



BISHOP'S CASTLE NEWS

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OLIVER MORGAN

The performances of Oliver Morgan (picture on the front Cover) have filled the whole town with pride and the Fan Park Events were well supported and helped raise funds for the Swimming Pool. We are grateful to all the local businesses that supported the Big Screen and Fan Park and those responsible for organising the event that lasted a week in the end and has raised in excess of £5,000 for the Sparc Pool at 50 Campaign.

Ollie recorded 53.44 in his 100mtr Backstroke heat and improved this to 52.85 to qualify for the final where despite improving his time again to 52.84 he finished outside the Medals.

He qualified for the 200mtr Backstroke semi-final with a time of 1.57.56 and again improved his time to 1.57.28 but failed to qualify for the final. His time in the 100mtr Backstroke meant that he was included in the 4x100mtr Medley Relay with Adam Peaty, Matt



Photograph by Mike Olivant

Richards and Joe Lichfield where their time of 3.32.13 saw them qualify for the final. In the final they were pipped to the podium and finished in 4th place.

We look forward to following Oliver's progress in the future.



The Mayor Josh Dickin

Hello, and welcome to this summer addition of the Towns newsletter!

Summer seems to be very much hit and miss this year, let's hope we have a better August and September!

Once again, the months of June and July are always so busy for the Town, notably the carnival and party in the park are our annual main-stays in the Towns calendar.

Both events, were a fabulous occasion, even if the weather wasn't too kind on them. These events take a full year of planning, organised by small teams of volunteers. They would not run without them. So thanks to them is very much in order.

So with saying that, it would be nice if people would support the local events as much as possible. I think sometimes as a small town with so much going on, we take it for granted! But without you, these events would not be able to run next year, as the costs of running events go up year on year.

So when Michaelmas arrives next month, please support in whatever way you can possible! I know how much effort they have put into this years event.

Casting back to June, we went to visit the twin town, St Marcel. Accompanied by the Martha Rodens Tuppeney Dish and Shropshire Bedlams Morris Dancing Teams. It was a great weekend, full of dancing, eating and drinking. Over 40 of us were looked after by our french counterparts. It really was a great weekend, enjoyed by

all. Our Special Guests will be visiting for Michaelmas Fair Weekend. If you are interested in hosting our visitors, or helping organise the itinerary, come to the twinning meeting on Friday 16th August, at the Six Bells at Six! It really is a lovely thing to do, and it's wonderful that our special relationship is stronger than ever.

As you will already know, the pump track is finished, with further works to be carried out subject to funding, ie, fencing and potential lighting. It seems to have brought much joy to many people, certainly the younger generation. Please be considerate to the neighbours in the vicinity, and keep it tidy. And lastly bike safely, as unfortunately a couple of accidents have happened the past few weeks, which we were saddened to hear.

You may have noticed the new planters around town too. These are part of a project to tidy the Town up, and make it look a little bit more loved.

We have various projects to be carried out over the autumn and winter,

War Memorial renovation - before remembrance period

Auction Yard toilets refurbishment

And some other projects also, this comes at a time where Shropshire Council are looking at handing local services to Town and Parish Councils. This means extra monies may be needed. We will fight for what we need here in rural south west Shropshire, and work with our counterparts around us to have what's best for us.

I will conclude by saying, what the picture on the front cover says, how much of an amazing community we are, and how proud we all are of Oliver Morgan and his heroic efforts at Paris 2024.

All best wishes, and enjoy the sun when it comes out from hiding.

Josh

Key Dates

ENTERPRISE HOUSE Tuesday 10th September. FREE health themed digital drop-in session. See 'bits and pieces'.

MICHAELMAS FAIR Saturday 21st September

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY 10th November

CHRISTMAS LIGHTS and CRAFT FAIR Saturday 7th December

YOU DID IT - WE DID IT

Save Our Beds, Staff Our Beds, Support Our Beds just about sums up the last year's timeline. Who would believe that one year exactly from our dedicated Mayor's call out on July 7th 2023 to stop its closure, to the 15th of July 2024 when the first patients were once again admitted into the newly opened beds. This following nearly three years of closure, celebratory news indeed.

With the skilled oversight and capable hands of the Ward Manager for BCCH Amanda Houghton and her new team of nurses, health care assistants and support staff, who all worked tirelessly for the preceding two weeks to get our Community Hospital ship-shape and whose beds at the time of writing are already almost full.

We wish to extend a big thank you to the wonderful residents of Bishop's Castle who have supported us every step of the way, attending our protest, fundraisers and those same residents who answered our Mayor Josh Dicken's call to help form a solid and committed campaign group, who came to meetings in all times and weathers. To our GP practice and Councillors for their ongoing and unstinting support.

Great things really do happen when we come together as a force to be reckoned with, the people of Bishop's Castle have a proud history of doing just that. We thank all of you once again. So will our current and future patients who can now have the care they need right in the heart of our community, which is really what it was all about.

Save Our Beds Strategy and Campaign Group.

Bishop's Castle People and Public Spaces Consultation

Following the anticipated closure of the Public Hall we would like your thoughts on the need for indoor public spaces in the town. Do you go to meetings, events, exhibitions? Does the town need a big space for indoor markets, concerts, celebrations?



Please let us have your views.

Either download the QR code to link to the survey, pick up a hard copy of the questionnaire from the Town Hall or visit the stall at Michaelmas Fair and other town festivals. We would really welcome your help.

Bishop's Castle Town Council/Church of St John the Baptist



Road Closures

Salop Street 5th – 13th August Highway drainage infrastructure repairs on Salop Street. During the period of these works Salop Street will be closed to traffic and no parking will be permitted along Salop Street. The Council will work with local businesses to allow any deliveries required but there may be some time delays during the working day 09.00 to 16.00. The 'no parking' will be enforced 24hrs per day to prevent delays in the works.

High Street/Salop Street/Market Place – 15th – 21st August 2024. Resurfacing works. Works will likely be undertaken in the daytime 0900 to 1700 under a full road closure. Diversions will be in place, Advance Warning Signage will be out two weeks in advance. Residents and local businesses are asked to ensure they plan well in advance, and to not to park within the extent for the duration of the works. Should you have any queries or comments, please contact highwaysconsultation@shropshire.gov.uk

Welsh Street 4th September 2024 Replace decayed BT pole.

New Street 11th to 12th September 2024 Water Pipe and Meter Works

NEW Local Online 'Spotlight on Events' Calendar

Enterprise House is proud to launch their free 'Spotlight on Events' Calendar on the 'Bishop's Castle and Beyond' website. The calendar is designed to provide a centralised hub for all local events and activities, making event planning and promotion easier, allowing you to reach locals and visitors alike.

Available to everyone running local events, whether it's a small community gathering or a large annual event. You are invited to add the details to the calendar, including dates, detailed description, and venue and ticket information.

Uploading your event is easy using the submission form on the website. Either click on 'Submit Your Event Here' at the bottom of the webpage or go directly to www.bishopscastleandbeyond.co.uk/spotlight-event-form/

A How-To Guide will be available to download from the website and we are planning some short drop-in training sessions for regular event holders, dates and details to follow. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Enterprise House on 01588 638 038 or info@enterprisehouse.org.uk.

The 'Spotlight on Events' calendar is the perfect way to discover what's happening near you. Visit www.bishopscastleandbeyond.co.uk/events-whatson/ to see what's coming up this month. You can even download individual events directly to your online calendar so you don't miss out.

The Autumn will also see the return of Spotlight on Events, thanks to support from Enterprise South West Shropshire and Bishop's Castle Town Council, which will offer a printed guide to local events.

What a lot of rubbish!

No, that is not a comment about our great newsletter. A few years back a resident of Bishop's Castle offered to buy a bench for the skate park users. It was a gesture of appreciation to the young people using it for their friendship to her and her late husband when they used to walk their dog in the park. The bench carries a commemorative plaque celebrating her husband's life.



It is great that the bench is being so well used and has not been disfigured in any way. What is not so great is the amount of rubbish around it. So please could we ask all young people and adults who sit

on it to make use of the rubbish bin that is only a few meters away, or to take any rubbish home and dispose of it there. Thanks very much. Andy Stelman, on behalf of the Town Council.”

Defibrillators.

Recently the defibrillators in the town have been used quite regularly. They have proved their worth. There are concerns however that many people have no idea how many there are in Bishop’s Castle or where they are located – and if they are located in the right places. When they are needed it is imperative that they can be accessed quickly. A 999 call would be required in order to access the defibrillators; this could be made on route.

Below are details and a map of the publicly accessible defibrillators in Bishop’s Castle. These are available 24/7. This map is also in the Town Hall and on public notice boards. There are other defibrillators in the town but these are in private premises therefore have not been included as not available at all times.

The following defibrillators have 24/7 all hours access units. See map below.

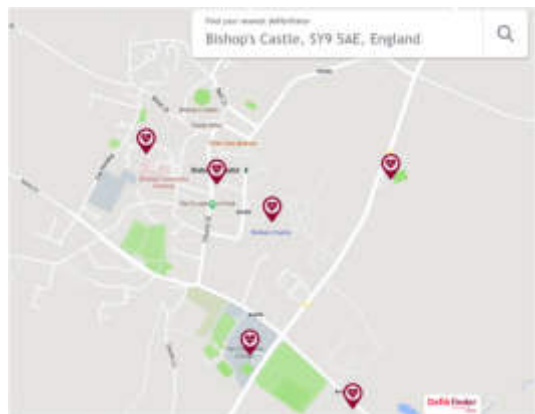
They are :

The Pharmacy – High Street,
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Ransfords Sawmill Gate –
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(Add defib map here)

This exercise has shown that there is a need for an additional defibrillator at the top of the town. Possible locations are being considered in the Market Place, The Wintles, Welsh Street area. Once in place training will be offered on this particular model.

There is also nervousness about the idea of using a defibrillator without advance training. Although the principles are the same there are differences between various 'makes'. Each defibrillator gives instructions for its particular use, which we are assured are clear and simple.

The town does need more 'first responders' and in future defibrillator training will be part of their induction. If you would like to become a first responder please contact the clerk on 01588 638141 or at town-clerk@bishopscastlerowncouncil.gov.uk

There appears to be no public register of defibrillators with various organisations installing and maintaining their products. Obtaining grants is also difficult as , including 'private' defibrillators, per capita the town is already well served.

Bishop's Castle Medical Practice Blood Tests

Blood tests are no longer available in Bishop's Castle. This is not acceptable and Cllr Ruth Houghton is in contact with NHS Shropshire Telford and Wrekin to secure a permanent local solution. <https://www.shropshiretelfordandwrekin.nhs.uk/bishops-castle-blood-testing-updates/>

Community Award winners.

On Mayor's Sunday, a number of Community Award Winners were presented by the Mayor with inscribed bowls :

Save Our Beds Team – Community Special Recognition Award

Oliver Morgan – Sports Person of the Year

Dr Adrian Penney – Public Service Award

Cricket Club – Sports Club of the Year

Pru Daikin and Kate Price – Special Recognition Awards for Charter Celebration

Bits and Pieces

Enterprise House - On Tuesday 10th September there is a FREE health themed digital drop-in session in the Library. Staff and volunteers will be on hand to help you set up the NHS App, learn how to order your prescriptions online or help you with any other digital queries you have.

Bishop's Castle Neighborhood Plan - Adopted by Shropshire Council on 16th July. Thank you to all that contributed to the plan and supported it in the referendum on 2nd May. It provides a template for future development and will help protect the character of the town .

Tall planters - Being removed from High Street as post unstable. **New planters** well received.

Auction Yard Toilets. Will be renovated in 2025

Pump Track - Up and running. Being used by all ages,

Arts Festival – open studios. Another really successful event. Thanks to all involved.

Carnival – Tractors, old vehicles, a beautiful young Queen, torrential showers, saws, games, events, drums, stalls, beer and Euro 24. A winner on every level. Fantastic. Congratulations to everyone involved.

Midsummer rejoicing. Another wonderful Christian and very Bishop's Castle celebration of life and renewal.

War Memorial. Awaiting final approval from Lambeth Palace in London.

Party in the Park. The weather may have been dodgy but did not dint

an amazing celebration of local musical talent – .! All credit to organisers and supporters

Memorial plaque for Albert Howard Unveiled

Richard Howard, great nephew of Sir Albert Howard, and Charlotte Matthaei who is the great niece of Gabrielle and Louise Howard (nee Mathaei) unveiled

a Memorial Plaque at the Town Hall on Friday 14th June to Sir Albert Howard, the ‘father of modern organic agriculture’ . Albert Howard was born in Bishop’s Castle in 1873. The Plaque is inside the Town Hall with a replica being positioned on the outside. The event was marked by a celebration attended by around 60 people. Thanks to Trevor Chalkley and his team

The film ‘6 inches of Soil’ shown at SpArC that evening was a sell out.

Green Bins and Craven Arms Recycling centre

From 1 October 2024 we will all need to subscribe to Shropshire Council’s garden waste collection service if we want the Council to continue emptying our green garden bins.

The annual subscription fee is £56 and will cover the period for 1 October 2024 to 30 September 2025. A payment window will be open from September 2024 until 31 March 2025. The charge is £56 regardless of when we sign up.

Once we have signed up and paid, the Council will empty our garden waste on our scheduled collection day. However, if this is after the 1 October 2024 the later you leave it to subscribe the higher the chance that your collection day will change.

If you don’t subscribe, they won’t empty your garden bin after 1 October 2024.

From this date food waste collections will be suspended and will no longer be able to put food waste in our garden bins.

as councils cannot charge for this service. However, all councils in

England must introduce a weekly food waste collections to all properties in 2026 and Shropshire will introduce a new food waste collection service by this date.

More information about the garden waste subscription service can be found on the Shropshire Council website - shropshire.gov.uk/gardenwaste

Meanwhile all five recycling centres including Craven Arms are set to remain open but close one day a week to help make the required savings. This is most likely to be on a Wednesday or Thursday – the least popular days for visitors – with a final decision to be made in conjunction with the council’s waste contractor Veolia.

Cabinet has also agreed a new booking system for the recycling centres, which will help to reduce queues at busy times and encourage more recycling by enabling centre staff to better engage with visitors.

THE POOL AT 50 HALF-TIME SCORE

On June 30, we were half-way through the pool’s 50th birthday year. Our end-of-year target is for £250,000 to replace it sustainably. We started with £70,000 in November 2023 from previous Community fundraising. **By the end of June 2024, this had grown to £162,000!** This is a brilliant achievement, thanks to all of you, but we need your help again. **By the end of 2024, we need a further £90,000.**

We had the amazing opportunity to raise funds by having Oliver Morgan as our own Olympic swimmer. Ollie is a graduate of the Community College, was taught to swim in SpArC by one of our trustees. He also worked as a lifeguard at SpArC. What better proof is there of the impact of our pool?

The Community Day was held on Sunday 28th July (just as the newsletter was going to press) celebrated Ollie’s achievement when he made it the Olympic final. His races were shown on a big screen live from Paris, and the town cheered him on enabling us to gener-

ate money for the SpArC Pool

The High Sheriff, who launched the campaign, was with us here to wish us well. SpArC was open the whole day, with activities in the pool, theatre and gym. There were a variety of sports, other events, food and drink on offer outside, along with the big screen but this could only happen with your support.

If you can offer any help at all – however small - please get in touch

with jeanshirley@btinternet.com or ruthmhoughton55@gmail.com or contact JUSTGIVING: <https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/sparc-pool-at-50-2024>

St John's Church Bishop's Castle

Silent Prayer - 1st and 3rd Wednesdays 9.30 - 10am.

Coffee and Companionship Mornings – 1st and 3rd Wednesdays 10.15am- noon. All welcome.

Friday afternoon Drop-in (for teenagers) - After school during term time, 3.30pm – 5pm. Starts up again in September after summer break. Please contact Revd Stephanie for more information.

Messy Church – 1st Saturday of the month. For young families 10.30am. Food, fun, activities, singing, prayer. Come and join the fun! We break for the summer in August and start again on 7th September Contact Sylvia at sylviataylor@orielhouse.eclipse.co.uk for more information.

Café Church - 1st Sunday of the Month, 11am. Music with instrumental band, reflection, prayer, coffee/tea, chat. Love to see you there.

Sunday Services - For details of the Sunday Services see the Deanery Magazine, or our website <https://ridgewaychurch.wordpress.com/>

31st August Mothers' Union coffee morning - Mothers' Union have a nationwide project 'Away From It All' which gives the opportunity of a break to those who may be experiencing stress or difficulties in

their family life. A coffee morning in church on August 31st at 10.30am is to raise funds for this project.

14th September Ride and Stride - Light refreshments (sweet & savoury) will be available in the church all day from 10am - 5pm on Saturday. Everyone is welcome to take part by driving or riding between the participating churches. Details of other churches providing refreshments will appear on the Shropshire Ride and Stride website in the coming weeks.

21st September Michaelmas Fair refreshments - Teas, coffees and cakes will be available at St John the Baptist Church from 10.30am-5pm for the duration of the Michaelmas Fair. Funds raised will go towards the church repairs. Contributions of cakes and helpers on the day will be most welcome. Please contact Margaret at mewarren56@gmail.com if you can help.

Christmas craft fair - St John the Baptist Church will have its annual craft fair on Saturday 7 December from 11.00am-4.30pm. Anyone interested in having a stall, please contact Kathy Taylor at Katie.flutie1@gmail.com or 07806 433394. All items available for sale must be hand-made locally, and please be mindful of the place in which they will be sold (no Tarot cards, spells, etc).

Church Tower Clock Dial Restoration 2024

The Bishop's Castle church tower clock dial was restored 25 years ago by local artists. Since then, the years have taken their toll on its appearance (as shown below). So it is proposed to restore the clock dial back to its former glory and hopefully to have it ready for the unveiling of the restored War Memorial in time for Remembrance Sunday 2024.

To do this, we need your help to raise the funds to complete this work. You can do this using the link below, where you can donate any amount you wish and if you're a taxpayer to can opt in



for Gift Aid: <https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/churchclockdial2024>

This clock dial restoration will be part of other events aimed at getting the church clock back into full operation (e.g. the overhaul of the clock mechanism, re-programming of the automatic winding mechanism and improving the clock room flooring).



Please support us in making our town and its church something to be proud of. Thank you.

Dementia News

Saturday 21st September 2024 is World Alzheimer's Day.

This is also the Michaelmas weekend when amongst the festivities there will be teas and cakes available in Church. There will be a dementia stand in Church with Alzheimer's Society leaflets and information, plus details of local support groups and contacts.

Why not drop by and take a look after enjoying your refreshments?

800 Club - Dementia Carers' Coffee Club 10.30am Six Bells 1st Monday of the month. (Entrance at the back of the pub). For more information, contact bc800club@gmail.com

Age UK STW Dementia Support Group This is a monthly social group run by Age UK STW for people in South Shropshire who are living with dementia, accompanied by their carers/partners. Contact Age UK STW: 01743 233 123 or enquiries@ageukstw.org, or contact Cathy Owen owencathy62@gmail.com Cost: £7 per person.

Drop-in at Bishop's Castle Library with Lisa Wright, Dementia Adviser for Alzheimer's Society. Once a month in the library, usually the 3rd Friday of the month in the morning.

The Herbert Protocol

Three people with dementia have gone missing in Bishop's Castle in the last month – all eventually found safely. Caring for vulnerable

people, including those with dementia or Alzheimer's, can be challenging. Sometimes people start to wander and either lose their bearings, or lose track of time and stay away longer than expected. Planning ahead to keep them safe is really important. The Herbert Protocol is a form that carers, family or friends of a vulnerable person, or the person themselves can fill in, print and keep somewhere safe (and securely) in the house. You can download a form here.

<https://www.westmercia.police.uk/notices/af/herbert-protocol/>

The form contains a list of information to help the police when you ring 999 if the person goes missing,

Changes at the House on Crutches Museum

If you haven't visited the House on Crutches Museum recently, or even if you have, then a return visit will reveal some alterations and additions.

The informative Timeline in the Entrance Room has now been completed and illustrates how Bishop's Castle may have evolved from pre-history times to the present day. There are several new displays, both upstairs and downstairs, including one about the creation of the museum, and a revamp of the Town Room, with greater emphasis on Droving which has been such a powerful influence on the development of the town. Children from the Robins class at the Primary School have provided some excellent animal art work to illustrate this. Four new collections are on display in the Agricultural Room and a collection of sewing, embroidery and related handicrafts, has been installed in the Parlour, which also offers a toy cupboard for children and a selection of clothes for both old and young to dress up in. Selfies can be taken, or ask the steward to take a photo; with your permission we'd love to add it to our website:
www.hocmuseum.org.uk

Following the successful Easter Egg Trail at the end of March, there

is now another activity for our younger visitors. The Piggies Trail has been devised to help locate 10 pigs which escaped from Dai the Drover when being taken to market. They are hiding in the museum and if you can find all 10 of them, you'll be rewarded!



Around the museum you will come across watercolour paintings. These are the result of opening the museum to a group of amateur artists. On four successive Monday mornings in June, the participants came to paint or draw artefacts, or other aspects of the museum. It is hoped to repeat this successful event, 'Art in the Museum', possibly in October, so if you are interested do contact me. See below for my contact details.



The House on Crutches is open to visitors, from March 29th to the end of September, on Saturday and Sunday afternoons from 1.30pm to 4.30pm, with additional openings on the Mondays and Tuesdays of Bank Holiday weekends, as well as from 11am to 5pm on 21st September (Michaelmas Fair Day). Entry to the museum is free but it relies on visitor donations, as well as income from group visits and initiatives such as 'Art in the Museum', to keep it going. Volunteers steward the museum when it is open, covering three or four sessions in the season, and enjoying meeting visitors and talking to them about the town and the museum. If you are interested in becoming a steward or getting involved in any other way please ring: 01588 638163 or email janemallard29@gmail.com



HOUSE ON CRUTCHES MUSEUM

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Enterprise House – New Trade Directory

A NEW local trade directory is currently being developed and you are invited to include your business. The directory aims to promote and raise awareness of all the businesses operating in the South West Shropshire and Welsh Borders area, and make that information available to all. It will be distributed to all households in Bishop's Castle, plus village halls, community shops and spaces and pubs in the surrounding villages as well as being available online at www.bishopscastleandbeyond.co.uk/community

Annual listing prices range from text only listings for £25 plus VAT to Business Card Listing for £60 plus VAT (jpeg image is required or personalised business cards can be designed for an additional fee). Double sized listings are available if required.

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Please book your team in
at The Six Bells bar

or

call Mandy on 01588 630144 or 07971213728

IN AID OF LOCAL CAUSES

SEPTEMBER - Friends of Bishop's Castle Library

OCTOBER - Going Wild in Bishop's Castle

NOVEMBER - SSAFA (veteran service men & woman's charity)

DECEMBER - Bishop's Castle Food Bank - No £5 entry instead
we ask you to bring a small gift equivalent to £5.

There will be a Christmas hamper raffle on the night.



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COUNTRYSIDE AWAY DAY FOR ASYLUM SEEKERS AND REFUGEES



Monday 19th August at Newcastle on Clun

CAN YOU HELP?

Local Quakers have linked with Wolverhampton City of Sanctuary for the past few years to provide a day out for refugees and asylum seekers. This year we shall be hosting over 50 people, many of them families and children, who have fled war and persecution in their home countries, including Syria, Iraq, Iran and Sudan. They have been invited to spend the day with us in the Shropshire countryside with lunch, games, music and a chance to relax

The awayday will run from 10.30am until 5.30pm, but help either morning or afternoon would be welcome (or the day before - preparing the field!). We need **volunteers** to help cook and serve food, wash up, organise games and art activities, clear up the hall and move furniture! If you can help please ring Lorraine on 01743 791178 or email: lorraine.gawlik@smquakers.org.uk

And if you can't help on the day, **donations** of food (cakes, salads, fruit..) and second-hand clothes and toys are all needed. Ring Linda on 01588 630409 or email: lindamurray@me.com



Listings for AUGUST and SEPTEMBER 2024

For Further information on all our events look on our website
www.bishopscastletownhall.co.uk or contact us 01588 630023

August 2024

3rd August to 3rd September Exhibition by Sue Percy

If you are travelling always phone 01588 630023 to check the exhibition is open as occasionally we have to close for weddings.

www.bishopscastletownhall.co.uk

3rd August Antiques & Flea Market 9am to 4pm. 1st Saturday of each month. Lift available. Free entry.

17th August Farmer's Market 9am to 1pm 3rd Saturday of each month.

Stalls include Bishop's Castle Seed Bank, Meat, Cakes & Pastries, Preserves, Honey, Chocolates, Hand Dyed Wool, Soaps and Body Creams. All produced locally. Lift available. Free entry.

September 2024

7th September to 8th October Exhibition by Jenny Jones & Flo

If you are travelling always phone 01588 630023 to check the exhibition is open as occasionally we have to close for weddings.

www.bishopscastletownhall.co.uk

7th September Antiques & Flea Market 9am to 4pm. 1st Saturday of each month. Lift available. Free entry.

13th September BLAST Storytelling – Alys Torrance – One Eye Cries, the Other Eye Laughs

Tea, Coffee, local beer and homemade cake (inc. gluten free & ve-gan) available.

Doors open 7.30pm for 8.00pm start Tickets £8.00 per person, £28.00 Group Ticket (up to 4) Available on Ticket source

www.ticketsource.co.uk/BCTH from the Town Hall or on the door

14th & 15th September The Best of British – Vintage Drum exhibi-tion with Sticky Wicket

15th September Putting on the Ritz concert with Sticky Wicket

Doors open 5.30pm for 6.00pm start Tickets £14.00 per person

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2024 ROUND AND ABOUT WALKS

222 people signed up for this year's walk – exactly the same as last year. We have collected £2,640 which, when Gift Aid has been claimed, will total well over £3,000 for the Community College and Blood Cancer charities.

As normal, the total circuit was 23 miles, divided between 7 maps so that much shorter distances can be followed, given either the bus or two cars. For the first time, we offered two short circular walks and will add another two next year.

We received many appreciative comments, both about the route itself and its marking – which seems to be almost unique.

Next year, the walks will run from May 19 to June 2, 2025. If you have any thoughts or suggestions for improvement or just change, please let me know.

In particular, I'd like to know of anywhere in BC where people can have tea after 4pm. With the very honourable exception of the Castle, this is a problem which we don't meet in Clun. Thank you!

Jean Shirley jeanshirley@btinternet.com

Bishops Castle Community Land Trust

BCCLT is pleased to announce that its Stars community pop-up shop is now open for business!

We held an open day on the day of the Carnival, welcoming people wanting to be shown round the flats and the community space, which generated a lot of interest, and lots of positive comments.

A range of local traders and community groups have expressed an interest in renting the community space for a week or a month at a time.

Facilities; there is a small kitchen, with fridge, kettle and microwave (but no cooking facilities) toilet, 6 tables and 12 chairs. There are hanging rails and 2 glass display cabinets for art or display work. You can book it singly or share it with others.

To find out more, and to check availability, please contact Kate Evans, katetheplate@gmail.com

or Jonathan Brown jonathan.starfish@hotmail.com,

We now have tenants for the two flats, which will be occupied by the start of August.

There are still opportunities for people to put their names on a tile for the kitchen splashback for £20; see them in the Stars window before they go up!

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As well as answering questions on the project, we will be able to update the Community on the progress of work being done to enable a Wind Turbine Planning Application to be submitted in October, and to describe where the Heat Network structures will be located and the pipework is likely to run through the Town.

Please make a note of this event in your diary. All welcome!

Litter Picking - Would you like to help keep our lovely little town looking tidy?

A small, friendly and dedicated team of volunteer litter pickers meet regularly to help make this happen and there is always room for more helpers. Black bin liners, high vis jackets and pickers are provided by the town council. You will need to bring your own gloves.

We normally meet at 10am on the first Saturday of the month in the auction yard car park. If you would like to help, you are welcome to just turn up, or ring first to say you are coming. If you think you prefer to litter pick on an ad-hoc basis when it suits you best, equipment can be provided. We sometimes do a 'blitz' on a specific area, for example, with much help from Dale Griffiths of Jesmonite, we tidied up the litter on the industrial estate side of the public footpath at the side of Brick Meadow this year. And we are open to suggestions of any areas of concern.

Please leave a message on 01588 638175, thank you

Dennis Twist Memorial Lecture

on 'Wales the Borders' given by Tom Bullough author and environmentalist. Clun Memorial Hall 4th October. 7 for 7.30pm. Contact Mary Eminson 07974 772754.



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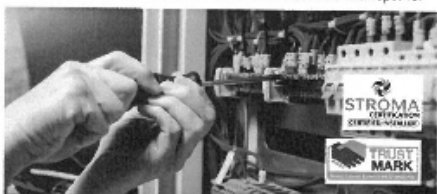


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Pop us an email to volunteer@michaelmasfair.co.uk and let us know any times that suit you best. We will be contact a couple of weeks before the fair to let you know what shifts we have available.

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