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### From the Editor / Treasurer

I very nearly put a picture of the frozen River Redlake on the front cover of the Spring edition, such were the freezing weather conditions at the time but then thought no, it's sunshine we need so I hunted through my photo library for a sunny picture with the all-important green fields and new-born lambs. Similarly with this edition I was going to put a sunny picture on the front cover but at the time of compilation I opted instead for a picture of a relatively rare event these days of a steam locomotive travelling through Bucknell. See page 7 for the article.

Whilst I appreciate that the Bucknell Facebook pages may be very popular within Bucknell for uploading news instantly, I would imagine that the numbers of followers who get to see it is less than half of the total number of residents in the parish, so to reach virtually **every household** within Bedstone and Bucknell, it would be great if anything of local interest that folk are uploading to Facebook could be shared with the **whole** of the community by also including it within the Bucknell Newsletter. Just send it to me as well and I will consider it for inclusion within a forthcoming edition of this newsletter, that way **everybody** gets to see it.

As always, a big thank you for the supporting advertisements in this edition which keep the newsletter going and if **you** would like to advertise within the newsletter and help us to reach even more readers, then please see page 38 for details. Thank you.

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# What's Happening?

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



## DATES, TIMES, EVENTS & LOCATIONS

### Knucklas Ladies Guild 2018

3rd Tuesday of every month at 7:30pm. Generally talks with Tea / Coffee / Raffle

**June 19<sup>th</sup>** Talk subject: **Church conversion to house** by Mrs. Bobby Child

**July 17<sup>th</sup>** Talk subject: **Cookery demonstration** by Mr. Leon Abecasis

**August 21<sup>st</sup>** Talk subject: **Flower demonstration** by Anna Smith of The Flower Box

**September 18<sup>th</sup>** Talk subject: **Grand Canyon trek** by Sue Williams

**October 16<sup>th</sup>** Talk subject: TBA

**November 20<sup>th</sup>** Talk subject: **Local Cider making** by Adam Davies

**December 5<sup>th</sup>** **Christmas lunch** - Venue TBA

Community Centre Main Hall, Glyndwr, Knucklas, Knighton, Powys LD7 1RR

Contact Maggie 01547 528358 or Margaret 01547 529155 for details

New members always welcome NB: Talk subjects can change without advanced notice.

## MORE LOCAL EVENTS

<b>BEDSTONE</b> Additional information available from: Margi Savery on (01547) 530 282	<b>9th June</b>	Coffee Morning and Open Garden, Orchard House, 10 – 12 noon, £3. Parking at the village hall in aid of St Mary's Church.
	<b>30th June</b>	Village BBQ at the Village hall, £5. Licensed bar, real ale, lots of great food, from 7pm.
	<b>2nd September</b>	Annual Lunch, £8, 12 noon – 2pm, a joint fund raising event for the Village Hall, and Hopton Castle and Bedstone Churches.
	<b>8th September</b>	Church open for 'Ride and Stride' in aid of Shropshire Historic Churches Trust.
	<b>17th October</b>	Fun Quiz, 7.30pm, teams of 4, £2.50 per person.
	<b>9th November</b>	'Hobson's Choice' Sea Shanty Singers, 7.30 pm, licensed bar, real local ale, light refreshments.
	<b>24th November</b>	'The Italian Job!' classic movie with themed food! Details TBC
<b>BUCKNELL</b>	<b>Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Bucknell Tractor Run - starting at 10.00am from Daffodil Lane Recreation Ground in aid of Hall funds and charity.
	<b>Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Bucknell Car Boot Sale - Daffodil Lane Recreation Ground @ 2pm. Sellers can book a pitch with Stacie on 07422 555165 or via <a href="mailto:info@thebucknellshow.co.uk">info@thebucknellshow.co.uk</a> Cars: £5 Vans: £10
	<b>Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> September</b>	The Bucknell Show - Daffodil Lane Recreation Ground at 1pm. The Fell Run commences earlier at 12:30. Further details from Nicky Edwards 07973 563829

# Jack Brett



## Forthcoming Events

<b>Friday 15th June</b>	Blues Jam at The Rose & Crown, Ludlow. Free entry. 8pm start.
<b>Friday 29th June</b>	Concert at St. Laurence Church Ludlow, supporting Flamenco Fusion Guitarist Joncan Kavlakoglu. 7:30pm. See Ludlow Summer Arts Festival programme for ticket information.
<b>Saturday 7th July</b>	Blues Jam BBQ at The Rose & Crown Ludlow. Free entry. 1:30pm start
<b>Sunday 29th July</b>	Red Madog at The Red Lion, Knighton. Free entry. 8pm start
<b>Sunday 5th August</b>	Mayors Bonanza at Priory Park, Malvern. Live music from Blue Moon Blues Band. Free Entry. 12pm start
<b>Friday 17th August</b>	Blues Jam at The Rose & Crown, Ludlow. Free entry. 8pm start
<b>Sunday 26th August</b>	Blues Jam BBQ at The Rose & Crown Ludlow. Free entry. 1:30pm start



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## REGULAR DATES

	Days	Event	Venue & Time	Contact
WEEKLY	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	Just turn up!
	Wednesday	Pop In Café Bucknell	St. Marys Church 10:30 - 12:00	Sue Fenlon 01547 530105
	Friday	Modern Line Dancing	Bucknell Memorial Hall 09:30 - 10:30	Christine Price 01547 530249
	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	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 14:05 - 14:25	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	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
	Second Tuesday	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



## STEAMING THROUGH BUCKNELL



The steam train caught everyone by surprise as it had been rescheduled to pass through Bucknell at the delayed time of 16:22 but it arrived at 15:44 to the delight of the very few who had remained in the pouring rain. Most of the delay was caused by signal failures outside Crewe.

The Black Five 1Z80 0835 steam engine had begun its journey at Grange-over-Sands and finished it in Cardiff.

On today's journey it had picked up a diesel locomotive in Crewe pushing at the rear to assist the 715 tonnes carriage load.



The carriages were full and looked lovely with the white cloths and lamps on each table and passengers were peering out at us sheltering under trees trying to keep our cameras dry. I was talking to a real rail enthusiast who is following the whole journey taking photographs track side. He is a young man who works as a train dispatcher at Exeter station and who takes a week's annual leave every year to follow a steamer on its UK journey. He started with the train 6 days ago. The furthest north he's travelled was Inverness where the weather was worse than it was here today.

Dave & Sue Fenton - 25<sup>th</sup> April 2018

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## Trig points:

AKA triangulation station, triangulation pillar, trigonometrical station, trigonometrical point, trig station or trig pillar.

If you walk up through Bucknell Wood onto Stowe Hill you will come across a concrete 'trig pillar', marking the high point of the hill. We've probably all seen one of these, but few people appreciate their significance and how they were used to map Britain. But let's start at the beginning. The first accurate and detailed geographical maps were produced in the mid-18th century for military purposes. After the Scottish rebellion in 1745 and the Battle of Culloden in 1746, such maps were considered essential for planning campaigns, moving troops and positioning armies defensively. In 1747 William Roy started mapping the Scottish Highlands, using simple compasses and

lengths of chain to measure angles and distances, taking eight years to produce the Great Map (in reality a glorified sketch). However, William Roy's ambition was to produce a superior map of the whole of Britain. This would need a more sophisticated measuring device and it fell to Jesse Ramsden, the leading instrument maker of the day, to produce the Great Theodolite, some three feet across. In 1784 the Royal Society commissioned Roy to settle the dispute of the relative positions of London and Paris using the method of triangulation, starting from a flat baseline on Hounslow Heath (now part of London Airport).

A network of accurately measured triangles was extended to France and back to a verification line in Kent. This was later to form the basis of the Principal Triangulation of Great Britain, which began on June 21st 1791 and the Ordnance Survey (OS) was born. Priority was given to the south coast for fear of a French invasion, and by 1794 the coast from Fairlight Head in Sussex to Portland in Dorset had been triangulated, using abandoned warning beacons as reference points. Large survey triangles were later broken down into smaller ones to give finer detail. The first one inch per mile Ordnance Survey map (of Kent) was published in 1801 but it wasn't until 1870 that the full series was available. Coloured maps were introduced in 1887.

This period saw the birth of the railways. The rail engineers required even greater accuracy (i.e. six inch maps), a knowledge of the height of the land relative to sea level (using a tide gauge at Liverpool), as well as unfettered access to land to carry out their surveys (hence the Survey Act of 1841). The craft of map making steadily improved and when the Great War came in 1914, map makers were sent abroad to survey the trenches, aided by aerial photography, resulting in over 20 million maps being made for the war effort.



**FIG.2**

After the war maps were targeted at outdoor enthusiasts such as walkers, cyclists and motorists, and map sales boomed. In 1935 the Triangulation of Great Britain began and being interrupted by World War Two was not completed until 1962. The results were used to create the British National Grid Reference System on which all OS maps are now based. To get the required accuracy the survey used more than 30,000 reference points. The survey started with 378 Primary Trig Points to get a broad picture and the



**FIG.1**

*Continued overleaf...*

rest were Secondary Trig Points to construct a finer mesh. These included around 6500 artificial trig pillars (fig. 1), of which about 5500 remain, positioned on the tops of hills for improved line of sight. Surveying required good weather and was often conducted at night. Thus some trig points were Light Only manned by light keepers with lights attached to the top of the pillar. The lights had to be aligned on a correct bearing to the measuring station and communication was usually by Morse code. So what exactly did a trig pillar do?



**FIG.3**

Basically, to perform a survey with high precision, you needed to have a specific reference point from which to start your triangulation. This usually took the form of a brass bolt set in bedrock at ground level (Surface Centre Mark), or below ground (Buried Centre Mark) where the surface was grassy or boggy. In the latter case, to ensure the bolt couldn't be disturbed, it was then covered with a protective concrete cap and the trig pillar placed on top of this cap (fig.1). The theodolite was then fixed to the top of the 1.2 meter high pillar via a triangular brass plate (fig. 2). The two holes at 90° in the base of the pillar were sighting holes, used to ensure the brass plate (and hence the theodolite) was correctly aligned above the reference point, this being done

with a temporary pole attached to the plate and lowered down the hole in the centre of the pillar to act as a plumb bob (fig.2). The theodolite works by measuring horizontal and vertical angles, the latter to give height above sea level. Originally sea level was measured at Liverpool, but later switched to Newlyn in Cornwall, where the average tide level was determined over a 6-year period from 1915-1921.

From this level 207 Fundamental Benchmarks and 750,000 Lower Order Benchmarks were established across the country. These were recorded on so-called Flush Brackets, placed on buildings and on the trig pillars themselves, as can



**FIG.4**

be seen in fig.3. You can also see one cut into the buttress of the United Reform Church near the English Bridge in Shrewsbury (fig.4). The 3rd National Geodetic Survey (i.e. of heights) was carried out from 1951 to 1958. Digital mapping was introduced in 1971 and in 1995 digital maps appeared online. Nowadays OS data is used in satnavs, which we know are not 100% reliable, with lorries frequently getting stuck in narrow lanes or bridges. To counter this OS in 2016 agreed to upgrade the information they supply to satnav manufacturers, detailing road widths, bridge heights etc. What people don't realise is that maps giving this level of detail have been available for years – made by the Soviet Military during the cold war! Another famous survey was that of the Indian subcontinent, started in 1802 and completed in 1871. When Mount Everest was surveyed it was found to be exactly 29,000 feet. Fearing that the public would think the result had been approximated, the surveyors arbitrarily added 2 feet to give the impression of accuracy!

GPS data now puts Everest at 29,029 feet.

Mike Starr - 23/03/2017



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## Chapel Lawn W.I.

Chapel Lawn WI is a small but vibrant and welcoming group of women which meets in the Redlake Valley Village Hall on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 7pm. We have a varied programme for 2018 including food demonstrations, fascinating speakers, craft sessions and outings. We are a growing WI with members mainly from the Redlake Valley but also from Knighton and Bucknell – and we would welcome more!

At March's meeting we had a fascinating talk entitled "Love Food Hate Waste" which gave us all food for thought. Apparently it's not just young people who throw away good food – we all do it! Our competition for best decorated egg was won by a stunningly painted egg decorated by Jemima Jameson; second place was Christine Rogers with a tiny Russian Doll look-alike; third place was Sarah Oakden. The variety of decoration from all the entrants was immense. At our April meeting we learned to crochet under the guidance of Nicola Knapton, an expert and patient teacher and we all ended up with something that looked like it should! The competition was something made from wool and the winning entry from Sarah Oakden was actually something she'd crocheted many years ago – a beautiful woollen blanket which has kept her family warm over the intervening years.

We have arranged a few lunch dates for anyone who fancies eating out once a month and also organise craft workshops on an occasional basis. Potential new members are welcome to come along to our Tuesday meetings or to contact Marion on 07964 710983. Meetings and events for the remainder of 2018 are:

<b>12th June</b>	Spanish Food Demonstration by Leon from The Salty Dog in Presteigne. COMPETITION: Cookery - A starter or canape (for the SFWI recipe book)
<b>10th July</b>	Summer outing to Abbey Cwm Hir Gardens. COMPETITION: Greatest number of different items in a small matchbox.
<b>14th August</b>	Social evening looking at WI photos and scrapbooks/compiling scrapbooks. COMPETITION: A beautifully wrapped "present" (can be an empty box)
<b>11th September</b>	Speaker Dr Nigel Baker: Underground Shrewsbury - An archaeologist's search for lost town walls and tunnels. Open to Community. COMPETITION: Something you have grown in your garden that pleases you.
<b>9th October</b>	Albrighton Pottery: potted history of clay plus hands on fun with clay. Opportunity to buy pottery afterwards. COMPETITION: Cookery – 3 cheese scones for the Joan Bowdler Plate.
<b>13th November</b>	AGM followed by buffet supper, please bring a plate of food to share. COMPETITION: Caption competition – picture will be supplied.
<b>11th December</b>	Christmas wreath making workshop Wreath oasis supplied, bring foliage and decorations. COMPETITION: The best Christmas wreath made on the day.

Marion Cox - 20 April 2018



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

In my three years at College we said Morning Prayer in Chapel at 7.30am. every day. Really not my best time! But working through the Psalms every month meant that they became very familiar. Several notable verses stick out! One is Psalm 16 vs 7 which in BCP conjures up some wonderful images of hurdies and rollercoasters: "The lot is fallen unto me in a fair ground, yea I have a goodly heritage" BCP 1662. But it is in the old Bible Version that the words come into my head at times like these. "The lines are fallen unto me in pleasant places, Yea I have a goodly heritage" KJV. We are SO blessed living in these stunning borderlands looking their best at the moment with everything burgeoning and shimmering in the sunshine.

Well, this is the Summer edition and is a good way to introduce this year's Summer Programme to you, replacing our normal Benefice rota. All services from the end of July through August will aim to help us revel in the lovely surroundings we enjoy here and to celebrate them together. Everyone is welcome to join us for any or all of these events wherever they happen to be. They will all be Age-friendly. Every Sunday (except Llanfair Waterdine) we'll start at 11am. instead of the usual times to give folk across the Benefice time to join us. So, beginning at the end of July the programme looks like this:

<b>29th July - Bucknell:</b>	<b>"All Creatures Great and Small"</b> - Please bring a picnic for afterwards.
<b>5th August - Chapel Lawn:</b>	<b>"Eat, Pray, Walk"</b> - A simple Service followed by brunch in the Village Hall and a walk to Stowe for tea and Worship.
<b>12th August - Clungunford:</b>	<b>"The Big Picnic"</b> End of Holiday Club Service - bring a picnic for afterwards.
<b>6.30pm: Llanfair Waterdine:</b>	<b>"Celebrating Wakes"</b> Songs of Praise.
<b>19th August - Bedstone:</b>	<b>"Eat, Pray, Walk"</b> Simple Summer Service. Brunch in the Village Hall then walk to Hopton Castle for Tea and Worship.
<b>26th August - Clungunford:</b>	<b>"Celebrating New Life"</b> including a Baptism.

Meanwhile, the new Wardens were sworn in on 5th June. Jean Pryke has soldiered on solo in the last year in spite of moving away from the village. I am SO grateful to her, and pleased that she is staying on for another year. But we are also fortunate to have someone new willing to help take up the reins. Jenny White who moved here with Doug before Christmas has been elected Warden. Many of you will have already met them. I am delighted that they are regular worshippers at St Mary's and experienced in many areas that will contribute to the life here. Please welcome them! As the sun shines, the round of lovely weddings, baptisms, and yes, funerals, continues. The sun blessing them all makes a big difference. Have a wonderful Summer everyone!

*With love and prayers from Annie and Red.*

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## Missing From Our Church



Missing from a Christmas display in our church in Bucknell are **two ornamental angels** (as pictured left), about 3" in height which were part of a nativity scene being displayed on the church font. They have been missing since December.

If you know the whereabouts of the two angels that were loaned to the church by an elderly lady who's deeply saddened by their loss, please contact either myself on 07484 280259, the Revd. Annie Ballard on 01547 530030, or Jean Pryke on 01547 540376, anonymously if you prefer.

Thank you



*Editor*

## Bucknell Skittles Club

Here are the winners of the men's and ladies singles tournament at the Bucknell skittles club on Thursday 19th April - Ian Sharp and Sue Davies, congratulations to them.

A good night was had by all and the membership continues to grow.

Sue Fenlon - 20 April 2018



**Please send in more articles for this Community News & Views page.**

## Just For Fun



The Lone Ranger and Tonto walked into a saloon and sat down to drink a beer. After a while a big tall cowboy walks in and says, "Who owns the



big white horse outside?" The Lone Ranger expecting trouble stands up, hitches up his gun belt and says sternly "I do .... why?" The cowboy looks at the Lone Ranger and says, "I just thought you ought to know that your horse is just about dead outside!"

The Lone Ranger and Tonto rush outside and sure enough Silver is close to dying from heat exhaustion.

The Lone Ranger gets the horse some water and soon

Silver is beginning to recover. The Lone Ranger turns to Tonto and says, "Tonto, I want you to run around Silver and see if you can create enough of a breeze to help cool him

down some more." "Sure, Kemosabe", says Tonto and starts running circles around Silver. Not able to do anything else but wait, the Lone Ranger returns to the saloon to finish his drink. A few minutes later another cowboy struts into the bar and asks, "Who owns the big white horse outside?"

The Lone Ranger stands up again and claims, "I do, what's wrong with the horse this time?" "Nothing", says the cowboy, **"But you've left your injun running!"**



A man was in trouble for forgetting his wedding anniversary and his wife was very angry. She told him, "Tomorrow morning, I expect to find a gift in the driveway that goes from 0 to 200 in seconds AND IT HAD BETTER BE THERE!" The next morning the husband got up early and left for work. When his wife woke up, she looked out of the bedroom window and sure enough there was a box gift-wrapped in the middle of the driveway. Confused by its small size, the wife put on her robe and ran out to the driveway and brought the box into the house. She opened it and found inside brand new bathroom scales. The husband hasn't been seen since.

During an argument with a musician, he told me he was going to hit me with his guitar. I replied, **"Is that a fret?"**



A wife comes home late one night and quietly opens the door to her bedroom. From under the blanket, she sees four bare feet instead of just her husband's two. She reaches for a cricket bat and starts hitting the blanket as hard as she can. Once she's done, she goes to the kitchen to get a drink and sees her husband sat there reading a magazine.

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# Happy birthday **BUCKNELL YOUTH CLUB**

It was a dreary wintry evening when the Parish Council opened the Memorial Hall doors to discuss the Parish plan including getting a youth club up and running. A commitment was made to find some enthusiastic people willing to give it a go and on 12th June 2018, the current Bucknell Youth Club is a year old with around 20 members.

## **What have we been up to?**

Anything and everything. In the summer we enjoy the great outdoors and play rounders in the school playing field. We like rounders, football in sumo suits, quizzes, indoor games, cake decorating, unihoc, roasting marshmallows, table tennis and lots more. We have a pool table too, courtesy of the community café.

## **Making science fun.**

We successfully applied for British Science Week funding. So, for three weeks in March, we looked at the science of music with guest rapper Mouthmaster Murf and scientists from Bedstone College. We created our own musical compositions and invited the community along on week three to see what we'd been up to. This is what they had to say:

- ✓ "Would love to have more events like this in our community".
- ✓ "I enjoyed it because it was very funny and fun".
- ✓ "It was very fun linking music to science".
- ✓ "I think it was good because most of the community was there and it was great fun".
- ✓ "Very well organised, professional and a very welcome addition to the local community".



Making music with Mouthmaster Murf.

## **Share your skills**

It worked so well, we continued the science theme in April with fun physics and electricity experiments, courtesy of Mike Starr, former university professor - now known as 'the wizard'. If you have a skill you'd like to share, please get in touch. The nickname is sure to follow.

## **Going wild in the country**

Thanks to our friends in the Shropshire Hills Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty Conservation Fund and the Parish Council, we're going wild in the country. Our summer and autumn calendar involves setting wildlife cameras in the woods, a musical campfire workshop and wild cooking with local chef Rory Bunting from the Oak at Wigmore and much more.

## **We couldn't do it without you.**

Thank you to everyone who has supported us so far. After a start-up grant of £1,000 from Shropshire Council, we've received donations from villagers including £50 from the Sultana Brothers concert, the community café and Bucknell Funding Circle.

## **Invest in our young people.**

We have a lot of experience in our community. If you'd like to share some of yours with our young people or would like to make a donation, please get in touch. You can reach us at: [bucknellyouthclub@gmail.com](mailto:bucknellyouthclub@gmail.com) or 07377 405632.

If you're aged 11 to 16 years come along and join in the fun.



Setting camera traps in the woods with Nathan Portlock.



Our snowman cupcake creations.

We meet term-time, on Mondays at the Memorial Hall. Summer hours are 6:30pm to 8:30pm. During the winter, it's 7pm to 8:30pm. Weekly membership is £2 per session, £1 per sibling.

**See you there.**

Juliet Earp - 30<sup>th</sup> April 2018

# Geocaching - Free Family Fun in the Fresh Air

Everyone loves a treasure hunt, and for those of you who are new to the concept, Geocaching is just that - with a twist!

Grab your smart phone, some friends or family, a pair of wellies, a sense of adventure and you're off. By visiting [geocaching.com](http://geocaching.com) you can find one of millions of locations of physical hides, plan your route, and head off armed with the precise coordinates and hints for what to look for. It might be a Tupperware box in the roots of a tree, a disguised film canister or a tiny magnetic container on the back of a post box. In fact you've probably walked past several every day on the way to work without even knowing it! It's free to join, and takes you to some gorgeous and interesting places you might never have visited otherwise.

Once you've got your eye in, you start to learn the tell-tale signs you might be looking for, and when the cry goes up "I've found it", it's then time to have a look inside your find. In its simplest form there will be a roll of paper, which acts as a log book, to record your name and the date you found the hide (don't forget your pencil). Some larger hides also contain small trinkets, toys or other such items which you are welcome to swap for something else (of equal or greater value is the geocaches' rule of thumb)....a great motivator for the younger generation, another precious piece of tat to add to the collection in the coat pocket!



If you are really lucky, you might unearth a travel bug (or TB) which is a coded dog tag which is moved from cache to cache, being logged online, clocking up the miles and being tracked by its owner online to see where it has visited.

If you get hooked, you can join for a small annual fee which gives you access to various premium options. Of course, it's also important to log your finds online at the website, leaving comments for future finders and the person who set up the cache, letting them know what you liked about it, or leaving a cryptic hint for the next person. An added bonus, it's all a bit 'cloak and dagger'....the aim is not to be spotted hunting, least the 'muggles' (non-geocachers) should suspect your mission...

We have been caching for several years now, and it has really added a sense of adventure to family walks. The kids skip on ahead, eagle eyed for the next hide, and the adults enjoy a bit of healthy competition and fresh air. So why not log on and join the fun...there just might be a few caches much closer than you think....!

Marianne Scragg - 5th May





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Bryan Whittall - 29 March 2018

## RECYCLING YOUR SUMMER 2018 BUCKNELL NEWSLETTER

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either at Belmont Garage or St. Marys'  
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We know Summer is on the way when the time of our meetings change from 7-00 to 7-30 which happened in April and we were able to walk to the meeting in daylight. At the beginning of the year we had an interesting talk given by Baroness Sasha Von Barth und Kippenrue, the Baroness was a remarkable lady who has an Owl Sanctuary and also rescued other birds of prey which had included

a Golden Eagle which had been found caged in a small flat. To our delight she had brought a Barn, Tawny and Small Owl with her, these three beautiful birds seemed quite unfazed to be in our company and seemed happy to be handled .

The next month we had a talk entitled "My Great British Bake Off Experience". The speaker had managed to reach the second round of the competition but had failed to make it to the final and the whole process in getting that far had proved quite a journey.

Jessica Pannet was our speaker in April and with the help of a friend planted up Hanging Baskets and Containers. Jessica also gave us some useful gardening tips e.g. A garlic solution is especially good to deter slugs from your Hostas and it was also suggested that WD40 on tubs and pots stops slugs in their tracks.

In May, fifteen members and friends travelled to Chester by train and were so lucky with the weather. Some of us chose to walk round the walls while others took a trip on the river and there was also the beautiful Cathedral to walk around and if those failed to tempt anyone there were plenty of shops to browse through.

Anita Lewis has offered the use of her beautiful garden for our garden meeting in July; our garden meetings are always rather special so we look forward to that. In August eighteen members will spend the day at Westhope College where we will be taught the art of silk scarf painting and willow weaving.

Our June meeting should be a little different with a talk entitled "Amusing experiences in Family Planning" so watch this space!! Fast forward to October when we will be entertained by a Belly Dancer and at the end of the year we have a real treat with the return visit of The Black Country Comedienne Marlene Watson.

What a varied programme something to suit everyone, so why not come and join us?

Christine Price - WI President - 13<sup>th</sup> May

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*Unfortunately, a number of matches would have already been played by the time this Summer edition newsletter was printed and distributed, so here are the matches for the remainder of the year.*

## FIXTURE LIST 2018

Date	Opponent	Home / Away	Time
10 <sup>th</sup> June	Ludlow Nomads	Home	14:00
17 <sup>th</sup> June	Acton Scott CC	Home	14:00
24 <sup>th</sup> June	Grasshoppers	Home	14:30
1 <sup>st</sup> July	Charity Day - St. Marys Church	Home	TBA
1 <sup>st</sup> July	Church Stretton CC	Away	14:00
8 <sup>th</sup> July	Almeley CC	Away	14:00
15 <sup>th</sup> July	Dickie Verner XI **	Home	14:00
22 <sup>nd</sup> July	Pencombe CC	Home	14:00
29 <sup>th</sup> July	Church Stretton CC	Home	14:00
12 <sup>th</sup> August	Dales CC	Home	13:30
19 <sup>th</sup> August	Acton Scott CC	Away	13:30
26 <sup>th</sup> August	Grasshoppers	Home	13:30
31 <sup>st</sup> August	Moor Park under 15's **	Home	14:00
2 <sup>nd</sup> September	Tenbury Wells CC	Away	13:30
9 <sup>th</sup> September	Dickie Verner XI	Home	13:00

\*\* Indicates still subject to confirmation at time of printing

Mike Oliver 30th March 2018

## FREE PERSONAL ADS

Here we will be trialling personals adverts for any residents in the parish that would like to advertise for free. Just one-liners generally if you're looking for work, want to rent some land or are looking for an item to buy for example. The advert will exist for 3 months so maybe not a good idea if you're selling something which risks you receiving calls for a long time after your item is sold, though it's entirely up to you. Just contact me with your name, telephone no., and a brief description of what it is you want to advertise to [beverley2019@gmail.com](mailto:beverley2019@gmail.com) or 07484 280259 and we'll do our best to fit you in.

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### Sun. 5th August: Brampton Bryan Scarecrow Sunday

The annual village fundraiser for St Barnabas Church, with lots of family activities on the Cricket Pitch by Brampton Bryan Village Hall, and Scarecrows all around the village. We will be open at Aardvark Books as usual for books, coffee and cake, and you will also be able to enjoy our Summer Sextet art exhibition (see above).

### Monday 27th August: Aardvark Vide-Grenier / Attic Sale, 9am.-3pm.

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### Monthly Reports for 2018 by Cathy Jones

**MARCH** - Advertised in the 'What's Happening' section of the Bucknell Newsletter Spring edition was the movie 'Breathe', which showed at the Knighton Community Centre on 16<sup>th</sup> March. The Knighton Rotary Club is doing its bit to help eradicate Polio from the world forever and will continue to donate towards this cause. Attendance to see the movie was very good.

Breathe is a British film made in 2017 which shows the extraordinary struggle of a man diagnosed with Polio. Members of Knighton Rotary Club were at the performance of the film to answer questions about the Rotary's Polio eradication programme "Polio Plus". As Rotary Club President Howard Goslyn says, "You may say that polio is history and for the United Kingdom, you would be correct. However throughout the developing world, Polio has been a major disaster affecting children in countless numbers." He continued "The scale of the problem was so great that in 1985, Rotary International started a global programme to eradicate the disease in the same way that Smallpox was eradicated. Since then 2.5 billion children have been immunized in 122 countries with Polio remaining in just two and only 22 cases were reported last year."

**APRIL** - This month was a sociable one while raising money for our chosen charities. We started off with a frugal lunch at Rotary member Martin Holberow's home in Knighton as one of our meeting venues is closed until later in the year, then we had another frugal lunch the following week at member Dave Barwick's home in Gladestry. These lunches are an informal way to raise money and enjoy each other's company. On a more serious note we attended the Knighton Lunch Club tenth anniversary celebrations and confirmed our support for the weekly lunch club that provides the older residents of the town with a hot meal and company. The month finished off with two retired midwives talking about their voluntary work in West Uganda – an inspirational talk and you can read more about it on our website.

**MAY** - This was a quiet month for us as our regular lunch venue in Knighton is still closed and one of our meetings was cancelled. However we continued to make the most of our times together with another of our popular frugal lunches at Rotary member Bruce Morgan's home in Leintwardine early in the month. This informal meeting raised over £100 for our charitable efforts in the community. We've also updated our privacy policy in line with GDPR and less seriously, our Rotary Quiz team "The Knights" won though to the next round of our Rotary District quiz. A trip to Brecon to compete against the Cardiff club awaits.

**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 Knighton Rotary website 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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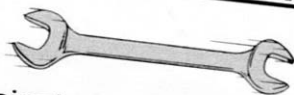
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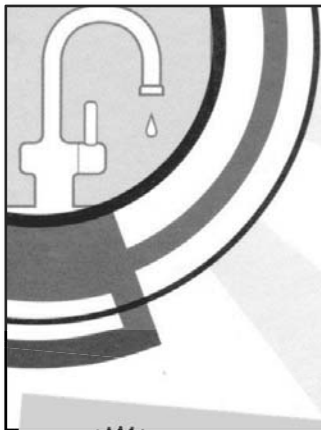
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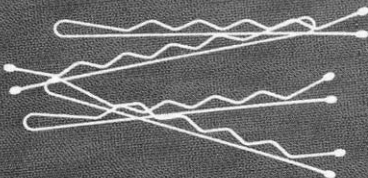
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Keeping the Redlake clean and as unpolluted as possible is important for all our wildlife and for us too. The two smaller pictures on this page show garden waste that has been thrown into the river which is surely totally unacceptable. If you spot a problem in the river, such as loose branches, debris, garden waste, fallen trees, etc., plus pollution or blockages of any kind please let me know and I will endeavour to help or pass the information on to my contacts in the Environment Agency.



Of great concern at the moment apart from the fly-tipping of garden waste is the growth of Japanese Knotweed and Himalayan Balsam, both of which need to be removed before they seed. Please take care of our river and enjoy what it brings to Bucknell.

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Sue Fairclough - 12th April 2018

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## Bucknell Allotment Association



Towards the end of last year Keith Fraser, one of our founding members, put on a rare treat for us by hosting one of his "moth nights" at the allotments. Keith has a special lamp which attracts the moths so that when the temperature, humidity and low light levels are all just right, hundreds of these flying insects appear.

With the use of collection pots with built-in magnifying lenses to temporarily hold the moths, we used torches and the many reference books supplied by Keith to identify numerous different species of these beautiful and fascinating Lepidoptera.

Since our last newsletter update one member has had to give up their plot due to ill health but a new member, who has recently moved back to Bucknell, has joined us. At the time of writing we have just one half-plot unallocated.

As seedlings germinate and produce leaves, you can harvest them, either by cutting all the leaves off above the first leaf joint or by removing individual leaves. The latter is best for the health of the seedlings, as they recover more quickly and are likely to produce more tasty shoots. They are great in sandwiches or, as in the case of cabbage or beetroot, they can be lightly steamed and added to your usual vegetables. Then, a couple of weeks later another batch can be sown, so you can have a succession throughout the summer, into the autumn and even through the winter.

The wild winds this winter stripped the failing felt off our communal shed roof. Fortunately we were aware of the state of the felt and already had some steel roofing panels ready to replace it. So somewhat earlier than had originally been planned, despite the snow, bitter winds and rain, a few working party sessions successfully completed our re-roofing task.

Finally, we would like to say a big thank you to two of the local businesses who have again supported our association. Hornsey Steels, who very kindly fabricated and donated the steel panels for our shed re-roofing project, and the Sitwell Arms who continue to allow us to use their convivial hostelry to hold our quarterly and annual meetings.

Jim Hughes - 11<sup>th</sup> April 2018

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