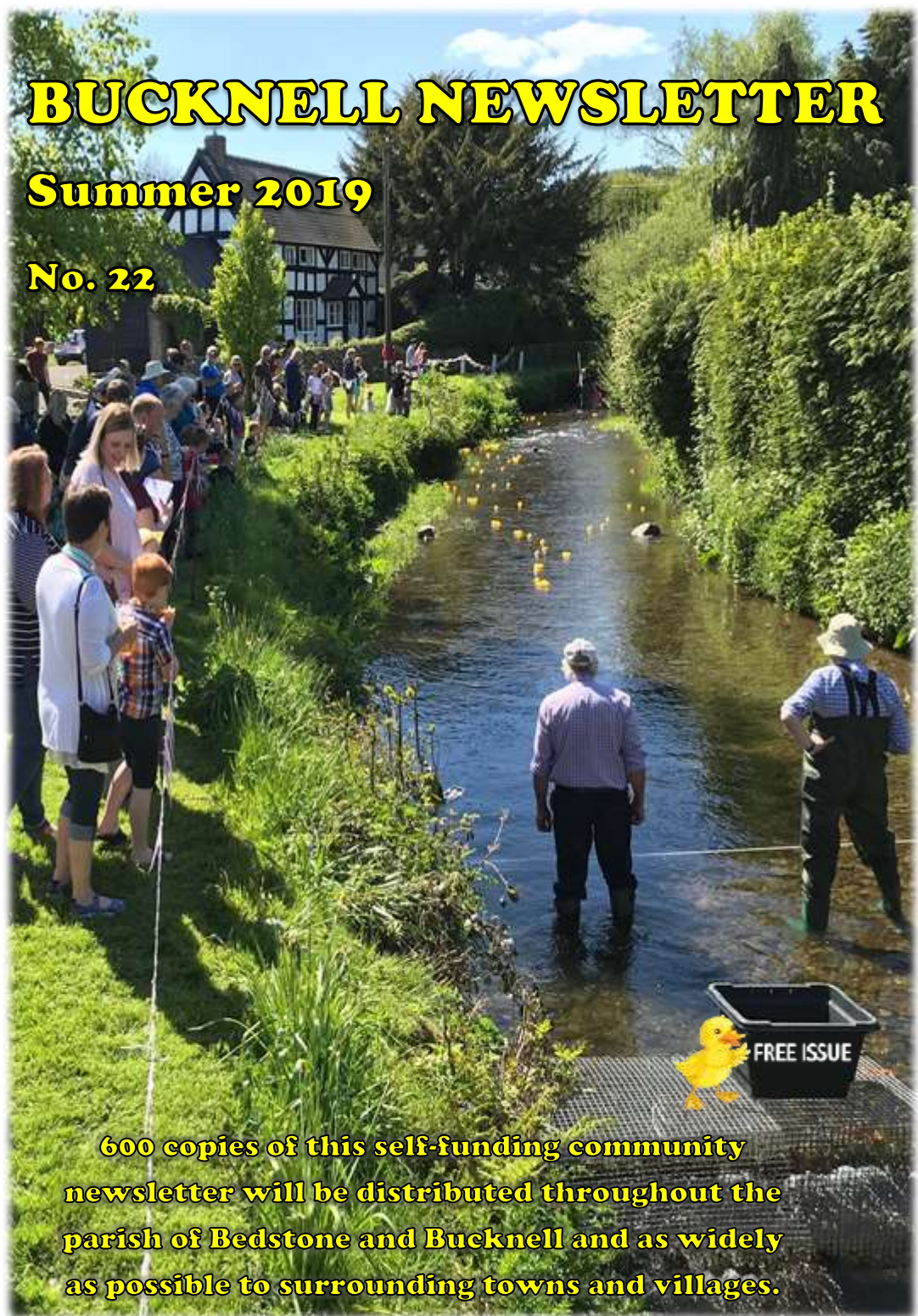


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From the Editor / Treasurer

Hello folks and welcome to the Summer edition.

Our local business advertisement feature this quarter is from Martin Dewar who's based in Bucknell and if you would similarly like to promote your business in this way, all it costs is the price of an advertisement and for that you get two whole pages all to yourself.

More local articles are urgently needed please, so if you have anything that would be of interest to our readers, such as details of your hobby, your recent holiday experience, a recipe, a forthcoming event or anything that you would like to be included in the next edition, then please send it to me via email or I can call round to see you.

Thank you to the advertisers as always who keep this newsletter afloat, a record number in this edition has enabled me to produce a jam-packed 44-page issue and if you would like to advertise as well, not just to promote your business but to support this community newsletter in the process, then details of our advertisement sizes and prices can be found on page 42 of this edition. Best wishes.

Beverley

Contact me via email at beverley2019@gmail.com or telephone / text to 07484 280 259

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Picture courtesy of Sue & Dave Fenlon



What's Happening?

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

Bucknell	
Saturday 22nd June	Bucknell Car Boot Sale – Daffodil Lane Recreation Ground, Bucknell. Starts 10:00am.
Saturday 7th September	The Bucknell Show – Daffodil Lane Recreation Ground, Bucknell. 1:00pm - 6:00pm
Saturday 30th November	<p>The Orthopaedic Male Voice Choir will be entertaining us at the Annual Concert this year. Venue: Bucknell Memorial Hall. Time: 19:30. Admission: £8.00 per person. Further details from Christine Price on 01547 530 249</p> <p><i>The Orthopaedic Male Voice Choir (OMVC) was formed in 1968 and was made up predominantly of employees of the Robert Jones & Agnes Hunt Orthopaedic Hospital in Oswestry, Shropshire.</i></p>

Bedstone	
Saturday 8th June	Garden Coffee Morning at Orchard House, Bedstone. Hosted by Margie and Chris Savery from 10:00 to noon. Admission £3 per person in aid of St, Mary's Church, Bedstone. Please park in the Village Hall car park
Additional information from: Margie Savery on (01547) 530 282	

Knucklas Ladies Guild			
3rd Tuesday of every month at 7:30pm. Generally various subject talks by guest speakers followed by Tea / Coffee and a Raffle			
June	Fox Glass	October	Curry demonstration
July	Outing to Lavender Fields	November	Xmas wreath making
August	Samaritans	December	Christmas lunch - venue tba
September	Tai Chi		
Community Centre Main Hall, Glyndwr, Knucklas, Knighton, Powys LD7 1RR Contact Maggie 01547 528358 or Margaret 01547 529155 for details New members always welcome. Talk subjects can change without advanced notice.			

Lingen

Sunday
25th August
11:00 - 16:30

Needling Along will be exhibiting their work in **Lingen Village Hall** with refreshments and a raffle as well as a lovely display of all their projects from this year. See pages 22-23 of this newsletter about their work.

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FREE PERSONAL ADS

For anyone (non-trade) in the parish that would like to advertise for free. Contact me with a description of what it is you want to advertise via beverley2019@gmail.com or 07484 280259

1	Grazing land required to rent for five quiet horses - Bucknell / Bedstone / Clungunford / Craven Arms area. Please contact Victoria on 01547 530074
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1 st through to the 16th June	Art Exhibition: 'Out of the Hills 2019' A dozen artists in one great Art Exhibition, curated by Maggie and Kim Davis
Sunday 7 th July	10am- 5pm. Poetry in the Barn: A Summer Celebration – with Gillian Clarke, Jonathan Edwards, Paul Henry and Pauline Prior Pitt, Tickets £30 bookable in advance.
Saturday 13 th July	11am - 2pm. Jazz Brunch and Sale Launch. Our 2-week book sale starts. Brunch tickets £8.00 bookable in advance.
13 th - 28 th July	The Aardvark Sale!
10 th & 11 th August	Brampton Bryan 375th Anniversary Civil War Re-Enactment. With the English Civil War Society. Tickets £5.00 per day.
Monday 26 th August	9am - 3pm. Aardvark Vide-Grenier / Attic Sale! Live music with lots of antiques, vintage, bric-a-brac, plants, children's crafts and a bar with refreshments too.
7 th - 22 nd September	Herefordshire Art Week: The Art of the Pot – Memorial exhibition for potter and artist Gordon Crosby

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Nothing fazes me when it comes to horses and I've never failed to achieve good results and as such, I'd like to share my years of experience with those owners who may lack confidence with their horses, those who may need just a little bit of guidance to start young horses off on the right foot and to help older horses who have had bad experiences in their past to overcome their fears. Loading horses isn't a 'one size fits all' situation; it must always be properly tailored to the horse and the situation surrounding it.

Refusal to load is the result of a horse misunderstanding what is being asked of it, or because the horse has had a bad experience in the past. Horses are not difficult on purpose or for no reason, they are such triers for us humans and do many things for us that are unnatural to them, travelling in vehicles being one of them. History has brought us from a time when horses were our main means of transportation to an age where we use specially designed vehicles to transport them. The horse, who is forever willing to try for us, should be treated with great respect and therefore the trust in their handler is vital. The time it takes to load should not be



on your mind when loading and if you approach it like you have all day it should take as little as five minutes.

One of the most common problems I see is when people get the positioning of the trailer wrong, a simple mistake so easily rectified.

Continued ...

Positive and calm thinking is vital as your horse will quickly sense your apprehension. Loading is not just about getting your horse in, of course there are many other factors. Often unloading is overlooked, which can be just as big a problem as loading, potentially a dangerous situation for both horse and handler.

Some horses I have worked with have suffered serious mental and physical trauma whilst loading or in transit and this is why I am passionate about helping to teach safer loading practices. I will work closely with owners until they are confident to load horses themselves and have a good understanding of their horse and vehicle. My methods are kind and patient and will result in the horse becoming relaxed and safe to load.

I have been involved with horses all my life. Sometimes it is difficult to remember how and where it all started. My earliest recollection was, at the age of four, my mother arriving home with a Dartmoor pony named 'Pepe' that was full of lice, had sweet itch and was unbelievably nervous. Upon this pony I was taught to ride properly by a man named Andrew Fielder who was at the time an international show jumper with a famous horse called Vibart.

In time not only could I ride but I understood the basics of show jumping as well and it was not long before 'Pepe' and I became a true team. Local shows at first, then onto the pony show jumping circuit where we were up against some of today's show jumping household names and on several occasions beating them.

I was asked to join the North Cheshire Hunt Pony Club and was chosen to become a team member for the Prince Phillip Cup Mounted Games, then going on to win the prestigious Horse Of The Year Show at Wembley. After this came many other team memberships representing the country at national events, such as at Stoneleigh with successes including second in the country representing the Pony Club at the Triathlon, riding another pony named Mr. Magoo.

Other wins followed at Stoneleigh and at The Great Manchester Show and The Aberdeen Show. Aged sixteen, I then went on to work for two years at the National Hunt stables of W.A. Stephenson, but that's enough of my younger days.

I went on to ride and train horses in Sweden, German and Holland, returning to the U.K. to set up my own yard specifically re-training horses with behavioural problems, giving demonstrations, talks and writing articles for equestrian papers. The transporting evolved as a result of customers wanting me to move their horses when they were experiencing difficulties loading the horses themselves.

If you have a horse or pony that has issues and you would like help with gently training them, or you just need advice, then please contact me and together we can work to improve the lives of both you and your animal. All enquires are welcome.

I am now taking bookings for my 2019 demonstrations to give one to one loading help at your yard or premises as well as private or group sessions. Please get in contact with me for some guidance on the correct procedures for horse and pony loading.

MRD Horse Transport:
01547 530074 or 07956 963700

Martin Dewar - 5th April 2019



The months seem to pass by so quickly and already we have had our May meeting. We met up on a beautiful sunny evening and for the first time this year we did not require the heating on.

As briefly mentioned in the Spring newsletter, in February we had a very interesting talk by Stuart Edmunds from The Shropshire Wildlife Trust about Pine Martens. For this event we were joined by several husbands and friends of members who were keen to learn more

about these fascinating little creatures. Apparently, Pine Martens although very shy, are a common sight in Scotland but can be found in only a small number of places in England, and Shropshire is one of the areas where they have been sighted.

In March, Rachel Kennedy spoke of her time as a housekeeper at the Royal Palaces and had overseen the restoration of the tapestries from Windsor Castle after the fire. She is currently involved with restoration work at Pitchford Hall near Conover.

In April our speaker was the Reverend Iain Skinner, who had been Chaplain to the SAS (Special Air Service) at Credenhill, and during his time with the SAS he had been involved with the funeral services of 57 young men. He also undertook to complete the Celtic Pilgrim Walk with encouragement from the men at Credenhill, and one day set off with his tent and his little dog Hamish for company to walk from the island of Iona off the western coast of Scotland across the mainland to the Holy Island of Lindisfarne off the eastern coast of Northumberland, a distance of more than 200 miles. We followed him on film as he journeyed through beautiful countryside stopping off at lochs and lakes on the way.

Also in April, several of us spent an evening with the Brampton Bryan WI for an 'Uplifting Experience' which turned out to be a modelling demonstration of beautiful lingerie by Hart's of Monmouth and was followed afterwards by a tempting buffet supper. A competition that evening was to compose a limerick about the 'Uplifting Experience', so when a thank you letter was sent for our lovely evening by Jane Willis, she followed the same theme with a limerick of her own, which read;

The ladies of Bucknell were uplifted,
By Hart's bra fitters so gifted,
For a fitting precise,
Would make them feel nice,
With dull undies to the bin swiftly shifted.

Our Plant Sale was held on the 18th May and details of how it went along with our late-May train trip to Birmingham with family and friends will be told in the Autumn edition of the Bucknell Newsletter. Also in the next edition will be details of our other forthcoming events such as our stall that we're planning to have at the Boot Sale later in June, where we'll be selling cakes and produce, then in July we'll have our garden meeting and this year we have been invited to Carole and Martin Garland's beautiful garden. In August we shall visit a garden in Knighton, returning to Bucknell to have afternoon tea at my house, then in September our 'catering skills' will again be required at The Bucknell Show. We shall have a busy but enjoyable Summer and are already planning for our Autumn session.

Christine Price - WI President - 16th May 2019

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	Days	Event	Venue & Time	Contact
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	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	PiYo Club	St. Mary's School Hall 19:30 - 20:10	Helen Bithell 07775 520968
	Tuesday	Grumpy Old Men's Club	The Baron at Bucknell 21:00 - 23:00	Just turn up!
	Wednesday	Pop In Café Bucknell	St. Mary's 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. Mary's 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
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Bucknell Allotment Association

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Now that the seed-sowing season is in full sway, by careful planning ahead you can improve the bounty of your crops. Sowing and watering seeds in containers, in rows in the garden or the allotment, then letting them grow and produce is all very well. However, this often leads to lots of seedlings appearing at the same time and eventually the same crop ripening all at once, resulting in a glut of the same vegetables. Meanwhile, your plants will go to seed, stop supplying produce and the slugs, snails, aphids and other pests will do their utmost to eat all of that produce before you do.

However, by spreading out the sowing of your seeds every couple of weeks, from mid-Spring to late Summer, you can potentially have a succession of delicious harvests, whilst endeavouring to cope with the vagaries of our increasingly unpredictable weather. It also means that when the first produce has been gathered in, another crop can be sown in the same ground. For example, leeks can be grown after potatoes, thus helping to get the most from your plot. Suitable crops for successional seed sowing include beetroot, broccoli, carrots, courgettes, French and runner beans, peas and salad leaves.

We plan to have a stall at the Bucknell show again this year and the date for our annual barbecue will be agreed next week at our AGM.

We would like to say thanks to the Sitwell Arms, who continue to allow us to use their convivial hostelry to hold our quarterly and annual meetings.

Jim Hughes - 5th May 2019



The Neighbourhood Watch Scheme has been resurrected by volunteers to help keep our community safe by messaging residents who have signed up to receive alerts. Contact me, the scheme coordinator, if you would like to join the scheme by sending me an email or by telephone:

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Jim Hughes - 5th May 2019



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An Earthquake in Bucknell?

What, surely earthquakes are something that happen in southern Europe, California or Japan – but not Bucknell? Yes, they are more common than you might think. They must have been known through the ages because the word ‘earthquake’ has long existed in English – a word which takes its origins from Old English: ‘quake’ comes from ‘cwacian’. Even Shakespeare knew about them, and he did not travel much: “ ’Tis since the earthquake now eleven years ” (Romeo & Juliet).

I, as an engineer specialising at that time in vibration problems, became involved in earthquake studies relating particularly to nuclear plant. After all, an earthquake is only vibration on a large scale. Nuclear power stations and processing plants demand levels of safety that are far higher than would be employed elsewhere and must withstand the one in ten thousand year event. That could be a hurricane, flooding, aircraft crash or an earthquake. Unfortunately the world’s most serious nuclear disasters were caused by human stupidity: Chernobyl, or just not getting it right: the tsunami at Fukushima. But I digress...

How do you design a nuclear station in the UK to withstand an earthquake when they are so rare that we do not know what they might be like? Well, you do a bit of fascinating historical research. Of course there were no instruments around to measure earthquakes but one thousand years ago shaking of the ground could not be blamed on a passing truck, not even on a cartload of tree trunks. A thousand years ago the only people who could record such events were either the nobility or monks and monks spent a lot of time on their knees. (If you want to detect an earthquake, kneel down or lie on the ground.) So, the records of earthquake events from 1000 AD are quite good but you have to be careful. In the 1970’s my little company had a contract to define the UK earthquake – the event that would cause problems and for which engineers were to design. We were bedevilled by conflicting evidence. An earthquake would demolish a cathedral but a nearby monastery would record nothing. What was going on? We discovered that the church and stonemasons at that time were perpetually at loggerheads over paying bills. If a cathedral fell down it couldn’t possibly have been the design; it had to be either workmanship or an act of God – an earthquake! So the church did not pay up. The ground might have shaken when it fell down but an earthquake would have been felt over a very large area, not just in the churchyard, yet the nearby monastery had felt nothing and recorded nothing....

As more people could read and write and newspapers appeared, you might think that records would improve. Well, yes they did but some interesting effects also appeared. Earthquakes were being recorded in roughly one week clusters. The Ludlow Lancer might report, “Last Thursday an earth tremor was recorded which woke the Vicar of St Laurence’s from his slumbers and he found that the lectern had moved from its spot.”

A traveller chatting in the Sitwell – OK, it wasn't around then – let's say the Plough – mentions the Ludlow 'quake so the next issue of the Bucknell Bulletin reports, "Last Thursday an earthquake was recorded which put the Vicar of St Laurence's in fear of his life and the shaking rang the bells in the tower."

A little exaggeration is human nature, but a more interesting fact came to light in that some earthquakes or tremors appeared to occur in villages along a straight line. The angles of these lines were, if memory serves me correctly, set roughly northwest to southeast, indicating that people were unknowingly recording meteorite impacts, something that is rarely noted today.

By the late 1800's studying earthquakes had become a hobby as the result of a scholarly but very popular book by Milne (John, not A.A.). Trips to Fort William and the Great Glen Fault to experience an actual earthquake were a must for the more well-off and, if you have travelled all that way and put up with the weather, you will have to experience an earthquake, real or imagined. Instruments that were developed around that same time soon sorted fact from imagination and from then on the historical data became more reliable.

We are in an area of great geological interest – just think of Mocktree; an awful lot went on here and as a result there are fault lines everywhere in the underlying rocks. They creak and groan as they settle back to their pre-ice covered state – you see, nothing happens quickly in geology – apart from new theories.

In the Irish Sea, it is the movement of a great dome of salt deep underground. Salt, in geological terms, is almost a liquid flowing gently through the solid rocks. It can produce some interesting effects: a sunken ship rose to the surface of the sands near Barrow-in-Furness, a castle was severely damaged by an earthquake near Sellafield – yes, Sellafield (but the castle was very badly built, thrown up in a hurry to keep the Danes out).

Today there are seismometers that can from Bucknell detect a truck moving in Leintwardine, should you want to. I have one instrument whose sister is currently on the moon, merrily recording moonquakes and meteorite impacts. Unfortunately no-one is listening to it any more, even though it is still working. Earthquake locations can be detected from great distances by processing the data from several seismometers around the country, even around the world. A significant tremor has been detected in our area but details of its date elude me – does anyone know about it? From this event, plus some 'quakes in Scotland and in the Irish Sea, we defined the hypothetical earthquake that is used for the design of all sensitive buildings in the UK and some parts of Europe to this day.

What might cause an earthquake in Bucknell? You can be sure that it will not be the movement of a tectonic plate. The plate we sit on is slowly moving away from America and we are also slowly moving away from France, nothing new there, but far more slowly than the American gap is widening. Nor will it be a volcano that makes the earth move for you. It is more likely to be the ground settling back after the great squashing it took during the Ice Age.

That is one of the reasons why such great attention is paid to earthquake safety there. Fracking, you might ask, "Is this likely to shake us?" I am in danger of climbing onto my hobbyhorse here, but the simple answer is no.



On your knees, you can just detect an earthquake of magnitude 4 when the ground moves less than one millimetre. Fracking has to stop if it causes tremors of magnitude 0.5 or greater – and you really need sensitive instruments for this as it represents movement of one-three-thousandths of a millimetre. Next time you are sitting quietly and you feel a gentle bumping followed by a slight swaying motion – it might be a passing truck –but it is more likely to be an earthquake – well: a tremor. They are more common than you think.

The map shows the sites of significant recorded earthquakes in the UK.

Doug White - 13th February 2019

Sultana Brothers night in the Memorial Hall



Sultana Brothers night in the Memorial Hall on 16th March.

It was another success and proceeds from the event have been distributed to Bucknell charities.

Dave & Sue Fenlon - 27th March 2019

SPOTLIGHT ON LINGEN STITCHERS



Drive south from Bucknell on a Monday and you will find a group of talented and enthusiastic ladies in Lingen's modern community hall, working away on their latest sewing project and only too pleased to offer you a cup of tea and a biscuit and a chat about their work. On the first and third Monday of every month, between 10am and 4pm, you will find Lingen Stitchers there, with their sister group, Needling Along, in the hall on the alternate Mondays.

Formed in September 2004, Lingen Stitchers soon had a waiting list of people wanting to join, so in 2009 Needling Along was set up. A key feature of Stitchers is the wide variety of projects we undertake, led by in-house and visiting tutors.

As well as patchwork and quilting, we make bags, boxes, cushions,

wall-hangings, brooches, hand-embroidered pictures – if it can be stitched, we make it, although we do draw the line at soft furnishings or making clothes, at least in class. We use a wide variety of techniques for our work, such as appliqué, felting, free-machine embroidery and fabric painting and manipulation, to name but a few.

The major benefit we get from being part of a regular group is the inspiration, encouragement and techniques we gain from each other as well as from our tutors. 'Fun' is a key word of Stitchers. We treat ourselves to a slap-up lunch at the end of every term and have group outings to sewing exhibitions or museums. One year we had great fun dressing Lingen's telephone kiosk, complete with a giant pom-pom nearly two feet across on the roof, as part of a village activity weekend.



Charity quilt



Bags, boxes and bowls



Silk Landscape

We have previously held an annual exhibition of our work in Lingen Church. There won't be a Stitchers' exhibition this year as we are saving our work for a large exhibition next year, but Needling Along will be exhibiting their work in Lingen village hall on Sunday 25th August 2019 from 11am to 4.30pm, with refreshments and a raffle as well as a lovely display of all their projects from this year.



Church exhibition



Heart cushions

We particularly like to support local and national charities. We have made quilts for terminally ill babies via Project Linus, for injured soldiers via Quilts of Valour and directly to Headley Court; heart-shaped cushions for breast cancer patients and also fidget quilts for dementia sufferers. Any spare funds raised at exhibitions we hold are donated to charity and we put on displays by request at other venues, often in conjunction with a special event such as a flower festival.

Both Lingen Stitchers and Needling Along currently have a few spaces for additional members.

All you need is a sewing machine and basic sewing skills, plus enthusiasm. You will find us very friendly and we are always happy to help members with techniques that might be new to them.

To find out more, drop in and see us on a Monday, or contact Maggie Flanders, Secretary, Lingen Stitchers on 01547 510040.

Maggie Flanders - 13th March 2019

The Royal British Legion Award

Steve Law is retiring as our Hon. Treasurer after 30 years' service and is pictured here receiving a Certificate of Appreciation from Mrs. Barbara Leeson, Chair of Herefordshire County Royal British Legion.



Mike Oliver - 8th April 2019



The Abstract Edge Art Exhibition ~ May 2019

The exhibition was held over the May Bank Holiday weekend in St. Mary's Church, Bucknell. The exhibitors consisted of local artists who enjoy the freedom abstract painting gives and all have exhibited frequently in and beyond Shropshire.

Paintings of all types were on display together with beautiful pottery and all of the exhibitors were very pleased at the support received over the 3 days.

More than 300 people visited the church and it was deemed a real success.

Many thanks to all that took part and to all who came to view and buy.



Dave & Sue Fenlon - 6th May 2019



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June 9th	Ludlow C.C.	Away	1.30pm
June 16th	Acton Scott C.C.	Home	2pm
June 23rd	Grasshoppers C.C.	Home	2pm
June 30th	Church Stretton C.C.	Home	1.30pm
July 7th	Dales C.C.	Home	2pm
July 14th	Clee Hill C.C.	Home	1.30pm
July 21st	Ludlow Nomads	Home	1.30pm
July 28th	Church Stretton C.C.	Away	1.30pm
August 4th	Scarecrow Weekend	-	-
August 11th	Almeley C.C.	Away	2pm
August 18th	Acton Scott C.C.	Away	1.30pm
August 25th	-	-	-
August 30th	Moor Park U17's	Home	1pm
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Council Funding



Council funding remains a hot topic at Shropshire Council. A recent presentation by our Chief Financial officer highlighted the difficult situation we continue to face! We are currently looking at how we deal with overspends within the Adult & Social Care budgets from the 2018/19 budget (about £8M), at the same time trying to balance next year's budget (2019/20) whilst retaining some reserves for 2020/21. The way government funds local authorities has changed over the last ten years or so, 'permanent' funding has been removed or reduced increasing uncertainty. Our Rate Support Grant (the amount we get from government), has fallen by 91% since 2013/14 and the multi-year settlements provided from 2016/17 to 2019/20 have now ended with a further Spending Review later in 2019 being talked about but as yet it has not appeared in the parliamentary diary, so rather like the Brexit 'Cliff Edge', local authorities such as Shropshire are facing something similar!

The administration at Shirehall is planning on a 3.99% council tax increase (that's a 2.99% general increase plus the extra 1% allowed by the Government to put into the Social care budgets) and have savings plans which includes; (1) a review of Waste & Recycling Services - saving £1.5M, (2) increasing car park income, (3) reducing bus subsidies to save £0.8M, (4) reducing directly commissioned Public Health Services to save £2.8M, (5) changing the way we work (Digital Transformation) to save £1.7M plus using £3M from reserves to balance the budget! These are big cuts and we are looking to have greater engagement with the public in our Budget Consultation process than in previous years so that the public get a greater understanding of the pressures the Council is working with.

It's not all unremitting bad news, we have received extra funding such as an extra £1.36M in Rural Services Delivery Grant, an additional £0.603M in New Homes Bonus, £0.771M in Business rates levy and a small £0.105M to cope with the effects of Brexit, nevertheless, we are still with all this extra funding looking at a £12.4M funding gap in 2020/21, even AFTER using all our remaining £19.7M of reserves to prop up the budget!

Looking further forward we still have a Structural funding gap of £35M which will grow by £8M a year! Ideally, as our Chief Financial officer pointed out, we need some certainty on a rolling three to four year basis, otherwise in my view we appear to be heading down the route to insolvency, so- perhaps the Government can pull a last minute 'Rabbit out of the Hat', but only time will tell!

Cllr Nigel Martin, Shropshire Council, Clun Division - 18th February 2019

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The Annual Bucknell Duck Race - May 2019



Dave & Sue Fenlon - 12th May 2019

A fabulous turnout of villagers supported this annual event in glorious sunshine alongside the River Redlake. See also front cover picture.

All the tickets were sold and the funds raised will go towards the Bucknell Show which is being held on Saturday 7th September this year at the Recreation Ground.

Thanks as always go to the organisers and volunteers as well who made this event such a success.

From the Vicarage ~ Revd. Annie Ballard



At the time of writing, Annie is having some time off due to ill health. We hold her in our prayers and wish her a speedy recovery. During this time, if you have any queries or need information please contact your churchwarden or email office.middlemarches@gmail.com

After our reflective time through Lent, the drama and elation of Easter, we find ourselves in a calm patch. Late Spring and early Summer brings many of us out into the garden, maybe our own, maybe helping others, or our allotments, and also visiting those prepared to delight us. Wherever we are, fresh air and being able to watch the miracle of the changing seasons is wonderful.

"It was the morning of the sixth of May,
And May had painted with her soft showers
A garden full of leaves and flowers.
And man's hand had arrayed it with such craft
There never was a garden of such price
But if it were the very Paradise."

Geoffrey Chaucer (1343-1400) from The Canterbury Tales.

Margie Savery

The Hughes Family Holiday to Bucknell



We are the Hughes Family!! My husband's Granny and Grandpa used to own Harrow House and now fourth generation Tony and Andy Hughes (sons of Alf Hughes), visit their family here



Harrow House

every year. We stayed at a property in Dog Kennel Lane, a lovely clean and homely bungalow with open fires. It was really comfortable and had everything a holiday home should have.

We arrived on Saturday 13th April from Cheltenham, Gloucestershire and the first thing we did was to visit our favourite supermarket, Tuffins in Craven Arms, for groceries for the week ahead.

Our diary reads:

Sunday 14th April: We bought a Groupon voucher for a bargain family visit to the Shropshire Hills Discovery Centre for an hour getting inspiration from the beautiful countryside and views of the surrounding hills.

Monday 15th April: We took a trip to the Elan Valley which was a lovely drive and then we went on to Devil's Bridge as well. Great scenery and a breath of fresh air with exhilarating views of the beautiful countryside. Next time we will book the bikes and the walk under the tunnels.

Tuesday 16th April: A visit to Ironbridge to learn all about the old industries there, something for everyone and the Victorian village was amazing. We exchanged our money for pounds, shillings and pence and then we spent it at the sweet shop – great fun.

Wednesday 17th April: One hour riding at Darky Dale riding stables – a great hack, we come here every year. The hack around the local forest is so peaceful, with the beautiful sounds of birds and riding such gentle ponies that you feel really safe on and that will not run off with you. Then I took my daughter to the local grocery store in Bucknell where we both had our nails done. Katie Moore did our gel nails, they look beautiful and they match my sons walking boots! (See photo right).



The ladies in the store are so friendly, professional and very talented and we wish them every success together.

Thursday 18th April: A long walk to Knighton starting from The Baron, through the playground and up over the hills (see photos below) by Stowe where we saw the tarn at the top. Lunch in Knighton and the train back to Bucknell where we were met by local children at the station.

Friday 19th April: Walk to Leintwardine, a fab lunch in The Lion Inn and a great pint in the Sun Inn, followed by a walk home through fields full of newborn lambs.

Saturday 20th April: Our holiday ends! We leave for home with sad hearts as we have had a great week, leaving a little bit of our hearts here but knowing we will be back next year.

Thanks Bucknell for a great week's holiday, see you again next year.

Love from the Hughes family.



Nicky Hughes - 22nd April 2019

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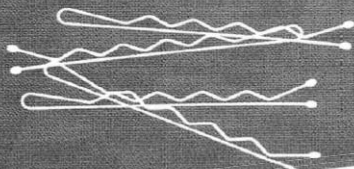
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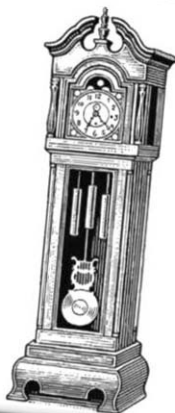
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Monthly Reports for 2019 by Cathy Jones

FEBRUARY: We had another busy time last month with a mixture of relaxed meetings, sociable fundraising and an inspiring speaker. The first lunch of the month was at the newly refurbished Milebrook House Hotel where we were very well looked after. A venue for occasional future meetings. The following week we welcomed Rotary Friends and guests to our quiz and supper at the Baron in Bucknell, our regular venue. This was a fundraiser for Rotary's "End Polio Now" project and was very enjoyable. And the month finished off with Di Emmett from the Breast Cancer Haven in Hereford telling us about the amazing work the charity undertakes for those who have, or are recovering from, breast cancer. We are proud to have the Haven as one of our chosen charities for this Rotary year.

MARCH: The busy month kept us on our toes, which is how we like it. Along with our regular meetings at the Baron in Bucknell, the Milebrook House Hotel near Knighton and the Farmers Inn in Presteigne, we also involved ourselves in two Rotary Youth projects. Rotary holds a large range of competitions including Young Musician, Young Chef and Young Photographer. This year we have been able to hold a Rotary Young Writer competition, won by year 9 student Emily Jones, at John Beddoes High School in Presteigne, as well as involving other students in the Rotary Youth Leadership Awards. It is good to incorporate different aspects of Rotary's community involvement into our programme, whether it be locally, nationally or internationally.

APRIL: Was another enjoyably busy one. We started the month with a tasty frugal lunch at the home of Rotary member Bruce Morgan and his wife Sandie, raising money for local Rotary supported charities. This was followed by a collection at the Saturday markets in Presteigne and Knighton, raising money for Rotary Shelterbox to support those affected by disasters around the world. We have been able to send three Shelterboxes so far during this Rotary year. Many thanks to all who donated so generously. The month finished off with an excellent speaker from the charity "Village Water" who encourage rural communities in Mozambique and Zambia to install and maintain water wells, as well as providing education in health and hygiene. It's an excellent charity we are proud to support.

Please 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 social and fundraising 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 01547 529666, Cathy Jones 07813 733240 or search for "Knighton Rotary Club" on Google, Facebook and Twitter.

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