



BISHOP'S CASTLE NEWS



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The Mayor Josh Dickin

Hello from your Mayor,

I am hoping you all had a great festive period and new year; I feel very positive writing this with the thought of lighter evenings and spring being not too far away!

The Christmas lights switch on (back at the start of December), was another great event. We had a fantastic turn out.

Thank you to all of you who attended and supported the event, with special thanks to the volunteers who helped organise and ensure it was a success.

Sadly, just before Christmas we saw the shop 'Eliza Scott' (ran by Liz Davies), close down on our high street. I am sure you will all agree, that this is a great loss for the community. Therefore, where possible, try and support local in whatever way you can: whether it be a pint down the pub or buying a gift in one of our many fantastic and unique shops.

On New Year's Day, we saw Jeff retire from being Town Crier and also his wife Yvonne as his consort. Please see below a selection of photos from this celebration. We thank Jeff and Yvonne for their 10 years of impeccable service to the town.

I would also like to take this opportunity to welcome Andy Evans as our new town crier, who has done the role previously and who was trained by the great late Ted Higgs!

A group of Councillors and other community representatives are working together to stage a series of events and celebrations, to mark the King's Coronation in May. On Sunday 7th May there will most likely be a 'Town' street party; there will be further details in the April newsletter.

The Town Council is taking the lead in organising Charter Celebrations for the town in June/July this year. Sunday 16th July is earmarked as the main day for a community celebration, so please pencil that date into your diary. The charter was granted to the town in 1573 by Queen Elizabeth I, creating a bailiff, a recorder and 15 aldermen, from this point gaining representation in parliament, leading to the town becoming one of England's most rotten boroughs. Once again, FURTHER details will be in the April Newsletter.

I'd like to thank everybody who has attended my quiz nights at the Six Bells. So far, we've raised nearly £2,200 for local causes. A special thanks goes to Mandy and the team for making this happen. The quizzes are held on the second Friday of each month, starting at 8pm. Please come down if you can, and if you'd like to nominate a cause that would benefit from this charity event, please let me know.

In this newsletter are details about the upcoming Arts Festival. As part of the Charter Celebration, we are hosting a workshop, for children to design a new town flag. Full details are in the Arts Festival write up.

Finally, I also have a few gentle reminders for you. Firstly, please be mindful of how you park and where you park; poor parking affects our town daily. Also, dog fouling seems to on the increase again, please make sure you clean up after your pet. It's an unsightly mess around town, and is a hazard to health.

Thank you for taking time to read my update, I look forward to preparing for the next newsletter.

Best wishes

Josh



A New Footpath and an Improved One.

If you live in Brockton and need to get to the school, shop, village hall or the Powis Arm using a car has been the only way until recently. However, as a result of local negotiations and support of the Parish family of Walcot Hall a new Permissive Footpath now joins Lydbury North to Brockton.

The Bishop's Castle P3 team carried out the work with the support of David Hardwick from Shropshire Council Footpath Maintenance team. This involved removing bushes, brambles and overhanging branches, putting in new gates, a footbridge over a ditch, way mark posts and signage.

In Lydbury North the path starts 200m along the drive to Walcot Hall from the Powis Arms going through the first field gate on the right. It follows the hedge line going through a small woodland and a further field to the wide track, the Jack Mytton Way.



Take a left turn here and an immediate right through a gate and over the ditch into the next field. Again follow the signs and the hedge line to Brockton. At the minor road turn left for the village.

This new path links the Walking for Pleasure walks from BC to Brockton via Colebatch and the walk that goes over Oakley Mynd to Lydbury North. So there is now the opportunity to do a circular walk from BC to Lydbury North and back with a lunch stop at the Powis Arms. A word of warning - the land is low lying and follows a ditch line so after heavy or a prolonged period of rain it can be very wet or flooded.

The P3 team also built a new bridge over the River Kemp to replace the one swept away on the Jack Mytton Way. Combined with the Per-

missive Path this now allows a pleasant circular walk from Brockton, you never know you may be lucky enough to spot an otter!

The Improved Path: At the latter end of last year we received a request from staff at the Pines Residential Home to improve the foot-path from the Clun road through the fields to Church Lane to give wheelchair access. This tarmac path through the fields has been there for many years and there were metal kissing gates at both ends making it unsuitable for wheelchairs and probably most children's buggies. So in November David Hardwick and I removed the rings from the gates and later in the month a large group from the P3 team spent the morning clearing the soil and vegetation that had built up on the path over many years. This was followed by a well earned lunch at the Six Bells! The result is a path all the way from Church Lane, at the bottom of town, to the Pines - all totally accessible for wheelchairs, children buggies and those who find stiles a problem. Do check it out. Glynn Roberts BC P3 Co-ordinator



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Arts Festival

Fusing Workshops
and Open Studio

Friends of the Wintles Hillside

When The Wintles estate was built, as part of the planning permission, land was made available as amenity land with some public access, for the benefit of the town of Bishops Castle. The land also provided a barrier to further building to the north of the town and also allowed Wintles home owners to 'grow their own' in the style of the TV programme 'The Good Life'. This land of 13 acres or so is known as the Wintles Hillside and is owned and managed by Wintles Management Ltd with the homeowners paying the costs of maintaining it.



Over the last 20 years, much labour by the owners has converted the area from an agricultural field into a mosaic of planted woodland, wildflower grassland, an orchard labyrinth and separate sections for special interest groups among the homeowners. Two public footpaths pass through and there is a permissive path through the woodland. Where possible, the Hillside is managed for the benefit of wildlife.

Some years ago and as part of the BC Walking for Pleasure series, a Wintles hillside walk leaflet was funded by the town council and made available to visitors and townspeople in the town hall. Latterly, Winnie the Wintles mammoth was created from surplus brush as part of the town council sponsored March of the Elephants trail in and around the town. In addition, during the Covid pandemic, a Faerie trail was instituted along the permissive path for the benefit of younger people.

Much of the labour on the site is carried out by volunteers although for major tasks contractors are brought in. However, as the site matures, as do the Wintles homeowners, the maintenance costs are increasing.

There is appreciation in the town for the presence of such a pleasant site as the Hillside and local visitors often remark on their good fortune to have access to it. This has resulted in the formation of a 'Friends of the Hillside' group made up of a small, but growing, number who so appreciate the benefit that they are prepared to contribute financially and/or practically to its maintenance. If you would like to join the Friends, please email andregbwood@hotmail.com

Time to get walking again!

With Spring on its way we start to think about getting out to walk in the beautiful English Countryside again, but where to find new and interesting walks?

Walking in Shropshire <https://www.walkinginengland.co.uk/shropshire> has loads of walks to download and print, free, it also has books of walks, details of all the walking groups in the county and much more. Whether you want to walk on your own or with a group all the information is there in one place.

John Harris (who maintains the website) said 'There is so much walking information on the web but it is difficult to find. Walking in Shropshire (part of the Walking in England website) has brought it together in one place so whether you are walking from home, or away on holiday, you will be able to find a walk suitable for you'.

With walks from half a mile to twelve miles plus long, and a note of suitability for pushchairs and wheelchairs, everyone can find a walk to enjoy.

So home or away, check out the websites and get walking!

John Harris

www.walkinginengland.co.uk

john@walkinginengland.co.uk

THE SHROPSHIRE GOOD FOOD PARTNERSHIP



Shropshire Good Food Partnership(SGFP) has been established to create a local food system which is good for people, place and planet. We bring people together from across the County representing all aspects of the food system, from growers to retailers, those involved with food banks and food festivals, community organisations, academic institutions, and the local Councils. Our six working groups represent our scope of action: Sustainable Food Economy; Healthy Food for All; Wise Land Stewardship; Grow Local; Nature Connection and Reducing Food Waste.

Our objectives are to:

- Ensure everyone has access to sufficient nutritious affordable food
- Build community, connecting people through food to each other and the land
- Create livelihood opportunities, forging a strong local food economy
- Enable environmental regeneration and a shift to net zero carbon in food and farming

SGFP supports the work of organisations across the county, catalyses new initiatives and collaborations, and enables joined-up innovative thinking to improve access to Good Food. We provide a go-to place for individuals and groups to access support and engage in networking on all aspects of healthy eating from setting up and managing community-based food growing, to cooking and food sharing initiatives. This involves facilitating exchange of knowledge, building evidence and nurturing organisations and businesses. We play a convening function, bringing together a range of stakeholder from across the county to engage on policy and planning and to work in partnership with to deliver goods and services.

SGFP is part of the national Sustainable Food Places movement which brings together pioneering food partnerships from towns, cities, boroughs, districts and counties across the UK. These initiatives are driving innovation and best practice on all aspects of healthy and sustainable food. In addition to organising national campaigns, SFP emphasises the importance of working in partnership across sectors to create positive and lasting food system change.

As a core group, our directors have domestic and international experience in business development, food systems planning and routes to market, food poverty and distribution in the charitable sector, as well as farming and food policy.

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Become a **Friend of SpArC Theatre** and help sustain the future of your Theatre in these difficult times. Individual membership is £15 a year and membership for a couple is £25. If you are a UK taxpayer you can gift aid your subscription and increase its value by 25%. Current membership stands at 115 ; with your support we would like to increase this to 200 which would contribute £5k per annum to funding your Theatre's running costs.

Membership will enable you to :

Receive advance notice via email of the upcoming season

Priority book for National Theatre Live screenings

Reserve a table for cabaret-style events subject to availability

Receive an Invitation to gallery private viewings when arranged by the artist

Receive an Annual Newsletter via email

Access our DVD and Blu Ray Library

Receive an Invitation to the Friends Christmas Film- (enjoy a complimentary film and a glass of something nice to celebrate the year)

To join, simply call Liz at the Box Office on 01588 630321 / 638038 or email Graham at gshemmings@hotmail.com . Alternatively you can pick up details from the SpArC Theatre or Enterprise House.

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Arts Festival

Tuesday 21st FEBRUARY 2023

FLAG DESIGNING WORKSHOP

at The Public Hall Time – 10.30am to 11.30am
Under 11 category and 11 – 16 category

Admission Free

“**POO – POO McGUIRE**” a play by Robert Fowke
at The Top Room, The Three Tuns Inn, Salop Street. Time –
7:00pm.

Admission Free – Donations to Festival Funds invited

To reserve a set and secure a place please book through <http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/BCTH>

Wednesday 22nd

CHILDREN’S YOGA with Chloe Beeson

at Chloe Yoga Studio, 23 Church Street.
Time – 3:00pm – 3:35pm 4-6 years (max 8)
4:00pm – 4:45pm 7-11 years (max 8)

Please book your place via suewillmer@mac.com

Admission Free – Donations to Festival Funds invited

CORN DOLLIES WORKSHOP WITH BERNARD EDWARDS

at The Town Hall Time 11am & 2pm
6 people at each workshop – age 10 +

Admission – £5 Book at the Town Hall or online at <http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/BCTH>

“**TEXTILES OF ASIA**” a talk by Jim Gaffney
at The Town Hall Time 4.30pm

Admission – £3 Book at the Town Hall or online at <http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/BCTH>

OPEN MIC Hosted by Val and Keith.

Three Tuns Inn Time 8.30pm

Message Val or Keith to guarantee a slot. Free drink for performers.

Admission – FREE

Thursday 23rd

CUSTOMISE, UPCYCLE, EMBELLISH WORKSHOP

Upstairs in the Poetry Pharmacy Time – 10.30-12.30.

Any Under 11's need to be accompanied with a willing helper

Admission with Donations to the Arts Festival funds

DICKENS & THE PRISON SYSTEM – THEN & NOW

Talk by Andy Stelman

at The Church Barn Time 10.30am

Admission – £3 Book at the Town Hall or online at [http://](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/BCTH)

www.ticketsource.co.uk/BCTH

TRADITIONAL STAINED GLASS PAINTING WORKSHOPS

at The Old Vicarage, Church Street, SY9 5AF Time 11am – 1pm
& 3pm – 5pm

Max 10 students per group Age 14+ and adults

Cost £20 Call Helen to book a place on 01588 638940. Payment by cash on the day please

FUN SCIENCE WORKSHOP

at The Three Tuns – Back Room Time 1pm – 2pm (Key Stage 2)
& 3pm-4pm (Key Stage 1)

Admission Free – Donations to Festival Funds invited.

PIANO RECITAL BY MIKE PLUNKETT

at The Methodist Hall Time 2pm – 12.30pm

Admission Free – Donations to Festival Funds invited

MAKE YOUR OWN BOOK Workshop with Ellie Garraway from the Marches Book Arts Group

at The Poetry Pharmacy, 36 High Street. Time 2pm – 3.30pm

Booking essential through Poetry Pharmacy website –

www.poetrypharmacy.co.uk/the-distillery/

Admission – £5 (Over 18s)

BISHOP'S CASTLE ARTS SOCIETY – OPEN MEETING

at The Methodist Hall Time 2pm – 4.30pm

Admission Free

BUTTERFLY MASK WORKSHOP

at the Town Hall Time – 2.30pm – 4pm **Drop-in**

Any Under 10's need to be accompanied with a willing helper

Admission Free – Donations to Festival Funds invited

FUSED GLASS WORKSHOPS

at Jill Bagnall's Studio, New Street Time 5.30pm – 8.30pm
email suewillmer@mac.com to book your place – Limited to 8 people
Cost – £65 (special festival price, normally £79)

KNITWITS – DROP-IN KNITTING GROUP

at The Six Bells, Church Street Time – 6.15pm – 7.30pm
Admission – Free

ERIC RAVILIOUS: DRAWN TO WAR is a true story a well-crafted documentary.

at The SpArC Theatre Time – 7.00pm
Admission – £7 & £4.50 Book through SpArC online at <http://www.sparctheatre.co.uk>

RAPSQUILLION & FRIENDS

at The Town Hall Time 7.30pm (Doors open at 7pm).
Admission – Adults £10
Tickets from the Town Hall or online – <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/bcth>

Friday 24th

CASTLE ARTISTS SPRING EXHIBITION

at the Public Hall, Station Street Time : 10.00 – 5.00
Admission Free – Donations to Festival Funds invited

ARTISTS' OPEN STUDIO – 10am – 4pm

Sarah Gillard, Painter – Yarborough House, High Street.
Jenny Jones, Painter – The Porch House, High Street, SY9 5BE
Julia Bath, Painter – The Old Bakery, Church Street.
Helen Robinson, Stained Glass Studio – The Old Vicarage, Church Lane.
Jill Bagnall, Fused Glass – Opposite Kirsty's, New Street.
Marian Watson – Handmade silver & gold jewellery, and Paintings – Chapel View, Station Street, SY9 5AQ.
Di & Andrew Douce, Painters – Old Manse, Station St., SY9 5AQ
Admission Free

FUSED GLASS WORKSHOPS

at Jill Bagnall's Studio, New Street Time 10.30am – 1.30pm
email suewillmer@mac.com to book your place
Cost – £65 (special festival price, normally £79) Limited to 8 people

STILL LIFE WORKSHOP WITH CLAE EASTGATE

at The Poetry Pharmacy, High Street Time 10am – 3pm – All day workshop.

Details and bookings through Poetry Pharmacy

www.poetrypharmacy.co.uk/the-distillery/

Admission – £65

GREAT LIVING NORWEGIAN NOVELISTS – a talk by Paul Binding

at The Church Barn Time 2pm

Book at Bishop's Castle Town Hall or online at [http://](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/BCTH)

www.ticketsource.co.uk/BCTH

Admission – £3

SCRAPTASTIC WORKSHOP

at SpArC Time 2pm – 4pm

Admission Free – Donations to Festival Funds please

BALKAN CEILIDH led by Rosa James

at the Three Tuns Inn Time 7.30pm

To book a place email: suewillmer@suewillmer

Admission – £7

JAZZ CONCERT

at the Town Hall Time 7.30 for 8pm

Check the festival's website for details –

www.bishopscastleartsfestival.com

Admission – £10

Saturday 25th

SIGN WRITING DEMONSTRATION

at the Weighbridge Railway Museum, Station Street Time 10am to 4pm

Admission Free, Donations very welcome

ARTISAN CRAFT FAIR

at The Town Hall – **on both floors** Time 10am – 4pm

Admission Free – Donations to Festival Funds invited

CASTLE ARTISTS SPRING EXHIBITION

at the Public Hall, Station Street Time : 10.00 – 5.00

Admission Free – Donations to Festival Funds invited

ARTISTS' OPEN STUDIOS – 10am – 4pm

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Di & Andrew Douce, *Painters* – Old Manse, Station St., SY9 5AQ
Admission Free

SINGING WORKSHOP WITH RAPSQUILLION

at The Methodist Hall 10.30am – 12.30pm

Admission Free – Donations to Festival Funds invited

EXPERIMENTAL SMALL-SCALE PRINTING WITH KATY ALSTON

at The Poetry Pharmacy, 36 High Street. Time – 10am – 1pm

Admission – £25 including tea, coffee & cake! Tickets from

www.poetrypharmacy.co.uk/the-distillery/

WATERCOLOUR AND MORE A PAINTING WORKSHOP with Sue Percy

at The Town Hall Time 2pm

Admission – £5 Book at the Town Hall or online at [http://](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/BCTH)

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FEISTY FOLK TALES

Storytelling for 7 – 11 year olds and well behaved parents

with Amy Douglas, Bishops Castle storyteller and author

at The Poetry Pharmacy – for up to 30 people Time 2pm

Admission Free – Donations to Festival Funds invited

4004 BC AND ALL THAT: A BRIEF HISTORY OF GEOLOGY-AND-GENESIS

a talk by Martin Rudwick

at The Church Barn Time 2pm

Book at Bishop's Castle Town Hall or online at [http://](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/BCTH)

www.ticketsource.co.uk/BCTH

Admission – £3

AFRICA TO THE AMERICAS- DRUMMING WORKSHOP

with Peta Piper, Sticky Wicket & Peter Welch

at SpArC Theatre Time – 1.30pm – 3.30pm

Book through SpArC online at <http://www.sparctheatre.co.uk>

Admission – £8 Adults, £5 Students/Child & £20 Family - Min age

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STICKY WICKET SWING DANCE NIGHT

at SpArC Theatre Time 7.30pm

Book through SpArC online at <http://www.sparctheatre.co.uk>

Admission – Adults £15 Child/ Student £8

Sunday 26th

CASTLE ARTISTS SPRING EXHIBITION

at the Public Hall, Station Street Time : 10.00 – 5.00

Admission Free – Donations to Festival Funds invited

ARTISTS' OPEN STUDIO – 10am – 4pm

Sarah Gillard, *Painter* – Yarborough House, High Street.

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Marian Watson – Handmade silver & gold jewellery, and Paintings – Chapel View, Station Street, SY9 5AQ.

Di & Andrew Douce, *Painters* – Old Manse, Station St., SY9 5AQ

Admission Free

NEEDLE FELTING WORKSHOP

with Clare Linford

at the Town Hall Time 10am – 12 noon & 2pm – 4pm

Admission – £7 Limited to 10 people.

Book your place at the Town Hall or online at <http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/BCTH>

MODERN CALLIGRAPHY WORKSHOP with Alice Savery

at the Methodist Hall Time 10.30am – 12.30pm

email: suewillmer@mac.com to book your place.

Cost – £35 Limited to 10 people

POETRY WORKSHOP WITH PAT EDWARDS

at The Poetry Pharmacy Time – 1pm to 3pm

No booking necessary

Admission – £10 to include refreshments

MORRIS DANCING WORKSHOP

at The Three Tuns Inn Time 12 noon – 2pm

Admission Free – Donations to Festival Funds invited.

COBBLE CHALKING

next to the Town Hall Time 2pm – 4pm

Admission Free – Donations to Festival Funds invited.

THE STONY RIDGE FLIGHTS Talk by Ric Morris

at The Church Barn Time 2pm

Admission – £3 Book your place at the Town Hall or online at <http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/BCTH>

B.C. ORCHESTRA

at The Three Tuns Inn Time – 4pm – 6pm

Admission FREE – Donations to Festival Funds invited

“POO – POO McGUIRE” a play by Robert Fowke

at The Top Room, The Three Tuns Inn, Salop Street. Time – 7:00pm.

Admission Free – Donations to Festival Funds invited

To reserve a set and secure a place please book through <http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/BCTH>

‘Throughout festival’

FESTIVAL HQ

at The Town Hall

Time 10am to 4pm Tuesday to Saturday

www.bishopscastleartsfestival.com

MINIATURE ART MACHINE

at the Town Hall

Throughout February – 10am to 4pm

As part of this year’s festival we are creating a miniature art machine, selling tiny pieces of art for £1 This will help raise money to continue putting on the Arts Festival, while providing a fun way to purchase original pieces of art, donated by local artists.

A FLUTTER OF BUTTERFLIES

at The Town Hall

from Wednesday 22nd until Friday 24th

Time – 10am to 4pm

29 species of British butterflies displayed on an arch, with an ID quiz.

ART EXHIBITION by Bishop’s Castle Art Society

at The Poppy House – 20 Market Square

Time 10am to 4pm Thursday to Sunday

ART EXHIBITION

at The Town Hall
Time 10am – 4pm

Clae Eastgate

www.bishopscastletownhall.co.uk

ART EXHIBITION

at The Chai Shop on the High Street
Tahira Paul

ART EXHIBITION

at The SpArC Gallery
Rosemary Hart

ART EXHIBITION

at Border Lights Gallery
Art and crafts by local artists.

LET'S GO ON A BEAR HUNT

There will be a special trail for the youngsters with a variety of Bears hiding in some of the shop windows. A trail sheet can be collected from the Town Hall, from Tuesday 21st February, see how many you can find and write their names on the trail sheet.

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Lydbury Hall

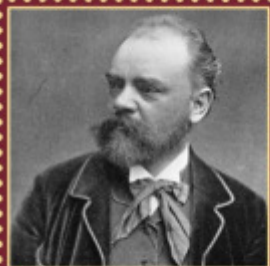
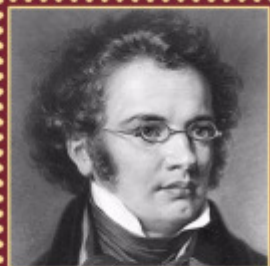
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Saturday March 18th

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CAR SHARE CLUB FOR BISHOP'S CASTLE?

DO YOU:

- HAVE NO CAR AND RELY ON SCARCE BUSES? or
- WORRY ABOUT THE COST OF FUEL, INSURANCE, MOT'S, SERVICING, TYRES, BREAKDOWNS, DEPRECIATION and TAX?
- THINK ABOUT GETTING RID OF YOUR CAR AND SAVING MONEY?
- WANT TO HELP THE PLANET?

WE COULD SOLVE SOME OF THESE PROBLEMS BY FORMING A

CAR SHARE CLUB FOR BISHOP'S CASTLE

WE NEED ABOUT 20, OR MORE, PEOPLE.

THE PLAN WOULD BE FOR AN ELECTRIC, or HYBRID, CAR WITH A GOOD RANGE.

THREE POSSIBLE OPTIONS:

1. FORM OUR OWN CAR SHARE CLUB FOR 20
 2. FORM A BISHOP'S CASTLE BRANCH OF THE 'TRIP TO!' CAR SHARE CLUB. 4 ARE ALREADY BASED IN LANTIDORE'S, NEW TOWN, WILSHROOD AND MACHYN LLETH.
 3. FORM A BISHOP'S CASTLE BRANCH OF 'GO-WHEELS' CAR SHARE CLUB www.go-wheels.org.uk
- IF WE CAN FIND ENOUGH PEOPLE, THE SOONER WE CAN ALL START TO SAVE A LOT OF MONEY AND REDUCE OUR IMPACT ON THE PLANET!

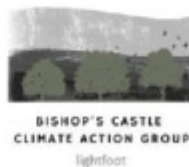
IF YOU ARE INTERESTED, OR JUST WANT TO KNOW MORE, CONTACT:

climateaction@lightfootenterprises.org or ring
Charlie Grafton, on 07581404825 or Dave Luckhurst on 01588 680250

Notes: There are now 4, active, 22kW, electric vehicle charge points in Harley Jenkins Street. You need the 'Connected Kerb' app and a Type 2 'Mennekes' lead. More are planned for Corporation Street and the business park.

If there is sufficient interest in forming a car share club we will plan for a meeting early in 2023 to explore our options.

Please Note: All contact details will be stored following strict GDPR rules under the Lightfoot Enterprises policy.



Dementia Awareness Session – become a Dementia Friend.

Tuesday 7th February 11am - noon, Council Chambers, Bishop's Castle Town Hall.

Run by Valerie Woodmansey, our local Dementia Ambassador, this free session explains what it is like for someone living with dementia, and how we can better understand and support those who have it. Why not book a place with Valerie: 01588 650940? It will be worth your while!

Age UK Dementia Support Group

Starting Monday 27th February

Grange Road Community Centre

Bishop's Castle

10.30am – 12.30pm

Every 4th Monday thereafter

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We have published an online list of **Urgent** and **Non-Urgent contacts** for anyone with a mental health crisis or need.

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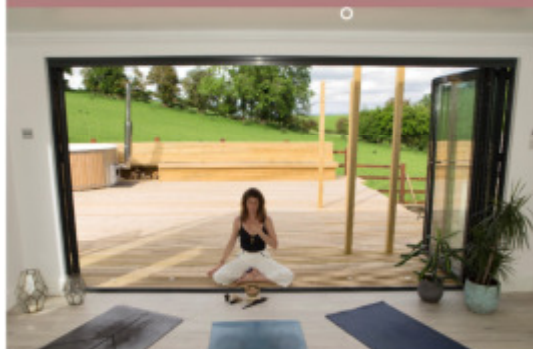
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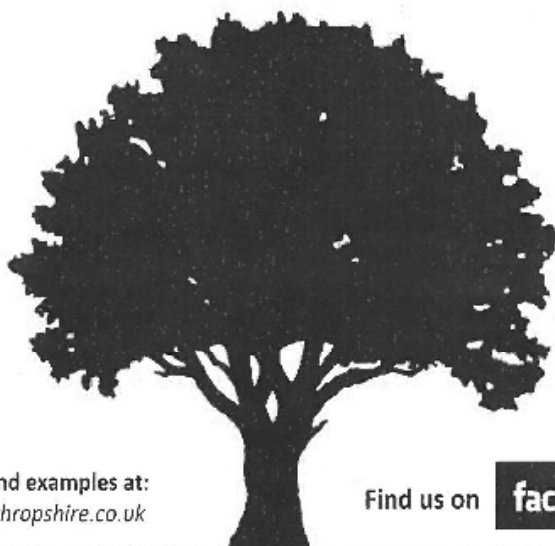


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11th February to 11th March Art Exhibition Clae Eastgate

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