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From the Editor / Treasurer

Well, that's another year nearly gone, frightening isn't it? I do hope you have all had a good year and that the next one will be even better.

Thank you to those people who responded quickly to my request for articles to ensure the newsletter continues to balance information with advertisements and reflects what is going on in our parish, but many more articles and much more informative news is still urgently required to fill future editions and to spread the word to those parishioners who do not have any other way of knowing what's been going on in the village or what is forthcoming.

Additional advertising revenue this season has enabled me to add four extra pages to this issue so that I could include a large article from Brenda Dyson about hedgerows and an associated article about the TVEG / KTAT community groups. If you have something you'd like to share that would be of interest to other residents in the community, especially if you were thinking of putting something on Facebook that a lot of village folk don't use, then let me know so that I can reproduce it in the newsletter for **all** to see.

The article on pages 8-10 in this edition is a follow-up to the article provided by McCartney's in the Autumn edition regarding the purchase of Bucknell Railway Station.

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 42 of this edition. Best wishes.

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Front cover: A Wintry scene in Bucknell Wood.
photograph courtesy of Brenda Dyson.



What's Happening?

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

Bucknell 2019 - 2020	
Wednesday 11th December	Mothers' Union - We have been invited to visit the Church Stretton Mothers' Union for a Christmas afternoon tea commencing 2:30pm. Transport to be arranged. Contact: Jean Pryke 01547 540376
Saturday 14th December	Quiz night with Cheese, Wine / Soft drinks at St. Mary's Church. Doors open 7:00pm. Tickets in advance (advisable) £7.50 from Roger Bates 01547 530062 or David Fenlon 01547 530105 otherwise on the door £8.00.
Saturday 18th January	Following the success of the Bucknell Big Breakfast in October we will repeat it again in January from 09:00-11:00 at St. Mary's Church
See page 30 for seasonal parish church services	

NEW! REGULAR DATE EVENT	
 	Join us at St Mary's Church, Bucknell, Shropshire for Bumps and Babes every other Friday. 10:00-11:45 December's dates are Friday 6 th and 20 th and fortnightly thereafter. Bumps, babes and pre-schoolers all welcome. Enjoy a coffee and a chat with like-minded parents, grandparents and carers while the children play. Drinks and snacks provided. There is no charge to attend but donations are welcome!
	Contact Jenny White for more details on 01547 530107 or see our Facebook page. https://www.facebook.com/bumpsandbabesbucknell/

Bedstone 2019 - 2020 ~ FLICKS IN THE STICKS ~	
Friday 6th December 7:30pm.	'GREEN BOOK', Oscar winning movie. £4.00 - Refreshments served, but if you would like to bring your own beer or wine, please do!
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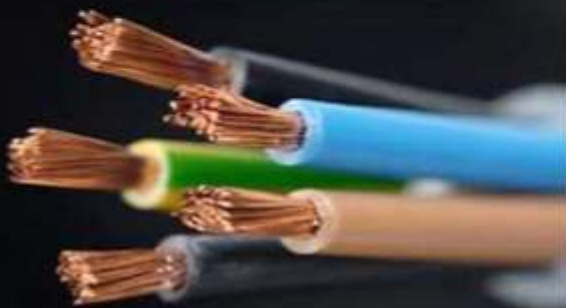
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The first time we spoke to Sam Walmsley was to book a viewing for him, his wife Nina and their children to have a look around Bucknell Station House and Cottage. However, there wasn't a sense of urgency from them to see this amazing place. They'd been looking at the listing on the internet and had scrolled past it a few times, but, something kept tugging at them to take a look,

and almost with a resignation, they thought they 'might as well'. The listing had indicated that it didn't have a back garden and they needed to see exactly what that meant. Arriving in front of this impressive building, it was soon apparent that the 'back garden' was in fact the Heart of

Wales Railway Line. Beyond the platform, beautiful views lay before them and the single carriage train that swept slowly by, only added to the charm. Making their way to the huge front door and lifting the heavy door knocker to announce their arrival, they weren't disappointed. The house ticked their criteria boxes, three bedrooms, lovely front garden, village, amenities nearby and a good school, all within a 25 minute drive time of Ludlow, but it did so much more. The sales listing they'd been studying couldn't do it justice, you had to stand there, quietly and take it all in.

The children weren't so quiet, running around discovering a maze of rooms. There was more character with each turn. The magnificent high ceilings and original features of a bygone era began to work its charm. After exploring staircases, twists and turns and looking around the former Station Cottage through the adjoining door, they left the property, their minds filled with

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more questions than when they'd arrived. One thing they did know was that they had to get their own property in Ludlow on the market as soon as possible. Ringing a few Estate Agents to book in valuations, Sam says they were all good, professional, courteous, friendly, and with similar commissions, but one thing made McCartney's stand out – they listened. The Ludlow branch chatted with Sam and Nina and understood what they wished to achieve. A week later, the Walmsley's had their perfectly presented, beautifully decorated home listed for sale.

At this moment in time, discussions were at the forefront as to how practical it would be buying an old Railway Stationmaster's House. The initial feeling was not to take on the Cottage. The emotional versus practical thoughts battled with each other. They could afford the house and have some money to carry out the refurbishments, but then the Cottage belonged to the building, it was the old Booking Office and General Waiting Room, you couldn't take one on without the other.....could you? The children of course wanted to move in immediately.

Six weeks later Sam took his father to see Station House, to look at it from a totally practical perspective. By the time they'd finished, Sam and Nina wished to make an offer, including the Cottage. It seemed that beneath that peeling paint, the grandeur, ornamental facades and 'secret rooms' it had convinced them of its huge potential as their new family home and as a holiday let business for the Cottage.

Some months later after tense times for both parties and the team at McCartney's smoothing the way forward, the exchange of contracts took place and the completion date had been agreed. Carrying out the obligatory pre-move checks with a few days to go, Sam discovered that the removal company had lost their booking. Frantic telephone calls ensued and with everyone working together they moved all their belongings over a day earlier than planned. The collective huge sigh of relief could have been mistaken for the passing gust of wind from the 10:52 to Knighton.

Sam recalls sitting in one of the rooms surrounded by boxes and wondering how on earth they had accumulated so much stuff. The children ran around and counted rooms and whenever they heard a train approaching they would run to the platform side window and wave.

It's been nearly 9 months now since the Walmsleys officially became the new family of Bucknell Railway Station. Sam says they still can't believe they actually live there.

There's already been some refurbishment including the saving of some of the fabulous octagonal ceramic chimney pots that have sat proudly on the roof for over 150 years. Having had a log burner fitted, one of the workmen discovered, just in time, that the pots had come loose but fortunately they're all secure again now, hopefully for the next 150 years! However, the biggest transformation has been Station Cottage where history has repeated itself, going back to the times it was rented out by Mr & Mrs Powell. It's now available again as a holiday let. Visitors can take a shower or cook and eat their meal in the old Ticket Office. Relax in the Sitting Room, as so many people have done before them when it was the General Waiting Room and look over the fields through the window at what used to be the door to the platform. The upstairs bedrooms have been sympathetically restored with wood panelling and framework reminiscent of the period when it was first created. The whole place has moulded itself beautifully to family life.

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The children love their new village school and still run to the window when there's a train at the platform and the drivers give them a friendly toot back. Sam works from home and has set up an office area in the 'Ladies Waiting Room', while Nina, a personal trainer, quite often holds sessions on the large, beautiful lawns outside. Sam and Nina were very kind with compliments of the service that McCartney's had provided. The feedback form thanked the team for all their help, patience, hard work and the many phone calls it had taken to achieve the dream of owning this very special property.

It's been an incredible journey and one that has safely arrived at Bucknell Station for the foreseeable future.

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	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	First Monday	Bucknell Book Group	Variable venues	Doug White 07734 166634
	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
	First Wednesday	Gardening Club	Variable venues	Jenny White 01547 530107

Bucknell Allotment Association by Jim Hughes



We're coming to the less busy time of the year down on the allotment plot. A time for quiet reflection on what worked and what didn't. A time for planning for next year, when we will be doing more companion planting such as the nasturtiums that successfully attracted the cabbage white butterfly, encouraging them to lay their eggs on the nasturtiums rather than on our brassicas. Furthermore, their flowers introduced lots of colour to the plot and could be eaten in a salad. Next year's seed purchases are going to include further mixed planting such as French marigolds grown with tomatoes to deter white fly; carrots with onions and leeks to deter carrot root fly and onion root fly. A new one to us is yarrow (*Achillea millefolium*) whose flowers come in a variety of colours, attract pollinators and other beneficial insects, can be grown throughout the plot and it is said will repel soil nematodes, aphids, bean beetles and many other "undesirables".

Since our last update we have had one new allotmentee and one re-joining member. We still 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.

We had a stall again this year at the Bucknell show and our annual barbecue on 3rd August was a great success, partly due to the good weather we enjoyed that evening.



Bucknell Book Group by Sue Rowan

The Book Group is changing. Instead of ordering books once a year from Ludlow Library, members can individually suggest books, ones they have read before, want to read, seen reviewed, read and liked the author etc. They can then together choose the book two months ahead of a meeting to give them time to beg, borrow or download it, with consideration for the cost as well. The Group will still meet on the first Monday of each month at 7:30pm. in members' houses. We need 8-10 members for a meaningful debate, so if you are interested in a lively discussion on a wide range of reading, please contact Doug White on 07734 166634. We hope to start up again in the New Year.



Chapel Lawn Macmillan coffee morning 12th October 2019

Thank you to everybody who came along from Bucknell and made our Macmillan fundraiser such a resounding success! We raised £560!! That's about £200 more than last year's record!

There were thirteen of us who worked hard and put it all together in the village hall. We had loads of donations of homemade cakes, raffle prizes, plants, bric-a-brac and lots of books! Thank you for your contributions and thank you so much for helping us raise such a grand sum for Macmillan.

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POTHOLE WOES

There has been lots of concern expressed by people across the area and right across Shropshire in fact over the lack of action to tackle potholes and indeed the poor job Shropshire Council does more often than not when it does get around to it!

The problem is not new, poor work carried out by Shropshire Council's various contractors has been an issue for many years. Like many but not all Councils, Shropshire Council carries out such work through a private contractor. The current contractor took over from a previous contractor last year after tendering for and winning the contract.

The previous contractor did such a poor job in the few years it had the contract, it asked Shropshire to leave its contract early which Shropshire agreed to given the problems it had had with their performance and it was hoped the new contractor would perform better, but sadly it's not been the case and the current contractor is now under review by Shropshire Council as it hasn't performed to the standard that its contract requires. Part of that can be seen with the poor quality of some of the work and the inability for example to deal with identified potholes in the timescale set out in the contract, sometimes taking many weeks to deal with severe potholes which were supposed to have a five-day turnaround.

There are many reasons possible why the current contractor is not performing to contract. Its parent company, which has a number of different arms carrying out various services for Councils and private organisations, recently has been suffering very serious financial problems, making over 1,500 staff redundant across its operations and it's possible that like its predecessor, it underbid on its contract and is finding it consequently difficult to make the contract pay, but whatever the reason, the Council has at last decided to act and I think it's probable we will have a new contractor before very long!

The problem with the contractor is only one of the reasons why the Council is so obviously failing in its Highways maintenance work, another one is the sheer lack of money the Council has in its budget for highway maintenance.

Like most Councils, it received extra grant money recently from Central Government to help deal with the potholes crisis that all councils are suffering from due to a lack of funds, but instead of adding all of this grant money to its Highways budget, it's clear from its recently published accounts that it has used part of the grant to **replace** some of the money in its Highways budget rather than **add** it to the existing budget, so the full 'value' of the grant has been lost! It's also taken another £5M out of the Highways budget this year to use elsewhere and plans to take out another £5M next year and as a result has had to also reduce the number of people at its Highways offices, like the one in Craven Arms which houses the administrative staff and inspectors who actually go out there and identify the work needed for its current contractor to carry out, but where there used to be six inspectors covering the Craven Arms area, now there are only two.

The Council has also removed the local top-up budget which used to be held by Divisional offices. Instead it now holds all Highways budgets centrally at Shirehall which means that now when inspectors identify extra work which needs doing they have to refer this up to Shirehall instead of taking an immediate decision locally.

This is taking extra time and often it seems requests sent up to Shirehall just don't get acted on meaning requests for work often have to be made multiple times before any action happens on the ground. Personally, I am not in agreement with the Council carrying out its Highways function via companies such as its current contractor. I would like it to follow the lead of other rural Councils such as Cornwall for example who have recently taken the decision to put an extra £10M into their Highways budgets and do away with private contractors, moving back to doing things 'in house', but unfortunately there is no sign that the administration running Shropshire Council intends to do that.

Unless the overall financial situation faced by Shropshire Council improves, in other words it gets more money either from Central Government or locally by Government relaxing the cap on local revenue raised, its future looks in doubt past the 2020-21 financial year. That's the period where, as things currently stand, because we are using reserves to prop up services and those can only be used once, we will run out of enough money to be able to carry out all of our statutory duties.

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The Bucknell Show 2019

Bucknell Show 2019 opened in sunshine and at 9am. competitors began staging their exhibits in the competition tent. Judging of over 70 classes was completed by 1pm when viewing by visitors began. The longest nettle class again proved very popular. The 5km Family Fun Run sponsored by Hornsey Steels Ltd. attracted almost 60 energetic runners and Shropshire Hills Catering provided funds for additional medals. On the show ground visitors were treated to a well-supported dog show and activities including skittles, inflatables, target football, golf, archery and races for the children.

Bucknell Youth Club sold pizzas, Lance's burgers were popular as ever, savoury and sweet snacks were on offer and Swan Brewery provided beer, cider and soft drinks. Bucknell WI were kept busy providing a free tea or coffee to programme holders as well as selling wonderful cakes and sandwiches. Trevor Hill and his exotic animals kept all ages enthralled; children were introduced to "The Forest School"; and young and old were absorbed by the vintage vehicles.

Many people took advantage of Tarot card reading to provide insight into the past, present and future! Many thanks to all visitors and helpers – especially those who assisted with the tents. Saturday 5th September 2020 is the date for the show next year but look out for the "Open Meeting" when you can bring along your own ideas.



Bucknell Show 2019



Just some of the pictures of the day
courtesy of Sue Fenlon.

Write- up by Jane Smith



Postie Andrew says Goodbye and Thank You



Pictures on this page courtesy of Alan Floate

(Above) Just some of the group of villagers who turned up at 11:30 on a sunny morning outside the village Post Office to say goodbye to Andrew, our regular postman, who retired at the end of September. Several people who couldn't stay for the presentation gave Andrew a farewell card, but for those of us that remained we saw Andrew (pictured right) receiving a presentation from Peter Barron who was instrumental in asking villagers for donations to give Andrew a farewell gift and card.

Andrew gave a short but heartfelt speech, thanking everyone for the gift and reiterated that he has enjoyed his work delivering letters and parcels to the community and will continue as lay-preacher at some of our local chapels.



A few days later following his retirement Andrew emailed me with this message for everyone:

"I have been completely overwhelmed by the love and generosity shown to me and indeed my family on the occasion of my retirement from the Royal Mail.

It has been an absolute pleasure to serve you as your postman for the past 22 years and you will always have a special place in my heart. I have had so many invitations to come back and will definitely be returning.

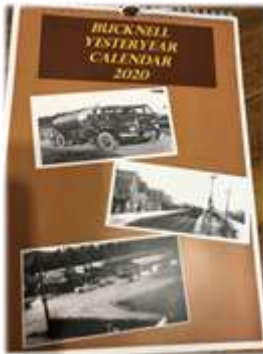
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In my role as a Lay Preacher I visit several churches and come to Coxall Chapel every two months as a rule and would love to see anyone who would like to come and everyone is welcome. Of course, I don't have to be there for you to visit, you are all welcome any time".

Picture: Andrew's presentation at the Royal Mail sorting office by his former manager.

Editor - 10th October 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



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As your Police and Crime Commissioner, I am committed to making communities safer and I have invested in a number of initiatives to do so, including doubling the funding into specific Rural and Business officers. These officers are able to offer advice and support for safeguarding against crimes such as wildlife crime, fly-tipping, retail theft and cross-border crime. I have provided them with dedicated, sign written vehicles enabling them to increase their visibility and reach, which I hope will provide reassurance to your local community.

Police and Crime Commissioner - John Campion

Our Precious Hedgerows by Brenda Dyson



I'm not writing this as an expert, but as someone who feels a deep connection with the natural world and a desire to be in some small way its voice. Also out of a need to do as much as possible to help redress the ecological and climate crisis we're all facing.

As well as being a significant part of our natural landscape, hedgerows are crucial for wildlife providing food, refuge and corridors critical for the movement of animals and the continuation of viable populations. They also guard against soil erosion and provide wind breaks. The Autumn 2019 edition of Broadleaf, the Woodland Trust magazine states:

'Yet Britain's hedgerows have been in a long spiral of decline. By some estimates more than half have disappeared since the war, and in the 1980's alone we lost more than 23% thanks to a pernicious government subsidy which rewarded farmers for enlarging fields'.



Hedge laying ~ before and after

Regular flaying and mismanagement of hedgerows destroys their value for wildlife. Most trees and shrubs in hedgerows flower on stems produced in the previous year. Therefore, cutting hedges every year means that wildlife is deprived of flowers, seeds, nuts and berries. Birds' main nesting time is 1st March to 31st August.

If nesting birds are present, any work which might harm them or their nests is an offence under the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981. Ideally, the cutting back of hedges would only be in January / February when all berries, seeds and nestings are over. Exceptions being road facing sides that need to be trimmed for safety reasons

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Good management is vital and includes laying, trimming and coppicing. A well laid hedge is the backbone of biodiversity. It is also a thing of beauty. If you're able to plant a hedgerow, then it would be beneficial to choose native species which will grow well from bare root plants. I planted a native hedgerow from bare root plants of hazel, hawthorn and blackthorn in 2012 and all took root and grew. I am not a fan of including laurel or rhododendron (they are not native shrubs) because they will out-compete most native plants. The dense growth allows very little light to penetrate.



Cut for pleaching

This effectively eliminates other competing native plant species which are unable to grow due to insufficient light. The subsequent impact leads to loss of associated wildlife which depends on native plants.

Laurel leaves, and litter are toxic and are avoided by herbivores, although the berries are eaten by some birds.

There are hedge laying courses available from time to time with KTAT (The Knighton Tree Allotments Trust <http://tveg.org.uk>).

Other courses and volunteering opportunities are also available with The Knighton Tree Allotment Trust.

Hedgerows can provide us with some delicious treats too. Here is a recipe you might like to try.

Hawthorn Vinegar

300ml organic cider vinegar
1 mug of hawthorn berries

Pour the vinegar into a 500ml bottle and leave the top open. Take your mug of berries and use a knife to gently slit each one, before popping them into the vinegar. Keep adding berries until your vinegar level reaches the top of the bottle. If you run out of berries before this point, simply top up with vinegar. Leave to infuse at kitchen temperature for 4 to 6 weeks. Then strain and pour into a clean bottle. The result is sweet and earthy. It can be used in dressings and sauces; it is good combined with wholegrain mustard and olive oil sprinkled over roasted vegetables.



Adding binders

Pictures courtesy of KTAT - 25th October 2019



Who are we?

The Teme Valley Environment Group (TVEG) is based in and around Knighton, Powys. We are part of a growing grassroots movement exploring the major changes required for communities to adapt to a society without access to cheap energy derived from fossil fuels.



Rather than a cause for depression, we feel this is an opportunity to make life better for all of us while enjoying ourselves at the same time. We are an open group and welcome people of all ages and abilities who are concerned about local sustainability and the environment. Our current concerns include local food production, renewable energy supply, transport, health and wellbeing, housing and livelihoods. Please join us by contacting Penny Nicholson on info@tveg.org.uk and become part of a creative and inspiring movement. Or just turn up at one of our regular open meetings and we'll be pleased to see you!

LATEST NEWS / EVENTS

Knighton Tree Allotments Trust manages local woodlands with the help of volunteers who then have access to locally produced firewood, bean poles and other woodland products. To volunteer and learn more contact Gary at 01547 520374 or email woodland@tveg.org.uk Edible Knighton always needs volunteers to tend the fruit and nut trees and herb beds around Knighton.

For details or to volunteer please contact Sheila Clarke at: sheila_clarke@hotmail.com or phone 01547 520019.

Litter picking and discussion meetings. Groups meet at the Knighton Community Centre. For litter picking, kits are available for any local group to borrow free of charge.

Contact: sheila_clarke@hotmail.com for details. General meeting discussions are about any topic to enhance the town including environmental concerns.

Following on from Brenda Dyson's article, I've printed extracts above from the TVEG website in case some members of our community would like to contact TVEG or KTAT for more information or maybe to join them, or indeed they may wish to examine whether a similar group could be created for our parish if one doesn't exist already.

NB. This newsletter is always keen to promote for free, the work of any community groups or individuals within our parish.

Editor - 25th October 2019



Hallowe'en in Bucknell

Just some of the brilliant children we have in our village.

Dave & Sue Fenlon - 31st October 2019



*Thanks to all the youngsters and parents who took the time and trouble to participate in this spooky annual event. It was a real **treat** !*

Editor

Wet or What?



With over 24 hours of virtually constant rainfall, the 25th and 26th of October 2019 will surely go down in local history as a very wet couple of days. Our River Redlake was at full capacity and did break its banks in a couple of places on both sides adjacent to the Causeway.

I personally witnessed a large amount of flotsam and jetsam drifting down at a pace and I hoped that it wouldn't dam up further downstream. Old Bedstone Road was flooded for a while with manholes and gullies unable to cope. Dog Kennel Lane too had rivers of water in places and I understand Chapel Lawn Road by the school was also flooded for a while.

Here I attach some pictures of the river by the Causeway for anyone who didn't get to see the torrent of water for themselves.



Bucknell Bridge



The trees on the right are usually on the river bank



River water spills onto the Causeway



This tree is usually high and dry!



The grass area next to The Old School House barn



The Causeway - impassable alongside the Churchyard

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See the Bedstone and Bucknell parish website for the latest monthly police newsletter which gives much more information and lists local crimes.



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The Revd. Annie Ballard

Hello everyone,

Here we are again, entering the season of darkness and gloom when we huddle up in front of the fire and do our own equivalent of hibernation, and at the moment there is not a lot to celebrate in our world of uncertainty and confusion. But outside there are the Autumn colours, the smells of bonfires and magnificent sunsets.

As we prepare for Christmas this year, I have a theme going round my head which is "JOY TO THE WORLD!" We all need a dose of this as we are often better at spreading gloom and despondency than JOY! I've set myself a challenge to recognise the touches of Joy I am given each day, and to determine to be a JOY giver. At the moment, as you may gather, I have a new little JOY generator in my life ... and he has helped me to turn things around amazingly!



One new source of Life and Joy in Bucknell is a new venture beginning at St Mary's called "Bumps & Babies" on every other Friday. All Mums with bumps or tots are welcome to come along. It is very informal with coffee etc. and a short story and activity for the little ones, (see page 4 for details).

You will be receiving a list of all the church services over Christmas and everyone is welcome to attend any of these services at any of our seven churches, and there's a "special service" for anyone who wants to prepare for the journey at the beginning of Advent, when we're having a service "Exploring Advent in Words and Music" on Sunday 1st December at 4.00pm. in Hopton Castle Church, which is a wonderfully atmospheric place where they are celebrating the arrival of a new organ. There'll be some special musical contributions that evening!

But flagging up our villages' Christmas specials:

Sunday 15th December at 6.30pm.	Bucknell "Carols by Candlelight".
Monday 16th December at 7.00pm.	Bedstone St. Mary's are hosting a Carol Service of Christmas morning Communion for Bedstone and Hopton Castle at 10.30am. led by Canon John Greaves.
On Christmas Eve at 4.00pm.	"Come to the Manger" ... all Angels and Shepherds are especially welcome!
Christmas morning at 10.30am.	Jonathan will be celebrating with a Christmas Day service.
Sunday 29th December at 10.30am.	To round up the year I will be leading a Benefice Service "Out with the Old and In with the New" in St Mary's Bucknell. Again, everyone is welcome!

Meanwhile as we move into 2020, I pray for us all that we may find new Joy and that we may see more evidence of it in our world.

A B L E S S E D A N D H A P P Y N E W Y E A R F R O M A N N I E A N D M E R I A D O G



Monthly Reports for 2019 by Cathy Jones

August was a quieter than usual month but we still enjoyed our regular meetings and fundraising. Our first community event for the month was our Tea Dance and afternoon tea at St. Edwards Church Hall in Knighton. This is a free event sponsored by the KINDA (Dementia awareness in Knighton) charity and we shall continue to offer this informal event for our community on a monthly basis. Our next event was an enjoyable Seafood lunch with food provided by Rotary member Angie Ellis and raising £730 for our charitable efforts in the community. At the end of the month we supported the Knighton Show in the form of a stall with a tombola, splat the rat, prize puller for the kids and putting competition. Good fun for everyone!

September - We can't believe how this year has flown by. This month we were busy as usual with social outings (creating bonds between Rotary Friends and Rotary members) and our regular meetings (discussing past and future events as well as chatting over a meal). We held our third free "Afternoon tea and dance" which was very enjoyable. These are held on the second Tuesday of every month at St Edwards Church Hall and sponsored by KINDA in Knighton. We also visited the 2nd Knighton Brownies to donate money for a storage unit in their new premises and welcomed Mark and Joanna Lumb (and their bike!) from Blood Bike Wales to speak to us about the work their charity does for free for the NHS. An inspiring talk and we are proud to support them.

October started off with the fourth of our monthly "Afternoon Tea and Dance" events at St. Edwards Church Hall in Knighton. These free afternoons are becoming an increasingly popular way to meet new friends in a relaxed environment. This was followed by our support of the Vintage Sports Car Club's 80th Welsh Trial by organising the car parking, while raising funds for our charitable efforts in the community. Later in the month we celebrated Knighton Rotary Club's 43rd birthday, had a stall at the Knighton Farmer's market to increase awareness of Rotary's efforts to eradicate polio and supported the Presteigne Community Fair. We also discussed the possibility of a charity auction in the spring, along with the local Young Farmers' Clubs and the Samaritans. More on that exciting event soon!

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.

If you run a charity that involves our parish or which could be of benefit to the residents of Bedstone and Bucknell, then why not contact the Editor with details for possibly free inclusion within the next edition. See page 42 for contact details.



The days are drawing in and the October meeting will be our last at 7:30pm. as our Winter programme meetings will commence at 7:00pm.

Usually we don't meet in August but this year we had a catch up with each other when we met for a tour of John and Brenda Morgan's beautiful garden in Knighton, returning to Rickyard Place for tea and a chat.

After our Summer recess it was action stations when we manned the tea tent at the Bucknell Show meaning an

early start for Rita Barns, Carolyn Bates and Sue Davis when they arrived at Rickyard Place to make up the sandwiches. Members were very generous in their giving and time spent in the tent, Jean Roberts for one did a mammoth stint on the till.

In September we invited Brampton Bryan W.I. to join us to hear Lesley Richards from Church Stretton give a most interesting talk and slide show on The Quaker Tapestry.

It is a truly remarkable piece of needlework which took its inspiration from the Bayeux tapestry and shows the history of the Quaker movement. The first panel of the tapestry depicts the founder of the Quakers, George Fox, and other beautiful panels are of well-known Quakers and their part in the history of the Quakers. To name but a few; Elizabeth Fry and the founders of Barclays Bank, Rowntree's and Cadbury. This wonderful work is on-going and is on permanent display at The Quaker Meeting House in Kendal.

Later in the month Carolyn Bates, Pat Swain and I spent a pleasant evening with Chapel Lawn W.I. when Mr Fox, owner of the Sly Gin Distillery, gave an interesting talk on the history of gin after which we were invited to taste a variety of flavours.

The Clun Valley South W.I. held their Group meeting at Clun. Carole Garland and Jane Willis sold tickets at the door and Fran Turnbull organized the draw on behalf of the Bucknell W.I.

The guest speaker for the evening was Kelly Mauger, the head of Denman Cookery School who demonstrated modern cake icing techniques which included mirror glazing, drip cakes and rainbow meringues.

Our October meeting comprised of Jane Pugh (known as The Singing Florist) speaking on the history of Wade China.

November was A.G.M. month when it is was all change for new Committee members. Carole Garland demonstrated making Christmas wreaths with a difference and this was also the month when we enjoyed a fish and chip supper.

December is party night with a Secret Santa, a Buffet Supper and this year we will enjoy traditional Folk music.

We have a great programme planned for 2020 and I will tell you more in the next edition of the Bucknell Newsletter in early March.

Bucknell W.I. wish you all a Happy and Peaceful Christmas.

Christine Price - WI President - 4th October 2019

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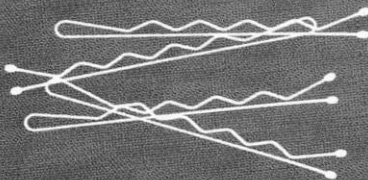
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