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## Autumn 2017

### From the Treasurer / Editor

I had a busy time putting the Autumn edition together and was somewhat glad when it was at the printer so that I could concentrate on other matters, but a feeling of emptiness quickly ensued so I decided to get straight on with this Winter edition, but not until I'd had a two week break with my dog Scooby caravanning in Staffordshire and Derbyshire. The weather was a mixture of sunshine and showers with some fine days, but then along came storm Brian so after that had passed close by and left wind and rain in its wake and more iffy weather forecast I thought I'd call it a day and head for home and back to compiling this special pre-Christmas / War Memorial edition. There were lots of articles submitted this quarter so with the help of the supporting advertisements I was able to increase the number of colour pages to 24. Thanks very much to everybody that supports us and if **you** would like to advertise within the newsletter to help us reach even more readers then please see page 38 for details. Best wishes.

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# What's Happening?

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



Jack Brett is a guitarist living in Bucknell having graduated from Sussex University with a BA Hons in Professional Musicianship. He is available for live bookings and can play in a dedicated style, or a mixture of Blues slide guitar and covers of Blues, Soul, Americana, pop, rock, folk and much more, plus his own original music. He offers guitar tuition for beginners through to intermediate skill level, either at his studio or at the customers' home or preferred location. Further information is available in forthcoming newsletters and online: <http://www.jackbrettmusic.com>

## His Forthcoming Events \*

<b>Friday 15th December</b>	Blues Jam Night at The Rose & Crown, Ludlow. 8pm. start. Donations to Cancer Research
<b>Saturday 16th December</b>	The Church Inn, Ludlow. Jack Brett & Guests. 9pm. start. Free Entry
<b>Friday 22nd December</b>	The Sun Inn, Leintwardine. Jack Brett & Guests. 8:30pm. start. Free Entry
<b>Saturday 13th January</b>	The Reet Petit Music Cafe in Leominster at 8:30pm.
<b>Saturday 27th January</b>	South Shropshire Blues Club at Ludlow Brewery featuring 'Automatic Annie', 8pm. Tickets and more info at <a href="http://southshropshirebluesclub.co.uk">southshropshirebluesclub.co.uk</a>
<b>Saturday 31st March</b>	South Shropshire Blues Club at Ludlow Brewery featuring 'Sweet Talk' at 8pm. Tickets and more info at <a href="http://southshropshirebluesclub.co.uk">southshropshirebluesclub.co.uk</a>



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## REGULAR DATES

WEEKLY		Event	Venue & Time	Contact
Monday		Bedstone Art Group	Bedstone Village Hall 10:30 - 13:00	Celia Keane 01547 530397
Tuesday		Mothers' and Toddlers' Group	Bucknell Memorial Hall 09:00 - 11:30	Leanne Lewis 07869 470684
Tuesday		Bucknell Ukulele Group	Variable venues at 2:30pm	Geri Jackson 01547 530137
Tuesday		Grumpy Old Men's Club	The Baron at Bucknell 21:00 - 23:00	<i>Just turn up !</i>
Wednesday		Pop In Café Bucknell	St. Marys Church 10:30 - 12:00	Sue Fenlon 01547 530105
Friday		Bingo	Bucknell Memorial Hall 19:45	Dorothy Edwards 01547 530252
Saturday		Indoor Circuit Training	Bucknell Memorial Hall 09:30	Helen Bithell 07775 520968
FORTNIGHTLY		Event	Venue & Time	Contact
Monday		Bucknell Walkers	Lych Gate St. Marys Church 09:00 - sharp!	Mike Starr 01547 530179
Wednesday		Mobile Library Service	Belmont Garage end of the Causeway 11:30 - 11:50	Shropshire Library Service 01743 255024
Thursday		Skittles (Sept - May) Boules (June - Aug)	Memorial Hall or The Baron at Bucknell 19:30	Sylvia & Derek Meredith 01547 530422
MONTHLY		Event	Venue & Time	Contact
Last Monday		Bucknell Book Group	Variable venues	Bridget Thomas 01568 770165
First Tuesday		Mothers Union	Variable venues during winter months	Iris Greaves 01547 530152 and Jean Pryke 01547 540376
		Bedstone and Bucknell Parish Council	Variable venues - see parish notice boards 19:30	Jonathan Kemp Chairman 01547 530398
Third Wednesday		Women's Institute	Bucknell Memorial Hall	Christine Price WI President 01547 530249
Last Wednesday		Craft Group	Variable venues	Fran Turnbull 01547 530833



Time seems to have passed by so quickly since the last newsletter, and much of what was mentioned then has now happened. Several ladies attended the Group Meeting at Chapel Lawn where Rose Sharp, Sue Davis and Rita Barnes were in charge of the entrance tickets and the draw.

We were treated to an excellent wildlife talk and film by the wildlife photographer Michael Leach who has accompanied Sir David Attenborough on many of his expeditions. He told us that Sir David was as warm and friendly in person as he appeared on TV and a pleasure to work with.

Sadly Bucknell missed out on the prizes for the Apple Cake, but Jane Smith was awarded third for her wildlife photo of a Robin perched on their Volkswagen camper van.

The following week we spent a pleasant evening with our friends at Brampton Bryan W.I. where Jim Saunders gave an illustrated talk on Offa's Dyke which was of special interest as many of us know parts of Offa's Dyke well having walked some of it on different occasions. The evening ended with a delicious supper.

In November we were out and about again, this time at the Hop Pocket near Bromyard where the shops were in festive mood and so many of us were able to do some pre-Christmas shopping.

We were delighted with the large attendance at our A.G.M. in November where the business part of the evening was satisfactorily concluded. The winner of the competition cup was Jean Roberts, Wynn Billingsley second, with Iris Greaves and Fran Turnbull joint third, so congratulations to them all.

This year we had invited The Shrewsbury Hand Bell ringers to entertain us and we were not disappointed. They were excellent, entertaining us with a wide variety of musical items, rounding off the evening with an energetic Can-Can.

We go to The Clive at Bromfield in December for a festive afternoon tea and look forward to our own Christmas Party later in the month. We have an interesting and varied programme for next year and plans are already in place for a rail trip to Chester. So it's full steam ahead for Bucknell W.I.

Christine Price - WI President - 17<sup>th</sup> November 2017

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# AN EPIC JOURNEY

## TOURING EUROPE IN A MOTORHOME

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**One of our campsites - this one is in the village of Nires in Romania**

My pal Ross and I left school in 1963 to join the Royal Navy. The last time our paths crossed was in 1967; however in November 2015 after 53 years we eventually made contact again via the magic of the internet and arranged to meet up. After catching up on our respective lives, which took several days, we eventually came up with the idea of touring Europe together in a motorhome. The road trip was planned for early 2017 and a route was drawn up which took in

most of the sights and countries that we both wanted to visit. Broadly speaking we travelled south through France to the tip of the Iberian peninsula, as far east as the Black Sea, north to Lapland returning via Scandinavia, Germany and the Benelux countries.

We decided to buy a motorhome rather than rent (which was expensive) and our specification was for a second hand 6 berth 2.6 litre diesel model with a fixed bed at the rear, a 'garage' under for our bikes etc. and a large over-cab bed at the front.

After some searching we located the ideal van for us, which was a 2004 Swift Sundance.



**San Marino castle overlooking San Marino, Italy.**



**A view of Innsbruck, Austria.**

*Continued .....*

## **AN EPIC JOURNEY continues**

We set off from Plymouth to Roscoff on February 2nd 2017. Prior to embarking on the ferry we took a detour for a 'photo call' at HMS Raleigh, the Royal Navy's Training Establishment where we enlisted all those years ago.

Embarking on our tour so early in the year was a gamble in that, a) the weather would be kind to us, b) we would find enough camp sites open and c) we would be able to see the sights free of the summer crowds. The gamble paid off, however there were a few times when we struggled to find a site open and on occasions we 'wild camped' or found a hotel for the night. We had some interesting stopovers and we also stayed at friends en route.

In the main, camp sites were of a good standard and some were of a very high specification but even the more, 'rustic' sites had good basic facilities. Most were reasonably priced averaging around 22 Euros per night. Our timetable was flexible and if we found somewhere we really liked we stayed for a few days. Crossing borders was no problem and in the main the roads were in good condition - we tried to avoid motorways where possible. Sometimes we found ourselves travelling for several miles on dirt tracks to get to a site that was 'out in the sticks'. One site springs to mind which is located in the foothills of the Carpathian mountains in Romania. We arrived to find it closed however the owners opened up for us and we were welcomed with beer and a hot meal free of charge!

As for our domestic arrangements, Ross is a very competent navigator which was a godsend as our satnav was somewhat dated and on occasion came up with some challenging instructions. 'Mabel', as the satnav was christened, suffered a lot of verbal abuse at times! My pal is also an excellent chef and during our journey he rustled up many tasty and interesting dishes using fresh local ingredients.

I have been asked by many people, 'What was your favourite country?' And 'Did you argue and / or fall out?' Did the van breakdown?

In answer to the first we saw so many countries offering beautiful and stunning scenery, e.g. the Pyrenees, the Dalmatian Coast, Austria, Bavaria, Poland and the Baltic States, Scandinavia and of course South Shropshire! The list goes on and then there are Europe's fabulous cities with magnificent architecture and wide tree lined boulevards. So it is difficult to choose a favourite as each one had something to offer. The people we met were friendly and helpful and the majority of them spoke some English.

As far as the second question; yes we had our moments and at times we behaved like an old married couple, indeed a friend we stayed with enroute christened us the 'Odd Couple'. However, with a degree of tolerance and perseverance we soon overcame any 'tiffs' and remain the best of friends.

As for the van it behaved perfectly and never let us down. Would we do it again? Well, yes we probably would.

Clearly there are many tales to tell about our epic journey but they would fill the Newsletter. I am just so pleased that I did it whilst in rude health and with such a knowledgeable travelling companion.

**Dave Baker - 12th September**

# When is a Hill not a Hill?



In the Autumn 2016 newsletter John Warner posed the question of when does a hill become a mountain? The distinction varies from country to country, but in the UK a hill is generally reckoned to become a mountain when it reaches 610 metres or 2000 feet, although our Government defines a mountain as a summit of >600 metres. Shropshire has no mountains, as Brown Clee Hill is only 540 metres high. Hillwalkers like a challenge and

have created lists of hills and mountains that represent an achievable goal. The best known of these are the **Munros**, defined in 1891 by Sir Hugh Munro as Scottish mountains with a summit of >3000 feet (914 metres). There are 282 Munros, as well another 227 subsidiary tops that don't qualify as the drop between them is considered to be too small. If you're less pernickety, then there are 442 **Murdos**, which are >914 metres and have a drop of at least 30 metres. Munros outside Scotland are known as **Furths**, and whilst in Scotland, those with a lesser head for height might like to try their hand at:

<b>Corbetts</b>	762-914 metres or 2500-3000 feet	}	Scotland
<b>Grahams</b>	610-762 metres or 2000-2500 feet		
<b>Donalds</b>	>610 metres in the Scottish Lowlands		

## Outside of Scotland you've got:

<b>Marilyns</b>	150 metres drop regardless of absolute height	}	England, Wales and Ireland
<b>Nuttalls</b>	>610 metres and 15 metres drop		
<b>Hewitts</b>	>610 metres and 30 metres drop		
<b>Wainwrights</b>	>305 metres and appearing in Wainwright's guides		
<b>Birketts</b>	>305 metres in the Lake District		
<b>Deweyes</b>	>500 metres		
<b>Hardys</b>	Highest point in a range of hills		
<b>Humps</b>	100 metres drop		
<b>Simms</b>	>600 metres and 30 metres drop	}	
<b>Tumps</b>	30 metres drop		

You pay your money and you take your choice, but I'd like to suggest a new category, the **Bucknell**, which is any walk involving >10 sheep and plenty of mud.

*Mike Starr*



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## ***The Revd. Annie Ballard***

**“Peace to you all!” from The Vicarage!** So here we are again, getting ready to celebrate the coming of ‘The Prince of Peace’ to our world. But, as I flew over the Italian Alps and saw the first snows on the volcanic peaks, I reflected that actually this isn’t just a Christmas theme, He encourages us to keep Peace as a mantra all the year round wherever we are. The prophets looked forward to a Redeemer who would come and sort the world out. Jesus was born to the clarion call of angels saying “God is with us” and to herald “Peace on Earth, good will to all!” He came to teach us how to treat one another and modelled an amazing way of taking each person with their strengths and weaknesses and encouraging us to live the way of Love. He also left us with resources to draw on as we continue to work for Peace, if only we will listen and learn.

♥ Our Peace thoughts found a focus on 11th November as our new War Memorial was dedicated by Bishop Alistair. Thank you to all who dreamed and actioned that event. Especially, but not only, Sylvia. It was wonderful to see children from our school represented as well as the British Legion and to have Jonathan Protheroe, our local stonemason presenting the wreath, having created the memorial with such care. What a good way to bring our village together on that day around a symbol that reminds us to continue to work for peace and unity, starting here! We’ve got something for everyone in Bucknell and Bedstone through the Christmas season.

♥ This year, as the primary school is doing their own thing, I have decided to really go for a community ‘Carols by Candlelight’ in St. Mary’s Church Bucknell, with quite a traditional but hopefully magical touch on SUNDAY 17th DECEMBER at 6.30pm; an opportunity to sing Carols and hear the readings. And at St. Mary’s Church Bedstone, have their Carol Service on MONDAY 18th DECEMBER at 7pm.

♥ We are having our Crib Service at St. Mary’s Bucknell again on CHRISTMAS EVE, this year at 4pm. Last year this was so memorable and I hope to make it even better this year. If the boys could come dressed as shepherds and the little girls as angels that would be great, but not essential.

♥ Midnight Mass this year is at Llanfair Waterdine at 11.30pm. with the Singers, if you want to join me over there later!!

♥ On CHRISTMAS MORNING I will be doing FAMILY COMMUNION at St. Mary’s Bedstone at 10.30am. At St. Mary’s Bucknell at 10.30am. Jonathan Kemp will be leading CHRISTMAS COMMUNION by Extension.

♥ On New Year’s Eve at 10.30am. we will be having a special service to look forward and pray together for the year ahead. “Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me!”

♥ Meanwhile, I will be sending a card outlining all the services in the Benefice round to everyone in good time and you are all welcome to anything that takes your fancy wherever it happens to be!

♥ So, wherever you are and whoever you are celebrating with, let me wish you all a Very Blessed Christmas and a happy, successful and a peaceful New Year.

With Love and Prayers from Annie and Red.

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## Children Visit the St. Marys Pop-In Café



Jan Hartin with mothers Victoria Whittaker and Amy Rothwell and school assistants Sarah Davies and Yvonne Williams brought ten little ones to the Café for a visit.

They tucked into juice and cakes with gusto and all the children were extremely well mannered saying thank you to the volunteers as they left. Everyone enjoyed having them there and we hope they will return again very soon.

Sue Fenton 13<sup>th</sup> September

## Village Tea Dance - 22nd October 2017

We all enjoyed a tea dance in the Memorial Hall which was held to raise funds for the War Memorial reception following the consecration of the stone on 11th November. Sylvia Meredith and her team of helpers provided a wonderful array of delicate sandwiches and gorgeous cakes served with tea and coffee. Trevor Wood entertained us on the organ with old time songs and dance music and had us laughing with his cheeky sense of humour. The raffle was a huge success and thanks to all who donated prizes.

One couple really entered into the spirit of the occasion dressing in formal clothes complete



with monocle, cummerbund, bow tie, feathers and cigarette holder (though no cigarettes were smoked in the hall). Together with Sylvia leading the dancing and singing they provided a glamorous spectacle.

Everyone enjoyed themselves and it provided good entertainment on a wet and windy afternoon.

Overall the event raised £251.00

Dave & Sue Fenton 24<sup>th</sup> October



## Rural Roads and Pavements

In the absence of any other news and views being submitted by residents, I thought I'd continue the theme of road safety issues, which in my view as a dog-walker are very relevant to Bucknell and probably apply to most other towns and villages as well. The Autumn edition carried part of an online article about vehicles parking on pavements, which can greatly reduce the footpath width for pedestrians and disabled people alike and in some cases totally block the footway altogether forcing people to walk into the road to get around the offending vehicles. I have noticed this a lot in Bucknell, and hopefully the newsletter article will increase awareness about keeping the pavements clear of vehicles and in some cases, overgrown hedges too. The 2007 revision of the Highway Code stipulates that;

**145: You MUST NOT drive on or over a pavement, footpath or bridleway except to gain lawful access to property, or in the case of an emergency.**

*Laws HA 1835 sect 72 & RTA 1988 sect 34*

**244: You MUST NOT park partially or wholly on the pavement in London, and should not do so elsewhere unless signs permit it. Parking on the pavement can obstruct and seriously inconvenience pedestrians, people in wheelchairs, people with visual impairments and people with prams or pushchairs.**

*Law GL(GP)A sect 15*



Conversely, where pedestrians have no choice but to walk in the road because there is no footway, I don't think there is sufficient signage, in Bucknell at least, to warn drivers of such. Bucknell has several roads and lanes where I have experienced some drivers, a minority I admit, make little attempt to slow down to pass my dog and I, which can easily cause an animal to panic and run into the road if not adequately restrained. Some of these roads have



hedges, fences or walls and no verge so it is impossible to step momentarily off the road. Although it should be blindingly obvious to motorists to slow down when passing pedestrians and animals, I fear that some are totally oblivious to the stress they can cause by not passing by slowly. I personally consider it essential that residential areas should have sufficient advance warning signs on **every** road where there is no footway to ensure that motorists have no excuse but to slow down and pass pedestrians with care and I would appreciate hearing from other members of the community of their views and experiences on the subject. Email: [beverley2019@gmail.com](mailto:beverley2019@gmail.com)

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## The Baron at Bucknell



# Festive Menu

Available from Friday 1st December to Monday 1st January  
2 Courses £20 - 3 Courses £25

### Starters

Butternut squash soup with sage & garlic  
croutons (V)

Chicken liver & brandy parfait, house  
chutney, herb mayonaise & sour dough toast

Prawn & crayfish tail salad with crispy leaves,  
Marie Rose sauce & toasted granary shards

Sauteed garlic mushrooms with cream, herbs  
& pecorino on toasted ciabatta (V)

### Desserts

Homemade Christmas pudding with rum  
sauce & brandy butter

Warm chocolate brownie, chocolate fudge  
sauce & black cherry ice cream

Boozy sherry trifle with toasted almonds (N)

Local Cheese Board with Shropshire Blue,  
Hereford Hop & Perl Wen with Chutney,  
Grapes & Biscuits

### Mains


Local free range turkey breast, goose fat roast potatoes,  
chipolata, cranberry stuffing, seasonal vegetables &  
rich roast pan gravy

Crispy seabass fillet, ratatouille, parmentier potatoes &  
basil oil

Tender braised blade of beef, pearl onions, pancetta &  
mushrooms with buttered savoy & creamed potato &  
red wine sauce

Feta, spinach & pistachio filo parcel, aubergine caviar,  
garlic & tomato cous cous, mint & coriander yogurt  
(VN)

### *This year we will be closed on Christmas Day*



*...so that we can have a relaxed family day  
with our 3 daughters. We have opened on  
Christmas Day for the last 11 years and feel  
that this year we need to put our children  
first on Christmas Day.*

*We hope you understand and look forward  
to welcoming you over the festive season.*



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## Bucknell War Memorial Ceremony



The Autumn edition of the newsletter carried an article regarding the placement of the foundation for a memorial stone to commemorate those men from the village who had fallen during WW1 and WW2. The article also listed the names of all the known men who had fallen and sought to trace relatives of them still alive today, who might be able to attend the unveiling ceremony. Previous newsletter editions had also featured detailed historical articles of the men themselves and will continue to do so, researched and written by Margaret Hay-Campbell.

These two pages document the efforts of the Bucknell village group chaired by Sylvia Meredith who have managed to secure permissions and sufficient funding for the erection of a memorial stone to remember those men from the village that had fallen in both wars, and the subsequent unveiling ceremony of the memorial stone which took place on 11th November 2017.

**Sylvia Meredith**, a Bucknell resident for 15 years, was the inspiration behind a War Memorial stone realising that the village did not have one when most other communities did. Commencing in late 2014, she, with the help of the then churchwarden Ian Hay-Campbell, began to approach the Diocese of Hereford and Bedstone and Bucknell Parish Council for permission to erect such a memorial stone within the closed churchyard. With permissions in place, Sylvia set about forming a group of volunteers to start the necessary fundraising for the supply, engraving and erection of a memorial stone. Fundraising commenced on 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2016 to celebrate the Queens 90th birthday which was also attended by the High Sheriff. Once sufficient funding had been raised, stonemason Jonathan Protheroe was appointed to source, machine and erect a suitable stone, inset with an engraved slate plaque of the soldiers names.

**St. Marys Church Bucknell** was full with some members of the congregation having to stand. Revd. Annie Ballard conducted the service which commenced at 10:30 and included readings from Sylvia Meredith, Lucy Phillips, Jonathan Kemp and the Rt. Revd. Alistair Magowan - Bishop of Ludlow, interspersed with hymns.

At 10:55 the ministers led the congregation outside into the churchyard to continue the service, stopping for two minutes

silence at 11:00, preceded by the Last Post played on a cornet by Sarah Freeman of the Knighton Town Silver Band and followed by Reveille, then the ceremony completed with readings and the blessing of the new War Memorial stone. The names of all the fallen men from the village were read out and children placed wooden crosses into the ground around the base of the stone, each cross having the name of a fallen soldier written on it.





#### PHOTOGRAPHS:

**Previous page:** The well-attended pre-ceremony church service.

**Top left:** The service moved to the churchyard for the two minutes silence at 11:00 and the blessing of the new War Memorial stone.

**Above:** Mike Oliver from Brampton Bryan was Royal British Legion standard bearer throughout the ceremony.

**Middle:** Children of the village who attended the ceremony placed the named crosses around the base of the memorial stone.

**Left:** Refreshments were provided in the Memorial Hall after the ceremony for the congregation, the ministers and everybody involved with the War Memorial project.



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**Duncan Cullimore** is a councillor on both the Parish Council and the Parochial Church Council and is heading the project to source a replacement and the funding for it. If you would like to contribute towards the cost of a replacement flagpole, please contact Duncan on 01547 530363 or email to [duncancullimore@gmail.com](mailto:duncancullimore@gmail.com). Thank you.



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Editor

## Halloween time in Bucknell



Bucknell has been visited tonight by all manner of goblins and ghouls, trick or treating but mainly having lots of treats.

All manner of wonderful costumes were worn and even a poor dog was dressed up in a wizards outfit.

Here are some of the children who took part.

Sue Fenlon 31<sup>st</sup> October

# Just For Fun



An elderly couple had dinner at another couple's house and after eating, the wives left the table and went into the kitchen. The two gentlemen were talking, and one said, "Last night we went out to a new restaurant and it was really great. I would highly recommend it." The other man said, "Sounds good! What is the name of the restaurant?" The first man thought and thought and finally said, "What is the name of that flower you give to someone you love? You know... the one that's red and has thorns." "Do you mean a rose?" said the other man. "Yes, that's the one," replied the man. He then turned towards the kitchen and shouted, "Rose, what's the name of that restaurant we went to last night?"

An American man and his wife were on their first visit to the UK and were driving through Shropshire. As they drove into Shrewsbury, they started arguing about the pronunciation of the town. They argued back and forth before pulling into a drive-thru restaurant for lunch. Leaning out of the car window the man asked the attendant, "Before we order, could you please settle an argument for us? Would you slowly pronounce where we are please?" The attendant leaned over the counter and said, "Burrrr-gerrr Kiiing".



Fancy a quick <sup>canal</sup> quiz?



(Picture 1) The plaque (ringed) on the bridge reads: Hazelhurst Aqueduct 1841, but which canal passes beneath it and (Picture 2) what is the name of the canal that crosses over it? Answers on page 36.



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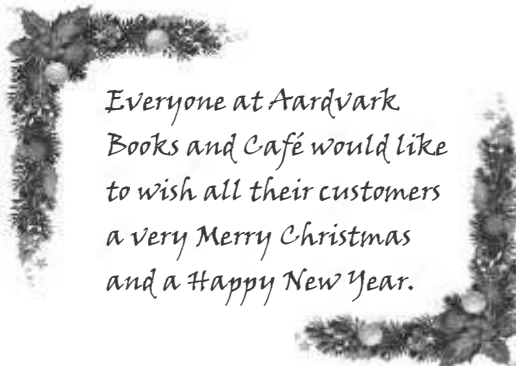
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## Monthly Reports for 2017 by Cathy Jones

**September** was full of social and fundraising events as well as the enjoyment of our regular meetings. We hit the ground running with our annual progressive supper, where we moved between Rotary members homes for each course, had a lot of fun and raised £325 for charity. We next had a 'frugal' lunch, replacing one of our weekly meetings, at the Morgan's home in Leintwardine, followed the next Sunday by a charity afternoon tea and sociable croquet match, also at the Morgan's.

The following Wednesday we listened to our District Governor, Maggie Hughes, outlining her plans for Rotary in our region during 2017-18 – very inspiring. And finally on the 26th we supported the Knighton Show and Carnival with a games and tombola stall, raising money for the local community. So a very successful month for fundraising and for strengthening the bonds locally.

**October** was another enjoyable month of fun and fundraising. We started the month with a tasty frugal lunch hosted by Bruce and Sandie Morgan in Leintwardine raising £180 for our charitable efforts. This was followed by our charity Fashion Show at the Knighton Hotel with 80 attendees raising over £650 for the Air Ambulances, local charities and Shelterbox who providing disaster relief across the world. Thanks to everyone for their support.

Later in the month we heard from Amy Johnson about the work of the Marie Curie charity and were proud to welcome Knighton solicitor Robin Wayne as the newest member of our Rotary family.

**November** was very exciting as we welcomed three new members to our Rotary Club. Eileen Myers and Angela & Keith Ellis all commented on our friendliness and on the variety of fundraising activities we undertake to support a range of charities. Later in the month we spoke to the pupils of Knighton Primary School about the efforts of Rotary members across the globe to eradicate polio. We also had two stalls in Knighton on October 28th to promote the 'Purple 4 Polio' project to end polio worldwide – only two countries to go. And finally we heard Caroline Yorke from the Search and Rescue Dogs (SARDA) Wales talk about her fascinating experiences being involved with this excellent charity.

**Remember** that all the money we raise goes to our chosen charities as our running costs are covered by a membership fee. You can read more on our website **Knighton Rotary** and on twitter @knightonrotary. If you would like to get involved in our activities, as well as make new friends, you are very welcome to come to any of our Wednesday meetings. For more details please contact members Norman Thorp on (01547) 529666 or Cathy Jones on 07813 733240 or email: cathleenj2001@yahoo.co.uk



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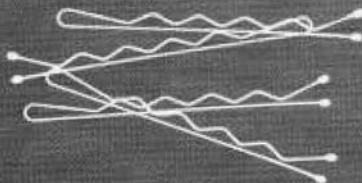
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## Bucknell 'Jolly Boys' October Outing

Following on from last years 'successful' canoe trip, the 'Jolly's' decided to let a canal boat take the strain and to cruise idyllically along the Birmingham / Worcester canal for 4 days. The intrepid crew of 6 were Steve Sherring, Dave Fenlon, Dave Baker, Roger Bates, Graham Reid and Paul Aplin. We started our journey at Alvechurch Marina where (after a thorough induction) we took possession of our very own 69 foot eight berth narrow boat.

As big as the boat was, we soon learned that by taking time and showing patience, she was quite easy and responsive to handle.



**Day 1 – 2.5 miles.** We had decided to turn right out of the marina and head towards Worcester. We soon approached and passed through the wrongly named Shortwood Tunnel (614 yards long). Once through, we cruised through some very tranquil and pretty countryside with the sound of birdsong audible above the gentle chug of the boat. This was followed by the 580 yard long Tardebigge Tunnel.

Both tunnels were navigated successfully without any mishaps. We soon spotted

Tardebigge Top Lock, the first lock in the mammoth flight. Time for tea and refreshments. After a long walk (caused by turning the wrong way!), we were suitably fed and refreshed at the Tardebigge Wacky Warehouse. Back to the boat and couple of "tots" later it was bed time.

### **Day 2 – 10 miles, 36 flight locks:**

We were up very early to tackle the Tardebigge flight of locks, all 30 of them over 2.5 miles lowering the canal 220'. This is the longest flight in the UK. Soon, we were like a well-oiled machine tackling the locks with ease. We decided to stop midway and had a cracking fried breakfast ably prepared by Steve. The smell of bacon and coffee, sat outside the boat with the sun rising was perfect. Soon finished, we cracked on and in no time (2.5 hours) we left the flight of locks

behind us. We reached Stoke Prior and had a break. We then pushed on and shortly tackled the Stoke Locks (a flight of 6 locks lowering the canal 42'). Stopping mid-afternoon for 'refreshments' we agreed to carry on until Dunhamstead. We moored up and sought refreshments at the Fir Tree Inn, and very nice it was too. Same pattern as the previous day, a couple of 'tots' saw the day end.



*Bucknell 'Jolly Boys' October Outing continues on page 36*



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## Bucknell 'Jolly Boys' October Outing continues

### Day 3 – 10 miles, 18 flight locks:

We had a lie-in on Wednesday morning, no sign of life until 07:00 but then one up, all up, we moved off. We again had a great breakfast, tackled 6 more locks and meandered gently towards Tibberton. We decided this was the maximum point of our travel and turned our 69' boat in a 70' winding hole (with much furious hacking of weeds and rushes that had overgrown the canal bank). We sailed back through Stoke Locks to Hanbury Wharf and had a pleasant walk along the Droitwich Canal into Droitwich where we re-stocked the beer larder and carried on sailing. Some on board "refreshment" later we moored at Stoke Pound at a pretty little spot opposite the Queens Head where we had a most enjoyable evening meal and more liquid refreshment.

### Day 4 - 15 miles, 30 flight locks:

Up early on Thursday morning as we had the Tardebigge Lock flight to tackle. We were on the move by 07:30, the first lock appeared within 5 minutes. We were soon working our way through the locks. Breakfast midway was again superb and well received by all. The boat was due back at Alvechurch Marina at 09:30 on Friday morning, so we motored on through the day and moored up in the marina mid-afternoon. You can guess the rest, some beers on-board followed by a good walk around Alvechurch town centre and a great evening meal to boot.

### Hand back day.

All up and ready to hand back the boat at 09:15. The boat was refuelled; we'd used 46 litres of fuel at a cost of £44 which was more than covered by the fuel levy paid up front. Overall, a cracking 4 days that we all thoroughly enjoyed, passing through 104 locks and four tunnels, no fallouts and everything working perfectly.

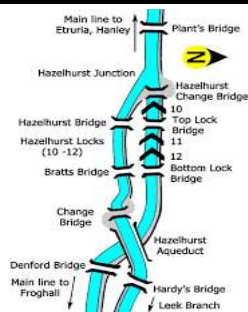
One main thing that did strike us was that you gained an appreciation of the foresight and ingenuity of the Victorian engineers who planned and constructed these canals and locks. Steve coined the phrase of the trip saying "These Victorians didn't know what they couldn't build - so they just went ahead and built them!" A great time was had by all.

Next Year ??????????

Dave & Sue Fenton 24<sup>th</sup> October

### Answers to Quiz:

The canal passing beneath the **Hazelnurst Aqueduct** at Denford, in Staffordshire is the **Caldon Canal**, or more correctly the **Trent & Mersey Canal - Caldon Branch** which was opened circa 1779. The canal passing over the aqueduct is the **Caldon Canal Leek Branch** which was opened circa 1801. The Leek Branch was built to take cheaper coal to Leek whereas the main canal took limestone from Caldon Low to the Potteries. The current aqueduct, built in 1841, replaced an earlier structure.



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