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## Summer 2017

### From the Treasurer / Editor

Well, we made it through our first Bucknell Newsletter with a reduced team, and here we are now with our 2nd edition for the Summer. We're quite pleased with the way the Spring edition turned out and we hope you are too, but if you have any ideas on things you like to see in the newsletter, then please let us know. Our thanks go to all the volunteer newsletter distributors as we try to extend our readership beyond Bucknell, Bedstone and Brampton Bryan, to include Leintwardine, Ludlow and Knighton as well.

We've had to increase this edition with four extra pages, so please keep all your interesting contributions coming, and remember, donated articles aren't only wanted from the residents of Bucknell, but from anyone reading this in the neighbouring towns and villages as well.

Sponsorship: It was suggested to me that maybe there are companies or organisations out there that would like to financially sponsor our newsletter which would mean increased advertising for them and maybe more pages and more colour for our readers, so if you would like to discuss sponsoring this newsletter then please get in touch.

If you didn't get to see our Spring edition, you can still view it, along with all the previous editions of the newsletter, online on the Bedstone and Bucknell parish website - <http://www.bedstoneandbucknell.org/> Click on Villages, click on Bucknell, click on News, then scroll down for Newsletters.

Advertisements are still crucial for our newsletter to exist, and the revenue from them can help to increase our readership, so if you would like to advertise within the newsletter - please see page 34 for details. Thank you.

*Beverley* - [beverley2019@gmail.com](mailto:beverley2019@gmail.com)

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\* Indicates contributors' articles.

Front cover: A field crop in Bucknell - picture kindly donated by Dave & Sue Fenlon



## REGULAR DATES

| WEEKLY             |  | Event  | Venue & Time   | Contact   |
|--------------------|--|--|--|---|
| Monday             |  | Bedstone Art Group                           | Bedstone Village Hall<br>10:30 - 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!        | Mike Starr<br>01547 530179                                  |
| 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 Tuesday      |  | Mothers Union                                | Variable venues during<br>winter months                | Iris Greaves 01547<br>530152 and Jean Pryke<br>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>WI President<br>01547 530249             |
| Last<br>Wednesday  |  | Craft Group                                  | Variable venues  | Fran Turnbull<br>01547 530833                               |

## TULI - BOTSWANA



On 12th July during their summer holiday, our 16 year old twins, Abigail and Thomas Hitchcock travelled to Botswana, Africa on their own to volunteer in a conservation area in the North East corner of Botswana, called 'The Tuli Block'. Tuli Lodge are trying to get permission from their Government to set up a school for the children in the area because at present there isn't a local school for them to attend, and so they have to live apart from their parents. This means they currently attend a school in a remote village further away from where their parents work, living with elderly Grandparents or guardians.

So a new school nearer to where their parents work would be life changing for them all as a family. Abigail is hoping to help with this and has been busy fundraising and collecting educational items as well as receiving knitwear from The Lichfield Ladies for the children as winter is very cold, even in Africa! Thomas on the other hand is, and always has been, interested in Conservation so will be helping the Lodge Manager / Head Ranger with the wildlife in the area and linking up with the vets we know who look after the local wildlife. He's hoping for some amazing sightings and to gain work experience. Abigail and Thomas wanted to give something back once there and so have been fundraising amongst family and friends and have so far raised £750 which will go directly to the project for the children of Tuli. Not a penny of the money raised will go on themselves or their trip, because the parents have funded that!!

It took them 26 hours to get to Gaborone alone, then another 6 hours drive up to Tuli. They had taken with them 30 kilos of knitted jumpers, hats, books and gifts, and will be posting photographs of their three weeks there. Abigail and Thomas are not working for a particular organisation, but have secured this opportunity through family connections in Botswana. Their Great Grandfather was a Missionary with the London Missionary Society and served in Botswana for over 50 years, receiving the OBE. David Livingston being the first LMS Missionary and their Papa was the very last, as the LMS no longer exists. Their Great Grandfather was also the first Mayor of Gaborone at Independence in 1966 when Seretse Khama was made President. Some may have seen a recent film released about the life of Seretse and Ruth called 'A United Kingdom'. Their Great Grandmother, who was awarded the MBE, was a dear friend of Ruth Khama (Seretse's wife from the UK) and the families have a lot of history together.

It is an amazing opportunity for Abigail and Thomas to be staying at Tuli Safari Lodge, ([www.tulilodge.co.uk](http://www.tulilodge.co.uk) if you'd like to take a look). Thomas and Abigail moved to Bucknell a few years ago and Thomas is hoping to go to Hartpury College to attend their Animal Management Course and Abigail will be going to Hereford 6th form to do 'A' Levels.

They are both due to return to the UK on the 27th August 2017.

Emma Hitchcock - 13th July

**The Tuli Block** (arrowed on the map above) is a narrow fringe of land at Botswana's eastern border wedged between Zimbabwe in the north and east and South Africa in the south. It consists mainly of privately owned game farms offering safari tourism. - Information courtesy of Wikipedia.



## Our WI has had a busy time since we last reported in the Spring edition of the Bucknell Newsletter

In May we hosted the County Spring Ramble, this proved to be very popular, when a hundred walkers from all parts of the county converged on our Hall, where they were welcomed with coffee and homemade biscuits. The walkers were divided into four groups, two groups of twenty five each for the long walk through Bucknell Wood and two groups of twenty five each for the shorter walk, and all this was beautifully organised by Beryl and the other helpers. Meanwhile back in the Hall, members were busy preparing lunch and afternoon tea, with Joyce providing the floral arrangements for the tables and Angie displaying an unusual flower arrangement in the entrance porch which was much admired - see the picture below. At the end of the month we held our Annual Plant Sale, where we had a wonderful display of plants from Aspidistra's to Cat Grass and there were plenty of buyers.

In June members and friends had a day out in Cardiff travelling by train, the weather was very kind to us until about four o'clock when we had a torrential thunder storm, but despite this a good time was had by all. Three members attended the Spring Council Meeting at Shrewsbury. The AGM was held in Liverpool this year with our link Institute, Clun, and their report was read at the June meeting.

Also at the June meeting we were treated to an Indian cookery demonstration by Tara Paul and were able to sample the dishes, and in July we met in Beryl's beautiful garden and it took the form of an Italian evening.

August will see several members travelling to Shrewsbury to enjoy a Summer Supper at Origins and in September we shall have an evening of indoor curling; this is great fun and we hope to share this meeting with our friends in the village. September is also the month when the Bucknell Show is being held, so we shall be organising the refreshment tent again this year, and hopefully the tent will be secure and the sun shining.

Christine Price  
WI President  
05 July 2017



## First World War Remembered

### **HENRY HUDSON, Gloucestershire Regiment.**

Died of wounds on 31 October 1917 and was buried at St. Sever Cemetery Extension, Rouen. This cemetery contains the graves of 11,436 soldiers who died at the 15 hospitals to the south of the city. Rouen was a base for resupplying the army in France as well as being a large medical centre.

Henry was 23 when he died. The son of Richard and Sarah Hudson, he grew up in Bucknell at 'Bye-Taks'. His father was a timber feller woodman and the family was very local, both his father and his mother being born in the area. (1901 census). As a young man Henry worked as a shepherd for Richard Crowe of Weir House and lived at the Crowe's farm.

Henry's regiment was stationed in the area around Poperinge to the west of Ypres during October 1917. The war diary tells us very little other than they were in the front line from 22-25 October. During the month of October, 52 other ranks were killed and 39 were reported missing. As Henry died in Rouen of his wounds we can only surmise that he may have been injured during this period at the front.

Margaret Hay-Campbell - 9<sup>th</sup> July

Read more about the soldiers killed in World War One on the village website:  
[www.bedstoneandbucknell.org](http://www.bedstoneandbucknell.org); see 'Bucknell/Lest We Forget'

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# Community News & Views



There is a very sad article on page 32 in this edition so we thought it appropriate to remind walkers, farmers, and landowners alike of these two public documents, which can be found online generally and on the Bedstone and Bucknell Parish Website.

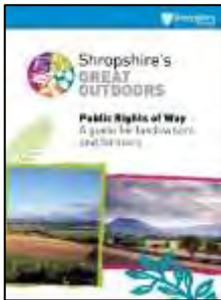


## The Countryside Code

[https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/558112/countryside-code.pdf](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/558112/countryside-code.pdf)

or

<http://www.bedstoneandbucknell.org/>



## Shropshire's Great Outdoors - Public Rights of Way

<http://www.shropshiresgreatoutdoors.co.uk/public-rights-of-way-a-guide-for-landowners-and-farmers/>

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<http://www.shropshiresgreatoutdoors.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2016/02/A-Guide-for-Landowners-and-Farmers.pdf>

or

<http://www.bedstoneandbucknell.org/>



If you haven't already visited our parish website, give it a go! There is so much information there, too much to list here, but includes local events and activity groups, travel and general information, parish council meeting minutes and documents, newsletters, etc. etc.

<http://www.bedstoneandbucknell.org/>



... and finally, relating to public footpaths and public rights of way:

## **TOXOCARIASIS.**

Toxocarasis is a rare infection caused by roundworm parasites. It's spread from animals to humans through contact with infected faeces. Roundworm parasites are most commonly found in cats, dogs and foxes, and usually affect young children.

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## Goings-on in Bucknell and Brampton Bryan



The **Harley Estate Walk** at Brampton Bryan took place on a gloriously sunny day and was attended by quite a few walkers from Bucknell village.

Mrs. Harley and Mike Oliver led the short walk around Brampton Bryan Park and Edward and Victoria Harley led a group each on the more challenging and longer walk up to the top of the woods with beautiful views over the surrounding countryside.

All the walkers were served delicious afternoon tea at the end of the walk by the ladies of the W.I. Some of the walkers (pictured above L-R) are: Carolyn, Rita, Rose, Barbara, and David.

The annual **Bucknell Duck Race** (pictured right), took place in glorious sunshine as well and had a good turnout of spectators and participants.

An ice cream van turned up and did a roaring trade, as did The Sitwell Arms it seems.



Sue Fenton - 7th May



### Bedstone and Bucknell Parish Council

Councillor Carol Davies has taken on the responsibility for 'Street-scene' for the parish council, and asks all residents of the parish to contact her directly to report any faults with street lighting, and also any other concerns regarding items of street furniture such as street signs, picnic tables, benches, noticeboards, litter bins, etc

Carol can be contacted directly on her mobile no: **07774 428 373**



## *The Revd. Annie Ballard*

### **Happy Summer Everyone!**

I know the newsletter is tight for space this month, so just a few simple things from me. We've had **so** much sadness this year; I feel it is extra important that we make time to have fun over the summer. As last year we are axing the usual Group timetable to put on a series of "Summer Sunday" specials to give us a chance to do just that, plus an opportunity to explore some of the other Churches in our Benefice. I want to underline that everything is open to anyone who wants to join us to pray, walk or eat. Along with the weddings and baptisms etc.,

I will be at all the events, and Red will be at most! I'd love to see you!

*Annie B*

### **Middle Marches Parishes - Summer Sundays**

Come and Join us! An opportunity to Explore!  
Everyone is very Welcome to join us for ANY or ALL of these Events

#### **Transfiguration**

#### **Sunday 6th August:**

**11am: "Pray, Eat, Walk"** Summer Communion at Bedstone followed by brunch

Walk over the hill with Transfiguration Prayer at the top.  
Meet at Hopton Castle for tea and **4pm: Evening Worship**

#### **Summer Fun**

#### **Sunday 13th August:**

**11am: "Cuthbert to the Rescue"** Simple Service at Clungunford extra child-friendly, picking up the Holiday Club theme.  
(Bring a picnic to eat together afterwards in or outdoors.)

**6.30pm:** Wakes Celebration Service at Llanfair Waterdine.

#### **Trees & Fields Clap Hands**

#### **Sunday 20th August:**

**11am: "Pray, Eat, Walk"** Summer Communion at Chapel Lawn.  
Bring & Share Lunch then a circular walk around Bryneddin Wood.

#### **All things Bright & Beautiful!**

#### **Sunday 27th August:**

**11am: "All Creatures Great & Small"** Summer Communion at St. Michael's Stowe followed by a simple lunch in or outdoors.

**3.00pm: "Come Bless your Pets"** at St. Mary's Bucknell  
Pets of all shapes and sizes, and well-behaved owners welcome!  
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## *The Hall at Abbey Cwm Hir*



We had heard much about The Hall at Abbey Cwm Hir (Abbey in the Valley) but in early January this year, just before the Christmas decorations were due to come down, we decided it was time to visit The Hall which is about 26 miles from Bucknell and not far from Llandrindod Wells. To get there you take the A448 via Knighton to Crossgates, the A483 north for about half a mile and the village of Abbey Cwm Hir is sign

posted on the left, and is about 4 miles up a minor, but relatively wide road. The Hall is a Grade II\* listed building built in 1834 and extended in 1869 and again in 1894. Paul and Victoria Humpherston bought the Hall in late 1997 and spent 10 years restoring the building to Gothic Victorian splendour. The house is open to visitors most days and the gardens from March to September. There is a charge of £16.00 pp to view the house and gardens or £5.00 pp to just view the gardens, but either are well worth the money.

You are recommended to call or email before arriving in case Paul or Victoria plan to be out on the day you choose to visit. The house has 52 rooms and you can see them all, including the rooms that Paul and Victoria occupy (they must be very tidy people!). Features include 14 marble fireplaces, ornate ceilings, stained glass windows and an entrance hall with an original Maw & Co. tiled floor. You enter the house through The Garden Room, then a more



modern reception area that includes local artefacts, a fire tender, vintage vehicles, an old petrol pump, plus enamel street scene and railway signs.

The Hall overlooks St. Marys Church (pictured left) and this is open all the year round. There are fine views over the Welsh countryside and below the village are the ruins of the 12th century Cistercian 'Abbey of the Long Valley' containing the remains of Llewelyn The Last.

*Continued .....*

Unlike most National Trust or similar properties where you are often told not to touch anything, here you are allowed to sit down as you are guided around each room – most welcome with 52 rooms to view. The bonus at Christmas is that all 52 rooms are decorated with individual themes, many with large decorated Christmas trees. We were warmly welcomed by Val, our Guide for the morning, and she also told us that the house is decorated for Valentine's Day and Easter as well.

Following our January visit it was recommended to us to come and see the gardens in the summer, with May and June usually being the best months. The gardens run to 12 acres with lawns, terraces, courtyards, woodland walks, a lake, waterfall, boathouse, gypsy caravans, beach huts and a bandstand (with seats), and we both had a most enjoyable day.



The grounds were a delight to behold with the trees in full leaf, rhododendrons coming into bloom along with the wide variety of flowers and some of the shrubs.

Be advised, the visit can take around three hours, though you can relax with a cup of tea or coffee in The Garden Room after your tour, where you have the opportunity to chat to other visitors in the tour group.

During our wander around the grounds we found Paul doing some gardening and it appears that Paul and Victoria maintain their gardens mostly by themselves with very little outside help. After a leisurely walk we stopped at the bandstand for a coffee from our flask. We listened carefully and all we could hear were the birds, there were no traffic noises at all.

A further visit is a must, as and when time allows.



*Article and pictures by Brian and Jean Willson - 27<sup>th</sup> May*

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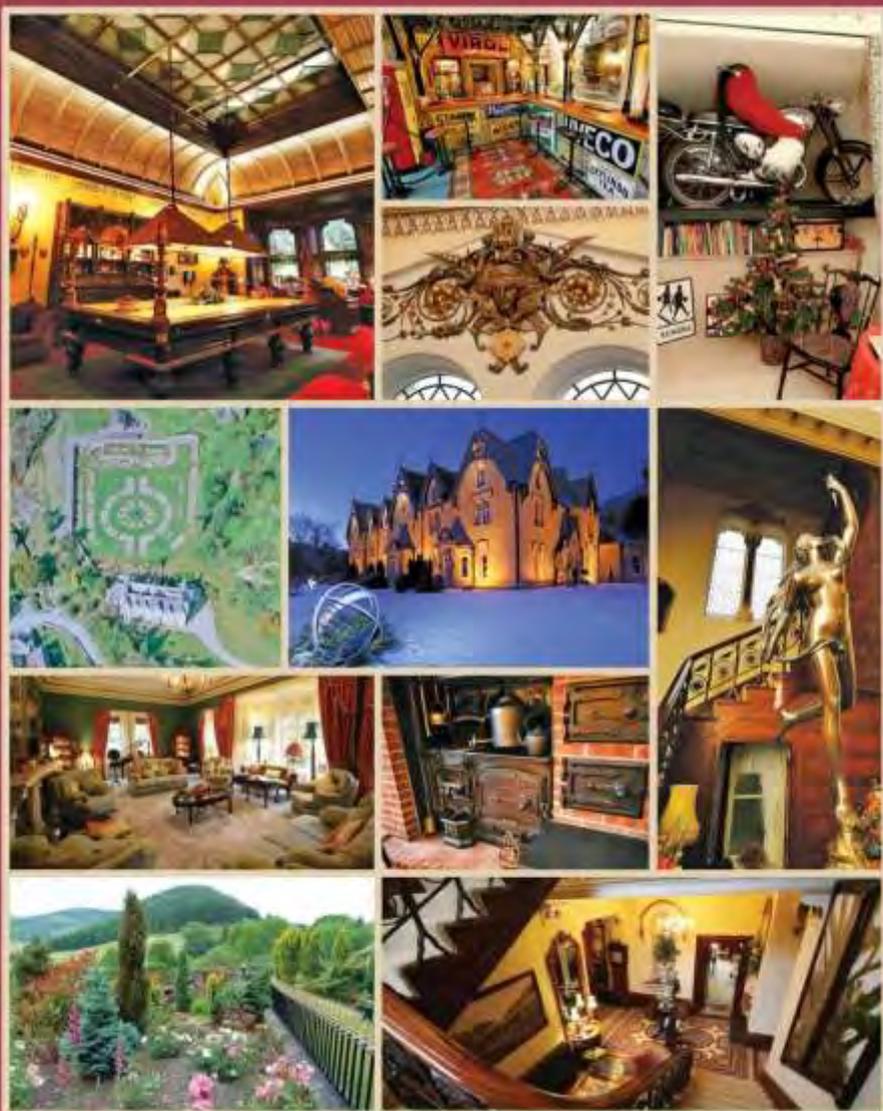
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## ***Bucknell Open Gardens 2017***

The picture below was taken at The Old School House during lunch which was being served by volunteers from the village. There were eight gardens open to visitors on both days of the weekend and they provided an insight into the ingenuity, artistic nature and 'greenness' of the owners.

Flowers, shrubs, fruit, vegetables, fish and livestock were all on display against a backdrop of gloomy skies but the rain held off until the last on Saturday and we suffered a short spell of heavy rain mid Sunday. Lunches and afternoon teas were provided on both



days at different venues and thanks must go to all the volunteers who gave their time, facilities and donated food to provide such a lovely array of sandwiches and cream teas.

Thanks to all of the garden owners for putting on a tremendous Open Day and for all their hard work to make it a good fundraiser for the church.

**Dave & Sue Fenton - 11<sup>th</sup> June**

## ***Bucknell Tractor Run 2017***

The weather was glorious and about 100 drivers and villagers enjoyed tea and cake before setting off for the 22 miles round trip through the lanes and over the hills, returning after approximately four hours to a cooked lunch at the village hall. Sixty vintage tractors took part this year, a little down on previous turnouts but the good weather may have had something to do with it due to silaging and bailing commitments on the farms.



Volunteers manned the refreshment stand and cooked the lunches and proceeds are split between the air ambulance and the Bucknell village hall.

**Sue Fenton - 18<sup>th</sup> June**

## Sounds Interesting

On Sunday 25th June, around 40 of us gathered in St. Mary's Church, Bucknell, for a concert with a difference. We were entertained by Sounds Interesting who, under Anne Tupling's direction, are based not far away in Shrewsbury and perform regularly at various locations throughout Shropshire. Generally advertised as a string quartet, but as you see from the picture below was actually seven people, the three extras being bassoon, horn and clarinet. This was also relevant because the programme was two septets by Glinka and Beethoven. Whilst Ludwig van Beethoven is the well-known German composer, the Russian composer Mikhail Ivanovich Glinka is less well known, even prompting one or two comments, 'I am not familiar with Glinka!' However, unlike most concerts that are 'wall to wall' music we were also treated to two short talks in between.

First of all Stella Disney talked about her instrument the 'French' horn, except it's not really French because it was invented in Germany and should therefore just be referred to as a horn! Stella explained how the instrument was constructed and how different sounds can be achieved by different styles of playing. Double bass player John Hyslop then gave us a bit of background to Glinka and Beethoven, Glinka being the lesser known composer of the two. We certainly learnt a lot from these talks. Following an interval for tea and flapjacks, the second part of the concert was a Beethoven septet, filling the complete second half.

Our thanks to Roger Bates for arranging such an enjoyable event, to our vicar Annie and the Hereford Diocese for letting us use the church.

You can contact Sounds Interesting via their websites at [www.annetuplingmusic.com](http://www.annetuplingmusic.com) or [www.soundsinteresting.biz](http://www.soundsinteresting.biz)



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*"No, not yet Sir,"* says the police officer, *"The floor's still wet."*



A panda walks into a bar and gobbles some bar peanuts. Then he pulls out a gun, fires it in the air, and heads for the door. "Hey!" shouts the bartender, "What was that for?" The Panda yells back, "I'm a Panda. Google me!" Sure enough, definition of a Panda is: **'A black and white tree-climbing mammal that eats shoots and leaves.'**

Wi-Fi went down for five minutes, so I had to talk to my family. They seem like nice people.



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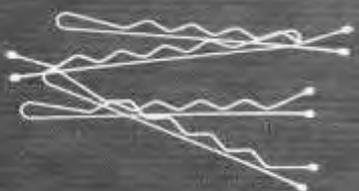
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On a recent trip into Wales, Scooby and I stopped off at a farm site in Cil-Y-Cwm. The site was very basic but had electricity and that's the only luxury I wanted as I don't believe in paying for laundry / shower / toilet facilities that I don't need, when I have everything I could possibly want in the caravan. The television signal was very poor so the roof mounted satellite dish came in very useful, especially for the couple of wet days that kept us inside, but even then we did manage to venture out for local walks between showers.

After a week we moved to a Caravan Club site at Aberbran, close to Brecon. This site is located on the former railway station of Aberbran, opened by the Neath and Brecon Railway in 1867, it was eventually closed in 1962. One of the reasons for visiting the Brecon Beacons was to explore part of the Monmouthshire & Brecon Canal, and its location at Talybont-on-Usk was particularly fascinating. There is so much industrial history on this stretch of the canal that I hope to write more about it in future editions.

We walked alongside a stretch of the canal and I learnt a lot about its local history from the many information boards along the side of the towpath, and this particular narrowboat that we came across made me laugh by the notice on the door. It reads:-

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*Beverley Stone - 28th May*

## ***Bucknell Allotments Association***

The Association has had a good start to the current year. At our Annual General Meeting in May, Nigel Perrigo took on the office of Chair. Nigel and his wife Babs have been members of the Association since 2011.

Although three members from last year gave up their plots, this was more than compensated for by the six new members who joined us between January and May. For the first time since its inception in 2010, all Bucknell Allotments Association plots are now assigned to members. At our next meeting, at the end of July, we will be reviewing the possibility of creating one or two more plots at the allotments to allow for additional members who may wish to join us. We are looking forward to holding our annual BBQ on Saturday 22nd July and BAA is planning to have a stall at the Bucknell Show on 2nd September as we did last year.

*Jim Hughes - 8th July*

## Run to Death



This pathetic young lamb is one of two run to death by the unleashed dog of a walker supposedly following a footpath across our farm land.

The farm, near Chapel Lawn, is owned by my husband and myself, who amongst our usual flocks of sheep, also keep a flock of rare breed Soay sheep, of which this was one. These are an ancient ancestral breed which are 'at risk' of extinction. They are very hardy, so for a lamb to be run to death, a dog would most likely have been out of

control for quite some time, chasing the lambs until they collapsed.

We understand that the walkers were in a guided group, with three dogs off their leads, and before they entered the field they must have walked along a separate path beside it, so should have seen the new lambs with their ewes. The walkers reportedly returned in high spirits to their cars, although one was sufficiently concerned to ask a local person as to who owned the sheep. We later heard the ewes calling and found the dead lambs, and naturally both of the bereaved ewes were very distraught because the ewes of this breed are naturally very devoted mothers.

We have lived on the farm for more than twenty years, and in that time have noticed an ever increasing numbers of walkers walking across our fields that do not keep their dogs on leads and sometimes do not even close the gates behind them. Ironically, there are also more organisations set-up to protect the countryside who arrange group visits to walk across our land, and they will know that using a public footpath is a 'right' but should know also that with that 'right' comes 'responsibility', and that straying from the footpath, whether it be the walkers or their dogs, is not a 'right' at all.

Guides have a clear duty to educate their groups in appropriate behaviour in the countryside. Unfortunately this did not happen in this case, and in fact we feel as much anger about the group leader, who allowed the dogs to be off leads, as we do about the owners of the dogs who should have known better than to let them run loose. We were also surprised to hear that the group did not seem to have been concerned by the injured animals.

If such group visits do not help to develop appreciation of and respect for other creatures they are not fulfilling a key purpose.

A sad story from which it is hoped others might learn.

Catherine and Robert Humphreys - 13th May

*This incident was reported to the police and has appeared in the local press.*

See **Community News & Views** for info relating to the use of public footpaths.

Editor

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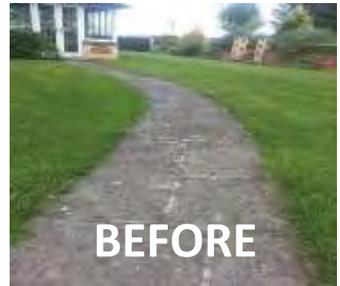
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