powerful storytelling, songs and humour combine to tell a
tale of magic, honour, revenge and absurdity.

Tickets £7 from the Town Hall or
<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk>

Doors open at 7.30pm – tea, beer and homemade cake
available.

15th Mar Knights and Spiers Concert 8pm

We are welcoming back Knight & Spiers to the Town Hall
for another fantastic evening of music and entertainment.
Tickets £14 available from the Town Hall on 01588 630023
or <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk>

Doors open at 7.30pm bar available

16th Mar Farmer's Market 9am to 1pm

23th and Wedding Venue Open Weekend 10am to 4pm

24th Mar The Town Hall, an 18th century Grade 11 listed building is
a wonderful venue for small weddings. With two beautiful
halls to choose from; the Market Hall seats up to 70
guests and the Council Chamber seats up to 50 guests;
we can also cater for Champagne and Canapés.

Come along and see what's on offer.

Prosecco will be served from 12 noon each day

30th Mar Daylevel and Val Littlehales entertains 7.30pm
An evening of wit, wisdom and wonderful music.
Daylevel are Sally Tonge and Brian Carrington
performing with Val Littlehales

Tickets £8 from the Town Hall 01588 630023.
Doors open at 7pm



Getting involved in your community

Bishops Castle thrives as a community because so many local people support the social, sporting and cultural activities which give us an important sense of belonging here. That web of activities depends on individuals giving their time to make things happen. Being involved is not only enjoyable but helps sustain BC as a wonderful place to live.

Bishops Castle Heritage Resource Centre, The House on Crutches Museum and The Town Hall are offering the chance to be involved in a variety of activities:

Local history research, recording oral history

Digitising important historical documents

Creating & looking after the museum displays and artefacts

Helping the museum curatorial team

Welcoming visitors to the Museum (April to September)

Dealing with visitor enquiries and purchases in the Town Hall

Helping with music concerts and other events in the Town Hall

Secretarial and financial record keeping assistance.

No matter how little time you can spare every contribution is valuable.

Interested? Phone 01588 630678 or email trevorchalkley@gmail.com for further information.

Free energy checks

Help to stay warm during winter

To support local older people during the winter months Age UK Shropshire Telford & Wrekin have been successful in securing additional funding to offer free and impartial home energy checks for the over 60s.

Keeping warm in the colder months is a huge issue for many homeowners. Shockingly around 285 older people die every winter in Shropshire from cold-related causes.

Our free home energy check is delivered in partnership with Marches Energy Agency. We want to stress we are not trying to sell anything, the one hour visit will offer impartial advice to make homes warmer and could save you money on your heating bills.

Heather Osborne, Chief Executive of Age UK Shropshire Telford & Wrekin, said: 'Temperatures plummeted to minus 13 in some parts of Shropshire last winter and there was significant snowfall, so we are urging older people to think ahead and prepare their homes for the coming winter months. Last year we visited over 100 older people who were desperate for help to reduce their energy bills but didn't know where to turn, so please do pick up the phone and talk to us.'

If you would like a free Home Energy Check call us on **01743 233 123**.

GOLDEN FIRE NUGGETS

Locally made firewood BRIQUETTES. £5.00 Per 14kg (approx.) sack.
FREE delivery in and around Bishop's Castle. IDEAL FOR WOODSTOVES.
Also FREE delivery of sticks 'n' offcuts £4.50 per large sack.

Golden Fire Nuggets and Sticks 'n' offcuts are a by product of Shropshire Hardwoods Joinery and Timber Frame Buildings. Based in Bishops Castle.

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07975871322

For next day delivery.

Visit our websites at goldenfirenuggets.co.uk
and shropshirehardwoods.com





SpArC charity reflects on achievements during 2018

The Trustees of the charity set up to save the SpArC leisure centre have recently reflected on their achievements during 2018.

These included:

the attendance of 58 young people on training courses to gain recognised qualifications, which made possible school holiday activities for both leisure and theatre during the Easter, Summer and Autumn breaks and which were supported by the purchase of specialist sports equipment. Training for Trustees on their roles and responsibilities as Trustees of a newly established charity. Just under £10k raised through local fund-raising activities in the community, in addition to financial and other support received from town and parish councils. The installation of a new pool dehumidifier and refurbishment of the changing rooms made possible by significant funding of £100k from Shropshire Council, and hanging of tiles designed and made by the local community. In addition, the Charity continues to lobby Shropshire Council to further develop the Centre, given its tier 1 status, for a sustainable future. It supported a successful soft market testing exercise, with the expectation of a full tender programme for SpArC in 2019.

Jean Shirley, Chair of Trustees said: "Looking back, 2018 has been a busy year but also very rewarding. We are particularly pleased with the school holiday activities and the opportunities that have been made available for young people".



STONE HOUSE
Union Street
Bishops Castle
SY9 5AJ

We offer Residential and EMI Care, day care places available on a Tuesday in our day centre which offers activities & both assisted and un-assisted baths.

We also offer respite beds when available.

For more information:

Contact Keturah Bloor

Telephone- 01588 638487

Email – kbloor@coveragecareservices.co.uk

Dates for Council meetings

The Council meets on the third Tuesday of each month

2019

Tuesday 15th January

Tuesday 19th February

Tuesday 19th March

Tuesday 16th April

How to contact your

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February 2019

Salvador Dalí: In Search of Immortality

February 7 @ 19:00pm - 20:45pm tickets £4-£5

The documentary proposes an exciting journey through the life and work of Salvador Dalí, and also of Gala, his muse and collaborator. It starts in 1929, a crucial year in Dalí's career and life, as he joined the surrealist group and met Gala, and advances until the year of the artist's death in 1989. In all this vital and artistic journey, Dalí's geographies, especially Portlligat

Live Theatre: Lost Dog presents: Juliet and Romeo – a Guide to Long Life and Happy Marriage.~

Thu, 14th February @ 19:30pm - 20:45pm tickets £6-£12

Pure pleasure. Smart, subversive and sexy. The Guardian Superb. Devastating realism and dark humour. The Stage Lost Dog's new show reveals the real story of Romeo and Juliet. It turns out they didn't die in a tragic misunderstanding, they grew up and lived happily ever after. Well they lived at least. Now they're 40ish, at least one of them is in the grips of a mid-life crisis, they feel constantly mocked by their teenage selves and haunted by the pressures of being the poster couple for romantic love. They have decided to confront their current struggles by putting on a performance – about themselves. Their therapist told them it was a terrible idea.

David Gibb – Climb That Tree

February 22 @ 17:00pm - May 7 @ 18:00pm tickets £7.50-£30

David Gibb is on a one-man mission to make brilliant, engaging and high quality music for families and children. Join David on a musical journey through his hilarious and often surreal imagination, where bears live in the cupboard under the stairs, wolves are roaming the corridors at school, and trips to the moon are a regular occurrence. Climb That Tree builds on the success of his critically acclaimed debut album Letters Through Your Door which had families across the UK...

Christopher Robin (PG)

February 26 @ 14:00pm - 15:45pm tickets £3

Christopher Robin -- now a family man living in London -- receives a surprise visit from his old childhood pal, Winnie-the-Pooh. With Christopher's help, Pooh embarks on a journey to find his friends -- Tigger, Eeyore, Owl, Piglet, Rabbit, Kanga and Roo. Once reunited, the lovable bear and the gang travel to the big city to help Christopher rediscover the joy of life. Accessible Cabaret seating/no steps/ hearing loop/ tea and biscuits £1/ Free Dial-a Ride Bus available from Bishop's Castle...

Bohemian Rhapsody (12A)

March 7 @ 19:00pm - 21:15pm tickets £4-£5

A foot-stomping celebration of Queen, their music and their extraordinary lead singer Freddie Mercury. Freddie defied stereotypes and shattered convention to become one of the most beloved entertainers on the planet. "The music sequences in this drama (especially the Live Aid performance and the recording of the title song) are electrifying, and Malek is magnetic" Common Sense Media Bohemian Rhapsody is a foot-stomping celebration of Queen, their music and their extraordinary lead singer Freddie Mercury.

The Nutcracker and the Four Realms (PG)

March 22 @ 18:30pm - 20:00pm Tickets £4-£5

PLEASE NOTE A CHANGE OF DATE FROM ADVERTISED TO FRIDAY 22ND MARCH 6.30PM THE RELEASE DATE WAS LATER THAN ANTICIPATED Young Clara needs a magical, one-of-a-kind key to unlock a box that contains a priceless gift. A golden thread leads her to the coveted key, but it soon disappears into a strange and mysterious parallel world. In that world, she meets a soldier named Phillip, a group of mice and the regents who preside over three realms.

Gwenifer Raymond with Support from Alula Down

March 24 @ 19:00pm - 21:30pm Tickets £5-£10

Mojo Gwenifer Raymond is a Welsh multi-instrumentalist, From her roots in Punk and Grunge she began listening to pre-war blues musicians as well as Appalachian folk players, eventually leading into the guitar players of the American Primitive genre. She has since been playing her own moody and often-times manic original American Primitive styled...

Breakfast at Tiffany's (PG)

March 26 @ 14:00pm - 15:55pm tickets £3

1961 Classic starring Audrey Hepburn, George Peppard, and Patricia Neal. Based on Truman Capote's novel, this is the story of a young woman in New York City who meets a young man when he moves into her apartment building. He is with an older woman who is very wealthy, but he wants to be a writer. She is working as an expensive escort and searching for a rich, older man to marry. "

"Tiffany's is actually one of the few films not to be greatly harmed by its flaws. Audrey Hepburn is delicious as Holly and the Henry Mancini score is in the class of elite soundtracks"

Bus timetable for bus routes 552 / 553 Bishop's Caste to Shrewsbury

Monday to Friday times (school days)

Saturday

	Leaves		Arrives
Bishop's Castle	7.30		8.30
opposite the Boar's	9.40`		10.40
Head	12.20		13.20
all go via the	13.30		14.30
Hospital	15.40		16.40

7.30		8.30
9.30		10.30
12.15		13.15
16.00		17.00

Shrewsbury Stand N	7.35		8.35
	10.05		11.05
	12.00		13.00
	14.00		15.00
	16.25		17.25
	17.40		18.40

8.00		9.00
10.00		11.00
14.45		15.45
17.40		18.40

Bus timetable for bus route 745 Bishop's Caste to Ludlow

	Leaves	Arrives		Leaves	Arrives
Bishop's Castle	9.15	10.25		Ludlow	13.15
opposite the Boar's					14.25
Head					

Bus timetable for bus route Bishop's Caste to Newtown

	Leaves	Arrives		Leaves New-	Arrives
Bishop's Castle	10.00	11.00		town	13.55
opposite the Boar's					14.45
Head					

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 T	Lucy
8.00 - 8.45pm	Strength H 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 T	Dan

FRIDAY

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

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