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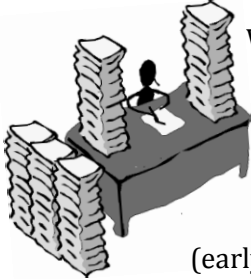


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BUCKNELL NEWSLETTER

Summer 2013

From the Editor – *still ready to hand over...*



Welcome to edition number 3 of the revived **BUCKNELL NEWSLETTER**. And Yee Hah: we haven't folded! There seems enough happening in Bucknell to keep us going for a while yet. In fact to make room for more of your contributions we've produced *Who's Who* as a supplement. We'll publish it at approximately six-monthly intervals. So Don't lose it: Use it!

Though we could still do with more *News About* and *Coming Up* contributions (early warnings for Christmas events? Football results: where are you?), we'd like also to introduce a *SpeedieMeals that always work* column – no need to explain what that will cover, I hope! And we'll try to make room for more short stories (400 words max please).

Like so much in this world, the **NEWSLETTER** is only going to keep going if the contributions keep coming in. So... you know what to do, please. Oh: and have a good Summer – that's the sunny time: remember?

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NEWS ABOUT ...

BEDSTONE AND BUCKNELL PARISH COUNCIL

The election on 2nd May resulted in changes to the Parish Council's membership. The seven people who now represent Bucknell are (in alphabetical order) Peter Davies, Hillside; William Davies, Bucknell House; Ian Faulkner, Misty Meadows; Jonathan Kemp, Clare Cottage; Ian Owen, 20 Redlake Meadow; Beryl Sharpe, The Old Kennels; and Beverly Stone, 14 Redlake Meadow. They are joined by Florence Hughes and Chris Savery, representing Bedstone's interests, to make up the full Council. At its first meeting, on 7th May, Ian Owen was elected Chair and Beverly Stone as Vice Chair.

The new Chairman writes: "I would like to thank everyone who turned out to vote for the Parish Council. [Turnout was 46% compared with a reported national average of 30-35% - Ed.] I hope that we'll see a few more residents at our meetings as we welcome input and ideas from everyone as we work to take the village forward."

*Chairman: Ian Owen (01547 530616)
Clerk to the Council: Nancy Adams (01686 670737)*

ST MARY'S CHURCH REDEVELOPMENT

There's been lots of activity around the Church in the last few weeks with the **insulation** and the **heat pump** being installed. It's gone pretty much to plan and by the time you read this, we should be within a couple of weeks of finishing this part of the job. It will be great to have a building that is warm in both summer and winter.

While the Church has been closed, services are being held in the Memorial Hall. A notice on the Church door, renewed each week, gives details of what is coming up.

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The Redevelopment Group, with the PCC, are looking at how we go forward with Stage Two - including the installation of a WC and kitchenette. We want to start this as soon as possible but we'll need a further fundraising effort and more concrete plans. Watch this space!

Ian Hay-Campbell and Jean Pryke, Churchwardens

THE MEMORIAL HALL

As many of you may know, our Memorial Hall has had quite a facelift and is now looking bright and spacious thanks to the help and generosity of many volunteers. The ceiling, walls, windows and doors have all been repainted; the flooring has been treated; new blinds have been put up; the stage curtains have been replaced; the tracking system has been repaired and overhauled and the cording set has been renewed and set up to work correctly.

To prevent damage to the curtains and tracking **please would everyone use the cords** behind the curtains on the right hand side of the stage to open and close the curtains in accordance with the instructions displayed.

Geri Jackson

THE 2013 BUCKNELL SHOW – 7TH SEPTEMBER

Enclosed with this **NEWSLETTER** you'll find a Schedule of the Gardening, Floral, Arts, Crafts and Cookery competition classes that are a part of the **BUCKNELL SHOW 2013** being held at Daffodil Lane on 7th September. You'll see that there are many classes both for children as well as adults. We hope you'll find something that you'd like to have a go at – or encourage someone else to. (*That sponge you make is SO good: it's got to be a winner!*) But as well as the competitions, there will be various events and entertainments running through the day, which we hope will have wide appeal. Children's Sports, Wellie Wanging, Wheelbarrow race, Vintage vehicles, a Dog Show are all on the agenda. And then to round things off, there will be a 'bop' in the Memorial Hall.

If you'd like to help – or have got a good idea – please contact one of the Show Committee who would be pleased to hear from you. But most important of all: please put the date in your diary!

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Annie Millen (530366) – Ian Owen (530616) – Chris Sansom (530830)*

WOULD YOU HELP WITH ...?

As we noted last time: nothing 'just happens'. Behind so much that makes life in the village worthwhile there are individuals who generously give time and effort, making things happen. But we can't just keep relying on the 'the usual suspects'! So why not think about helping with these?

SHROPSHIRE COMMUNITY CARS – are always on the look-out for drivers, particularly for the longer journeys. Do please think if you could support this vital and very worthwhile scheme. Speak with David Baker (530495) or Mike Starr (530179) to find out more.

BUCKNELL SHOW – All offers of help will be gratefully received! Just contact one of the Committee members listed above.

COMMUNITY FIRST RESPONDERS (CFR) – A Community First Responder is available to be dispatched by an ambulance centre to attend medical emergencies in their local area. CFR volunteers are trained by the Ambulance Service to a nationally recognised level to provide lifesaving treatment. Contact Nicky (07973 563829) or Ian (530616) to get an idea of what's involved.

CLUN VALLEY AED (Automatic External Defibrillation) SCHEME - The AED scheme is solely concerned with responding to someone who has had a Cardiac Arrest. The more volunteers there are the more the rota can be shared round – so that operators might be on-call perhaps just twice per month. Contact Nicky (07973 563829) or Ian (530616) to find out more. **Remember: It could be YOUR neighbour – or even YOU.**



IT'S YOUR TURN

Cut due to lack of space last time, here's Steve's sweet story of ...



THREE MEN AND A SWARM

Paul and I had caught the Bee Bug. We had been on the Beekeepers Taster Course, got a bee-suit and a hive tool each and we both had an (empty) hive. Yeah. No holding us back.

Now Dick knew about these things and reckoned that soon there would be plenty of swarms for the taking. We just needed a modicum of patience. And so we waited. Eons seemed to pass and then one morning we got The Call. Dick had located a swarm in the Vicar's garden. No problem, as Bucknell was presently without a Vicar and we would be doing a service by removing it. Soon we assembled, all kitted up, big box for the swarm and hearts full of hope.

It took us quite a while to find the swarm 'cos we weren't looking high enough, but when we did find it – wow! It was a huge primary swarm, bigger than a football and on a branch over 35ft high. We looked at Dick who seemed unperturbed and issued us with our tasks. I got our telescopic branch lopper and extended it by lashing on two lengths of roof batons. Paul drove in four stakes and stretched out a quilt cover as a landing ground.



Have you ever seen pictures of the monument to the Marines raising the flag at Iwo Jima?

That was the three of us trying to get 35ft of combined pole and lopper into the air. It swayed alarmingly in the air for a while and then struck the branch with a clout.

Nobody breathed for 30 seconds. When the buzzing died back down to a murmur Dick said 'Go on, cut it'. As I pulled the cord for the cutter the whole assembly began to bend like a one string fiddle. 'Go on' said Dick 'don't be a whimp, cut it'

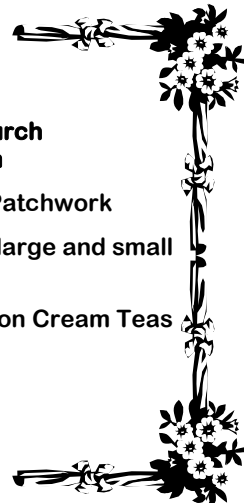
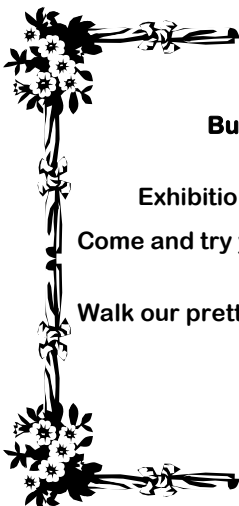
Lots of things seemed to happen at once. There was a loud crack as the roof batons snapped, the branch swung from horizontal to vertical, and the bees lost their grip. 'Run' shouted Dick and three of us tried to occupy the same space on the narrow path.

The bees now started to descend at 32ft/sec/sec and covered 30ft in the blink of an eye. At 32 ft they changed direction, formed a reverse bomb burst and passed over our covering heads with inches to spare, buzzing alarmingly.

We slowly got up and walked back. The duvet cover was impaled by a branch and a piece of baton but there was not a single bee to be seen. All was silent. We looked at Dick. 'You don't always get them' he said.

Steve Sherring

WHAT'S HAPPENING?



**Bucknell Open Gardens and Craft Exhibition in St. Mary's Church
Saturday 6th and Sunday 7th July, from 11.00am to 5-00pm**

Exhibition of Crafts and demonstrations of Spinning, Weaving and Patchwork

**Come and try your hand at a new craft – Visit some village gardens both large and small
See our Allotments and talk to some of the gardeners**

Walk our pretty village to find Morning Coffee, light Lunches and Afternoon Cream Teas

Sorry: no dogs in gardens

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Is your event here?

COMING UP IN THE NEXT FEW MONTHS

WHEN?	WHAT?	WHERE?	CONTACT
3 June	School Half Term ends	School	See Who's Who?
9 June	Sponsored Stretcher Carry in aid of Leintwardine and Bucknell Community First Responders	From The Baron of Beef to The Sun, Leintwardine	Nicky Edwards or Ian Owen
14 June	Ukulele band and barbeque in aid of Leintwardine and Bucknell Community First Responders	The Sun, Leintwardine	Nicky Edwards or Ian Owen
23 June	Vintage Tractor Run in aid of Bucknell Memorial Hall and Leintwardine and Bucknell Community First Responders	From Daffodill Lane to The Sun, Leintwardine	Nicky Edwards
1 July	Sports Day	School	See Who's Who?
6 & 7 July	11.00am – 5.00pm: Bucknell Open Gardens, Allotments and Craft Exhibition	St Mary's Church and around the village	Jean Pryke
17 July	Pirate Party	School	See Who's Who?
18 July	Garden Party for Sandra and Elva	School	See Who's Who?
19 July	School breaks up	School	See Who's Who?
3 August	2.00 – 4.30pm: Garden Party for Church and Charity - Produce stalls and Raffle	Tan House	Jean Pryke
15 August	Autumn NEWSLETTER copy deadline	Jonathan Kemp, Clare Cottage, Sitwell Close – 530398 – jonathan@janekemp.plus.com	
3 September	School resumes	School	See Who's Who?
3 September	5.00pm: Entries close for Bucknell Gardening, Arts, Crafts etc. show	Clare Cottage, Sitwell Close, SY7 0DD	Jonathan Kemp (530398)
7 September	2.00pm: THE BUCKNELL SHOW	Daffodil Lane	Show Committee
# September	Historic Photos of Bucknell and area	Memorial Hall	Ian Owen

EVERY WEEK

WHEN?	WHAT?	WHERE?	CONTACT
Tuesday	9.00am-12.00pm: Mother & Toddler Group	Memorial Hall	?? [Please let me know – Ed.]
Tuesday & Thursday	12.00pm: Pensioners' Lunches	Sitwell Arms	See Who's Who?
Thursday	"Pie & a Pint" night - £7-50	Sitwell Arms	See Who's Who?
Thursday	7.30pm: Boules	Baron of Beef	Sylvia & Derek Meredith (530422)
Friday	7.45pm: Bingo	Memorial Hall	Dorothy (530252)

EVERY MONTH

WHEN?	WHAT?	WHERE?	CONTACT
1 st Tuesday	2.30pm: Mothers' Union	Check with Jean	See Who's Who?
	7.30pm: Bedstone & Bucknell Parish Council	Memorial Hall	See Who's Who?
3 rd Wednesday	7.30pm: Women's Institute	Memorial Hall	See Who's Who?

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