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Highlight this month...



Councillor Simon Jones presenting the keys to the new minibus to BCTG Chairman Ken Arch.

Bridgnorth Community Transport Group were presented with the keys to their new minibus by Simon Jones, Shropshire Council Cabinet Member, on Thursday 28 September 2011. Ken Arch, the Group's President, received the keys on behalf of the group. BCTG have two minibuses and use them to carry local residents, particularly the elderly and disabled, who do not have access to other forms of transport. Operating regular services into Bridgnorth town from some of the surrounding villages. The group also provides a volunteer car scheme taking local residents to hospital, doctors and other appointments and are always on the look out for drivers. To volunteer or to find out more about the scheme call 01746 768539 or email bridgnorthcombus@btconnect.com

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Rail Notices

Sunday 23rd October for the whole day, buses replace trains between Shrewsbury and Wolverhampton and vice versa, calling at all intermediate stations. Passengers travelling to or from beyond Wolverhampton will need to check their connection times. Trains between Chester, Wrexham, Gobowen and Shrewsbury will run at earlier times.

Saturday 29th October for the whole day, buses replace trains between Shrewsbury and Telford Central, calling at intermediate stations.

Sunday 30th October for the whole day, buses replace trains between Shrewsbury and Wolverhampton and vice versa, calling at all intermediate stations. Passengers travelling to or from beyond Wolverhampton will need to check their connection times. Trains between Chester, Wrexham, Gobowen and Shrewsbury will run at earlier times.

Sunday 6th November for the whole day, buses replace trains between Shrewsbury and Wolverhampton and vice versa, calling at all intermediate stations. Passengers travelling to or from beyond Wolverhampton will need to check their connection times. Trains between Chester, Wrexham, Gobowen and Shrewsbury will run at earlier times.

Also, on late evenings throughout October, certain services from 10pm onwards may be replaced by buses.



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www.nationalrail.co.uk

Timetables Online

Shropshire Council now publishes all bus timetables on our website. go to www.shropshire.gov.uk/bustimes for up to date timetables and details of the next services from a specific stop!



Half-term Links to the Park

Any plans for October half term? Why not get yourself out and about by using the ShropshireLink to travel from the Square in Shrewsbury out to Attingham Park. The service is operating 'holiday specials' from Monday 24 October 2011 until Friday 28 October 2011 (excluding Wednesday 26 October 2011) taking passengers at either 10.30am or 12pm from The Square in Shrewsbury town centre and picking up from Attingham Park at either 1.30pm or 3.30pm back to the Square.

All journeys must be pre-booked and will take passengers from any rural area in Zone 6 out to the National Trust site.

There are a number of events on at Attingham Park over the half term period for the whole family. Such as the Halloween Holiday Trail which is open daily between 10am and 4pm and Trusty's Tuesday Club on 25 October which has a number of fun activities for all.

Come and visit the house and see where Lord and Lady Berwick lived and the servants worked, have a picnic in the grounds, playground adventures in the Walled Garden. Autumn tractor and trailer rides to see the deer and with a pushchair friendly route around the mile walk there are things for even the smallest member of the family!

To book on this exciting offer please call our booking line on 0345 678 9006 where new customers will get their first trip FREE! Passengers who have concessionary passes will be able to use them on this service as well. For more details about the events at Attingham Park please call them on 01743 708123 or visit www.nationaltrust.org.uk/attinghampark, and for more information on the ShropshireLink visit www.shropshire.gov.uk/shropshirelink



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Bus Service Changes

25 - Shrewsbury to Bayston Hill

On Monday 26 September a number of changes were made to the above service around the Bayston Hill area. The service will no longer leave Bayston Hill via the A49, instead it will use Pulley Lane. More details can be found on Traveline.

780 - Shropshire Hills Shuttle

The last day of the Shuttles for 2011 was Sunday 25 September. Alternative services through Church Stretton are the Minsterley Motors service 435. Check www.shropshire.gov.uk/bustimes for more details.

D71, 71 & 71a - Welshpool to Oswestry
New timetable From Monday 9 October 2011. Times will change in the early morning, for more details please check with Traveline.



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Road Closures

Sundorne Road, Shrewsbury

There is ongoing works being carried out at the roundabout from Sundorne Road to B5062 until Friday 28 October. This will affect at times the 519 service. Passengers are advised to check with the operator before travelling.

Moston Road, Shrewsbury

On Wednesday 26 October 2011 between 8am and 5pm a section of Moston Road between Meadow Farm Drive and Field Crescent will be closed due to resurfacing. This will affect the service 25 and as such will be diverted along Meadow Farm Drive and Ebury Avenue.

Minsterley, B4387 & B4499

On Wednesday 26 October 2011 the junction in Minsterley between B4387 and B4499 will be closed for resurfacing. This will affect the Minsterley Motors service 552/553 and as such will be diverted around that area. Passengers should check with the operator before travelling.



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New funding for Transport

Following a successful bid to the Local Sustainable Transport Fund, Shropshire Council will receive almost £5million from the Department for Transport. This will be spent on measures to support the local economy and reduce carbon emissions. Shrewsbury, Oswestry and Ludlow will benefit from better walking and cycling routes and information. There will also be a focus on making it easier to get to school and work. During September we held public meetings in Ludlow and Oswestry. To find out more about how this funding may be spent visit: www.bit.ly/shropshire-1stf

We want to work closely with local people to improve sustainable transport in Shropshire. If you're interested in joining a steering group or you would like to be kept up to date with our progress, contact us on 01743 253008 or email transport@shropshire.gov.uk. We will keep you up to date here with details of any future public meetings and projects.



Local Sustainable Transport Fund

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www.bit.ly/shropshire-1stf

Follow us on Twitter!

Shropshire Council's transport department has now launched into the world of tweeting. Showing updates of news stories across the county relating to all aspects of transport and travel. Road closures affecting bus services, dates of service changes and also any offers or promotions being launched on any of our services. Follow us on **@ShropTravel**.



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www.twitter.com

Feel good, Get going, Cycle!

Cycle Shrewsbury is Shropshire Council's campaign to get more people cycling more often in Shrewsbury. Check out the website for details on all projects and promotions. Join up today and keep you up to date with all the latest news and events. You will also be sent a membership pack which includes a discount card for cycle shops in Shrewsbury and exclusive access to online competitions. Don't forget October is also love your bike month where there will be free cycling events and activities in Shrewsbury,



Ludlow and Oswestry to help you 'Love your bike' and also a competition to win a £50 voucher for Theatre Severn. More details will be available on the Cycle Shrewsbury website, the address for which is below.



Cycle Shrewsbury

www.cycleshrewsbury.com

Over 55? Travel anywhere on the
Arriva Trains Wales network

for only

£18

return*



Buy your ticket online, at station booking
office or by calling 0844 3751 546.

Club 55 is Back! So once again, if you are 55 or older you can travel anywhere on the Arriva Trains Wales network for only £18. There's something for everyone on the Arriva Trains Wales network. Whether you want to go shopping in Manchester, have a city break in Cardiff, visit a National Trust property, Portmeirion Village or if you're feeling brave, visit the children in university.

Who can get a Club 55 ticket? Anyone aged 55 or over can buy a Club 55 ticket. You are required to carry proof of age when you travel to validate your ticket.

How can I buy my ticket? **Online** - With Arriva Trains Wales, there are no booking fees, no credit card or debit card fees and no delivery fees (except next day delivery). **At the station** - Any station booking office. **By Telephone** - By calling 0844 3751 546. Telesales are open between 8am and 8pm Monday to Saturday or 9am and 5pm Sundays. **With a Conductor** - On an Arriva Trains Wales train when boarding at a station where no booking facilities are available. **Please note:** Club 55 tickets will be available to purchase from 27th August, to travel between 4th September and 14th December 2011.

Which routes can I travel on? Club 55 is available for travel between any two stations on the Arriva Trains Wales network. **Premier Service:** A supplement may be paid to upgrade onto the First Class service running between Holyhead and Cardiff. Supplement start from £35. See website for more information. **Add-on Fares:** If you wish to travel beyond the Arriva Trains Wales network, an 'Add-On' fare may be purchased for selected routes. Add-On Fares start from £19 return. See website for more information.

When can I travel? Club 55 tickets will be available to purchase from Saturday 27th August 2011. You can travel between 4th September and 14th December 2011 inclusive. You can travel anytime at the weekend and on any train Monday to Friday apart from those arriving into Cardiff Central, Birmingham, Manchester or Liverpool stations before 9.30am and 10.00am for London Marylebone. Evening travel restrictions also apply to departures from London Marylebone from 4.00pm to 7.00pm. Please see the Terms and Conditions on the website.

Do I need to book in advance? No. You can purchase your Club 55 ticket on the day of travel.

Is the ticket subject to availability? You can purchase as many Club 55 tickets as you want within the sales period of 27th August to 14th December 2011. Please see the Terms and Conditions on the website