



BISHOP'S CASTLE NEWS



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The Mayor Josh Dickin

Hello, and welcome to this early summer edition of the Town's newsletter.

As always, lots going on!

Firstly, I'd like to say how proud and honoured I am, to have been elected for a third term. It really is a privilege to represent you all, this year, is going to be another big one with regard to projects, but that's what I love about the job, getting things done!

In early May, my partner Shane and I, had the honour of being invited to a Royal Garden Party at Buckingham Palace. It was a memorable occasion, and amazing to meet the Royal Family up close. I am grateful to the Shropshire Lieutenancy for nominating me to attend; it does make the job somewhat exciting!

It seems like a lifetime ago, but April the 4th 2024, proved to be an historic occasion for our Town and Community. The Shropshire Community Health Trust, decided to mobilise the reopening of our community hospital, in a packed-out room in Ludlow. Around 40 members of the Save Our Beds group were in attendance to witness the moment in history.

This has proved that people power really can work, it's a model that could be used across the country! I'd like to pay my personal thanks to the Save Our Beds Group, for a phenomenal campaign, and still working in the background making sure things are going to plan. Also the Community Health Trust, for sticking by their word, and working with the group on recruitment and other various projects. And to the staff who are going to be returning after being redeployed elsewhere, and the new recruits, for their patience, you are all absolute stars, and our community will be forever grateful to you all!

As you may have noticed, the War Memorial Renovation didn't quite go

to plan back in April, but is still happening. No confirmed date as yet, but it will be done during the summer, and we'll in time for Remembrance Sunday.

The Pump Track is coming along nicely, with an aim of being finished early in June. It will be a great facility to have, and we hope it's well used and respected. Work is going to start with young people, on giving more ownership and including them in matters like these.

This Project would not be possible without the generous donations from local Businesses, members of our community, and a £15k Grant from the Commonwealth Games Legacy Fund.

As we head into events season, please consider helping out on the day of these events. They can't run without you! I know the Carnival and Party in the Park are pretty much organised, and it will be great for our festivals to return once again.

The SWIMMING POOL Campaign at 50 by SpArC trustees is ticking along well. So many great initiatives and ideas are happening to get to that goal of £250k to refurbish our much needed facility. Plans are being put together, for a big community fundraiser and get together to celebrate and watch, on a big screen on The Community College top field, hometown hero Oliver Morgan who has wonderfully swum his way into the British Olympic Swimming Team. This event will include a Bar, Food and other activities, as we all get together as a community to cheer Ollie on in Paris 2024. Keep an eye out for more details very, very soon!

Just a few housekeeping matters to go through before I say goodbye for this issue.

Please remember to park prettily and safely, we are blessed to be one of the last Market Towns without any parking fees, let's keep it that way! Also to note speeding, a lot of people are expressing concerns with regard to speed on pretty much every road in Bishop's Castle. Please keep to the speed limit, Bishop's Castle is not Silverstone!

I really do wish you all the best, enjoy the next couple of months, and you never know, the sun might even make an appearance.

Best wishes,

Josh

Key Dates

MAYOR'S SUNDAY Sunday 9th June

OPEN STUDIOS – Friday 14th – Sunday 15th June 10am – 5pm

OPEN GARDENS – (Two NHS Gardens – The Mount/The Old Vicarage 1.30 – 6.30). Teas and cakes in Church. 1 – 5 pm Sunday 16th June

BISHOP'S CASTLE MIDSUMMER REJOICING Sunday June 23

THE MARCHES CHOIR - CARMEN'S BIZET Sunday 30th June at 7.30pm

Walcot Hall, Lydbury North

BISHOP'S CASTLE CARNIVAL Saturday 6th July

Parade 1pm followed by main event on the Playing Fields.

PARTY IN THE PARK Saturday, July 20 12 noon – 10.30 pm

MICHAELMAS FAIR Saturday 21st September

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY 10th November

CHRISTMAS LIGHTS and CRAFT FAIR Saturday 7th December

Bishop's Castle Community Hospital

On Thursday 4th April, Shropshire Community NHS Trust made the decision at their Board meeting on that day to re-open the in-patient beds at Bishop's Castle Community Hospital. At the most recent board meeting the opening date was confirmed as the 15th July.

This follows a successful recruitment campaign for registered nurses. A mobilisation plan is being developed and an opening date is to be confirmed.

The fact this turn round has been achieved is down to the incredible support from the Town at public meetings, NHS consultation events and in all the survey filling and letter writing. This really has helped as has been the remarkable activity and impact of the Save Our Beds campaign group. They have done a superb job in getting our hospital open again.

Funding - Library/SpArC/Enterprise House need our support.

Shropshire Council is reviewing all its budgets. As most of the services it provides are governed by statute, it is the discretionary projects which will bear the brunt of any cuts. In Bishop's Castle, although much more financially independent than they once were, SpArC, Enterprise House and specifically the Library need to demonstrate how vital they are to the town. Along with our local shops, and hosteleries please, please give them all the support you can. If we do not use them , we may lose them.

Tourists – we love them

As a town, the business that tourists bring to our shops, pubs and B&Bs keeps many of them viable. We need to encourage tourists to visit. A lack of beds for one or two nights has been identified as a major problem for Bishop's Castle – many places are already full for the summer and it is impossible to find accommodation and on many days of the week it is also hard to find a cup tea or coffees after 3pm, when many people are returning from walks. The Council wishes these businesses to prosper and if anyone has any ideas on how to support existing and new ventures, do contact a Councillor.

A memorial plaque for Albert Howard – one of BC's most famous sons.

On Friday 14th June a Memorial Plaque is being unveiled at the Town

Hall to Sir Albert Howard, the 'father of modern organic agriculture' . Albert Howard was born in Bishop's Castle in 1873 the son of a tenant farmer. He attended Bishop's Castle Boys School from 1879 to 1888. In 1893 he won an open scholarship to the Royal College of Science (now Imperial College) and then in 1896 studied at St. John's College Cambridge. He specialised in biological subjects, before spending many years in India. He held a lifelong opposition to artificial fertilisers, chemical pesticides and herbicides and, respected as an eminent scientist, he campaigned to promote the benefits of composting and enhancing soil quality. He was the inspiration behind the current international sustainable agriculture movement

'The few texts emanating from India which have made a difference to the World include Albert Howard's 'An Agricultural Testament' (1940).' Economic Times of India.

At SpArC – on Friday 14th June - The Health of our Soil and a Celebration of our own Albert Howard'. The Plaque will be on display.

5.30 - 6.30pm Stalls, plant sale, seed bank, short talks

7.00 pm Film – '6 inches of Soil' . Free. Pay what you can on the day. www.ticketsource.co.uk/sparctheatre

8.30 pm Panel discussion ' Can every farm be worked sustainably?'

Pump track update

Work is coming on well and hopefully the track will be usable in three weeks.

Concerns have been expressed that the kids are leaving a great deal of litter even though there is a bin and noise levels are also still a problem to local residents. The situation will be monitored and, if still unacceptable, action will be taken. Hopefully parents will encourage their children to show a little respect to the track and its neighbours.

Bishop's Castle Film Society. 1978-2024

On the 27th March 2024 the remaining members of the Film Society

Committee took the decision to wind up the Bishop's Castle Film Society. DVDs, streaming, ageing projection equipment which had to be constantly tweaked to keep going, dwindling membership/attendance/committee personnel, issues with venues, the complexity of getting hold of films (many thanks to Alix Nathan for her tireless efforts regarding this), stalwart Chairman Jeff Hill moving away, two years of Covid and, finally, the sad death last year of Julia Parker who'd been a mover and shaker in the BCFS from the start, have all conspired to bring about the Society's demise.

Since Covid, the BCFS hasn't existed as an entity with a membership or a place to call home. Thanks to Julia with much help from Liz Still, some films have been shown at SpArC under the BCFS banner, but instead of being chosen by a membership as had always been the case, they were chosen by a very reduced number of Committee members.

Taking all these things into consideration, it was clear that the BCFS had had its day.

Most of the funds that remained in the BCFS account are being donated to SpArC to pay for occasional showings, at least for a while, of off-beat films of the type that might have been selected by the BCFS (especially foreign language and independent films and documentaries) in memory of Julia and to enable people to raise a glass to the old Society.

Since the BCFS's life has spanned a period of extraordinarily rapid technological development through from reel-to-reel projections to smartphone downloads, and for many Bishop's Castle residents it was a part of their lives for many years, the Committee thought it would be a good idea to store a record in the archives of the BCHRC (paid for by the remainder of the BCFS funds). This will take the form of a box-file containing 20 years of film programmes, a few posters, a list of all films shown, the short history which was on the old website - probably written by Julia - updated to cover the last few years, the Constitution, some minutes of meetings, Jeff's recent annual reports and a few other bits of associated paperwork.

It would be wonderful if the archive could also contain some recollections from film-goers. If you were a member of the BCFS and would like to write a few lines recalling what it meant to you, what it was like to attend screenings, the social service the Society performed, or whatever you think it would be fun or helpful to have in the archive, please send your contributions to agouldstone@outlook.com

And lastly... a big thankyou to the members of the BCFS, who over the years turned out in all weathers, sat on hard chairs through three-hour Russian epics, wrapped themselves up against the cold in winter, but nevertheless had a great time meeting up with friends and going for a pint afterwards to discuss the films. It was the members who made the BCFS what it was.

The Walking Festival – a rip roaring, sunny success.

One of the visitors summed it up.

“We would like to take the opportunity to give our sincere thanks to the committee and all the other volunteers for their hard work in organising the festival and for making it such a thoroughly enjoyable experience. It’s one of the highlights of our year!

The welcome meeting (in the Castle Hotel gardens) followed by four days of walks ending on the Sunday (with tea/beer and cake at the Six Bells) was ideal for us. A good variety of new walks of various lengths provided choice each day. In our nine years of participation, we have never had to repeat a walk.



All evening events were very enjoyable and a welcome opportunity to meet with other walkers and members of BC community. We feel that they are an important part of the festival.”

Well over 100 people took part in the various walks and some good

feedback has been received for next year – the Festival’s 25th anniversary. All credit goes to the Walking Festival Committee of five and to the support given by voluntary minibus and standby rescue car drivers, poster and website designers (with associated ticket lists), social media updater, and the commissioned speaker, film and supporters of the end-of-festival meal. Plus, the 50 or more local walkers who are willing to share their routes with ‘strangers’ to the area. As the participants say ‘all went smoothly. The weather was a bonus’

CCTV for Bishop’s Castle

In view a recent spate of car and other thefts, the police have suggested that CCTV cameras should be installed on the main approaches to the Town. Other local towns who have cameras have seen a decrease in criminal activity, who have moved on to other places like Bishop’s Castle which are less secure. After a debate in which concerns were expressed - and allayed - about cameras only being used for the intended purpose of catching criminals, the Council decided to install four cameras.

Garden waste and household waste recycling centres –

Shropshire Council is planning to introduce an annual subscription fee for the collection of garden waste from properties in the Shropshire Council area ie Bishop’s Castle . They are also considering reducing the number of household recycling centres in the county, or reducing their opening times. It is a statutory duty to provide household recycling centres, but legislation doesn’t specify how many this must be. The authority can decide what is reasonable for local circumstances and Craven Arms is known to be under threat of closure. Shropshire Council is proposing an annual subscription charge of £52, or £1 a week. Residents would need one subscription for each garden bin to be collected. In the recent consultation Shropshire Council asked if residents would be willing to pay more than this each year to help to ensure that the five household recycling centres including Craven Arms remain open.

Dementia News

800 Club - Dementia Carers' Coffee Club 10.30am Six Bells 1st Monday of the month. (Entrance at the back of the pub). This is a support group for carers only. The group aims to share dementia relevant information gathered from health professionals and services, including useful contacts, to share good practice and tips learnt from each other, and to unwind a bit and have a laugh. All welcome. 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. Refreshments with cake/biscuits; activities; art; chat; fun; laughter; reminiscing. Stonehouse Community Hospital, Bishop's Castle (hospital building behind Coverage Care Home). Monday afternoon. 2pm – 4pm, once a month. Contact Age UK to book a place. Age UK STW: 01743 233 123 or enquiries@ageukstw.org Cost: £7 per person. For more information, and confirmation of dates, contact Cathy Owen owencathy62@gmail.com Would you be interested in being an Age UK volunteer? Get in touch.

Admiral Nurses are specially trained nurses who offer support to families throughout their experience of dementia using interventions tailored to each family's individual needs. Kirsty-Anne Leigh is our local Admiral Nurse and can be contacted via your GP. If you would like to talk to her, ask your GP for a referral.

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

Bishop's Castle War Memorial

Work on the war memorial has been slightly delayed as approvals were needed from the Church in London. The aim is to have the work completed by Remembrance Sunday in November – if not earlier. If you wish to make a donation on line you can use this link 'Crowdfunding to Help Fund Bishop's Castle' War Memorial' on

Just Giving or cash donations can be dropped off at Drivers Travel.

Freestyle Martial Arts in Bishops Castle

Don't forget easy to learn, fun and safe martial arts classes for the whole family, ages 7 to 70+ Held every Sunday from 10 to 10:45 am. at SpArC Bishops Castle Leisure Centre. For further details: Visit: www.freestylemartialarts.com/bishopscastle

e-mail: bishopscastle@freestylemartialarts.com

Two special services in June at Bishop's Castle Church.

Mayor's Sunday 9th June and Civic Awards.

Meet at the Town Hall at 10:30 am if you want to join in the procession down the street. The Councillors will be in all their finery! The Civic Service in Church will be at 11am, followed by the presentation of awards for community service. After the service and awards, refreshments will be put on at the Six Bells, with a glass of bubbly!

23rd June Midsummer Rejoicing and festival of St John the Baptist

Our local Morris Dancers, Shropshire Bedlams and Martha Rhoden's Tuppenny Dish, plus Leominster Morris, and guest dancers New Esperance Morris from London, who dance in the Cotswold Morris tradition, will be dancing for us for our Midsummer Rejoicing Festival. Dancing usually starts at 10am at Coverage Care in Union Street and the rush cart is decorated with posies. The procession then sets off to Church for the service at 11am, with more dancing and merriment to boot. This year, the guest preacher is the Very Revd Sarah Brown, Dean of Hereford. After the service there will be more dancing outside Church.

Open Studios 2024 – 14th – 16th June

From 10 am to 5 pm on Friday 14th to Sunday 16th June 2024. Over 15 studios and artisan shops and work shops will be open for Art and Artisans weekend. Print making, textiles, jewellery, sculpture, ceramics, stained glass and contemporary art are among the featured delights. Free entry.

Plus two open gardens and Teas in the Church 16th June (Sunday afternoon)

As part of the National Open Gardens Scheme, The Mount, Bull Lane and The Old Vicarage, Church Lane will be open from 1.30 - 5.30 pm. Adults £6. Children free. Funds raised go to charity. See <https://findagarden.ngs.org.uk> for details.

There will also be teas and cakes in church from 1 – 5pm, (proceeds for Church funds).

Bill Jarvis memorial bench

After a gap of some 5 years, the memorial plaque to former Bishop's Castle mayor Bill Jarvis is back in its proper place, the Old Market Square.

The original 1997 bench on which the plaque was mounted fell into disrepair and was removed from the square around 2019. However, Bill Jarvis's family kept the brass plaque for safe keeping until it could once again be mounted on a bench in the square.



Bill's daughter Gwyneth Evans contacted the

Town Council group working on the renovation of the square and offered to donate a bench. The commission was given to Anthony Jones of Shropshire Hardwoods, Bishop's Castle and finally the new bench with the brass plaque was transported to the square.

The cost of the bench was met by Gwyneth and her husband Philip of Haulfryn, Westwood Park, Welshpool and their son-in-law Chris Evans, widower of their daughter Gaynor.

Bill Jarvis was a long serving town councillor, six times mayor of

Bishop's Castle and represented the town on the former South Shropshire District Council. Her and his wife Flossie lived in Salop St. Bill died in 1996, aged 81, and Flossie a few years later.

Church Tower Clock

The Bishops Castle church tower clock dial was restored 25 years ago by local artists. Since then, the years have taken their toll on its appearance. 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.



But 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.

Call for new allotment holders.

I'm sitting in my shed, on my allotment, writing this article, rather than net my baby peas against pesky pigeons and I'm thinking that I am indeed very lucky to be able to work this little patch of ground. To produce your own fruit and veg gives an extraordinary sense of

achievement. To then feed your loved ones with something you have grown yourself gives a fantastic feeling. The committee and fellow allotment holders, at the newly named Love Lane Allotments (formerly Bishop's Castle Allotments), would really like to welcome new members to see what it is like to grow your own. You don't have to be a seasoned gardener, just keen and willing to work your plot.

We have all sorts of folk here who will happily chat and give advice if it's asked for. Many of us grow the usual sorts of things and some of us grow some most peculiar and exotic fruit and veg.

We have plot sizes to suit all. Micro, half and full plots. If you just want to grow a few things, then a micro plot would do well. For a more "Good Life" experience, a full size plot would be best.

If you feel that you'd like to give allotmenting a go, please send an email to bcallotment@gmail.com.

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FOOD FORWARD

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'Food Forward' is a group working to drive the objectives our local Community Food Resilience Strategy - the first one in all of Shropshire adopted by a Town & Parish Council.

One of those objectives is to support our local food economy and food security through having more affordable, fresh local food sold in local shops... That means better quality, healthier food with fewer carbon emissions. Local shops mean local jobs, opportunities for training, and keeping skills in Bishop's Castle. An added bonus is that you know your farmer - that they are managing their land well, are caring for their livestock with respect, and that they share your values for our local landscape and agricultural heritage.

The Food Forward group is exploring the idea of a community-owned shop on the High Street. It is proposed that our community seeks to purchase a shop through application for Government funding and with shares in the business owned by the community.

For example, Mr Pugh's butchers is currently for sale and he is keen for the business to continue as an independent shop. This shop is one of many local assets which Bishop's Castle cannot afford to lose, especially when its local producers are filling the shelves.

So, will you join us?

We are looking for key people and volunteers who are enthusiastic about this project and who have the time and energy to invest in making our bid for a community shop successful.

If you love local food and want to see a vibrant High Street, please get in touch with Food Forward at cinnes23@icloud.com to let us know that you're keen to get involved.

Any of the following skills would be a bonus: Marketing and communications, Business planning and accountancy, Funding and finance, Legal, Someone representing the local council or other key body, Someone who knows local people and groups, Facilitation and community consultation, Building/architecture/surveying, Websites and social media.

June/July 2024

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Enterprise House, Station Street, Bishop's Castle, SY9 5AQ



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, but also 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. Full details of listings and a sample version are attached for your information.

For more information or to list your business please contact Enterprise House on 01588 638 038, email tradedirectory@enterprisehouse.org.uk or visit www.enterprisehouse.org.uk/tradedirectory.

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Work has begun on the various ecology studies required for the Wind Turbine planning application. We have been oversubscribed by households and businesses wishing to take part in the Case Studies. Thanks go to all who responded, and apologies to those we couldn't fit in. The Case Studies will inform the 'Customer Offer', which will be circulated later this year, and will contain detailed information on the Heat Network and invite 'expressions of interest' for connecting to it.

Meetings have been held with the Community College and SpArC, who both confirmed their continuing interest in the project.

In the meantime, we are looking for a field of up to 1 hectare (2.47 acres) not too far from the Community College and SpArC to use for a 500kW PV array. Rent will be paid which will ensure the owner a regular, guaranteed long-term income. If you are, or know of, a landowner who may be interested, please get in touch with us.

We will have a stall at the Carnival on 6th July, where you can come and find out more about the project, and a Public Meeting will be held in late September when the results of the various studies have been completed.

In the meantime, please send any queries to climateaction@lightfootenterprises.org.

June/July 2024



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QUIZ NIGHT

EVERY SECOND FRIDAY
OF THE MONTH
AT THE SIX BELLS

8PM

5 people in a team £5 per person to include chips at half time

Please book your team in
at The Six Bells bar

or

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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
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Our dementia support groups support local people with dementia and memory difficulties, their families, carers and friends. We provide emotional support and information in a safe and welcoming environment.

You can expect a friendly welcome on arrival and an opportunity to get to know others and share experiences in a relaxed atmosphere. We offer you the chance to learn more about dementia and to ask questions, while we provide fun and interesting activities.

How to find us

Our Bishops Castle Dementia Support Group takes place at:

**Bishop's Castle Community Hospital, Stone House,
Union Street, Bishops Castle SY9 5AJ**

The group meets monthly on a Monday between 2:00-4:00pm; call us for the date of the next meeting.



How to join

Simply call or email us to book your place at the next meeting. Our Dementia Support Workers are happy to answer any questions you may have about the group or our services. If they aren't available when you call, please leave a message and we will get back to you as soon as we can.

t: **01743 233 123**

e: enquiries@ageukstw.org.uk

There is a charge of £14.00 for two people for each meeting, which includes tea and light refreshments, as well as the cost of all the activities that are arranged.

The Bishops Castle Dementia Support Group is run by Age UK Shropshire Telford & Wrekin.



**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

Saturday 22nd June 2024
Bishop's Castle Town Hall

Doors open from 7.30pm for 8pm start.

Tickets £10.00 can be purchased from the venue or online: <http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/BCTH>

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Three legg'd Mare

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June 2024

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

Until 25th June Exhibition by Jenny Fell and Judy Macklin

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15th June Farmer's Market 9am to 1pm 3rd Saturday of each month. Stalls include Meat, Poultry, Specialist Teas, Cakes & Pastries, Bread, Preserves, Honey, Chocolates, hand dyed wool, mushrooms, Veg. All produced locally.

14th to 16th June Town Hall Exhibition open 10:00am – 16:00pm as part of the Bishop's Castle Open Studios weekend.

20th June - An Illustrated Talk by Dr James Wright – Historic Building Mythbusting. Doors open 7pm for 7.30pm Start Refreshments available Tickets £8.00. Available on Ticket source

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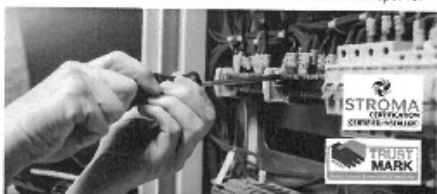


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This year's fair was organised by a very small team of volunteers who were keen to see it restored following the disappointments of the previous few years. However, in order to secure the future of this brilliant event we need your help.

Whether you are available before, during or after the fair there is a plethora of jobs to suit any ability or experience. Jobs include,

Before the day of the Fair

Taking bookings for stalls

Taking bookings for the cars to be exhibited

Collecting and then returning the traffic cones (you need a truck or large trailer)

Booking the entertainers

Running the children's lantern workshop

Organising the steward's rota

Setting out and recovering the flags

Putting out the street signs and collecting them in again

Managing publicity (Facebook, web site, Radio, press coverage)

Setting up the Public Hall

Setting out the car park

Setting up the stage

On the day of the Fair

Greeting Stall holders, Greeting the entertainers

Managing the stewards

Managing the car exhibits

Managing the car park (best done by a club or group of friends)

Selling tickets on the day

Closing the roads, Managing road crossings

Managing the Lantern procession

Comparing the acts on the stage

Any help is gratefully received in lightening the workload and in most cases, it won't be necessary to attend the committee meetings. If you would like join the team and help us to create Michaelmas Fair 2024, we will be getting together January 29th, 7.30pm at The Six Bells, alternatively send us an email at info@michaelmasfair.co.uk

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