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From the Editor / Treasurer

The newsletter is produced and distributed by volunteers for everyone in the parish with the intention of bringing the community closer together by sharing information. It would therefore be nice if more people within the community supported it more by using the newsletter to share their stories and experiences that will entertain and inform other residents. Forthcoming event information is also in very short supply despite me asking recently on Facebook and in every edition of the newsletter to date. I've received no additional local event information for this edition, so now is a good time maybe for the people of Bedstone and Bucknell to let me know what they would like to see in forthcoming editions of the Bucknell Newsletter. I shall continue producing the newsletter for another year throughout 2020 (subject to adequate funding), in the hope that more support and feedback from people in the community in terms of event information, articles, news etc., will be forthcoming to balance with the great support that comes from local businesses that generously advertise within.

The article on pages 8-10 in this edition I first saw on Facebook so I approached McCartneys for permission to reproduce it for everyone in the parish to read. They enthusiastically agreed and financially contributed towards it as well, so many thanks to them. If you're thinking of putting an article on Facebook that would be of interest to other residents in the community who don't use Facebook then please let me know so that I may reproduce it in the newsletter for all to see.

Thanks to the advertisers once again for keeping the newsletter afloat 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 advertisement sizes and prices can be found on page 38 of this edition. 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".

Bucknell

**Saturday
30th November**

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**

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.

Knucklas Ladies Guild

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

17th September

Tai Chi

22nd October

Curry demonstration

19th November

Xmas wreath making

4th December

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. Talk subjects can change without advanced notice.

Please use this community newsletter to share details of forthcoming events with everyone in the parish, and your stories and articles too, especially your memories or knowledge of Bucknell and its past history. It's all free but be quick as space can be limited.

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Aardvark Books

Saturday 7th to Sunday 22nd
September 2019

Herefordshire Art Week

Memorial exhibition for potter and artist Gordon Crosby.

Sunday 27th
October

10.00am - 3:00pm. **Aardvark Autumn Brocante.** Live music and lots of stalls of antiques, vintage, bric-a-brac and homemade soup in the café.

Saturday 23rd
November

10:00am - 4:00pm. **Winter Shopping Event**

Aardvark's annual pre-advent discount day with children's crafts and live music.

Sunday 15th
December

10:00am - 3:00pm. **The Aardvark Christmas Fair** - Antiques, jewellery, vintage, crafts, live music, mince pies, mulled wine Jollity!

For more details and updates on extra events and book signings, check the events page on our website www.aardvark-books.com

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MCCARTNEYS FACEBOOK ARTICLE OF MAY 2019 REGARDING THE HISTORY AND THE SALE OF BUCKNELL RAILWAY STATION

At the end of 2017 we received a call from Austin Powell, who wished McCartneys to act as agents, to sell Bucknell Railway Station. The bricks and mortar of all our homes always hold stories, and Station House is no exception.

The station and line was constructed by the Knighton Railway Company when they built the Craven Arms to Knighton line in 1860, engineered by Henry Robertson. Further construction and route openings in 1865 and 1868 subsequently put the station on a through route between Shrewsbury and Swansea. The building itself is extremely impressive, with rock-faced limestone, ornamental cresting, elaborately cusped bargeboards and octagonal ceramic chimney pots. So as not to be left in any doubt when it sprang into life, a date stone was proudly placed stating "1860" in the apex. Bucknell Station quickly became the rail outlet for a wide area, stimulating a growth in the village itself. It was a busy and important station, and looking at the building itself, it's as if it's fully aware of how important it actually was. In the Autumn of 1957, Austin's Father, Mr Terry Powell, was appointed Station Master at Bucknell, with responsibility for the Stations at Hopton Heath and Broome. With the job came the beautiful house and garden at Bucknell Station. Apart from passengers, a great amount of wood and sawdust went by rail from B & J Davies timber yard.

Following Mr Powell's appointment, it was the base for the coal business of the area with The Radnorshire Company. Distribution of the Radnorshire Company's seasonal sugar beet trade for the area also moved to Bucknell at that time. The line was active 24 hours a day, 6 days a week, with no trains on Sundays. The first passenger train each day arrived at about 0430hrs and brought the mail, which was then collected by the postmen and women, and the newspapers, which were sold and distributed around several villages by Mr. Bill Shaw.

Mr Shaw's shop was right opposite the station and the green wooden building is still there today. Austin recalls happy memories of growing up there. "Being the Station Master's son meant the railway was my 'playground,' every day in the school holidays, when the daily Goods train arrived to drop off trucks and vans and pick up empties I'd 'help' the porters and shunting men, and occasionally got a ride



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on the foot plate of the engine as it went about its work. The guard on the train, a local man called Jack Summers, who lived in Craven Arms, would let me ride in the guard's van up to Knighton on many an occasion - all quite illegal of course and if he'd been spotted doing so would probably have got the sack.

A gang of us kids in Bucknell, (two of whom still live in the village) would play in the goods yard and occasionally be allowed in the signal box – again a sackable offence if the signalman had been reported. Of course just watching the various trains go by was always interesting. There were so many in the late 50s and early 60s. There were trains going to York, coming from Burton on Trent and goodness knows where else amongst the ones that were regulars from Shrewsbury to Swansea and vice versa.

My journey to Presteigne Grammar School started with a train trip from Bucknell to Knighton each day and then a walk up to the car park behind the Norton (Knighton) Hotel to catch the bus. I was one of two kids that did that – it was a magical time”.

When Dr. Beeching closed down many lines, the Central Wales Line (as it was then called), escaped closure, but was downgraded to a line with just un-manned halts. Mr Powell was then moved around with jobs, firstly in Ludlow, and then Hereford, before he later took early retirement.

Sometime after that, around 1967, British Rail decided to sell-off many railway properties along the line, and as sitting-tenants, Mr & Mrs Powell were given first option to buy, which they did, and who could blame them? In the 1980s, they converted the Booking Office, General Waiting Room and Ladies Waiting Room into what they called "Station House Cottage" and rented it out.

They spent many happy years there enjoying the beautiful outlook across the lawns and flower beds. Time passed and 10 or 11 years ago, with Mr & Mrs Powell now in their nineties, Austin and his partner Sue, moved to Bucknell to look after them, and renovated both properties.

They moved into Station House while Mr & Mrs Powell moved into the Cottage. As the now slow trains went by, so did the years and sadly, Mrs Powell passed away in June 2012, aged 98 and Mr Powell in September 2016 aged 97. Of course, life at times like this becomes very complicated, emotions are mixed with practicalities and decisions have to be made. After the dust had settled, Austin and Sue felt it was time to move away and contacted their local McCartneys Office in Knighton. Having dealt with McCartneys previously, and appointing them to carry out the probate valuation, it was felt they would appreciate the uniqueness of the property, fully understanding the situation and knowing they would go above and beyond with their service.

At the beginning of 2018, the first people were shown around Station House and Cottage. It was always a pleasure for the Sales Team to carry out viewings, as the magical era, when this beautiful property was in its prime, was still evident and nothing had been lost from its grandness when that first date stone was laid. Many people fell in love with its charm, some were unable to proceed, others wanted to purchase the House without the Cottage and vice versa. The house stood tall and waited patiently for the right people to walk through the door. As with most sales, there were twists and turns along the way, which as an agent we aim to smooth out, taking as much of the stress as possible out of what can be a stressful time.

In March 2018, the house found it's family, who in the Summer, happily picked up the keys to a fabulous new home and their new adventure.

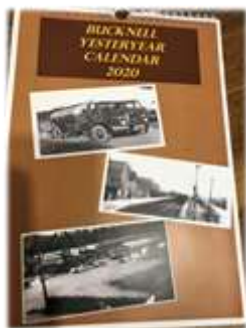
The Knighton Office at McCartneys received the following feedback from Austin shortly after.

"The team have been a revelation, at all times they have done everything and more, that they were asked. On at least two occasions they 'saved the sale' by ensuring that complications were overcome. They consistently kept me informed, advised me on various issues and were always ahead of the game".

It was an absolute pleasure to work with Austin, and to be involved with the sale of this wonderful home to its new family. We look forward to their story of 'buying a Railway Station'.

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Editor - June 2019



Limited editions of **Bucknell Yesteryear Calendars** for 2020 showing pictures of original historic photographs of Bucknell, compiled by Aeron Hughes from his collection, are still available at Belmont (Green's) Garage and at Bucknell Stores for £7.99 each.

They would make a great souvenir or Christmas present but be quick, copies are limited.

All proceeds to Bucknell Church funds.

Carol Davies - 30th July 2019

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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	PiYo Club	St. Marys 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. 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	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	Sue Rowan 01547 530868
	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
	First Wednesday	Bucknell Gardening Club	Variable venues	Sue Rowan 01547 530868
	Third Wednesday	Women's Institute	Bucknell Memorial Hall	Christine Price WI President 01547 530249
	Last Wednesday	Craft Group	Variable venues	Fran Turnbull 01547 530833

Bucknell Allotment Association



We have a few plots available and always welcome enquiries from potential new members of all levels of ability and experience. If you would like to join us, or just have a chat about what we do and what you can do, do please get in touch. Another hot summer and the benefit of all that weeding and watering is enjoying the harvest of all your wonderful fruit and veg. You could even display the best of your bounty at the Bucknell Show and any excess can be frozen, dried, pickled or made into a jam or chutney. You can still make the most of your plot by planting winter onions, spring cabbages, hardy spring onions and late spinach and, if you have a greenhouse, lettuce can be surprisingly hardy. With the rest of the plot try planting a green manure, such as field beans, as they will take up nutrients, fix nitrogen from the air, provide material for your compost and suppress weeds.

If you have a club root problem, it's best to avoid planting mustard as it is a brassica. If you have a light soil, John Harrison, on his excellent website (www.allotment-garden.org) suggests leaving the green manure over the winter and digging it in during spring so it will rot down.

Alternatively, if you have a heavy clay soil, dig it in in late autumn/early winter when you are preparing the plot for next year. Talking of digging the plot, the whole question of dig or no dig arises. The well-known advocate of no dig, Charles Dowding, has covered this topic in great detail (www.charlesdowding.co.uk).

Since last year there have been regular instances of dog mess being found on the allotments. Clearly someone has been opening the gate and letting one or more dogs loose on our field. The allotments field is not a public space and we would kindly request whoever is doing this to desist. Please note that we plan to have a stall at the Bucknell show again this year so please come along to our stall for a chat and some fresh produce.

Jim Hughes - 26th July 2019

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Community News & Views



Where Does My Recycling Go?

Most of us in Bucknell are good at separating our recyclable waste for kerbside collection. However I am sure like myself, you often think what happens to it after it goes in the dustcart or you dump it at Craven Arms.

Often we hear comments like 'it all goes to landfill' or 'it gets shipped abroad' and if you watched the recent BBC programme 'War on Plastics with Hugh and Anita' you would have good reason to believe that all our plastics end up in Malaysia.

In our area this is definitely not the case. Although I would suspect that some recycling is sent abroad, put in landfill or burnt when loads are contaminated or there is an excess of material, Shropshire Council's website indicates exactly what happens to our recycling and I summarise the details below.

Paper goes to UPM Shotton Mill near Chester where it is pulped for news paper.

Glass goes to Glass Recycling UK based in Barnsley where it is crushed and melted down to make glass bottles.

Cans go to Morris Metals in Doncaster or Novelis Beverage Can Maker in Warrington to make new cans, fridges, car parts and other new metal objects.

Plastics go to Veolia's Plastics Recycling Facility in Rainham, Essex where they get separated into different types and can be used to make such items as fleeces, water butts and drainage pipes.

Garden & Food Waste goes to local farms in Shropshire where it is shredded and composted.

Textiles go to JPM Wilcox in Bilston, West Midlands. Wearable items go to charity shops or abroad and items not fit for re-use are shredded to make cushion stuffing.

Wood goes to A&A Recycling at Meriden, Coventry. Good quality wood is recycled to make chipboard and lower grade material is burnt to create green energy (electricity).

Cardboard goes to Oswestry Waste Paper where it is baled and sold on to Smurfit-Kappa paper mill in Birmingham to make new cardboard packaging

Tyres go to DME in Burntwood, Staffordshire where they are shredded to make children's playground surfaces. Some are used as a fuel in cement making.

Batteries including car batteries go to G&P Batteries in Darlestone, West Midlands. Once sorted they go to metal smelting plants in the UK and France. The lead and acid in car batteries are separated for recycling.

Fridges & Freezers go to Aquaforce in Wolverhampton to remove the CFC gas and the metal and foam are then recycled.

Televisions go to Recycling Lives in Preston and Veolia in Bridgnorth where they are stripped for components. All TV parts can be recycled including the glass screen.

Small Electrical items go to EMR in Wolverhampton where the plastics, glass and metals are separated for recycling.

Hardcore and Ceramics goes to Tudor Griffiths at various locations in Shropshire to be crushed and sieved to produce recycled gravel.

Oil goes to Oil Salvage Ltd in Liverpool where it is cleaned and used to produce a low grade heating oil for factories.

In Shropshire, much of the **non recyclable waste** in our black bins goes to Veolia's recently built Energy Recovery Facility at Battlefield, north of Shrewsbury. Here it is burnt under very strictly controlled conditions to produce electricity. Although many people take the view that waste should not be burnt, it does save Shropshire Council paying the Government Landfill Tax of £91.35 a tonne (as at April 2019 and rising) from our Council Tax.

Brian and Jean Willson - July 2019

Well Done George!



Hearty congratulations are in order for George Wilkie who, on 5th July, was crowned winner of the Eric Bright memorial trophy in a Stableford competition held by Knighton Golf Club Seniors Section.

The competition was held at the Macdonald Hill Valley Hotel Golf and Spa near Whitchurch.

The play was fiercely competitive over the lengthy course between the 18 participating members with George's handicap being reduced for the day's play (much to his dismay!)

George finally secured the win with a magnificent birdy on the 18th resulting in the 4 points needed to win the trophy and 18 golf balls. He also received a standing ovation from his fellow competitors as he left the course.

This was a triumph for George who only 9 months ago had an emergency triple bypass and ever since has been determined to get back to full fitness



Sue & Dave Fenton - 9th July 2019



Read Easy Shropshire Hills



New Local Charity offers free one-to-one help for those who struggle with reading. It's taken for granted that we all learned to read and write at school, and that we all have the same reading ability. However, many thousands of adults missed out on the opportunity to learn to read at the time when the basic foundations of this skill are acquired. In fact, research shows that over 7% of adults have never learned to read.

Just imagine how your life would be if you couldn't read forms or letters, follow medicine instructions, or read a new recipe? It's never too late to learn.

Read Easy Shropshire Hills provides free one-to-one coaching for adults in South Shropshire and the Welsh Borders who struggle with reading.

They understand that many people will want to learn to read but feel too embarrassed to seek help, especially if it brings back memories of their childhood classroom experiences, which is why their coaching service has been designed to help new readers feel as comfortable as possible about taking the brave step to learn to read.

Read Easy matches up a new reader with a trained reading coach to help them work together through reading manuals, at a quiet private location at a time to suit them both. It's as easy as that!

Reading sessions last half an hour, twice a week. Some people complete the course in as little as a year, while others can take more than two years. What's important is that everyone can learn at their own pace without feeling rushed. There's no pressure, and no targets or exams to worry about.

Learning to read transforms people's lives and Steve is one such person.

Here's an extract from a letter Steve sent to Read Easy about his experience:



Steve with his reading coach

'It has changed the way I do things, my life. It's given me the courage to go out and do different things, not just reading and writing but going out on my own and mixing with the public. Five or six months ago I would never have done the things I've done, like joining the library, reading newspapers, going on public transport and going to coffee shops and the supermarket.'

Through learning to read people grow enormously in confidence, self-esteem and independence as well as being able to navigate through the world of the written word.

How to get in touch

Read Easy Shropshire Hills covers the towns of Bishops Castle, Church Stretton, Clun, Craven Arms, Knighton and Ludlow as well as all areas inbetween including Bucknell, so if you would like to find out more, or you know someone who would like to learn to read, please contact Annabel Stacey on 07960 865564 or email her at: shropshirehills@readeasy.org.uk

Website: www.readeasy.org.uk

Steve Gibbon - 7th May 2019

Buckingham Palace Garden Party ~ May 2019



Two well-known Bucknell residents were guests of Her Majesty The Queen on a wet and dull Wednesday, 29th May.

Sylvia and Derek Meredith were attending a garden party at Buckingham Palace having received an invitation in recognition of Sylvia's almost single handed unending work in raising funds for the Bucknell War Memorial.

She was nominated by the High Sheriff who attended the memorial dedication and supported Sylvia in her quest for permission to have the stone erected.

Although they weren't able to take any photos inside the palace grounds, (technical problems with Derek's phone), they were within feet of the Queen as she passed by. Although it was by then pouring with rain our 93 year old monarch didn't raise the umbrella she was carrying in order that her guests could take advantage of photo opportunities

The younger royals who attended apparently took refuge early doors in the tea tent. Many of the female guests had not brought coats or umbrellas and soon became bedraggled and very cold. Resourceful Sylvia resorted to warming herself on the hand dryer in the ladies.

The whole day was an occasion they will never forget.



Derek and Sylvia Meredith

Sue & Dave Fenlon - 30th May 2019

Bucknell's New Family



Editor - 8th July 2019

Pop-In Café @ St Mary's Church, Bucknell



Café News

Halfway through the year the café is doing well thanks to our very regular customers and first time visitors whom we have seen in increasing numbers. We regularly host groups of cyclists and of course our wonderful pre-school children who are just delightful when they come in for juice and cake. Word of mouth is still spreading the news of our excellent cake and tasty coffee still priced at only £1.50.

We welcome anyone who has the time to pop in on a Wednesday morning between 10.30am and 12 noon.

Ian Sharp

We were saddened to lose one of our staunch volunteers when Ian passed away in early July. Ian was a member of various groups within the village and, with special memories from the café, his lovely smile, softly spoken voice and twinkly blue eyes along with his very dry sense of humour will always remain with our members and visitors. He was a gentle giant who, in the background, just got on with anything that needed doing and we again extend our thoughts and thanks to Rose for the support both Ian and she have given since the café was founded.



Sue & Dave Fenlon - 13th July 2019



Postie Hangs Up His Boots

Just in case any of you weren't already aware, our regular postman Andrew has announced that he will be retiring at the end of September.

He tells me he has enjoyed delivering mail and parcels to Bucknell during the 22 years that he has been our regular postman and will miss everyone that he chats to very much.

I for one will miss his helpfulness and friendly persona and I'm sure everyone in Bucknell will want to wish him a long and happy retirement.



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Revd. Annie Ballard

R.I.P. Red



Well it had to come! On a beautiful sunny afternoon, when he had been enjoying resting in the garden under a parasol, after two days refusing food, Red came indoors clearly very distressed. I made that final decision I'd been dreading in minutes. He was very ill at Christmas. Then he rallied, increasingly lame, but bright and his spirit was strong.

I was so grateful for that extension and his company through the last dark months. I've just returned from a break celebrating family birthdays. The Vicarage is deadly quiet. I'm having to rethink my routines. What an anchor those little things can be: taking him out, keeping him fed, watered, his bedding clean. Reminders are all around. A mixture of relief and great loss.

Red was my companion for over twelve years. I fostered him after my first dog, Elfie, died. She was a pretty, proud, standard long-haired dachs / terrier cross, a totally different kettle of fish ~ a tricky little imp. Red arrived a hunched up matted cur that had been serially rescued. He was bigger than I was used to, but terrified. He spent weeks hiding in the deepest recesses of my Welsh vicarage, refusing to come out for food. After several days I made him delicious rice pudding, crept in beside him and fed him with my fingers. He soon got the message that he was welcome. Then I bought him his posh collar. After a good brushing I put it on and he uncurled and stood up proudly. Such a transformation! He became regal. He was known for his delicate gait ~ many walkers in my last patch commented that he would be good at dressage.

He loved other dogs and was puzzled when any were aggressive. A reject working dog, he was scared of sheep, but had great skill rounding up ducks ~ and I occasionally lost him for hours when walking along rivers. He was very meditative, enjoying staring at the night sky with me. Rabbits and other small creatures were fascinating and he sat still and watched. Squirrels were the exception ~ they teased him mercilessly and he learned to run along the stone walls in Alstonefield chasing them back up their trees.

Red loved Churches, knew they were special places and knew where I should sit. He used to watch me in awe, knowing I was doing something unusual when he came to services. He stood up in the hymns and put his head between his paws when we prayed. He did this with me at home too, instinctively knowing the different kind of quiet.

Unlike any of my other pets, Red really enjoyed music and appeared whenever I was singing and even when I played the violin! Once rehearsing for a recital in Wales on a hot day, I brought him into the Church. I will never forget the astonishment on his face when he saw David playing the piano while I sang. He sat by the piano transfixed as David's fingers flew over the keys!

I have been so thankful for his companionship, his sympathetic and loving character as we've faced so many changes together. We've enjoyed so many hills, valleys, forests, rivers and lakes together. We've shared great love, fun and sadness. He's had a lovely life, enriched mine in so many ways and been a great Vicar's dog. He now deserves a good rest. He will never be replaced, though I am sure I will get another dog soon. I trust that he is now running free around the feet of Jesus! So now, I have to sign, with love and prayers from *Annie*

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Bucknell Gardening Club by Sue Rowan

The first meeting of the new Bucknell Gardening Club was held on 3rd July in the church and there were nine people present. Jenny White wrote on a large white-board all of our suggestions for what we wanted from the Club.

This included visits to members' gardens, away trips and speakers for talks. We would share knowledge, books, excess plants and seeds and tools could be collected to be passed to Third-World countries or community gardens in the UK.

It was agreed that the Club would meet monthly on the first Wednesday at 2:30pm. The next two meetings are scheduled for 4th September and 1st October, so do please come along and share your expertise, ideas and queries.

Please contact Sue Rowan on 01547 530 868 for further details.

Bucknell Car Boot Sale by Sue Rowan

The annual Bucknell car boot sale was held on a lovely, early Summer's morning on 22nd June at the Daffodil Lane recreation grounds, a most perfect setting with the hills and woods all around. Entering the grounds, I could see the sellers were set out in a large avenue and there was a very wide variety of items on offer, mostly of good quality and surely every potential buyer there must have found something they didn't know they needed and couldn't go home without.

By 10:30 there weren't many buyers and I hope trade picked up for those sellers who had made the effort to come along that day and that it will have been worthwhile enough for them to come again next year.



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To help ensure its future, St Mary's Bucknell has joined the Parish Giving Scheme (PGS). Under this scheme, if you wish to help support our church financially, you are invited to do so on a regular basis paying by Direct Debit. This may be monthly, quarterly or annually, depending on what works for you and may be as little as a £1 or as large as you wish. £1 per week from each household in Bucknell would make a huge difference to our finances! If you are not a regular churchgoer perhaps you might consider an annual donation, e.g. on a wedding anniversary or to commemorate a loved one, or just to know that the building will always be there for you and anyone who needs a few minutes peace and quiet.

The benefits of the scheme are:

- Most importantly, donations by Direct Debit are predictable and so can help with budgeting.
- Donations can be as large or as small as you wish and can be monthly, quarterly or annually.
- The PGS claims Gift Aid so if you are a taxpayer we then receive £1.25 for each £1 donated.
- The Gift Aid is received by the Parish on a monthly basis.
- All donations are amalgamated into a single lump-sum, making accounting easier.
- The cost of the scheme has already been covered by the Diocese, so it is free for us to use.

For our church to remain available for us all, we need to cover the considerable costs of running a listed building and the expenses involved in maintaining the ongoing ministry. Along with the other Parishes in the Diocese, we contribute a share of the costs of providing ministers' salaries, pensions, training and maintaining clergy housing. Historically these costs were borne totally by the Church Commissioners, but they no longer have the financial resources and costs have risen sharply, especially due to current employment legislation.

We hope that you will consider this scheme favourably and we would be very grateful if you would make use of the enclosed form to make a contribution to this vital part of our village life. If you'd like to talk further about this, please do contact me – or to 'recycle' the form drop it back to the church or leave it at Bucknell Stores.

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Jenny White, Churchwarden, St Mary's Bucknell - 01547 530 107

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Monthly Reports for 2019 by Cathy Jones

MAY - As always, the month was a very busy one which is how we like it, combining regular meetings with fundraising and social events. Early in the month we enjoyed a visit to the 2nd Knighton Brownies to see the enthusiasm of the girls and their leaders. Our donation will help support their activities ongoing. In the middle of the month we shared the company of our Rotary Friends, as well as local supporters, at a fundraiser for the Bracken Trust (Knighton branch) hosted by Bruce and Sandie Morgan in Leintwardine. A total of £800 has been raised for this excellent charity which supports cancer sufferers and their families in our local community. At the end of the month we welcomed Mike Hagen from Classrooms in the Clouds, an educational charity based in the Everest region in Nepal. We have supported this charity for many years and it was fascinating to see the progress the charity has made in teacher education, classroom building and support for their local communities.

June - Last month, as the end of this Rotary year approached, we continued to keep busy. Early in the month we enjoyed a sociable gathering at member Bruce and wife Sandie Morgan's home in Leintwardine with nearly £400 raised, thanks to the support of the local community & Rotary members and friends, for the Bracken Trust cancer support charity. Next was a "Frugal Lunch" Rotary meeting at incoming President Christine Price's home in Norton, raising nearly £200 for our charitable efforts in the community. These Frugal Lunches are a great way for members and guests to support our charitable work, while having an informal Rotary meeting in a member's home. We then indulged in a Midsummer night's buffet to support the Judges Lodgings and finished the month with a meeting to discuss our year's achievements and plans for the 2019-20 Rotary year. More on that soon.

July - The new Rotary year hit the ground running with a larger than usual number of fundraising, social and speaker events. At the start of the month we welcomed 11 of the 25 charities we supported last year, to the Knighton Community Centre to share with us the latest news of how our support has helped them. Very inspiring. The following day we welcomed our new Rotary President Christine Price to the helm and heard of her exciting plans for the year ahead. The following week we held the first of our "Community Afternoon Tea & Dancing" events at the St Edwards Church Hall in Knighton – this will be repeated on August 6th at 2pm and monthly thereafter. We also supported the Knighton Primary School Fete early in the month in the form of a Prize Puller for the kids and then later in the month heard from Jack Ruby of the Samaritans about the work they do with those in distress - very moving. We also had a couple of social outings (paid for by members) to the Llangollen canal and to the Grove in Leominster, these informal events are an important part of Rotary too.

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.

As expected with all the things we had planned to do we have had a busy Summer and have been able to take full advantage of the lovely weather. In May we held a successful Plant Sale. Members and friends were very generous both in giving and buying and any plants not sold were displayed outside The Old School House with an Honesty box. The plants quickly went and our treasurer was delighted to count out £60.00 from the box, so with that added to

the takings from the Plant Stall we made a grand total of £234.20. Some of this money will be allocated for Bucknell Station plants.

In late May fifteen of us travelled to Birmingham by rail. There was slight confusion at Shrewsbury Station (where we had to change), when we pulled into the dreaded platform 3. For those not familiar with this platform, it is on the opposite side of the station to the main platforms so involves going down the stairs (or taking the lift) which takes you outside and back through the main entrance where you have to find your ticket to go through the barriers, then up the stairs and a quick dash to the waiting train, but we all arrived safely and had a most enjoyable day.

The speaker at our monthly meeting in June was Danni from Artisan Crafts. This was a hands on meeting when she introduced us to the art of Marquetry. We were quite surprised with the progress we had made by the end of the evening and Danni judged our efforts and placed Anita Lewis 1st, Christine Price 2nd and Marian Cox 3rd.

June was Boot Sale time and we had booked two spaces. One was for cookery and preserves and this was overflowing. Fran Turnbull and Jane Willis did a brisk trade and just about sold out. Our other table took the form of an exhibition to promote our W.I. and showcase our activities. Also in June we were invited by Brampton Bryan W.I. to a Marches Social event which was most enjoyable and very informative, ending with a sumptuous afternoon tea. June is also strawberry time so several of our members went to Chapel Lawn and enjoyed a Strawberry Tea there.

In July, Carole Garland organized a trip to The Grove where we enjoyed ten pin bowling. Pat Swain was our star bowler but the President was red flagged and a big STOP sign appeared when she had done the unforgivable and set her foot on the alley to retrieve one of the balls. At the end of the session we all enjoyed an excellent lunch.

Fran Turnbull, Wynn Billingsley and Ruth Pryce attended a County Centenary celebration afternoon tea at Concord College. We entered a team for the County Skittles evening at Pulverbatch but they were up against stiff opposition this year. July was the month for our garden meeting and this year we had been invited to spend the evening with Carole and Martin Garland in their beautiful garden with the river Redlake running through their grounds. The evening had a 70's theme so some of the ladies dressed to suit that period and one wore a lovely dress she had worn at her wedding. It was a perfect Summer evening as we sipped our Pimm's and enjoyed a beautiful supper provided by the committee. As one of the ladies was celebrating a special birthday an amazing cake appeared, beautifully decorated, that had been made and iced by Jane Willis and her partner Phil. The evening ended with a game organized by Anita which involved dressing up in weird and wonderful clothes. Sue Davies, Wynn and Fran were judged to have the weirdest outfits.

In August we met up again to visit a garden in Knighton, returning thereafter to Rickyard Place for afternoon tea.

Christine Price - WI President - 31st July 2019

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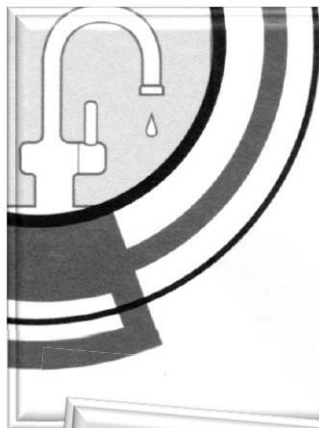
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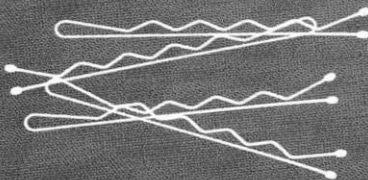
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