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From the Treasurer

Welcome everyone to 2017, a bit late I know and we've missed our scheduled Winter publication because of a change to the team that used to put this community newsletter together. Former editor John Warner and his wife Emma have moved from Bucknell to Surrey where new job opportunities beckoned and this has caused a hiccup in publication. John's efforts in making the Bucknell Newsletter such an informative and professional document are very much appreciated and the much reduced team will now try to continue the newsletter and maintain the very high standard that John had achieved, but we can't do this alone and for the newsletter to continue beyond this issue we need information and advertising from the community and local businesses to include within future editions, otherwise continuation of the newsletter could be in jeopardy.

All contributions from local communities will be very much appreciated, like forthcoming events including fund-raising events for the **What's Happening** section, humorous items for the **Just For Fun** section, news and comments for the **Community News and Views** section, interesting articles from individuals, groups, and businesses alike with photographs if possible, plus favourite recipes, etc. etc.

Advertising is so critical because it makes publication of this newsletter possible as there are no other means of financing, and the amount of income we receive from advertisers governs the number of pages that we can include in each edition, so please do contact me either by telephone or via email if you have anything of interest that you would like to share with the community and / or wish to advertise your business - please see page 29 for details. Thank you.

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Front cover picture: A Heron in the River Redlake, Bucknell.



What's Happening?

Please keep me informed of forthcoming events so that I can include them here in future editions.

DATES in 2017	EVENTS
Saturday 20th May at 10:30am.	W.I. Plant sale on the Causeway green near Belmont Garage, Bucknell.
Sunday 18th June	Tractor Run - entries or details from Nicky on 07973 563 829 or John on 01547 530 252
Sunday 25th June at 3pm.	Ludwig Van Beethoven's Grand Septet in E-flat at St. Mary's Church Bucknell. Details / Tickets from Margaret 01547 530 750 or Roger 01547 530 062
<p>Saturday 8th July at 2:00pm.</p> <p>The Bucknell Car Boot sale on the Daffodil Lane playing fields. Book your spot in advance to avoid disappointment.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Cars £5 / Vans £10 <i>Tables available for £3</i></p> <div style="text-align: right;">  <p>+ Hot Drinks & Food!</p> </div> <p style="text-align: center;">Contact Stacie on 07422 555165 or info@thebucknellshow.co.uk</p>	
Saturday 19th August at 6:00pm.	Cheese and Wine event at St. Marys Church, Bucknell. £5.00 entrance fee. Contact Roger on 01547 530 062
Saturday 2nd September	The Bucknell Show at the Daffodil Lane playing fields. Details from Nicky on 07973 563 829 or see the parish noticeboards nearer the time.
Saturday 2nd December at 7:30pm.	W.I. The Festive Concert - we will be entertained by the mixed Choir Of One Accord, this will be their third visit to Bucknell, and are back again by popular demand. Details from Christine Price on 01547 530 249



Time has now passed since you last had news of our W.I., and much of what was mentioned in the last Newsletter has now happened.

We celebrated the run up to Christmas in style. Our first outing in December was to the Clive at Bromfield for a Festive afternoon tea where they provided a wonderful spread and we certainly did it justice.

Later in the month found us at The Baron at Bucknell where we enjoyed our Christmas Dinner which put us in a very festive mood. Our Christmas party was a little different though, we had a Ceilidh, the music was provided by Richard Webb and Rose Evans, caller Ruth Webb. The evening closed with supper and a toast to our W.I wishing ourselves all the best for 2017.

We welcomed four new members at the start of the year, Yvonne Alderton, Maria Aplin, Sue Davis and Lin Grose. It was a special meeting in February when we welcomed Sylvia Meredith to demonstrate the art of cake icing, members appreciated the preparation time that had been taken in preparing for this demonstration with Fran Turnbull winning the icing competition.

Our March meeting was another hands on affair with a wire sculpture demonstration by Jed Picksley. Lin and Wyn were judged to have made the best effort with a sea horse and a butterfly. Wynn, Carole, and Jean will be attending S.F.W.I Annual meeting at Shrewsbury, the speaker in the afternoon is the B.B.C. personality Jules Holland.

Seven members will be going to Hopesay for a Soup and Pudding Lunch and six of us will attend the County Lunch at Cleobury North.

May will be a busy month when we host the County Ramble. The short walk will be three to four miles long passing by the Bat Sanctuary, the longer one of seven to eight miles will take a route through Bucknell Wood.

May is also the month when we hold our Plant Sale on the Green down by the Garage, this year it will be on Saturday May 20th at 10:30.

June 8th is the day members and friends plan to travel to Cardiff by rail so we hope for a fine day.

The Ukulele group continues to thrive, with Margaret our enthusiastic leader.

Christine Price - President
24/03/17

~ IN MEMORIAM ~

MORRIS Thomas. Lance Corporal 7th Battalion South Wales Borderers.

Thomas was 29 when he died and his next of kin is given as Mrs. M. Bott (formerly Morris) resident at Tan House, Bucknell. His father is recorded as the late Mr. J Morris.

Thomas was born at Aston-on-Clun. He died on the 10th July 1917 and was buried in the Mikra British Cemetery, Kalamaria, Greece about 5 miles (8 kms) outside Thessalonika. In 1916, when a Greek revolution broke out in Salonika, the Greek national army came into the war on the Allied side. It was at this point the town became the base for the British Salonika Force and contained up to 18 general and stationary hospitals.

"The History of the South Wales Borderers" describes the living conditions for the soldiers in the Salonika campaign. The summer heat was intense and there was no protection for the soldiers. Malaria was a problem and many soldiers succumbed to disease. The daily average of sick was 340 in August and peaked at 500 plus in September. Only the arrival of autumn brought relief for the soldiers. There was no fighting around the time of Thomas's death. His family understand from research they have undertaken that he was drowned while disembarking at Salonika.

JONES Geoffrey Richard. Lance Corporal, 8th Battalion King's Royal Rifle Corps.

Geoffrey joined up at the age of 20 on the 21st September 1915 in Swansea where he was living and working at the steel mills. He was sent to France to join the British Expeditionary Force on 25th February 1916. Four months later (1st July) he was wounded by shrapnel and was evacuated to the Western General Hospital, Manchester, where he stayed for two months. He returned to active service and was finally killed just eleven months later.

The 1901 census tells us a little about his family. He was one of two sons (both of whom were killed) of Thomas Jones, a widower who lived at Tan House in Chapel Lawn Road, near to the present Tan House. By the 1911 census his father had died and he had moved to Brampton Bryan to live with his uncle and aunt, Charles and Frances Jones. He was described in this census as being a painter and labourer.

Geoffrey was killed during the Third Battle of Ypres (July – November 1917). The war diary for the 8th Battalion of the KRRC records that the Battalion was involved in heavy fighting on the 23rd and 24th August defending a stretch of land to the east of Ypres, just off the famous Menin Road. The Battalion suffered badly from shell fire during the day as they attempted to hold Inverness Copse from which they eventually had to withdraw. 6 officers and 100 other ranks were killed while 3 officers and 130 other ranks were injured.

One of the more poignant documents in Geoffrey's service record is the official note sent to his aunt Frances in 1920 asking her to sign for and accept his medals and the scroll sent to the next of kin of those who had died in the War. Perhaps it was good that his father, Thomas, widowed when his children were very young, never lived to know that both his sons were killed.

You can read more about the Bucknell soldiers killed in both World Wars on the parish website www.middlemarchesbenefice.org Follow the links to Bucknell/Memorial

Margaret Hay-Campbell

The Revd. Annie Ballard

Hello again everyone.

Firstly, thanks to Beverley for taking on our Parish newsletter! A real labour of love, I know!

I love this time of year with all the signs of new life burgeoning around us. And, as I write, it is Holy Week, the dark foreboding week as Jesus makes His way through all the conflicts to the Cross and then comes out the other side of death on Easter Sunday. Whatever you believe about the timing of Easter to coincide with Spring, it certainly “works”!

We live in troubled, dark times, full of foreboding and news items that whip up fear. But in our small rural communities we do find signs of mutual care and hope, even, or perhaps especially in the midst of our own darkness's. Out of the ashes and brokenness, the darkness of winter, spring the signs of new light and life and hope! Let's determine to grab hold of these and run with them together.

In St. Mary's at the moment, we are facing a fresh start. At the Annual Meeting in April, our two faithful, longstanding Church Wardens, Ian and Jean both stood down and no-one came forward to be elected in their place. We are hugely grateful to them for the service through the years. The wonderfully ordered Church with its eco-friendly heating and the comfortable “facilities”, make it an especially welcoming building, not only for those who come to worship regularly, but for the community activities that regularly happen in its embrace. There is a sense that we face a new beginning there. With no wardens currently in post we will be relying on others to help step into the breach to help keep the work and worship and life within the building going. The main role of a warden is to be someone who cares about the Church and the Community; that person should be over 18 and a regular communicant; being a Church Warden does not actually mean the extensive list of jobs that has grown up through the years. Between us, all together we can spread things out and make sure things happen in good order. I would value your prayers for the shape of the future at St. Mary's. And the important thing is that our worshipping life continues happily and faithfully and that there is a welcome for those who come in.

As we move into the summer season, we are hoping to put on some lovely events across our Benefice. On the first weekend of June, the Pilgrimage of Song, which was what first brought me here, will be happening again in our area, exploring some of the lovely Churches on our borders and singing along the way. This year we are using the Prayer of the Gifts by St. Francis along the way. The Sunday Service on 4th June will be at St. Cuthbert's Clunfunford, celebrating Pentecost, at 11am. Everyone is welcome to join us and anyone who would like to join with the walking and singing from the Friday to the Sunday, please get in touch with me for details. I know there are several fundraising events coming up, look out for the adverts. We do rely on your support for helping keep the building and the work in the Church going.

During August we will again be holding a series of Summer Sundays across the group with some creative worship and fun activities. Watch this space. A good opportunity for trying us out in a relaxed way.

Continued

Meanwhile, with the signs of hope around us, I have had the tones of Satchmo ringing in my ears this morning as I have been going about my work

*I see trees of green, red roses too, I see them bloom for me and you,
And I think to myself what a wonderful world*

*I see skies of blue and clouds of white, the bright blessed day, the dark sacred night,
And I think to myself what a wonderful world*

*The colours of the rainbow, so pretty in the sky, are also on the faces of people going by, I
see friends shaking hands saying how do you do, they're really saying I love you.*

*I hear babies crying, I watch them grow, they'll learn much more than I'll never know,
And I think to myself what a wonderful world, yes I think to myself what a wonderful world!*

I do hope you have all had a very Happy Easter, and let us enjoy our Wonderful World!

Annie and Red

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## Parish Lunch - Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2017

This years' lunch, held in the Bucknell Memorial hall, was again well attended and guests enjoyed home cooked casseroles and delicious puddings.

All had a choice of beef, chicken or vegetarian casserole with accompanying vegetables followed by a choice of apple and orange, apple and blackberry or gooseberry crumble, fruit salad, chocolate and pear tart or lemon cheesecake. Mints, tea and coffee followed.



The atmosphere was very jolly which is to be expected in our friendly and welcoming village and it gave everyone the chance to catch up on news and have a good old chat.

Service was provided by volunteers and a big thank you to all who took part in a really good village event raising money for St Mary's Church which is undergoing some costly renovations at this time.

Some of the volunteers (photographed L-R) are: Eleanor, Jean, David, Jan and Margaret.

**David & Susan Fenlon**





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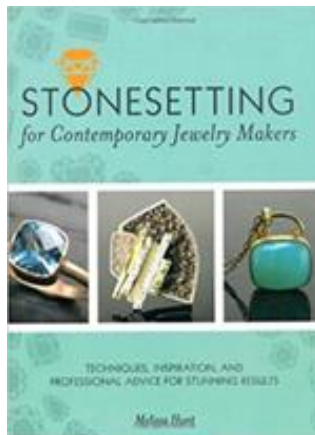
| WEEKLY             |  | Event                                        | Venue & Time                                           | Contact                                                     |
|--------------------|--|----------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|
| Monday             |  | Bedstone Art Group                           | Bedstone Village Hall<br>09:00 - 13:00                 | Celia Keane<br>01547 530397                                 |
| Tuesday            |  | Mothers' and<br>Toddlers' Group              | Bucknell Memorial Hall<br>09:00 - 11:30                | Leanne Lewis<br>07869 470684                                |
| Tuesday            |  | Grumpy Old Men's<br>Club                     | The Baron at Bucknell<br>21:00 - 23:00                 | <i>Just turn up !</i>                                       |
| Wednesday          |  | Pop In Café<br>Bucknell                      | St. Marys Church<br>10:30 - 12:00                      | Margaret<br>Hay-Campbell<br>01547 530750                    |
| Friday             |  | Bingo                                        | Bucknell Memorial Hall<br>19:45                        | Dorothy Edwards<br>01547 530252                             |
| Saturday           |  | Indoor Circuit Training                      | Bucknell Memorial Hall<br>09:30                        | Helen Bithell<br>07775 520968                               |
| FORTNIGHTLY        |  | Event                                        | Venue & Time                                           | Contact                                                     |
| Monday             |  | Bucknell Walkers                             | Lych Gate<br>St. Marys Church<br>09:00 - sharp!        | Graham Jackson<br>01547 530137                              |
| Wednesday          |  | Mobile Library Service                       | Belmont Garage end of<br>the Causeway<br>11:20 - 11:40 | Shropshire Library<br>Service<br>01743 255024               |
| Thursday           |  | Skittles (Sept - May)<br>Boules (June - Aug) | Memorial Hall or The<br>Baron at Bucknell<br>19:30     | Sylvia & Derek<br>Meredith<br>01547 530422                  |
| MONTHLY            |  | Event                                        | Venue & Time                                           | Contact                                                     |
| Last Monday        |  | Bucknell Book Group                          | Variable venues                                        | Margaret<br>Hay-Campbell<br>01547 530750                    |
| First<br>Tuesday   |  | Mothers Union                                | Variable venues during<br>winter months                | Iris Greaves 01547<br>530152 and Jean<br>Pryke 01547 540376 |
|                    |  | Bedstone and Bucknell<br>Parish Council      | Variable venues - see<br>parish notice boards          | Jonathan Kemp<br>Chairman<br>01547 530398                   |
| Third<br>Wednesday |  | Women's Institute                            | Bucknell Memorial Hall                                 | Christine Price -<br>President<br>01547 530249              |
| Last<br>Wednesday  |  | Craft Group                                  | Variable venues                                        | Fran Turnbull<br>01547 530833                               |



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# Bedstone and Bucknell Parish Council

By the time you get to read this, the 2017 Parish Council (PC) election will have been held and a new Council formed to work for our villages for the next four years. There will be some new faces – and some notable absences.

**Beryl Sharp and Florence Hughes** have, between them, amassed over 80 years of service as Parish Council members! Wow! Wow! Wow! That's surely got to be some sort of record nationally. So, immense *Congratulations and Thank you's* are due to them both as they step down. It's a massive achievement. Forgetting their length of service for a moment (80+ years: I can't believe it!), we should be applauding the fact that for over 40 years, virtually without missing a single meeting, Beryl and Florence have dutifully turned out on every first Tuesday of the month, come snow or sunshine, to make a real contribution in their different ways to life in the two villages. The changes they have experienced over the years in the villages and the various issues the Council has been involved with are obvious subjects for articles in future editions of the Bucknell Newsletter. It would be very good to hear their stories. So, where's that budding journalist?

**We** also bid farewell to **Chris Savery** – another long-server, who with Florence has ensured that we don't overlook Bedstone. In addition, Chris has recently spent time generously helping to make necessary improvements to our budgetary and financial controls. *Thank you, Chris.* **Alan Faulkner** has also come off the PC after his 4-year stint. The number of phone calls I have received from Alan at 6.30pm saying that 'I might be a bit late: I'm just leaving Worcester' (or somewhere similar) – having started his day at 6.30am – only for him to walk in at 7.25pm, sharp as a razor, ready to make a telling comment or ask an incisive question, are too numerous to list. That's commitment

**So**, THANK YOU Beryl, Florence, Chris and Alan for all you have done for Bedstone and Bucknell over the years.

**The** new Council, whoever is elected, may well pick up subjects the old PC touched on – e.g. issues raised in the Parish Plan review, published last year. No doubt new members will bring to the PC topics they feel strongly about. That's good: a refreshed agenda is healthy.

**But**, as I end here, I'm going to inject a little bit of controversy. Some may feel that the PC doesn't actually DO anything: that it's not fit for purpose. The trouble is the PC can't deal with issues it doesn't know about! So please remember that every meeting begins with a time for residents to bring up issues of concern. If there's something bugging you about life in our villages do take it along and have your say. (You don't have to stay for the whole meeting.) Better still, contact one of our new Councillors direct: don't let the issue fester. Now we've got a new Council, let's use it!

*Jonathan Kemp, current Chair, Bedstone and Bucknell Parish Council*

*28<sup>th</sup> April 2017*





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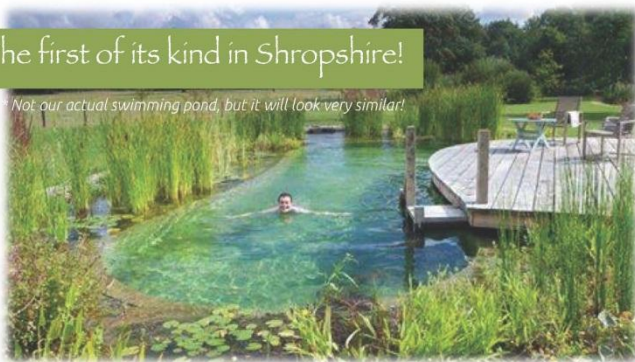
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Q. What happens to a  
frog's car when it breaks  
down?  
A. It gets toad away.

Q: Why is England the  
wettest country?  
A: Because so many kings  
and queens have been  
reigning there.

## A Tribute To All Those Grannies Who Have Had The Courage To Learn To Use a Computer

The computer swallowed Granny, yes, honestly, it's true,  
She pressed 'Control' and 'Enter', and disappeared from view.  
It devoured her completely, the thought just makes me squirm,  
She must have caught a Virus, or been eaten by a Worm!  
I've searched through the Recycle Bin, and files of every kind,  
I've even searched the Internet, but nothing could I find.  
In desperation I asked a friend, my umpteen searches to refine,  
The reply from her was negative, not a thing was found Online!

So if inside your Inbox, my Granny you can see,  
Please 'Copy', 'Scan', or 'Paste' her, and send her back to me.

Supplied by a reader of the Wilmington News - Devon



## *Sylvia's Page*

### **BUCKNELL WAR MEMORIAL FUND**

Latest news on the war memorial fund is that with a large donation from the music evening held in the Memorial Hall, organised by the Friends of Brampton Bryan British Legion, and promised help from Bedstone and Bucknell Parish Council, it is hoped the war memorial will be in place this year, date to be announced later in the year.

A big thank you to everyone that has supported this project with donations and by attending the fund-raising events.

If you have lost a member of your family in either of the World Wars and would like to attend the dedication service, then please contact me.

We want to make it a very special day.

*Sylvia Meredith - 01547 530 422*

*Chair of the Bucknell War Memorial Fund*

### **Mothering Sundays**

Since my girls were little and went to Sunday School, they always went to church on Mothering Sunday, and proudly came home clutching a posy of Spring flowers which for me was so special but also sad, because I also went to Sunday School but I don't remember ever bringing home flowers for my mum. I often wonder why, I don't think she even had a card from me. Maybe growing up in the war years things were different. My girls are now grown up with children of their own. But since I moved here I still go to church on Mothering Sunday to get my special posy, but this year where were the children? The ladies from the Mothers Union had made three baskets of posies to give out, but there was not one child in church. How sad! Is this a sign of the times, I hope not.

There is nothing like a little one coming home to you clutching a wilting posy in their warm hands.



*Sylvia Meredith*



# Community News & Views



## DECISION NOTICE



### DETERMINATION OF APPLICATION FOR OUTLINE PLANNING PERMISSION

11001 and County Planning Act 1990  
Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedures) (England) Order 2015

**Location:** Proposed Residential Development Land East Of Redlake Meadow, Bucknell, Shropshire  
**Proposed Development:** Outline planning application for residential development (all matters reserved) (in-situ extension)  
**Application No.:** 16/04933/OUT  
**Date Received:** 27th October 2016  
**Applicant:** 16 & 16's B Morgan

Shropshire Council hereby REFUSE OUTLINE PLANNING PERMISSION for the reasons outlined below.

### REASONS FOR REFUSAL

1. The proposed site lies in open countryside outside the development boundary for Bucknell as defined on the Public Map of the Shropshire Development Management and Management of Development (SAMDev) Plan. The development is contrary to the Core Principles of the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) and Local Plan (LTP) and is contrary to the Core Principles of the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) and Local Plan (LTP) and is contrary to the Core Principles of the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) and Local Plan (LTP).

### 16/04933/OUT

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16 & 16's B Morgan  
Date of Decision: 9th March 2017

9<sup>th</sup> March 2017 – Outline Planning Application 16/04933/OUT for the proposed development of the greenfield site to the east of Redlake Meadow has been refused outline planning permission.

The Local Planning Authority has determined that the principal housing needs of the village (Bucknell) should be met on a 'previously developed' site (old timber yard) that is allocated for development within the SAMDev Plan together with modest windfall development within the defined settlement development boundary.

The development of a 'greenfield' site beyond the development boundary in advance of an allocated 'brownfield' site would be contrary to the Core Principles of the National Planning Policy Framework.



Dog fouling is still an unsightly and potential hazardous blight within our community, and we ask once again for all dog owners please to keep their dog(s) in full view while out walking and to clean up after them. This applies especially where there is public access and rights of way, all grass verges, and in fields where sheep and cattle graze.

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Copies of the 2017-2021 Bedstone and Bucknell Parish Plan were issued to all households within the parish during March - did you get your copy? If not, you can view and download it from the parish website, just copy the web address below into your web browser.

[www.bedstoneandbucknell.org/parish/parish\\_plan/parish\\_plan.php](http://www.bedstoneandbucknell.org/parish/parish_plan/parish_plan.php)

Our thanks must go to all those involved in producing our new Parish Plan which has taken many months and thanks also to all in the community who completed and returned their questionnaires.



## ~ THE BUCKNELL PARISH CHURCH AND THE VICAR ~ FOR HOW MUCH LONGER?

**St Mary's Church Bucknell** has stood in the centre of the village for more than 900 years. It has had its own vicar for much of that time, although more recently the vicar has had to look after six other parishes as well. Some of us are wondering if church and vicar can continue as they are for much longer. Both cost a considerable amount to maintain.

It is a myth that the Church of England is wealthy. Maybe it had a big income back in the 19<sup>th</sup> century, but today most of its central income goes to supporting the more general administrative costs. Local churches and vicars have to be funded almost entirely locally.

The annual running cost of St Mary's comes to about £5,000. Lighting and heating bills have to be met; the church insured; and the fabric constantly repaired to make sure the building remains 'fit for purpose'. It's a heavy commitment for a regular, small congregation which is what St. Mary's now has, and upkeep can only be achieved by a variety of fundraising activities, and yet the church needs to be there because the community wants it there. It's a place where many people want to be married, to have their children baptised, and where above all, to have the family funeral or memorial service, followed usually by a burial in the 'new' cemetery. And people can check the time by the hourly bell in the church tower. Many in the village generously helped a year or two back when we had to fund a new heating system, a toilet, and re-ordering the interior so that community events like the Wednesday coffee mornings can take place. But there's still help needed for the regular, ongoing church expenses. The costs of a vicar also have to be met entirely locally. There's no funding from the centre here either. These cover salary, National Insurance, pension, travel and training needs. That is shared out among the seven parishes that make up our Benefice with Bucknell having to find just under £16,000 a year. If you add that to the church building maintenance, it comes to just under £21,000.

What use is a vicar to the general community? It's sometimes forgotten that a Church of England vicar has a responsibility for the whole community – whether people are Christian or not. The vicar is there for everybody – someone to consult with if there's a family or other crisis, who can give friendly advice and who knows where to go for further, more specialised advice. In addition to visiting generally, Vicars spend a lot of time with the families when someone has died, as well as spending time with couples who are preparing to get married in church. They are very much members of the local community and there to be used, and they do this alongside their regular duties of leading worship and training up others to do so. It's a heavy commitment.

So what am I saying? I am not saying that everyone should come to regular services at the church – although a very warm welcome awaits anyone who wants to do so. Nor am I saying that the whole community should dig regularly into their pockets to keep the church and the vicar going, but when there are church fundraising events – exhibitions, concerts, parish lunches etc., the community's support in lending a hand and giving time or money is enormously appreciated. If we have that support, we have a better chance in the future of keeping the church and the vicar available for everyone who needs them.

**Ian Hay-Campbell, former Churchwarden**



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## *Nigel Hartin*



During April I was knocking on doors right across Clun Division and one issue which came across loudly was people's concerns about keeping our local schools adequately funded so that the future of our children's education is protected.

The changes to the funding formula being brought in by the Westminster Government have had an effect on a large number of schools across Shropshire and here in Clun is no

exception. The Government is cutting £30.86 per pupil from this year's primary school budgets and £22.20 per pupil from secondary schools leading to significant funding shortages that some school governing bodies have to find from somewhere. Unfortunately the last administration in Shirehall knew these cuts were coming from their government in Whitehall but effectively did nothing, refusing to implement opposition plans to ease the pressure on school budgets by using some of the large reserves the administration has built up in its coffers at Shirehall.

These cuts have been labelled as the biggest cuts to school funding since the 1970's against a continuing background of ideology driven government education policy which flies in the face of reality, such as their plans to increase the number of grammar schools, which all the evidence suggests will make social inequality worse by siphoning off into grammars the most affluent children and damaging the future life chances of many more children than it improves, whilst pushing forward with the academy programme, where despite government assurances, we know that the worst academy trusts perform as poorly as the worst performing local authorities and where 6 in 10 academies run deficits in their budgets averaging £350,000. I hope that the new Shropshire Council elected on the 4th May will be able to do something concrete to improve the situation for our schools but we will have to wait to see what the political make up ends up being on the Council but I remain hopeful that, whatever the result, common sense can prevail and parties will co-operate to continue to give the best life chances to our children and grandchildren.

*Cllr. Nigel Hartin*  
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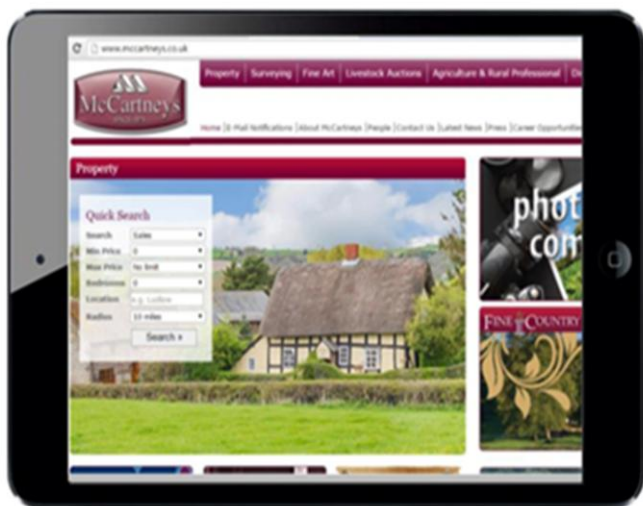
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