

## Shopping and Services Guide to Bishop's Castle &

# *Where to Eat and What to Do*



# **Bishop's Castle, Clun**

**and their villages  
in the South Shropshire Marches**



*In valleys of springs of rivers,  
By Onny and Teme and Clun,  
The country for easy livers,  
The quietest under the sun.*

A Shropshire Lad, AE Housman

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## Shopping and Services Guide to Bishop's Castle

Bishop's Castle is a thriving town and it offers a wide range of both interesting leisure shops, friendly, individual provision shops and a range of services unexpected in so small a town. So before shopping before you come, heading for the nearest large out-of-town supermarket to do "shopping as usual", try Bishop's Castle for a more enjoyable and hassle free experience. The town offers plentiful, free car parking for those with patience to negotiate its somewhat cluttered streets and lots of pubs, cafes and restaurants for rest and refreshment and good places to buy food for picnics (see "Where to Eat" section and "provisions" in the Shopping and Service guide.)

Look for "Shropshire Hills Buy Local - Be Sustainable" leaflets and posters, a campaign to encourage residents, businesses and visitors to use local shops and services to help sustain the area's economy.

### Market Days

#### General Market

Town Hall from 7.30 a.m. every Friday except the Friday after Christmas Day.

Contact the town clerk (01588) 638141  
e-mail: town.clerk@bishopscastle.co.uk

#### Farmers' & Craft Markets

The Farmers' Market is in the Town Hall and Market Square from 10 a.m. every 3rd Saturday of the month. There are also frequent craft markets.

Contact the town clerk (01588) 638141  
e-mail: town.clerk@bishopscastle.co.uk

#### Flea and Collectors' Market

Town Hall from 9.30 a.m. to 4.30 p.m. every 1st Saturday of the month and Michaelmas Fair Weekend.

Contact 07870 409045

#### Household and Antique Auctions

Public Hall fortnightly, usually Saturdays with viewing on Friday evening.


Contact auctioneers P & J Auctions (01743) 462763,  
mobile: 07974 118467

#### Smithfield

Auction Yard, sales of sheep every Wednesday from 7.30 a.m. to 12 noon. Main all day sales of cattle and sometimes sheep on Thursdays in Spring and Autumn. **The auction yard is closed for parking on sale days.**

Contact auctioneers Halls (01588) 638639,  
e-mail: bishopscastle@hallsestateagents.co.uk

**Early closing day is officially on Wednesday but many shops remain open - see guide.  
Many local businesses can also be found at  
[www.bishopscastle.biz](http://www.bishopscastle.biz)**

 - Indicates premises which are wheelchair accessible.

## *Browsing Shops*

**Castlebrides, 10 Market Square SY9 5BN** (01588) 638332  
**e-mail: [castlebrides@btinternet.com](mailto:castlebrides@btinternet.com)** 07814 022358  
**[www.castlebrides.co.uk](http://www.castlebrides.co.uk)**  
**Angela Jones** 

We specialise in bridal gowns, bridesmaids, prom and evening wear to suit all budgets and tastes. We also have an in-house alteration service so your gown leaves the shop fitting you perfectly. Created especially for you, bespoke Gowns can be made to order.

Please call in or make an appointment. Late night appointments available. Credit cards accepted. Own shop parking.

Opening times Mon to Fri 9.00 a.m. - 3.00 p.m. Sat 10.00 a.m. - 4.00 p.m.

**Eliza Scott, Market Square** (01588) 638147  
**e-mail: [elizascott@hotmail.com](mailto:elizascott@hotmail.com)**

Eliza Scott stocks an exciting range of ladies wear and accessories, sourced from the UK, Denmark and Germany. We also stock a range of gifts and greetings cards.

Open Mon-Sat 9.30 - 5.00. All cards accepted.

**Eighteen Market Square** (01588) 630200  
**e-mail: [suewillmer@mac.com](mailto:suewillmer@mac.com)**  
**Sue Willmer**

Jewellery, handbags, gifts and greeting cards. New items arriving all the time and reasonably priced.

Open Jan and Feb Tues to Sat 10.00 a.m. - 5.00 p.m., March to December Mon to Sat 10.00 a.m. - 5.00 p.m., Sun 11.00 a.m. - 4.00 p.m.

Credit cards accepted.

**Oak & Rope, Market Square** (01588) 630200  
**e-mail: [steve@oakandrope.co.uk](mailto:steve@oakandrope.co.uk)**  
**Steve Willmer**

Gallery showcasing Steve Willmer's original furniture, made from locally sourced solid timber, usually oak but also some pieces in ash and walnut.

Open Jan and Feb, Tue to Sat 10.00 a.m. - 5.00 p.m, March to Dec, Mon to Sat 10.00am - 5.00pm & Sun 11.00 a.m. - 4.00 p.m. When unattended please pop over the road to 18 Market Square for assistance. Credit cards accepted

**McCulloch Rose, Market Square** (01588) 630120  
**Alexander McBarnet**

Country antiques, furniture, glass, ceramics, treen metalware, rugs, pictures, collectors and architectural items.

Open Mon - Sat 10.00 a.m. - 5.00 p.m., Sun 11.00 a.m. - 1.00 p.m.

**Ark Antiques, 13, Market Square** (01588) 638608  
**Jill Thomas** **Mobile: 07697 157969**

Country oak furniture, cottage bits and pieces, ceramics, treen, rugs.

Open Bank Holidays, Tues, Thurs, Fri and Sat 10.30 a.m. - 4.30 p.m.

Mon, Wed and Sun by appointment.

**the GALLERY, 3 Market Square**  
[www.thegallerybc.co.uk](http://www.thegallerybc.co.uk)

**(01588) 630128**

**Jacs Collins**

Stocks a wide selection from the work of the very best contemporary Designer-Makers and Artists. We have an excellent range of ceramics, glass, and jewellery. We also show original Artworks and prints, woodwork, textiles and designer home furnishings. We especially focus on LOCAL artists, designers and makers. Regularly open Thurs-Sat. 11.00 am - 5 pm. Also open occasional Tuesdays, some Sundays and Bank Holidays-please phone to check. Credit Cards accepted.

**Funky Monkey, 7 Market Square (top of town!)**

**07946 243283**

**ebay shop: [funkymonkeybc2011](http://funkymonkeybc2011) email: [funkymonkeybc@yahoo.com](mailto:funkymonkeybc@yahoo.com)**  
**Sian Leavesley**

Quality new and second hand clothing, jewellery, shoes, gifts, toys and furniture in a boutique style shop. Makes such as Superdry, Gstar, River Island, Top Shop, New Look, H&M, Monsoon, Mamas and Papas ect

I stock items for men, women, children and babies.

I will sell your quality unwanted items on a commission basis, email or call me for more details. This is a unique shopping experience with a friendly atmosphere so come and see me anytime.

LATE NIGHT OPENING FIRST THURSDAY IN THE MONTH TILL 7.00PM

Open: Tues, Thurs & Fri 10.30 a.m. - 4.30 p.m., Wed 11.00 a.m. - 4.00 p.m., Sat 10.30 a.m. - 5.00 p.m., Sun & Mon closed.

**Yarborough House, Market Square**

**(01588) 638318**

**e-mail: [mail@yarboroughhouse.com](mailto:mail@yarboroughhouse.com)**

**[www.yarboroughhouse.com](http://www.yarboroughhouse.com)**

**Carol & Jock Wright**  \*Coffee Shop only

Yarborough House is a large second hand book and record shop. We stock 7,000 books, mostly modern, covering a wide range of subjects. Our stock of 3,000 second hand classical LPs and 4,000 CDs is one of the largest in the UK. The coffee shop serves tea, coffee and home made cakes, a range of cards and fair trade mobiles.

Open Sat, Sun, Tues, Thurs and Fri and all Bank Holidays 10.00a.m. - 5.00p.m.

**Textile Traders, 37 High St.**

**(01588) 638712**

**e-mail: [enquiries@textiletechniques.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@textiletechniques.co.uk) [www.textiletechniques.co.uk](http://www.textiletechniques.co.uk)**

**Jim & Diane Gaffney**

Specialists in fine hand made textiles from around the world, all bought from the makers on our travels. Interesting clothes, beautiful silver jewellery, embroideries, ikat weavings, batik fabrics, rugs, cushions, bedspreads, cloth by the metre, patchwork sets, puppets, curios and many other delights. A wide range of batik tools, equipment and materials. We also offer a variety of talks and workshops. Open Mon to Sat 10.00 a.m. - 5.00 p.m.

**Art & Artisan Books, 26, High Street,**

**(01588) 630435**

**Bishop's Castle, SY9 5BQ**

**[www.artandartisanbooks.co.uk](http://www.artandartisanbooks.co.uk)**

**Judith Bowen & Rachel Hawes**

An eclectic mix of new and discounted books on Art, Architecture, Design, Fashion, Textiles, Gardens & Gardening.

We also stock all Persephone and Eland titles. Open Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri, Sat and Bank Holidays 10.30 a.m. - 5 p.m. Credit cards accepted.

**Old Time, 29, High St.**

**(01588) 638467**

**e-mail: [jane@oldtime.co.uk](mailto:jane@oldtime.co.uk)**

**[www.oldtime.co.uk](http://www.oldtime.co.uk)**

**Jane Carroll** 

Locally made furniture and crafts including a variety of chairs, (some a traditional local design made from green ash in our adjoining workshop) tables, cupboards, stools, sofas, lamps, shades, walking sticks, clocks and barometers and lots more. The centre for Bishop's Castle & Clun Valley Real Furniture Group. Tourist information office stocks walks leaflets, maps and postcards. Open Mon to Sat 10.00 a.m. - 6.00 p.m. Sun 10.00 - 2.00 p.m. (closed Wed)

**Jane's Petals & Gifts, 10 -11, High St. (01588) 638222**

**Jane [www.janespetals&gifts.co.uk](http://www.janespetals&gifts.co.uk)**

Florist. Flowers for all occasions and cards and gifts. Delivery service available and wedding consultation service. Open Mon & Tues 9.00 a.m. - 3.00 p.m. Wed 9.00 a.m. - 12.00 noon. Thurs & Fri 9.00 a.m. - 4.30 p.m. Sat 9.00 a.m. - 2.00 p.m. All credit cards accepted.

**Decorative Antiques, 47, Church St, SY9 5AD. Tel/Fax (01588) 638851**

**e-mail: [enquiries@decorative-antiques.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@decorative-antiques.co.uk)**

**[www.decorative-antiques.co.uk](http://www.decorative-antiques.co.uk)**

**Richard Moulson & Evelyn Bowles.**

We specialise in decorative objects of the 19th and 20th centuries, particularly Art Deco, Arts and Crafts and Art Nouveau ceramics, glass, jewellery, furniture and metalware. In addition we carry out, or arrange for, a wide range of jewellery, clock and watch repairs and alterations.

Normal opening 9.30am - 5.30pm, on Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday. For any other times, please ring before travelling.

## Provisions

**Sol Delicatessen, 35, High St.**

**[follyfarm2001@aol.com](mailto:follyfarm2001@aol.com)**

**Robin Fox**

**Tel: (01588) 638190**

Delicatessen offering wide range of cheeses, olives, cold meats, pork pies. Vegetarian quiches and salads always available. Cakes and pastries. European wines. Extensive range of kitchenware.

Open Mon-Sat 9.00am - 5.00pm.

**Co-op, 62, Church St.**

**(01588) 638411**

We have a comprehensive range of groceries including beers, wines and spirits and a selection of organic and fair-trade products. We also have fresh meat and bread from local suppliers. We go further so you don't have to!

Open Mon to Sat 7.30 a.m. - 10.00 p.m., Sun 8.00 a.m. - 9.00 p.m.

**Butcher, Andrew J. Pugh**

**46, Church St**

**(01588) 638584**

This is now the only butchers left in Bishop's Castle and Andrew and Tom Pugh trade in the old fashioned way, sourcing meat from farmers and hanging it on the bone for the required time. Our home cured bacon and handmade Shropshire pork sausages are a speciality.

We stock pies made by Reg May of Ditton Priors, cheeses from north Shropshire, local bread and preserves and vegetables in season. We will prepare packed lunches to order and we cook pies, baps, curries and hot pots to take away. We are able and pleased to supply B&Bs and catering businesses with our quality products.

Open Mon, Tues, Thurs and Fri 8.00 a.m. - 5.30 p.m., Wed 8.00 a.m. - 1.00 p.m. Sat 8.00 a.m. - 3.00 p.m.

**Norman Jones, Station St.**

**(01588) 638677**

**Mobile: 07971 252069**

Sale and repair of new and used domestic appliances - e.g. cookers, fridges, washers, dryers etc. Same day - next day service where possible. Vacuum bags and other accessories in stock.

Open Mon 2.30 p.m. - 5.00 p.m., Fri 10.00 a.m. - 1.00 p.m. & 2.30 p.m. - 5.00 p.m., Sat 10.00 a.m. - 1.00 p.m.

**Harry Tuffins Mini Mart, Church St.**

**(01588) 630390**

**e-mail: [admin@harrytuffin.co.uk](mailto:admin@harrytuffin.co.uk)**

**[www.harrytuffin.co.uk](http://www.harrytuffin.co.uk)**

**Manageress Glenys Weaver** 

Open 7 days a week for fresh food, groceries, wines & spirits, news & magazines at competitive prices. Plus low price petrol, derv, domestic fuel & gas available on the forecourt. Look for the Harry Tuffins bargains with a friendly service.

Open Mon-Sat 7.00a.m. - 8.00 p.m., Sun 9.00p.m. - 6.00p.m.

Most credit cards accepted.

## *Out of Town*

**Harvest Wholefoods, Lydham SY9 5HB**

**(01588) 638990**

**Sue Jones** 

We are a large, friendly and helpful wholefood shop offering a huge range of natural wholefoods, GM free and organic products. We also sell herbs, natural remedies, skin care products, books, terracotta cookware, crafts, gardening supplies, slippers, crystals etc. Special dietary foods and bulk discounts also available.

Open Mon to Sat 9.00 a.m. - 5.30 p.m.

## *Services*

**Harry Tuffins Garage, Church St.**

**(01588) 630390**

**e-mail: [admin@harrytuffin.co.uk](mailto:admin@harrytuffin.co.uk)** 

Open 7 days a week for low price petrol, derv, domestic fuel & gas available on the forecourt. Look for the Harry Tuffins bargains with a friendly service.

Open Mon-Sat 7.00 a.m. - 8.00 p.m., Sun 9.00 p.m. - 6.00 p.m.

Most credit cards accepted.

**A & J Hemmings Garage (2000) Ltd., Church St.**

**(01588) 638707**

**M. Hemmings** 

MOT Centre, vehicle repairs and servicing, tyres, exhausts and batteries.

Open Mon to Fri 8.00 a.m. - 5.30 p.m. Sat 9.00 a.m. - 1.00 p.m.

**Castle Cars, Station St.**

**(01588) 638072**

**e-mail: [malcolm.castlecars@virgin.net](mailto:malcolm.castlecars@virgin.net)**

**[www.castlecarsbishopscastle.co.uk](http://www.castlecarsbishopscastle.co.uk)**

**Malcolm Furber & Trevor Pritchard** 

Specialists in used cars and light commercial sales. We stock a varied range prepared to a high standard. Our workshop offers servicing, MOT preparation, general and accident repairs, tyres, batteries, and exhausts.

Cycles, parts and accessories. Open Mon to Fri 8.30 a.m. - 6.00 p.m. Sat 8.30 a.m. - 1.00 p.m. 2.00 p.m. - 5.30 p.m.

**Halls, 43, Church Street**

**(01588) 638639/638755**

**e-mail [bishopscastle@halls.to](mailto:bishopscastle@halls.to)**

Auctioneers, valuers, surveyors, land and estate agents offering a professional service in residential sales and lettings, agricultural property sales, livestock auction sales and fine art and chattel auction sales.

Open Mon to Fri 9.00 a.m. - 5.15 p.m., Sat 9.00 a.m. - 1.00 p.m.

**MedicottSnows Solicitors,  
The Old Picture House, High St.** (01588) 638425  
**Bishop's Castle SY9 5BQ**  
e-mail: [solicitors@medicottsnows.co.uk](mailto:solicitors@medicottsnows.co.uk) 

Solicitors and Commissioners for Oaths offering a reliable and sympathetic approach to your legal problems. Specialist property and family departments. Home visits by arrangement.

- Family Law Accredited
- Members of Solicitors for the Elderly
- Community Legal Service accredited

Open Mon to Fri 9.00 a.m - 5.00 p.m.

Offices also at Clun (see Clun section), Knighton & Leintwardine.

**Bubbles & Co, 15, High St.** (01588) 638656  
**Emma** 

Ladies and gents hairdressing. Appointments not always necessary. Specialising in all the up to date colouring techniques. We also offer manicures, nail extensions and ear piercing. Call today for your free consultation.

Open Tues, Wed & Fri 9.00 a.m. - 5.00 p.m., Thurs 10 a.m. - 7.30 p.m.,

Sat 9.00 a.m. - 4.00 p.m. Closed Mondays.

**Bishop's Castle Post Office** (01588) 630695  
**at the Boar's Head Crossroads** 

Offering access to your banking & postal services, a wide range of greeting cards, gift wrapping & stationary, foreign currency and travel insurance. Free cash withdrawals & banking deposits. OS maps, mobile phone top ups and phone cards.

Open Mon - Fri 9.00 a.m. - 5.30 p.m. & Saturdays 9.00 a.m. - 1.00 p.m.

**Enterprise House,** (01588) 638038  
**Station Street, Bishop's Castle** 

Drop-in IT Centre with internet access and e-mail and fax. Office services such as photocopying, binding and laminating and digital camera downloads and prints. PC and Apple Mac support and hands-on beginners' courses and bespoke training. Open 9am-5pm Mon, Wed, Thurs and 9am-7.30pm Tuesday and Friday, closed for lunch 1.30-2pm, 10am-1pm Sat. The Public Library and Dial-a-Ride service share the same building.

### **Bishop's Castle Real Furniture Group**

An affiliation of craftsmen who collaborate to highlight the advantages of buying high quality, sustainable, locally made furniture.

Jerry Bryce Smith (01588) 630006,

Tom Clough (01547)560257

[www.sofasonthenet.co.uk](http://www.sofasonthenet.co.uk)

Jon Letcher (01588) 650416

[www.silverspearinstruments.co.uk](http://www.silverspearinstruments.co.uk)

Martin Aplin 07814 470393

[www.milburywoodcraft.co.uk](http://www.milburywoodcraft.co.uk)

Paul Jaques (01743) 891436

[www.jaquesdesign.co.uk](http://www.jaquesdesign.co.uk)

Stuart Carroll (01588) 638467

[www.oldtimechairs.co.uk](http://www.oldtimechairs.co.uk)

Contact Jerry Bryce Smith, the Old Schoolhouse, Station St., Bishop's Castle (01588) 630006

## *Out of Town*

**Gavin Tree Specialists** (01743) 367201  
[gavinrodenhurst@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:gavinrodenhurst@yahoo.co.uk) 07972 861345

**Gavin Rodenhurst. Certified Arborist (I.S.A.)**

**HND Arboriculture, 2004 UK climbing champion**

For professional advice on all aspects of tree surgery from tree and stump removal, to pruning, tree care and hedge cutting just give me a call.

Free quotation. Fully qualified and insured service.

# Where to eat in and around Bishop's Castle & Clun

## Restaurants, cafes and tea rooms

### Bishop's Castle (from the bottom)

**The Six Bells Inn & Brewery (01588) 630144**

Church Street, Bishop's Castle, Shropshire SY9 5AA  
email: nev@sixbellsbrewery.co.uk

**Nev and Sue Richards**  \*limited, please check

*This 17th century coaching inn is situated alongside the old Mid Wales to London road and has been licensed continuously since 1750. Unaltered and without inappropriate extension, the pub retains the warm, friendly atmosphere so often missing today.*

*The pub is famous today for its range of award winning traditional ales, brewed on the premises. The pub is open Monday 5.00 p.m. - 11.00 p.m.,*

*Tuesday to Friday 12.00 noon - 2.30 p.m. and 5.00 p.m. - 11.00 p.m., Saturday 12.00 noon - 11.00 p.m. and Sunday 12.00 noon - 3.30 p.m. and 7.00 p.m. - 10.30 p.m.*

Open for Food: Tues to Sat 12.00 noon - 1.45 p.m. and 6.30 p.m. - 8.45 p.m. Sun 12.00 noon - 1.45 p.m. Bank Holiday Mondays 12.00 noon - 1.45 p.m., and 6.00 p.m. - 8.00 p.m. Average main dish price: lunchtime £3.80 - £6, evening £6.95 - £10.

Type of Menu: food is all freshly prepared using locally sourced ingredients. The lunch menu ranges from snacks to something more filling, the evening menu is ever changing and always includes a fish and vegetarian option. Traditional roasts only (Including vegetarian) at Sunday lunchtimes. Gluten and dairy free options always available.

Trad ales: brewed on the premises, Big Nev's (3.8%), Ow Do! (4%), Cloud Nine (4.2%), are permanently available, plus a range of monthly specials.

**The Boars Head (01588) 638521**

Church Street, Bishop's Castle, Shropshire, SY9 5AE  
e-mail: info@boarsheadhotel.co.uk

**Darren & Family** 

*Comfortable olde worldie beamed 17th century pub with dining and restaurant and a secluded beer garden.*

Open for Morning Coffee Daily from 10.30am, Free to use cash machine, Mobile Top Up available.

Open for food: everyday 12.00 noon - 9.00 p.m. Average main dish price: £5.95 - £13.50. Snacks from £2.50.

Type of menu: We offer a selection of bar meals and home cooked foods using locally sourced ingredients where ever possible - steaks, salads, gammons, grills etc. vegetarian and fish dishes, Sunday lunches. Trad Ales: Best, Salopian Darwins Origin and guest beers.

*(see "Where to stay" booklet)*

**The Three Tuns****(01588) 638797**

Salop Street, Bishop's Castle, Shropshire, SY9 5BW

**Tim and Catherine Curtis-Evans**

*This famous and historic pub and brewery has been the "beating heart" of Bishops Castle since 1642. Refurbished and enlarged, it still maintains the spirit of the original pub - public bar, snug bar, lounge bar - but with the addition of a classy oak framed, glass sided dining room.*

*A bustling, lively atmospheric pub created by the many charismatic locals who regard "The Tuns" as their home from home; it serves a wondrous array of real ales from the adjoining brewery, XXX, 1642, Clerics Cure, Castle Steamer plus seasonal offerings. Open all day, every day.*

Open for food: Mon - Sat 12.00 noon -3pm and 7.00pm-9.00pm.

Sun 12.00 noon - 3.00pm. Average dish price: £9.95.

Type of menu: a modern, eclectic menu using locally sourced, fresh ingredients e.g. for starters. Organic Smokehouse Smoked Salmon with sour cream & caviar, whole baked camembert with "dipping bread" and chargrilled Cajun chicken salad. Main courses include beef & wild mushrooms in 3x beer with root vegetable mash and chargrilled free range Herefordshire chicken with grain mustard sauce & new potatoes as well as 'probably' the best ribeye steaks in Shropshire. A restored and characterful function room sees everything from live music (jazz to rock to classical) to line dancing, Morris dancing, film club and the local rugby club. No piped music or fruit machines. We are proud to be supporters of the annual Bishops Castle Real Ale Festival.

*(See the Three Tuns Brewery in "Places to Visit" section)*

**The Castle Hotel****(01588) 638403**

The Square, Bishop's Castle, Shropshire, SY9 5BN

[www.thecastlehotelbishopscastle.co.uk](http://www.thecastlehotelbishopscastle.co.uk)
**Henry Hunter and Rebecca Arthan** 

*An eighteenth century Coaching Inn on elevated ground on the site of the original castle, with panoramic views and fabulous gardens. The Castle has a busy kitchen producing modern pub food that is healthy, hearty, flavoursome and fresh. And great value. And you've a wide choice of eating venues. Three bars, each with their own individual character, some with terraces out into the garden, some with real fires, and all with real ale. Try the oak panelled restaurant, believed to feature in the Mary Webb novel "The House in Dormer Forest".*

*And when the weather is warm, take a drink, (or even dinner itself), to the beautiful south facing gardens with fantastic terrace and raised fish ponds.*

*And watch the sun go down over the Welsh hills beyond.*

Open for food: Mon to Fri 11.30 am - 2.30 p.m. and 6.30 p.m. - 8.45 p.m.  
Sat/Sun open all day. Booking advisable for Friday and Saturday evening and Sunday lunch.

Average main dish price: evening £10.95, lunchtime £8.00

Type of menu: modern pub food cooked on the premises using local ingredients whenever possible. Plus daily specials on the blackboard.

And very good coffee!

Trad. ales: supplied by Hobsons, Six Bells Breweries and Stonehouse.

*(see "Where to stay" booklet)*

## Clun & the Clun Valley

### The White Horse Inn

**(01588) 640305**

The Square, Clun, Shropshire SY7 8JA

e-mail: [pub@whi-clun.co.uk](mailto:pub@whi-clun.co.uk)

[www.whi-clun.co.uk](http://www.whi-clun.co.uk)

#### Jack Limond

*A cosy 18th century coaching inn & post-house standing on the old Market Square, 2 minutes from the castle.*

*Enjoy a warm welcome and relax in front of the log fire.*

Open for food: lunchtimes 12.00 noon - 2.00 p.m. and 6.30p.m. - 8.30 p.m.

Sundays 12.30 p.m. - 2.30 p.m

Type of menu: A variety of home-made specials of traditional farmhouse style for the carnivore, vegetarian and vegan. We have a regular menu of snacks and bar food. Price range: £4.00 - £12.95.

Trad. Ale: Salopian Shropshire Gold, Wye Valley, Butty Bach, Hobson's Bitter and Mild, John Roberts' XXX plus two guest ales and a real cider. Cask Marque Holder. Good Beer Guide Listed. Shrewsbury & West Shropshire CAMRA Pub of the Year 2007.

(see "Where to stay" booklet)

### The Maltings Tea Rooms

**07778 397599**

High Street, Clun, Shropshire SY7 8JB

e-mail: [info@caryscakes.com](mailto:info@caryscakes.com) [www.caryscakes.com](http://www.caryscakes.com)

#### Carys Palmer

*A delightful friendly, traditional tearoom, with a varied selection of homemade cakes and scones situated on the ground floor of an Old Malthouse in Clun High Street, next to the Sun Inn. Our cakes and scones are all homemade and use locally produced ingredients wherever possible.*

*They include a number of regional recipes, such as Shropshire Lambing Cake, Bara Brith and Welsh Cakes and other more "seasonal" offerings such as Spicy Plum Cake, Rhubarb & Ginger Muffins and Oaty Blackcurrant & Gooseberry Tartlets. We also serve soups, sandwiches, salads, jacket potatoes, daily specials. Ideal for breakfasts, morning coffee, light lunches and afternoon tea. Gluten Free and Vegetarian choices always available.*

Open: Mon to Fri 07.30 a.m. – 5.00 p.m. (8.30a.m. – 5.00 p.m. in winter)

Sat & Sun 8.30 a.m – 5.00p.m. (09.30 – 5.00p.m. in winter)

### The Old Wheelwrights Tearoom and B&B (01588) 660141

Little Brampton, Clunbury, Shropshire. SY7 0HH

[annie@theoldwheelwrights](mailto:annie@theoldwheelwrights) [www.theoldwheelwrights.co.uk](http://www.theoldwheelwrights.co.uk)

#### Annie & Andy Sutton

*Set in the stunning Clun Valley, with, The Old Wheelwrights Tearoom is situated at the front of the 18th Century home of Annie and Andy.*

*Serving freshly prepared home cooked food sourced as locally as possible, with vegetarian/vegan options. Our Little Brampton and Big Brampton breakfasts available from 9am- 1pm. A selection of homemade cakes, sandwiches, salads, snacks, soups and jacket potatoes available.*

Open Feb to Nov 9am to 5pm Tuesday -Sunday.

Full DISABLED ACCESS AND TOILET

**The Crown Inn****(01588) 640271**

Newcastle-on-Clun, Craven Arms, Shropshire, SY7 8QL  
 e-mail: mail@crow-n-newcastle.com,  
 www.crown-newcastle.com

**Lindsey & Debbie Linford-Gough**

*17th century inn, near Offa's Dyke Path. Comfortable family friendly bars and beer garden.*

Open for food in the summer months.: 12.00 noon - 2.00 p.m. Thurs - Sun and 6.30 p.m. - 9.00 p.m. Mon – Sat, 7.00 p.m. – 9.00p.m. Sun.

Type of menu: home cooked traditional pub grub, freshly prepared using local produce when possible. Trad Ales: Hobsons and Stonehouse with various guest ales available from time to time. Debit cards accepted.

Average main dish price: £5 to £15.

*(see "Where to stay" booklet)*

**Round & About****The Sun at Norbury****(01588) 650680**

Norbury, Nr. Bishop's Castle, Shropshire SY9 5DX  
 www.sunatnorbury.co.uk.

**Charles & Carol Cahan**

*Chef-proprietors serving good food in a relaxing and informal atmosphere. The very best of local produce, ideal for a romantic evening or a special meal with friends.*

Open at 7 p.m. Wednesday to Saturday evenings inclusive and Sundays 12.00 noon - 2.00 p.m. for superb lunches. **Booking essential.**

Average main dish price: in the restaurant from £14.50, in the bar from £4.95. Type of menu: fresh, wholesome and unpretentious. Recommended in the Good Pub Guide 2010. An interesting wine list and Wye Valley traditional ale.

No young children in the evenings please.

*(see "Where to Stay" booklet)*

**The Dragon Hotel****(01686) 668359**

Montgomery, Powys, SY15 6PA  
 e-mail: reception@dragonhotel.com www.dragonhotel.com

**Mark & Sue Michaels**

*17th century former coaching inn with lounge bar, fine restaurant and indoor heated swimming pool.*

Open for food: 12.00 noon - 2.00 p.m. and 7.00 - 9.00 p.m. (ordering times).

Tea & coffee served all day. Average main dish price: bar meals £8.00, restaurant table d'hote (3 course) £26.25 and a la carte main courses from £14.

Type of menu: bar meals, table d'hote and a la carte restaurant.

AA 1 Rosette Restaurant. Trad. Ale: Woods Special and Montgomery Brewery.  
*(see "What to do" section & "Where to Stay" booklet)*

# *What to see and do in and around Bishop's Castle & Clun*

Bishop's Castle is a small, market town at the centre of magnificent, unspoilt hill country. It has museums and a Heritage Resource Centre, two breweries, one of them, the Three Tuns, is the oldest in the country. Many pubs and restaurants and shops catering for almost every need (see shopping and services guide) and frequently evening entertainment.

Clun is a smaller, quieter and more picturesque town with its ancient packhorse bridge and ruined castle. It offers more limited services while still being a good place to eat, drink and shop. The towns and nearby villages host a series of festivals throughout the year (see events list).

Both towns are situated in the sparsely populated valleys and uplands of South Shropshire and the Welsh border. Public footpaths, stiled and way marked, will take you well off the beaten track. Many walks in the area are downloadable from [www.bishopscastle.co.uk](http://www.bishopscastle.co.uk).

A good map will prove most useful, highly recommended is the Ordnance Survey Landranger map 137 (Ludlow, Wenlock Edge and surrounding area). For even greater details use the Explorer Maps 216 (Welshpool & Montgomery/Bishops Castle), 217 (The Long Mynd & Wenlock Edge/Church Stretton & Craven Arms) and 201 (Knighton & Kington/Clun). There is a wide selection of maps and local books available in Bishop's Castle from the Co-op Newsagents in Church Street. Walking maps and booklets, including "Walking for Pleasure" series and circular walks around Bishop's Castle & Clun are also available at the Tourist Information Centre in High Street along with leaflets about nearby towns and places of interest. There are also Tourist Information Points in many of the villages which have useful local information and leaflet racks in many pubs and shops.

This area is ideal for a host of other outdoor sports and activities - riding, cycling, tennis, orienteering, fishing, shooting, hang-gliding and other flying sports and studying wildlife. It is also rich in history; castles as well as museums, big and small, abound. Entertainment in the region ranges from morris dancing to music festivals. There are concerts, films, theatre and regular live music at various venues from pubs to village halls and schools. SpArC in Bishop's Castle has a programme of professional theatre events throughout the year. See local posters, "Broad Sheep", the Herefordshire/Shropshire borders listings magazine - telephone 01544 260051 or go to [www.broadsheep.com](http://www.broadsheep.com) and "Spotlight", a what's on leaflet published in Bishop's Castle and downloadable from the town website.

There is a variety of town and country accommodation on offer, from inns and farmhouses to B & Bs and hotels and self-catering flats and cottages. They make an excellent base for exploring the area. See the back page for details of how to obtain more information.

The centre at SpArC has a swimming pool, leisure centre and squash courts and a theatre.

## Local Beauty Spots

**There is a bus service from Bishop's Castle to Shrewsbury which gives access to the Stiperstones, Mitchells fold and Bromlow Callow.**

### **The Shropshire Hills Shuttle Bus**

**([www.shropshirehillsshuttles.co.uk](http://www.shropshirehillsshuttles.co.uk)) can be used during summer weekends to access the Long Mynd & Stiperstones. Shropshire Link buses can also be used by visitors to access remote places or get to market towns. Book at least 24 hours in advance. See back page for details.**

### **Bury Ditches and Colstey Woods**

A well preserved Iron Age hill fort at the summit of Forestry Commission woodland. There are marvellous, panoramic views over the surrounding countryside, a picnic area and car park. Shell fossils abound in the stones around the fort. Graded walks and a nature trail give visitors the opportunity to see the woodland and its wildlife.

**Directions:** From Bishop's Castle take B4385 towards Craven Arms and Lydbury North. Turn off right to Brockton and follow the road through Lower Down. Carry straight on towards Clunton and at the top of a rise is a clearing on the right for car parking. Walk up the path (not the forest road) and at the top climb over the gate. On leaving turn right and follow the road to Clunton (turning right again to Clun).

From Clun take the B4368 to Clunton and turn left. The carpark is about two miles on the left.

### **Offa's Dyke**

The ancient ditch and dyke which once formed part of the England/Wales border runs a few miles to the West of Bishop's Castle and Clun, it crosses the valley near Newcastle-on-Clun and this stretch contains some of the best preserved examples of the original earthwork. Many serious walkers do the whole length - a holiday in itself - but it is well worth walking short sections.

**Directions:** From Bishop's Castle go along Welsh Street (left past the Town Hall) and follow the road, the Kerry Ridgeway, past Bishop's Moat and the Dog and Duck cottage until you see sign posts for the path. Alternatively, at Bishop's Moat take the turn for Mainstone and, in the village, turn right for Church Town. The path crosses the lane by Mainstone Church. Walking right (north) gives superb views over the Camlad valley. Walking left (south) leads over moorland and farmed upland to the valley of the River Unk.

From Clun take the B4368 towards Newcastle-on-Clun and about a mile from the village the Dyke crosses the river and the road.

### **The Kerry Ridgeway**

This 15 mile route from Bishop's Castle to the Cider House Farm in Powys is one of the oldest in the land - you will be walking through history from the Stone Age to the drovers of recent centuries and enjoying spectacular views from this crest. After leaving the town it never dips below 1,000ft. and 70 miles can be seen on clear days. The route is gently undulating and can be legally used by horse riders and motor bikers as well as walkers. It is crossed by ancient ditches and the way marked by Bronze Age burial sites, stone circles and earthworks of the Iron and Dark Ages.

**Directions:** From Bishop's Castle go left at the Town Hall (Welsh Street) or right at the Six Bells Inn (Kerry Lane) to walk up onto the Ridgeway. At this stage the Ridgeway is a metalled land and follow it until Pantglas when it veers left to cross the Kerry Hills.

#### **The Cantlin Stone and the Botfield Cross**

Off the Kerry Ridgeway, in the heart of the Clun Forest (OS 20.2/86.9) marks the spot where a local pedlar, William Cantlin, was robbed and murdered while walking between farms in 1691. The body was taken by the parishioners of Bettws-y-Crwyn and buried in their churchyard and later this act of kindness was used in the argument over the boundary of the parish. Later, in 1858, a local landowner and M.P. named Botfield erected a limestone cross at the spot.

**Directions:** From Bishop's Castle centre turn left past the Town Hall and follow the road up on to the Kerry Ridgeway. Continue on the ridgeway until the junction about a mile past where the Offa's Dyke crosses. Bear left and follow this small road into the woods. Take a left turn towards Crossways and Newcastle and the Cantlin Stone is a short distance away. Or go to Newcastle-on-Clun, turn left and follow the B4368 for about three miles to the Anchor Inn, which is open every evening from 7.00pm providing a warm welcome and well kept beer!, then turn right up the Sarn road for about half a mile until you reach the crossroads then turn right into the forest, follow the road for about half a mile. The Cantlin Stone is on the right.

#### **Long Mynd**

The dramatic hogs back hill which lies between Bishop's Castle and Church Stretton, its steep escarpment facing west towards the former. It is the most southerly moor of its type in England, and has completely breathtaking views. The Portway, a pre-historic trackway, runs along its ridge and many public footpaths give access.

**Directions: Accessible by Shuttle Bus.** From Bishop's Castle turn left for Wentnor off the A489 (Craven Arms road) and before the village turn right to Asterton. Turn right at the junction and immediately left up the steep slope. At the top is the Midland Gliding Club and gliders and hang gliders can be seen when the weather is suitable. Alternatively, past the Green Caravan Park at Wentnor and follow the road to Bridges, turn right over the Mynd to Church Stretton.

#### **Stiperstones**

This three mile long outcrop of quartzite, a National Nature Reserve, gives a harsh landscape different to other Shropshire hills and there are many legends - the Devil is reputed to hold court here, hence the rock outcrop called the Devil's Chair. Its mineral wealth has been exploited since Roman times and discarded shafts and abandoned engine houses can still be seen today (see What to do). The views are breathtaking and there are many public footpaths. The Stiperstones Inn is a good place to start and maps are available at the Inn and nearby post office. This is Mary Webb country: the setting for her novels "The Golden Arrow" and "Gone to Earth" (See places to visit). It features in The Ghostly Shropshire Car Trails.

**Directions: Accessible by Shuttle Bus.** From Bishop's Castle. Perhaps the most scenic drive is to go through Lydham (on the Shrewsbury Road), take the turning right towards More Farm, turn right and left at Linley. At the top of the climb take the right fork towards Cold Hill, turn left at the junction and right at the next junction. The car park is on the left at grid ref 97.8N, 37.0W on OS map. Walk up the rocky path to the outcrops (best views). Go back via Bridges and Wentnor or to Shelve and the main A488 77.

### Mitchells Fold

Ancient stone circle with good views towards the Welsh hills. The Stapeley Hills Historic Trails, 50p, also takes in the Holy Well and Hoarstone Stone Circle.

**Directions:** From Bishop's Castle take A488 towards Shrewsbury for about 11 miles and turn left at the sign post just past the red telephone box on the right hand side. There is a ruined mine shaft at the junction. Follow the English Heritage signs. Park in the car park and walk up through the gate.

### Bromlow Callow

This hill with its top-knot of trees is a landmark on the Bishop's Castle to Shrewsbury road (A 488) and has strong associations with the Mary Webb heroine Hazel Woodhouse who lived at The Callow. There are many excellent walks in the area with renewed stiles, gates and sign posting and some of it enjoys "right to roam". Walkers can use the Callow Inn car park and it is easy walking from Mitchells Fold and the Stapeley Hills.

**Directions:** From Bishop's Castle take the A 488 towards Shrewsbury for about 14 miles and turn left at the Shelve crossroads.

## What to do

### Walking

Bishop's Castle is a "Walkers are Welcome" town and a special effort is made to ensure public footpaths are in good order. [www.walkersarewelcome.co.uk](http://www.walkersarewelcome.co.uk) "Walking for Pleasure" long and short walk leaflets are available from the Visitor Information Centre and downloadable from the website.



Clun also has excellent walks straight from the town and a walking guide has been published this year.

The Bishop's Castle Ring - the **bcring** - five days of walking in the area ([www.bcring.co.uk](http://www.bcring.co.uk)) is a challenge for seasoned walkers.

The Shropshire Link Bus can be used to help people walk the excellent linear walks in the area **The Southern Shropshire Way**, recently upgraded, **Offa's Dyke Long Distance Footpath** and the ancient pre Bronze Age **Kerry Ridgeway** – see website for details.

### Bishop's Castle Footpath Walking Group

Organise weekly walks throughout the year from the Harley Jenkins St. car park at 9.30 a.m. Some quite strenuous all day walks of 9 - 15 miles (A), moderate all day walks of 8 - 10 miles (B) and gentler morning walks of up to 6 miles (C). a.m. Visitors are very welcome. Guided countryside walks available.

**Contact:** the Tourist Information Office (01588) 638467.

**Bishop's Castle Walking Festival** [www.walkingfestival.co.uk](http://www.walkingfestival.co.uk)  
7th - 9th of June, 2011 (see events list). Long and short guided walks with experienced guides to interpret the landscape.

**Contact:** Gill Lucas (01588) 638854 e-mail: [gill@theporchhouse.com](mailto:gill@theporchhouse.com)

A book of "Walks from Bishop's Castle Walking Festival" is for sale, £3.50.

**Clun Ramblers**

For Clun guided walks meet at the Memorial Hall car park. Visitors are welcome to join in (sorry no dogs).

All-day walks of 10+ miles take place every Wednesday. From April to August walks start at 9.30 a.m.; from September to March at 10.00 a.m. but times can vary: see local press for details.

**Contact:** Peter James (01588) 640027.

Clun "ambles" of about 5 miles are on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays throughout the year starting at 10.00 a.m.

**Contact:** Maurice Young (01588) 640846.

Clun "perambles" of 7-8 miles are every Wednesday at 10.00 a.m.

**Contact:** Jean Smith (01588) 640551.

Details of all walks can be found at [www.clun.org/walking](http://www.clun.org/walking).

Bishop's Castle and Clun Parish Paths Partnerships extend a warm welcome to all walkers. For easier day-long parking in Clun, walkers should use the 70 space Clun Memorial Hall free car park, at GR: 302811, easing pressure on the essentially short stay Clun Bridge car park.

**Walcot Wood**

Owned by the National Trust, the wood is a remnant of ancient pasture woodland, once part of a large Elizabethan deer park. It is dominated by unusually shaped 400 year old veteran oak trees which are home to rare lichens and beetles.

The wood, which lies in a small valley below Bury Ditches Hill Fort and is protected from extreme weather and pollution, is now under active management after years of neglect. Bluebell, primrose, violet and sorrel carpet the wood in springtime and it is a haven for much wildlife. It is off the lane which runs between the villages of Brockton and Clunton and the Shropshire Way runs through it. As does the "Walking for Pleasure" around Clunton, Leaflet 5 walk which can be downloaded from [www.bishopscastle.co.uk](http://www.bishopscastle.co.uk).

**Contact:** The National Trust, Cardingmill Valley, Church Stretton, telephone (01694) 723068.

**Guided tours of Bishop's Castle**

The small, medieval town with a fascinating past of power and prestige out of all proportion to its size. The walking tours, which start at Lych Gate of St. John the Baptist Church and last about an hour are every Tuesday and Saturday at 6.30 p.m. from April 23rd to September.

**Tours** at other times by arrangement Telephone (01588) 630271 Charge £1.50 adults, children free. Special rates for parties (minimum 6).

**The Town Trail**

This gives a short history of the 12th Century planned town as illustrated by its streets and buildings and costs £1.50 from the Tourist Information Centre and other town premises. Starting from the Parish Church (originally 12th Century), the trail takes the visitor to The Castle Site at the top of the town before working its way back to the church. It is published by the local Civic Society.

## Picnic Areas

**Bishop's Castle** - Within easy walking distance of the town centre, has two parks suitable for picnics. The town's main playing fields lie off Union Street - as you walk along Church Street towards the parish church, turn right. The park is a well maintained grass area with children's play equipment and pleasant views. The land adjacent to the site of the town's ancient castle forms the second picnic site - it lies at the top end of town off Castle Green, above the Castle Hotel gardens. This small area offers magnificent views of the town and surrounding countryside and has benches and picnic tables. Part of the old castle walls can be seen.

**Clun** - Clun Community Area has a children's play area and the castle ruins and river make an ideal picnic spot.

## Horse Riding & Cycling

### Walcot Stables

**Lower Gardens, Lydbury North Shropshire SY7 8AS**

**www.walcotstables.co.uk e-mail: walcotstables@aol.com.**

Situated on the edge of the historic Walcot Hall, Walcot Stables is a small, friendly yard offering lessons for all ages and standards in safe and picturesque environment. Small group hacks can be arranged. Pony care days for children and overnight stabling for horses by arrangement.

**Contact:** Stuart Murray (BHS AI) (01588) 680514

### Four Cycle Rides

This leaflet gives great information for cycling in the area. Four rides from 11-28 miles (18-45 km). - The Long Mynd Motivator, The Full Monty, The Clun Challenge and The Anchor Adventure - are detailed. Download from the website or available from the Information Office.

## Swimming & other Activities

### SpArC, Bishop's Castle's Sports and Arts in the Community

The local Sports & Arts in the Community centre (Teme SpArC), which is an amazing facility for a small town and rural community, lies in the grounds of the Community College at the A488/B4385 junction in Bishop's Castle. The centre includes a Swimming Pool, Sauna, Fitness Suite, Squash Courts, 3 Court Sports Hall & Studio/Theatre. Nine Fitness Classes including Pilates, Aerobics, & Circuits.

**For further information, charges & opening times, contact:** 01588 630243 or [www.teme-leisure.co.uk](http://www.teme-leisure.co.uk)

*(See "Places to Visit" section for the Teme SpArC Theatre)*

### The Dragon Hotel Swimming Pool and Sauna, Montgomery

A heated indoor swimming pool and sauna in a cedar wood chalet in the grounds of the 17th Century Coaching Inn in Montgomery town centre. Relax with a drink at the poolside or dine afterwards in the restaurant or lounge bar. Sooth away the aches and pains of a days walking with a relaxing swim!

**Open:** All day with minimum of two adults swimming at a time. Booking essential.

**Admission:** adults £3.40, 12-15 year olds £3.25, under 12s £2.75. Sauna prices £6.50 including swim.

**Contact:** Mark & Sue Michaels. (01686) 668359  
[www.dragonhotel.com](http://www.dragonhotel.com).

**Onny Vale Trout and Coarse Fishery**   
**On A488 between Bishop's Castle and Minsterley.**  
**The Fold, White Grit, Minsterley, Shropshire SY5 0JL**

3 trout fishing pools stocked with blues, browns and rainbows to 12lbs.  
 2 coarse fishing pools consisting of a pleasure pool and a carp specimen pool with carp to 28 lbs plus. There is a fishing lodge with flies for sale, refreshments, good toilet facilities, disabled access and a small caravan and camping site. The whole site is set below Corndon Hill in an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. Access is from the A 488 between Bishop's Castle and Minsterley. Open all year.

**Contact:** D. & A. Gricmanis (01588) 650521, mobile 07792 609153.

**Bishop's Castle Lawn Tennis Club**

The club has 2 grass courts and 3 all weather courts including one astro-turf on land below the town off the A488. Visitors are welcome provided that they wear tennis shoes not hard ridged trainers. Coaching available. Weekly rate: £30 per court. Daily rate: £3 per person for a 2 hour session. Tennis balls for sale at 4 for £3 and tennis rackets can be borrowed (a small deposit required)

**Contact** the Tourist Information Office (01588) 638467.

**Bishop's Castle Cricket Club**

The club has one of the most beautiful pitches in the country, in the grounds of Lydham Manor about half a mile from the town centre. Spectators are very welcome and information about fixtures can easily be obtained from the web site at [www.intheteam.com/bishopscastlecc](http://www.intheteam.com/bishopscastlecc) or e-mail: [smorris@ransfords.co.uk](mailto:smorris@ransfords.co.uk)

**Bishop's Castle Bowls Club**

The unique, octagonal crown green is at the very heart of the old keep of Bishop's Castle's castle which fell into ruin in the late 16th century. The octagonal club house with its stone slate roof and the boundary wall were restored in 2008. The club extends a warm welcome to new members and visitors who want to play or watch a game on this unusual and ancient green. Open: April - September by appointment.

**Contact:** secretary Sarah Jenkins (01588) 673115

**Clun Community Area**

Outdoor ball court and badminton courts are available for hire by visitors.

**Contact:** Jean Kerry (01588) 640401.

## *Places to Visit*

**The House on Crutches Museum**  
**Opposite Town Hall**  
**High Street**

[www.bchrc.co.uk](http://www.bchrc.co.uk)

Delightful museum illustrating the life of the town. Much of the collection has been donated or loaned by local inhabitants and paints a lively picture of life in a border town which has had a market since 1128. There are four display rooms in this unique early 16th century building and the stewards are all volunteers who enjoy sharing their enthusiasm with local residents and visitors from far and wide.

Because of the nature of the building there is very limited access for visitors with mobility difficulties. The two ground floor rooms have one step down from street level and two steps up into the second room. The two upper rooms are accessed by a staircase.

**Admission:** free but donations gratefully accepted.

**Open:** Easter to October -Sat & Sun 2.00p.m. - 5.00p.m. Also open on Bank Holidays or at any other time by arrangement.

**Contact:** Bishop's Castle Heritage Resource Centre Chapel Yard, Church Street, Bishop's Castle SY9 5DE Tel: (01588) 630556 (answer phone)

### **Bishops Castle Rail & Transport Museum** [www.bchrc.co.uk](http://www.bchrc.co.uk)

 \*ground floor only.

The museum, in School Lane off the High Street, shows the colourful history of the town's railway which ran from Craven Arms and closed in 1935. It also shows examples of the local road transport during the same period. The museum is run by volunteer members of the Bishop's Castle Railway Society.

**Open:** Easter to end of October, Sat and Sun 2.00 p.m. to 5.00 p.m. In addition at all public holidays and local town events. Special opening may be arranged by contacting the curator, Richard Newcombe (01588) 640300 (work) & (01938) 580340 (home) or the archivist Ken Lucas (01588) 638446.

**Admission:** free but donations welcome.

### **Bishop's Castle Heritage Resource Centre, Chapel Yard** [www.bchrc.co.uk](http://www.bchrc.co.uk)

Bishop's Castle Heritage Resource Centre is a volunteer-run local heritage store and research centre celebrating local history and keeping it within the area for people to use and enjoy.

**Open:** The Family History Group hold open sessions at the centre on Saturdays from 10.00 a.m. to 12.00 noon to help people wanting to research their ancestors. A thriving House History Research Group is investigating properties in Bishop's Castle. New volunteers are always welcome! Visits can be arranged at other times.

**Admission:** Meeting room with good facilities and seating for 12, £6 an hour.

**Contact:** (01588) 630556 or mail@bchrc.co.uk

### **The Castle Artists' exhibitions at The Three Tuns** [www.castleartists.co.uk](http://www.castleartists.co.uk)

40 artists in the area come together twice a year to show "affordable art". Several associated workshops are available during the exhibitions at the Assembly Rooms, the Three Tuns Inn.

Dates: Dates: April 23, 24 & 25 and November 26, 27 & 28. Sat & sun 11.00 a.m. to 7.00 p.m. Mon 11a.m. – 4.00 p.m. Castle Artist will also be at Bishop's Castle Carnival (July 3rd).

**Contact:** Rosie Read (01588) 630421

**The Three Tuns Brewery**

Salop St., Bishop's Castle, Shropshire SY9 5BW

The oldest brewery in the UK, part 17th century and part 19th century featuring a miniature Victorian tower brewhouse with a gravity process still in use producing fine, traditional beers.

Tours by appointment - a maximum of 16 per tour and the brewery is unsuitable for people unable to cope with steep staircases.

**Contact:** Samantha Edwards (01588) 638392

[www.threetunsbrewery.co.uk](http://www.threetunsbrewery.co.uk)

*(see "Where to Eat" section)*

**Music at the Vaults**

<http://spitandsawdustproductions.blogspot.com>

Live bands perform every Thursday evening at The Crown & Anchor Vaults, High St., Bishop's Castle with an open mic/jam session on the 1st Thursday hosted by a band. Amps, P.A. and drums are provided.

April 29th – May 1st 2 (Bank Holiday) The Mojo Festival: real ale and cider bar and live music in the yard; June 10th – 12th the second Landfest in aid of the Community Land Trust (see special events list) and July 8th- 10th annual Bishop's Castle Real Ale Festival (see special events list), live music, real ale and cider bar and September 17th & 18th Bishop's Castle Michaelmas Fair, real ale and cider bar, live band at 9.00 p.m. Saturday night.

**Contact:** Mandy 07971 213728 or Wayne 07747 877011

**Teme SpArC Theatre, Bishop's Castle** 

A 142 seat purpose built auditorium, fully accessible and with on site parking available. The adjoining foyer and refreshment area is licensed to sell alcohol. There is a varied seasonal programme of events. The theatre facilities are also regularly hired by groups including dance, exercise, workshops, drama, conferences and training sessions.

**For ticket reservations contact:** (01588) 630321 from 10.00am to 9.00pm weekdays and 10.am to 12 pm at weekend.

**To be kept in touch about events at SpArC:** send your e-mail address to [c.leach@teme-leisure.co.uk](mailto:c.leach@teme-leisure.co.uk) or write to Arts Co-ordinator at Teme SpArC Centre, Brampton Rd, Bishop's Castle SY9 5AY and you can be included on the SpArC e-mailing list or pick up a programme from reception.

*(see "What to Do" section for the SpArC Centre)*

**Bishop's Castle Film Society**

The society shows selected films fortnightly on Wednesday evenings at The Three Tuns Inn from late September to mid April. Drinks and meals are available at the inn prior to the show. Visitors are welcome.

**Admission:** Wednesday evenings at 8.00 p.m. Admission: guests £3.50, students £1.50.

**Contact:** Julia Parker (01588) 680440 for a programme. They are also available from Bishop's Castle Visitor Information Centre.

**The Community College, Bishop's Castle**

e-mail: [college@cocobc.org](mailto:college@cocobc.org) 

[www.cocobc.org](http://www.cocobc.org)

The College runs a full arts programme throughout the year. This includes theatre, concerts, talks and lectures.

**Contact:** Contact the college (01588) 638257

### Bishop's Castle Library

The library at Enterprise House in Station Street. It has a good local reference section with books and maps and visitors tickets are also available, upon proof of identity, for fiction and non-fiction books to take away, also videos, DVDs & spoken word tapes. The Library is open on Mondays 10.00 a.m. - 2.00 p.m., Tuesdays and Fridays 10.00 a.m. - 1.00 p.m. 2.00 p.m - 5.00 p.m., 5.30 p.m. - 7.30 p.m., and Saturdays 9.30 a.m. to 1.00 p.m. A mobile library serves the villages.

**Contact:** the library during opening hours (01588) 638215 and Church Stretton library at other times (01694) 722535.

### Walcot Hall & Arboretum

Lydbury North, Shropshire SY7 8AZ

e-mail: [enquiries@walcothall.com](mailto:enquiries@walcothall.com)

[www.walcothall.com](http://www.walcothall.com)

The Hall is the historic home of Lord Clive of India who commissioned Sir William Chambers to re-design the house and stable block in 1763. It has been slightly reduced in size to suit present day requirements but its aspect remains a perfect, Georgian elevation with parapet walls and sash windows.

Clive's son Edward added a free standing ballroom around c. 1800 which is now available for weddings, concerts and parties. He was much interested in gardening and arboriculture and 30 acres have been developed into an arboretum with winding walks and a variety of magnificent specimen trees.

Walcot hall remained in the Clive family for 170 years, during which time large sums of money were spent on maintaining and improving the grounds. A mile long lake stretches in front of the hall which was enlarged by French prisoners of war during the Napoleonic Wars.

**Open: Walcot Hall** on Sun and Mon May 29th & 30th from 1.30 p.m. - 5.30 p.m. under the National Gardens Scheme open days with teas served in the ballroom. By appointment only at any other time.

**Arboretum** from April to October - 12 noon - 4.00 p.m. every day but Saturday.

**Admission to Arboretum:** £3.50, children (under 15 years) free. Collect tickets from box adjacent to the car park.

**Contact:** Walcot Hall Office (01588) 680570.  
e-mail: [enquiries@walcothall.com](mailto:enquiries@walcothall.com)

### Snailbeach Lead Mine

[www.pulverbatch.org.uk](http://www.pulverbatch.org.uk)

[www.shropshirecmmc.org.uk](http://www.shropshirecmmc.org.uk)

[www.snailbeachmine.org.uk](http://www.snailbeachmine.org.uk)

for village information.

for the Shropshire Caving  
and Mining Club

[www.shropshiremines.org.uk](http://www.shropshiremines.org.uk) for the Shropshire Mines Trust

Amongst the wooded slopes and moorland above the Snailbeach valley are the relics of a once thriving lead mining industry. The South West Shropshire orefields were originally worked in Roman times and became the most productive in Europe. Mining finally ceased in the 1950s and the site is now a scheduled ancient monument with 20 fine buildings, the best set of preserved lead mine buildings in the UK. It is open on Sundays and Bank Holiday Mondays throughout the summer, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. from from April 24th to September 25th. The Visitor Centre, entry free, has an audio visual presentation of the mine's history. You can walk

round the site with a self-led trail leaflet and see the Locomotive Shed and the Blacksmith's Shop. Visitors can go underground into Day Level, charges £2 adult and £1 child, with an experienced guide. Helmets and lights are provided and warm clothes and suitable footwear recommended. On certain days, May 8th, June 5th, July 3rd & Oct 9th - longer underground tours at 10 a.m. can be booked in advance and private tours for groups can be arranged. The village of Snailbeach is 2 miles south of Minsterley off the A488 road from Shrewsbury to Bishops Castle. Park at the Village Hall car park where there are public toilets. The Shropshire Hills Shuttle Buses (Stiperstones Route) stop at Snailbeach village and it is a short stroll up to the mine site. Entrance to the mines is free but donations are welcome.

**Contact:** Andy Wood (01743) 718668 or to book longer tours Mike Moore (01952) 405105.

#### **The Bog Visitor Centre, Stiperstones** [www.bogcentre.co.uk](http://www.bogcentre.co.uk)

A former Victorian village school, the centre is open as a visitor centre with full information, toilets, home-made refreshments and disabled access and facilities. Dogs welcome.

The volunteers who run it have extensive knowledge of the area and can advise on walks. Local craft and artwork is on display and for sale.

**Open:** April 2nd to Oct 30th (but daily during all school holidays and Bank holidays) 10.00 a.m. - 5.00 p.m. (4.00 p.m. in October). Shuttle Bus Stop.

**Contact:** (01743) 792747 e-mail: bogcentre@hotmail.co.uk

## *Clun*

### **Clun Castle**

Built in stone in 1195 on the site of an original motte and bailey. Now a ruin and under the care of English Heritage.

### **Clun Museum**

The museum is on two floors of the Town Hall in the Square, an ancient monument, and once and once an open jail. It has many wondrous things including local flints, Civil War helmets and Clun chairs.

**Open:** Tuesday & Saturday 2.00 - 5.00 p.m.

### **Trinity Hospital, Clun**

A group of almshouses built in 1614 by the Earl of Northampton. The gardens and grounds are open to the public.

# *Bishop's Castle, Clun & Surrounding Areas Festivals*

## 2011

Full details of all Bishop's Castle & Clun events are on the town's website at [www.bishopscastle.co.uk/events](http://www.bishopscastle.co.uk/events)  
General inquiries to Bishop's Castle Festivals Officer  
Dave Palliser, e-mail: [d\\_palliser@hotmail.com](mailto:d_palliser@hotmail.com)  
Mobile: 07837 090179

### **Green Man Day, Clun - April 30 - 2 May**

The Green Man and Frosty the Snow Queen battle over the coming of spring to Clun. With market stalls and entertainment in the Square and on the Castle Grounds.

**Contact:** Contact email: [info@clungreenman.org.uk](mailto:info@clungreenman.org.uk)  
[www.clungreenman.org.uk](http://www.clungreenman.org.uk)

### **Bishop's Castle May Fair - May 6 & 7**

All the fun of the fair as the travelling funfair comes to town.

**General enquiries:** Carol Wynne 07860 858062

### **Bishop's Castle Round & About Walk - May 7**

A 22 mile circular walk starting from Bishop's Castle using mainly public footpaths.

**Contact:** (01588) 638818 email: [walkbc@live.co.uk](mailto:walkbc@live.co.uk)

### **The 9th Clun Valley Challenge Walk - May 14**

16 or 26 miles starting from Clun Memorial Hall with 4,300 ft. of ascent. Entry £14 includes certificate, badge and gourmet refreshments. **No dogs and no entries on the day.**

**Contact:** (01588) 640190  
e-mail: [cvcwalk@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:cvcwalk@hotmail.co.uk) [www.clunvalleychallenge.co.uk](http://www.clunvalleychallenge.co.uk)

### **Blues & Booze Festival, Clun - May 28 - 30**

Blues bands come to Clun and perform at The White Horse Inn over this bank holiday weekend.

**Contact:** Jack Limond (01588) 640305 email: [events@whi-clun.co.uk](mailto:events@whi-clun.co.uk)

### **Walcot Hall Open Days - May 29 & 30**

Walcot Hall, Lydbury North. The gardens and arboretum of this former home of Clive of India are open for charity under the Yellow Book scheme.

**Contact:** (01588) 680570 email: [enquiries@walcothall.com](mailto:enquiries@walcothall.com)  
[www.walcothall.com](http://www.walcothall.com)

### **Aston-on-Clun Arbor Day - May 29**

A traditional village festival incorporating the dressing of the famous black poplar tree in the centre of the village.

**Contact:** Rose Evans (01588) 660544 [www.arbortreeday.co.uk](http://www.arbortreeday.co.uk)

**Bishop's Castle Mayor's Sunday - June 5**

A celebratory parade for the newly elected Mayor of Bishop's Castle. The Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Town Clerk in full regalia with pike and mace bearers parade at 10.40 a.m. from The Town Hall to the Parish Church.

**Contact:** (01588) 638141 [www.bishopscastle.co.uk/towncouncil](http://www.bishopscastle.co.uk/towncouncil)

**Bishop's Castle Walking Festival - June 7 - 9**

Eight guided walks a day to suit all abilities from 3 miles to 16 miles with evening fringe events.

**Contact:** (01588) 638854 [www.walkingfestival.co.uk](http://www.walkingfestival.co.uk)

**Landfest - Community Land Trust Festival at the Vaults - June 10 - 12**

Friday, June 10 through to Sunday, June 12th, donations in aid of the Bishop's Castle trust. Live bands, real ale & cider bars and barbecues in the yard at the Crown & Anchor Vaults, High St., Bishop's Castle.

**Contact:** Jim Gaffney (01588) 638712

<http://spitandsawdustproductions.blogspot.com>

**Bishop's Castle Gardens Open - June 19**

In aid of the Shropshire Historic Churches Trust & Bishop's Castle's St John the Baptist Church.

**Contact:** (01588) 630531

**Bishop's Castle Midsummer Rejoicing - June 25 - 26**

Fete on the Saturday and Rush Cart parade with Morris Teams on the Sunday morning.

**Contact:** (01588) 630324 [www.bishopscastle.co.uk](http://www.bishopscastle.co.uk)

**Clun Gardens Open - June 25 - 26**

Many gardens in the village and surrounding area open to the public.

**Contact:** Heather Morris (01588) 640217

**Bishop's Castle Stone Skimming Championship - June 26**

At Bow House Farm lakes off the A489 near Bishop's Castle. Take part in the various stone related events or just watch the fun. Bring a picnic.

**Contact:** (01588) 638818 email: [walkbc@live.co.uk](mailto:walkbc@live.co.uk)

**Bishop's Castle Tandem Triathlon - July 2**

Teams from near and far swim, ride and run a challenging, circular course starting from the Community College, Bishop's Castle.

**Contact:** Contact David Hives 07582 003764

email: [davidhives@btinternet.com](mailto:davidhives@btinternet.com) [www.tandeming.co.uk](http://www.tandeming.co.uk)

**Bishop's Castle Carnival - July 3**

Traditional country town carnival with a parade of floats around the town followed by fun and games on the playing fields.

**Contact:** Sarah Burke (01588) 650446

email: [dc.burke@btinternet.com](mailto:dc.burke@btinternet.com)

**Bishop's Castle Real Ale Festival - July 8 - 9**

Based in and around the town's six pubs, most of the breweries in Shropshire and the borders are represented as well as a great selection from the rest of the UK. There are usually more than 60 ales and ciders on offer at any one time.

**Contact:** Nev Richards (01588) 630144

email: [nev@sixbellsbrewery.co.uk](mailto:nev@sixbellsbrewery.co.uk)

**Leasowes Bank Festival, Ratlinghope - July 8 - 30**

Held at Leasowes Bank Farm in a converted barn this annual music festival incorporates first class performances and new work commissioned.

**Contact:** (01743) 790769

email: musicatleasowes@googlemail.com

**Bishop's Castle Party in the Park - July 23**

Party for and by the local 'About Music Project' with local well know and new bands. This is a relaxed family event, bring a deck chair and enjoy the music. 12 noon to 10 p.m.

**Contact:** (01588) 638173 or (01588) 638664

**Clun Carnival - August 6**

A procession of carnival floats tour the town at 1.30 p.m. followed by the crowing of the 'carnival queen' in The Square. There are stalls in the Castle grounds and a local produce show during the afternoon. Art and Craft Exhibition is held in the Town Hall from the previous Monday.

**Contact:** (01588) 640629 or 660250.

**Farmer Phil's Festival, Ratlinghope - August 12 - 14**

Rock festival in the hills!

**Contact:** Phil Harding of Near Gatten Farm (01588) 650459

www.farmerphilsfestival.co.uk

**Bishop's Castle Michaelmas Fair - September 17 - 18**

Steam and vintage vehicles along with street theatre, entertainers and music throughout the town.

**Contact:** John Lucas (01588) 638854 or 07976 437005 email info@micahelmasfair.org.uk www.michaelmasfair.org.uk

**Bishop's Castle Real Furniture Show - September 17 - 18**

(see Shopping & Services Guide)

**Contact:** Jerry Bryce-Smith (01588) 630006

**Lydbury North Apple Pressing Days - September 30 - 1 October**

**Contact:** (01588) 680203 or (01588) 680490 Booking essential.

**Clun Valley Beer Festival - September 30 - 2 October**

All the pubs along the beautiful Clun valley join in this event.

Transport is provided between pubs.

**Contact:** Jack Limond at The White Horse, Clun (01588) 640305 email: events@whi-clun.co.uk

**Russet Ramble - October 8**

12 mile sponsored walk around the local footpaths in aid of Bishop's Castle Bowling Club.

**Contact:** (01588) 638818 email: walkbc@live.co.uk

**Bishop's Castle Remembrance Sunday - November 6**

The Town Band leads the Royal British Legion, uniformed organisations and the Town Council from the Town Hall to the parish church for the 11 o'clock ceremony at the War Memorial in the churchyard followed by a church service.

**Contact:** (01588) 620541

## **Bishop's Castle Christmas Lights Festival & Street Party - December 3**

Market stalls, music, late night shopping and parades along with the lights switching on ceremony.

**Contact:** (01588) 638467 [www.bcchristmaslights.co.uk](http://www.bcchristmaslights.co.uk)

## **Craft Show at St. John the Baptist Church, Bishop's Castle - December 3**

In conjunction with the Christmas Lights Festival the church opens its doors to crafts from the area.

**Contact:** (01588) 638269

## **Clun Christmas Lights - December 12**

From 7.00 p.m. to 8.00 p.m.

**Contact:** email: [events@whi-clun.co.uk](mailto:events@whi-clun.co.uk)

**General enquiries for Bishop's Castle & Clun  
Festivals to Bishop's Castle & Clun Area  
Festival Officer: [d\\_palliser@hotmail.com](mailto:d_palliser@hotmail.com)**

**All other festivals in the surrounding area  
contact the nearest Tourist Information Point  
for details or log on to  
[www.bishopscastle.co.uk](http://www.bishopscastle.co.uk) and follow the links  
to 'events' or (for Clun Valley) [www.clun.org.uk](http://www.clun.org.uk)**



## *Nearby Towns & Villages*

### **Lydbury North**

[www.lydburynorth.net](http://www.lydburynorth.net)

Lydbury North was an important Saxon Manor pre dating Bishop's Castle and has a fine Norman church and a community shop run entirely by volunteers. It has a pub, the Powis Arms (see "*Where to Eat*" and "*Where to Stay*") and is the home of Walcot Hall. [www.lydburynorth.net](http://www.lydburynorth.net)

### **Craven Arms**

A market town 10 miles to the east at a junction of the busy A49 Shrewsbury to Ludlow road, Craven Arms has the nearest railway station to Bishop's Castle and the nearby Stokesay Castle is the best example of the fortified manor house in the country. Nearby is the new Shropshire Hills Discovery Centre and in the town in and Land of Lost Content, the national museum of popular culture. [www.visitshropshirehills.co.uk](http://www.visitshropshirehills.co.uk)

### Church Stretton

Historically a spa town set in the valley at the base of the Long Mynd. The main A49 runs close by and now there is a footpath linking the town with its sister villages of Little Stretton and All Stretton. From the town there is easy access to the rolling moorland of the Long Mynd, the southern most grousemoor in Britain with superb views and many footpaths. It is a "Walkers are Welcome" town. The town is served by a railway station on the Shrewsbury to Ludlow Line. [www.churchstretton.co.uk](http://www.churchstretton.co.uk)

### Chirbury

The seat of Lord Herbert of Chirbury, now the Earl of Powis, is a small, border village where many of the houses are timber framed with red brick facades. It is two miles from Offa's Dyke on the Montgomery road and within easy reach of Mitchells's Fold Stone Circle above Priest Weston (see Beauty Spots). The School House is a typical black and white timber framed building with a Victorian wing. It was founded by local vicar Edward Lewis in 1675 and is still in use. There was once an ancient priory and the church, which has two rows of leaning pillars inside, retains many of its building materials. The Herbert Arms serves good food and there is a local Post Office, shop and tourist information point which stocks a local leaflet.

T.I. Open Mon - Fri 9.00 a.m. - 5.30 p.m. Sat 9.00 a.m. - 1.00 p.m. and Sun 10.00 a.m. - 12.00 noon.

### Montgomery

The county town of Montgomeryshire - now part of Powys. It is now a small country town with a very impressive ruined castle and a range of shops and services. It is not far from the Shropshire Way. [www.montgomery-powys.co.uk](http://www.montgomery-powys.co.uk)

### Ludlow

A mediaeval market town on the River Teme lies 20 miles to the south east. It has an impressive Norman Castle and nearly 500 listed buildings. In past centuries it was a town of considerable importance and a fashionable social centre. [www.ludlow.org.uk](http://www.ludlow.org.uk)

### Shrewsbury

The county town, 22 miles to the north, is almost surrounded by the River Severn and boasts both quaint shops and alleyways as well as modern shopping malls. It has a castle and museums, several fine churches and an 11th century Abbey. The ruins of the Roman city of Viriconium lie 5 miles away. [www.visitshrewsbury.com](http://www.visitshrewsbury.com)

On the other side of the border, the old Welsh market towns of **Welshpool** and **Newtown** are just 16 miles away. The ancient Kerry Ridgeway provides the scenic route from Bishop's Castle to Newtown, in the valley of the river Severn. It is the birthplace of the 19th century socialist reformer Robert Owen and, this century, has been considerably developed. It is also on the main route to the coast from the Bishop's Castle area. Welshpool, on the Montgomery Canal, was an important centre for the wool trade and now has the biggest livestock market in mid-Wales and it is also the home of the Welshpool to Llanfair Light Railway and the Montgomery canal Museum. Powis Castle, a major National Trust property, with magnificent gardens, is near the town centre. Edinburgh Woollen Mills has taken over the Old Station and it is now open Mon - Sat 9.00 a.m. - 5.45 p.m. and Sun 11.00 a.m. - 5.00 p.m. [www.welshpool.org](http://www.welshpool.org) [www.newtown.org.uk](http://www.newtown.org.uk)



**Both towns offer free car parking on streets and in car parks and have no roundabouts, traffic lights or major one-way systems! For more information about where to stay, the towns, walks, local crafts, markets and farmer's markets and nearby centres of interest contact:**

Jane Carroll,  
Visitor Information Office, Old Time,  
29 High Street, Bishop's Castle,  
Shropshire, SY9 5BE  
Tel: Bishop's Castle (01588) 638467  
e-mail: jane@oldtime.co.uk.

[www.bishopscastle.co.uk](http://www.bishopscastle.co.uk)

**Bus Services:** There is a service(552,553) between Bishop's Castle and Shrewsbury every day except Sunday. This can be used to access the Shropshire Hills Shuttle Buses (see below).

**Shropshire Link:** Run by Shropshire Council offers rural bus transport around Bishop's Castle, Clun and the villages and Craven Arms and the main bus route between Shrewsbury and Ludlow along the A49. It can be used to pick people up from the Railway Station at Craven Arms and to transport walkers (see website for details). It must be pre-booked with at least 24 hours notice given.

Telephone 0345 678 9068

**Shropshire Hills Shuttle Buses:** These 16 seater-mini buses provide easy access to the Long Mynd and Stiperstones hill ranges. They run every weekend and bank holiday from April 16 to the end of September. They can be accessed using the Shrewsbury bus service or Shropshire Link (see above). For timetable details go to [www.shropshirehillsshuttles.co.uk](http://www.shropshirehillsshuttles.co.uk)

#### **BCT - Bishop's Castle Taxi**

Rus Gromov 07551 825931 / 07551 825932  
Short & long distances, £4 first mile (£6 after midnight)  
plus £1 every extra mile.

For other public transport contact the **Traveline** 0871 200 2233  
[www.travelinemidlands.co.uk](http://www.travelinemidlands.co.uk)  
or National Rail 08457 484950 [www.nationalrail.co.uk](http://www.nationalrail.co.uk)

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