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## **Summer 2016**

### **From the editor**

Somewhat later than intended, but I hope this doesn't detract from your enjoyment of this edition. Communication in our rural community is so important as it has the power to bring people together and ensure everyone knows what's taking place. If you're about to organise an event or have news you'd like to share, please contact me in good time with the details. Articles, jokes and feedback are also especially welcome. Thank you to all the advertisers who pay promptly and keep the newsletter afloat. Without your support there would be no newsletter. Do please read the article about the Midlands Air Ambulance Charity. It provides such a vital life-saving service and deserves our support. Finally, a personal plea. If you'd be willing to help with compiling the newsletter, I could really do with some help - a voluntary activity seems to be turning into a full-time job!

*John Warner, Editor, 01547 530910, [warnerj47@sky.com](mailto:warnerj47@sky.com)*

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## What's happening

### Wii Tennis Tournament

A chance to play your favourite Wii tennis game on a big screen. How many aces can you pull? Drop-in session at Ludlow Assembly Rooms on Thursday 11 August at 10.30am. Pick up a controller and join in the fun!

### Car Boot Sale

Chapel Lawn Village Hall car boot and tabletop sale on Saturday 13 August. 7.00am set up - sales from 8.00am. £5.00 per car, £7.00 per table (provided). To book a space: 07721 739973

### Exotic Animal Encounter



Wondering what to do with the kids during the holidays? Why not get up close and personal with really exotic animals at Ludlow Assembly Rooms on Friday 19 August at 10.30am? Tickets £5.00 (ages 3+). Simon Airey, The Animal Man, introduces a chinchilla, bull frog, python, pigmy hedgehog, leopard gecko, bearded dragon, rainbow boa, monitor lizard, hissing cockroach, African land snail - and more. Learn some cool facts about them, and hear some terrible jokes!

### Live Music

On Friday 19 August, Jack Brett is playing at The Unicorn Inn, Ludlow, in a 'Blues Jam' session from 8.00pm. Why not bring an instrument and join in? On Saturday 20 August Jack is also playing at an all-day fundraising event for McMillan Cancer Support at The Kings Head, Tenbury Wells.

### Walk, talk, eat and worship

Start at St Mary's Church, Chapel Lawn

on Sunday 21 August at 10.00am for Communion, followed by brunch in the Hall. Walk to St Mary's Church, Stowe, for Praise Service at 2.30pm and tea. Walk through woods to St Mary's Church, Bucknell for refreshments and Quiet Summer Compline at 6.00pm.

### Weekend with Boondogz



Boondogz are supporting Dr Feelgood at The Barrels, Hereford, on Friday 26 August from 8.00 until 9.00pm. On Saturday 27 August, they're playing at The Swan Inn, Aston Munslow, from 3.00 until 4.00pm at the inn's all-day beer festival. Boondogz are also due to play at The Sun, Leintwardine, at its beer festival on Sunday 28 August. Enjoy the music!

### Knighton Show

Knighton Show and Carnival on Saturday 27 August. Carnival procession at 12.00 noon and again in the evening. Horticulture, floral and handicraft exhibitions at the Community Centre from 1.30pm. Also at Bryn-y-Castell - vintage cars, equine competitions, dog shows, food stalls and lots of activities for children. Judging of ponies, donkeys and dogs from 10.30am. Under-18's Show Dance 9.30pm until 1.00am at the Community Centre. Tickets: £6.00. Further details of events from Carly O'Rourke (07891 047271)

#### What's happening

##### **Absolutely Fabulous**



Bank Holiday screening of *Absolutely Fabulous: The Movie* at the Ludlow Assembly Rooms on Monday 29 August at 2.00pm. Hilarious film featuring the unfortunate

PR guru Edina Monsson (Jennifer Saunders) and her louche former model pal Patsy (Joanna Lumley). Edina and Patsy create a media firestorm after an unfortunate supermodel-based incident. Also starring Julia Sawalha, June Whitfield and Jane Horrocks. See:

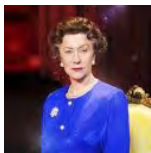
[www.ludlowassemblyrooms.co.uk](http://www.ludlowassemblyrooms.co.uk)

##### **National Garden Scheme**

Garden open for charity at Upper Shelderton House, Clungunford, 2.00-5.00pm (01547 540525) on Sunday 28 and Monday 29 August. Admission £4.00, children free; homemade teas available.

##### **Audience with the Queen**

National Theatre Live original West End production of *The Audience* at Aston on Clun Village Hall on Thursday



1 September at 6.30 for 7.00pm. Helen Mirren plays the part of Queen. For 60 years, the Queen has met privately each week with 12 Prime Ministers at 'The Audience'. During these, Her Majesty has advised Prime Ministers on all matters public and personal. Tickets £10.00 and £6.00 (under 18s). Refreshments available. Contact; David Jones (01588 660493) or Jeff Else (01588 550893).

##### **Josh Widdicombe**

Comedian Josh Widdicombe at the Ludlow Assembly Rooms on Friday 2 September at 8.00pm. Tickets £19.00. See: [www.ludlowassemblyrooms.co.uk](http://www.ludlowassemblyrooms.co.uk)



**The Bucknell Show** on Saturday 3 September from 1.00 - 6.00pm at Daffodil Lane Recreation Grounds. Lots of stalls from local organisations

and businesses, face painting, WI teas and cakes, competitions, dog show and competition, food stalls, craft and games tent for the little ones, fully-licensed and widely-stocked bar, Bucking Bronco, raffles and inflatables. To top it all off, there will be a Glass Walk for those brave enough to take the challenge - raising money for the Midlands Air Ambulance Charity and Alzheimer's Research UK. See: [www.thebucknellshow.co.uk](http://www.thebucknellshow.co.uk)

##### **Back to School**

Both St Mary's Primary School and Bucknell Pre-School start the autumn term on Tuesday 6 September.

##### **Parish Meeting**

Bedstone and Bucknell Parish Council meeting at Bucknell Memorial Hall on Tuesday on 6 September at 7.30pm.

##### **Back at Bedstone**

Bedstone College starts the autumn term on Thursday 8 September.

##### **Last Night of the Proms**

Last Night of the Proms party on a big screen at Aston on Clun Village Hall on Saturday 10 September at 7.15pm - £2.00

##### **Garden Open**

Open garden on Sunday 11 September from 11.00am until 5.00pm at Mynd Hardy Plants and Delbury Hall at Diddlebury (take the B4368 from Craven Arms). On behalf of Shropshire Historic Churches Trust - entrance £4.00. Walled garden, plant nursery, display beds, vegetable garden, herbaceous borders, lake and rose garden. Tea and plant stall available. See: [www.shropshirehct.org.uk](http://www.shropshirehct.org.uk)

### National Garden Scheme

Garden open for charity at Edge Villa, Edge, near Yockleton, SY5 9PY, 2.00-5.00pm (01743 821651) on Sunday 11 September. Admission £4.00, children free; homemade teas available.

### Art Exhibition

Redlake Valley Artists' third exhibition at Chapel Lawn Village Hall from Friday 16 September for three days from 10.00am. Paintings, drawings, photographs, handmade cards, textiles, jewellery, prints, hand-printed books and dioramas. Free entry, and delicious home-made teas: come for a cup of tea and a browse! More details, Sarah Jameson (528546) or: [images@sarahjameson.co.uk](mailto:images@sarahjameson.co.uk)



### Live Music

South Shropshire Blues Club live music at Ludlow Brewery on Friday 23 September at 7.30pm. Featuring 'Kingbird' with support from Jack Brett and 'Blue Moon'. Tickets £10.00.

### Folk and Pie Night

A Folk and Pie Night at Bedstone and Hopton Castle Village Hall on Saturday 24 September at 7.30pm. Tickets: £6.00.

### ODAS: Star gazing

Offa's Dyke Astronomical Society at Chapel Lawn Village Hall at 7.30pm on Thursday 29 September. Presentation by John Saunders entitled, *Astronomy Under Southern Skies - A view from Southern Africa*. More details from Carolyn Wilde (530085) or [cmwilde@btinternet.com](mailto:cmwilde@btinternet.com)

### School Open Days

St Mary's Primary School, Bucknell, Open Day is on 1 October and Open Mornings are 2/3 October. See: [www.bucknellprimaryschool.org](http://www.bucknellprimaryschool.org)

### Parish Meeting

Bedstone and Bucknell Parish Council meeting at Bucknell Memorial Hall on Tuesday 4 October at 7.30pm.

### Charity Dinner

Leintwardine and Bucknell Community First Responders' Annual Charity Dinner at Leintwardine Community Centre on Friday 7 October at 7.30 for 8.00pm. Complimentary drink on arrival, three-course meal, and coffee/tea. Tickets £19.50; proceeds to First Responders and Leintwardine Fire and Rescue Service. More details and tickets, Gaye Edwards (01547 540631).

### Live Music

'Music Nouveau' at St Michael's Church, Tenbury Wells, on Saturday 8 October at 7.00pm. An original music night, which includes Red Madog. Also, at The Red Lion, Knighton, on Saturday 15 and Sunday 16 October an all-day beer, cider and live music festival, with music from Jack Bret - and there's more! On Friday 21 October at 8.00pm, Jack is playing again at The Unicorn Inn, Ludlow, in a blues-jam session.

### Half Term

St Mary's Primary School, Bucknell Pre-School and Bedstone College half term holiday 24-28 October.

### ODAS: Star gazing

Offa's Dyke Astronomical Society meeting at Chapel Lawn Village Hall at 7.30pm on Thursday 27 October. A presentation by Rosemary Naylor entitled, *Earth Calling Basingstoke*. More details, Carolyn Wilde (530085) or see: [cmwilde@btinternet.com](mailto:cmwilde@btinternet.com)

If you'd like details of an event included in a future edition, please contact the editor in good time with: event description; details of venue; date; time; cost and who to contact.  
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## General News and Views

### Bucknell Allotments Association (BAA)

Since our founding in September 2007, the main additional 'facility' at the top of our wish list has been to have an on-site toilet. Over recent years the increasing availability of self-contained dry composting units provided a potential solution – all we needed was the wherewithal to buy one.



In March this year, the members were delighted to learn that our application for a grant from the Big Lottery Fund to purchase such a toilet had been approved.

Accordingly, on the 3 June a 'shiny' new eco loo and cabin were installed.



The eco-loo cabin

We are also very grateful to a number of local businesses who have helped us this year. Breedon Aggregates (Leinthall Quarry) donated the concrete we needed to build the base for our toilet. Also, Hornsey Steels (Bucknell) manufactured and donated custom liners for our large compost bins, which will be a big help with our refurbishment of these units.

We currently have 17 members occupying full or half-size plots at our site on Weston Road. In addition, we have a number of plots available for new members who would like to join us.

Our ethos is the growing of organic vegetables, fruit and herbs for 'own consumption'. We have quarterly meetings, an Annual General Meeting, communal working parties and a summer barbeque.

We also have appropriate insurance cover and are corporate members of the

National Society of Allotment and Leisure Gardeners.

We always welcome enquiries from potential new members of all levels of ability and experience. If you would like to join us, or just have a chat about what we do and what you can do, do please get in touch.



Jim Hughes, Secretary  
hughes\_jim@msn.com

### Bucknell Skittles Club

The club has enjoyed a good season with membership currently running at 30. We limit the membership to 35, otherwise we could be playing until the early hours. Most of the members like to go for a drink afterwards, which adds to the social side of the evening.

Each season we play Brampton Bryan British Legion for a shield and also to raise much needed funds for the British Legion. On this occasion £120.00 was raised and the Legion won the shield.

Competition winners for the season:

- Mixed Doubles: *Pauline Oliver & Derek Meredith*  
Runners Up: *Dorothy Edwards & Roger Bates*
- Ladies Doubles: *Jean Wood & Jane Smith*  
Runners Up: *Sue Price & Pauline Oliver*
- Men's Doubles: *Burwell Bowen & Derek Wood*  
Runners Up: *David Fenlon & Martin Garland*
- Ladies Singles: *Jane Smith*  
Runner Up: *Vi Sherring*
- Men's Singles: *Steve Sherring*  
Runner Up: *John Challenor*
- Highest Overall Score  
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Men's: *Aeron Hughes* (contd)



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(Continued from page 8) We have now finished skittles for the season - the new one starts on Thursday 8 September at the Memorial Hall.

Boule is now being played every Thursday at The Baron at Bucknell. It costs £1.00 to play with all the proceeds going to the Midlands Air Ambulance Charity. Last year we donated over £300.00 to this great cause.

*Derek Meredith, Chairman (530422)*

## War Memorial Appeal

On 23 April, we celebrated the Queen's 90th birthday, in conjunction with St George's Day, with afternoon tea in Bucknell Memorial Hall. It was a highly successful event and we sold 87 tickets. We were honoured to have Christine M. Holmes, JP, High Sherriff of Shropshire, join us for tea. What a delightful lady; she spent time chatting to as many people as time allowed.



The High Sheriff and Sylvia Meredith cut the cake

I would like to thank everyone who supported this event with the donation of cakes, and the loan of cake stands, linen, and beautiful china, the sandwich-makers

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and everyone else who helped on the day.



Ready for tea (L-R): Freda Hogg, Kate Kemp, Jane Kemp, Anita Lewis, Mal Shepherd, Mildred Shepherd, Muriel Collins and Sheila Chase

There was so much washing up - thank you ladies - I hope it hasn't put you off helping again! Special thanks go to Luke Faulkner a professional pianist from Bucknell who gave his time to play for part of the afternoon. Including donations, we made a profit of £300.00.

As I write, we've £1,1036.35 in the Bucknell War Memorial Fund - many thanks for the donations we have received. A decision will be made shortly on the stone mason who will undertake the memorial work.

Since our celebrations, Her Majesty the Queen has written a letter (via her Lady in Waiting) to the villagers of Bucknell thanking them for the greetings that were sent for her 90th birthday. The letter is being framed by Bedstone and Bucknell Parish Council and will soon be displayed in Bucknell Memorial Hall.

Look out for the next fundraiser this autumn, a **'Big Breakfast'** - on Saturday 1 October from 9.00am until 12.00pm.

*Sylvia Meredith*  
*Chair, Bucknell War Memorial Fund*

(Event photography by Jane Bywater  
photos@janebywater.co.uk)

## WI Update

Members of our local WI have had a busy time since the spring edition of the newsletter. In May, 12 of our ladies (cond)

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travelled to Hereford to visit The Cider Orchard Restaurant for a lunch that was prepared and served by the students at the college, which was most enjoyable.

In June, we had several invitations to other WI groups in the area. Our first visit was to Clun WI where we heard a very interesting talk and a demonstration by 'The Ukulele Man'. (This was of special interest to one of our members as this autumn she's attending a course at WI Denman College in Oxfordshire to learn to play the ukulele after winning our bursary.) Later in the month some of us went to Bettws-y-Crwyn WI where Heather Game performed and spoke on 'The life and music of Andrew Lloyd Webber'. On each occasion, beautiful suppers were provided by our hosts. Four of us also took an evening ramble with Norbury WI - followed by a barbeque.

Hopesay WI celebrated its 80th birthday recently and two of our members were invited to join the group for the occasion. A card was also sent giving our congratulations. It included a short verse composed by one of our members:

*All over the Country in the North South  
East and West, there are women that  
have joined the WI doing their level best.*

*Times have changed; life has gathered  
pace, but we steadfastly carry on to keep  
up with the race. Every member of  
Bucknell WI would like you to know that  
we congratulate you on your big 80.*

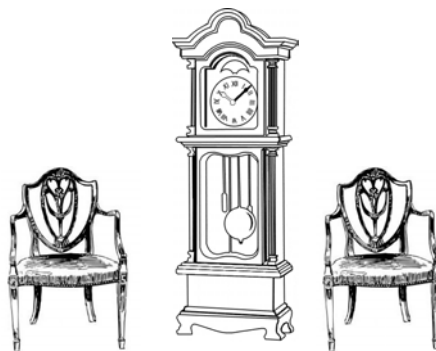
Towards the end of June we visited a local garden and then returned to a member's home for afternoon tea. In July, we manned a stall at the Car Boot Sale, and in September we'll be providing teas at the Bucknell Show.

During August Bucknell WI has a rest, but we'll be hosting a big meeting at the end of September when we entertain all the WIs in the area. We're also planning an American-themed event and are looking forward to an evening of barbershop singing with 'The Telfordaires' - known for lively four-part harmony performances.

*Christine Price, President*

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### Thefts of tools and machinery

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#### Outbuildings targeted

West Mercia Police is also appealing to south Shropshire communities to remain vigilant following a spate of rural burglaries that have targeted outbuildings, insecure barns and sheds during the hours of darkness.

Tools, farm machinery, and diesel are some of the items that have been stolen by criminals, and Crime Prevention Officers are urging residents to follow some simple security measures:

- Ensure that all outbuildings are locked when not in use. Use weatherproof padlocks and if possible reverse the hinges on shed doors so that they cannot be unscrewed.
- Ensure tools and machinery are locked away and out of sight when not in use - tools can be used to gain access to other buildings.
- Don't leave keys or valuables in farm vehicles or machinery.

- Keep gates padlocked shut.
- Install solar-powered dusk-to-dawn lighting on outbuildings to deter intruders.
- Ensure any tools or valuables are security marked and display signs around your property to inform potential thieves.

If you have information that may assist the West Mercis Police in catching the people involved, please call: 101 (or 0800 555111 to call anonymously).

#### Left in the dark?



From 6 September, a new national 'phone number '105' will be launched by electricity network operators to call should you need to report, or get information about a power

cut. Also, if you spot damage to electricity power lines and substations that could be a serious danger, you'll be able to use the same number.

#### Free to call

Dialling 105 will put you through to your local electricity network operator – the company that manages the cables, power lines and substations that deliver electricity into homes and businesses. Calls will be free of charge and it won't matter from which supplier you buy your electricity.

*Michael Clarke*

*Western Power Distribution*

*mclarke1@westernpower.co.uk*

#### WI Plant Sale Success

The WI's plant sale on 4 June was very successful and made over £200. Thank you to all plant donors and customers.

#### General News and Views

##### Going from strength to strength

For many folks in Bucknell, Wednesday morning's **Pop-In Café** has become a regular date to meet with friends and have a natter. It's not only local people attending, but many family visitors of all ages, visitors to the village and occasional groups of cyclists are also going along. In the last couple of weeks, especially during the school holidays, record numbers have been taking advantage of great coffee and luscious homemade cake; all at the bargain price of £1.00. Volunteers have been kept busy serving refreshments and taking care of the washing up, and shiny new metal cafetieres ensure the coffee is always at its best (tea and squash is also available). St Mary's Church, Bucknell, is definitely the place to be between 10.30am and 12.00pm on Wednesdays. Please find out for yourself; you can expect a very warm welcome!



## School Report

### St Mary's CE (VA) Primary School



St Mary's Primary School, Bucknell has had a busy summer term. Among the events that took place were sports day, a den-building day, a KS2 residential holiday at Conover and a trip to the West Midlands Safari Park.

Something very different was the Tour d'ArtsAlive food stop on Sunday 26 June when several hundred cyclists had the chance to visit the school for cake and drinks before heading off for Clun. Despite the rain, a great deal of cake was eaten. Thanks go to the helpers and cake makers for all their efforts that day.

On Den Day, the children had a fabulous time spending the entire day making their dens in the school grounds. As a bonus, they were also able to eat their lunches outdoors. A big thank you to Mrs Rowsell and Mrs Rogers who led the day's activities.



Lunch break from building dens.

On 12 and 13 July, St Mary's staged sell-out performances of *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*. The whole school performed brilliantly, supported by Gaynor Davies. Pupils, staff and parents all worked so hard to make the show a great success - thank you. Thank you also to family members, friends and visitors who bought tickets and watched the show each evening.

From the school's newsletter: "A big well done to all our award winners – all the children are an absolute credit to you and have worked so hard this year."

A big well done also to the Friends of St Mary's who raised a magnificent £520.00 at the Grand Summer Draw for the School Fund. A huge thank you to everyone who supported the draw and donated prizes.

On Thursday 22 July there was a Leavers' Service at St Mary's Church to mark the end of one chapter and the start of another. Goodbye and good luck to our fabulous Year 6 pupils; have a great time in your new schools.

Also, at the end of term we said goodbye and good luck to Mrs Wynne who is starting a new job at Cleobury Mortimer School next term – they are very lucky to have her!

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## Parish Plan 2016

As you will all know, a survey questionnaire was distributed to every house in the Parish in early May, and members of the Parish Plan Group called back later in the month to pick up any that had not been completed on line, or sent back by post. About 360 houses make up the parish, some of which were empty due to being, for example, for sale, second homes or holiday homes.

Of the survey questionnaires delivered, 169 were completed and are now being analysed professionally. The data will be returned to the Group in a statistical form and won't identify people individually. It was back in time for first impressions to be reported to the Parish Council meeting on Tuesday 5 July. The information has been posted on the Bedstone and Bucknell web site and local notice boards.

### Chance to give feedback

Please give any reactions that you have, or other suggestions, to a member of our Group (see Who's Who) so that they can be taken into account in the actual Parish Plan. If you didn't manage to return a survey because you were away, your views will still be considered!

Ten people from Bucknell and three from Bedstone ticked that they would be interested in getting involved with activities, but only eight of these left their contact details on the form at the back of the survey. Four people ticked that they would be interested in community-led housing, but none left contact details. If anyone would like to provide their details, they can contact a member of the group and we'll pass them on appropriately.

### Join the Group

The Parish Plan Group has been depleted recently. If anybody (particularly from Bedstone) is interested in joining us before the important next stage of translating all the data into a new Parish Plan, then please get in touch - even if you would initially like more information or

to discuss what goes on. By the way, our meetings are friendly and informal and take place about once a month.

### Well-attended Annual Parish Assembly

The Plan was briefly explained by Duncan Cullimore at the Annual Parish Assembly meeting on 11 May, (which was well attended by 76 people) and a discussion followed. Housing development was raised as a key issue. Also Jonah Davies made a good contribution about young people like him, and agreed to help organise a meeting for teenagers. Lesley Evans and Tarena Beddoes are going to help Jonah with this. They are also sounding out the views of younger children who attend St Mary's Primary School - where Lesley and Tarena work. This was all done before the end of term, so that the feedback could be combined with that from the survey.

The group aim to finalise the Parish Plan by the end of this coming autumn.

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## Affordable housing in doubt

I've some good news to report following on from the rather depressing news about restrictions on affordable housing a couple of months ago.

It appears that the Government has had a slight rethink about the delivery of affordable housing in rural areas and has from the 20 June designated Shropshire a rural authority with sufficient housing need to allow it to build affordable housing on small plots of between six and ten houses. Clearly good news and perhaps as a result of lobbying from our MPs which if so, I congratulate them for pressing the issue. The change isn't going to recover the situation fully but at least it's a move in the right direction, which will stop a complete meltdown in affordable housing delivery across the county.



Councillor Nigel Hartin

The Local Joint Committee held a summit meeting in Bishops Castle recently and agreed to express an interest in working with Shropshire Council to see if it can help save services such as SpArC. But support is dependent upon the Council being clear about precisely what services it intends to cut in the area and what support it intends to give Parish and Town Councils to help them take on services. We await a response from Shropshire Council but it's fair to say that without clarity from the Council, no Parish or Town Council is likely to want to sign a blank cheque for anything!

At an Environment Scrutiny meeting at Shirehall that I attended recently we had a presentation from the head of Shropshire Homes, the arm's-length management organisation (ALMO), in charge of all the ex-Shropshire council housing stock. Whilst they have successfully brought all Shropshire housing stock up to the 'Decent Home' standard which many councils are still struggling to achieve and built more than 60 new homes over the

last few years, their future is in doubt following the Government's changes in the recent Housing Act. Of the many problems that the Act has thrown them, one which I thought particularly interesting was the implications of the 'Right to Stay' provisions in the new law. You might recall that the House of Lords tried to persuade the Government to change the level at which this comes into force. The Lords argued that it would be unrealistic to start charging everybody a market rent if their joint family income was above £30K. A husband and wife each earning only £15,001 a year would have a joint income of over £30K and would be caught by the threshold – potentially leading to massive rent increases. Now, whilst the government didn't agree that the figure was too low (the House of

Lords wanted to increase it to £40K and £50K in London), they did agree to bring in an, as yet unspecified, 'taper' arrangement so that the increase in rents would phase in more gradually.

Three points about this:

First, and very significantly, is the way this changes the whole way that housing providers interact with their tenants. Previously housing associations and councils were paid rent and largely then left tenants to get on with their lives without further interference. But the new law means that ALL tenants will now have to have an ongoing financial relationship with their housing provider, disclosing all their financial details not just once a year, but on a regular ongoing basis. This is a fundamental change and I'm sure very few tenants are even remotely aware of it.

Second, whilst housing associations can keep the extra rent generated by tenants whose families earn jointly more than £30K a year paying market rent, councils and ALMOs have to pass that extra rent straight over to the Government.

Third, there is a not insignificant cost in bureaucracy that will have to be picked up to administer the new taper arrangements, which the Government is expecting housing providers to cover. However, they are not going to provide any extra money for the staff that will be needed to administer this. In the ALMO's case this means significant extra costs to administer a policy from which they will generate no extra income at all.

All this is yet another indication, I think, that our current Government in coming up with such proposals, completely fails to think through the implications for such measures - both for those affected and for those they expect to carry through such policies.

*Councillor Nigel Hartin  
Shropshire Council  
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## Needs livening up!

*Urgent request from the editor:*



Bucknell Newsletter is in danger of becoming far too dull; it needs livening up. Do you have any good (clean) jokes or funny articles for future newsletters?

When I asked around recently at the Pop-In Café, one gentleman took me aside and told me a risky joke that I definitely can't print. Thank you sir for that; it was funny and made me laugh, but we both agree it's unsuitable for the newsletter!

So, eventually in the quest for clean jokes, I heard from somebody else about a fisherman who went into his local hostelry with a fresh salmon tucked under his arm. He asked at the bar for a pint and questioned whether food was being served. The barman confirmed that it was and that fish cakes were the special of the day. 'Excellent,' said the fisherman. 'We'll have one with a candle on. It's my salmon's birthday.'

I'm sure you can do better, can't you?  
Send your jokes to: [warnerj47@sky.com](mailto:warnerj47@sky.com)

## Raising dust in Bedstone: Dance the Appalachian way

For over 20 years, dancers from Shropshire and Mid Wales who make up 'Raise the Dust' have been performing to great acclaim at festivals and events all over the UK. Now's your chance to join them too.

Appalachian dancing is a form of folk dancing developed in the Appalachian Mountains of North America. In the 19th century, European settlers took traditional Celtic music and dances with them to the New World, where they were influenced by African rhythms and the dance steps of North American Indians. This cultural fusion led to a new dance style - Appalachian Dancing.



The dance shares similarities with Irish dance, traditional English and Scottish dance – with a hint of clog dancing. It's danced by women and men who usually wear tap shoes or flat leather soled shoes and coordinated outfits when performing in public. Appalachian dancing is freer flowing than Irish dance, but includes similarly intricate steps. Routines are usually danced in formation and combine high-step and flat-foot styles.

Raise the Dust practices every Thursday at Bedstone Village Hall between 7.45 and 9.45pm and would welcome new members to its ranks. If you're interested in joining the group, please contact Alice Savery: [raisethedustcloggers@gmail.com](mailto:raisethedustcloggers@gmail.com)

For further information see: 'Raise the Dust Appalachian Dancers' on Facebook, or [www.raisethedust.org.uk](http://www.raisethedust.org.uk)

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## Golden Hour Response

Recently I had a conversation with a lady in Bucknell who, with the passing of the years, expressed concern about living in a rural area out of easy reach of hospitals. What treatment is received by a patient in the first hour after an accident or medical emergency is critical to the eventual outcome. It's known as the 'Golden Hour', and treatment during those vital 60 minutes can make the difference between life or death.

The lady pointed out that should you need, urgent medical treatment, our nearest large hospitals are at least an hour away by road. Also, we all know how traffic congestion can affect journey times to Shrewsbury, Hereford and Worcester.

Community hospitals and health centres in Ludlow, Bishop's Castle, Leintwardine and Knighton are available for minor injuries and routine treatment and are, more or less, on our doorstep. However, they lack the full range of facilities and capabilities of large hospitals.

We also have Community First Responders (CFRs) who volunteer for the Ambulance Service and attend emergency calls locally. The role of CFRs is to deal with potentially life-threatening situations in the first vital minutes before the arrival of an ambulance crew.

But in really urgent cases, how would you get quickly to a major medical facility, such as the Queen Elizabeth Hospital in Birmingham?

The answer comes from the skies.

The Midlands Air Ambulance Charity was set up in 1991 and celebrates its 25th anniversary this year. Surprisingly for such a vital service, it receives no Government or National Lottery funding, but relies on fund-raising events and donations from the public and local businesses.



Midlands Air Ambulance landing in a field in Bucknell

Midland Air Ambulance covers Gloucestershire, Herefordshire, Shropshire, Staffordshire, Worcestershire and the whole of the West Midlands - making it a very busy service. Since it began, the charity

has responded to more than 46,000 emergency missions and averages 2,000 each year. It's one of the most called for air ambulance organisations in the UK.

The charity's three helicopters each carry a crew made up of a pilot, two paramedics or flight doctors. Each also carry full life-support medical equipment. Operating from strategically located regional air-bases so that 90% of the region is within reach in about eight minutes - including our rural area.

In February of this year, four night-approved lit helipad sites became operational in Bridgnorth, Ludlow, Bishops Castle and Shobdon. These can be used as-and-when needed after dark to airlift those in their greatest hour of need.

If a patient reaches hospital within the Golden Hour - 60 minutes after their injury

- their chances of survival are dramatically increased. With the promise of such a fast response time, we should feel a lot less nervous about being too far from expert medical care here in the Marches.

Running the service doesn't come cheap. Each mission costs £2,500 and more than £7 million is needed annually to keep the three air ambulances operational.

Midlands Air Ambulance is fortunate to count on tremendous public support and goodwill, but never takes this for granted. Winning and keeping hearts and minds is an essential and constant challenge for the charity. That's why it regards the real 'helicopter heroes' as not only the aircrew, but those often unsung heroes - its ground-based fundraisers.

#### **Survivor's story**

One morning in December 2013, local Bucknell resident, Tracey Gough, was driving to work at the Knighton Hotel. She was hit head on by a reckless driver overtaking in a van and was immediately knocked unconscious. The AA, four fire engines and four ambulances attended as well as numerous police cars. The Midland Air Ambulance arrived within minutes of being requested. On landing at the scene of the collision, the paramedic and doctor were able to administer advanced trauma care immediately.

Because of the severity of the collision, it took 90 minutes to remove Tracey from her car. At which time, the helicopter provided a quicker and steadier journey to The Queen Elizabeth Hospital than a bumpy almost two-hour road journey by ambulance to Birmingham.

Tracey was in a coma for ten days and sustained multiple injuries, including: a fractured skull and sternum; brain injury;

broken arm, leg, left and right tibia, ribs and pelvis; chipped spine; shattered knee; dislocated arm; and her pelvis is permanently out of place - meaning she can never return to work.

Now, over 30 months later, Tracey is slowly recovering, although she remembers nothing of the accident. She says, "The air ambulance aircrew were phenomenal. I wouldn't be alive without them as my injuries were time critical - I'd suffered massive blood loss."

Next time you see a collection box, please don't pass it by. You never know when you, your loved ones, friends, neighbours or a complete stranger you come across may need the services of the Midlands Air Ambulance Charity - treatment could be available within that vital Golden Hour.

*John Warner*

More information:

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#### **Missing Footpath Update**

Carol Small reports that she has provided Shropshire Rights of Way officer, Lucy MacFarlane, with details of the requested map modification to reinstate the entire footpath over Coxall Knoll. She has also spoken with a number of people who have used the footpath in the past to help with establishing the usage case. Bureaucratically, not a great deal will happen for about a year as people affected will have to be consulted (land owners and Network Rail). There could be a public enquiry too before the matter is resolved.

Carol would still welcome your input if over the years you've walked the route between Bucknell and Bucton. She can be contacted on: 01547 530590 or 07776 457453 or [carol.small@me.com](mailto:carol.small@me.com)

## From The Vicarage

Happy summer everyone!



Annie B and Red

As I write it's almost, according to tradition, 'm i d s u m m e r', although we hope it really isn't. By the time this edition comes out we will have reached the end of term and the long summer holidays that stretch ahead. As I write, we're experiencing days of torrential rain after a period of amazing sunshine. The gardens are all flourishing and going totally wild. Alongside that, there's the frustration of not being able to do much about cutting the grass.

Sometimes life is like that. We have wonderful sunny spells and then times when the storms come in force and we feel as though we are walking through deep mud - or worse! Making sense of everything in the midst of it all is well nigh impossible. We might have the odd 'light bulb' moment but the tide sweeps us along through life's jungle. I know this can apply to family life as well as community and Church life. So it's good to take time out by stepping off the 'hamster wheel' for a while and to do something different; an opportunity to reflect out of the whirlwind and find a bit of respite and even possibly, a bit of perspective.

Holidays were originally 'Holy Days' - times taken in a community to celebrate, rest and relax together around the feast day of the Church. And God's blessing was brought into the mix! In my last patch all the villages had their 'Wakes' weekends marking the time of their Church Saints' Days. These were great creative events with special services built in, often with a new Queen being crowned. Fun times, but also times to get together and share, reflect and draw on blessing together as a community.

There's not a wide tradition of Wakes here, but I am planning a special Sunday timetable through summer that

complements our communities' activities across the Middle Marches Benefice. Rather than adding extras onto a heaving timetable, it's a schedule that allows time to pause and reflect together. So Llanfair Waterdine will have a Wakes Celebration service, Clungunford a Summer Celebration marking the end of their holiday club and other churches will have events that pick up on what 's going on. (There will still be a simple Communion Service every Sunday).

As part of this summer schedule, on Sunday 21 August, the day after one of our weddings in Bucknell, and Stowe Duck Race, we will be having an 'EXPLORING TOGETHER' day. This will be a day to get out into our wonderful countryside. We will walk, worship, reflect and eat! Beginning in Chapel Lawn with a simple service, followed by brunch in the hall, we'll then walk to Stowe for another simple service and tea. The stalwarts will then walk back to Bucknell through the woods for refreshments, rounding off with an end of the day service. Red and I are looking forward to it already! Everyone is welcome to join us for all or part of the day, and those who don't feel able to walk can join us for the worship and refreshments! Details will be on websites and posters.

Meanwhile, I still feel very new. Some happy 'firsts' are coming up with my first Bucknell Baptism and two weddings. I am still trying to make sense of how things fit together and reflect on how they may do that a bit better. As part of that process I am hoping to get out and about more throughout this summer. So please do say hello if you see me around.

*Annie B*

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## Bucknell Book Group

Our village book group started nearly eleven years ago. We're a group of enthusiastic readers who meet once a month on a Monday evening to discuss an agreed book. The group relies on the excellent service provided by Shropshire Library Services. Once a year we select 12 titles (one per month) from a catalogue supplied by the library. We choose eight fiction and four non-fiction books (travel, biography, autobiography) so that all tastes are hopefully catered for. One of us collects the box of books from Ludlow Library and then we gather four weeks later to talk about what we have read.

Our discussions are always lively and good-humoured. Our one rule is that everyone should at least attempt to read the book even if it's a bit of a struggle. In fact the best discussions come when some members hold opposing views – then we really get to grips with the story, characters, skilfulness of the writing and the underlining themes. We usually discuss the book for about 45 minutes after which it's time for tea and biscuits and a bit of general chat. There is a nominal charge for the whole year which works out at about £3.50 per person per year. We are a mixed group and enjoy getting different perspectives on the books we read.

And to whet your appetite here is a review of a non-fiction book, ***On Helwig Street*** by Richard Russo we read recently:

"Richard Russo has written an absorbing account of his mother's turbulent life as she sought some independence in her existence – but couldn't find it – and the drastic effect she had on his and his own family's life.



Quite late on he realises that she is suffering from Obsessive Compulsive Disorder (OCD). She was a single mother

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who lived for and through her son. Richard had little contact with his father who was a compulsive gambler. The period covered, late 1950s and 1960s, resonated with the group although Richard is an American, so the setting was different for most of us.

The group very much enjoyed the book although one member thought Russo had been slightly self-indulgent in his portrayal of his unusual family life. Most felt that the real hero of the story was not the suffering son, but Russo's even more long-suffering wife. Although she is not the focus of the story, group members considered that she was a saint in the way she tolerated the demands made by her mother-in-law and, indeed, the way Russo's wife actively helped out.

The group felt the portrayal of Main Street USA was done well and the writing about the small town of Gloversville in upstate New York was very vivid. So too was the extraordinary journey mother and son made together from Gloversville to Arizona with Russo barely able to drive and the clapped out car they were travelling in barely able to make the journey.

Several of us felt motivated to read some more of Richard Russo's books."

At present we are looking to recruit some further members as a result of people moving away from the village. If you are interested in finding out more about the Book Group contact Margaret Hay-Campbell (530750) or visit our website:

[www.bucknellbooks.blogspot.co.uk](http://www.bucknellbooks.blogspot.co.uk)

where you can see the books we've read since the start of the group.

## Summer garden roundup: watering, controlling insects, dead-heading and a giant hogweed warning

Now summer is upon us it's time to, hopefully, enjoy the garden. The risk of frost is long gone so the tender plants can be put out. Just be careful on hot sunny days that the leaves do not scorch, so maybe put them in the shade at first. Watering is also important on warm days. It's best to water in the evening so it soaks through overnight. Avoid midday watering as the water droplets can act like a magnifying glass and scorch the leaves. Sometimes plants can be over-watered and this can often be identified by a browning on the tips of the leaves. Feeding is also good at this time of year as most plants take it up quickly and put on good growth.

Be on the look out for insect attack on plants. Often the birds will keep insects at bay. Also, companion planting or not having too many of the same species of plant together (mixing it up a bit) can help control insects. Sometimes a chemical approach is required if you get a serious infestation - but if you can avoid this, so much the better.

Once the flowers have faded, dead-heading flowers is a good job to be doing currently. There are a number of hardy

early flowering shrubs, such as forsythia and flowering currant. If you prune them now you'll avoid removing next spring's flower buds, which would occur with autumn pruning.

We tend to be maintaining areas of wildernesses at the moment and it must be mentioned that giant hogweed has been



Giant hogweed in flower

spotted around Bucknell and the surrounding area. Be careful when cutting this down, removing it, or just brushing past the plant. Toxic components from the leaves, stem, flowers and root can cause blisters and burn the skin, which can last for a long period of time. Your eyes are

very vulnerable and blindness can occur with contact - especially watch out if you're strimming.

When identifying giant hogweed it can be mistaken for cow parsley or normal hogweed which you can often see on roadside verges. Giant hogweed is just much bigger with large lobed leaves, but removing it is a good idea as once established it can monopolise an area and each plant can produce up to 50,000 seeds per year.

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## Bedstone and Bucknell Parish Council

### Changing Times ... continued

'It is an interesting time for Parish Councils', is how Ian Graves started this column in the last Buknell Newsletter. And I have to tell you it continues to be! By the time you get to read this, I sincerely hope that the two vacancies on the Parish Council, following the resignations of Beverley Stone and Ian Graves, will have been filled. We are grateful for the energy and dedication that Beverley and Ian brought to the council. Thank you.

'Fresh Blood' is a rather ghoulish term – certainly there's no wish to bleed councillors dry – but bringing a fresh set of ears and eyes to bear on council business can only be a good thing. Because there certainly are things to be thought about where fresh ears and eyes will be useful.

### Shropshire Cuts

Ian wrote last time about the potential effect of Shropshire Council's budgetary position on us. At our Annual Parish Assembly in May, which was really well attended by a great turnout of 76 of us, (thank you Nigel Hartin for distributing the fliers.) we heard from Shropshire Councillor Mal Price and Head of Planning and Development, Ian Kilby, about the realities of the situation. I gather that the possibility they held out of easing Shropshire's difficulties with some money from central Government has come to nothing. So it seems clear that significant services, like the SpArC leisure centre at Bishop's Castle and the Shropshire Library van, may well not be funded from April next year. It is proving hard to get the full picture (largely I suspect because Shropshire itself is still wondering which 'paint-it-by-numbers sheet' to use). But, closing leisure centres or libraries raises interesting questions about the quality of life hereabouts. How do we balance the reality of our particular perspective with the wider issue of what we might call 'the common good'? Is Shropshire just to be

condemned to be a poor county with no 'extras'? What sort of county do we want to be? What are we prepared to pay for? Be assured that I and colleague Parish Councillors are doing our best to keep in touch with and contribute to the process, asking the difficult questions and standing up for the villages' interests.

### But in other news....

Despite what 'they at Shropshire' are up to, there's much that we in the villages can still be getting on with. Specifically, we will all be interested to receive the findings from the Parish Plan review questionnaire that went out in May. (Please refer to Andrew Rolfe's article on page 16 for more details.) The Parish Council would expect to review the issues and priorities raised by residents in the survey and, in whatever way is sensibly possible, respond to residents' requests and concerns – and keep you informed of what's going on.

So, yes: Changing Times - and interesting ones too.

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



A husband was worried that his wife was going deaf, but was afraid to raise it with her. He went to his doctor for advice. The GP suggested a test, "When you're out, ask her a question from 400 yards away. Then at 100 yard intervals, moving closer, ask the same question until she answers. This will give you an idea of the severity of her deafness." The man thanked the GP. "I'll give it a try." Next time they were out, he got 400 yards ahead of his wife and asked, 'What's for dinner tonight dear?' No reply. He moved 100 yards closer and asked the question again. No reply. Undaunted, he tried again and again at 100 yards intervals getting closer. Finally, right beside her he asked the question. She replied, "I've told you five flaming times already. It's chicken tonight."

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## First World War Remembered

Fourth in a series of tributes marking the deaths of men from Bucknell who lost their lives during the First World War.

In this edition we remember the son of Charles and Jane Sherwood, a well-known Bucknell family. Charles was a butcher and farmer and at one time was publican of the Railway Inn, next door to the village butcher's shop.

### **Regimental Quartermaster Sergeant Edgar Sherwood, 3rd Regiment, South African Infantry**

Killed 17 July 1916 and commemorated on the Thiepval Memorial in France.

Edgar was born in 1876 and served in the South African Campaign with the Baden Powell Police. He emigrated to South Africa in 1901. Lord Baden Powell had been asked to raise a police force of 10,000 to be ready to police the country when the War ended. The South African Constabulary (as the Baden Powell Police were officially known) were to be used as a rural police force. As a result, recruitment focused on people from rural areas - ploughmen, farm labourers and others with a farming background. Edgar served throughout South Africa and was awarded the Queen's and the King's South Africa medals. He eventually left SAC but stayed on in South Africa joining the railways as an inspector. In August 1915 he enlisted with the South African Infantry and subsequently fought in France.

Edgar was killed in the Battle of Delville Wood. This was a fiercely fought battle that

lasted for five days. During the fighting, the South African Infantry faced constant artillery bombardment as they attempted to take the north-west corner of the woods where the German forces were at their strongest.

The men fought valiantly, going for up to 72 hours without food and water and sustaining heavy losses. On the 17 July, the day Edgar was killed, the fighting was intense with ammunition running short and medical orderlies unable to cope with the quantity of wounded. 186 German guns were involved in the battle and the South Africans were under constant bombardment. The trees were stripped of their vegetation and the soldiers were exposed to sniper fire as well. Added to this, there were sundry incidents of friendly fire where Allied shells, aimed at the Germans, fell short amongst the South African forces.

When the brigade was finally relieved on the 19 July, there were only 780 at roll call out of the original 3,153 men who had gone into the battle. There were only 120 survivors from the 3rd Battalion. The Battle of Delville Wood was to become a legend of perseverance, loss and tragedy.

Delville Wood is now the site of the South African Memorial.

Read more about the Bucknell soldiers killed in both World Wars on the village website:

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

See: 'Bucknell/Lest We Forget'

*Margaret Hay Campbell*

## How about some baking?

Topped with squares of sugar-crusted pastry, this cobbler shows off summer fruits in a rich, just-sweet-enough filling.



Serves 10 to 12

### Ingredients

#### ***Crust:***

280g plain flour  
3 tablespoons granulated sugar  
1/4 teaspoon table salt  
225g cold butter, cut into pieces  
1 large egg yolk  
3 tablespoons ice-cold milk

#### ***Filling:***

About 7 peeled and sliced firm, ripe peaches  
9 sliced medium red plums  
300g fresh blueberries  
2 teaspoons vanilla extract  
350g granulated sugar  
70g plain flour  
55g butter, melted  
1 large egg  
Sanding sugar or sparkling sugar

### Preparation

1 **Prepare crust:** Stir together flour, sugar and salt in a large bowl. Cut 225g butter into flour mixture with a pastry blender until mixture resembles coarse meal. Whisk together egg yolk and milk; stir into flour mixture just until dough starts to form a ball. Shape dough into a flat disk using lightly floured hands. Wrap disk in cling film and chill for up to 24 hours.

2 **Prepare filling:** Preheat oven to 180C (fan oven). Place peaches and the rest of the fruit into a large bowl. Stir together sugar and flour; sprinkle over the fruit mixture, and gently stir. Spoon into a lightly greased 13 x 9 inch baking dish. Drizzle with melted butter.

3 Place dough disk on a lightly floured surface; sprinkle with flour. Place a piece of cling film over the dough. (This makes it easier to roll.) Roll dough to eighth inch to quarter inch thickness and then cut it into two-inch squares. Arrange squares in a patchwork pattern over fruit mixture, leaving some openings for steam to escape.

4 Whisk together egg and 2 tablespoons of water; brush dough with egg mixture. Sprinkle with sanding sugar or sparkling sugar.

5 Bake on lowest oven rack at 180C (fan oven) for 40 to 55 minutes or until crust is deep golden and the fruit mixture is bubbly, shielding edges with foil during the last five to ten minutes to prevent excessive browning. Transfer to a wire rack; cool for one hour.

Serve with a scoop of ice cream or a dollop of double cream. Enjoy!

**If you have a sure-fire recipe that you would like to share with other people, please let me know. (Editor)**



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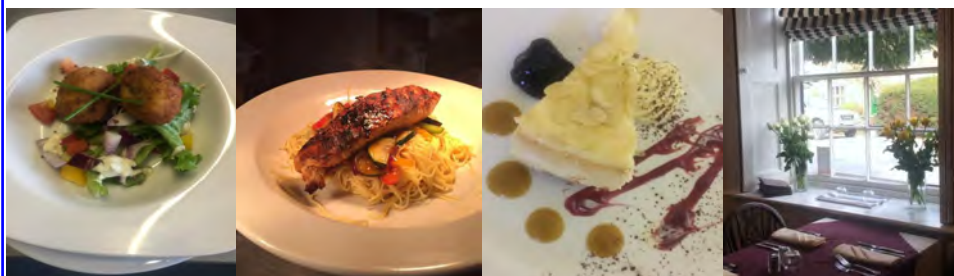
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## Properly looked after

Have you ever wondered about the number of Total Response vans and trucks going about their business in and around the village and local area? When the company agreed to support the Bucknell Newsletter earlier this year by advertising, I thought I'd better find out a bit more about the business.

It all started with a 'phone call to Vicki Coleman at Shropshire Housing Group in Craven Arms - the parent organisation of Total Response Limited that employs over 200 people. She offered to put me in touch with a colleague, or two, who are Bucknell residents and who would be prepared to tell me something about their work with Total Response. After a couple of weeks, Redlake Meadow resident Ray Layton and I had a telephone call and a natter. If there'd been more time before the newsletter was published, I should have had a chat with Chris Lewis of Weston Road, a carpenter for the company who fits, for example, kitchens and bathrooms. Sorry Chris not to have spoken to you.

Ray Layton has been with the company for 12 years and is an electrician by trade. Before joining the company, he worked as an electrical contractor with his brother-in-law, Chris James, who sadly passed away some years ago. The evening we spoke, Ray was on-call for Total Response and had just returned from attending to electrical problems in homes in Weston Road and at Church Stretton - all part of his day's work. He explained that Shropshire Housing Group is made up of Meres and Mosses Housing Association, South Shropshire Housing Association and the repairs and maintenance company, Total Response Ltd. In all, Ray can find himself working in one of almost 5,000 homes owned and managed by the group in Shropshire and Herefordshire.

"One of the main jobs that I undertake is to carry out electrical tests and maintenance

at empty homes after tenants have moved out," he says. "My work takes me from south of Hereford, all the way up to Woore, a village in north-east Shropshire. To get about, I've a van that's well fitted out for work and I'm provided with power tools and test kits, but I also take some of my own hand-tools with me too - you never know when you'll need them."

Most of the work undertaken by Ray and his fellow employees is at housing association properties. But the company also offers its services to homeowners, estate agents and private landlords. "This

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side of the business is building up," says Ray. "As there's a 1% decrease in housing association rents this year and for each of the next three years to come - but not the same reduction in overheads - it's important that we

continue to look for other work opportunities. After all, we can offer a very full range of maintenance and improvement services for everyone."

Ray clearly appreciates working for the company. He says that he's paid competitively, enjoys the variety his work offers and that he appreciates the training and support the company provides. Total Response is Investors in People and ISO 14001 registered (environmental management standard), so all its people are well trained and up to a high standard.

"In addition to the electrical training that I have to keep up with changes in building regulations, there's other training in things like using ladders safely, dealing with asbestos and the best way of lifting things without injuring yourself," he says. "It's all part of being able to deliver a reliable and excellent service to our customers."

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Tuesday	9.00-11.00pm Grumpy Old Men's Club	Baron at Bucknell	
Wednesday	10.30am-12.00pm Pop In Café	St Mary's Church	Margaret Hay-Campbell (530750)
Friday	7.45pm Bingo	Memorial Hall	Dorothy Edwards (530252)
Saturday	9.30am Indoor Circuit Training	Memorial Hall	Helen Bithell (07775 520968)

### Every fortnight

Monday	9.00am – sharp Bucknell Walkers	Lych Gate St Mary's Church	Graham Jackson (530137)
Wednesday	11.20-11.40am Mobile Library Service	Belmont Garage end of the Causeway	Shropshire Library Service (01743 255024)
Thursday	7.30pm Skittles (Sept-May) Boules (June-August)	Memorial Hall or Baron at Bucknell	Sylvia and Derek Meredith (530422)

### Every month

Last Monday	7.30pm Bucknell Book Group	Variable venues	Margaret Hay-Campbell (530750)
First Tuesday	2.30pm Mothers' Union	Variable venues during winter months	Jean Pryke (530231) or Iris Greaves (530152)
	7.30pm Bedstone and Bucknell Parish Council	Variable venues (See noticeboards)	Jonathan Kemp Chair (530398)
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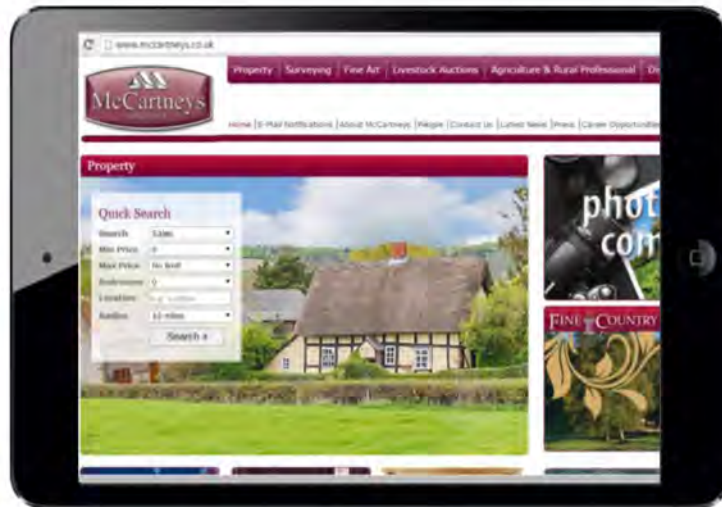
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